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Plymouth, Canton residents react to same-sex marriage court ruling

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Plymouth resident Alanna Maguire described herself as "ecstatic" Friday after the U.S. Supreme Court made same-sex marriage legal across the nation, ushering in a landmark decision that will allow Maguire to marry her partner, Dana Nessel.

"This has been a long time coming and I have a personal stake in it," Maguire said. "I'm just so proud and happy."

Maguire said she and Nessel will likely marry as early as October. Nessel is co-counsel for two Michigan women, April DeBoer and Jayne

Rowse, whose challenge against the state's same-sex marriage ban helped land the issue in the Supreme Court's hands.

Maguire and Nessel are already engaged, Maguire said, adding that their marriage isn't likely to be a quiet one "knowing the two of us. We're pretty loud."

Joined by their 12-year-old sons Zach and Alex, Maguire and Nessel celebrated Friday with a crowd in Ann Arbor with the National Marriage Challenge organization, which has fought for same-sex marriage.

Sommer Foster, a Canton resident and legislative direc-

tor for Equality Michigan, embraced the Supreme Court's ruling.

"I feel ecstatic and I'm so happy for the people who have waited a lifetime to pledge their love together," Foster said.

She had anticipated a favorable court ruling on same-sex marriage.

"I did expect it. I could tell that the nation was ready for it and, even though the court doesn't usually take public opinion into consideration, they usually try not to fall on the wrong side of history," Foster said.



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Alanna Maguire and Dana Nessel with their two sons, Zach and Alex



Summit on the Park's aquatics center, including the water slide, will be closed five weeks for renovations.

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Summit aquatics center faces five-week shutdown period

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's Summit on the Park, a popular, 6,000-member recreation center, will shut down its aquatics area for five weeks starting Sept. 7 to accommodate a \$700,000 renovation.

The shutdown affects all pools, aquatic center locker rooms, the sauna and the steam room as work crews make repairs to the Summit, nearing its 20th year next January.

Despite the five-week disruption that ends Oct. 11, Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Hon-

wetz said the renovations will improve the Summit – a facility that draws about 500,000 visitors a year, including repeat customers.

"It's going to be better," she said.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the renovations signal the second-biggest project since the Summit opened in January 1996. The largest involved a building expansion in 2002.

The project involves these renovations:

» Improving aquatics center locker rooms and renovating showers to make them more private.

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Summit lifeguard Jesse Zhou keeps an eye on a crowd of youngsters in the pool. Upcoming renovations will include painting and tile work in the aquatics center.

Ex-treasurer Kirchgatter passes away at age 74

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Elaine Kirchgatter knew she had a short time to live when she agreed to an interview with the *Observer* last September. She seemed in good spirits. She even laughed.

"I'm thankful for every day that I have," she said. "I'm thankful for my wonderful family and friends."

Mrs. Kirchgatter, a former Canton treasurer and Plymouth-Canton school board member who had moved to Carmel, Ind., over a year ago to be closer to grandchildren Brady and Elle, died Thursday



KIRCHGATTER

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Canton Busch's store saga continues

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Busch's Fresh Food Market officials insist the company still plans to open its store in Canton, despite a 27-month lapse since the township board gave the project the go-ahead.

Busch's has given its potential customer base little explanation, more than a year after workers completed exterior work on the 53,000-square-foot building near Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

When contacted by telephone Thursday for an expla-

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P-CCS board splits on balanced budget approval

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

As officials headed toward adopting the 2015-16 district budget Tuesday night, Plymouth-Canton school board Trustee Sheila Paton voiced the realization that the state will not help with the real costs of educating more than 17,000 district students.

"We will need to do our own form of local control," Paton said. "We are in a position where the state is not going to help us."

Paton urged the board to come together and develop ways of generating revenue locally for the school district. "We need to engage the community in different ways of generating revenues,"

she said, adding that methods could be as simple as community volunteers to program revenue.

Following weeks of meetings and late night deliberations with a proposed budget that began with close to a \$6 million deficit, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved the document in a 5-2 vote. Michael Maloney and Mark Horvath declined support for the \$150 million balanced budget.

"I am concerned about the message we send our staff and community," Horvath said, claiming the budget lacked what



Paton

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he called "optics."

His examples included deleting five plant engineer positions, while the board previously privatized maintenance/building operations. Yet plant engineers told board members they are needed because much is not getting done at the buildings. "Clearly, from all indications, we haven't achieved that," Horvath said.

Horvath also noted that while the district is adding a dance studio, the auditorium manager position is eliminated. Additionally, while stressing STEM educa-

tion, the budget includes the elimination of seven full-time-equivalent math interventionists. "I don't know how we rationalize that with STEM," he said.

With a needs-based budget, "we are pretty much funding at a 90-percent level," he added.

Maloney, in turn, agreed with Horvath, adding that he doesn't believe the new budget focuses on learning and that "critical people" have been removed from important areas. "We're getting ready to open a school (Liberty) that we don't really need," he said, adding that the centralization of the TAG program requires additional administration for about another \$250,000.

Board member Kate Borninski, said she had

"been agonizing" about the budget and is unhappy with some items: "Overall, I feel better about it than I did with the first draft. I didn't want to do these cuts. These are choices we have to make that are hard choices."

Board President John Barrett applauded Superintendent Michael Meissen and his administrative team for work on the budget that began with an almost \$6 million deficit. Despite cuts, a number of the originally proposed cuts have since been restored. He also acknowledged the need to generate revenue and continue planning financially for the district. "We are going to start talking about the budget in August (this year)."

Trustee Michael Siegrist spoke about the lack of trust and board cohesion, alluding to some members who opposed adoption. "Everyone needs to look at themselves and how they do business," he said. "There's some freedom in being in the minority. We have got to make some tough choices. I can't justify not voting for this."

Trustee Kim Crouch, who said she has been working a lot with the administration on budget issues behind the scenes, added that she wants to see the board and the district move to a proactive and growth mode. "A board without vision will simply perish," she said.

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SUMMIT

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» Painting the aquatics center's steel supporting structures and ceiling and repairing its tiles.

» Resurfacing a water slide that is a Summit favorite for children.

» Dismantling and removing two large tank-like sand filters that serve the aquatics area and bringing in replacements that are smaller and more efficient.

"It will save us a lot on water, electricity and gas (expenses)," said Greg Hohenberger, Leisure Services operations manager.

Sitting inside the aquatics area, Donald Fraser, a local camp director, watched as children laughed, screamed and splashed during a visit from Real Life Day Camp and Farm, a place on Geddes Road for youngsters.

"It's a great place to bring the kids. I wouldn't want to run a camp without the Sum-

mit," said Fraser, better known as Farmer Don. "This is the best one facility I've ever seen in my 38 years of being a camp director."

During the five-week shutdown, Summit patrons will have no access to aquatic locker rooms and shower facilities; however, fitness center locker rooms will remain open.

The entire Summit already was scheduled to shut down at noon Sept. 7 for annual maintenance efforts. Officials decided to keep the 14,000-square-foot aquatics center closed for the next four weeks to complete the needed repairs by Heaney General Contracting of Ypsilanti.

To compensate Summit patrons for the closure, Hohenberger said members will have five weeks added to their memberships starting Sept. 1.

And while swim lessons will not be offered during the five-week shutdown, they will return Oct. 11 and participants will get two free months of membership.

KIRCHGATTER

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morning after an aggressive form of cancer, acute myeloid leukemia, spread. She was 74.

Joy Fischer, one of Mrs. Kirchgatter's three daughters, said her mother should be remembered for her dedication to her community, local schools, arts organizations, friends and family.

"She loved the community that we grew up in and she felt strongly about wanting to have good schools for children," Fischer said. "She was really involved with her grandchildren. It was really important for my kids to see and learn from her about being a good person, doing well in school and giving back to the community."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Friday that flags at township buildings would be lowered to half-staff for the weekend in honor of Kirchgatter.

Joan Noricks, former Canton Community Foundation president, became friends with Mrs. Kirchgatter in the mid-1980s when their children were involved in the now-defunct Plymouth Youth Symphony. Both had a passion for education and the arts.



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Elaine Kirchgatter, who died Thursday, holds a picture of her late husband Richard during her years in Canton.

"Probably the most remarkable thing I remember about Elaine is her commitment to family, community and making the world a better place," Noricks said Thursday morning. "She was fiercely loyal to those who knew her and loved her."

Mrs. Kirchgatter lived longer than she expected before her death in the care of hospice. She said during a telephone interview in September that doctors had told her just one month earlier that she may only have weeks to live, yet she faced her situation with courage.

Mrs. Kirchgatter served as Canton treasurer for 16 years until 2008, when she decided not to seek re-election. She also had served as a township board trustee and, along with friends such as Flossie Tonda and Carol Davis, as a Plymouth-Canton school board member.

Davis has commended Mrs. Kirchgatter for "doing what was right for the community" and, on a personal level, said she had "a marvelous sense of humor."

Mrs. Kirchgatter grew up near Rochester, N.Y., where her father served on the school board and her mother was a community volunteer. She learned early in life to give back and said she was taught to make the world "a little better place than we found it."

Mrs. Kirchgatter's late husband Richard also was well-known in the Canton area, where he was involved in the Canton Planning Commission, the Plymouth Rotary Club and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He was a farming enthusiast and veterinary clinic owner who died of cancer in 2003.

During the interview, Mrs. Kirchgatter said she considered herself a moderate Republican, though she said she had become disillusioned

with divisive politics.

She and her husband moved to Canton in the 1960s and raised daughters June, Jill and Joy. Mrs. Kirchgatter became involved in 4-H, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and St. John's Episcopal Church, among other organizations.

Mrs. Kirchgatter remained in Canton to be near her own mother until her death. Then she moved closer to daughter Joy Fischer and grandchildren.

Mrs. Kirchgatter was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia after she developed shortness of breath. She received treatment, including blood transfusions, but she said in September that she didn't have long to live. Yet she was brave, saying she had her faith, family and friends.

"I haven't really shed a lot of tears over this whole thing," she said.

A memorial service for Mrs. Kirchgatter will be announced later. Fischer said it will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, where the family used to attend services. Mrs. Kirchgatter will be cremated, with her ashes interred alongside her husband's.

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BUSCH'S

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nation, Carol Varga, Busch's director of facilities, simply said, "I don't have an answer."

John Hunter, the company's director of marketing, indicated he would try to get some answers within days. He said he needed to speak with a corporate official who was out of town.

Meanwhile, Varga and Hunter both dismissed rumors that Busch's might abandon the Canton Center location and build on another Canton site, possibly on Michigan Avenue.

"I have not heard that," Varga said. "I

would know that."

Hunter, in a separate telephone conversation, agreed.

"I've not heard that, either," he said.

Busch's received site plan and special land use approval from the Canton Township Board of Trustees in March 2013. According to the planning department, those approvals have no expiration date because the company already completed some work, such as the exterior.

Work still hasn't started on the building's interior. Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said Friday that Busch's hasn't even submitted plans to the township for interior work.

Canton residents have

frequently asked the *Observer* about Busch's plans. Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said local officials get the same questions.

"We get questions about it all the time, even internally (among township employees)," she said.

Canton would be the 16th store for the Ann Arbor-based chain. McLaughlin said Busch's will face competition in Canton from other nearby grocery stores such as Holiday Market, on Lilley south of Cherry Hill.

"Everybody is in a tizzy about Busch's and we have Holiday Market," she said, which she called "outstanding in every single aspect" because of the way own-

ers John and Lisa Par-dington run their business.

"It's locally owned by people who live here in Canton," McLaughlin said. "They're extremely generous community supporters. It is a superior, beautiful community asset."

She said local officials still want Busch's to open and fill the vacant store, once a Farmer Jack.

"Busch's is missing out on us," she said. "The building is a beautiful building. It's going to be a truly good asset for the community. We just wish they'd get here."

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'They call it stormy Monday'

Dodson students get close peek at meteorologists at work

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Members of the Dodson Elementary Weather Club had perfect timing last Monday, when they arrived at the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) office in White Lake just as meteorologists intently followed severe thunderstorms heading to Michigan.

"We've got a lot of extra people here," meteorologist Heather Orow told the soon-to-be fifth-grade club members, siblings and parents. "They are forecasting severe weather today."

Dodson club members — chosen by application during the school year — pretty much answered all of Orow's questions as soon as they gathered in the NOAA conference room and were quizzed on Michigan's fickle weather.

To be sure, these aren't kids who had to cram weather basics the night before the visit. They are members of a club that now runs an honest-to-goodness weather station at Dodson Elementary.

The recently dedicated station includes a weather detecting pole on school



Meteorologist Heather Orow explains to students how a rain gauge operates.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

grounds, as well as a monitor inside the building. During the school year, students gathered information, such as wind speeds and temperatures, and then graphed and reported

their findings.

The weather station was made possible through a grant written by reading intervention specialist Bonnie Goodrich and funded by the Plymouth-

Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

The visit to NOAA on the storm-filled Monday was a promise fulfilled by Goodrich, herself an official weather

spotter, who formed the Dodson club. At lunch hours, Goodrich meets with club members, who are pretty knowledgeable about the weather — clouds, winds, storms, you name it.

"We have all sorts of crazy weather here in Michigan," said Orow, who grew up in Canton and attended Allen Elementary.

Students met the on-duty meteorologists, some of whom were watching as many as six computer screens simultaneously, tracking and predicting the severe weather headed to the Detroit area. They also met the station's hydrologist, who forecasts how high waterways will rise during big rains.

Students also got up close to a (deflated) weather balloon, similar to the ones meteorologists send up twice a day for forecasting. At the same time all around the world, some 900 balloons that can travel as high as 20 miles are released. "They are our best source of data," Orow said, adding that balloons gather readings on pressure, temperatures, wind speed and direction and humidity.

"As it goes up, it gets bigger and bigger — the size of a small garage," she added.

Each balloon has a parachute allowing it to land. An attached mail bag lets the person who finds the balloon mail it back to NOAA, Orow said.

Students also learned how

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Canton student wins Ovation Award for theater achievement



Papanastasopoulos

Divine Child High School student Aleksander Papanastasopoulos of Canton is a recipient of the Wharton Center Ovation Award, which celebrates outstanding achievement and individual artistry in vocal, dance and acting performances for both a male and female lead in a high school mu-

sical theater production.

Papanastasopoulos was one of 38 Michigan students who competed for the award. A Rockford High School student also received an award.

Papanastasopoulos was awarded \$1,000 cash, along with a full scholarship to "Take It From The

Top," Wharton Center's Summer Broadway intensive workshop offered in Grand Rapids, Traverse City and East Lansing. He is already in New York City to compete June 29 in the National High School Musical Theater Awards. The program recognizes individual artistry in vocal, dance and

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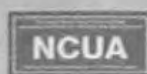
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Cavanaugh Diton, Billy Broucek and Aidan Schuck examine a deflated weather balloon and were surprised — though warned — at how bad it smelled.



Bryan Tilley, a meteorologist, works on models of expected storms last Monday.

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NOAA operates — what it can and cannot do. For example, NOAA can alert the public to severe weather, but cannot make anyone take heed. Orow told students Monday of concern about the

Detroit fireworks planned for that evening. By the end of the day, fireworks organizers started the show an hour earlier in anticipation of the fierce storms that eventually blew through the area. The NOAA office in White Lake is one of 122 weather forecasting centers in the U.S. White

Lake serves some 5.9 million people and more than 400,000 registered boaters. In the case of severe weather — like this past Monday — meteorologists do everything they can to get the warnings out. “We had a big statewide conference call,” Orow said, referring to NOAA, the media and

police and fire departments. “We are in constant communication. Every day, when I come to work, I have to keep six million people safe.”

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Canton, Plymouth seniors invited to county Olympics

Area seniors are invited to enter the 11th annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, scheduled for Aug. 10-14 in various communities. This year’s events include: five- and 10-mile bike races, Wii bowling, creative writing, photography, euchre, tennis, horseshoes, basketball shoot, volleyball, shuffleboard, billiards, bocce ball, bean bag toss, football throw, pellet rifle marksmanship, soccer kick, golf, pickle ball, pinochle, Scrabble and trivia.

The events will be held at various locations in Wayne County. Equipment will be provided for all events with the exception of golf, bowling, tennis, pickle ball and biking.

Participants must register no later than Thursday, July 2. Registration for Canton residents (including: event payment, waiver and medical information forms) must be completed and submitted to the Canton Club 55+ Front Desk in the Parkview Room of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Registration fees (which include an event T-shirt and breakfast) are \$6 for Canton residents and \$12 for non-residents. Additional fees, where applicable, include: \$6 fee for bowling, \$15 fee for golf and \$3 for each of the other events.

Canton will host the basketball shoot event at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug.



10, and the Wii bowling event Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Summit on the Park. Canton will also host the singles and doubles tennis competition 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Belleville High School, located at 501 W. Columbia Avenue.

This year’s banquet and medals presentation will take place at noon Friday, Aug. 14 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For those who wish to attend the final banquet, there is a \$15 fee per person. For more information or to confirm event times and locations, call the Canton Senior Center at 734-394-5485.

Participating communities, include: Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne-Westland.

For more information or to confirm event times and locations for these Senior Olympic events, contact the Canton Club 55+ at 734-394-5485.

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Plymouth-Canton school board asked for and received balanced budget

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education asked for a balanced budget — despite a looming almost \$6 million deficit — and it got one that comes with controversial reductions that some staff, residents and board members say will hurt education.

But Superintendent Michael Meissen said he and his administrative staff followed the board's directive and created a \$150 million budget that adheres to continued academic achievement for Plymouth and Canton students.

"That was the spirit in which this budget was developed," he said. "I think what is significant

is that, going into it, we truly achieved financial balance."

It took about five drafts of proposed reductions and changes to overcome the impending deficit. Throughout the weeks of deliberations, some 20-25 staff and residents weekly stood to make cases for their particular causes, such as maintaining the P-CEP auditorium manager's position, plant engineers, media specialists and interventionists, such as for reading and math.

In the end, as all board members and administrators admitted,



Meissen

tough choices were made.

On June 9, 73 teachers were notified of layoffs. As of next week, all but 34 will have been recalled. In the non-affiliated (non-union) group of employees, approximately 17 have lost their jobs, including secretarial, plant engineers and other support services. Other positions have also been eliminated through job attrition, including retirement.

The budget, however, maintains current classroom sizes, Meissen said.

Following the board adoption, Meissen said that he based the budget not on what cuts to make, but what to fund. "It is needs-based," he said. "What are the needs and how do we address

them?"

The 2015-16 budget, approved Tuesday in a 5-2 vote, with Trustees Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath dissenting, offers revenues of \$150,369,893 and expenditures of \$150,354,674. The new budget also represents a growth in the district's budgeted fund balance from \$9,639,908 this year to \$13,453,727 by June 30, 2017. The growth in the district's savings account is attributed to proceeds from the sale of the Starkweather building in Old Village, Central Middle School and property on Joy Road.

The budget is also based on less than expected increases in state foundation aid, which left many board mem-

bers all the more determined to develop ways to increase revenue locally. This year, the district received a \$36 per pupil net increase, which provides in the coming year little more than \$7,300 per student.

To balance the budget, Meissen said, services/programs will be offered, but with fewer people operating more efficiently and doing more work. Reductions made to balance the budget came in at \$5.3 million, with transportation, custodial services, administration and support services taking the hits.

Highlights of the budget include:

» A 400-student loss from residents and 200 additional school of choice students.

» No one-time revenues are built into the base budget.

» More than \$800,000 in savings from closing buildings.

» More than \$730,000 of transportation savings and more than \$355,000 of savings in custodial maintenance.

» Generates more than \$400,000 in new revenue (pay to play, parent permits and concert reimbursement).

"We are trying to use our resources wisely to benefit academic achievement for all students. We are committed to not spending more than we have to," Meissen said.

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Canton TCC store offers school supplies

The Canton TCC store — a Verizon Premium Wireless retailer — is participating in an annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway that offers school supplies to kids.

More than 400 participating TCC stores across the U.S. are inviting families to bring their children to the store from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and other school supplies. One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Since 2013, the company has donated 260,000 backpacks filled with supplies to ensure children are well-prepared

for the school year.

The Canton store is at 46540 Michigan Avenue. Each participating TCC store will donate 200 backpacks. All leftover backpacks will be donated to local schools.

In 2014, the National Retail Federation predicted the average person with children in grades K-12 would spend \$101.18 on school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and backpacks, compared to \$90.49 in 2013.

The School Rocks Backpack Giveaway is one of TCC's four annual Culture of Good initiatives. More information about the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway initiative is available on YouTube.

P-CCS to unveil new district website in July

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has announced that its new official website, www.pccsk12.com, will launch Monday, July 13. This new site, which is the result of a partnership with Vision Internet in Santa Monica, Calif., will feature a full cutting-edge redesign that includes enhanced options, clarity and navigation.

"We are so excited about the launch of our fabulous new website and we look forward to it being a tool that brings us even closer to our community," Superintendent Michael Meissen said. "I am confident that people will be wowed by the huge leap we are making in our online presence. The website will bring the

P-CCS

community a tremendous service, but it also represents several months of hard work and a team effort from a variety of stakeholders in our district."

Vision Internet was selected from a variety of potential vendors last fall. The design of the website incorporates the new P-CCS globe logo and its colors (known unofficially as P-CCS Blue and P-CCS Green), while select content areas will also boast the district's "Learn. Prepare. Thrive." brand.

Vast improvements have been made to the navigational menu (featuring use of Vision's mega menu technology), as well as the daily calen-



Brandon

dar element — both of which will be easily available on the district home page.

A series of focus groups, including a variety of P-CCS families, staff and administration, was held in early March to assist with the details of building the new site. According to Nick Brandon, P-CCS director of communications and the moderator of the focus groups, the sessions provided essential feedback for making sure the site fulfilled the various needs of the P-CCS community.

"When reconstructing a website for a district as large as P-CCS, it is important that the design is centered around our most frequent users: our families," Brandon said. "Having the opportunity to hear their website needs and allow them to offer feedback to make

our online presence better was an incredibly important part of this process."

"This new website is a reflection of a district that continues to innovate, giving our students the best opportunity to learn, prepare and thrive in a technology-driven world that is growing by the day."

Brandon calls the website's debut a "gradual roll out" that will premiere Monday, July 13. But users should not be surprised if there are kinks to work out in the early going.

"We do ask for patience from our users in the early days of the launch. Our hope is to have all functions of the site fully working by the first week of August in time for preparation for the beginning of the 2015-16 school year," he said.

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Schoolcraft College asking for millage increase in November

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will ask voters in November for a millage increase for residents living in the district, which covers the Livonia, Clarenceville, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and part of Novi school districts.

The college's Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday to ask voters for a 0.6-mill increase starting next summer. If approved, the increase would mean an annual increase of about \$60 on a home worth \$200,000. The millage would expire after 10 years.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said it's become increasingly difficult to sustain programs on tuition and current taxes collected, which have decreased since the recession began seven years ago.

"We finally got to an agreement and decided a regular millage at 0.6 (mills) was the most ideal from the college

standpoint, but also for the public," Jeffress said. "Look at what you want to do in the future. The things that people need in the future are costly."

Drop in revenue

Schoolcraft College has collected significantly less revenue in recent years compared to years prior to 2008, which has had an impact on the college's bottom line, said Brian Broderick, chairman of the college's board.

"Since 2008, funding received through local property taxes has decreased nearly 22 percent," he said in a statement. "Because of the economic downturn beginning in 2008, the decline in property values meant that the college received \$6.3 million less in 2013 than it had in 2008. Adjusted for inflation, that is more than a \$9 million impact."

Schoolcraft College last asked for a millage increase 29 years ago, officials said.

While property values

have continued to rebound in western Wayne and western Oakland counties since the recession, Jeffress said because of measures such as the Headlee Amendment, increases are limited and it would take nearly a decade to regain the amount it was before 2008.

The board voted to authorize the millage rate for 2015-16 to be 1.7967 mills, which will bring in more than \$24 million this upcoming year. That amount doesn't include the increase, if approved by voters.

Increase necessary

Officials say the increase is needed to continue offering services at top-notch levels for students in areas such as science, technology and engineering programs, as well as area businesses that use the college for training and other purposes.

Because of that increased community involvement, Jeffress said it made more sense to

ask for a millage increase from the community than to just raise tuition significantly on students.

"We've helped local businesses in our areas," he said. "I think you have to have a broader view of who profits when you look at Schoolcraft."

Tuition per credit hour for in-district students this fall is \$96. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$139 a credit hour, while out-of-state and international students will pay \$205 a credit hour.

Without the millage, college officials say capital and technological improvements will be deferred and services for students will be challenged.

The request will be on the Nov. 3 ballot in portions of several communities spanning the three counties in the college's district.

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Resident helps detain suspect fleeing police

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's not often a Livonia resident assists with the arrest of a suspect fleeing on foot from police. But that's exactly what happened Tuesday afternoon in the Castle Gardens subdivision.

Sgt. Steve Petsch of the Livonia Police Department said two suspects entered a bank at Five Mile and Newburgh and attempted to deposit a fraudulent check and withdraw funds from an account. One of the suspects, a female, was detained near the bank, but another suspect, a male, fled the scene and began running toward the subdivision.

It was then that Livonia resident Allan Carisse saw the suspect running near his home and heard a police officer call out to him to stop. He decided to get involved and told the man to stop, he said.

"I couldn't just turn my back or go in the house," he said. "I'm going to do everything in my power to assist."



MICHAEL KINNEY

Livonia police Lt. Mike Killingbeck shakes hands with Allan Carisse, who helped officers apprehend a suspect running through his neighborhood Tuesday.

The suspect began slowing down and Carisse approached him as the police officer approached. "It almost looked like he was going to bolt," Carisse said. "I grabbed his two wrists. She put the cuffs on him."

It's rare for a citizen to assist with the apprehension of a fleeing suspect in Livonia, Petsch said.

"We don't want people to put themselves into harm's way," he said. "In this case, it worked out right."

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RULING

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Foster said it's time same-sex couples were allowed to marry.

"It's a happy day for sure," she said.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, was disappointed by the ruling, saying it violated a state constitutional ban voted into law years ago by nearly 2.7 million people.

"This government is supposed to be a government of the people, for

the people, by the people," Colbeck said, adding that he believes the Supreme Court trampled that. "That's not very American."

Steven Sneiderman, president of the Canton Democratic Club, lauded the decision.

"I think it's very exciting," he said. "I'm glad we will no longer be discriminating in the area of marriage and I think it's the right thing to do. I think discrimination is wrong in all facets of life."

Sneiderman said legislation still is needed in

Michigan and nationally to protect the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community from discrimination that could still occur in the workplace.

Local residents gave their reaction as President Barack Obama was giving a televised address, calling the decision "a victory for America."

"We've made our union a little more perfect," Obama said.

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Education can take boom out of bombs

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jesse Rayer wasn't surprised when Tim Ketvirtis had her try on a bomb disposal helmet.

Rayer was the smallest of a group of Sea Cadets and Navy Leaguers, but it wasn't her size that got her to put on the heavy helmet.

"My dad asked him to pick me," the South Lyon youngster said.

Her father is a Michigan State Police detective and knows Ketvirtis, an MSP sergeant and bomb technician who brought the protective clothing and remote-controlled robots used to deal with suspected explosives to Cambridge High School in Garden High School recently.

"Education is the key to why we have safe outcomes," Ketvirtis said as he explained the different pieces of equipment. "We don't tell you how to do it; we tell how to be safe."

Rayer liked trying on the helmet that has headlights, a camera and air pack and weighs more than 18 pounds.

"Oh, yeah, it was heavy," she said of the helmet. "It made my head move back and forth."

Ketvirtis showed the cadets the bomb squad's No. 1 tool – a portable X-ray. It can be used to exam suitcase, packages, containers and even a bomb to see what's inside. The screen can be held by a robotic arm that bomb technicians control from a distance and the picture is so clear that "we can see the timer move."

"The kitchen timer is old technology; the cell-phone is new technology," Ketvirtis said about devices used to trigger bombs. "We train on the robots. Some of the newer ones use video game-



Cadet Jesse Rayer of South Lyon is all smiles as she shows off the bomb suit's helmet that is almost as wide as her.

style controllers."

Pieces are evidence

Ketvirtis was a crime scene investigator before becoming a bomb technician. While criminals may think nothing is left once a bomb explodes, a lot of evidence can be found in the pieces that are left behind.

DNA, trace fibers and fingerprints are among the information that can be found in the remnants.

"Everything that blows up goes to our facilities; it's forensic evidence," he said. "A lot of bomb makers think that once they make a

bomb and it blows up, it's gone, but that's not the case. It's just pieces. We put it back together and start working our way back. Bomb makers leave DNA unless they wear gloves and shirts to protect themselves."

When not on a call, members are training. They talk a lot about chemicals and biological elements that can be used in bombs. They also educate the public about bombs and bomb threats, Ketvirtis said.

The bomb suit weighs 50 pounds and is made of cloth that contains Kevlar, a ballistic-proof material, as well as ceramic

plates in the front of the jacket and pants to protect the wearer. Kevlar is also used in the back to provide spin protection.

"All of the protection is in the front of the suit," Ketvirtis said. "You walk up to a bomb and you back away. You keep the protection between you and the bomb."

The helmet also is designed to provide blast protection and the camera records everything the technician sees.

The entire suit has the highest rating for fire protection and the shield on the helmet is designed to force the pressure from an explosion to go around the technician.

"When you're in the suit, you don't run too fast, you don't move too fast," he said. "It feels lighter when you put it on, but we work in it 30-40 minutes. We have to wear a cooling vest to keep out core temperatures down."

Education is key

Ketvirtis told the cadets his job is to make sure the robots are working. He takes them apart "all the time" and has



State Police bomb technician Sgt. Tim Ketvirtis explains how the digital X-ray system works at the demonstration at Cambridge High School in Garden City.



Sea cadet Petty Officer 3C Ethan Hansen of Northville takes a photo of the robot.

extra parts in the bomb squad truck to make repairs.

Squad members learned a long time ago that education is the key to keeping people safe. People learn to be safe and "they become our eyes and hopefully stop something from happening."

"The education portion is huge," he said. "We're not telling people how to do it, we're telling them how to be safe and, once they're educated, if they see something that isn't right, they can call us."

"That's why they provide us with the training," he added. "Our bosses want us to come out and educate people. They know that's number

one in preventing explosions."

Rayer gave the presentation thumbs-up and, while it was cool to try on the helmet, she liked the X-ray equipment the best.

"It was interesting," she said.

The Sea Cadets program is for youths ages 13-17, while the Navy League Cadets are for those ages 11-14. The James M. Hannan Division and the training ship Bristol Bay meet at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, Garden City. For more information, contact Lt. Ed Brennan at 248-685-9568.

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Kellogg Park is the place to be for music this summer

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Plymouth Community Band

All concerts are in Kellogg Park. Dates are July 2, July 16, July 23, July 30 and Sept. 3.

The Plymouth Community Band will also sponsor the following groups in at 7:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park:

- » May 28: Plymouth Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble.
- » June 4: Blue Steel Jazz Band.
- » Aug. 6: Irv Feldman & Friends.
- » Aug. 13: Toot Sweet Brass.

Music in the Air

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park and



Bring the kids out for Music in the Park at noon each Wednesday.

are free. Get there early to set up your blankets and chairs. Alcohol is not permitted in the park.

Food and snacks are available in Kellogg Park before and during the

concerts. Burger Spot and Kilwins are the 2015 food vendors. The Kiwanis popcorn wagon will also be on-site and the Plymouth Community United Way will also be

selling snacks and water.

The following concerts are scheduled:

- » July 3: Lady Sunshine & the X Band
- » July 17: Cosmic Groove

- » July 24: Global Village
- » July 31: Mainstreet Soul
- » Aug. 7: Dan Rafferty Band
- » Aug. 14: The Phoenix Theory
- » Aug. 21: Randy Brock Group
- » Aug. 28: Magic Bus
- » Sept. 4: Steve King and the Ditties

Music in the Park Children's Concerts

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its 31st season at noon each Wednesday. Upcoming concerts include:

- » July 1: Matt Watroba
- » July 8: The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer
- » July 15: Nessa
- » July 22: Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers
- » July 29: The Chautauqua Express

- » Aug. 5: Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment
 - » Aug. 12: Gemini
 - » Aug. 19: Barbara Bailey Hutchinson
 - » Aug. 26: Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic
- Performances are free thanks to program sponsors: The Wilcox Foundation, DJL Builders, Monroe Bank & Trust, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, Kona Ice, Genuine Toy Co. and Huron Valley Ambulance.

Concerts are held rain (with no lightning) or shine. The rain location is under the roof at The Gathering, adjacent to the park.

Throwin' some tricks



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton resident Caleb Johnson, 13, grinds his board across a cement beam.

Career Tech students win trophies at IVD Challenge

The students and staff of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have a few more trophies to add to the school's showcase.

They were at Belle Isle to compete May 23 in the eighth annual Innovative Vehicle Design Performance Challenge. The event was hosted by Square One Education Network and encourages STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – skills to create mini and full-size IVD vehicles.

There were 55 high schools participating in the competition. William D. Ford collected two first-places honors for innovation and ambassadorship and a second-place for Figure 8 performance for its full-scale IVD.

"Many thanks to instructors J.C. Irvine, Jim Schirmer, Zack MacLean and Mark Batko," Career Tech Principal Steve Kay said. "It was a full-day event on Belle Isle, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the students did excellent and represented Wayne-

Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center well."

The IVD Project is all volunteer on the part of students who work on the vehicle after school with Schirmer, the auto tech teacher, and Irvine, who teaches game design and programming. For this competition, the students transformed a dune buggy into their IVD.

This year's competition focused on infotainment and safety, specifically an early warning system in the case of the William D. Ford students.

Students also competed in the mini IVD competition.

Pure Michigan was at the event filming as part of a four-minute career technical video meant to change the perception of the auto industry.

The center was selected for the video because of its more than 14-year relationship with the Square One Education Foundation, which sponsors the IVD project.

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Swimmers hoped to set new world record

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

As if kids needed a reason to jump in the pool on a warm summer day, metro Detroit YMCAs gave them another one — a chance to set a Guinness World Record.

The YMCAs joined with organizations across the world June 18 to participate in the World's Largest Swim Lesson and attempt to set a new record for the largest simultaneous swimming lesson.

Team World's Largest Swim Lesson set the record last year with 35,564 participants representing 22 different countries and that same organization was looking to up its number Thursday. The YMCA's goal was to include more than 40,000 people.

But a Guinness World Record wasn't the only goal.

Michelle Robinson, regional director of aquatics for the YMCA of Metro Detroit, said the main objective is to make people more aware of water safety.

"We are surrounded by water, especially in Michigan with all the lakes we have," she said.



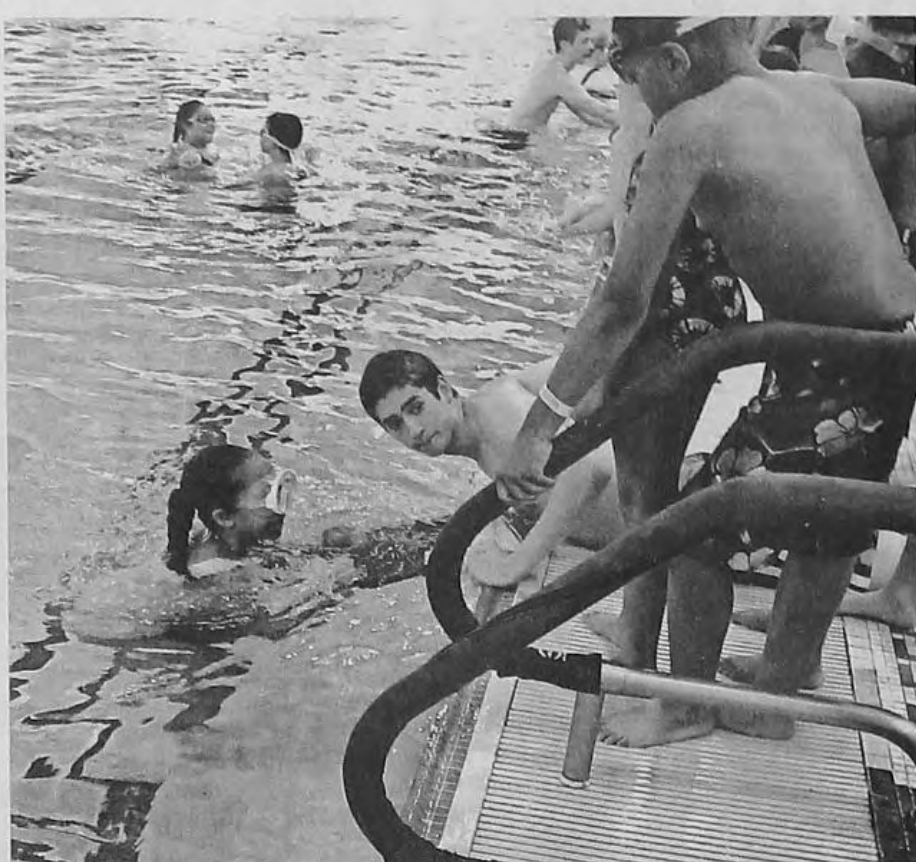
Emma Turkmani and T'Lania Harvey give some tips to kids during the World's Largest Swim Lesson.

SAFE SWIMMING TIPS

- » Never swim alone
- » Parents should remain within arm's length of a child who cannot swim
- » Those who cannot swim should only go into waist-deep water
- » Know the swimming area
- » Have a designated adult in charge when kids are swimming
- » Have access to a phone and know your location

"So it's important for everyone to be aware of what an excellent opportunity it is to be in water, because swimming is a lifelong skill, but also the dangers associated with it.

"It only takes a few seconds for someone to slip under and it's not like you see on television where everyone is yelling 'help me' and waving their arms. It happens quickly and quietly, so



Marley Wyatt is pulled to safety by instructor Louis Senia-Grant during a demonstration at the World's Largest Swim Lesson.

people need to be aware." The Farmington Family, Birmingham Family, Livonia Family and South Oakland Family YMCAs took part in the event.

According to the YMCA, drowning is the leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-5 and the second leading cause of accidental death for children under 14. Tragically, that lesson hit home earlier this

month when a 4-year-old Lake Orion boy fell into a swimming pool at a home in Sterling Heights and drowned.

There also is research that shows swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children ages 1-4.

Jeff Norris, aquatics director at the Farmington Family YMCA, said swimming provides a lot of "transferable skills"

that are "highly valuable." And the YMCA offers lessons for people of all ages and abilities.

"Swimming is very disciplined," he said. "And while not everyone does it the same way, it takes that same discipline and concentration you can put to any other sport."

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Independent contractor? The good and the bad

Q: Dear Rick: I have been unemployed for a couple of years now and I was just offered a new job. It is basically the same type of job I had before, although I would not get any benefits. On my first day, I had to sign a variety of forms and one of the things that I



signed was an agreement saying that I was an independent contractor and not an employee. When I asked

about that, I was told that it doesn't mean that much and the only difference is that as opposed to them withholding my taxes, I would have to do that myself. My question is, did I make a mistake by signing this document and, in addition, is there anything else that I should know?

A: The first thing you should know is that there is a difference between being an employee and an independent contractor. As an independent contractor, you are your own business and, as a

result, you don't have the same rights granted an employee. For example, as an employee, if you lose your job, you're entitled to unemployment. It is not that easy to collect unemployment as an independent contractor. In addition, as an employee in most businesses, you receive paid vacations. That is not the case with an independent contractor. The relationship between you, an employee and your employer is totally different than the relationship between an independent contractor and the company.

From a tax standpoint, what they told you was correct, but it's not the whole story. As an employee, if you were paid \$1,000 a week, the paycheck you receive at the end of the week would not be \$1,000. It would be \$1,000 less federal and state withholding taxes and Social Security. On the other hand, as an independent contractor making \$1,000, your paycheck would be for \$1,000. You, as your own business,

are responsible to make estimates for your state and federal withholding. In addition, you are also responsible for Social Security. As an employee, your employer would withhold 7.65 percent from your check for Social Security and Medicare. In addition, your employer matches those amounts. When you are an independent contractor, you're treated as self-employed and, thus, you are responsible for both the employer and the employee ends of Social Security. Your rate is 15.3 percent for the first \$118,500. You may discover that being an independent contractor substantially raises the amount that you are paying into Social Security.

One of the benefits to being an independent contractor is that you are allowed to deduct expenses. Employees have a much more difficult time deducting expenses vs. an independent contractor. If you have substantial business expenses, it is much easier to deduct those for tax purposes than if you were an employee. Furthermore, you can establish your own retirement plan, which may allow you to contribute more than you

could otherwise in your 401(k) plan.

The reason many companies want to classify someone as an independent contractor is so they're not responsible for employee-related costs such as the matching of Social Security, federal and state unemployment taxes and perks such as health care. That does not mean it's not also good for the independent contractor, but in many situations the independent contractor ends up paying more in taxes.

If you accept a position and become an independent contractor, it is important to make sure you pay your taxes on time. Many people think taxes are due April 15, but that's when your tax return is due. The payment of taxes is done on a quarterly basis. It is important for independent contractors to make timely quarterly payments, not only to the federal government, but also to the state of Michigan.

Good luck!

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An x-ray of the hip revealed only moderate loss of joint space and no evidence of a tumor or a cancer. Twenty years ago, I would have ended an evaluation as there was nothing more I could do uncover the cause of his discomfort. I would have concluded, on the basis of the available information, that he might be exaggerating a trivial impairment.

However, today a physician has the opportunity to look further for cause and diagnosis. In this case, I could order an MRI; that imaging provided an answer.

The pictures showed that the patient had torn a tendon -the gluteus medius- that inserted into the hip. The MRI also confirmed that the patient had no cancer, tumor or infection of the hip or in its surrounding area. I could inform the patient that he was basically sound and that he had suffered an injury that might take weeks to resolve, but which would eventually heal.

Modern technology allows a physician to take a second look when traditional ways to diagnosis fail to give an answer. Modern medicine has its defects such as being expensive and a times revealing abnormalities that have little to do with the patient's problem. But in sum, what we have represents a great improvement compared to what we had.

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Conviction upheld in murder-mutilation

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

The Michigan Court of Appeals has affirmed the murder conviction of a Farmington man who strangled and dismembered his girlfriend, who was raised in Plymouth, following an argument two years ago.

William Dhondt was found guilty in 2014 of first-degree premeditated murder and mutilation of a dead body in the slaying of Kaitlin Hehir, 29, killed at her Farmington home in February 2013. Hours after the murder, Dhondt reported

her missing and, during a police search, her body parts were found in various containers in the house and garage. Dhondt subsequently admitted to killing Hehir and dismembering her body.

The appeal stated that a written transcript of Dhondt's taped confession to police convinced the jury to convict him of first-degree murder, rather than the lesser charge of second-degree murder. Portions of the transcript were inaccurate, the appeal stated, because the word "inaudible" was used during

portions when words couldn't be determined. The transcript, approved by the trial judge, was given to the jury due to malfunctioning DVD equipment during the trial.

In an unpublished Court of Appeals opinion dated June 16, Justices Henry Saad, Michael Kelly and Douglas Shapiro state: "Defendant's assertion that the trial court found portions of the transcript inaccurate misstates the record. As noted, the trial court actually determined that the only discrepancy between the transcript



Dhondt

recording words that were marked 'inaudible' in the transcript. This statement is hardly a testament to the transcript's 'inaccuracy' and does not demonstrate that it could have misled or improperly influenced the jury."

The justices also maintain that no explanation is provided as to

how or why the transcript prejudiced the jury.

Farmington Public Safety Director Frank Demers said his department is pleased with the recent ruling.

"After reading the summary, it's clear that his basis for appeal was weak. The court's ruling further confirms that the hard work and preparation by the investigators and prosecutors was significant in securing a first-degree murder conviction," Demers said. "While the family and friends of Kaitlin Hehir continue to cope

with their loss, it is our hope that the Court of Appeals ruling will provide them with some sense of closure knowing that William Dhondt will spend the rest of his life in prison."

Hehir's parents continue to live in Plymouth. Dhondt, 31, is serving a life sentence at the Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility in Muskegon Heights.

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Canton Public Library offers July schedule of activities

The following are activities scheduled in July at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

For information or to register, contact the library at 734-397-0999.

Get Creative

Enjoy craft and art programs for all ages in July.

» Adult Coloring Party: 7 p.m. July 6

» Great Craft Challenge: 6:30 p.m. July 14
» Pinterest Live Potluck Edition: 7 p.m. July 16

» Farmers Market Pinterest Live: 9 a.m. July 19

» Teen Washii Tape: 7 p.m. July 20

» Amazing Artists: 2 p.m. July 21

» Homemade Pet Toys: 7 p.m. July 22

Mystery Theater Night

At 6 p.m. July 29, put your sleuthing skills to the test and solve a library mystery.

Staff characters and clues help participants figure out who done it.

Lip Sync Battle

Pick your song and get ready to engage in an epic lip sync battle at 7

p.m. July 30.

Register to participate or just come by and cheer on the competitors.

Best Bike Rides

Local author Rob Pulcifer describes the best

recreational rides in the Detroit and Ann Arbor area at 7 p.m. July 7.

Senate Coney honored for flying U.S. flag in grandeur

GENE KRAMER

Four members of The Marine Corps League, Northwest Detachment 162 of Northville, along with two Marine recruiters from Livonia presented George Dimopoulos, who owns the Senate Coney Island on Haggerty Road in Northville, an award for displaying the American flag in respect and grandeur. The restaurant has a 50-foot flagpole with a 12-foot by 20-foot American flag. Pictured (from left) are Bill King, George Dimopoulos, Wally Dixon, Ron Thomas, Gunnery Sgt. Carl Dorris and Sgt. Mike Wood.



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- Z 15-08** 523 Deer
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Applicant: Mike Petryczkowycz

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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DAN O'MEARA

Khalid Kareem does a live interview Wednesday afternoon with ESPN from the stadium end zone at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

Harrison grid standout picks Alabama

Star defensive lineman Khalid Kareem had offers from 39 major schools

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Th phrase "Roll Tide" is not often heard in Michigan, but it was stated a few times Wednesday afternoon at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The occasion was Khalid Kareem's announcement of his verbal commitment to play

football at the University of Alabama in 2016.

The 6-foot-4, 245-pound defensive lineman, one of the most sought-after players in the country, made his decision late Tuesday, choosing the Crimson Tide over Michigan.

Kareem, who is preparing for his senior season with the Hawks, will graduate in December and enroll early next year at Alabama, a perennial contender for the national championship under coach Nick Saban.

"It's just the best fit for me and my family," Kareem said.

"It gives me the best opportunity to play and to succeed on the college and professional level, potentially."

He visited the university in Tuscaloosa two weeks ago and was there on another occasion for the spring game.

Kareem said he developed a close relationship with other Alabama coaches, including former Michigan State head coach and Eastern Michigan assistant Bobby Williams.

"I've been in contact with them every week through the (recruiting) process," he said.

"Since our relationship was so good, it just impacted my decision. Coach Saban said he's very excited to have me on the team."

What he likes most about Saban is that he's a down-to-earth guy, Kareem added.

"He's all about his players," he said. "He has an open-door policy where anybody can come in and talk to him about anything. That's what I really liked about him."

Kareem, who had 39 schol-

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HIS KIND OF CLUB

Camaraderie, friendly competition among reasons Canton golfer loves sport

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

As the golf ball soared through the air in the direction of the pin at Willow Golf Course's No. 6 hole, Steve Wiczorek intently tracked its flight.

It was Father's Day and Wiczorek was out on the New Boston course with his buddies, so things already were going great for the nearly 59-year-old Canton resident — who began playing golf as a youngster when he caddied at Redford Township's Western Golf & Country Club.

But he didn't know he was about to live the dream of every recreational golfer. He aced the 180-foot tee shot, scoring his first-ever hole-in-one.

"I was struggling until then really bad," Wiczorek said Thursday, recalling the June 21 feat. "I said, 'I'm just going to stay down, swing real easy, keep my head down and whatever happens, happens.'"

"I thought it was a good shot and it was even better when I got up there and found it was in the hole. The other guy said it was really close, because it looked like it was tracking right at the pin."

There was a mark on the green where the ball struck, about 18 inches from the cup.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

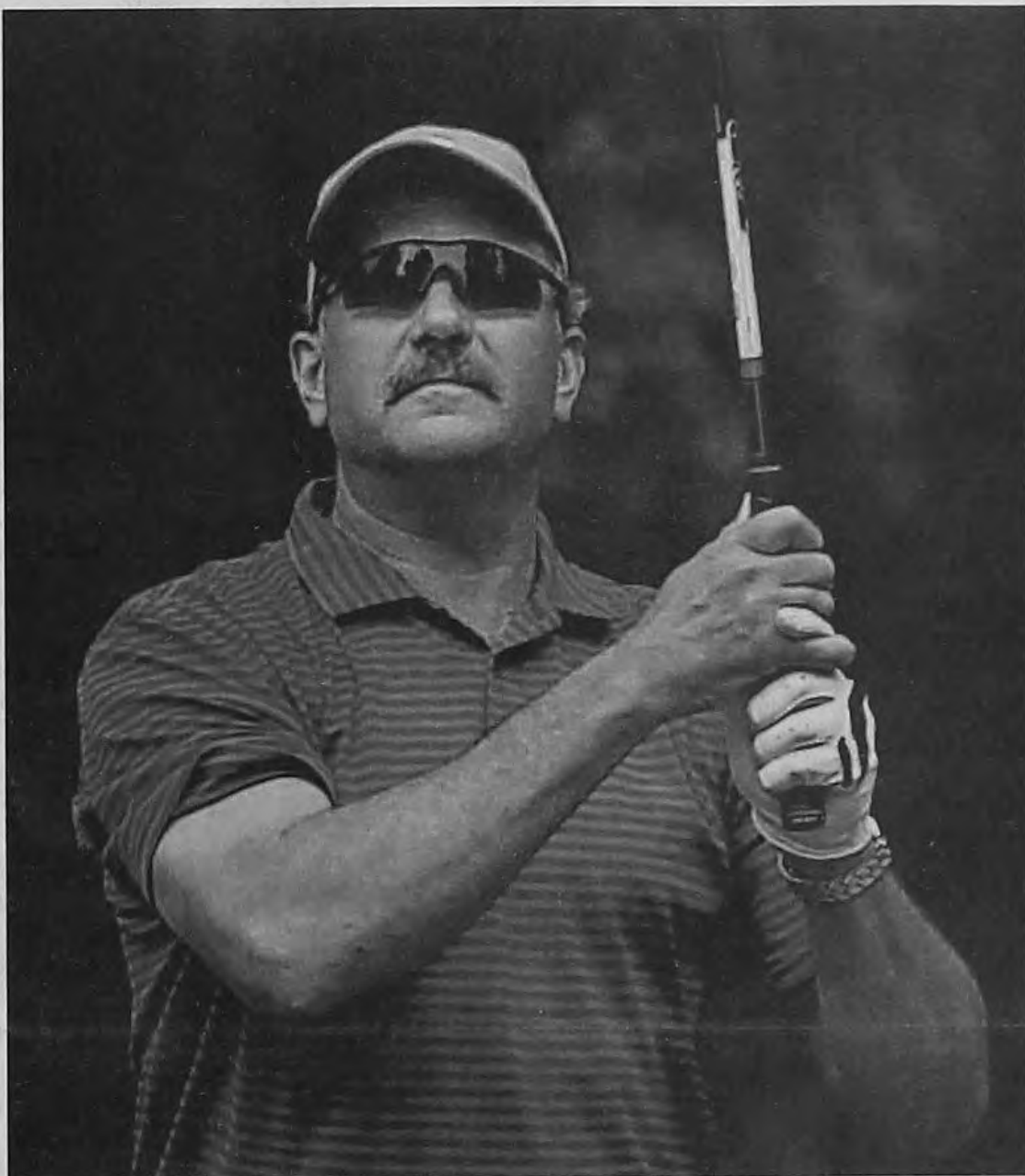
Leaning into a fairway shot is 58-year-old Steve Wiczorek. As a youngster he caddied at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford Township.

"So it must have bounced right in," Wiczorek said. "It's a great feeling."

Wiczorek talked about his accomplishment after playing nine holes in an adult league at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

One member of his Fellows Creek foursome, Len Byrne of Canton, also happened to be with Wiczorek on Father's Day at Willow.

"That was one of those ones you weren't sure went in the hole," said Byrne, 60. "You



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton's Steve Wiczorek watches the flight of his ball Thursday at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

couldn't tell from the tee box; you knew it was close. But until you walked up there looking for the ball and can't find it ... then you realize it's in the hole. It's pretty neat."

Wiczorek said the only other hole-in-one he ever wit-

nessed was by Byrne, so it was fitting that his friend was there to reciprocate.

Good and lucky

"I really didn't think I was ever going to get one," the Redford Thurston graduate

said. "But I feel very lucky that I was able to get one. Kind of neat to have your buddy with you and witness the whole thing."

For Wiczorek, any success

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER

Young, local players cheer on, learn from United States team

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's difficult for Taylor Meadows to keep her emotions in check when she's watching the United States women's soccer team compete in the World Cup, the 11-year-old AC Milan Detroit attacking midfielder admitted.

"I really get into it," the Canton resident said, while cracking a wide smile. "When the games get really intense, I scream at the TV."

Taylor can count herself in the majority of young female soccer players who get charged up about the U.S.

team, which had advanced into the round of eight heading into Friday night's game against China.

With a roster filled with talented, charismatic and high-character players, the Americans' appeal is broad and strong — especially with impressionable upper-elementary and middle school-aged players who admire how the team operates.

"Prior to this era, you really didn't see as much interest in the United States team in the World Cup," AC Milan president and 12U girls head coach Chris Burnette said. "For a long time, it just wasn't a cool

sport.

"Now the World Cup really impacts these girls, because they can watch the games and see what I'm telling them to do in practice sessions being performed at a high level by players they look up to."

Juliana Morrow confirmed what her coach said, revealing she doesn't wait long to apply what she sees on TV to her skill set.

"I'll watch a game and look for moves the players make," said Juliana, a student at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia. "Then I'll go out in the

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ED WRIGHT

Members of the AC Milan Detroit 12U girls soccer team have been avid fans of the United States as they battle toward a World Cup title. Pictured are (front row, from left) Kirsten Jones, Olivia Ahlgren and Reagan Burnette, (middle row, from left) Taylor Meadows, Sarah Marasco and Juliana Morrow and (third row, from left) Kenzie Hare, Grace Distelrach and Audrey Porter.



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REVITALIZING REUNION

THE TIGERS' UNBREAKABLE BOND

Original Garden City West football players come together for ex-coach

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Fifty-year spans can turn once-vivid high school football-themed newspaper articles to an aged golden tint.

Five decades can deteriorate knees, hips and other essential joints and they can scatter members of even the most close-knit high school football teams across the country, if not the world.

But father time's chisel hasn't diminished one bit the bond members of the original Garden City West football team developed during their memorable mid-1960s run.

That was never more obvious than last Saturday evening at the Plymouth home of Bill Gray – the Tigers' glue guy, who has orchestrated recent get-togethers that have not only been well-attended by West's inaugural group of players, but a few of their 80-something-year-young coaches as well.

"When you're still hanging with guys you've known for 50 years, it's a



Pictured is the Garden City West logo.

pretty big deal," Gray said. "There's a lot of love between these guys."

The attraction to congregate with their old buddies is so magnetic that some former Tigers traveled across the country for the team's latest reunion. Bob Hollingsworth flew in from Edmond, Okla., while Gary Kalen traveled the farthest, catching a flight from Portland, Ore.

"A lot of us grew into men on that team – we learned about honor and integrity," said Hollingsworth, who still plays slow-pitch softball at a championship level. "I've



Members of the first Garden City West football team reunited last weekend at the Plymouth home of Bill Gray. Pictured (from left) are Gray, Ray Spry, Bob Hollingsworth, assistant coach Chris Babler, Mike Taft, former athletic director Bill Pinnell, Gary Kalen, Chuck Dobbs, head coach Harold Burkholder, Bob Gamache, Joe Kuciemba, Danny Herbert and Ed Beaumont.

used principles I learned from the coaches on that team and from my teammates throughout my life – not just in sports, but in how I live."

Garden City West opened in 1965 with only sophomore and junior classes at the site of the current Garden City Middle School.

Due to decreasing enrollment, West was switched to a middle

school following the 1981-82 school year – with the Tigers' No. 1 rival, Garden City East, becoming the city's lone high school.

The man given the opportunity to lead the football program during its early seasons was Harold Burkholder, an old-school (even for the mid-'60s) disciplinarian who instantly molded the Tigers into a contingent of fearless warriors.

Burkholder, now 83, is still referred to by his former athletes as a life-changing mentor who built a level of toughness and dignity in his players that led many of them to ultra-successful careers. Still sharp as a tack, the former coach was dealt a setback last Thanksgiving when his wife of 53 years, Beverly, died.

"Coach really took his

wife's death hard, as you can imagine," Kalen said. "His granddaughter reached out to me earlier this year and said it would really lift his spirits if we could all get together again. Being able to see coach again was a very touching experience for all of us."

"His kids brought him to the reunion," Gray added, "and they told us it was the first time he was able to talk about his wife since her death without crying. While it was nice to see everybody again, I think the No. 1 thing all of us took away from our get-together was being able to sit down, one-on-one, and tell coach how much he impacted our lives."

Former West football player Joe Kuciemba, who currently lives in Dearborn Heights, said that Burkholder – and the community of Garden City itself – cultivated an attitude of brotherhood and a sense of belonging.

"One thing about that team," Kuciemba said, "was that everybody had everybody else's back. There were no cliques, no divisions. We were all brothers. We still are."

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ED WRIGHT
Sarah Marasco and Taylor Meadows compete in a quick drill Thursday afternoon.



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backyard with my dad and work on learning what I just saw."

Grace Distelrath, an 11-year-old AC Milan forward who will be a sixth-grader at Cooper Upper Elementary School in the fall, voiced the most-popular answer during an unscientific poll to determine the girls' favorite U.S. player.

"Definitely Alex Morgan," she said, smiling. "She's fast, she works hard, she scores a lot and, well, she's Alex Morgan. She's the perfect player."

Not surprisingly,

given the position she plays, AC Milan midfielder Sarah Marasco politely disagreed with Grace's choice, picking U.S. center midfielder Carli Lloyd as her favorite player.

"She makes smart decisions with the ball and she's a role model for young girls like me," said Sarah, who will attend Frost Middle School in Livonia in the fall. "She plays like I want to play when I grow up."

Also mentioned in the favorite-player poll were Lauren Holiday – "I like how physical she plays," Audrey Porter said – and Abby Wambach, who impresses Olivia Ahlgren by the way she "runs fast and plays hard

all the time."

But Morgan undoubtedly rules.

"I watch all of the players," Taylor said, "but Alex inspires me."

All of the U12 AC Milan players expressed a deep passion for soccer and most admitted they'd like to someday follow in the cleat marks of Morgan, Lloyd and Wambach.

"I'd like to play for the United States when I get older," 10-year-old Kirsten Jones said. "It's going to take a lot of running, a lot of training and playing against good competition, but I think I can do it."

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REC-KING IT

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on the links is a bonus. What he loves most is the chance to get outdoors, spend time with friends and try to play good, consistent golf.

"Sometimes you stand over the ball and you feel like nothing can go wrong, that you're going to hit it good," he said. "A lot of it's mental. I think most of it's mental with golf. That particular day (Father's Day) I didn't have it, except for that one shot."

Thursday afternoon at Fellows Creek, golfing with Byrne, Westland's Tim Robbins and Inkster's Mark Thomas, he had a 43 on the par-36 South course.

But still, it was all good.

"I think you get to meet a lot of good people and there's the camaraderie," Wiczorek said about playing in the Club Canton league. "I like the competition. Even though it's not a lot of competi-

"But it just makes you a better person. I look forward to getting out at least once a week and doing something like that. I love being outside and enjoying the scenery."

He stayed with it

An avid bowler and angler, Wiczorek's passion for golf began when he started working at Western at the age of 12.

"I grew up right by the 14th hole" at Western, he said, smiling.

As a caddie, he golfed

whenever he could, but "never really took any lessons. Just learned on my own. I played with my father when he was alive and never got really good at it."

But, he added, that didn't matter as long as he was out there whenever he could: "You have your high times and your low times, but it's always been a great game to play."

Of course, finding the time to hit the links became more challenging as Wiczorek got older. First, he married Jeanette. Then, they had two children – pushing golf onto the back burner.

Their daughters, Lindsay and Lisa (now 28 and 26, respectively), never picked up the sport and Jeanette golfed with him only once. Things didn't go smoothly.

"If we would have kept on golfing together, we probably would have been divorced," he said with a laugh.

League a godsend

For him, it was a godsend to find out about the Fellows Creek league about 15 years ago.

"I had a friend I used to bowl with because I like to bowl, too," Wiczorek said. "He told us about it and we live really close. We started out as subs ... we kept trying to get in the league. It took a few years. It's just a great, great time."

It costs him \$520 for 20 weeks. Thursday's action marked the end of the season's first half.

There also is enough time to play nearby courses such as Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton

or to go on golfing excursions – with his good-natured wife's blessing, of course.

"We always pick a course, it could be anywhere," he said. "I've played Northville. ... we're playing Boyne the end of July, (we'll) go up there for four days."

"This year we're going to play Arcadia Bluffs, which is a really nice course. I'm looking forward to playing that."

Go with the flow

Even though Wiczorek doesn't hit the ball as far as he once did, golfing is much more enjoyable and rewarding than it ever was.

"I find I'm actually a better golfer now," he said. "I concentrate more. I hit better shots now."

And when he inevitably blows a short putt, he doesn't let it ruin the rest of his day, like it might have in the past.

"I used to have more of a temper," Wiczorek said. "Now I just say, 'Hey, whatever.' You shake it off and it seems like it's better. You can always recover if you just let it go. ... It's a game you can never master."

Yet it's a game he never wants to quit.

"They say a bad day of golf is better than a good day at work, something like that."

Joining the coveted hole-in-one club on Father's Day is about as perfect a day as there can be for rec golfers like Steve Wiczorek.

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FIRST TEAM

Vonn Pallett, shot put, Farmington: Pallett had his best performances of the season at the Division 1 state meet and finished second in the shot put and discus.

He had the best shot put of his high school career (56-1½) and the second-best discus throw (163-5) despite less than ideal weather conditions. The 6-foot-5, 200-pound Pallett is the OAA White Division champion in the shot put (52-11½) and runner-up in the discus (154-7). He was second in the shot put (52-2) and sixth in the discus (154-4) at the Oakland County meet.

Pallett will compete for Grand Valley State University next year while studying for a career in medicine.

"Vonn has been a tough competitor and varsity athlete for four years," coach Kim Sturm said. "During his time at Farmington, he has won league, regional and county championships in the shot put and discus."

Michael Jordan, discus, Plymouth: Already a powerful force for the Wildcats in football and wrestling, Jordan added a third sport to the mix with a sensational season in the throwing department.

He set school records in the shot and discus while notching the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record in the shot.

After his throw of 154-3 earned him a Kensington Conference championship in the discus, he followed up with the D1 regional championship in the shot (50-7) and discus (138-4), qualifying for the state meet.

Jordan was a consistent scorer all spring, amassing the second most points on the squad.

"M.J. is the of the most athletic thrower that we have ever had at Plymouth," coach Jon Mikosz said. "Everything finally clicked this year and he started throwing to the caliber that he should be in both shot and disc by the end of the year. I look forward to him continuing his success next season."

Nathan Harris, high jump, Plymouth: The four-year varsity performer closed out his prep career in style, finishing in a seventh-place tie at the D1 state meet with a jump of 6-0 even to nab all-state honors.

Other highlights including jumping 6-6 at the Kensington Conference meet to set a new Plymouth record and capturing the D1 regional title with a mark of 6-3.

Consistency and precision in his technique enabled Harris to score the fifth most points for the Wildcats this season.

"Nathan has put in a lot of hard work over the past four years," Mikosz said. "It was good to see all that hard work pay off with him getting all-state this season. He deserved it."

Harris, a two-sport athlete at Plymouth, will attend Concordia University and continue both with men's soccer and men's track and field.

Shakur Lockett, long jump, Churchill: The senior closed out his career in grand style by placing 15th in the long jump at the Division 1 state meet. Lockett was the regional, Kensington Conference



and Livonia City meet champion. Lockett, who was undefeated during the

Chargers' dual-meet slate, peaked with a school-record leap of 21-10. "Shakur has demonstrated improvement every season he has been in our program, culminating as a recipient of our Michael Guara Award for Most Valuable Field Event Performer," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Further demonstrating his athleticism, Shakur also competed in the 100 dash and ran the lead leg of our city championship 400 relay team."

"Shakur is one of the most explosive athletes I have coached at Churchill. He also was a starting defensive back on our football team and played guard for the school's basketball team."

Ethan Burke, pole vault, Churchill: Burke, who also garnered first team all-area accolades as a diver this past winter, enjoyed a splendid spring, vaulting to a personal-best effort of 14-0. He was the champion of the Observerland Relays pole vault relays.



He has been improving every year as a member of our track and field program," Austin said. "A KLA A Scholar-Athlete award recipient, he ran into some bad luck at the regional championship meet when he no-heighted after snapping his pole and falling on his head the night before in practice."

Theodore Lang, pole vault, Canton: It was a strong senior season for Lang, who increased his numbers as the year went on.

Lang was victorious at P-CEP's Bolger-Mangan City Meet with a mark of 12-0 and upped that to 13-10 to win the D1 regional.



He matched the latter mark at the state meet, finishing 11th overall. "Teddy Lang was determined to excel in the pole vault in 2015," pole vault coach Matti Kilpelainen said. "He trained hard and smart to improve to 14 feet."

Lang will compete on the men's track and field team at Eastern Michigan University.

Xalen Onyemelukwe, 110 hurdles, Harrison: Onyemelukwe was a state qualifier in this event and one of the area's best in both hurdles.

He was fourth at the North Farmington regional in the high hurdles, fifth in Oakland County and third in the OAA Blue Division. He also competed in



the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Onyemelukwe was sixth at the regional, 12th in the county and fourth in the division in the 300 hurdles.

"Xalen was a fantastic hurdler over a four-year period," coach John Reed said. "He trained himself to be one of the best hurdlers in the county and at the state level."

"We will really miss him next season. We wish him great success next year as he plans to continue running track at Case Western Reserve University and study bio-medical engineering."

Michael Ojemudia, 300 hurdles, Harrison: Ojemudia, who will play

football at Iowa, is the Oakland County champion in this event with a time of 39.68.

He won the 110 and 300 hurdles at the North Farmington regional and was seventh in the state in the 300. Ojemudia was a key



member of Harrison's sprint relay teams, too.

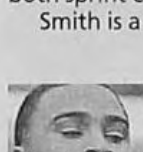
"Mike was the heart and soul of our track team," Reed said. "He was a huge contributor to our overall team success over the past four years. Mike was willing to run any race necessary to help the team be successful."

"Over a two-year period, the Hawks have not lost a dual track meet and Mike had a lot to do with that. He was an all-state performer in the 110 hurdles two years in a row and a regional champ in the 110s and 300s."

Jaron Flournoy, 100 dash, John Glenn: Flournoy earned the distinction as the fastest high school athlete in the state this spring as he motored to first-place finishes at the Division 1 state meet in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

An exemplary football player as well for the Rockets, he will be attending Louisiana State University beginning in the fall with a full-ride scholarship for track and field.

Iwarri Smith, 200 dash, Harrison: Smith had an outstanding senior year and was a state qualifier in the 100 dash and long jump. In the list of top 10 times, he was second only to Flournoy in both sprint events.



Smith is a regional champion in the long jump with an area-best jump of 22-2, and he was the runner-up in the 200.

He is the OAA Blue Division champion in the 100 and long jump. He was fifth in Oakland County in the long jump. He also was a member of Harrison's sprint relay teams.

"Iwarri is easily one of the best all-around track athletes I have ever coached," Reed said. "Iwarri was dominant in the sprints, relays and the jumps."

"It was so fun to coach him as he was able to help the team anywhere. He has Division 1 speed and should consider running track at the next level. We will miss him as he heads off to North Dakota to play football."

Montel Hood, 400 run, Wayne: Hood was an absolute point machine this past season for the Zebras, excelling in everything from the 100 to the 400. His fastest time in the 100 was 11.24, which was the eighth-fastest time registered by Observerland-area sprinters.



Hood's time of 23.04 in the 200 was tied for eighth-best in the area, while his 48.47 clocking in the 400 was second only to Flournoy.

Jonny Dalton, 800 run, Plymouth: The senior's fourth varsity season was his best, winning the conference and regional championships in the 800 run.



Then, at the D1 state meet in Rockford, Dalton earned all-state honors with his eighth-place — and Plymouth record — time of 1:54.66.

He qualified with his first-place time of 1:55.40 at the D1 regional and

prevailed at the Kensington Conference meet with a time of 1:55.14.

"He ran the hardest triple that can be done in a meet in my opinion (1,600, 400, 800 runs) in a lot of meets, including the city (Bolger-Mangan) meet," Mikosz said.

Dalton, also part of the state-qualifying 3,200-meter relay, scored more varsity points than any other member of the team. He was named Plymouth High School's top male scholar-athlete.

Keenan Jones, 1,600 run, Franklin: Jones was absolute long-distance beast for four seasons for Franklin. A rare dual state-qualifier in both cross country and track, he placed 10th at the state meet as a junior in the 3,200 with a school-record time of 9:29. This year, Jones was 11th in the state in 1,600 with an extraordinary time of 4:18, just one second away from the school record in that event.



Jones added to his incredible credentials by cruising around the track to the tune of a 1:55 time in the 800, which nearly eclipsed the school record. The hard-working senior was undefeated in 1,600 races until the state meet.

To cap his phenomenal career, Jones was part of the Team Michigan first-place 3,200-meter relay team at the Midwest Meet of Champions in Ohio. He will be taking his talents to Saginaw Valley State University.

"Keenan has had a very successful career at Franklin and he has the potential to do so much more at SVSU," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer said.

Matt Pahl, 3,200 run, Plymouth: Another runner who left a major legacy during his four-year varsity career was Pahl, a state qualifier this season in the 3,200 run and as part of the 3,200-meter relay.

He set a new school and Park record in the 3,200 with a time of



9:29.27 at the Saline-hosted Golden Triangle Invitational.

At the D1 regional, Pahl finished second in the 3,200 (9:39.34) and was part of the 3,200-meter relay team that finished second with a time of 8:19.14 (along with Ethan Byrnes, Matt Weiner and Dalton).

Pahl scored the third-most varsity points for the Wildcats in 2015 and was honored by being selected Plymouth High School Male Athlete of the Year.

"Matt was one of the hardest-working kids I have ever coached," Mikosz said. "Not only is he the school cross country record holder, he is now the school and Park record holder in the 3,200 as well. Meaning that in the entire history of P-CEP, no one has ever run a faster two-mile than Matt."

400 relay, Salem: It was a record-busting spring for Salem's speedy quartet of freshman Andrew Davis, junior Freddie McGee, junior Jacob Miller and sophomore anchor VerShawn Patrick. They were key contributors to the Rocks' KLA A Central Division championship.

The relay team ran together just three times and in those races finished first at the Kensington Conference and D1 regional championships.

They also registered the second, third and fourth fastest times in Salem history. Their fastest time of 43.06 was good for the D1 regional championship and is the second fastest in



Andrew Davis
Salem



Freddie
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Salem



Jacob Miller
Salem



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sophomore record in the 200 and ran the fourth-fastest time in the 100, both as first year runners for us.

"Miller ran the sixth-fastest time in the 100 in school history and is also an accomplished long jumper and McGee ran the 23rd-fastest time in the 100."

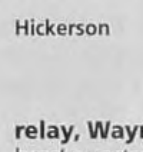
Aspinall added that the quartet is the only D1 relay team that will return intact in 2016.

"The future is definitely bright," he said. "Next year, we will look to continue to improve and ultimately the goal is to be top eight (all-state) at the state championships, which we just missed out on this year."

800 relay, John Glenn: The foursome of Johnathan Parker, Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason and Austin Hickerson qualified for the Division 1 state meet after enjoying a spectacular dual-meet season.



Thompson



Hickerson

1,600 relay, Wayne: The Zebras' quartet of Andrew Chant, Montel Hood, Du-Jon Brown-Deacon and Jah'mir Alonzo enjoyed a phenomenal season.

3,200 relay, Churchill: The foursome of Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Dash Dobar and Matt Cohan placed 11th at the Division 1 state meet with a time of 8:00.95. They were regional champions in the event in addition to turning in gold-medal efforts at the Kensington Conference meet, the Livonia City Meet and the Observerland Relays. The team also went unbeaten in dual meets during the regular season.

"Our 3,200 relay team must set the tone for each dual meet which this group did, going undefeated in each South Division dual-meet appearance," Austin said. "Each meet, they improved their time to a season-best 8:00.95 at the MHSAA championship meet. Their



Pictured are Churchill 3,200-meter relay runners Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Matt Cohan and Dash Dobar.

2015 BOYS ALL-AREA TRACK & FIELD TEAM FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Vonn Pallett, sr., Farmington; 2. Deshaun Baker-Williams, sr., John Glenn; 3. Jannik Schmitt, jr., Salem.

Discus: 1. Michael Jordan, jr., Plymouth; 2. Nick Hitchcock, sr., Stevenson; 3. DeMarco McKinney, jr., Churchill.

High jump: 1. Nathan Harris, sr., Plymouth; 2. Allante Wheelock, sr., Salem; 3. Alec MacDonald, sr., Canton.

Long jump: 1. Shakur Lockett, sr., Churchill; 2. LeDeil O'Bryant, sr., Wayne; 3. Torre Crown, sr., Plymouth Christian.

Pole vault: 1. Ethan Burke, jr., Churchill; 2. Theodore Lang, sr., Canton; 3. Caleb Guthard, sr., Churchill; 3. Kyle Reppenhausen, sr., Churchill.

RUNNING EVENTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. Xalen Onyemelukwe, sr., Harrison; 2. Austin Olson, sr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Denzel Tinsley, jr., Garden City.

300 hurdles: 1. Michael Ojemudia, sr., Harrison; 2. Freddie Thompson, sr., John Glenn; 3. Jemal Vauvado, soph., Canton.

100 dash: 1. Jaron Flournoy, sr., John Glenn; 2. Noah Zalapi, jr., North Farmington; 3. Reginald Jennings, sr., Redford Union.

200 dash: 1. Iwarri Smith, sr., Harrison; 2. Austin Hickerson, sr., John Glenn; 3. Donte Eubanks, sr., Harrison; David Graham, jr., John Glenn.

400 run: 1. Montel Hood, jr., Wayne; 2. Jamal Allen, soph., Churchill; 3. Caleb Moraw, soph., Canton.

800 run: 1. Jonny Dalton, sr., Plymouth; 2. Matt Cohan, sr., Churchill; 3. Dash Dobar, soph., Churchill.

1,600 run: 1. Keenan Jones, sr., Franklin; 2. Chaz Jeffress, jr., Salem; 3. Michael Roberts, sr., Canton.

3,200 run: 1. Matt Pahl, sr., Plymouth; 2. Malik Jordan, sr., Wayne; 3. James Weekley, jr., Harrison.

RELAY TEAMS

400 meters: 1. Salem (Andrew Davis, Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller, VerShawn Patrick); 2. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Jawon Thompson, David Graham, Jaron Flournoy); 3. Churchill (Tim Dulin, Shakur Lockett, Paul Romain, Lee Yetts) and Harrison (Ramone Dawson, Donte Eubanks, Josh Scott, Michael Ojemudia).

800 meters: 1. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason, Austin Hickerson); 2. Churchill (Jamal Allen, Tim Dulin, Lee Yetts, Carrington Smith); 3. Franklin (Jeremy Sheppard, Brandon Smiley, Matt Wirick, Nathan Rodgers).

1,600 meters: 1. Wayne (Andrew Chant, Montel Hood, Dulon Brown-Deacon, Jah'mir Alonzo); 2. John Glenn (Austin Hamlett, Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason, Austin Hickerson); 3. Churchill (Jamal Allen, Tim Dulin, Dash Dobar, Carrington Smith).

3,200 meters: 1. Churchill (Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Dash Dobar, Matt Cohan); 2. Stevenson (Alex Oquist, Andrew Bambach, Jeremy Webb, Jack Balint); 3. Plymouth (Ethan Byrnes, Matt Pahl, Matt Weiner, Jonny Dalton).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rick Austin, Churchill: Austin's 20th year at the helm produced a trophy-case full of awards, including the school's first KLA A South Division title, first Kensington Conference crown and 10th Livonia City Invitational championship.

The Chargers were runners-up at the regional meet, producing 12 state qualifiers. Under Austin's direction, they won the Observerland Relays.

"This has been one of the most athletic teams that I have had the opportunity to coach at Churchill," Austin said. "No matter the meet, our kids embraced the competition to improve their performances. Each week, our confidence grew. I am so proud of this group."

"Much of the credit for our success goes to our coaching staff of John McGreevy, John Filatrault, Dave Simpson, Taylor Byron and Jordan McClellan. They, along with our captains — Tim Dulin, DeMarco McKinney, Caleb Guthard, Paul Romain, Matt Cohan and Ryan Bragiel — kept our momentum rolling during my four-meet absence in the middle of the season."

"This group's success can be directly attributed to their willingness to train as many of our kids started training during the winter in my speed camp. During the season they loved being around each other and were supportive of one another. When you have that kind of team chemistry and bond, great success usually follows. It was a good mix of seasoned veterans and youth."



BOYS BEST TRACK TIMES

SHOT PUT

Michael Jordan (Plymouth) 56-1½
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 56-1½
Deshawn Baker (John Glenn) 51-3
Nick Hitchcock (Stevenson) 50-1
Jannik Schmitt (Salem) 49-8
Jonathan Hogan (Clarenceville) 46-5
Michael Grabda (Churchill) 45-11
Collin Caffisch (Canton) 45-11
Demarco McKinney (Churchill) 45-3½
Matthew Wayne (Plymouth) 45-½

DISCUS

Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 165-3
Michael Jordan (Plymouth) 160-5
Deshawn Baker (John Glenn) 160-2
Nick Hitchcock (Stevenson) 147-4
Demarco McKinney (Churchill) 143-0
Collin Caffisch (Canton) 142-8
Jannik Schmitt (Salem) 139-5
Austin Simpson (Churchill) 135-3
Christian Pearson (Salem) 131-11
Tom Krueger (Luth. Westland) 133-6

HIGH JUMP

Nathan Harris (Plymouth) 6-6
Allante Wheeler (Salem) 6-2
Cameron Grace (Salem) 6-1
Alec MacDonald (Canton) 6-1
Brett Lee (Canton) 6-0
Dhruv Patel (Salem) 6-0
Felix Daniel (N. Farmington) 6-0
Devon Cook (Harrison) 5-11
Reginald Jennings (Red. Union) 5-11
Kerry Good (Farmington) 5-10
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 5-10
Noah Campbell (Stevenson) 5-10

LONG JUMP

Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 22-2
Shakur Lockett (Churchill) 21-10
LeDell O'Bryant (Wayne) 20-11
Torre Crown (Ply. Christian) 20-10½
Erwann Basset (N. Farmington) 20-4
Mike Licata (Stevenson) 20-1½
Danny Della (Wayne) 20-1½
Jacob Miller (Salem) 20-1
Dhruv Patel (Salem) 20-¼
Christian Sullivan (Stevenson) 20-0

POLE VAULT

Ethan Burke (Churchill) 14-0
Theodore Long (Canton) 14-0
Caleb Guthard (Churchill) 13-6
Kyle Reppenhagen (Churchill) 13-4
Matt Morgott (N. Farmington) 13-0
Andrew Koenigsnecht (Canton) 13-0
Derek Triebwasser (Canton) 12-6
Logan Delonis (Stevenson) 12-4
Jason Morhan (John Glenn) 12-0
Ryan Winnicki (Canton) 11-0
Drew Niemiec (Franklin) 11-0
Ethan Nordstrom (Franklin) 11-0
Hunter Burin (Salem) 11-0

100 DASH

Jaron Flourmy (John Glenn) 10.56
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 10.80
Noah Zalapi (N. Farmington) 11.21
Reginald Jennings (Red. Union) 11.23
David Graham (John Glenn) 11.24
Ramone Dawson (Harrison) 11.24
Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 11.24
Montel Hood (Wayne) 11.24
DJ Nykiel (Luth. Westland) 11.24
VerShawn Patrick (Salem) 11.31
Jawon Thompson (John Glenn) 11.34

200 DASH

Jaron Flourmy (John Glenn) 21.25
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 21.84
Noah Zalapi (N. Farmington) 22.49
Austin Hickerson (John Glenn) 22.54
David Graham (John Glenn) 22.74
Donte Eubanks (Harrison) 22.74
Reginald Jennings (Red. Union) 22.80
Eian Castonguay (Garden City) 23.00
Joshua Scott (Harrison) 23.04
Montel Hood (Wayne) 23.04
VerShawn Patrick (Salem) 23.04

400 RUN

Jaron Flourmy (John Glenn) 48.53
Montel Hood (Wayne) 48.87

Jamal Allen (Churchill) 49.92
Austin Hickerson (John Glenn) 50.09
Caleb Moraw (Canton) 50.83
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 50.85
Dirk Thornhill (Canton) 51.19
Andrew Chant (Wayne) 51.55
Isaac Pennock (Canton) 51.70
Jonathan Harris (Clarenceville) 51.79

800 RUN

Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 1:54.66
Keenan Jones (Franklin) 1:55.88
Matt Cohan (Churchill) 1:57.20
Dash Dobar (Churchill) 1:59.47
Ammar Chishti (Canton) 2:02.59
Chaz Jeffress (Salem) 2:03.20
Caebryn Crabtree (Thurston) 2:03.21
Montel Hood (Wayne) 2:03.34
Joe Fanelli (Ply. Christian) 2:03.56
Spencer Torok (Salem) 2:03.70

1,600 RUN

Keenan Jones (Franklin) 4:18.57
Chaz Jeffress (Salem) 4:26.67
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 4:28.63
Matthew Pahl (Plymouth) 4:31.00
Malik Jordan (Wayne) 4:34.11
Michael Roberts (Canton) 4:37.32
Ethan Byrnes (Plymouth) 4:38.79
James Weekley (Harrison) 4:39.07
Tony Floyd (Franklin) 4:41.22
Jack Balint (Stevenson) 4:41.68

3,200 RUN

Matthew Pahl (Plymouth) 9:29.27
Malik Jordan (Wayne) 9:37.47
James Weekley (Harrison) 9:51.09
Tony Floyd (Franklin) 10:00.50
Devin Gibson (Wayne) 10:05.72
Jacob Kubinski (Salem) 10:11.41
Nick Trevisan (Farmington) 10:11.49
Erik Grisa (Stevenson) 10:17.17
Zachary Clark (Canton) 10:27.35

110 HURDLES

Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 14.21
Xalen Onyemelukwe (Harrison) 14.45
Austin Olson (Luth. Westland) 14.81
Denzel Tinsley (Garden City) 14.94
La. Giddings-Whately (Thurston) 14.95
Keyon Thomas (Redford Union) 15.21
Freddie Thompson (John Glenn) 15.31
Garrett Kempf (Luth. Westland) 15.58
Tim Dulin (Churchill) 15.60
Jeremy Sheppard (Franklin) 15.67

300 HURDLES

Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 38.71
Freddie Thompson (John Glenn) 38.96
Austin Olson (Luth. Westland) 40.49
Jemal Vaunado (Canton) 40.22
Stephen Woodhouse (Glenn) 40.64
Tim Dulin (Churchill) 40.69
Keyon Thomas (Redford Union) 40.94
Brandon Reed (Harrison) 41.24
Xalen Onyemelukwe (Harrison) 41.54
William Hill (Garden City) 41.84

400 RELAY

Salem 43.06
Westland John Glenn 43.13
Livonia Churchill 43.30
Farmington Harrison 43.34
Livonia Franklin 43.99

800 RELAY

Westland John Glenn 1:29.16
Livonia Churchill 1:29.88
Livonia Franklin 1:30.25
Canton 1:31.53
Salem 1:31.94

1,600 RELAY

Wayne Memorial 3:23.40
Westland John Glenn 3:23.60
Livonia Churchill 3:26.82
Livonia Franklin 3:27.94
Canton 3:28.77

3,200 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 8:00.95
Livonia Stevenson 8:07.37
Plymouth 8:13.74
Salem 8:19.69
Canton 8:47.24

Pummill signs with Concordia



Recent Livonia Churchill graduate Hannah Pummill signed a letter of intent to play collegiate basketball for Concordia University in Ann Arbor. The all-conference player and three-year starter is pictured with Concordia head coach Thad Sankey.

KAREEM

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arship offers, had committed to Michigan State earlier this year. He also visited Northwestern, Louisville, Pitt, Penn State and Stanford, among others.

The fact MSU has established a lot of depth on the defensive line in recent years caused Kareem to change his mind about the Spartans.

He said MSU coach Mark D'Antonio was up front about the situation and acknowledged there was a numbers problem.

"They didn't really have room for me on the team," Kareem said. "That kind of ended it. It wasn't good to hear, but it was good to know he was telling me the truth and not just telling me, 'There's an opportunity for you to play,' when there's not."

Though the Crimson



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Khalid Kareem (left) catches a break on the sideline during a Harrison High School game.

Tide and Southeastern Conference teams are noted for red-shirting almost all first-year players, Kareem believes Alabama presents the opposite situation.

"Being a mid-year player, it will give me a better opportunity to play," he said. "The strength in their depth chart right now is low and it will give me a great opportunity."

"The size of the player they want at that position (defensive end/outside linebacker) is basically me and most of the players they have now are a little undersized. That, too, will give me a great

opportunity to play."

"A lot of people were saying, 'Alabama is going to be loaded,'" Kareem's father Ken said. "They're not. They suffer from a good problem. They lose a lot of guys to the NFL. Their situation at defensive end is just the same as Michigan or anybody else."

Kareem added the difference in regard to his Alabama commitment is he's 100-percent certain this time.

"I had a chance to see everyone that was on my list," he said. "When I committed to Michigan State, I only got a chance to see a few schools. Since

then, I got a chance to get out and see multiple schools and I'm sure of my decision."

After returning from a vacation, he made his decision Tuesday night, talked it over with his dad Wednesday morning and called Saban to give him the news.

"The most exciting aspect is being on a national stage and being a contender for the national championship every season," Kareem said. "It's a feeling of relief that I can focus on playing with my (high school) team and going after a state championship with them."

Kareem, who plans to study business or sports management, emerged as a top prospect last season, helping Harrison reach the semifinal round of the Division 2 state tournament and making the all-Observer first team.

"I didn't have any offers last year," he said. "My parents kept telling me, 'They're going to come; they're going to come. Just trust the process and eventually it will happen.'"

"After talking with him, I told him to put his own footprints in the ground and decide where he wanted to go," Ken Kareem said. "We went to Alabama a couple times. Both times we went it made a lot of sense – the position he would be playing, the defense, the roster."

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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Chromebook Cases.

Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available online at <http://links.pccsk12.com/techrfp>. Technical questions should be directed to Elson Liu, Director of Integrated Technology Systems at techrfp@pccsk12.com. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1 P.M., Monday, June 29, 2015. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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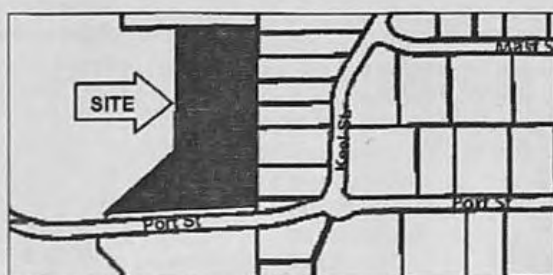
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request SPECIAL LAND USE Approval
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 15, 2015
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application from Naberhaus Therapy, Inc. requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a therapy center at 46200 Port Street. Tax ID No. R-78-009-99-0009-709, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2.14. The property is located north of Port Street, west of Keel Street.

Application: 2167-0615

Applicant: Naberhaus Therapy Inc.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID no.(s): R-78-009-99-0009-709.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270 extension 5. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Livonia seminar focus: Africa mission work

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Rev. Emily Campbell felt a call to mission work nearly 10 years ago.

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, where she serves as associate pastor, were interested in expanding their outreach to the world, too.

But they weren't sure exactly where to focus their energy.

"We started exploring," said Doug Kee, a church member. "Just as we were going through that dialogue, when she (Campbell) got a flier announcing the Malawi Mission Network Conference. Malawi seemed like a good possibility. One of their tourist taglines is that they are called the warm heart of Africa."

Campbell and several church members attended the conference, which is held annually in a different city throughout the country, met Malawi-based ministers and learned about mission work in the east African country. The conference will be held this summer in Livonia.

"The conference for us was

an answer to our prayer on how to learn more about Malawi. It was less money to learn about Malawi than to go there ourselves," Campbell said. "It prepared us for taking our first trip there and gave us an idea on what to expect, on what to avoid and practical advice."

The following year, First Presbyterian developed an ongoing partnership with the Mtenthera Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi. Church members have traveled to visit each other, prayed for one another and joined forces on projects. First Presbyterian also became active in the Malawi Mission Network.

"That continues to this day," said Kee, who has traveled to Malawi 14 times. "The conference does move around the country. We thought, hey, it's our turn."

Conference details

"Build & Rebuild Together to God's Glory," the 2015 Malawi Mission Network Conference, is Aug. 6-9, at the VisTa-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Keynote speaker is the Rev.



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The Rev. Vasco Kachipapa, left, general secretary of Nkhoma Synod, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, and the Rev. Davidson Chifungo, national director, Veritas College, Malawi, will speak at a conference on mission work in Malawi, Aug. 6-9 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Vasco Kachipapa, general secretary, CCAP Nkhoma Synod. The deadline to register is Monday, July 6. Guests from Malawi will include the Rev. Davidson Chifungo, national director of Veritas College, and

Hussein Latif, coordinator for the First Presbyterian-Mtenthera partnership.

Full program cost, which includes three nights in the Hampton Inn, Northville, and all meals, is \$350-\$495, depend-

ing on accommodations. Computer program cost is \$200 for the program, two lunches and three dinners, or \$100 for one day, including a dinner and lunch. Registration deadline is July 6 at www.malawinetwork.org.

Participants will get a chance to network, and attend workshops and panel discussions. They'll learn how to succeed in Christian ministry in Malawi, how to build church partnerships, overcome partnership challenges and work through a crisis such as floods or droughts.

"The benefit of this type of conference is the sharing of ideas, experience and resources," Campbell said. "Not every mission organization that goes out has to reinvent the wheel."

Kee said the conference is open to any denomination and to individuals and groups, as well as churches, interested in mission work.

"The first time we went we had no idea which way to go," he said. "We said let's explore this, come for a couple of days and learn about it. It worked out for us."

Give your dog a vacation from noisy fireworks July 4

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

I watched a fireworks display Thursday night from inside a cat shelter.

I wanted to see if my feline friends at New Beginnings Animal Rescue, where I'm a board member, would get rattled by the ear drum-rattling booms from a public display up the street.

It was business as usual in the free-roam rooms as cats snoozed or punted toys across the floor. Same story in the cage room, where eating,



PET PROJECTS

sleeping and pawing through cage bars took priority.

But that wasn't the case when I returned home during the second half of the show. The continual boom boom sound was more distant, but still audible and I found my dogs in their "safe" place on the bathroom floor. They'll spend a lot of time there, sandwiched between the bathtub and sink during the Fourth of July weekend.

But they don't have to, according to Stacy Karafotis, a former veterinary technician and co-owner of Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare & Boarding in Garden City.

"I have a whole display with fireworks and thunderstorm stuff," she said. "We sell Calming Chews. They have tryptophan, the same thing that's in turkey to calm them down."

The product, with other natural ingredients, helps dogs relax without drugs and cost between \$6-\$8, depending on chew size, from Lucky Dog.

Music might also calm a nervous canine. Karafotis also sells a CD of classical music specifically arranged for dogs, called *Through A Dog's Ear*, for \$18.

"We sell it for thunderstorms and fireworks. You play it every day. It triggers something (to settle down) every time you play it."

She also recommends the Thunder Shirt and suggests that dog owners consider talking to their veterinarian if they suspect calming medication is in order.

"I do not recommend taking your dog with you to a fireworks display no matter if you think he does OK," she said. "This will be a bad time for storms, too. It's supposed to rain all week. Dogs feel it (high pressure) long before the rain comes. Watch your dogs for anxiety, pacing, drooling. Some dogs are afraid of wind. We have a lot of people who have dogs with anxiety problems and they bring them here on days it rains."

Karafotis said dogs often



Lola and Hunter love to lounge outside, but fireworks and thunder send them running to the house and their "safe place" in the bathroom.

"I do not recommend taking your dog with you to a fireworks display no matter if you think he does OK. This will be a bad time for storms, too."

STACY KARAFOTIS
PET ADVOCATE

feel more secure in a pack and are less likely to hear loud noises during daycare sessions inside her building. Her boarding kennel has room for more than 100 dogs.

"We'll probably have at least 10 dogs boarding here on Fourth of July because they

(owners) don't want them at home."

Karafotis said calming treats also are available for cats, although she noted they are less likely to become rattled by fireworks and thunder.

The Animal Care Network, a division of the Michigan

Animal Adoption Network, also offers these reminders about pets, fireworks and storms:

» Keep them at home inside during fireworks or a big storm, with a fan or other white noise, so they can't hear the noise outside.

» Be sure to confine them if they tend to run and jump fences.

» If your dog is on a chain, make sure it is not near a fence or obstruction that the dog can jump over and get injured.

» Do not throw fireworks at pets or strays.



Joe
Gagnon
APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

Get trained in appliance repair

It has been a number of years since I broached this subject and the outlook hasn't improved for many companies in the service industry. I was speaking with my neighbor, Steve, who is in charge of a large construction company, and he told me that the majority of his skilled trade people are 40 years plus and it's tough to find trained new young people to bring into the trades. It is not only the appliance industry that is affected but most of the service industries across America.

Go to school, get an education or you will not make it in life. We hear this all the time until it's ingrained in the mind of all young people within earshot. But in reality, it doesn't apply to everyone. There are millions of young people who are not geared to go on to college for many various reasons. These kids should be geared to get into some form of trade that will provide a great living and a job for life anywhere in this country. This role was a part of school in years past when they had all sorts of shop classes and the students loved those educational formats and then the degree became so almighty important.

Please don't get me wrong, I respect all people who go on to receive degrees and make a success out of life and I also love to hear the success stories from those who work with their hands. I believe the educational system has to go back to the old days of schooling to help and direct the young kids make a smart choice. If not, the service industry will never improve and getting things fixed will be in a sad condition for the American consumer.

Now, of great importance to the homeowner who requires a service technician to repair a major home appliance and the question is: Will you be able to find a qualified repairman to fix it? I know that today we have repair people who visit a home and don't even know how to take it apart. That reason is simple; They have never



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES
Farmington Hills residents Camryn, 8, Jason Jones, and Kendall, 6, enjoy the Rooftop Party.



Friends and 8-year-olds Rebekah Maibach of Farmington Hills and Ava Boccarossa of Plymouth have fun at the Rooftop Party.



Plymouth residents Tom Short, left, and Fern Espino and Grosse Pointe Park residents Hector and Dora Hernandez await the fireworks display.

Music, fireworks make Rooftop Party a blast

The timing was impeccable for the 57th annual Ford Fireworks on the Detroit River on Monday. Torrential storms hit our area hard in the late afternoon and the late evening. The Parade Company, producer of the Ford Fireworks and the coveted Rooftop Party Fundraiser, made an excellent call to move up the fireworks start

time to 9:06 p.m., from the usual start time of 10:06 p.m. The sun was out, spirits were high and 10,000 pyrotechnic effects created by Zambelli Fireworks went off without a



Julie Yolles

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glitch.

Next to the Hob Nobble Gobble, the Rooftop Party — held atop the Miller Parking Garage next to the Renaissance Center in Downtown Detroit — is the Parade Company's second largest fundraiser. Guests are treated to nonstop carnival games, prizes, clowning, unlimited food catered by Andiamo's, dancing and singing to Fifty Amp Fuse and, of course, the best view in the city for the Ford Fireworks.

"We are so lucky that the weather turned out to be perfect," said Parade Company Foundation chair, Eric Larson. "We have a sell-out at 2,500 guests and we raised over \$475,000."



Nifty the clown makes 9-year-old Farmington Hills resident Marley Wyatt look pretty nifty.

WDIV-TV Local 4 broadcast live from the Rooftop Party that included Local 4's annual Super Singer competition. Celebrity judges included Farmington Hills

native and *American Idol* finalist Jena Irene who performed her new song, *Unbreakable*.

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been trained on that particular product. The way things have changed on our newer products means that the service industry just can't keep up. Service schools are at a minimum which means a lot of on the job training. It's not like the old days when products were just plain simple and a good service tech could tell you what was wrong by just listening to your conversation. So simple in fact that most people could fix it themselves with a little direction.

Complicated repairs

You must also consider how products are made today and if the future holds a throw-away mentality when it comes to your appliances. I am not a big fan of the quality standards that apply to appliances today because I know what quality once was and the improvements sorely needed by manufacturing. As for the appliance repair industry, it is in a tough situation in today's world. I tell technicians that if they can't figure out what is wrong with a product in the first 10 minutes of a service call, they'd just be in trouble trying to figure it out. A good service technician today has to be able to read a schematic and know the value of certain electronic components. The old guy who would hold a stethoscope to the side of a washing machine and tell you what was wrong is long gone. He or she doesn't live around here anymore.

We are in need of some 10,000 appliance repair technicians in this country right now. That's an amazing figure, isn't it? But it shows the importance of why young people should start to think with their hands. Don't think that a repair company will pay you top dollar when you can't be an income producer. Offer to work for next to nothing until you learn and make a commitment to that company that teaches you a trade that makes it enticing to hire you. Not everyone goes to college and not enough of you think of a career in some sort of skilled trades. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.rr.com.

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Financial checklist is a must when divorcing a spouse

On my 30th birthday, I made the decision to get a divorce from my first husband. It was one of the hardest decision I have ever made. I had two children to support and I wasn't sure if I could make it financially. I was scared but I knew I couldn't stay married. So I packed up the kids and walked out the door. Even though I had to work two jobs and live in my grandparent's basement, I have never regretted my decision.

Divorce is a huge step and not one to be taken lightly due in part to its enormous emotional and financial ramifications. Most women face a 40 percent decline in their standard of living after divorce. As a woman going through divorce, you may wonder how you can possibly make it on your own. Let's face it, losing your husband's income can seriously change the way you do things. But, the sooner that you take steps to adjust to your new situation, the better for your financial survival. You are now in the driver's seat of your financial future.

This checklist can help you transition from "ours" to "mine" and "yours."

Day-to-day transactions and financial accounts

» Divide all bank account balances as called



Paula Swain
GUEST
COLUMNIST

for in the divorce agreement.

» Cancel joint checking, savings and revolving credit accounts, such as credit cards.

» Establish individual accounts in your name for ATMs, checking, savings and credit cards.

» Let your utility companies know if you're assuming responsibility for the bills or if your name should be removed from the accounts. Make sure to update the accounts for gas, electric, heating oil, water, sewer, cable/satellite television, telephone and broadband Internet.

» Notify all of your creditors of your changed circumstances and responsibilities, including change of address, if applicable.

The divorce agreement negotiated during your proceedings should spell out who owes what to whom and who is assuming which obligations. You should make suitable arrangements for your responsibilities and remove yourself from things you are no longer responsible for.

Other financial assets

» Revoke any joint authorizations or powers of attorney you gave to your ex-spouse over

investment accounts and assets.

» Remove yourself from any joint accounts your spouse intends to maintain independently. You may have to explicitly notify the institutions that you will claim no future interest in the account.

» Remove your ex-spouse from any accounts you intend to maintain individually.

Retirement plan issues

» Update the beneficiary designations of your existing retirement accounts and insurance policies.

» Seek a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) for any retirement assets you are entitled to in your spouse's employer-sponsored plans. The QDRO is a tax-efficient way to preserve and enforce your financial interests in your ex-spouse's pensions and defined contribution plan assets.

» Create rollover IRAs in your name to receive any assets you might be due immediately from your ex-spouse's IRAs under the terms of your divorce settlement. Taking those transfers as cash distributions could trigger immediate and costly tax consequences.

Property and other resources

» Update the deeds and title papers to reflect any changes in property ownership conditions

specified in your divorce agreement. Notify any mortgage holders and lien holders of the changes.

» Notify all taxing authorities (city, country, school district, etc.) of any changes in responsibility for real estate tax payments.

» Update motor vehicle title, tax, insurance and lease arrangements.

Moving forward on your own

Take a fresh look at your plans for the future to determine whether your divorce will affect your financial needs, risk tolerance and time frames. Among the

things to re-evaluate are:

» Life insurance and disability insurance needs
» Investment allocations
» Retirement savings rates

Review your will to be sure that its provisions reflect your new circumstances. If you have no will for yourself, create one.

Evaluate your Social Security status. A divorced person may be eligible for Social Security benefits based on his or her ex-spouse's earnings record if he or she is at least 62 years old, was married for at least 10 years, and does not re-

marry before age 60.

I am dedicated to walking you through the steps that you need to make to take control of your financial future and prepare you for a secure retirement. Now it is the time to start focusing on your finances.

Paula Swain, CFP®, is a financial consultant at Swain Financial, LLC, 1225 S. Main St., Plymouth. Contact her at 734-552-7610. The opinions here are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations. Consult with a qualified tax or legal adviser about your specific situation.

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BURKALL, LORI SUE

Passed away June 20, 2015, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, after a courageous fight with cancer. She was 54 years old. Preceded in death by her mother, Eleanor Burkall, and both sets of grandparents, Peter and Marie Burkall and Ken and Olive Hughes, of Muskegon, Michigan. Lori leaves behind her father, Al Burkall of St. Joseph, Michigan; sister Linda (Dan) Derbas of Galien, Michigan; sister Julie (Jim) Painter of Centerville, Ohio; brother Don (Shirley) Burkall of Durham, North Carolina; sister Mary (Dave) Schmidke of St. Joseph, Michigan; life partner Burt Sloan of Ann Arbor, Michigan; special cousin Norman (Ilene) Tyler of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Lori graduated from St. Joseph High School in St. Joseph, Michigan, received her Bachelor of Education from Western Michigan University, and her Masters in Computer Education from the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois. During her career she taught special needs students in Dayton, Ohio; Antioch, Illinois; Charlotte, North Carolina; and ultimately, Livonia, Michigan. Lori was exceptionally close to her eight nieces and nephews, always being very interested and involved in their lives. She lovingly shared many special times with each one of them as they grew from childhood into the adults they are today. She was so proud of each and every one of them. While in high school Lori's family hosted Gundi Mathews, a foreign exchange student from Hamburg, Germany, who became a special sister. This wonderful experience led Lori and her partner Burt to open their home and hearts to many foreign exchange students over the years. The bonds formed remain to this day; many students, along with their families, have returned for visits to see their "American mom." When not in the classroom or spending time with family, Lori loved to travel. She enjoyed learning about other cultures and exploring near and far, whether it was on road trips with her dad, taking cruises with Burt or her girlfriends, or backpacking through Europe. She jumped out of airplanes, rode her motorcycle, and loved the water, whether swimming and sailing, or playing cards with her dad at the beach. Lori's creative side led her to explore a variety of artistic avenues. After taking a stained glass class, she fell in love with glass, and subsequently, lampwork (glass bead-making). Her friends and family treasure the unique and beautiful gifts she made for them. To showcase her culinary talents, Lori would entertain friends and even cater various events. Happy were those who were called to her table. Lori will be greatly missed by family, her very many close friends and neighbors, and former students. Her loving and generous spirit and beautiful smile touched the lives of so many. Lori made a difference, and left the world a better place because she was here. Those wishing to share a memory of Lori can do so at www.muehligannarbor.com. A celebration of Lori's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either St. Joseph Mercy Hospice Ann Arbor (www.stjoesannarbor.org/hospice) or Youth for Understanding USA (www.yfususa.org).

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DUVALL, GEORGE A.

Age 93. Husband of the late Carol. Dear father of Kenneth (Joanne) and Joyce. Grandfather of Julianne (Brian) Nafin, Wayne, Theresa, Raymond and Sean. Great-grandfather of Alisha, Cassidy, Owen, Jovanna, Jenna, Kayla, Juanito and George. Great-great-grandfather of Charlee. Visiting Monday, July 27th 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. Service at VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Ave. Redford Charter Twp. Final resting place Great Lakes National Cemetery. Contributions to VFW Post 345 appreciated. Condolences to Charlesstepfuneralhome.com

KIFFNER, HANNAH

Traverse City - Hannah Marlene (Chadwick) Kiffner, 82, of Manistee passed away June 22, 2015, at Munson Medical Center. She graduated from Bentley High School. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



NEWMAN, BARBARA

Passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 20, 2015 aged 61. Beloved ex-wife of Scott Newman, loving mother of Jessica Newman and Jacquelyn (Ryan) Crockett, adored grandmother of Ruby Crockett. Predeceased by her parents John and Helen Golec; survived by sisters Cindy (John) Cipolla, Elizabeth "Buff" Jarema, and by her brother Greg Golec. Barbara spent her youth in Detroit, married and moved to Livonia, and had a successful career as a radiographer. She loved to garden, and enjoyed travel both in the U.S. and abroad. Private memorial to be held by family. Donations may be sent to the Detroit Institute of Arts or the Henry Ford.



SMITH, MICHAEL L.

June 24, 2015. Age 51 of Wayne. He passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1964 and is a 1982 graduate of Romulus High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired as a Sergeant from the Romulus Police Department. He was an avid Detroit Tiger fan and also loved all kinds of sports and never missed a good card game. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Rhonda; and his children, Zachary and Olivia; his parents, Edward Smith and Fanny Markey; brothers, Robert and David (Judy); as well as aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends. Visitation at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI on Sunday, June 28 from 1-9 p.m. Services at funeral home Monday, June 29 at 10 a.m. Burial immediately following at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the International Melanoma Foundation or Angela Hospice. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



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WILCOX, DORIS ANN

76, of Garden City, MI, passed away peacefully where her immediate family surrounding her Monday, June 22, 2015 at Maple Manor, Wayne, MI. She was born October 11, 1938 in Garden City, MI to Doris and Harold Anderson. Surviving are one son, Eric Wilcox of Lisbon Falls, Maine; two daughters, K. Aspen Mikella (Todd Steele) and her grandchildren, Kohen, Kipri and Blake of Lisbon Falls, ME, and Melissa Adams (Benjamin) and grandchildren Braeden and Caelen of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; one sister Theone Alashari (Nasrat) and their children, Sherri, Laela and David; two brothers, Harold Whitney Anderson (Christa) and their children, Robert, Cheryl, Sandy and Linda; and Kenneth Anderson (Doris) and their daughter Jerri, and step-children, Rod, Jan and Susi; along with many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-laws, nieces and nephews on the Wilcox side of the family. Doris was a long time resident of Garden City, living in her childhood home until marrying Melvin Wilcox (her children's father) and moving to 28922 Block Street, where she resided for the rest of her life. She graduated from Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing as an RN in 1961. Doris was then employed at the Garden City Hospital for 43 years, many of those years in the ER, and in her later years with G.C. Hospital as integral part of Community Education. Doris was awarded the prestigious honor of the Athena Leadership Award in 2001 for professional excellence and her many years of dedication to the community. She was beloved by all who had the pleasure of meeting her and there will be a void for many that that is impossible to replace. The family will honor the last wishes of Doris and not have a service. There will be a donation to the hospital in her honor, where she worked so selflessly doing what she did best...caring for others.



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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7-28

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are From Absent to Invisible, July 7; Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddish Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Tuition is \$50 for the series or \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins accepted

Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per students and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org

Contact: 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 145600 Merri-man, Livonia

Details: For pre-K through sixth grade; the sessions will include music, games, crafts, lessons, fun in a luau adventure theme. RSVP by July 5

Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694 or Tina at 734-716-8986

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merri-man, 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

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiwawasee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsom.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen849@att.net.

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Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

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5 secret benefits of having a difficult boss

YOU CAN LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM YOUR HORRIBLE BOSSES.

A difficult relationship with your boss can make every aspect of your work more challenging. It's a tough situation, but it's not necessarily a hopeless one.

Yes, in cases of true ineptitude or incompatibility, it might be best to seek employment elsewhere. But in many others, learning to make the best of the predicament can be the smartest move. Whether your manager is inconsistent, authoritarian or simply doesn't mesh with your personality or work style, the characteristics that make him hard to work with are often the ones that can teach you the most.

Here are five valuable skills you can learn from having a difficult boss:

1. What not to do: Modeling yourself after someone you admire is useful, but there's nothing like a front-row seat on unproductive behavior to help you crystallize your own professional values and style.

Learning what not to do is especially helpful if you currently manage others or hope to do so in the future. Taking note of the effects of the behavior on staff can yield leadership lessons more memorable than any business school could provide.

2. Self-reliance: A manager who doesn't always provide you with adequate resources or direction can force you to become more resourceful and assertive. You may need to learn to gather the information or support you require from others or figure out how to move forward with a project when details are fuzzy.

Similarly, a boss who doesn't adequately recognize or

appreciate your efforts can lead you to develop your own sense of the value of your contributions. The result can be a sturdier sense of satisfaction and confidence.

3. How to choose your battles: When working for a challenging boss, everyday conversations can seem like combat. From requesting feedback to defending a decision you made to explaining why you think a certain course of action is the right one, you know to expect a tense and difficult discussion.

View these interactions as learning opportunities -- when it's worth bringing up an issue, when to push back and when to let a matter drop. Being able to distinguish between a garden-variety difference of opinion and a significant concern can help you establish effective working relationships with colleagues.

4. Diplomacy: Some of the most professionally valuable interpersonal skills, such as working toward compromise and building consensus, can be learned only by dealing with difficult people. That's why a little incompatibility with your manager can be a good thing. In an ever-shifting work environment, the ability to communicate with those who see things differently than you is indispensable.

5. Team building: When your supervisor isn't as supportive as you'd like, it can motivate you to seek out and cultivate nurturing professional relationships with others. A mentor, for example, can be especially valuable for those who don't find their boss to be role-model material. The situation might also spur you to form closer relationships with colleagues who may be struggling with some of the same issues you do.

None of this is to suggest that a contentious relationship with your manager is an enviable state of affairs. It's all too easy to let a difficult boss discourage you, cause you to question the value of your work or serve as an excuse not to deliver your best. But by treating the situation as a growth opportunity rather than a hardship, you give yourself a chance to emerge from the experience stronger and better prepared to meet the next challenges your career brings your way.

When that happens, don't be surprised if your opinion of your former boss changes. Years from now, you might realize that a manager who seemed hypercritical or overly demanding was simply trying to bring out your best or force you out of your comfort zone.

That's why it's worthwhile to take a step back from your situation and ask yourself if there are things you can appreciate about your boss now. If so, you might be inspired to work toward a more productive professional relationship. And even if the answer is a resounding "No," you'll know it's not the end of the world.

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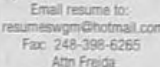
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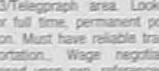
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- Kind of pie
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- Expand
- Tour helper
- Counting-rhyme start
- Political upsets
- Pedro's lang.
- Baba
- Contend
- Air-pump meas.
- Ely and Swoboda
- Understand
- Baldwin or Guinness
- High, as a river
- Deep fissure
- Historian's word
- "Futureworld" name
- Troll cousin
- Vivid color
- Some paintings
- "She Done — Wrong"
- Leeway
- Pollen spreader
- Nearest star
- Worthless coin
- Type of elec.
- Whey
- companion
- Food cookers
- Extend a mine shaft
- Disquiet
- Window covering
- Cuddly pet

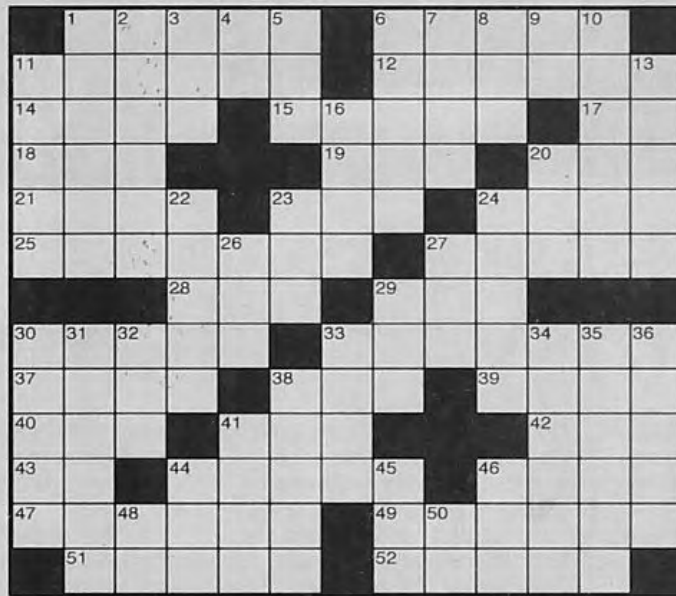
DOWN

- Stay out, of sight
- Weather modifier (2 wds.)
- Indy 500 month
- Extra hrs.
- Toshiba competitor
- Kind of cocktail
- Canter
- New World alliance
- S&L offering
- Chocolate treats
- Nice people
- Sagas
- Home appliance
- Wield
- Closes violently
- Earth, in combos
- More competent
- Not sm. or med.
- Mo. with no holidays
- Orange root
- Turn rotten (2 wds.)
- Some of the family
- Fiesta shout
- Gentle
- Problem in the shower
- Foot, slangily
- Divert
- "Stormy Weather" singer
- Took to court
- Ernst & Young staffer
- Have a bite
- Kind of rally
- Say what?
- Greek "N"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

R	O	O	K	B	Y	E	G	A	S	P
E	I	R	E	L	O	S	R	I	C	E
P	S	A	T	E	U	P	H	O	R	I
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O	N	E	S	F	A	N	B	L	V	D
U	T	A	S	A	M	B	U	S	E	S
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O	B	L	I	G	A	T	E	I	A	G
D	E	E	T	D	A	N	E	R	G	S
E	T	T	A	O	H	S	S	A	S	E

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	7							8
1					8	5		2
			7	1		9		6
	3	6	2	8				
		2					8	4
	9				1			3
	4	3	5		9			1
	5			3		6		
	8	7		4		3		9

Level: Beginner

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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D L T V Y S I E S K E J B R A C K I S H
U S B S B J E H J C S E M J B S S K P P
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U D S S O D G I S M E S R E A O A W E O
L E K K S F T H U B S B N T U W P S T N
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6	9	8	9	4	1	7	8	2
7	9	2	8	1	8	1	9	6
1	2	8	6	7	5	8	4	9
8	9	2	1	5	4	8	6	7
4	8	7	8	9	6	2	1	5
5	6	1	7	8	2	9	8	4
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8	7	4	5	2	6	9	3	7

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