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Dwyer backs Heise in township race

Mayor, two commissioners endorse term-limited rep

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth officials have waded into an already volatile Plymouth Township election, with Mayor Dan Dwyer and two city commission members endorsing Kurt Heise in the race for township supervisor.

Dwyer, a five-term mayor and the commission chairman, released Thursday a letter of support for Heise. Commissioners Colleen Pobur and Dan

Dalton were quoted in a press release, issued Friday by Heise, also endorsing Heise, a third-term member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Heise, who is term-limited in the House, is challenging Supervisor Shannon Price in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, Republican primary. With no Democrats running for supervisor, the primary winner is almost guaranteed a general election win in November.



Dwyer



Heise



Price

water and sewer issues.

The two have a good relationship, the mayor said.

"Kurt Heise and I don't always agree on topics, but he is always willing to have a conversation," he said.

Dwyer's endorsement came days after the city commission agreed to pay the township \$330,558 for retiree health care, as part of legacy costs owed by the city that stem

from the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which served both communities from early 1995 through 2011.

Dwyer said he expects he and Price, who negotiated for the township, will continue talks on the legacy costs issue in a professional manner.

Heise, who is running in the primary as a write-in candidate, said he was honored by Dwyer's endorsement.

"I think this is a huge vote of encouragement from a peer in local government and I

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Fred Higg was at Central in 1965.

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Plymouth High School grads reminisce at their alma mater

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Staff Writer

Visitors to the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex took a trip down memory lane Thursday evening.

PARC, the former Central Middle School — and, before that, Plymouth High School — hosted an all-ages reunion Thursday for graduates of the two schools. There were refreshments, live music provided by the Main Street Opera Theatre and tours of the complex, which dates to 1917 and has been re-purposed as a nonprofit center for arts and athletic organizations and community groups.

Pat Nester, Class of 1957, was misty-eyed as he talked about visiting his alma mater.

"For a 77-year-old man, it brings back a lot of great memories," said Nester, who lives in Oscoda.

Nester was on the track team and the swim team while in high school. "I can just remember (swimming) lap after lap," he said. The pool "hasn't changed," he added.

"It was worth the drive down," he said.

Nester regularly attends get-togethers at the Box Bar with the Class of '58 — he is an honorary member — but hadn't been inside the old school building since he graduated 59 years ago.

"I'm just elated they're keeping it," he said. He had heard it was going to be torn down, he said.

Nester noted many of the changes that have taken place in the area since he was in school.

"It's not the Plymouth I grew up in, by any means," he

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Ken Garner, one of the organizers of the event.

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"For a 77-year-old man, it brings back a lot of great memories. ... It was worth the drive down."

PAT NESTER
Class of 1957 who now lives in Oscoda

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Political comments at concert raise concerns

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Guy Louis, who with his Chautauqua Express is a perennial favorite at the family oriented Music in the Park concerts in downtown Plymouth, might not be appearing again in that series.

The upbeat performer, whose full name is Guy Louis Sferlazza, raised eyebrows — and complaints — Wednesday with between-songs commentary in Kellogg Park about genetically modified foods and a food-labeling bill that was being hammered out in the U.S. Senate.

Sferlazza is a skeptic when it comes to GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and passionate about having food products in which GMOs are used labeled fully and in a straightforward manner. He said Thursday that he took the opportunity at his Wednesday concert to advocate for GMO labeling and ask people in attendance to call Michigan's U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, the top Democrat on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, to show support for full labeling.

Twice, according to witnesses, Sferlazza announced a phone number for Stabenow.

The advocacy alarmed Lisa Howard, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, which organizes the free shows. The PCAC tries to stay neutral when it comes to politics, Howard said, and Sferlazza shouldn't have been pushing his personal views on the arts council's dime.

"We're not having a political rally out there," Howard said Thursday. "That's not what we're presenting to the public and that kind of thing won't be happening again."

As of late Thursday afternoon, the PCAC had received several complaints: four in person — from PCAC board members at a meeting later Wednesday — two phone calls and seven emails, Howard



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said. "That's progress." The reunion was organized by Ken Garner, Class of '61, who maintains the Facebook page I Grew Up in Plymouth, Michigan, which has more than 4,300 members.

"I knew everybody in school," said Garner, a Plymouth Township resident who played the trumpet and baritone horn in the high school band. There were close to 300 graduates in his class, Garner said. "This was a nice school to go to back in our time," he said. The complex housed Plymouth High School until 1970, when Salem High School opened at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

There were more than 400 graduates in the Class of '65, several of



Sisters Virginia Waldecker and Ann Waldecker Leland look at historical photos of downtown Plymouth, including the D&C store, where Virginia once worked. "It was the worst job I ever had," she said.

whose members stood in a hallway and reminisced about mid-'60s hijinks, like the annual egg fight in Hines Park (one class would challenge another) that Wayne County sheriff deputies shut down

after about three years.

Class sizes were getting larger and larger when Baby Boomers started entering their high school years.

"It didn't feel outrageously big," said Randy Sharland, a '65 grad from Hamburg Township. "I knew who everybody was but for maybe a few."

Plymouth-area history

was woven into the stories told Thursday: Sharland's maternal grandfather, Clint Gottschalk, was a major home-builder in the area; Curtis Road, in neighboring Salem Township, was named after Leslie Curtis, the grandfather of Dave Curtis (Class of '62); and Mike Hoben, later a much-loved Plymouth-Canton Communi-



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Two of the younger people at the reunion were 13-year-old Grayson Hammonds and 14-year-old Angie Lemanski. Memories include Grayson breaking a tooth in the last weeks of school when jumping and slipping on the stairs and, for Angie, failing math class.

ty Schools superintendent (Hoben Elementary is his namesake), was a mathematics teacher and baseball and football coach at the high school.

Sharland's mother, then Alice Gottschalk, had Carvel Bentley for a teacher at the high school; by the time young Randy attended, Bentley was the principal.

Woven into the talk, too, was a love for the Plymouth area, which for many of the graduates meant Plymouth Town-

ship and parts of Canton Township and other neighboring communities, which were largely rural until at least the '60s.

"This is still home for me," said Bob Beck, '65, a long-distance trucker who says he lives wherever his stops take him. "One of these days, I'll retire and probably end up back here."

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said. Howard said she won't be booking Sferlazza again for Music in the Park. "I have lots of choices," she said. The Guy Louis concert Wednesday was the kick-off of this year's 10-week Music in the Park series.

'Unusual, unexpected'

Howard said she wants people to know that Sferlazza's political statements were "unusual, unexpected, out of the norm" and added she hopes the incident doesn't jeopardize the PCAC's status as a non-profit.

Plymouth, she said, is a diverse community with people of many



FILE PHOTO

Guy Louis has brought his high-energy, kid-oriented concerts to Plymouth for years.

different points of view and the PCAC respects that. Music in the Park shows are funded by PCAC sponsors.

Sferlazza, after Howard complained to him, wrote a letter of explanation that Howard posted Thursday on the Music in the Park Facebook page.

The 30-year performer said Thursday that his messages at the concert were motivated by a deep concern for the

health of children and by suspicions that allergies he developed around the year 2000 were related to genetically modified foods that had been introduced into the food supply a few years before.

It was the first time he had spoken out onstage on the issue, Sferlazza said, and the timing was prompted by action on the labeling bill being taken up in the Senate.

"It really just touched my heart so much," Sferlazza said. Mothers attending the concert, he said, were people who should be speaking out on the GMO issue.

"This is a really critically issue for the health of children" and for the environment, Sferlazza said.

But Sferlazza also said he understands that the PCAC can't get embroiled in political debates.

"I shouldn't have spoken like that, but I didn't really realize those implications until I spoke with Lisa today," he said.

Plymouth is one of his favorite places and "my favorite show of the whole summer," Sferlazza said.

"I want to do everything I can to remedy this situation," he said.

Howard said she was satisfied with Sferlazza's letter, although she edited a section that, she said, was more advocacy than explanation.

"I was happy with his response," Howard said. "I personally think he should know that that's not a place for that."

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Downtown Plymouth doubles bike parking spaces

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As debate continues over available vehicle parking in downtown Plymouth and as more residents bicycle into town, the Downtown Development Authority – in partnership with the Wilcox Foundation – has just doubled the number of bike racks.

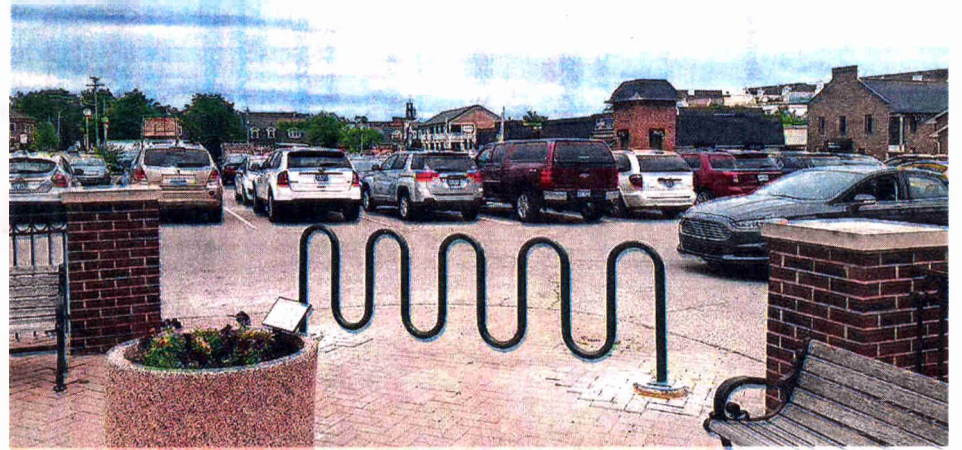
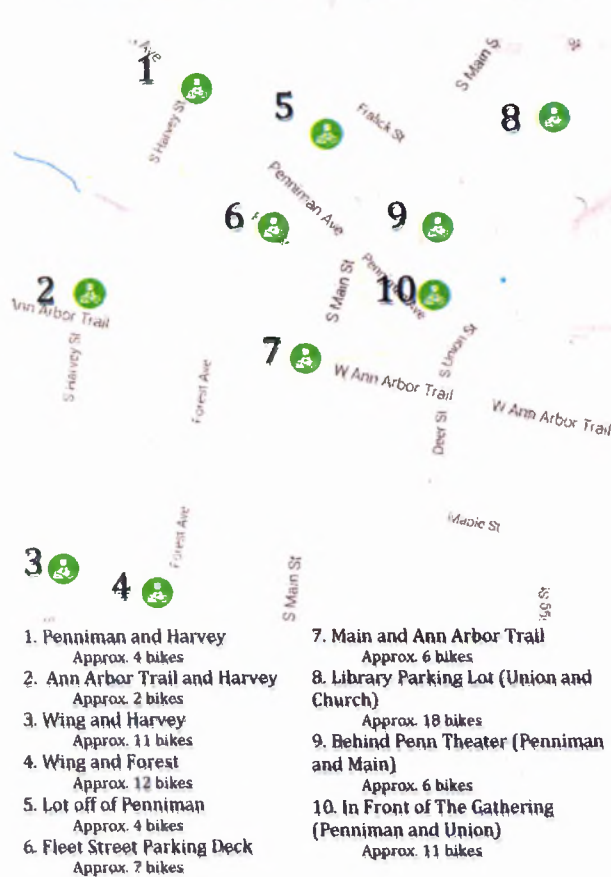
“We saw more people riding their bikes downtown and we didn’t have as many places as we would like to park bikes,” said Tony Bruscatto, DDA executive director.

With the additional racks, bicyclists have 75 parking spots throughout downtown. Bike racks have now been installed in four new locations, including The Gathering, at Forest and Wing, at Wing and Harvey and single parking posts on Penniman, east of Harvey.

As more bicyclists ride into town, the DDA had received some questions about additional parking.

Plymouth resident Del Templeton, a retired school district employee, was one of those bicyclists. Without designated parking, he and others have to find a

Downtown Plymouth Bicycle Parking Map



The municipal parking lot at Harvey and Wing sports new bike racks.



Single-post parking is now available for bicyclists on Penniman, near the new post office.

increase in bicyclists and began removing vehicle parking spots to install bike racks. Business owners complained that they would lose customers. As it turned out, businesses saw an increase in customers who biked into town.

“In climates that are more conducive, businesses are starting to embrace bicyclists to come to their places,” Templeton said, adding that in one vehicle parking spot there’s room for six to eight bicycles.

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place to stand the bike and chain it.

“Downtown is busy. But you see a lot more bicyclists,” Templeton said. He had mentioned the need for more bike racks to a friend on the

Wilcox Foundation board. “I think it is great the DDA went with it.”

Templeton began bicycling in earnest about 10 years ago, as he says, to be healthy and he has been riding since, in-

cluding Florida, where he spends the winters. Just throwing a

thought out, Templeton tells of a community in Colorado that saw an

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think the people of Plymouth Township are seeing we need to take our community in a new, professional direction,” Heise said.

Heise and Don Schnettler, one of 10 candidates for the Board of Trustees, were removed from the primary ballot by a June 17 Michigan Court of Appeals decision over their failure to indicate their home precincts on candidacy paperwork. Schnettler is also running as a

write-in. A Price ally, Carl Berry, began the court action that resulted in the appeals decision.

Price: Sticking up for township

Price said he was not surprised by the endorsement and said it was a result of his efforts to “put the township first” and make sure it is treated fairly in dealings with the city over such issues as fire department legacy costs. Township officials have said those costs, for health care and pensions,

total nearly \$4 million. “We want to have a good relationship, but I’m not going to let them take advantage of our residents,” said Price, who was appointed in April 2015 to replace Richard Reaume, who had resigned.

The city, he said, “ducked and dodged” and only agreed to negotiate over the legacy tab under the threat of a lawsuit. He said he will continue to talk with Dwyer over the issue despite the mayor’s support of his opponent.

Price blasted Heise and Dwyer for their

support of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, as a center for arts, recreation and community groups that would be funded in part by city and township taxpayers. The township board voted in January 2014 to not consider any such an arrangement until at least November 2016 — after the township election.

PARC, at the former Central Middle School, has become an issue in the campaign and a dividing line between voters who support Price and other incumbents

and those who support Heise.

“They both support a \$40 million tax increase without a business plan, known as PARC,” Price said. “You’ve got two tax-and-spend liberals standing together, with Dwyer and Heise, as far as I’m concerned.”

Price and other PARC detractors have argued that plans for restoring PARC facilities would cost taxpayers \$40 million; PARC’s fans say the figure would be closer to \$25 million.

A press release that included Pobur’s and Dalton’s endorsements

of Heise was released shortly before 4 p.m. Friday.

“I’ve had the honor of working with Kurt for many years and know of his passion for public service and his ability to promote and encourage regional cooperation,” the release quotes Dalton as saying. “His track record of success is outstanding and Plymouth Township would be fortunate to have him in charge.”

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Thomann selected as new P-CEP band director

G. Jonathan Thomann has been selected as the new director of bands at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, following the resignation of David Armbruster.

Thomann was associate director of bands since 2011 and director of the P-CEP Marching Band since 2013. Thomann received his master's degree in music education and wind band conducting from the Hartt School at the University of Hartford in 2015 and his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University



Thomann

in 2007.

Thomann's vision and commitment to excellence are reflected by the growth and initiatives he set in motion over the past five years, which include increased enrollment in the curricular bands, implementation of the Chamber Winds course and curriculum, development of two jazz bands, design and implementation of the Plymouth Soundscape Ensemble, Michael Colgrass and Frank Ticheli Composer/Artist in Residence and the P-CCS Middle School Honor Band.

Thomann's experience also includes numerous other teaching and performing appearances.



Canton High School students traveled in June to Belize with teacher Danielle Ramos to study the Caribbean ecology.

Canton High School students studied ecology in Belize

Science teacher Danielle Ramos of Canton High School organized a group of 16 students to participate in a nine-day Reef Ecology Program in Belize through Ecology Project International. EPI is a field science and conservation organization that partners scientists with local and inter-

national students and educators in ecologically critical environments in the Galapagos, Costa Rica, Baja Mexico and Yellowstone, as well as Belize.

In Canton's course, students split their time between EPI's Caribbean research site and a rainforest biological

station. At the reserve, students explored Belize's barrier reef and searched for the invasive lionfish to study and dissect back on land. In the rainforest, students stayed at a jaguar preserve, hiked to waterfalls and learned about the country's plant and animal life.

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Canton residents Jason Gless, Danielle Jarvis, Timothy Kalota and Cheryl Stewart graduated from Davenport University in May.

Dean's lists

» Matthew James Dottavio of Canton has been named to the dean's list at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring 2016 semester. Dottavio, a sophomore computer science major, was

named to the dean's list for the College of Arts and Sciences.

» Andrew Souders of Canton was named to the University of Akron's spring 2016 dean's list.

» Chloe Homco of Canton made the spring 2016 semester dean's list at the Olivet Nazarene University.

» Andre Hijaouy of Plymouth made the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

» Dennis Clark of Canton was named to Ashland University's dean's list for the spring 2016 semester.

Accolades

Alyssa Lilly of Canton earned all conference accolades in softball at Central Methodist University. Lilly was one of more than 140 student-athletes to be recognized for their achievements during the year. She is a junior philosophy major.

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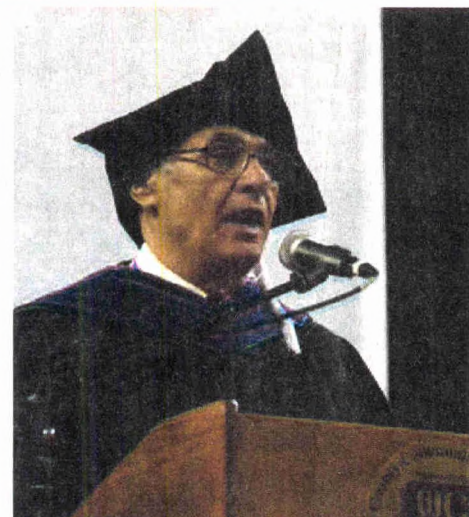
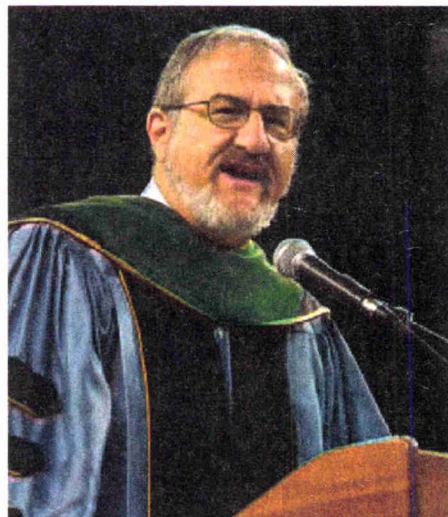
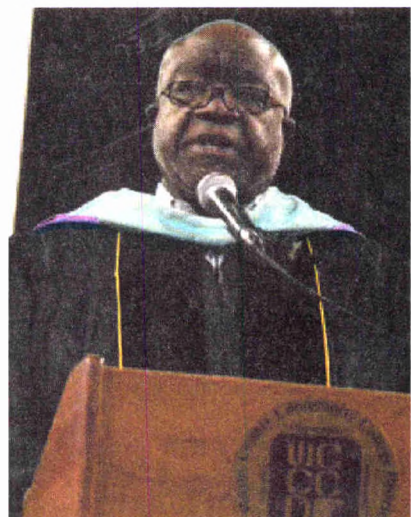
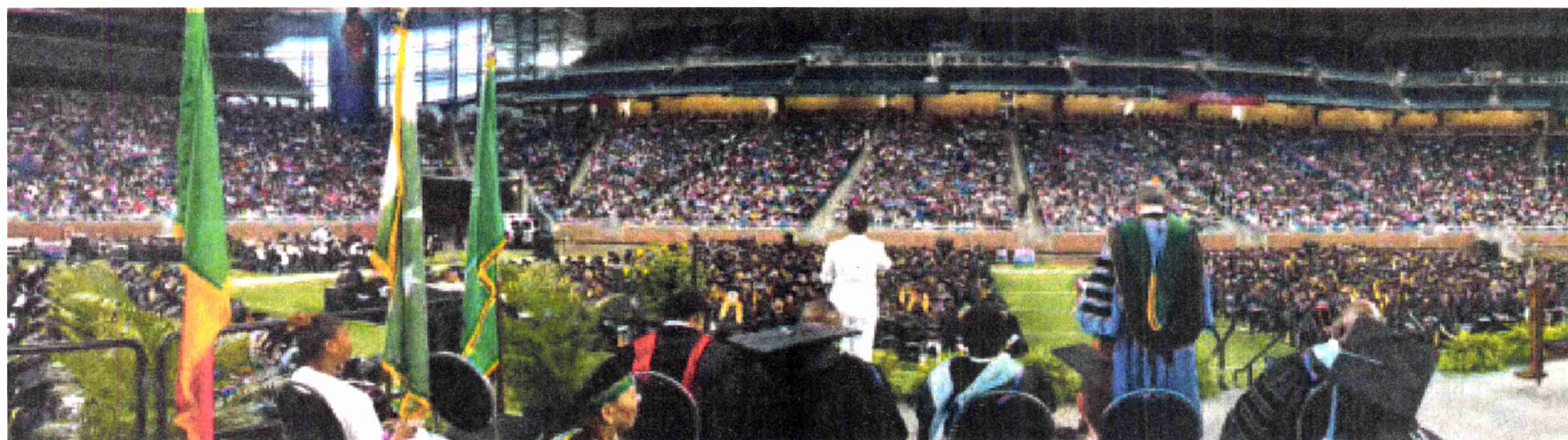
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Wayne County Community College District's Forty-Seventh Annual Commencement Ceremony



Dr. Mark S. Schlissel, the 14th President of the University of Michigan, delivered the keynote address for the Wayne County Community College District's (WCCCD) 47th commencement ceremony at Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday, June 4th. More than 1,800 students received degrees and certificates in various disciplines.

"I want to give a very special shout out to Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery for his amazing 21 years of leadership of the District and opening the doors to higher education for the people of Wayne County," Dr. Schlissel went on to say.

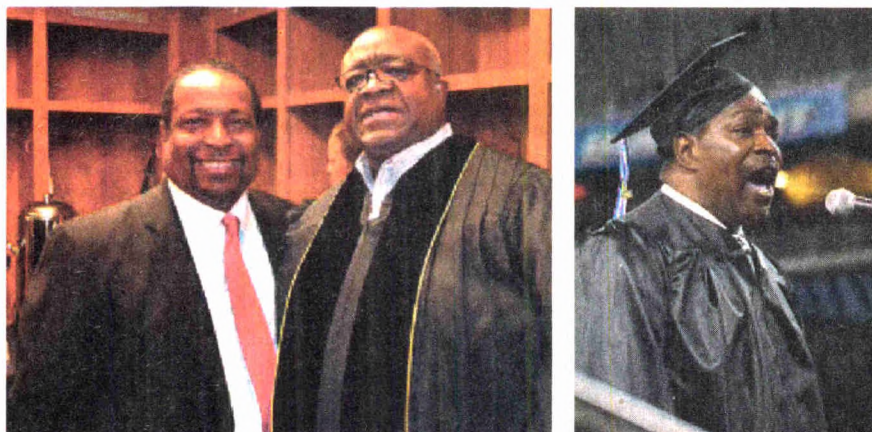
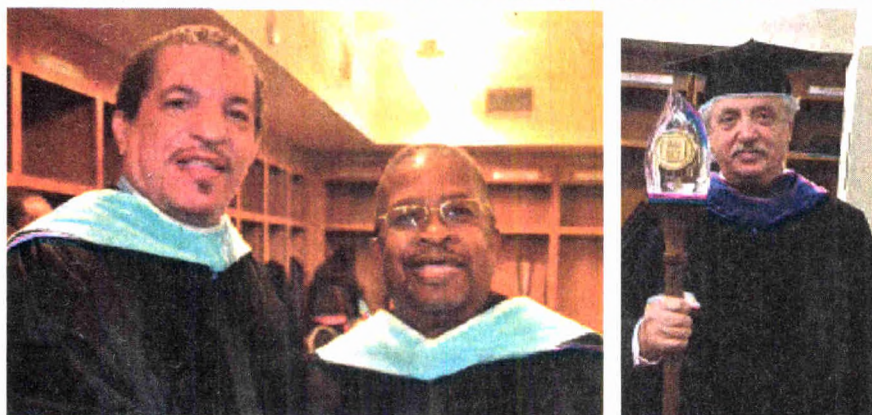
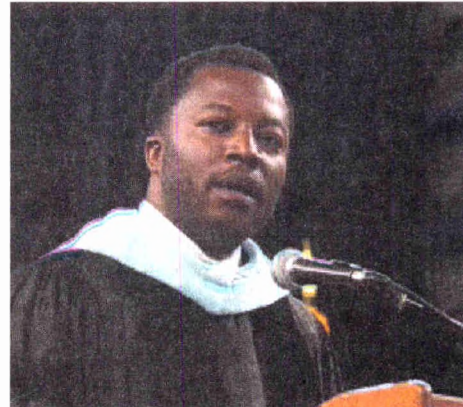
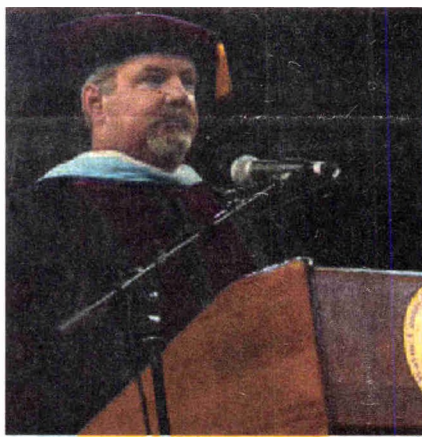
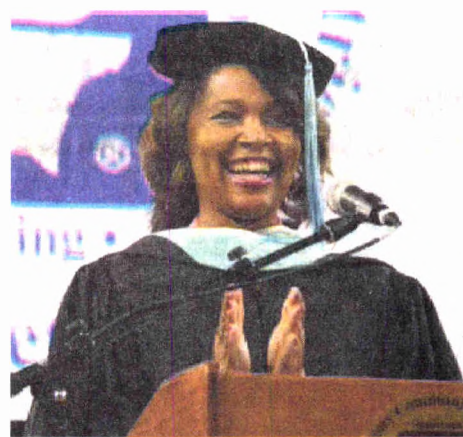
"The key to thriving through change is education, and the benefits extend beyond enhancing careers. It enhances life – for you as graduates and everyone you interact with," Dr. Schlissel told the graduates. "Education is the gift that keeps on giving. It informs how we interact as citizens, how we vote, and how we approach our greatest challenges."

Among this year's graduates was Ms. Ruby Watson Parker, a great-grandmother, received her nursing degree at age 87. Ms. Parker

enrolled at WCCCD in 1969, and remembers her journey here at WCCCD. Also making news was Meranda Sawabini, the mother of quadruplets, who graduated with her nursing degree.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery who conferred the various degrees and certificates reminded the students that "As we approach our 50th anniversary, education continues to be the key to achieving success. Our students leave with the assurance that they step forward into this changing society with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed."

These sentiments were echoed by Dr. Schlissel when he said, "We need college graduates. Twenty-five percent of Michiganders over the age of 25 have some college but no degree. Yet, the Business Leaders for Michigan estimates that by the year 2020, 70 percent of the jobs in Michigan will require education beyond high school level. Think about the problems we face as a society in our state, in our schools and neighborhoods. These problems can best be solved by educated citizens who understand what communities need. Congratulations! You made it!"





Main Street Opera packs wallop with inaugural gala

Main Street Opera Theatre held its inaugural formal Opera Ball Gala Fundraiser at the PARC on Saturday, June 18. The event opened with a red carpet with pictures provided by local photographer Krisjan Krafchak. Guests then enjoyed a concert featuring some of Main Street Opera Theatre's opera singers: Alexa Lokensgard, Brittney Ward, Aaron von Allmen, Leslie Naeve, Catherine Davis and executive director Noelle Jacquez of Plymouth. The pianists were Richard Lenz and Kevin Naeve.

Canton resident and world class chef Claude Thomas prepared a stunning meal for the guests, followed by homemade

sorbet.

Guests danced the night away to the band led by Plymouth resident and former lead singer Al Jacquez of 1960s and '70s rock band Savage Grace. Band members included Jim King on piano, Jerry Hall on drums and Owen Ananich on bass guitar.

Plymouth residents Elsbeth and Dan Carty led the crowd in two waltzing lessons.

Main Street Opera Theatre is led by Jacquez, Elsbeth Carty, who serves as production director; and Diane Craighead, design director.

The Main Street Opera Theatre is in the PARC building, Room 204.



The Al Jacquez Band provided the evening's dance music.



Michael Schuster and Jessica Montgomery dance the night away.



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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

"Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-in-use nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a mid-size family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels — S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performance-focused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar



Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

finishes that give the roof a floating appearance — something Nissan says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive — the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror — and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighter-handling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined way.

The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular suspension provides.

You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to

quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power.

CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts.

The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real.

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according

to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkered-down look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3-cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cup-

holders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly — even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsy-driver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury — both in terms of cabin materials and features — now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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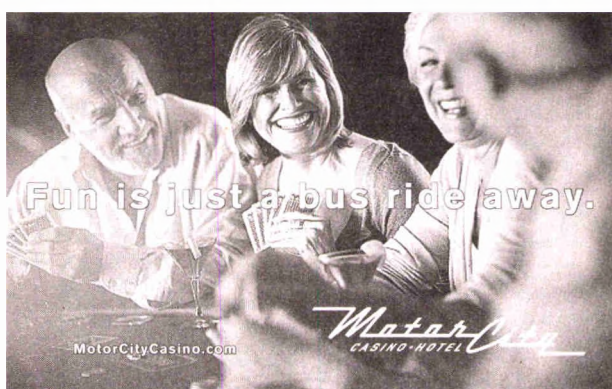
Ron and Dollie Lieberman

The Liebermans

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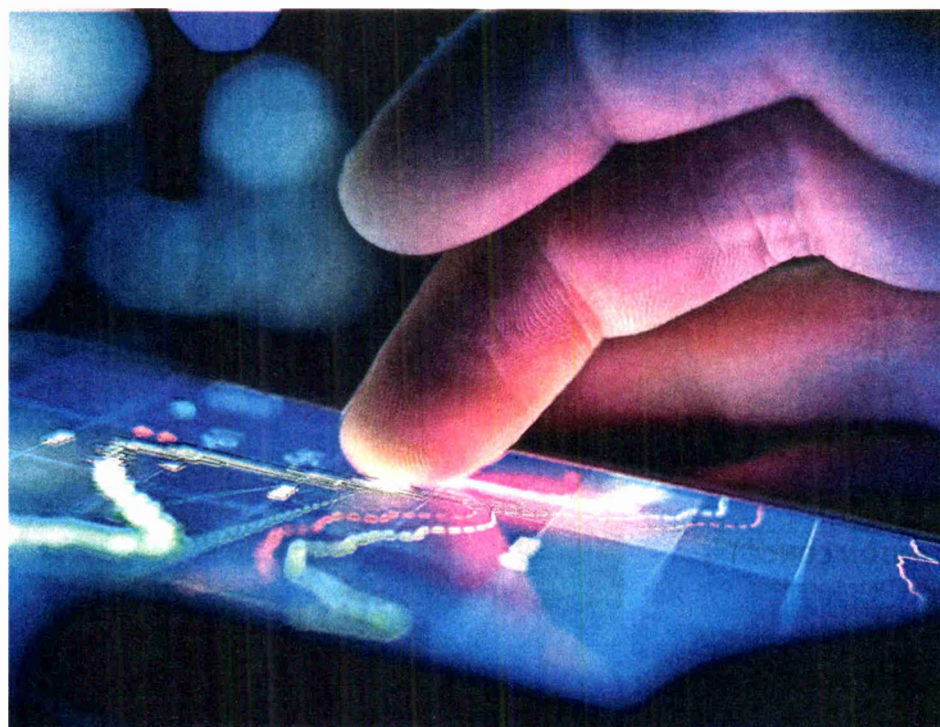
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Of course, if reading books, spending money and taking pills doesn't sound like fun to you, there's seemingly always another sequel to Angry Birds, Candy Crush or another addicting game waiting for you in the app store.

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Applicant: Matt Thurber

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TOWNSHIP CANDIDATE FORUM

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 30
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will host a candidate forum for township candidates. Clerk candidates are scheduled for 6:30-6:50 p.m., treasurer candidates for 6:55-7:15 p.m., supervisor candidates for 7:20-7:50 p.m. and trustee candidates for 7:55-8:45 p.m. Candidates will have one minute to introduce themselves, one minute to answer each question and one minute to present a summary. A League moderator will read written questions submitted by voters in attendance.

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date/Location: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, Westland Farmers Market pavilion and noon Saturday, Aug. 27, Canton Lions Club corn roast, Cady-Boyer Barn

Details: The Canton Concert Band performs its series, The Spirit of America.

FIRST LADIES MUSEUM RECEPTION

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum

Details: A wine and appetizer reception for the former first ladies and their husbands, as portrayed by the Plymouth living History Troupe. The Main Street Opera Theatre will perform historic patriotic songs throughout the evening while a delicious spread of appetizers and wines are served

Cost: Tickets are \$25 (museum members receive two complimentary tickets.) Tickets for the Wine & Appetizer Reception are available online at www.plymouthhistory.org, by phone at 734-455-8940 ext. 0, or in person at the museum at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Museum hours, June 29 through Nov. 6

Location: Plymouth Historical



Emily Kirk portrayed Martha Washington in the 2012 preview. The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history.

Museum

Details: The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displayed

SUMMER ARTS COUNCIL CAMPS

Time/Date: July 11 through Aug. 19

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14 in Plymouth

Details: The PCAC will offer 40 camps in painting, filmmaking, photography, cartooning,

graphic design, theater, music and more, with the emphasis on getting campers to "think outside the box" and not follow preconceived notions of art.

Costs: Camp prices range from \$55 to \$145, with discounts for PCAC members.

Contact: View a complete schedule and register online at www.plymoutharts.com, or register by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278 or stopping in during business hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

MICHIGAN PHIL AT KENSINGTON

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16

Location: Maple Beach at Kensington Metropark

Details: The Michigan Philharmonic performs "Star Wars & Sci-Phonic Favorites."

Cost: Free with park entry.

ELKS JAZZ

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 28

Details: The Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde returns for an evening of true jazz entertainment. Hyde is an award-winning jazz singer who engages the audience with the great favorites. Joining Lower on keyboard and Hyde on vocals, will be Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

Cost: \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com.

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Until September

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton,

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volun-

teer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.

Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

GRUB CRAWL

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19

Details: Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Grub Crawl with food samples, sweet treats and craft beer from 18 eateries and the Canton Brew Works microbrewery.

Cost: \$35 per person for tickets (T-shirts) and include transportation. They are on sale now and can be purchased at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, online at www.cantonchamber.com or by calling 734-453-4040.

DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill.

Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbeeh, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A

Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month

Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF REGISTRATION PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 2, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that registration of qualified electors for the August Primary to be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during regular office hours. Close of registration is MONDAY, JULY 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. to vote in the Primary Election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an election (registered voter) elector are as follows:

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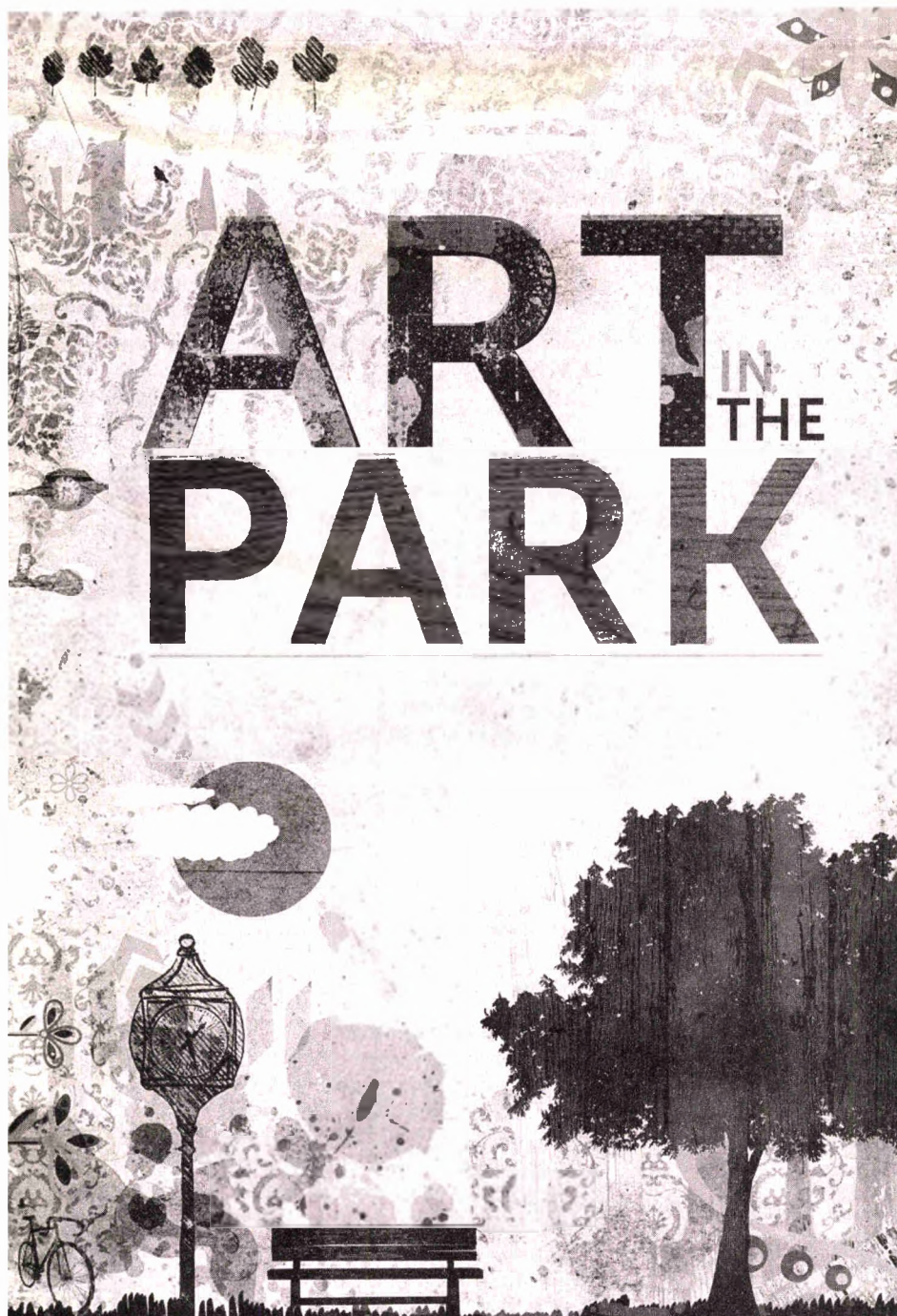
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NHL ENTRY DRAFT

USA Hockey alums dominate first round

NHL teams draft several ex-NTDP players on opening night

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There indeed was a red-white-and-blue glow Friday at Buffalo's First Niagara Center.

Led by Auston Matthews, Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows, USA Hockey alums paraded to the podium during the National Hockey League Entry Draft's opening round.

Matthews, a center from Arizona who played for the U.S. National Team Development Program in 2013-14 and 2014-15, was drafted first overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs.

But the draft's American

flavor continued when former NTDP players Matthew Tkachuk and Clayton Keller were selected 6-7 overall — by Calgary and Arizona, respectively.

"It's unbelievable, it's crazy to think I'm here today," Keller, who with 189 points is the all-time scorer in NTDP history, said on NBC Sports Network. "All the work I put in when I was younger is finally paying off, and I think the real work starts the day after the draft."

Keller (2014-16 in the NTDP) and Tkachuk (2013-15 in the NTDP) were teammates as youngsters in St. Louis, and exchanged a hug as they passed each other on the First Niagara Center floor.

"Matthew Tkachuk's been one of my best friends since we were little," said Keller,



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

After a standout 2015-16 season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, forward Clayton Keller was the seventh pick in Friday's NHL draft.

whose second season with the NTDP was out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "We

played on the same line together, we're so close and still are." As for Matthews, also in-

terviewed on NBCSN, it was "a dream come true" being drafted first overall and "especially (by) a storied franchise like the Toronto Maple Leafs."

Matthews, whose NTDP tenure (2013-15) was out of the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, can't wait to start his Toronto career. "Just be myself every day, be a good teammate, work hard and use my skills to the best of my abilities."

The NTDP had other alums who had the chance to don NHL uniforms and caps during the opening round (picks 1-30). Subsequent rounds were set for Saturday.

Taken 14th overall by Boston was defenseman Charlie McAvoy (2013-15 in the NTDP) while high-scoring forward Kieffer Bellows — who was a

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PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

HIGH-PERFORMANCE EXPORT

Naubert proving he can play with Europe's finest

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When opponents of the German professional basketball team based in Ibbenbueren learned that 5-foot, 10-inch point guard Bobby Naubert secured the Swap Ballers' only roster spot allotted for an



Naubert

American, their reaction often bordered on disbelief.

"They were usually surprised because, hey, if you only get one American on your team, it figures

you'd sign some 6-foot-8 guy who can jump through the gym, not a 5-10 point guard," Naubert said during a recent phone interview.

But the shock factor would dissipate quickly with every three-point rainbow Naubert would deliver through the net, and every slick, pin-point assist he'd distribute to a teammate.

During the 2016 season for Ibbenbueren, a town of 51,000 people located in the district of Steinfurt, Naubert proved that average-sized Americans can ball, as he singled the nets to the tune of 18.5 points per game and a league-leading 5.5



SUBMITTED

Former Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University star guard Bobby Naubert is pictured driving to the basket during a German professional basketball game last season.

assists.

Those who knew Naubert during his highly-productive careers at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University are anything but surprised by the success the smooth-as-silk

lefty is enjoying overseas.

Among his collegiate accolades were a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" award while playing at Madonna, where he set a WHAC record for career

assists.

He is also the only player in the conference's distinguished history to score 1,800 points, dish out 700 dimes and grab 500 rebounds.

His skills are translating

well in German.

"A lot of times, the defense would sag on me, at least early in games," he said. "After I hit a couple threes, they'd get up

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Schoolcraft guard Dre Black, a Westland John Glenn alum, slices through Delta College defenders during a 2015-16 game. Black will play at University of Detroit Mercy next season.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MAKING THEIR MOVE

After successful Schoolcraft careers, players getting chance to advance to the next level

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College is turning into a fruitful proving ground in basketball, with several Ocelots earning tickets to four-year colleges to continue their careers and work toward academic degrees.

Off the heels of two hugely

successful seasons in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, along with long runs in the NJCAA tournament, a handful of players from Schoolcraft's men's basketball team are reaping life-changing benefits.


Guard Dre Black, who went to Westland John Glenn, received the green light to become a Detroit Titan in 2016-17. Canton alum Davon Taylor, a hard-working power forward who turned double-doubles into nightly occurrences, is headed to Concord University in West Virginia.

"For us it means everything," Schoolcraft head coach

Abe Mashhour said. "When we recruit kids, we talk to them about, our number one goal is to move them on to four year schools. Give them the option.


"The other part for them, Dre and Davon both have just matured so well on and off the court. Totally improved their basketball skill level, their overall game, and academically as well. They both worked very hard in the classroom, they both represented the college and the program very, very well."

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JUNIOR GOLF

Piot treats Western Junior as a 'learning experience'

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

The Western Junior Championship did not exactly finish the way James Piot had envisioned Thursday at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

The Canton resident entered the final 18 holes of play in a seven-way tie for fifth, seven shots behind leader Sean Maruyama. Piot's hopes of making up ground on the leader never materialized.



Piot

Maruyama, from Los Angeles, finished with 2-under 70 in his final round to win the tournament by two strokes over Texan Trevor Brown, 278-280. Ryggs Johnston from Libby, Mont., was third at 281 after finishing with 6-under 66 over his last 18 holes.

Piot, on the other hand, had a tough afternoon and carded a 4-over round of 76 and finished in a three-way tie for 26th.

"This isn't what I was hoping for at all," Piot said. "At the beginning of the day, I had it going. I was 2-under through eight to start my day and I was hoping to keep it going."

"But it started falling apart. It started going downhill and I was just grinding for pars near the end," he added. "I tried to keep it together the best I could."

A learning experience

Piot, a Michigan State commit, had dreams of a much higher finish this year after having done well in last year's Western Junior Championship at Chicago. Piot held a late lead in that tournament and ended up tied for seventh.



James Piot, a Canton resident who will be a senior at Catholic Central, lines up a putt on the ninth hole during Thursday's final round.

This year, Piot put himself in a strong position through the first 54 holes of the three-day tournament, especially after carding 3-under 69 in the second round, which put him in a tie for fifth. The final 18 holes Thursday afternoon proved the difference, as he had just one birdie to offset three bogeys and one double-bogey.

Piot finished his week of work with 46 pars, 12 birdies, 12 bogeys and a pair of double-bogeys. Both double-bogeys came Thursday on the same hole — the par-3,

194-yard fourth hole.

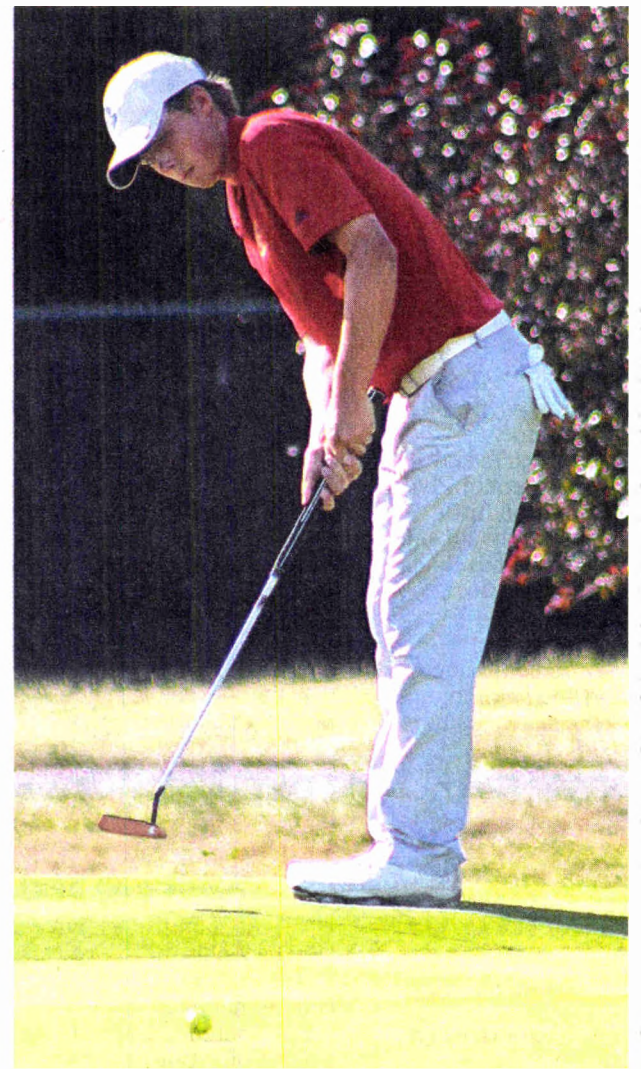
"I was thinking about winning this thing after the first two rounds and, through my first eight holes today, I was definitely thinking I was in it, for sure," said Piot, who helped lead Catholic Central to its second consecutive state championship earlier this month.

"Every tournament I play, I try to win," he added. "But it's always a learning experience whenever you don't play your best and you're hoping for better. Today, I definitely can take

some stuff out of there and use it to help me better myself in the future."

Even with the disappointing outcome, Piot still entertains positive vibes about historic Red Run.

"I've played (Red Run) three or four times," said Piot, whose father Glenn served as his caddy. "I love this place. It's pretty straightforward. You hit the fairway and keep it below the hole. It's just that today I didn't do a good job of it. But it's a simple course."



Catholic Central's James Piot makes a putt during the Western Junior Championship held at Red Run.

Missing the cut

Orchard Lake resident Devin Deogun and Bloomfield Hills native Imaad Qureshi also participated in the Western Junior, the country's oldest national junior golf championship. Neither were among the low 44 scorers after the first 36 holes and did not make the cut.

Deogun, who will be a senior at Cranbrook Kingswood, finished at 150 after rounds of 76 and 74. Deogun, the Division 2 individual state champion, highlighted his final round of play with an eagle on the par-5, 465-yard first hole.

Qureshi finished his tournament at 151, rallying with 73 Wednesday after opening with 78. Qureshi, out of Detroit Country Day, posted five birdies and 19 pars in his two days of work.

The Western Junior is considered a proving ground for future pros. Rickie Fowler, Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk have been past champions, while Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and 2015 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger have also competed.

The tourney was last played in Michigan in 2005, when Fowler won at Blythefield Country Club in Belmont.

NHL DRAFT

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linemate of Keller's — was picked by the New York Islanders with the 19th pick.

"It's unbelievable," said McAvo, who played 2015-16 at Boston University. "I don't even have words right now. I don't have to go too far. It's just an honor."

Bellows 19th pick

Bellows reached the 50-goal plateau in 2015-16 with the NTDP U18s and also collected more than

100 minutes in penalties to illustrate his mix of power and skill in the offensive zone.

"I'm a power forward, I'm not afraid to throw around my body," said Bellows, on NBCSN. "I love to score goals, I always loved to shoot the puck."

"I'm not afraid to get into the dirty areas and hit some guys."

Although excited to be drafted by the Islanders, Bellows likely will play 2016-17 at Boston University along with NTDP linemate Keller.

Meanwhile, his dad, Brian Bellows, was the

second overall pick in the 1982 draft (taken by the Minnesota North Stars) and went on to score nearly 500 goals in over 1,000 NHL games.

The elder Bellows smiled when asked what NHL draft day was a bigger thrill, his own in 1982 or his son's.

"This one for sure, I'm just so excited," he said. "He ended up going to one of the couple teams I really wanted him to go to."

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY
Kieffer Bellows, who starred last season for the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, was picked 19th overall Friday. The New York Islanders selected the high-scoring left wing.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Just 'Super'

The Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association announced its 2016 Super Team, and three area high school golfers were named to the prestigious group.

Making the squad were Novi Detroit Catholic Central's James Piot (of Canton), Ben Smith and Plymouth's Jack Boczar. All just completed their junior seasons.

Hole-in-one club

Richard Czopek, 71, of Woodhaven, recorded a hole-in-one June 20 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Czopek aced the 156-yard No. 5 hole at the Lakes course, using a 7 Wood and Top Flite ball. He recorded a 43 for nine holes.

Coaching vacancies

» Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach to succeed the retired Chuck Olson.

Interested applicants should email athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccks12.com.

Minimum require-

ments for applicants include the following: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school level coaching or competing at the college/university level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

» Livonia Clarenceville High School is searching for a boys basketball coach.

The the new coach's responsibilities will be providing leadership and direction for the program's players (both varsity, junior varsity, freshmen and middle school) and assistant coaches; establishing the cooperation and coordination of all levels of the program; and establishing a high level of self discipline and self confidence in all the participants of the program.

To apply for the position, email a letter of interest, your coaching resume and references to kevin.murphy@clarencevilleschools.org.

Fast Break at SC

Schoolcraft College in Livonia is hosting its first Fast Break Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22.

Boys and girls of all skill levels, who are entering grades 3-8, are welcome to sign up. Ocelots head coach Abe Mashhour, along with other coaches and players, will run the camp. Fast Break is designed to teach basic fundamentals on shooting, passing, ball-handling, defense, rebounding, conditioning and agility training. Enhanced instruction will be available to those more advanced in their basketball skills.

Each camper will receive a customized Fast Break basketball and reversible jersey. Cost is \$85 if registered by July 8 and \$95 for late registration. The camp will be held at the Schoolcraft gym, 18600 Haggerty Road.

For more information or details on how to register, contact Patrick Yelsik in the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at 734-462-7696 (office), 989-289-8933 (cell) or

pyelsik@schoolcraft.edu or go to www.FaceBook.com/SchoolcraftAthletics.

Voltage camps on tap

Voltage Elite football and basketball summer programs, being launched by 2015 Plymouth High School grads Deji Adebisi, Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron. The programs are open to anybody in metro Detroit.

There will be a six-week football training camp through July 28, with sessions Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at The PARC, 650 Church Street in Plymouth. The program is for athletes from elementary to high school age. Fee is \$20 per session or \$240 for flat rate. The program is described as "an up close and energetic opportunity for young athletes to learn about the basics of football and life lessons off the field."

Voltage also is putting together a 14U AAU team to practice and play games from July 11 until early August.

Go to www.voltageelite.com for more about

the programs. Adebisi can be reached at 313-204-3106 or akadebiy@owu.edu. Sidhu can be reached at 734-660-7583 or harmandeep.sidhu@gmail.com. Gendron can be reached at (734) 756-7590 or jgendron@collegeforcreativestudies.edu.

Plymouth 'Y'

Stay active this summer with Plymouth YMCA sports, through various clinics, camps and leagues for ages 3-12. On tap are week-long sport-specific camps, to help players develop skills using various drills, games and scrimmages while teaching YMCA core values in a fun, safe environment.

Every sports camp is from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Cost for camp is \$75 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members. Cost includes facility usage, T-shirt, water bottle, experienced YMCA staff, player awards, player's raffle and equipment. Extended after care for families for an additional \$75 YMCA members and \$100 for non-members is available.

Following are some other summer offerings:

» Baseball is for ages 6-12 for the weeks of June 27 through Aug. 8. Players will learn the basics of baseball through practices and games.

All equipment is provided by the YMCA. Practices start the week of July 11 and the first game is Saturday, July 23. Practices and games are held at Farrand Elementary. Ages divisions are 3-5 T-ball; 6-7 coach pitch; and 8-10 kid pitch. The league costs \$80 for YMCA members, \$105 for non-members and \$15 jersey for coach-pitch and kid-pitch league.

» Flag football will be taught by YMCA staff during a three-week clinic Aug. 4-25 for ages 6-10.

Participants will learn through drills, games and scrimmages. A jersey, football and medal are included.

» A new, preschool cheer clinic is on tap for youngsters ages 3-5. The clinic starts Aug. 3 and continues until Aug. 24.

Families can register by going to ymca-detroit.org/plymouth or calling 734-453-2904.

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS!

Snapshots of Little League joy

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For many youngsters, there is nothing better than being part of a little league team.

Whether the sport is baseball, soccer, football, basketball or hockey, rec leagues give them opportunity to be with friends, have fun and learn and grow while playing their favorite game.

Recently, I asked Jeff Holt, president of Plymouth-Canton Little League, if he could submit photos of baseball players from recent contests to show a glimpse of what the are experiencing and enjoying this spring and summer.

Some of those photos accompany this story.

I would be interested in receiving photos from other little league organi-



Ready to rip a homer off the tee for the P-CLL Pirates is Grace Hyland.



Pumping her arms after hitting a home run is Grace Hyland, of the Plymouth-Canton Little League T-ball team.



The smile says it all: This is William Osborne's first-ever game. He plays for the P-CLL T-ball Pirates.

zations — and not just baseball — that could be published in the Observer as space permits.

I would need names of players and coaches (first and last names),

what league and division, and where the photo was taken.

Until August, the Observer will publish a regional sports section including Canton, Ply-

mouth, Livonia, Farmington, Westland, Garden City and Wayne.

Photos should be emailed to me (tsmith@hometownlife.com) or colleagues

Dan O'Meara (domeara@hometownlife.com) and Ed Wright (ewright@hometownlife.com).

They likely will run as standalone photographs

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MOVING UP

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Realizing a dream

Black was understandably ecstatic about the chance to play at University of Detroit Mercy and attain his goal of joining a Division I program.

"It's a dream come true to be able to have this opportunity given to me," said Black, who was recruited by new Titans' coach Bacari Alexander. "It feels like all my hard work is paying off. It feels great knowing that the coaching staff at UDM have a lot of confidence in my ability to be a part of something special."

According to Black, his two seasons playing for the Ocelots proved invaluable in his all-around development.

"Schoolcraft helped me become a better player as well as give me experience in a collegiate setting both on and off the court," Black continued. "Coach Abe and Corey (McKendry) and Mike (Allie) all helped put me in positions to be seen by multiple coaches. That helped out tremendously."

"Schoolcraft just gave me a second opportunity to get to where I wanted to be. Now I get to spend my next two years on the D-I level as a Titan playing for coach Alexander and I couldn't be happier."

Opportunities

Black and Taylor aren't the only Schoolcraft products who are moving up in the collegiate basketball world.

Center RJ Coil will play the 2016-17 season at Florida Institute of Technology, a NCAA Division

II school.

"He had multiple Division I schools that were interested in him and a couple that even offered," noted Mashhour, about Coil. "But he wanted to go to school on the beach, and he had that opportunity."

Howell native Tyler Johnson, a sharp-shooting guard for the Ocelots, also is primed for a chance to keep playing. Mashhour noted that Johnson was slated to visit the University of Minnesota-Moorhead and had several other options to consider.

Guard Ja'Christian Biles also is on the D-I radar after losing his spot with the Titans. Mashhour said Biles needs to complete his two-year degree at Schoolcraft before being eligible to advance.

"It's more because of academics, he's academically behind right now," Mashhour stressed. "I know several universities are interested in him, but has to finish his two-year degree at Schoolcraft. He'll go Division I but not this upcoming year."

Biles had been recruited to go to Detroit by former Titans coach Ray McCallum, let go following the 2015-16 season.

Particularly proud of Taylor's growth as a player and person during his Schoolcraft career was Canton Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy.

"When he came to us as a ninth grader he was not that polished as a player," Reddy said. "He's one of the kids we're most proud of in terms of growth from ninth grade to 12th grade, and then the two years he did at Schoolcraft, he got better from year one to year two, so much better from year one to year two."

"And now he's got an opportunity to play at a Division II, four-year school and get a college degree, which is most important. He's turned into just a really outstanding young man. I've told him how proud I am and I can't wait to see how it ends up down there in West Virginia."

Stepping stone

Meanwhile, Mashhour said the fact several of his players are getting the chance to join four-year colleges is evidence to show incoming freshmen — that what Schoolcraft has to offer is as on the money as a Johnson trey from the corner.

"Absolutely, and that's what these kids want," Mashhour added.

"They're coming to a junior college, and they're not looking at it as being the final destination, they're looking at it as being a stepping stone."

"For us, we welcome that opportunity for us to be a stepping stone."

Concurring was Patrick Yelsik of Schoolcraft's athletic department.

"It's a huge feather in our cap," Yelsik said. "We know that the majority of the kids we get are kids who out of high school would like to go to a four-year school. But for one reason or another, whether its academic or they were under-recruited, that was not an option for them."

"Now we can show incoming recruits, hey we've got all these kids who were in the same position as you two years ago and look where they're going?"

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Looking to make his move toward the basket during a 2015-16 Schoolcraft game is Davon Taylor (No. 21). The Canton alum will play next season at Concord University.

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on me a little closer.

"There are a lot of very good players over there. I've gone up against guys who played Division I basketball — one from Georgetown and another from South Florida. Not only are the players pretty athletic over there, they play smart. The guards can all dribble the ball really well and they have great vision."

Naubert's opportunity to play professionally overseas materialized when — to make a long story short — a friend of a friend informed him that the TuS Red Devils, who are based in Bramsche, Germany, were in the market for a point guard.

"I attended a tryout, played pretty well and made the team," he said. "They liked how I attacked the basket and could get to the free-throw line."

"My teammates included mostly Europeans. When everyone was talking German, I'd

get a little lost and confused, but for the most part, we all communicated really well."

Naubert said the games are well-attended and the fans are spirited.

"They really get into it," he said. "There are usually chants going on in the stands. They love basketball. They like talking to us after games or if they recognize me around town, they'll stop me and talk to me. It's a cool area to live in. They really embrace the foreign players."

Naubert gave the team's supporters an abundance of thrills, including a three-point bomb that he swished as the buzzer sounded to give his team a one-point victory.

Videos posted on YouTube of Naubert's highlights show that he was a fearlessly drove the basket, could score in traffic, around the rim and from well beyond the three-point arc.

Ibberbueren provided Naubert with an apartment and a car this past season — a reflection of the respect the American has garnered in Europe.

"It's nice to be able to have some freedom and go and check out the sights over there," he said. "People are a little more laid back over there than in the United States. Everybody is pretty relaxed and not in a big rush to get somewhere."

With an eye on eventually becoming a teacher and coach — he majored in education at Madonna — Naubert has arrived at a crossroads, of sorts, as far as his basketball career is concerned.

"I've already received an offer to play for a team at the same level I played at last year, which I appreciate, but I'd like to try to move up a division," he said. "I'm still debating about whether to go back next season; there's a lot involved in it, and I have some time to think things over."

"If I don't go back, and my professional basketball career as a player is over, it's been a great two-year experience."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Veteran Thomas returning to Madonna

Paul Thomas will return to the sideline for his second stint at the helm of Madonna University women's soccer effective July 1.

The announcement was made by director of athletics Bryan Rizzo after Jeff Hodgson, the Crusaders head coach for the past six seasons with a record of 52-48-11, held a meeting on campus to inform his team.

"I am so grateful to coach Hodgson for taking our program when we were without a field and seeing it through to the new facility," Rizzo said following the announcement in the team meeting. "Coach Hodgson has built a consistently competitive team and leaves a very strong group of returners plus an impressive group of recruits for coach Thomas."



Thomas

With the move, Rizzo is confident the women's soccer program will be in good hands moving forward.

"It is wonderful to welcome coach Thomas back into the Madonna University head coaching family. He was very successful in his first run as the head coach and I see an incredibly bright future for the program under his leadership. He is a good man and good coach. Madonna is lucky to have him."

Thomas, a native of Manchester, England, takes over for the Crusaders with a head coaching record of 35-14-4 over three seasons (2006-08), highlighted by the 2008

campaign's 15-4 record, including a 12-0 mark in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play.

The Crusaders captured the WHAC regular season title and advanced to the conference tournament championship match in 2008. The Crusaders ended the 2008 season ranked 22nd in the NAIA. For his efforts, Thomas was named WHAC Coach of the Year.

After a two-year stint (2003-04) as an assistant coach at Saginaw Valley State University, Thomas joined Madonna as an assistant in 2005 before taking over as head coach for the 2006 season.

The Crusaders return 12 student-athletes from the 2015 roster and open the regular season with a home game against Huntington (Ind.) at 2 p.m. Sept. 2.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

JUNE FILM

Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young pregnant woman who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of a friendly janitor while waiting for her name to be called at an abortion clinic. She must decide if she will go through with the abortion. Tickets are \$13 and must be reserved by June 21. Order tickets at <https://www.tugg.com/events/106414>
Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 26-30
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School Wayne, located two miles east of I-275 and one mile north of Michigan Avenue, at Hannan and Glenwood
Details: "Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World" will include Bible adventures, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations for children, 3 through those entering sixth grade. Pre-register by calling the church at 734-728-1950 or email r.barta@att.net.
Contact: 734-728-1950; stmi-chael.lutheran.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, June 27-July 1
Location: Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: "Submerged" is the theme
Contact: 248-477-6365

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 27-July 1
Location: Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Bible adventures, singing, snack, craft. Family Fun Night is 6 p.m. July 1 with food, games and inflatables
Contact: 734-525-3664; bbt-livonia.com

JULY COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July 22
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa Anderson, founder, will be the guest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-6, refill packages of moist wipes, \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10 Starbucks gift cards, for donation to Grace's Table
Contact: 734-397-1777

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30
Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland
Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmens perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door
Contact: 248-887-5364; holspiritconcert.ezevent.com

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Free Christian music



Youngsters play in a tent at Celebration Lutheran Church in Livonia last year. The program runs July 13-14.

festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Contact: 313-937-2424; hosan-nabor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, July 13-14
Location: Celebration Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between Joy and W. Chicago Road, Livonia
Details: For children, 4 through starting fifth grade. The theme is Deep Sea Discovery. Activities include Bible stories, music, art, science and games. A family meal is available 5:30-6 p.m. No fee, but registration is required
Contact: 734-421-0749 Monday-Thursday mornings, or online at www.celebrationlc.com

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gany Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia-st-michael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba

practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offerory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email StaceyBadeen@sbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722;

www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org; celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12
Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

His Church Anglican

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 9600 Leverage, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford
Contact: 313-937-2424

In His Presence Ministries

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday
Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford
Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinpresence.org

Nativity United Church of Christ

Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care. Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. with Bastien. No Sunday school or child care. Coffee after the service at 3 p.m.
Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at West Chicago Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-5406

New Beginnings United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford
Contact: 313-255-6330

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m. Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-453-0326

Plymouth Baptist Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty
Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.
Contact: 734-453-5534

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service.
Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland
Contact: 734-722-1735

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.
Contact: 734-464-0990

Salem Bible Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 9481 W. Six Mile, Salem
Contact

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For many people, quitting a job can be a liberating experience, particularly when it's a position that's making you miserable. But while you may fantasize about leaving in a blaze of glory, telling your colleagues what you really think of them and where they can shove next month's financial reports, such rash behavior could come back to haunt you, career experts say.

"In many fields, people are very interconnected, so if you leave a position on bad terms, people in other organizations in your same field may hear about it," says Cheryl Palmer, a certified career coach and owner of the coaching firm Call to Career.

Even if you do not hold any ill will toward your employer and are simply leaving for a better opportunity, it's worth your while to keep in touch with former co-workers.

"You never know where your career path might lead you," says Samantha Lambert, director of human resources for Blue Fountain Media. "It doesn't make any sense to burn a bridge you (might) need to cross one day."

For example, Lambert says, you may find yourself interviewing elsewhere with a former boss or colleague, or



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you may need a recommendation or referral from them down the line.

When it comes to leaving your job, take the high road to maintain both good professional relationships and your reputation. Use these expert tips to quit your job gracefully.

Give adequate notice.

Two weeks is the standard amount of time to give your boss notice, but some companies have different policies, and certain roles may need more lead time to find a replacement. Find out your company's policy on giving notice, Lambert says, and offer

to extend it if necessary. She also suggests volunteering to be available once you leave to help out with any questions. Should you need a referral from your former boss in the future, he or she will remember your thoughtfulness.

Resign with respect.

Be mindful when writing your resignation letter. "Your resignation letter lives in your file forever. It is not a place to air grievances, list everything you think is wrong with the company or place blame," says Michele Mavi, a career expert with Atrium Staffing. You won't gain anything by criticizing

the organization at this point, and you also might regret your behavior later, should you ever run into a former colleague or decide you want to come back.

Don't be a lame duck.

Resist the urge to slack off in your last days on the job.

"How you work during those last two weeks is essential to maintaining and growing your credibility," says Mindy Mackenzie, author of "The Courage Solution: The Power of Truth Telling With Your Boss, Peers, and Team." If you slack off, your colleagues will grow to resent you, and you never know when you might need a

favor from one of them in the future.

Set your colleagues up for success.

"Be proactive about setting up your boss and colleagues for success (after) your departure," Mackenzie says. During your last few weeks, wrap up as many projects as possible, and delegate any unfinished or time-sensitive tasks to the appropriate people. Leave account login and password information in a central folder. Volunteer to help the company find and train a replacement, if possible.

Leave on a high note. No matter how you feel about the company you are leaving, try to leave on a good note.

"Keep it professional, positive and express gratitude for all you've learned," Mackenzie says. Even if the company treated you poorly, it is important to take the high road. "How you behave and how diligently you work will be long remembered. This is all about your name and your reputation."

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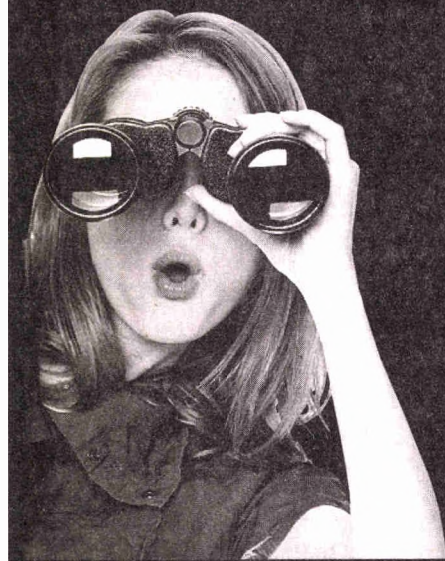
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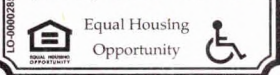
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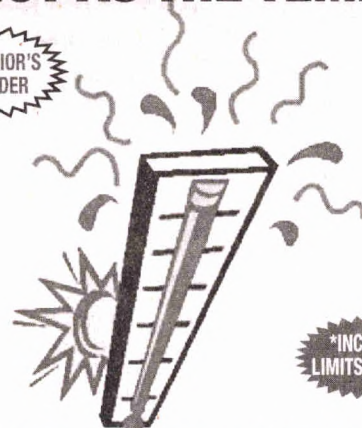


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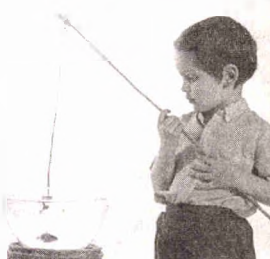
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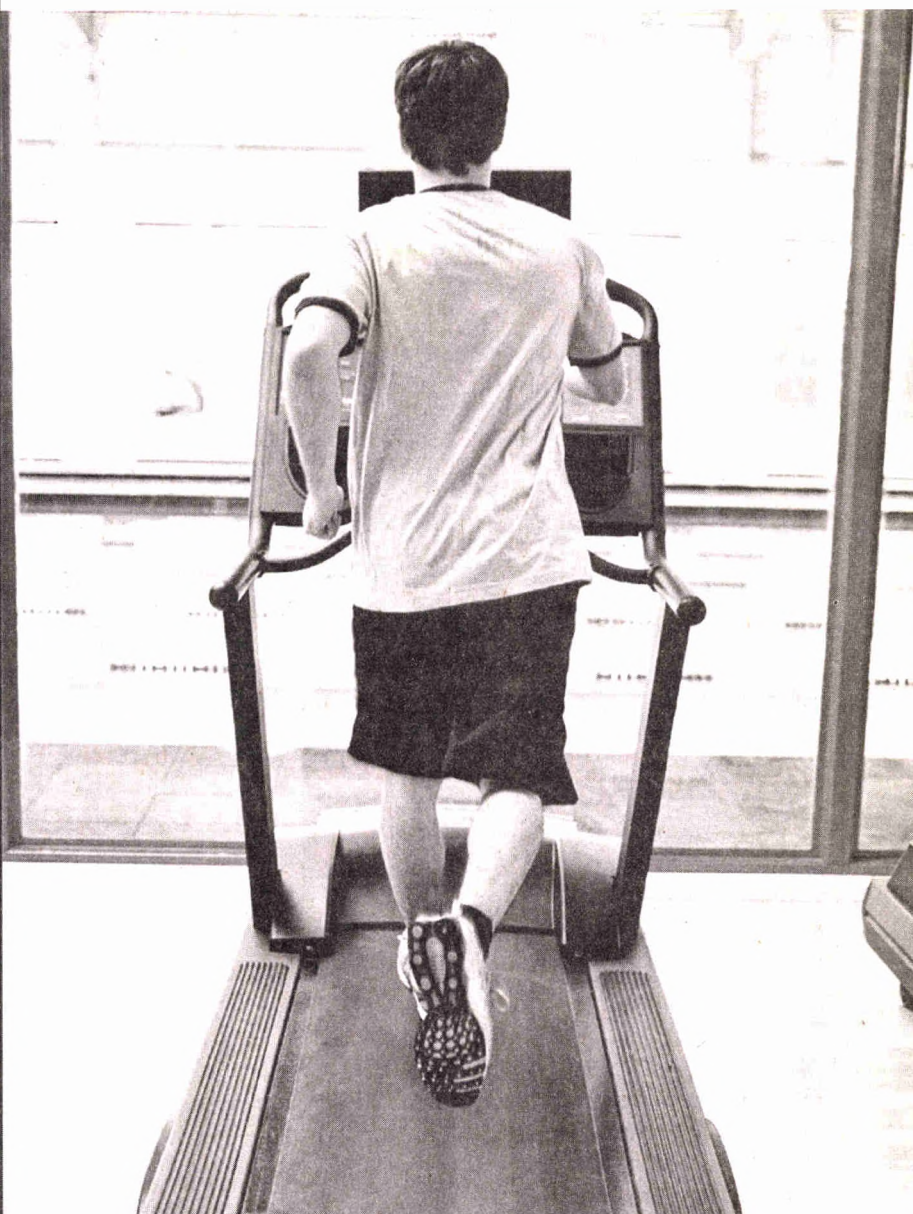
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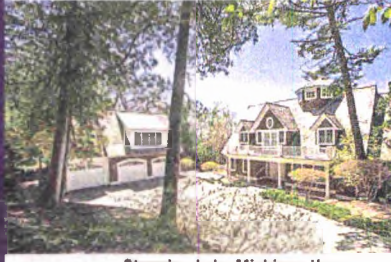
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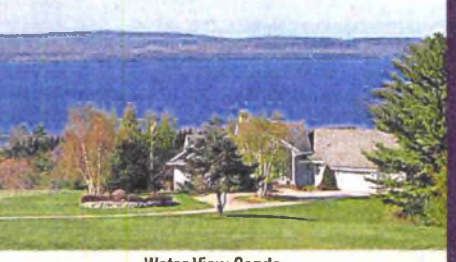
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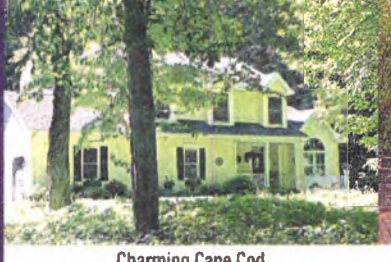
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