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Challengers seek state oversight of election

Matt Jachman

Staff Writer

Two candidates challenging Plymouth Township incumbents in next month's Republican primary are asking the state to monitor, or even conduct, the election.

In a Tuesday letter to Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, Kurt Heise, who is running

for supervisor, and Jerry Vorva, who is running for clerk, contend current township Clerk Nancy Conzelman "has demonstrated that she is incapable of fairly and impartially administering an election" and ask that Johnson's office step in "for the sake of free and fair elections.'

The request follows a

June 30 candidate forum, featuring Conzelman and Vorva, during which Conzelman said she had corrected information on paperwork filed by some candidates, but that an oversight on Heise's affidavit of identity "was missed."

Her remark prompted Vorva, who earlier had said it was the clerk's job to catch

paperwork mistakes and help would-be candidates with their forms, to interject that he was "outraged" that Conzelman had helped some candidates, but not others, fix their mistakes.

Heise and Don Schnettler, who is running for the Board of Trustees, failed to indicate their voting precinct on their respective affidavits, mis-

takes that resulted in their removal from the primary ballot by a June 17 Michigan Court of Appeals decision. Both are running in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary as write-in candidates.

Conzelman, who is seeking a second term as clerk, is a supporter of Supervisor

Township-city

relations at

issue in

campaign

forum

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's supervisor and his challenger locked horns last week over the township's relationship with the city of Plymouth as they debated ahead of next month's primary election. The June 30 forum at the Plymouth District Library was the second time Supervisor Shannon Price and Kurt Heise, who is campaigning to

replace Price, took questions from voters in a public setting. An earlier forum was held at **Praise Baptist** Church.

The two are

vying in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary for the Republican nomination for supervisor. The winner will advance to the November gen-

eral election

and, barring a successful

third-party or independent candidacy, will be assured of a victory. There are no Democratic candidates for supervi-Heise, a term-limited

member of the Michigan

House of Representatives,

said township officials need

to end an "us-versus-them"

mentality when it comes to

the city of Plymouth not as a

Michigan attorney general) and all the lawyers to go home" when it comes to talks aimed at settling a bill for

retiree health care and pen-

sion costs owed by the city

Plymouth Community Fire

Department, which served

both the township and the

that are related to the former

Price, who was appointed

supervisor in April 2015 fol-

lowing the resignation of

Richard Reaume, said the

city "walked away" from its

responsibilities when it left

that township officials need

to protect the township's in-

the joint fire department and

'We have to start treating

Heise added the township should "tell Mike Cox (former

working with Plymouth.

rival," Heise said.

Price

Heise

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The bike parade begins 15 minutes before the big parade begins.

Stalled by train, parade still wows

It wasn't completely smooth, but parade-goers in Plymouth enjoyed the city's annual Good Morning USA parade on Monday.

The Independence Day celebration, featuring floats, musicians, unicyclists, clowns and other performers, was interrupted by a train at Main

More photos from Good Morning USA parade, A5.

near Theodore, where floats and marchers were assembling. The train delayed the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps' start into the parade.

Nevertheless, the crowd was enthusiastic for a parade that's become one of the signature events of the area's Fourth of July festivities. One of the highlights was the appearance of military veterans, from World War II and the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, in the parade.

"It was a wonderful parade," said Elizabeth Johnson, an attorney and city resident. "To see the enthusiastic community coming together to support our heroes. The World War II veterans are amazing. They're all truly amazing, just all our veterans.

Sculptor to bring 'devil's rope' art to Plymouth show

Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

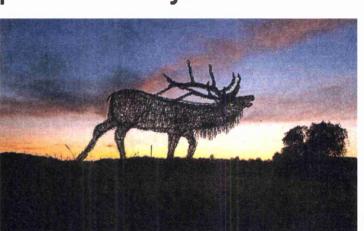
Jeff Best loves getting his hands on rusty barbed wire. He takes the material, also

known as devil's rope, from old fence posts and rural trash dumps, then bends, twists and shapes it into majestic elk and barnyard chickens, prickly pine trees and trophy deer heads.

"It's a great medium to work with. It's just dirty, dusty, pokey and it can come up and smack you if you're not watching it. I'll get scratched sometimes. You've got to be careful

with it," he said. "I have found several rolls of barbed wire still on the spool, all rusted. Those are the most dangerous. They are wound tight and still have some spring. But other than minor scratches, it's not too bad.'

Best, who lives in Clare, north of Mt. Pleasant, will bring his unique work to the 37th annual Art in the Park, July 8-10 in downtown Plymouth. Show times are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Shuttles will run



See SCULPTOR, Page A3 A barbed wire elk sculpture seems to call out to the herd at sunset.

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New locations for Art in the Park parking, shuttle

The 37th annual Art in the Park, which opens Friday, is bringing changes to the shuttle service that helps festival visitors avoid traffic congestion and parking

headaches in and around downtown Plymouth.

The shuttle will take visitors to Art in the Park from a new parking location — two, in fact because the site that had

previously served as off-site festival parking is unavailable.

The new parking and pickup points are at the Burroughs site on Plymouth Road, just east of Haggerty, and at Madonna University, on Schoolcraft Road between Levan and Newburgh, in Livonia.

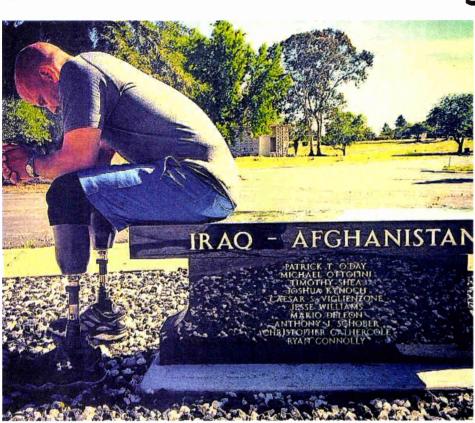
Shuttles will run continuously between both of those locations and Plymouth City Hall each day of Art in the Park, from a half-hour before the festival opens until a half-hour after its closing.

Parking at both Bur-

roughs and Madonna is free; shuttle rides are \$3 a person, round trip, and free for children age 12 and younger.

For more information. go to artinthepark.com.

Wounded warrior brings yoga to Canton park



Dan Nevins, yoga instructor, motivational speaker and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior, travels the globe inspiring audiences while practicing yoga.

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host "Yoga In the Park" with Dan Nevins on Saturday, July 30, in Canton's Heritage Park. It benefits the Wounded Warrior Project.

This special fundraiser is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., but participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for check-in and registration.

Nevins, a motivational speaker and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior featured on NBC News, is a retired staff sergeant with the U.S. Army who began his military career out of high school as a paratrooper stationed in Germany. In November 2004, an IED detonated beneath his vehicle during a combat mission in Iraq, causing Nevins to suffer a traumatic brain injury as well as his left leg to be amputated below the knee. After more than 30 surgeries, Nevins' right leg was also amputated below the knee.

Nevins credits the practice of yoga for turning his life around after losing his legs in Iraq. This professional speaker, who for more than a decade has shared an inspirational message of leadership, perseverance, resilience and overcoming adversity with audiences around the globe, is also a certified Baptiste yoga instructor.

Nevins believes that yoga can help everyone, especially veterans returning home from service, and encourages all veterans to try yoga for its physical and emotional benefits.

"My whole platform is for you to invite a veteran to yoga, be-

cause it just might save their life," he said. "I became a yoga teacher because I knew first hand of the power it has to heal."

All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets are on sale at https:// activenet.active.com/ canton; just search for Dan Nevins.

Tickets are \$35 online and will be \$45 the day of the event. Ticket price includes a Wounded Warrior Project yoga mat and carrying bag, as well as a Wounded Warrior Project support bracelet, while supplies last. Participants will also receive a tax statement at the end of 2016 stating the portion of your donation that is tax-deductible. Learn more about Nevins' incredible story at www.dannevins.com.

For more information, call 734-394-5360.

Forest Service, local partners boost Rouge River health

Julie Brown Staff Writer

A "Rouge Growing Green" project, aimed at improving Rouge River water quality, is partly funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initia-

Some 20 trees were planted in the city of Plymouth recently on Burroughs, between Harding and Fairground, across from Lions Park.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is the largest investment in the Great Lakes in two decades, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website notes.

"There were nearly 700 trees planted," said Jill Johnson, Midwest Urban Forestry coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service. Johnson, who works out of the St. Paul, Minn., field office, noted the grant to the Alliance of Rouge Communities

covered a number of local communities, as well as Wayne County.

Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Township, Canton, Inkster, Novi, Oak Park, Rochester Hills, Southfield, Troy, Franklin Village and Wayne County are recipients of the grant for tributaries of the Rouge River. The grant was for \$100,000, with trees planted this spring.

"This is just one of the grants we have. There have been many grants over the years" associated with the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Johnson said. The U.S. Forest Service manages EPA funds and has given the grants since fiscal year 2010.

"We've had a lot of opportunities to award projects," she said. This aim includes "tree canopy cover" for the river's restoration.

Johnson noted the devastation of the emerald ash borer. "The EPA recognizes that trees are important for reducing toxic substances," she said. The trees also help control invasive plants, along with reducing storm water runoff.

Federal agencies use GLRI resources to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress toward long-term goals, the EPA website notes. Combining GLRI resources with agency base budgets, the GLRI works with non-federal partners to implement protection and restoration projects.

GLRI funding is also used to support efforts to prevent Asian Carp from establishing populations in the Great Lakes. For more information about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, go to www.glri.us.

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"We've got to put first and protect our

interests first," he said. The threat of a lawsuit over the legacy costs, Price said, is "the only thing that brought (Plymouth officials) to the table.'

City and township officials recently agreed the city should pay \$330,558 as its share of retiree medical costs that were incurred between 2012 and the end of 2015. The city's total legacy costs tab, however, has been calculated at about \$4 million.

Rec projects slammed

month.

Heise is a write-in candidate in the primary, having been taken technicality in his candidacy paperwork, by a Michigan Court of Appeals decision last

Price and Heise also discussed recent improvements to township recreation facilities, particularly Plymouth Township Park, with Heise saying "we've paved over paradise" as he cited the expansion of a parking lot and the construction of an allseason pavilion at the park. Heise said he was opposed to building an amphitheater at the

park, an idea township officials shelved nearly two years ago in the face of organized oppo-

"Putting on puppet hows and is not the role of government," Heise said.

Price said he was also opposed to plans for an amphitheater. He was the supervisor at the time those plans became controversial.

Price, a former Wayne County commissioner whose district included the township, touted his experience with the county as he made his pitch to voters. Electing Heise would mean "higher taxes, higher crime and big government," he said.
"Our brand in Ply-

mouth Township is conservative leadership with low taxes," said

Heise, 50, formerly a municipal attorney, born Heights and director of the county's Department of Environment, spoke of his experience in all of those areas during his appeal.

"I will bring a unique skill set, education and experience to this very important role," he said.

The forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, was attended by about 80 peo-

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whom Heise is chalher best interest to lenging. The Heise-Vorva letter states that Con-

zelman, "by providing official clerk services to some candidates and not others ... admittedly manipulated the election process to ensure that her preferred candidate(s) obtained an unfair advantage."

Heise said Wednesday that, because of the contentiousness of the township election and public criticisms Conzelman made of him due to his paperwork error, "it might be in

welcome the secretary of state's office ... in and around election night." He expressed con-

cern over the counting

of ballots, particularly in a close race, given his write-in candidacy. "This may drag on for days and this may

end up in court, so I think she may want to have an extra set of eyes," he said. Johnson's spokes-

man, Fred Woodhams, said Wednesday that the request had been received and the office was reviewing it. "No decision has been made at this time" as to whether the office will formally step in, Woodhams said.

Woodhams said that the secretary of state does occasionally receive such requests and, generally speaking, contacts both the complainant and the local clerk to go over any issues.

return several calls Wednesday morning.

Conzelman did not

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The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment, as well as the hearing impaired equipment, for the PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016. The test is scheduled for MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth,

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been contracted by the City of Plymouth to conduct the testing to assure the equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

> Linda Langmesser City Clerk

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Water garden tours scheduled for Northville

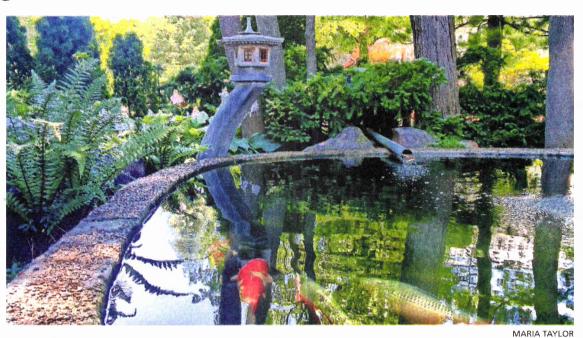
Maria Taylor Correspondent

Adding a koi pond to his gardens wasn't in John Rae's original plan. That came later, after a tree in his front yard succumbed to emerald ash borer — and what was once a tree, well, became the starting point for a 3,000-gallon pond.

Rae's water garden is located about a half-dozen steps from his front door, nestled among hostas and angel wing begonias. Nine Japanese koi swim serenely among the shadows, their orange and white and black scales bright against the rocky backdrop of the pool's three-tier waterfall.

Rae's pond is one of nine Northville-area water gardens that will be featured Saturday, July 16, in a pond tour hosted by the Michigan Koi and Pond Club. It's the 18th in an annual tour series that rotates from city to city, showcasing private gardens that include ponds as part of their landscaping.

All the participants are individual homeowners who have incorporated water fea-



Mike Conrad's water pond has a bit of an Asian flair to it.

tures into their outdoor gardens. Rae is on the board of the Michigan Koi and Pond Club. Most of us were gardeners before we were koi enthusiasts," he said, "so many of our

ponds have very wonderful gardens.'

Garden styles on the tour vary, reflecting the homeowners' individual tastes. "We have everything from Japanesestyle backyards to French styles to modern backyards," said Ray Alexander, the club's president. Most of the ponds have Japanese koi and a few have goldfish.

The pond tour is self-guided and will be open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., rain or shine. The tour starts at The Village Workshop in Northville, 455 E. Cady St. Participants will receive a wristband and a tour booklet with addresses for all participating homes, which will be marked by a sign at the front of each host's property. Homeowners will be on-hand to answer questions, give directions and share insight about their ponds and gardens.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth (ages 5-15) and may be purchased either on the day of the event at The Village Workshop or in advance by calling Rae at 248-

767-1066.

Funds raised from the event support the Michigan Koi and Pond Club's activities, including its annual koi show and speaker sessions on koi care and breeding. The group's mission is to help members and people with similar interests learn how to take care of fish and maintain healthy ponds. For more information, go to www.mkpc-se.com.

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continuously from Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, in Livonia, and at Burroughs, located at Plymouth Road and Haggerty.

More than 400 artists from across the country will show and sell their paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, glass works, photography, folk art and woodwork.

Best is new to the show. Art in the Park will be his third art fair since he began creating barbed wire sculpture five years ago. He attended the Great Lakes Art Fair in Novi the past two years and will end the summer art fair season next month in Mt. Pleasant.

"The Plymouth show is the big dog for me," he said. "I'm looking forward to going there and see how it goes. I don't know what to expect.'

He wasn't fluent in the art fair "lingo" or the application process when he sent a few



Jeff Best stands next to the "Bugling Elk" he created from barbed wire for a sporting goods store in Gaylord.

photos off to the Great Lakes show last year. All he knew was that he loved turning used barbed wire into "something

"It's cool for me to think that wire was manufactured to be on a post to hold in things or hold things out," he said. "It served its purpose. I grabbed it and who knew it would turn into a deer head."

Popular chickens

He'll have a family of three barbed wire elk for sale at the Plymouth show. Examples of other sculptures will be displayed in his booth. Customers can order a piece and expect delivery about a month later. Prices range from approximately \$150 to \$500 or more.

Chickens are his most pop-

ular sculptures, but he also makes full size elk and deer, trophy heads, trees and just about anything a customer requests. His "Bugling Elk," a 10-foot-long, 8-foot-tall sculpture greets customers from atop the entrance to Jay's Sporting Goods in Gaylord.

"I did a Spartan helmet for a couple in Howell," he said. "It turned out awesome. I've done a sandhill crane, a cactus, trees, that kind of stuff.

A former salesman for Purina, Best started his own company, Best Outdoors, manufacturing planting and cultivating equipment in 2005. He splits his time between his business and his art.

The self-taught artist created his first sculpture out of a coat hanger for his son, who is now 32. The piece became a perennial "show and tell" item for all three of his children.

He considered moving on to larger pieces when he found barbed wire on his property, but the coils of rusty wire sat in his barn for eight years before he took needle nose

pliers to the material.

"People started saying, make me this, make me that. I had a lady ask if I could make a chicken," he said. "I made a chicken. It's gone on from there."

Best aims for realism in his pieces and works in facial features, muscles and movement.

"You're working with rusted barbed wire," he said. "You can't do fine features, but you can do general features."

He wears a leather vest and gloves and safety glasses when he works and says that aside from a few scratches, has never been injured by his work.

And no, he hasn't updated his tetanus vaccination in recent years, although he said he probably should.

View his work in person during the art fair or go to devilsropestudio.com. For more about Art in the Park, call 734-454-1314 or go to artinthepark.com.

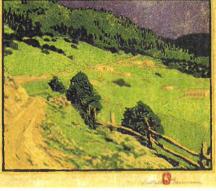
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Food theft suspect calls his actions 'stupid'

A shoplifting suspect was "very apologetic" and called his actions "stupid" after being caught Sunday afternoon at the Kroger on Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, police said.

The 54-year-old man had been caught outside the store with more than \$50 worth of groceries, including two steaks, steak sauce and hot dog buns, for which he hadn't paid, a Kroger security employee told police. The employee told police she had seen the man in the store, with merchandise in a handbasket, and recognized him from being shown his photograph because of a suspected shoplifting the night before.

The employee confronted the man outside and police we re called. The suspect was

"very apologetic," according to the security employee, and told the officer that his actions had been "stupid" and also offered to pay for the food, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The man was issued a ticket for third-degree retail fraud.

Minivan break-in

A diaper bag worth \$80 was reported stolen Friday from a Chrysler Town and Country while the minivan was parked near the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park.

The theft occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., the complainant told police. A window on the minivan had been broken out and the diaper bag taken from behind the front row of seats, a police report said. It was not reported what was contained in the bag.

The responding officer

noted that no other parked vehicles in the area that appeared to have been broken

Driving troubles

» Marijuana and a bottle of vodka were found in a Ford F-150 pickup early Monday after the driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

The 18-year-old woman was stopped shortly after 2 a.m. after making a prohibited right turn on a red light at southbound I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, a police report said. Police found that her license had been suspended.

A search of the truck revealed suspected marijuana, which later tested positive, in a jar in the truck's center console, and a bottle of vodka under a seat, police said.

A 19-year-old female pas-

senger, who refused to be tested for alcohol consumption, was taken to the police station to arrange a safe ride home.

» A Honda Accord driver clocked at more than 100 mph on eastbound M-14 at about 2:20 a.m. Monday was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

A township officer spotted the car near Beck and estimated its speed at 100 mph; radar registered it at 104 and then 105 mph, a police report said. The officer stopped the car near I-275 and arrested the driver; a 22-year-old woman who was a passenger was released.

Wheel thefts

Tires and wheels were stolen recently from at least two vehicles that were parked outside homes in the area of Ridge and Powell roads.

One incident took place on Pine Ridge Court and another on Pine Ridge, police reports said. Both vehicles — a GMC Yukon and a Ford Edge were left sitting on landscaping blocks.

Both incidents were reported June 23.

iPhone theft

An iPhone and its case, said to be worth \$700, were reported stolen Saturday while its owner shopped at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

The woman told police she had used the phone in the store, a police report said, and put it in her purse, which was sitting in the shopping cart she was using. She later noticed the phone was gone, she told police.

- By Matt Jachman

Westland man charged in assault on flight attendant

Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

A 44-year-old Westland man was arrested Saturday and charged in connection with the sexu-

al assault of an 18-year-old female flight attendant.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office confirmed Tuesday that

Dwuan Parkman was taken into custody Saturday and arraigned in 34th District Court on charges of criminal sexual conduct (first degree), criminal sexual conduct (third degree) and home invasion.

Parkman

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said the victim was in her hotel room, in the 9500 block of Middlebelt, the evening of June 20, when she discovered a man in her room attacking her.

Parkman is alleged to have broken into the victim's room and sexually assaulted her.

Parkman was charged July 1 and taken into custody the following day.

Parkman received a \$500,000 cash/surety bond. He's been scheduled for a probable cause conference at 9 a.m. July 13; his preliminary examination is set for 10 a.m. July 20, according to Worthy's office.

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am 5 feet, 11 inches tall. I weigh 225 pounds and I work out most days to stay in shape

and stay healthy.
I have a dog. My dog is a Yorkshire silky terrier who answers to the name of Stewie. Stewie is a small dog who smiles when he is excited, shakes a little when he is nervous, likes to sit on your lap when relaxing. He is a good little guy. I had my dog at the post one day and received several comments from several troopers such as, "Hey, I like your cat." Then there was, "Sarge, this is your dog? I just thought you would have a bigger dog — that's all." Like most pet owners, I love my dog. As I tell troopers all the time, it isn't the size of the dog in the fight; it's

the size of the fight in the dog. Why do I bring this up? You may or may not know that June was National Pet Preparedness Month. The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is encouraging Michiganders to create an emergency preparedness kit for their pets, to ensure complete family readiness dur-



often overlook preparing for an emergency when it comes to our pets. Take a few moments to think about what you would do and where you would go with your pet during an emergency. We see videos all the time of people doing incredibly dangerous things to rescue their pet from danger. Most times pets are considered members of the family. The likelihood that Michigan residents and their pets will recover from an emergency tomorrow depends on the planning and preparation done today. More than half the households in the United States include pets, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

To create a pet preparedness kit, make sure the following items are readily available and in a safe location. Do you have extra food and water for your

pet? Do you have a leash and collar? Is the collar marked with emergency information in case you are separated? Make sure you have extra bowls in the kit to hold food and water. Keep a photo of your pet on hand to help identify your pet. Does your pet take medication or have special needs? You should always keep up to date immunization records for your pet as well. Keep a firstaid kit for your pet and make sure to have a list of hotels, veterinarians and out-of-town friends and family where you can go with your pet. Remember: Not all places let pets stay at their facilities. Have a pet carrier and keep a few toys for your pet to play with. No one likes to be bored, not even your

Remember one last thing, if you scratch a dog's belly, you will find a permanent job.

Email questions or comments to askatrooper12@gmail.com or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton Post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.





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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Henry McIntire, 21 months old, eats a bagel while waiting for the parade to begin.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Lady Liberty, on stilts.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER It takes talent to juggle, ride a unicycle and smile for a photo all at the same time.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Linda Luke of Plymouth waits through a train delay before the parade begins.



A Ford Fairlane with veterans eases on down Main Street.

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Parade rolls through Plymouth



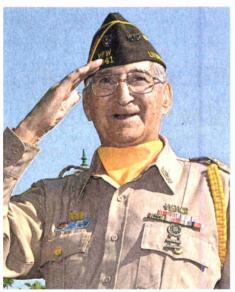
Polish Centennial Dancers were in the parade.



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Mike Mies holds 7-month-old Josephine Mies. The Mies family, including mom Sarah and kids Max, 7, Penelope, 5, and Harrison, 3, are regulars at the parade.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER World War II veteran Joe Girolamo teaches flag etiquette in elementary schools when he's not riding in parades.

Sandy and Steve Marulis are Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam.



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World War II veteran Gene Overholt.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Veteran Frank Gilbo leads the Vietnam veterans. Gilbo served in the U.S. Marines.



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Olive Lau is almost 2 years old. She will ride in her car seat, in grandpa David Lau's 1960 Thunderbird. David bought the car in 1967 for \$500.

United Shore employee Cristin Lazzaro leads the company's 3

Five state companies

Sample veggie dishes, try a beer float at local events

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

See a film, hear a discussion and sample food
— all focused on vegetarianism — Sunday, July 10, at Zhong Shu Temple in Farmington Hills.

The second annual Green Day celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the temple, 23845 Middlebelt Road.

"We decided to make it an annual event and each year has a different focus," said Nancy Harris, a Southfield resident and temple member who is helping to coordinate the program. "Last year, we focused the environmental impact of consuming meat and, this year, we want to talk about health benefits of being vegetarian."

The temple will show portions of the documentary "Forks Over Knives" and vegetarians will be on hand to answer questions about living a healthier life by eating plant-based foods.

"We'll talk about the research done by the two medical doctors featured in the documentary and case studies where they focus on heart disease, high cholesterol, diabetes." she said.

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Harris, who has a
background in food inspection, will explain
why she eats a plantbased diet. She'll offer a
glimpse of what goes on
"behind the scenes" in
the food industry and will
talk briefly about meat,
poultry and fish.

Eating a plant-based diet is an important component of the Taoist philosophy, according to Rocky Chen, temple host.



Zong Shu Temple in Farmington Hills serves a vegetarian feast.

"Our focus is more physical," he said, referring to the Green Day event," but (vegetarianism) has significant impact to the mind and spirit as well. It is a holistic approach."

"It is important in showing compassion for all living beings," Harris said.

A vegetarian food sampling will cap the program.

RSVP by July 9 to michigantemple@yahoo.com. Call the temple at 248-579-4791; Chen at 734-890-2307; or email

Harris at rh427@aol.com Here's a sampling of other tasty events:

Ice cream and cocktails

Farmington — — Get a dessert martini, a beer float, ice cream with a twist or a plated dessert at Browndog Dessert Bar, which celebrates its grand opening at noon Thursday, July 7, at 33314 Grand River Ave. Paul Gabriel and Brian Scherle, who own Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar in Northville, focus on Michigan-made products,



Zhong Shu Temple's second annual Green Day will include a tasting of vegetarian foods.

"We decided to make it an annual event and each year has a different focus."

NANCY HARRIS Southfield resident and temple member

such as Michigan beers and spirits, at their newest location. Browndog Dessert Bar features an appetizer menu and family-friendly ice cream and desserts, too.

Go to Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar (Farmington) on Facebook.

Say 'cheese ... and olives'

Plymouth — Take a bottle of Old World Olive Co. balsamic vinegar or olive oil on vacation, to the park, the pool, a picnic — the choice is yours. Snap a selfie with the product by Sept. 6 and you might win a basket of Old World Olive Co. products worth \$400 or a chef's cooking demonstration for you and 20 guests

The company, which has locations in Birmingham, Grand Rapids and Rockford, in addition to downtown Plymouth, asks entrants to post photos on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and/or Twitter and comment, tag a friend and use the hashtag #owocyourfreshself. Go to theoldworldoliveco-.com for information about the "Take us with You" selfie contest.



Jay Grossman Staff Writer

o'clock dance party.

Oh, to be young again ... and gainfully employed.

United Shore is one of several companies in southeast Michigan that made Fortune magazine's list of the nation's top 100 best workplaces for Millennials in 2016. The list was based on a magazine survey of more than 88,000 Millennials (born 1981 or later) at more than 600 companies.

"Our top priority at United Shore is our people," company president Mat Ishbia said. "We know our team members are what make us a great company. That's why we place such an emphasis on promoting from within and creating an exciting and engaging culture."

and engaging culture."
Here's a few of the perks that United Shore employees get to enjoy:
"Firm 40: Employ-

ees are encouraged to work hard for eight hours each day and then go home to friends and family.

» The 3 o'clock dance party: Each Thursday, employees gather together and turn up the volume to re-energize on the dance floor.

"UBike" rentals: Employees can rent bicycles during their breaks, whether it's to grab lunch somewhere or simply get the blood pumping.

» On-site gym: Employees have access to a state-of-the-art fitness center.

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» The company even

offers Starbucks coffee in the cafeteria.

Andrea Frank, 30, of Birmingham, said she found a perfect working environment at United Shore.

"Millennials like companies that promote work/life balance and provide things like flexibility, perks and opportunities to give back to the community," she said Wednesday

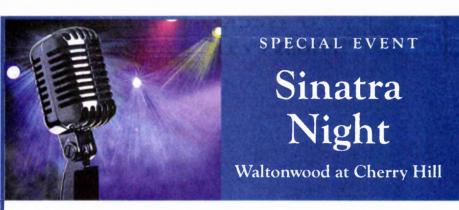
Wednesday.
Roughly 56 percent of
United Shore's 1,600 employees call themselves
Millennials. The company, headquartered in
Troy, touts itself as the
nation's largest wholesale mortgage lender.

"Millennials add to our focus on creating an engaging and exciting workplace because they bring a different energy," said Laura Lawson, the company's chief people officer. "They're a very hands-on group, so it encourages the rest of the team to rally behind those efforts."

Other local companies that made Fortune's top 100 include Quicken Loans in Detroit, Credit Acceptance in Southfield, Plante Moran in Southfield and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services in Farmington Hills.

Millennials are on track to become the most educated generation in American history, according to Pew Research. By 2025, they will account for 75 percent of the global workforce, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Hop aboard Canton's annual Grub Crawl scheduled for July 19

Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority will be cohosting the 15th annual Grub Crawl 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19. This event is open to the public and participants must be ages 21 or older.

In honor of the 15th anniversary, each participant will have a chance to win a Grub Crawl T-shirt quilt. New this year, there will be a Grub Crawl Cash Cab that will not only take you from one restaurant destination to the next, but will

also feature trivia and cash prizes.

The Grub Crawl is an opportunity for area restaurants to showcase their cuisine as well as promote Canton's diversity while having fun. Major sponsors include A+ Dentistry, Approved Mortgages, Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., Jade Child Development, Olympia Group LLC, Schoolcraft College and Mannik & Smith Group.

"This event is definitely a community favorite. Being that this is the 15th anniversary of this event, we are adding some fun new opportunities, so we are very excited," said Thomas Paden, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets (T-shirts) are \$35 each and include transportation to and from participating restaurants; they can be purchased at the chamber office. T-shirt sizes are limited and tickets are selling fast. You can purchase tickets online at cantonchamber.com. You can also call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

Plymouth man tapped as vice chair for aging agency

A Plymouth resident is among three new appoints to the executive board of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

Andrew Hetzel was chosen as first vice chair, a position he will have for two years. A new chairperson and first and second vice chairpersons were also chosen this week.

Hetzel has served on the AAA 1-B Board of Directors since 2006. He serves on the governance committee and previously served as second vice chairperson. He is vice president of



Hetzel

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. He has previously served in

corporate

communi-

cations at

executive and leadership roles in several public relations agencies and in state government in

Michigan and New York.
Selected as chair is
Karen Wintringham and
Peter Lichtenberg as
second vice chair.

"We are so grateful for the hard work of the

previous executive board chairperson, Amin Irving," AAA 1-B CEO Tina Abbate Marzolf said. "He has been a gracious and generous leader. He is leaving the board in the capable hands of three long-time members."

AAA 1-B is governed by the Board of Directors and Advisory Council and members meet regularly. These meetings are open to the general public. For more information, contact the executive services manager at 800-852-7795.

Fire service a family service at the Plymouth station

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Rachel and Kevin Allen of Livonia are veterans of the fire service. They work together at the Plymouth Fire Station, part of the Northville City Fire Department.

"I grew up in a firehouse," said Kevin, whose dad is a retired firefighter. "I'm second generation." Their son Zach Willey, 15, who'll be a sophomore this fall at Livonia Churchill High School, is in the Fire Explorers program.

The couple has children ages 9 and 1, too. Kevin said: "It's an interesting dynamic, to say the least. Sometimes it's a changing of the guard, so to speak." Rachel added, "We're always on the go."

Zach wants a fire service career. "He hasn't really known anything else. Fire trucks and ambulances, that's mom's office," Karen said.

She's also a stay-athome mom to their youngest; many of the paid, on-call department's firefighters have day jobs, Capt. Jim Davison explained.

"Pretty much all of them" have day jobs, noted Davison, who works with son Matt Davison, 24, of Salem at the station in downtown Plymouth. "And then there's us retired guys who are here all the time." The department serves the cities of Northille and Plymouth.

Teamwork at work, home

Firefighting's truly in the family with the Allens, along with three father-son teams of firefighters based at the Plymouth station. Another husband and wife team, Capt. Greg and Karen Westfall, is based at the Northville station.

Karen joined around 2000, Greg has 11 years in. "She has seniority

rank," said a smiling Greg Westfall, who has 41 years in in the fire service. "There's a different boss at home," he said with a laugh,

The Westfalls of Plymouth have been married nearly 36 years and have three grown children and two grand-children. "I don't have to call him sir," Karen said with a smile. "It's his job. Just listen to what he says and trust in his judgment.

Kevin Allen said of his family, "We make sure we have that family time." He appreciates flexibility on vacations, "especially with this being a paid, on-call department.'

Adam Rice, 23, of Canton works with dad Capt. Scott Rice. Adam is a senior studying psychology at Wayne State University and an EMT. He hopes to become a physician's assistant.

"He keeps me on my toes a little extra," Adam said of his dad. "It's really good to work with him. I like it a lot. It's a great opportunity to serve the community. I get to make a difference," added Adam, who started with the department in May.

Dad Lt. Scott Rice of Canton said, "Oh, I love it. It's exciting. We commute to work together. This was all his decision; very proud.'

Dad Dave Tabaka works at the station with son Kyle Tabaka, 31, of Plymouth. "It's kind of neat," Dave said. "It's really a nice thing to have my son doing the same thing I've enjoyed for so many years.

Kyle noted his dad had recently retired from his own business where they'd worked together, so being on the job together isn't entirely new.

"He's been doing it my whole life," Kyle said of his firefighter dad. "I have the passion to do it. I like helping people," added Kyle, on the job

about 2½ years. Jim Davison also has an older son, Bryan



TOM BEAUDOIN

Families are common at the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth station, both husband-and-wife teams and fathers and



TOM BEAUDOIN

Karen Westfall and husband Capt. Greg Westfall have a combined 56 years serving the community.

Swanson, in Tennessee who became a fireman later in life. He's proud of Matt and Bryan.

Matt is in school for basic EMT and is a firefighter. "I like it," said Matt, a Salem resident. "It's been my dream ever since a kid to work alongside him. I get to go on runs at my leisure. When I'm not working my day job, I generally respond to anything I can.'

Women on the job,

Karen Westfall and Rachel Allen agree more women are choosing the

fire service. Karen joked about the time she responded to a fire call and had to suit up — in a dress.

"I always lift with my legs," Rachel Allen said. "God gave us hips for a reason" beyond childbirth.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

NCFD members Kyle Tabaka and father Dave are from Plymouth.



Firefighter Matt Davison follows in the footsteps of his father, longtime firefighter/EMT, Capt. Jim Davison. The elder Davison also has another son in Tennessee in the fire service.



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It's a family affair as husband-and-wife team firefighter/EMTs Kevin and Rachel Allen of Livonia along with son Zach Willey (front) who is a Fire Explorer and wants to follow in his family's footsteps serving the community. Zach Willey will be a sophomore at Livonia Churchill High School in the fall and is 15.

Family time at fire department? 'It just ended up that way'

Julie Brown

Capt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth station is proud of his

firefighter sons. "Very, very proud," Davison said. "The decisions were theirs." He pulls out a cellphone photo of son Matt Davison, 24, a Salem resident, with the Northville department at a nearby training burn. Also in the photo is a 44-year-old son (and brother) who hails

"He got bitten by the bug," Jim Davison said of his older son, Bryan Swanson, training for firefighting and EMT work, which he now does paid-on call for a Tennessee fire service. "He's an auto mechanic by trade." His older son's decision "kind of made me feel good."

from Tennessee.

Matt Davison is now in Huron Valley's EMT course and finished the fire academy at Van Buren late last year. He came on board with the NCFD in May.

Families are common in the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth station ranks. Husband and wife Kevin and Rachel Allen are both firefighters and emergency medical technicians and have a teenage son in Fire Explor-

The Plymouth station also has three father-son teams, including the Davisons. Dave Tabaka is a firefighter/emergency first responder who works with firefighter

son Kyle Tabaka. Lt. Scott Rice is a firefighter/emergency first responder based in Plymouth with son Adam Rice, an emergency medical technician. In addition, the NCFD's Northville station has another husband-and-wife team, Capt. Greg Westfall and Karen Westfall. Both are

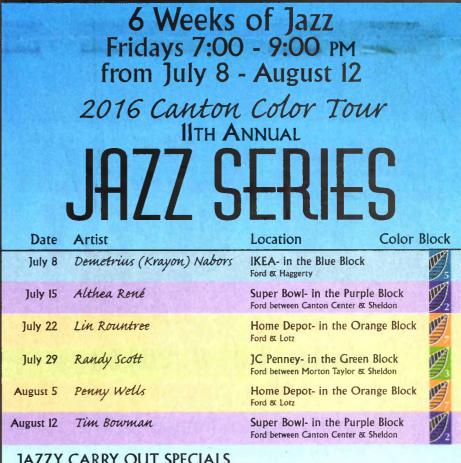
firefighters and EMTs. Jim Davison, who spent 34 years with the Canton Fire Department where he started in 1971, handles administrative support for the downtown Plymouth station during weekday business

Jim Davison noted firefighters often worked with family, a historic occurrence. "Today, it's a little different," he said. "It's more technical, more requirements to hold a job in the fire service. You've got to do firefighting and EMS."

Scheduling vacations is no big deal with all those families. "This kind of operation, it doesn't matter," Davison said, noting some 30 people on the station roster. "That's not a problem."

Families weren't actively recruited. "It just ended up that way," Davison said, noting the Westfalls have been on the firefighting circuit in the region, with Greg Westfall a 41-year firefighting veteran. Their son was in the fire service and has moved on to other career options, Davison said of the cou-

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Mental health funding required

My husband received another devastating phone call about yet another tragic heroin death. The mourning family needed a reference. They wanted custody of the young children of their now dead, adult child. We've received calls of anguish like this too many times. We've attended too many funerals and watched families destroyed from this growing tragedy. This particular case stemmed from a lifelong struggle of mental illness. The family did everything in their power to try to help over many years, while struggling with their own illness, only to lose even

The National Bureau of Economic Research reports that there is a definite connection between mental illness and the use of addictive substances. Many people with mental illnesses try to medicate the mental health symptoms that they find disruptive or uncomfortable, by using alcohol and drugs. Street heroin is cheap and quick and, unfortunately, too plentiful in our neighborhoods - in all of our cities and towns.

Mental illness affects one in five adults in the U.S., one in five youths ages 13-18 and the estimate for children ages 8-15 is 13 percent. We only need to look around to see the outcome of mental illness - heroin overdoses, mass shoot-

ings, homicides, veteran PTSD and homelessness, among others. Left untreated, mental illness can spread "like a cancer" throughout families, neighborhoods, communities and society. Statistics show that many do go untreated; the majority are our minority com-

munities. Mental illness in this country has to continue to be faced and funded immediately. From 2014-15, block grants for community mental health and substance abuse prevention were decreased by Congress. This trend has to be reversed.

Communication is

very important in every aspect of our relationships with others, but it is especially important to talk to your family and loved ones about substance abuse. Narcanon (Narcotics Anonymous) recommends that family and friends do their homework. Learn what drugs today's youth are being offered or seeing other people use. This can be found at the Monitoring the Future Report at www.monitoringthefuture.org/ or at http:// www.narconon.org/druginformation/. Encourage those with mental illnesses to get help by offering them information as to where to get help - including Narcotics Anonymous and Alanon meetings. Understanding that many people are also struggling with mental illness will hopefully help to prevent more of these tragic deaths that change lives

forever.

Anne Marie Graham-

Canton

Incumbents must follow law

In April, Plymouth Township chief building official Mark Lewis sent a friendly letter to all candidates in this election reminding them that there are township laws governing political signs and asking for voluntary compliance. Those laws include a ban against large signs, as well as prohibitions against placing signs in the public rights of way - the zones along the roadway that buffer the road from the adjacent landowners. Violating the law is a misdemeanor that carries a \$500 fine. Mr. Lewis, who has responsibility for ordinance enforcement, reports to Supervi-

sor Price. Until a few days ago, all candidates complied with the request. Then signs supporting the current officeholders sprouted all over the place, on public property and on nearly every roadway – the law was broken more than 50 times - all by incumbents, not one by a chal-

I doubt most people care that much and I don't know that I really do. They are throwaway signs, is it that big of a deal?

Well, yes it is. Elected officials should set the standard. Never, ever, ever should they willfully and intentionally break the law and never should they force their subordinates into the untenable position of having to choose between pleasing their boss and breaking the law.

It undermines the entire body of local law that governs the township. A business or indi-

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vidual who has a run in with an elected official and later finds themselves on the short end of the selective enforcement stick now has a credible case of retaliation, leaving only the question as to how big the settlement check will be. How can you enforce a law against me when you don't enforce the law when it comes to your own officials? If the law is unconstitutional or otherwise bad, then change the law, but don't thumb your nose at it.

Further, it is incredibly disrespectful to township employees police officers and building officials alike. Employees are put in a nowin position. Follow your legal duty, enforce the law and anger your bosses or please your bosses and ignore your legal duty. No employer should ever put an employee in that position, ever. Yours wouldn't.

Please remind your favorite candidates that you expect them to remember they are not above the law, now and after the election - win, lose or draw.

Bob Doroshewitz Plymouth Township

An extraordinary community

We often forget how thankful we are to be part of the Plymouth community. It is truly an incredible place to live.

We were reminded of just how incredible during this year's Independence Day celebrations. On the eve of the celebration of our forefathers' Declaration of Independence, we enjoyed a spectacular fireworks show in Plymouth Township Park, now nine years running, thanks to the hard work and fundraising efforts of township Treasurer Ron Edwards. While Edwards would say it is the sponsors who should be thanked, it is Ron Edwards who makes it hap-

On the morning of the Fourth, we enjoyed the always inspiring and entertaining Good Morning U.S.A. Parade with downtown Plymouth its stage. Scott Kappler inherited the job from Fred Hill. Don't know if Mr. Hill saw the parade this year; if he did, I expect he is proud that the tradition carries on in such an exemplary fash-

Later in the day, we enjoyed the Good Old Fashioned Picnic at Plymouth Township Park, which was also started by Ron Edwards (and his family) 20 years ago. Now organized by Kelly Latawiec and husband Dave, the venue's picnickers gobbled up 6,000plus hotdogs and lots of pop, chips and ice cream while enjoying games, park amenities, a Traverse City Pie Co. pieeating contest, face painting and live music.

Regrettably, we missed the free concert in Kellogg Park the preceding weekend. The Michigan Philharmonic offered up "An American Salute" – a tribute to our nation, our armed forces and our shared values. Heard the park was packed.

We are thankful to be part of this extraordinary community and for all the folks who make it

> Dan Herriman and Mary Ann Prchlik

Encouraged by new candidates

I have been a resident of Plymouth Township for more than 30 years and have served the township on the Board of Review and, more recently, on the Compensation Committee.

When we voted on the current compensation levels for our elected officials, it was with the intention of attracting candidates with the necessary skill sets to govern the township. I reminded those present at the vote that we were evaluating positions, not individuals, and that performance reviews are accomplished through the ballot box.

I am encouraged by the new candidates that have been attracted to run for the various offices - they give us some great alternatives from which to choose in the primary election. I am looking forward to electing trustees that will not only show up for every meeting, but have an independent "citizen first" mindset.

Criticizing the current members at board meetings seems to be falling on deaf ears. The ballot box will speak loud and clear. I encourage you to research the candidates and vote for those who will work to make Plymouth an aspirational community once again.

Randy Jost Plymouth



Joanne Maliszewski, Community editor

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Danger zone: On the front line of I-275 construction

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

Jeff Mack is working this summer anywhere from eight to 16 hours a day, six or seven days a week, in a dangerous job that affects hundreds of thousands of people.

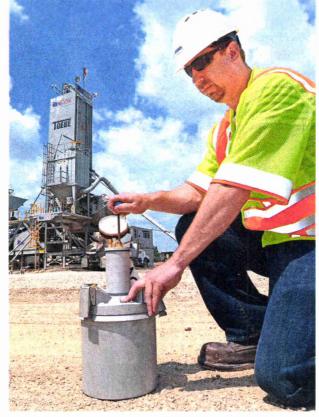
He is joined by a few hundred others, not in an air-conditioned office, but in blistering heat, sometimes rain and with dirt, concrete and impatient, frustrated motorists in abundance.

Mack is a senior transportation technician for the Michigan Department of Transportation and, this summer, his assignment is to inspect work done by contractors on the Interstate 275 rehabilitation project spanning from Five Mile Road to the I-96/I-696/ M-5 interchange. The project includes 13 miles of distance north and south, some 144 lane miles, in Novi, Farmington Hills and Livonia, said Diane Cross, MDOT communications representative.

The biggest challenge is to get this opened as quickly as possible. We recognize the inconvenience to everybody," Mack said.
"But at the same time, we need to make sure the best quality product is out there."

Lots of traffic I-275 is among the busiest stretches of road in Michigan because it is the only major northsouth route for that area and as such carries 200,000 vehicles per day on average, Cross said. Detours to local roads that take north-south routes are not designed for the same quantity of freeway traffic, leading to frustration from drivers in an already hazardous situation for construction workers.

"Thousands of pounds of metal, steel and glass



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Jeff Mack, senior transportation technician for MDOT and a project leader of the I-275 reconstruction, takes an air pressure entrainment near one of the site's two concrete making facilities. Mack and other engineers have to test the air pressure in the concrete mixture several times a day to make sure it can cure properly. Mack works seven days a week and has only had one full day off in the last 50.

are driving right near you at high speeds, which is why when we can close and contain it, it's much safer for workers so they don't have to worry about drivers," Cross said. "Almost every day, a driver crashes in a work zone area — hitting a barrel, a sign, or truck. ... People send me pics on Twitter that they take while driving, and they say, 'Why am I in a slowdown?' They feel protected in their safe bubble of a vehicle, with air bags and brakes while driving at a high speed next to someone who only has a construction barrel. Then there are the stories of vehicles hitting construction workers. Fortunate-

ly, we haven't had one of

those in a long time.'

Helping to prevent such a tragedy was closure of the southbound lanes of I-275, which reopened Friday, while northbound lanes are closing as the project is 50-percent completed.

Still dangerous

Even with closed lanes, construction zones remain dangerous for Mack as well as other workers as they walk back and forth in a zone filled with heavy equipment and materials.

'Toebe, the prime contractor, has an excellent safety program in place and we've had zero injuries so far," Mack said. "Our No. 1 goal is to go home safe."

Toward that end, all the workers on the I-275



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Construction workers toil in the 90-degree plus temperatures June 20 to properly set and smooth recently poured concrete on I-275 near the 10 Mile overpass. The site has somewhere between 100 and 200 workers on the project seven days a week.

project wear personal protection equipment, including hard hats, protective vests, safety glasses, work boots and

ear plugs. Mack, 37, has worn the gear for his entire career with MDOT, which spans 15 years. He earned his degree in engineering technology from Eastern Michigan University and chose this career path after spending a summer in a co-op program and "falling in love with it."

Many duties

As a senior technician, his primary focus is to inspect the contractors' work in the field, document their activities, do testing and ensure the best quality products are being placed on the job, including 13 inches of concrete on a correctly pitched base.

Everything you see, he explained, has a design elevation. Once concrete is in place, the next step is curing the concrete, which includes a time frame where no one is driving or touching it as it strengthens. Curing can take anywhere from two to seven days after being placed and there are no workers out

during that time. There must also be relief cuts to the pavement, as concrete will always crack,

and those are deliberately placed.

The inspectors are on-site as long as the contracted construction workers are on-site and they are out there rain or shine, he added. If weather prevents one job, such as laying concrete, they do another, such as removing it.

After 15 years and more than a hundred projects, Mack still likes all aspects of his work, including the variability, the challenges, his colleagues and meeting new people. He takes pride in a job well done.

"As a taxpaying citizen myself, it brings me a lot of joy that when I leave a project, I know it was built with the highest quality and effort I could put into it," Mack said.

He knows construction is frustrating for drivers and the married father of two wants motorists to know he shares that frustration, but he also hopes they will be patient, be aware, be safe and slow down.

'My end goal is to get home each day," said Mack. "Help me get

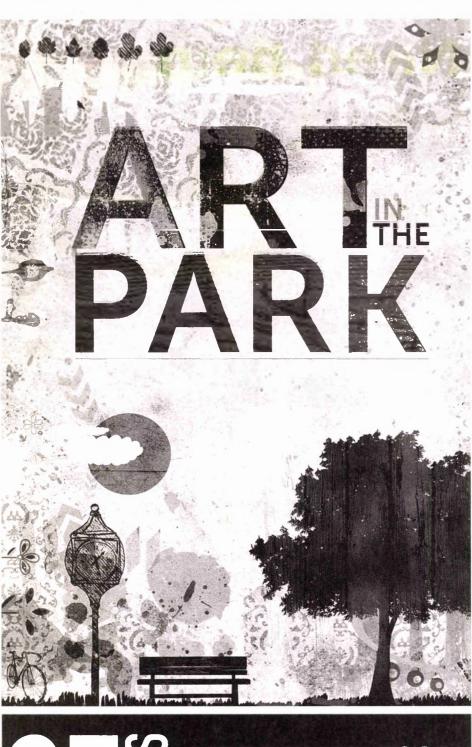
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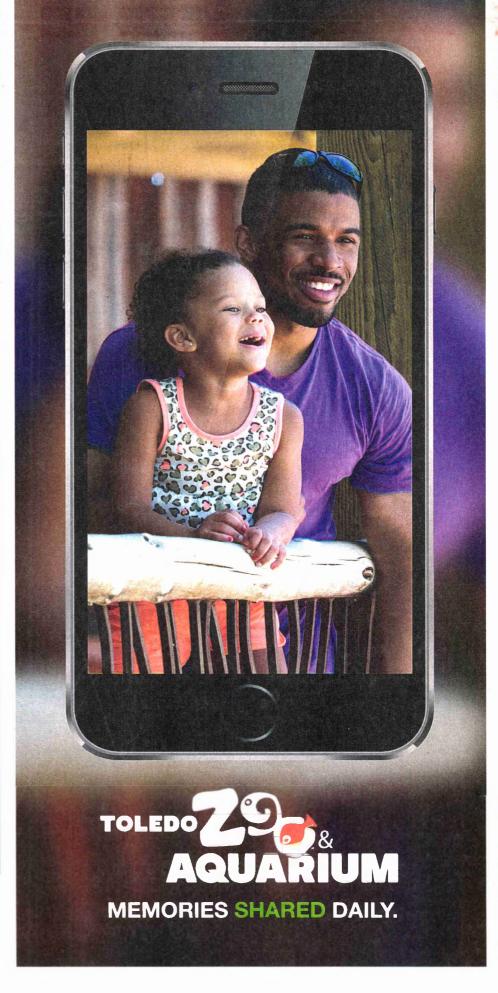














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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

New coach Rust knows North soccer

Former JV mentor promoted to coach boys varsity team

Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

The changeover to a new head coach was a smooth and seamless transition for the North Farmington High School boys varsity soccer program.

Erika Rust, who served as the JV coach the previous three years, has been promoted to the top job and replaces Mike Horner as the team's new mentor.

Furthermore, she will be coaching many of the players she coached previously at the

"The familiarity is definitely a bonus," Rust said, adding

the North JV won city and league championships the past two years. "We had a pretty successful run as far as JV programs go.

"Prior to coaching the boys team, I volunteered with them. I did a lot of coaching in various clubs and camps that allowed me to coach both boys and girls."

Rust, who has taught English at the school for 14 years, has been the girls JV coach for three years, too, and will continue in that role.

Horner, who retired at the end of last season after a seven-year run as the boys head coach and 35 years of coaching girls and boys soccer at

North, was an incredible mentor to her, Rust said.

"He was very encouraging in terms of preparing me to take over once he did decide to retire," she said. "He was very encouraging and optimistic in my ability to transition with the program and continue to help build the program in the right way."

In addition to assessing the ability of players, a key aspect of coaching is being able to gauge their personalities and how they will react to different coaching styles, Rust said.

"Guys and girls respond to coaching techniques a little

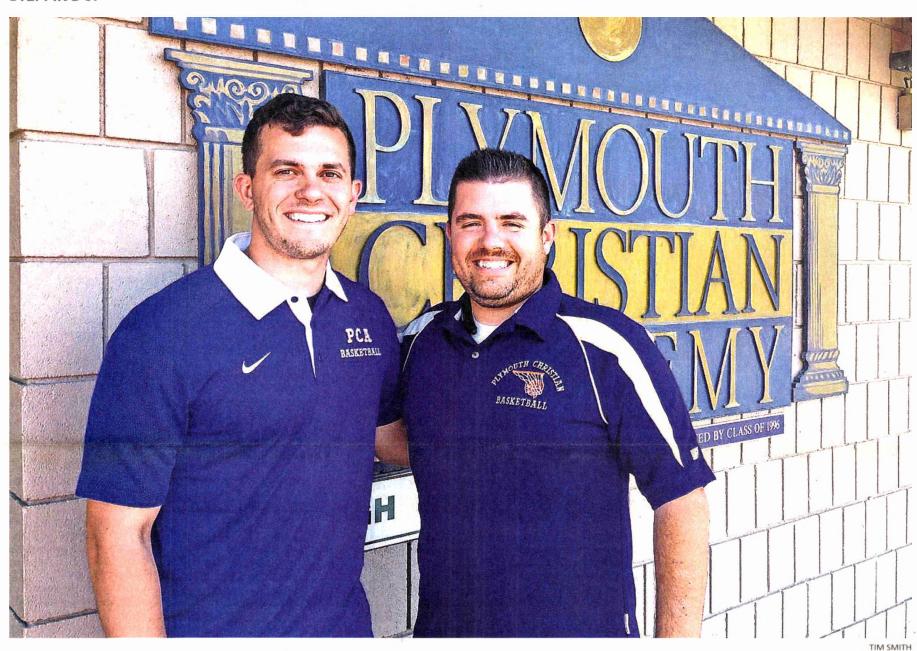
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Coach Erika Rust exchanges high-fives with players after a North Farmington girls soccer victory.

STEPPING UP



Matt Windle (left) is taking over as athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy from Nathan Yates (right), who becomes the school's new assistant principal.

MATT QUEST

New PCA athletic director Windle all about helping student-athletes reach potential

Staff Writer

For Matt Windle, there is no reason congratulating him for having an ambitious career plan and the energetic drive to match it.

Just 23 years old, Windle's penchant for making quick and timely moves on the chess board of life is all about his strong religious faith with some family encouragement, of course. The 2011 Livonia Churchill grad already has a college degree in his pocket along with several years coaching basketball at Plymouth Christian Academy.

And now, Windle is taking over as

PCA athletic director (from Nathan Yates) while continuing to be head coach of the Eagles' varsity boys basketball team. His dad, Rod, happens to coach girls basketball and track at the Canton school.

'Someone asked me the other day

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THE WINDLE FILE

Who: Matt Windle, 23, Plymouth resident and 2011 graduate of Livonia Churchill. His parents are Leanne and Rod Windle, the latter a Churchill teacher and PCA coach.

What: He recently was named athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy. Background: Windle was a four-sport athlete at Churchill (football, basketball, baseball, track) who then earned a degree in sports management at Eastern Michigan University.

Busy commute: While going to EMU, Windle coached junior varsity boys and girls basketball at PCA. After graduating from Eastern in 2015, he coached Plymouth Christian's varsity boys basketball team. He plans to continue coaching the Eagles, even with his new position.

GIRLS SOCCER

U17 Michigan Hawks make national final four

Local talent pool fuels run to Maryland tourney

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

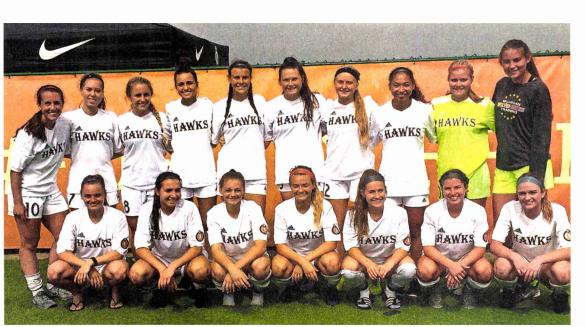
With a star-studded cast featuring several area players, the Michigan Hawks Under-17 girls soccer team is headed this weekend to Germantown, Md., and will be among four teams competing in the Elite

Club National League finals. The Hawks — coming off a 2-0 win over SC Del Sol to cap a 4-0 run recently in the Oceanside, Calif., qualifying tournament - are coached by former Detroit Rockers player

Doug Landefeld. The remaining teams in the field are all from California, including the San Diego Surf, Slammers FC and the De Anza Force FC, who the Hawks defeated earlier this season,

"It should be good. We know them all pretty well. It should be fun," Landefeld said.

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JULIE WILLERER

The U17 Michigan Hawks are headed to the Elite Club National League finals this weekend in Germantown, Md.

JUNIOR GOLF

Dales makes the cut for U.S. Junior Am tourney

Northville standout nips Canton's Piot to gain one of two qualifying spots

> Brad Emons Staff Writer

Jimmy Dales calls qualifying for the U.S Junior Amateur "right at the top" as far as his young golf career goes.

Dales, who will be a junior

Dales, who will be a junior this fall at Northville High School, garnered one of the two spots qualifying berths when he tied Carter Cook of Cornelius, N.C., for medalist honors with a 36-hole total of 147 on June 28 at Medina (Ohio) Country Club.

Dales carded rounds of 73-74, while Cook went 76-71 for a 3-over score.

"I was making a lot of clutch par putts, really saved my strokes gained," Dales said. "I was hitting the ball really well off the tee. (Medina C.C.) was playing pretty difficult. It was a very windy, tough to play 36."

Dales was able to hold off Canton native James Piot, who finished fifth last month at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals and helped Novi Detroit Catholic Central win its second straight team state title.

Piot, who will be a U.S. Amateur alternate along with



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER ille High, has earned a spot in

Jimmy Dales, who will be a junior at Northville High, has earned a spot in the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, July 18-23 in Ooltewah, Tenn.

Connor Quigley (Dayton, Ohio), was already in the clubhouse with 75-73—148 when Dales approached the 18th hole

"I was in the last group coming in and he was watching me three-putt out," Dales said. "I looked at the leader board and saw that I just needed a bogey to get in."

The U.S. Junior Amateur will be July 18-23 in Ooltewah, Tenn. The Honors Course,

which is hosting for the first time, is a par-72, 7,301-yard layout designed by Pete Dye.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Dales said. "It's a really difficult course. It ranks 31st as far as best courses in the country. Real excited to go down there and give it a shot."

The tournament, featuring two rounds of stroke play before going to match play, has a rich history, featuring past winners such as Johnny Miller (1964), David Duval (1989), Tiger Woods (1991-93), Hunter Mahan (1999) and Jordan Spieth (2009, 2011).

"I'm going to have to play really well to get into the match play," Dales said.

It will be a busy summer for Dales, who is entered in the Coca-Cola Championship at Boyne Highlands, a three-day stroke play event sponsored by the American Junior Golf Association that begins Tuesday.

Dales will also play in the AJGA Junior Tom Holzer event, Aug. 8-11 at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. He also plans to qualify or perhaps receive an exemption to the 38th Michigan Junior Amateur Championship, Aug. 22-25 at Point O'Woods Golf & Country Club in Benton Harbor.

Dales performed well this spring for the Northville varsity team, which placed 12th at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals. He was runner-up at the KLAA Kensington Conference and KLAA Association tournaments and was seventh at the district and 12th at the regional.

At the state finals, held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows, Dales shot 78-84 for a two-day total of 162.

"I had a very solid regular season," Dales said. "I had a couple mental mistakes at states and didn't play very well."

Dales, a three-sport athlete

for the Mustangs, will play varsity tennis in the fall and hockey in the winter.

But being on the links is his first passion.

"Golf is No. 1. I try and fit the other two the best I can," Dales said.

Girls Junior Amateur

At the 38th Michigan Girls Junior Amateur, held June 27-30 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course), Flushing's Kerrigan Parks defeated Ann Arbor's Jami Laude, 2 and 1, for the overall title.

In the round of 16, South Lyon's Priscilla Harding, who finished fourth in stroke play, eliminated Allison Cui, 2-up, before losing to Laude in the quarterfinals, 2 and 1.

Laude also ousted Harding's sister Elizabeth in the round of

16, 6 and 5.

Meanwhile, the 15-andunder title was won by Brighton's Heather Fortushniak,
who topped Macomb Townshin's Axial Chang 2 and 2

ship's Ariel Chang, 3 and 2. In the semifinals, Fortushniak beat Savannah Haque 2 and 1, while Chang beat Northville's Abigail Livingston, 1-up.

Livingston, who will be a junior at Novi High School, finished third in stroke play and won her opening round match against Karina VanDuinen, 6 and 5.

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Silver medal for United



Farmington United was the runner-up in the U12 Division 2 of the Western Suburban Soccer League during the spring season with a 5-1-2 record. "The boys played some tough competition and had some close games," coach Laura Litfin said. "They improved throughout the season as a team." Team members are (kneeling, from left) Waris Khan, James Turner, Brian Rice, Daniel Green, Kevin Kyles, Pablo Benito and Dominic Kendrick and (standing, from left) Litfin, Cameron Woods, Cameron Wright, Santiago Uribe Guiza, Trustin Christopher, Malachi Mealoy, Aidan Bard Kuhl, Ryan Esker and coach Don McDougall.

MICHIGAN PUBLINX SENIOR GOLF

Locals among winners at Publinx tourney

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Local golfers won respective flights June 25 at the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tournament at Washtenaw Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

Grabbing first-place honors were Canton's Kevin Schaum and Livonia's Frank Noble.

Schaum won Flight B, regis-

tering a 14-over 80 while Noble's 93 tally earned a share of the top spot in Flight D.

Prevailing with low rounds of the day were Michael Horn of Allen Park and Fritz Reifert of Ypsilanti, each tallying 74s.

The competition at Washtenaw Golf Club was the sixth of 16 tourneys and it produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 109 players ages 50 and over from 16 southeastern Michigan communities.

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RUST

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differently," she said. "Some kids need that very forthright push. They want you to call them out. Others would prefer a talk off to the side.

"That's one of the things I value about coaching is being able to read my players and push individuals to reach their potential based on how I think they'll react to different coaching techniques."

Rust's area of expertise is goalkeeping, having played that position for four years at the University of Detroit Mercy and Sterling Heights Stevenson High School before

Her background gives her a unique perspective on the game and will continue to work to her advantage as a coach.

"When you see the whole field the way a goalkeeper has to and you have to communicate with and direct teammates, you see how the play develops and things you can do a little differently," Rust said.

The Raiders have a history

of producing good goalies in the boys program. While the girls varsity has an elite keeper in Patil Tcholakian, Rust has had to work at developing JV players at that position.

"I can't remember a year we didn't have at least four capable goalkeepers with a lot of experience between the three (boys) programs," she said.

"On the girls side, each of the last three years, I've taken somebody and trained them to be goalkeepers even though they had little to no experience."

When the girls varsity was without a netminder two years ago, Rust helped to turn Samanatha Carruthers from a field player into a good goalie.

"She said to me, kind of tongue-in-cheek, she could be

a goalie," Rust said. "My eyes lit up, and she was kind of stuck at that point. She did very well and enjoyed it."

The Raiders, who were 8-8-3 last season, will return nine varsity players and will move from the OAA Blue Division to the White.

"That's a beneficial move for our program," Rust said. "We should remain very competitive. The goal would be to win the division, but it's going to be a very tight division. Most teams can beat someone else on a given day.

"It's a matter of our team improving every day of the season. We want to prepare for the district and go into the district in the best game shape and with the best mentality as

"I'm really looking forward to the season. We're ready to hit the ground running with a lot of returning kids. It should make for a fun and competitive year, and I'm looking forward to being a part of it."

SUMMER CAMPS

Harrison volleyball

The Harrison High School volleyball team will have a three-day camp for girls July 19-21 in the school gym.

The first session from 1-3 p.m. each day is for girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the next school year.

Girls who will be in the seventh and eighth grades will attend the second session from 3:15-5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$55 at the door. For families with two girls attending the camp, the cost is \$50 per child.

Contact either coach Michael Love at 313-758-1185 or coach Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Coach Wilson hoops

Coach Stefon Wilson's Basketball Camp is slated for July 25-29 at Harrison High School. He is the school's boys varsity coach.

The camp is for boys and girls who will be in grades 8-15. The cost is \$180 per camper. Register by June 20 to receive a T-shirt.

Camp hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. Campers must bring their own lunch. Pizza will be provided on the last day.

Contact Wilson at CoachStefonWilson@gmail.com or 313-919-1990.

Fast Break at SC

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will host 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. Each camper will receive a customized Fast Break basketball and reversible jersey.

The cost is \$85 if registered by July 8 and \$95 for late registration. The camp will take place at the Schoolcraft gym, 18600 Haggerty Road.

For more information, 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 football

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

There will be a six-week football camp through July 28 with Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions (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. The fee is \$20 per session or \$240 for flat rate.

Voltage also is putting together a 14U AAU team to practice and play games July 11 through early August. Go to www.voltageelite.com for more about the programs.

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, Tshirt, 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 ymcadetroit.org/plymouth or calling 734-453-2904.

PDL SOCCER

Bucks back in playoff hunt after two road wins

First place in their sight after 3-2 Canada Day triumph over K-W United

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks completed their most important road swing of the season Friday night when they defeated Premier Development League champion Kitchener-Waterloo United, 3-2, on Canada Day.

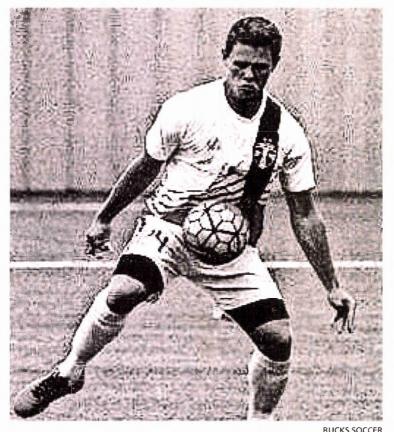
The victory puts the Bucks (8-2-0, 24 points) back in command of the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, while K-W United (8-2-1, 25 points) remains in first place with a game in hand.

The Bucks swept the season series against United and celebrated that win on the heels of a 4-1 victory earlier in the week over the Derby City Rovers in Louisville.

The PDL regular season now comes down to the home stretch for the Bucks with four matches remaining.

Michigan travels Thursday to Cincinnati to take on the **Dutch Lions before returning** Saturday night at home to face the Rovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

"This was hell week for us." Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "When the schedule came out, we looked at a late-season



David Goldsmith had a goal in the Michigan Bucks' 3-2 win over defending PDL champion K-W United.

road trip with back-to-back games in Louisville and K-W and assumed these would be two teams we would be competing with for playoff spots. We also knew we had to have six points from these two games to have a chance to remain Great Lakes champs and keep our hold on the No. 1 seed in the

Central Conference." The Rovers' slim hopes for one of two playoff spots will

mean having to defeat the

Bucks on their home turf. Friday's match against K-W started out similar to the Bucks' opening game of the season, when they jumped on United early to get some muchneeded momentum.

The Bucks' goal in the first minutes of their May matchup led them to a 6-0 thrashing of the defending champs.

This time it was Adam Najem (Clifton, N.J./Akron University) who stole a pass from the K-W goalkeeper and smacked home the game's first goal in the fourth minute.

K-W got a break in the 27th minute, when a cross from the side hit Bucks defender Francis De Vries (New Zealand/St. Francis University) in the arm inside the penalty area and United was given a spot kick. Jahsua Mills beat Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan) to tie the match, 1-1.

The Bucks, chasing their record 13th Great Lakes Division title, responded quickly when Russell Cicerone (Birmingham Brother Rice/University of Buffalo) scored a brilliant left-footed goal to the far post after a creative one-two passing display from Andre Landell (England/Tiffin University) and Ben Fitzpatrick (Hilliard, Ohio/Urbana University). The 36th-minute goal put the Bucks ahead 2-1.

It took four minutes for Cicerone to streak down the far side and send in a pin-point cross that Bucks striker David Goldsmith (England/Butler University) chested into the back of the net for a more comfortable 3-1 lead.

K-W's Nick Wysong (Elkhart, Ind./Western Michigan University) beat Shepherd in the dving moments to make it 3-2, but that was how the game would end.

"To come to K-W and win is a very difficult task, so I'm proud of the effort that this team put together," Muftari said.

For the Bucks' remaining two home matches Saturday, July 9 (Derby City), and Saturday, July 16 (Pittsburgh Riverhounds), at Ultimate Soccer Arenas, tickets are available for \$6 in advance at www.buckssoccer.com.

Kids wearing their Bucks iersey or club uniform get in for only \$4. Special groups rates for 20 can be purchased by calling Bucks director of operations Kelly Haapala at 248-521-2179.

BUCKS 4, DERBY CITY 1: The week started June 28 with a win at Woehrle Field in Louisville, Ky.
Despite a slow start, the Bucks (7-2-0, 21 points) finished strong with four second-half goals to severely hamper the playoff hopes for Derby City (4-3-2, 14

points).

The Rovers got on the scoreboard first, when striker Aleksi Pahkasalo beat Shepherd to the far post in the

game's 24th minute.

Muftari rallied the troops at halftime, reminding them of what a win would mean in the overall playoff picture for both teams.

The message was well-received and the Bucks' offense one of the most potent in the PDL, came to life

led by Fitzpatrick, who scored in the 48th minute (from Landell) and the 57th minute (from Cicerone) With a 2-1 lead and the Rovers needing a win to try to find a way to steal second place and make the playoffs, the Bucks continued to pound the ball at the

Derby City goal looking for the knockout. In the 77th minute, Cicerone took a pass from Fitzgerald and finished his fifth goal on the season for the Bucks and the 3-1 advantage. Second half sub Eric McWoods (UMKC) scored a

goal in the 87th minute on a great feed from De Vries (New Zealand/ St. Francis University) to finish the scoring.

Muftari appeared to be a completely different

person after the game based on the team's second half performance

"I'm not sure who the team was that showed up in the first half, but the one I have been working with all season definitely showed up when it mattered," he

WINDLE

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about that," said the younger Windle, about what his dad's reaction was to having a son as his supervisor. "I told him, inside these walls (at PCA) I'm technically his boss. But as soon as I step out he's still mine.

'So I got to make sure I'm good on both ends. But he's proud of me."

Staying put

Windle said he had other possibilities to coach and teach since graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 2015 (with a degree in sports management) but everything pointed him in Plymouth Christian's

"It's been really affirming, (there were) different opportunities I could have taken and doors I could have opened," Windle stressed. "But the Lord sort of shut them for me, so I could stay here."

According to Yates, the athletic director from 2014-16 who himself is moving up the PCA ladder (to assistant principal for 2016-17), it was a "no brainer" that Windle would lead the list of candidates provided to principal Caryn Huntsman.

"Matt was the logical choice," Yates noted, "with a degree in the field, being familiar with the school, as a coach, as a substitute teacher, working across the parking lot in the youth group, lifelong member of the

"It became a no-brainer when it came to who could do AD and do it well. It was Matt."

Windle also is pumped up to help the school's young men and women

grow as student-athletes and in their faith - which are all intertwined on the PCA/Calvary Baptist Church campus on Joy Road, a couple miles west of Haggerty.

High school enrollment projections for 2016-17 are 170, Yates said; only a small percentage of which play freshman, junior varsity and varsity sports.

"In terms of where we want it to go, obviously we want to continue down the path that (Yates) has helped stretch out for us," Windle emphasized. "But the primary focus is developing our athletes to be Christ-like on and off the court.

That's really been a blessing, too, because I have another role here as spiritual life chaplain. That aspect and our athletic director aspect can just merge right into where we want our athletics to be and where we want our spiritual life of our student-athletes to be.'

On the grid

Windle and Yates will keep collaborating as they look to continue nurturing the athletic department into and through what it hopes will be a period of growth.

To that end, on the horizon for this fall is joining Lutheran Westland for a co-op varsity football team (which will be known as the Warriors).

Joining Lutheran Westland players will be ninth-graders and 10thgraders; Yates said the goal is for PCA to have enough players to branch off and have its own football team by the end of the decade.

"Our co-op agreement with Lutheran Westland is for two years,' Yates said. "Both Lutheran Westland and PCA went into that agreement

under the hope that this will only be for the MHSAA standard of two

years.
"... We've got the facilities, a full weight room, full field out back with goal posts. Ordering bleachers, equipment and jerseys, in the grand scheme of things that's the minor issue. You just need the bodies."

In order to get more athletes to join PCA teams, and to draw attention to the program itself, Windle said he is pointing out that the Eagles have had recent team successes in girls volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer and baseball.

It doesn't hurt that he considers himself up to speed on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"You know I'm big on social media, we want to get our marketing going," Windle added. "When people see that Eagle (icon) they know 'Plymouth Christian.'

"We're starting to put in camps during the season and during the summer, kids not only from PCA but from around the community can come to the school and check it out."

Windle's PR pitch to kids is straightforward.

"I'm a big believer that when you're given responsibility and privilege through sport," Windle stressed, "you're going to excel in other aspects like your school work."

There's a lot of truth in that, underscored by Matt Windle and the upward trajectory of his early career path.

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After winning his age division at the Hanover Firecracker Run Monday, Luke Haran celebrated with his "trophy" — an apple pie.

HOLIDAY RACE

SWEET VICTORY

Teen wins tasty award for winning his division at July 4 Hanover Firecracker Run

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Luke Haran's pacesetting running ability Monday literally made his July 4 holiday a sweet one.

The 14-year-old Canton resident ate up the competition to capture first place in the 14-and-under division of the Hanover Firecracker 5-Mile Run.

And for that, Haren got the chance to eat up a homemade apple pie — which he and all other age-group division winners received.

Haran, who will be a sophomore this fall on Salem High School's varsity boys cross country team, finished the USATF-certified circuit in 29 minutes, 35.7 seconds to win the divi-



That was good for sixth-place overall in the open competition.

Bryce Stroded, 21, was the top overall and male open division finisher with a time of 27:27.6 while 22-year-old Miranda Haas earned first in the female open division

The event also included a Masters tournament. Winners were 42-year-old Mark Good (seventh overall, 29:52.5) and 52-yearold Christine Vincent (45th overall, 35:02.1).

Runners age 50 and over were slotted into the Grand Masters division.

The Hanover Firecracker Run (including a 5-mile run and 5K walk) started and finished in front of the Hanover Township Fire Station.

It was held as part of the Orthopaedic Rehab Run/Walk Series.

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HAWKS

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The Hawks finished first in the ECNL's Midwest Conference with a 13-1-2 record, while also going 3-1 in the Champions League and 0-0-3 in the Phoenix ECNL National.

Three players with local ties have been stalwarts for the Hawks: Grace Krygier, a junior at Novi High; Abby Willerer, a junior from Northville; and Sarah Clark, a junior from Milford.

Krygier, a starting center midfielder, is committed to the University of Iowa, where she'll join her older sister Natalie.

"She's rangy, she does a really good job. She's an important part of what we do," Landefeld said. "We play a lot through the middle of the field, so she touches the ball a lot for us. A great kid, who had a really good tournament out in San Diego and is a big reason why we're moving forward.'

Willerer, a defender, is a Central Michigan University commit.

"Abby has started every game for us this year," Landefeld said. "Her and Sarah Clark are a great partnership in the back. Abby technically is quite good, really distributes the ball well, fantastic in the

air, goes up and creates goals on corners and everything. Has really matured into a great player. She goes up against the best players in the country and does a great job.'

Clark, headed to Purdue, was among 70 players recently invited to participate in the Nike National Training Camp in Beaverton, Ore.

"She originally played outside for us. Then Maggie Samanich got hurt, so we brought her into the middle of the field and she's really a force for us in the back with Abby," Landefeld said. "She takes most of our free kicks. She scored a real nice goal out in San Diego. She's a great leader and really responded with more responsibility brought into the middle of the field. She likes to attack quite a bit. She's the consummate team player and really filled that role and (is) a big reason why

where we are right now."
Novi junior Bethany Kopel, a goalie who has been playing up on the U18 Hawks team that also made the ECNL national finals, will accompany the U17 Hawks to Germantown. She is committed to Indi-

Meanwhile, Salem junior Isabel Rodriguez, an Ohio State commit, will not be with the U17 Hawks this weekend. She will be with the U17 U.S. Women's National Team training camp in preparation for the

World Cup in October.

The team's leading scorer is Southfield's Alexxis Lipsey (Birmingham Groves), another OSU commit. Canton's Madison Wolfbauer, second in points, is headed to Illinois. Samanich, a junior from Brighton, is also an OSU commit. Other CMU commits from the

Hawks include juniors Sarah Mitchell, (Sterling Heights/Utica Eisenhower); Sheila Mangan (Brighton); and Allison Viazanko, Harrison Township (L'Anse Creuse).

Rounding out the squad are Plymouth's Madeline Lucas (Canton), a Northwestern signee; White Lake's Megan Young (Walled Lake Northern), a Florida Gulf Coast signee; Okemos' Madison Clem (Williamston), a Michigan State commit; Saline's Catherin Dager, a Villanova commit; Warren's Jamie Leas (Fraser), a DePaul signee; Ann Arbor's Isabel Nino (Detroit Country Day), a Michigan commit; Brighton's Gianna Parlove (Farmington Hills Mercy), a Grand Valley State commit; Shelby Township's Hannah Redoute (Birmingham Marian), a Western Michigan commit; Lansing's Danielle Stephan (DeWitt); and Shelby Township's Jillian Winarski (Eisenhower), a Purdue commit.

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

JULY **CAR SHOW**

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 16

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard,

Details: The lot will open for participants at 8 a.m. Cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m. \$10 covers participation and car owner's goodie bag. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. .Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be additional activities and food

Contact: livoniastmichael.org COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July

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,

tion to Grace's Table Contact: 734-397-1777

\$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10

Starbucks gift cards, for dona-

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 Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music 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.;

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MALCOM DAVID DDS

June 29, 2016 age 89 of

and Rev. Douglas (Rev.

Northville. Beloved husband of

the late Janet. Loving father to Mary Catherine, David (Patty),

Elizabeth (Robert) McCullough,

Emily). Loving grandfather to

Malcolm, John, Scott, Alex.

Daniel, Sarah, and Hannah

who brought much joy to his life. David Campbell was a

leader and mentor in Michigan

dentistry for 60 years, with a truly remarkable legacy to his

credit. Gathering Friday, July

15, 5-8 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd.,

Plymouth. Memorial Service

Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church

of Plymouth 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170. In lieu of

flowers memorial contributions

may be to the church or U of D Mercy School of Dentistry,

2700 MLK Jr. Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208, Attn: Thomas Sklut

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for the M. David Campbell

Memorial Fund for Special

Needs Patients.

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; hosannatabor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 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. WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Ply-

Details: The peer support group will attend Mass and gather for a potluck luncheon

Contact: 734-895-6246 or

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every

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

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Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers

Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

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. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub

Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey

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. Thurs-

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 Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests wel-

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**

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peace

in your time

of sorrow.

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, 1/4 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.

literation as well as the original

Hebrew. Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net. **SUPPORT**

Lyrics are provided in trans-

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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

care is available for free

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

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

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.metrofibro-

group.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, specializ-

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,

Details: A twice-monthly dropin Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Contact: 734-421-8451

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 Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

0322 » 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

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch<mark>.</mark>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

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

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia Contact: 734-522-6830 » Congregation Bet Chave-

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the

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 be

tchaverim@vahoo.com » Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia Details: Service with the Rev JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school

Contact: 313-550-4301 » Due Season Christian Church

and child care

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 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,

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; faithcommunity-novi.org

» Faith Community Wesleyan

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,

www.wardchurch.org

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

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

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

» Good Hope Lutheran

Church

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

» Good Shepherd Evangelical **Lutheran Church (WELS)**

Sunday service Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile,

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShep-

herdNovi.org » Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Beck, Canton Township Contact: 734-637-8160

» His Church Anglican Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-

on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

can.org; 248-442-0HCA

Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the

Contact: 734-427-1414

» Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church

Location: 9600 Leverne, west of

» In His Presence Ministries Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Location: 26500 Grand River

tinhispresence.org

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford

» New Life Community Church Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

www.newlifec

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 Reconcilia-

appointment Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326

» Plymouth Baptist Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45

contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and

preschool programs available at

Contact: 734-453-5534

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» Garden City Presbyterian

fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap

Contact: 734-421-7620

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

Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m.

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional

Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall

Contact: www.HisChurchAngli-

» Holy Cross Evangelical **Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

chapel Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livo-

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford Contact: 313-937-2424

Ave., Redford Contact: 313-533-1956; detroi-

» New Beginnings United **Methodist Church**

Contact: 313-255-6330 Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: 734-846-4615 or

ommunitychurch4u.com » Our Lady of Good Counsel

tion, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty Details: Both services feature

both services.

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EDUCATING HOMEOWNERS



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WAYNE METRO 'ABOUT CREATING PREPARED BUYERS'

Julie Brown

Dannielle Bills is a social worker with a passion for helping people with housing issues. As homeownership services manager for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, she's involved with helping people decide if owning is right for them, along with a host of related issues.

The Own My Home homeowner education program has been around some 15 years, and recently funded through Community Development **Block Grants of Wayne County**

HOME dollars. 'Homeownership education has been around for decades, Bills said. In addition to deciding on renting vs. owning, clients need to look at issues of maintenance (there is no landlord to call in owning), the process of getting a mortgage, and recognizing predatory lending practices.

'It's about creating prepared buyers and helping them sustain ownership. We work with some people a couple of years," Bills said. "Owning a home is very different from

That includes staff pulling a



"It's about creating prepared buyers and helping them sustain ownership ... Owning a home is very different from renting."

DANNIELLE BILLS homeownership services manager for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency

credit report to help the client overcome obstacles, to pay down debt, "just helping them save toward the down pay-

ment," she said. She said clients' first step is to sign up for a Homebuyer Club Workshop on the agency website:

www.waynemetro.org/homes or email Wayne Metro for more information at: ownmyhome@waynemetro.org

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1-800-649-3777 Wayne Metro staff helps to connect clients with other programs that assist with down payments. Wayne Metro has Realtors and lenders who work with the program as facilitators, meeting to speak

"The participants have a chance to ask specific questions," she said. Their questions include issues on credit reports, such as a bankruptcy or lien, impacting ownership, ways to improve a credit score, and what kind of an offer to make based on a sale price

The agency is certified both through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Programs get support through private industry, including the real estate industry, Bills said.

"Read and ask questions," she urges prospective buyers. If answers aren't satisfactory, "you should continue to ask questions. Always being informed."

Bills noted, "There's assistance out there to purchase homes. There are so many

programs out there designed to help people become homeowners." That's true even for those with credit issues.

Bills noted the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has helped with rules and regulations applying now to the mortgage market.

"It's on the consumer to be mindful the information they're getting is accurate, she said. "If they're not comfortable, they have choices" on lenders. There's a window of time to shop around for preapproval with lenders.

"They're busy," she noted of Realtors. "Our only job is to be those clients' advocate." She has done such work since 2010, and noted other agency services such as free income tax e-filing for earners under \$50,000 a

"The best way to go is to take a homebuyer education class," she added, noting staff has no stake in the outcome of the decision

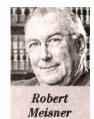
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Right exists to know condominium unit owner

Q: We have a situation where a limited liability company is buying a unit in our condominium. We are concerned about who was actually going to live there. Do we have a right to find out?

A: The name of a unit owner who lives in a housing organization in which use-rights and other property interests are formally interlocked seems to

be a reasonable request. An official owner of a unit may have otherwise legitimate reasons to register the property with a corporation or a trustee.



However, granting homeowners the ability to identify the beneficial owner by name, if nothing else, serves an important goal of preserving their liberty to make timely and informed decisions. You have a right to know who will be living there as that person or persons will have a responsibility to comply with the condominium documents and your condominium bylaws should so

Q: I live in a detached condominium and want to install a high-voltage station in my unit to provide for an electric vehicle. Do I need permission from the associa-

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Competitive housing market puts crimp on buyer options

After steadily increasing for three straight months, pending home sales let up in May and declined year-overyear for the first time in almost two years, according to the National Association of Realtors. All four major regions experienced a cutback in contract activity last

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, slid 3.7 percent to 110.8 in May from a downwardly revised 115.0 in April and is now slightly lower (0.2 percent) than May 2015 (111.0). With last month's decline, the index reading is still the third highest in the past year, but declined year-over-year for the first time since August

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says pending sales slumped in May across most of the country. "With demand holding firm this spring and homes selling even faster than a year ago, the notable increase in closings in recent months took a dent out of what was available for sale in May and ultimately dragged down contract activity," he said. "Realtors are acknowledging with increasing frequency lately that buyers continue to be frustrated by the tense competition and lack of affordable homes for sale in their market.'

Supply is scant

Despite mortgage rates hovering around three-year lows for most of the year, Yun says scant supply and swiftly rising home prices — which surpassed their all-time high last month — are creating an availability and affordability crunch that's preventing what should be a more robust pace of sales

"Total housing inventory at the end of each month has remarkably decreased yearover-vear now for an entire year," added Yun. "There are simply not enough homes coming onto the market to

catch up with demand and to keep prices more in line with inflation and wage growth."

Looking ahead to the second half of the year, Yun says the fallout from the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union breeds both immediate opportunity as well as potential headwinds for the U.S. housing market.

'In the short term, volatility in the financial markets could very likely lead to even lower mortgage rates and increased demand from foreign buyers looking for a safer place to invest their cash," he said. "On the other hand, any prolonged market angst and further economic uncertainty overseas could negatively impact our economy and end up tempering the overall appetite for home buying.

In spite of last month's step back in contract signings, existing-home sales this year are still expected to be around 5.44 million, a 3.7 percent boost from 2015. After accelerating to 6.8 percent a year

ago, national median existing-home price growth is forecast to slightly moderate to between 4 and 5 percent.

Regional breakdown

The PHSI in the Northeast dropped 5.3 percent to 93.0 in May, and is now unchanged from a year ago. In the Midwest, the index slipped 4.2 percent to 108.0 in May, and is now 1.8 percent below May 2015.

Pending home sales in the South declined 3.1 percent to an index of 126.6 in May but are still 0.6 percent higher than last May. The index in the West decreased 3.4 percent in May to 102.6, and is now 0.1 percent below a year ago.

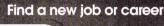
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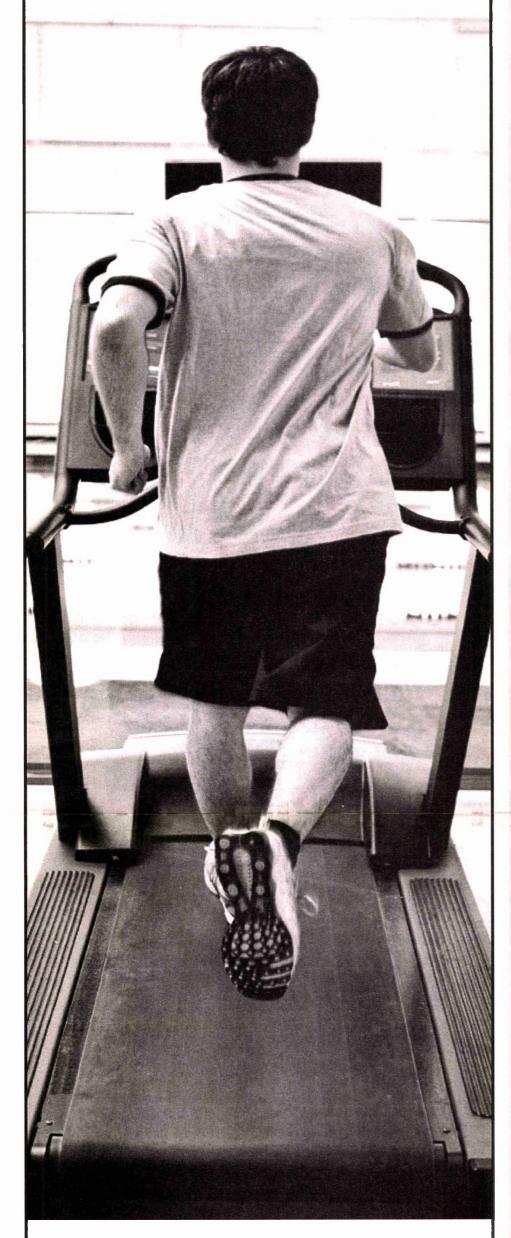
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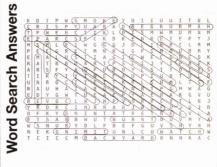
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