## Police warn of 'zero tolerance' for fireworks violations this summer



Matt Jachman
Two Republican candidates for Plymouth Township offices will run as write-ins after being thrown off the primary ballot by a Michigan
Court of Appeals decision. Court ofges Kurtis T. Wilder, Kirsten F. Kelly and Karen Fort Hood ordered Friday that Kurt Heise, who is running for township supervisor,
and Don Schnettler, who is running and Don Schnettler, who is runn © $\begin{aligned} & \text { Trustees, be taken off } \\ & \text { the Tuesday, Aug. } 2,\end{aligned}$


Schnettler primary ballot fo their home precinct on their respective affidavits of identity $\square \begin{aligned} & \text { Schnettler and } \\ & \text { Heise had won a }\end{aligned}$ Hayne County Circuit Wayne County Circuit
Court decision June 1 but the higher court overturned that dec
sion and issued "writ of mandamus" ordering county Clerk Cathy Garrett and the mission to remove them from the ballot. "It is undisputed that Schnettler and law requiring their precinct number, the judges wrote. "Hence, the Wayne County defendants had a clear legal duty not to certify
Schnettler and Heise's names," Schnettler and Heise's names."
Heise said Saturday he doesn't have the resources to appeal, but will run as a write-in Republican in
the primary. "They won this round, so what we're going to do now is take it back we the people," Heise said.
to Heise, a Michigan House of Rep resentatives member in his third
term, is challenging Supervisor term, is challenging Supervisor
Shannon Price, who was appointed to fill a vacancy in April 2015. Heise cannot run for re-election to the House because of term limits. schnettler, who has run for town 10 Republican candidates for four spots on the board.

## Voter backlash?

Heise said he has been getting many calls of support since news of the ruling began to spread late day afternoon. He said he will

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Fireworks fans who refuse to follow
the law could face a $\$ 500$ fine for each
offense. Canton has received numer-
ous complaints about fireworks being
set off late at night and weeks before
and after holidays.
Canton officials also warned that
businesses selling fireworks could be
fined and shut down unless they first
receive a state permit.
Kristin Kolb, Canton's corporation the law could face a $\$ 500$ fine for each ous complaints abourceived numerset off late at night and weeks being and after holidays.
Canton officials also warned that businesses selling fireworks could be receive a state permit.
counsel, said illegal businesses haven't
been a real problem in Canton.
"I don't think we've had anybody not "I don't think we've had anybody not
have a license," she said. Canton allows the discharge of cer tain fireworks only on national holibut only from 8 a.m. to midnight. Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden
said extra officers will be plad sadd extra officers will be placed on
duty during the Fourth of July holiday
to respond to all fireworks complaints. an abundance of fireworks complaints; this year, by assigning officers to the special enforcement, it will allow shift officers to remain on-task with their
regular patrol duties," Hilden said "In regular patrol duties," Hilden said. "In
the best interest of public safety and resident wellness, police officers will

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A fireworks show culminated the three-day festival.


Heritage Park offered a picturesque setting for canoeing Saturday afternoon during Liberty Fest.


The tortoise was a big hit with 15-month-old Aspyn Brunetti.

## Darrell Clem

Fireworks had barely stopped exploding over
 Liberty Fest - before organizers began looking ahead to next year's event.
Canton Leisure Services Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said festival planners ne Bibrey-Honsowetz said festival planners next
week will meet for a debriefing to discuss what worked and what needs tweaking after the three-day Liberty Fest wrapped up Saturday
night. "We've heard all very positive reports that all "We've heard all very positive reports that all
the guests had a great time," she said, calling it a "quality event that accomplished what we hoped for" by drawing large crowds for a family fun celebration of community.
Bilbrey-Honsowetz has said Liberty Fest draws an estimated 50,000 people, including repeat visitors, over a three-day period. Despite large crowds, Canton police reported no serious incidents on the Heritage Park festi-
val grounds. "Overall
couple of minor altercations and a couple of people were cited for being disorderly", police
Sgt. Jim Harrison said "We escorted them out Sgt. Jim Harrison said. "We escorted them out. very friendly crowd," he said, adding that some patrons had their patience tested amid traffic bottlenecks after the fireworks show ended. Harrison said it typically takes more than an
hour to clear traffic after the fireworks show hour to clear traffic after the fireworks show
ends.
Despite hot temperatures, Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Stoecklein said firefighter para-
medics encountered no heat-related illnesses or

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tiful downtown Plytiful downtown PlySalute" will fill Kellogg Park with the sounds of Americana from the
music of Broadway music of Broadway and
Louis Armstrong to the Louis Armstrong to
rousing finale of the
" 1812 Overture." The
concert starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 25, and
also features a tribute to our veterans with the "Armed Forces Salute"
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of Michigan Honor of Michigan Hono
Guard of the VFW The Michigan Phil travels to the great outdoors performing Sat-
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urday, July 30 at Stony Creek Metropark for an Creek Metropark for an
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of "The Force Awakens"
immediately following the concert. According to Michigan Phictor and conductor Na Washburn "Wductor Nan ed to bring our 'Star Wars and Sci-Phonic Favorites' program to the metroparks and downtown Detroit this summer!
With the new 'Star Wars' movie out this year, we
great time to celebr lots great adventure movie and video game music in one concert. In addition to 'Star Wars,' to hear music from ${ }^{\prime}$ gurassic Park,', 'World of Warcraft,' 'Lord of the Rings' and 'Star Trek.'"'
All of these concerts are free and are great family events to attend.

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they have to offer and finish your evening off with a great concert. Fo more information on th
Metroparks Metroparks, go to
www.metroparks.com.

## FIREWORKS

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be using a zero tolerance approach to observed fireworks violations." Wilsher said Canton received 164 complaints
in 2013,219 in 2014, 184 in 2015 and, this year, 19 to date, though major holidays such as the Fourth of July are still to
come. Wilsher urged caution when setting off fire-
works. "The biggest advice I "The biggest advice I would give is to not mix
alcohol with fireworks," he said. "It impairs judg ment. against allowing childre close to fireworks and strongly urged anyone setting off fireworks to
use caution
"Nothing should be
held in your hand as you held in your hand as you
are firing off fireworks," he said.
State Fire Marshal Julie Secontine has is sued a statement saying "fireworks are a risky thrill and are best left to professionals." For those she said, misuse can lea to "irreparable injury and harm." According to the stot According to the state
office, the U.S. Consumoffice, the U.S. Consummission reports that 230 people go to the emergency room daily with injuries from firework resulted in death. Most emergency room visits were for the treatment
of burns with the most of burns with the most
common injuries to the eyes, hands, head and face. Most injuries were to bystanders.

The Canton Public Safety Department thi week issued a list of guidelines for fireworks: " No fireworks
should be ignited or discharged within 70 feet of any building or on any public street. " Unless a permit has ship, consumer fireworks should not be set off except for the three-
day period surrounding a day period surrounding a
national holiday. They also should not be set off after midnight or before 8 a.m. Fireworks should ") Fireworks should public property, school property, church property or on another person's
property without their property without their
written permission " Minors are prohibited from having or discharging consumer fire works.
just took five gallons of just took five gallons of
gas and poured it on it,"
Schnettler said Tuesday night of voter reaction. "People are pissed." Schnettler said his "commitment level is
way up" and that he is motivated because he

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" No one is allowed to " No one is allowed to
use low-impact or consumer fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or a con
substance. " Township ordinance also prohibits the sale, storage or use of sky
lanterns lanterns - small hot ai ward holding a flame. Canton banned those last August, citing concerns about potential fires
Police say any unlawful discharging of fireworks should be reported to the Canton
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## wants voters to have

 choices after a court decision that takes some of those choices away. The case was begun in May by Carl Berry, atownship resident, Price township resident, Pric ship police chief, who filed a lawsuit seeking the writ of mandamus.
Berry said Tuesday that he doesn't define the appeals panel's decision as a "win," but simply as an the law.
against those two, I really don't," Berry said. "They just need to fill out the paperwork Berry said he's been the target of "vile, nasty threats" because of the court action, but
wouldn't elaborat "Whether they like it or not, it's a part of the law he said.
he said.
The attacks, Berry said, did not come from either Heise or Schnet-

## Price: Campaign is

 focusPrice said Monday "nothing's changed" for his campaign. I'm just going to focus on my campaign and run my campaign,", Price said. "(Heise) didn't fill
out his form and he has to live with the consequences of what he did." Asked if the decision could lead to a backlash sympathy for Heise, Price said, "That's for people to decide.
Conzelman said Tuesday that about 15,000 primary ballots had already been printed, with
Heise's and Schnettler's Heise's and Schnettler's
names on them, and names on them, and
delivered to her office They will have to be
reprinted by the county Her office, Conzelman added, was able to
meet a Saturday deadline for sending, via email, 28 overseas and
military absentee ballots military absentee b
without Heise and without Heise and
Schnettler on them because Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's office, which provides the elec-
tronic ballots updated tronic ballots, updated
the template for them late Friday following the appeals court's decision. Schnettler and Heise, Conzelman said, have quired paperwork declaring their intentions to run in the primary as rite-ins.
A spoke Garrett's office did not reply Tuesday to emailed questions about reprint-
ing ballots.

## Pond, fire pit anchor garden filled with art, wildlife

Sharon Dargay
staff Writer
Anna Graham and Matt Noble-Richardson like to sit by the fire pit
in their backyard and listen to the crackling flames. They enjoy hea ing water splash into the pond, the croaking toads and tree frogs, the chirp their backyard feeders and horn blasts from nearby trains.
At night, they're likel to see a raccoon or a
passing skunk drink passing skunk drink
from the pool filled with from the pool filled with
orange and calico goldorange and calico gold-
fish. During the day, cats from a feral colony that Graham feeds hang out on the lawn or visit the the two-level deck that's
furnished with trashfurnished with trashpicked and re-purposed finds and handmade Every planting bed eter tells a story or evokes a memory through handmade art and vacation mement
set amid perennials. "I would describe thi region of Plymouth as funky," said Noble-Richardson, who moved into
the Old Village house 18 years ago. "And our yar
"I always say eclectic," Graham said. "And moves around the yard. It's not just in one spot." "We enjoy the space. If you saw it at night, it's actually quite charming,
Noble-Richardson added. "This yard has been us for five years, working on it together. He'll come come up with something And in the end, we're working on something that is ours," Graham said. "We change it on the
fly all the time. It's always evolving. We call it our secret garden. The secret will be out Trailwood Garden Club brings its annual garden walk, Flowers are Forev er, to the couple's backyard and to several oth
home gardens in Plymouth. The walk runs from noon to 8 p.m. and will include complimen tary treats and bever-
ages. Master gardeners also will be stationed at each garden to answer questions. Tickets are \$8 in advance and $\$ 10$ the available at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1449 Ann Arbor Road; Sideways, 505 Forest; and Saxton's Pow Arbor Road, Livonia.

DIY
Graham and Nobleattended a garden walk nor been involved as hosts, but that didn't faze them when the Trailwood
Garden Club extended an invitation. They've worked on seven rooms in Noble-Richardson's dating five years ago They finished basement bathroom construction while starting outdoor prep for the Trailw "It's something w

## OTHER AREA GARDEN WALKS

Livonia - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25 . See historic Greenmead's grounds. Tickets are $\$ 9$ in advance, available at Greenmead, located at Newburgh Hall, 33000 Civic Center Driv east of Farmington Road and south of Five Mile; and all cit libraries. Tickets are $\$ 10$ the
day of the event at Greenmead. All proceeds benefit Greenmead. Call 248-4777375 for more information. Northville - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. See
six gardens. Complementary cookies, live music and garden and craft vendors at Mill
Race Village, 2132 Griswold Race Village, 2132 Griswold
Tickets are $\$ 12$ and are avail tickets are 12 and are aval Main, Northville. Some tick may be available at garden-
views and Mill Race Village views and Mill Race Village
the day of the event. Free for the day of the event. Free for
children under 12 . Call 734 788 -9935 for more informa


Fresh herbs grow at a corner of the house.
enjoy doing together. We don't necessarily know how to do it every time, said Graham, who em challenges. "Sometimes, we'll YouTube it. Sometimes, we'll talk to other people. We have friends
who are very handy and we'll get information from them.'
Graham is a hair styl ist who works at Vanity mouth. She and her two teenage daughters moved into Noble-Richardson's home last year
Paige, 19, often helps
garden and has painted designs on a portion of the deck, a fence and tables. She also traps the ferat cats for spay and
neutering at the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Noble-Richardson
grew up in Livonia grew up in Livonia and
was a landscape architect before going into environmental education 18 years ago. He works for Wayne County Parks
at Nankin Mills Interpreat Nankin Mills Interpre-
tive Center. He and his late wife Janet also worked on the garden together and installed th
pond. A few art pieces in


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the yard pay homage to
Texture, light Noble-Richardson said
he and Graham have
been working on the transform it into a home. In the garden, they focus on textures an
varying heights.
"We always talk about having different tex-
tures. We can see when there needs to be a change somewhere. It's sensing what is missing,' he said. "You've got to know
your lighting," Graham dded. "You've got to hings, high things and exture. Then you think about color, after you've got your texture, because
exture can be just as texture can be
For more information about Flowers are Forever, call Karen Jachym at Kerr at 734-748-7991.
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Man erred in reporting
5 -year-old son missing
It started with a harrowing phone call to canton police claimed his son was missing. Turns out he had forgotte he asked a friend to care for the boy while he was insice the Avenue in Canton, a police report said.
That's how the story unwhen police went to the store A police report indicated the ather was "acting odd" and hat a knife fell out of his pock cellphone.
Police also learned the man had a prescription pill used to reat anxiety, bipolar disorder He initially told couldn't remember the last ime he had seen his son. He aid a friend had dropped them He called the friend, howev er, and learned the child was with him. The friend was at nearby restaurant with the

CANTON CRIME WATCH
oy. The report said the friend diten the boy with him for The father told police he hadn't used drugs since he smoked marijuana earlier in
Meanwhile, he had contacted other relatives who showed up anic, fearing the little boy was missing. A short time later, the friend returned to the scene with the child in tow. child neglect and possession of dangerous drugs. The report said the state's Child Protecive Services already had be an investigat

## Facebook flap

 Ordered by a court not to have contact with his ex-girl man notified police to report that she has been trying to become friends with him on acebook.The woman, however, told request and that her Facebook ccount had been hacked
The man told police he
een arrested in the past for harassing communications neolving the 54 -year-old womns of his bond is to avoid the ex-girlfriend.
Police contacted the woman on the man's behalf to ask her not to send friend requests she denied any involvement. Police advised the man to notify authorities if any fur her action occurs.

## Knife pulled

A Canton teen was accused of getting a steak knife during an argument with her mother inside a residence on Marine,
in the Academy/West Point mobile home park on Canton's southeast side.
However, the mother told police her daughter nev
threatened her with it. The incident unfolded abou 12:40 a.m. Monday, after the mother told her 19-year-old daughter that she wanted her port indicated the two have had problems.
hat her mother had slapped er and punched her. The nother denied the accusation and told police she pushed her close to her during an argu-
ment.
That's when the mother said
he daughter got the steak the daughter got the steak
knife. The report indicated the teen later left the residence.
iPhone swiped
Never leave a purse uncarnival ride.
A 20 -year-old Canton woman learned the hard way Sat-
urday night, when she set her purse down before eytting on the Fireball ride at Liberty Fest.
She to She told police that, after she got off the ride, her iPhone was missing from her purse, to have been taken.
She later used a Find my iPhone app and learned that Bay City, about 110 miles away A Canton police report indicated Bay City authorities
would be checking an address

## where the iPh

## Ailing father

A Livonia man told police he has become concerned whether his 75 -year-old father is able o take care of himself at The. The man notified police and until her a well-being check until he can remedy the situa-
tion.
Police received a call about p.m. Saturday reporting poor iving conditions inside a home and Canton Center Hanford and Canton Center. The son
said he found food and dishes strewn on counter tops and possible feces on the kitchen floor.
The son said his father sufers from health conditions,
ncluding hypertension and congestive heart failure. He said he also fears his father isn't taking his medication.
A police report indicated the son was figuring out a solu tion for his father.

## Canton cop finishes command school

Cash, phone stolen in locke break-in

Cash and an iPhone were reported tolen Monday from a locker at L.A. Fitness, on Ann Arbor Road at Haggerty. lice he was at the fitness center Monday evening and returned to his locker in the men's locker room to find the money and phone missing, according to a Plymout The locker had been locked, the vic told police, and the lock was also missing. Vehicle break-in
A purse was repord stolen from a Jeep Renegade one night last week after a window was broken out while the vehiin the township.
The location of the break-in was redacted on a police report. It happened between about $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. June 14 and just before $8: 30$ a
told police. There were personal items in the purse, the victim said.

License suspension arrests
" A 45-year-old Detroit man was ar rested for driving with a suspended license and on several outstanding warrants, after an officer spotted him on
$\mathrm{M}-14$ near Beck Road just before $4 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. June 14, a police report said.
Police say the officer stopped the driver, in a Pontiac Bonneville, after a check of the car's license plate revealed the
registered owner was wanted on war rants and had a suspended license. "A 21-year-old Oak Park man was also arrested June 14 for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for visible license plate on the car he was driving. Police pulled over the man, who was in a Ford Taurus, after the car was spotted on Beck, near Port Street, just
midnight, a police report said.
The Taurus was not registered and a license plate from a different vehicle was
lying below the back window, police said.

Canton police Sgt. Eric Kolke has
successfully completed the Police successfully completed the Police
Staff \& Command School at Michigan State University. designed to provide extensive train ing focused on the management, planning, analysis and administration of police departments and their
personnel. The programs are probpersonnel. The programs are prob-
lem-based learning, fostering critical thinking and philosophies applicable in today's law enforcement community.
The experience takes officers methods and exal operational ceptual thinking, paving the way their future success as a command officer.
Police
is mandatory \& Command School command off for all of Canton's command officers and is a compopolice officers participate in on a pegular basis.
Kolke has been with the depart-


Sgt. Eric Kolke, flanked by Public Safety Director Joshua Meier and Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden, has completed th Michigan State University.
ment for 20 years and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift supervisor providing leadership, training and direction to road patrol officers. Supervisors are als responsible for administrative assignments and special projects,
under the leadership of their assigned shift commander.

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## LIBERTY

Continued from Page A1 serious injuries at the festival. Ansont very well. We didn rom Liberty Fest"" he spid d say it went off without to We re very fortunate to have had another successful Liberty Fest. We couldn't have Liberty Fest this year had a new fireworks company - Ace yro of Manchester - and Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the goers. "We're all heard very good things about that," she said one said groups raising draw good crowds. Those included the Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation, the Canton Lions Club, the its last festival appearance, America's Most Wanted Car Club, with its popular classic Although Canton Leisure Services employees are highly visible at Liberty Fest, Bil-rey-Honsowetz said all of Canton's municipal depart cessful event. She said "a huge team" is behind the festival.

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Dancers from the Triple Threat Dance School in Plymouth transported viewers to the Hawaiian Islands.


Couples enjoyed the music and the challenge to get up and dance.


Several forms of dance were demonstrated during Liberty Fest.


Laura Knoll of Canton takes time to enjoy the baby animals at Liberty Fest's petting zoo


Saarang Gopinath of Canton just had to get a selfie with the tortoise.


There were plenty of rides for all the little ones to enioy Jasper $\mathrm{Ho}, 3$, is delighted with the carousel ride


Topping the day off and marking the end of Canton's Liberty Fest was a
Topping the day off and marking the end of
display of fireworks that was enjoyed by all.


Sunny warm temperatures provided a reat turnout for Satur kats dobivon


Carnival rides were plentiful.

## BMW celebrates anniversary with donation

Thin Blue Line receives check for $\$ 3,650$

Joanne Maliszewski
John and Dawn Horner, owners of BMW
Motorcycles in Plymout Motorcycles in Plymouth Canton Township - want Canton Township - wantcial to celebrate the deal ership's 10th anniversary of a given. But customer of a given. But customers
had long suggested that
the dealership give away the dealership give away ion was made not only to give away a motorcycle, but to do it for a good
cause: The Thin Blue cause: The Thin Blue
Line of Michigan, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping and supporting families of injured or deceased law
enforcement and public enfety officers.
s."This is a great char"This is a great char-
ity," Dawn Horner said. ity," Dawn Horner said.
As hundreds walked As hundrede the dealership for the open house in late
May, each adult was asked to purchase one of the 326 available raffle ded pretty well," Dawn Horner said. "If they didn't buy a ticket, they Thin Blue Line",
By the end of the day, the dealership had a $\$ 3,650$ donation from the Horners for the nonprofby the late Laurie Reinacher, wife of Scott, who is president of the
Thin Blue Line. And yes, a motorcycl was given away to the customer with the win-
ning ticket. And the win-
ner was no stranger to
the Horners or Scott the Horners or Scott
Reinacher and Kelly
Pigeon, also of the Thin Pigeon, also of the Thi
Blue Line. John Santomauro,
former Canton Public former Canton Public
Safety director, and his
wife Le warety Laurector, and the win-
ning Lich ning ticket and were
handed the keys. handed the keys.
And the best part is that those who bought
raffle tickets helped support public safety an law enforcement offi-
cers' families. cers familes.
"My wife formed it.
Her first husband, By ron, was killed in the lin
of duty," said Reinacher of duty," said Reinacher a former Michigan state
trooper. "Laurie realized there was a need. There are more sick and injured officers than thos
killed in the line of duty The Thin Blue Line raises funds for affected families, helps obtain
federal death benefits federal death benefits
for officers killed in the line of duty, helps with workman's comp benefits and offers financial assistance - there's a
20-percent wage loss when officers are on injury leave.
"We are un "We are unique with what we do," Reinacher
said. "We make sure said. "We make sure
there is a need. We don't just hand things out. We check every 30 days. We do a lot of following up. Our job is to keep them
as whole as possible." The Thin Blue Line has a number of fundraising events each year Coming up Oct. 1 is the
Fall Color Run at Maybu ry Park.
For the Horners, the
raffle for the Thin Blue


John Hoirner, owner of BMW Southeast Michigan, 14855 N . Sheldon, in Plymouth Township, presents a check for a donation to Scott Reinacher and Kelly Pigeon of the Thin Blue Line of Michigan.
$\qquad$
Line made sense. For
some seven years, the couple had fundraisers for National Cerebral Pasy. And more than
$\$ 3,000$ was raised to help the family of motorcycle state Trooper Chad Wolf, who died in 2015 after
being struck by a trailer "I honestly believe the community doesn't do enough," John Horner said about support for
injured officers and fan injured officers and fam
ilies of deceased officers. While raising money for the Thin Blue Line, great event to celebrate
their 10th anniversary. A
big draw was stunt rider big draw was stuntr rider Chris "Teach" McNeil, as
well as demo rides for well as demo rides for
guests and plenty of door guests and plenty of door
prizes.
"So "Sometimes, moto
clists get a bad rap," clists get a bad rap,"
Horner said. "People who Horner said. "People who
were here donating were were here donating were trades people - you name
it. They are from all it. They are from all
walks of life."


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 Former Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro was
the lucky winner of a BMW R9T with a custom paint job from the lucky winner of a BMW R9

Experimac opens store on Ford Road in Canton Everyone has their
imits, including John Park. "I just couldn't get that excited and motivat
ed about selling plastic ed about selling plastic
resin anymore," the 50 -year-old Novi resident said. "'rve always had an itch to start my own business; I just
needed the right vehi needed the
cler the 25 -year veter an of the automotive industry and his wife arrived earlier this month when they opened Experimac in Canton Experimac is retail izes in sales of preowned Apple® computers and devices; repair of laptops, phones and
tablets; trade-ins of existing devices; software and system updates; and sales of accessories. 42114 Ford Road is the only one in the state. Park had spent his career in sales and pur chasing, while his wif

Graduates need crash course in

## Graduates need crash course in establishing a budget



The new Experimac at 42114 Ford Road in Canton is the only one in the state.
human resources. "When my two-year
contract ended at my contract ended at my
last company, I wanted to do something different," Park said. "I knew that just about anything
dealing with Apple® products would be a success. The more I found out about the business model, the more more I knew this was the vehicle' I was looking
The Parks have inThe Parks have in-
heir savings into aunching their Experimac franchise and are need in the area for consumers. The technology ector is obviously booming. In 2014, about were sold worldwide. generating about $\$ 304$ billion in sales revenue. At the same time, almost
seven billion cellphone subscriptions were purchased worldwide by May 2014, nearly one for
planet.
Because Experimac precializes in selling ucts, products can be sold at a price point that s accessible to a much-
wider range of customers, according to the company. "The strength and dominance of the Apple®," brand is such a big said. "And the life cycle of products continues to decrease as Apple® continues to
ew products at a rapid pace, which is great for And though the Parks ust launched their en repreneurial careers, they are already looking something more. "We both came from he corporate world. We have a 12-year-old daugh-
ter and twin boys who are turning 16 , so we will have the boys work part time," Park said. "Maybe someday, this will truly
be a family business."

A $\begin{aligned} & \text { s high school and } \\ & \text { college }\end{aligned}$ $\Delta \begin{aligned} & \text { college gradua- } \\ & \text { tions are behind }\end{aligned}$ us, for many graduates is at their doorsteps. Many of them will be leaving the safety of
their parents' nest and their parents' nest and,
for the first time, starting their own household to start receiving a pay check, most peoples' initial inclination is to
rewa reward themselves by things they have putting off. Unfortunately, it
shouldn't work that way School may have many things, but area that school, wheth-
er high school or college does not teach well is personal finance. I can-
not stress enough how not stress enough
important this area is. After all, if you make mistakes regarding you personal finances, you
may find that it takes


Rick
Bloom $\underset{\substack{\text { MONEY } \\ \text { MATERS }}}{ }$

In our society, it is easy to spend money. The hard part is to be responsible
yourself out. It is impor tant to get off to a good
first step. My recommendation for a new graduate is to first take stock of where you're starting from. your liabilities? If you have outstanding debt,
you need to know what you need to know what what your payment is what your payment is able to deduct the interest or not. It is important to remember not all
debt is the same. For
example, a charge card ing 18.5 percent and is not tax-deductible is different than a 4.5 percent mortgage that is tax-deductible. As far as I'm concerned, the first
step along the way is to take stock of where you're starting from. The next step is to establish a budget. Most is meant to restrict your spending. On the other hand, I believe that a
budget allows you to budget allows you to
spend money knowing spend money knowing
that you can afford what you are purchasing. Unfortunately, for peo-
ple who are just starting ple who are just starting off and don't do a bud-
get, they won't have that comfort and will tend to overspend.
In establishing a budget, it is important to pay yourself first. What I mean is that you starting saving for your retirement. For those who are
just starting out in their
ust starting out in their
career, it is doubtful they will have pensions and
whether they will have whether they will have
Social Security is up in Social Security is up in
he air. That is why I ha air. That is why I
always tell people the day you start working is the day you start saving for your retirement. save for your retirement means you will delay your retirement for at
least a year. I recognize east a year. I recognize which for many people may be 40 years down the road, is difficult, but difficult and it will be even more difficult for someone who does not
take care of their fitane car
In our society, it is
easy to spend money.
The hard part is to be
For many graduates, this is the first time in their
life that they will have
disposable income. The
temptation is to take that
disposable income and
spend it. What I encourage people to do is to be more responsible. Establishing a budget and
iving by it is respon sible. A budget is not a document you do once and thing you constantly need to adjust to fit your evolving situation. A budget is a living docu-
ment, which means it sent, which means it Once again, congratulations to those who are
starting their career and starting their career and
entering the real world. I wish you the best of luck and I strongly encourage you to take your per-
sonal finances seriously.

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Kids Without Cancer mother: 'We're going to make it happen'
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## therapy.

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## Macomb Primary Care

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## GUEST COLUMN

## P-CCS district is getting it right for students

imited Lansing fi-
nancial support,
charter schools and
online and home school-
ing programs are all
taking a heavy toll on our
public school system.
Many school districts in
Michigan are struggling
to keep their doors open
as they deal with inade--
quate funding, coupled
with declining enroll-
ment.
The Plymouth-Canton
Community Schools dis-
trict is no exception.
Enrollment has declined
from 19,000 -plus in 2009
to 17,152 in $2015-16$. Every
student comes with the
equivalent of approxi-
mately $\$ 100,000$ in state
funding over the 13 years
they are in the district. A
2,000-student decline in
enrollment represents
$\$ 200$ millilion in lost future
revenue. This is devas-
tating to a school district
like P-cCS
The district, led by
interim Superintendent
Monica Merritt, has em-
barked on an aggressive
program to address the
declining enrollment
issue. Public school dis-

## LETTERS

## Thanks to Price

In the 30 years that Plymouth Dentistry has served our neighbors in the Plymouth communi y, we have had little
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artistic perspective.
The STEM (science, echnology, engineering and math) academy of-
fers two tracks: biomediers two tracks: biomedi ways to engineering. Students take focused steps to prepare them fo
dynamic technologydriven society. The Inter national Baccalaureate Programme is a highintensity, rigorous pro-
gram that brings cultura appreciation and a global perspective to the stud-
ies. The career and techies. The career and technical education program
teaches specific career skills to prepare students with the necessary academic, technical and work behavior skills t Offerings even include a full-service auto and body shop program. In 2015, more than
4,287 students in the district took Advanced Placement college credit classes, giving them a head start on college. The
district offers more dypes of AP classes th any other school district in the region. This year's
graduates received more
than $\$ 20$ million in ege scholarships, a tribute to the success of hese programs. 100 extracurricular club and activities at $P$-CEP, ncluding nationally recgnized culinary, robotand activities. Twentyight varsity sports are ffered, with most ofering freshman and JV 50 alumni per year play a college sport. The district offers extensive early childhood/preschool program al idea of "Pre-K to B.A." All teachers are certified and experience in early childhood programs. Extended day programs for elementary and midbecoming increasingly popular with working parents.
With this extensive range of offerings and an d staff, P-CCS has a lot to offer the Plymouth

Canton community. The
word is getting around. After several years of declining enrollment of
$300-500$ students each $300-500$ students each
year, for the 2015-16 ear, for the 2015-16 stabilized to a very mini-
mal loss. It's anticipated mal loss. It's anticipated
that this coming year hespite declining birth rates, enrollment could actually go up as students return from charaggressively markets its programs.
We can't do much bout funding from Lan sing, but we can do some for the district that we should all support. We ducational experience and market it effectively P-CCS has gotten the message and the current administration is doing
the right things to turn it around. We all benefit from a strong, vibrant, public school system.

P-CCS P-CCS Blue Ribbon Panel.
ocal government. We ave been very happy Township.
This spring, we went about the process to ining we have called home
for 30 years. From the tart, we were so pleased support from so many people. We used a local ometown business, ect manager BelindaPinto and had great help with the application proc ess from Plymouth Town
ship Community Develship Community DevelRadtke. When we appeared before the planing commission and eceived unanimous approval, we certainly from chairman Dennis

## WRITE US

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Cebulski: "After 30 years, it is about time you had a sign." Our thanks to Ply
mouth Township Sumouth Township who took time to walk us
hrough the application process, helping us understand what we needed to do and do correctly.
We had never done this We had never done th found Plymouth Town
ship, the office staff and upervisor Price willing o help and make it easy. to the next 30 yorw Gary Feucht, DDS Plymouth Township

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## Fourth of July parade: Give vets a hug, a wave

$\quad$| Darrin Silvester |
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| $\quad$ Correspondent |

It was a cool, crisp
New Year's Eve. The
clock had yet to strike
midnight, but one of
eight boys lit a cigar
early. The boys, all at-
tendees of Plymouth
High School, were stand-
ing outside the Plymouth
United Savings Bank off
Kellogg Park and talking,
contemplating this new
world and their place in
it.
It was Dec. 31, 1941.
Only weeks removed
from Japan's surprise
attack on Pearl Harbor. A
month before, these bys
knew little about Pearl
Harbor - little about its
location and little about
its importance. But this
night, as they shared a
 would change the world immensely.
Before home that evening, each swore to the other that they would enlist in the
military and fight to military and fight to
defend their nation. All defend their nation.
eight did just that. By the time the war
had concluded almost had concluded, almost four full years later,
more than 400,000 Ame more than 400,000 Amer and hundreds of thousands of more lives would be impacted forev crocosm of the rest of th nation, would lose its share of brave soldiers a well. More than 30 young men who were once Ply-
mouth High School students would not return
night, as they shared a

ashore. Red Beach One
and Two were the initial anding sites. Folsom would land a little later on Green Beach.
By the time the battle By the time the battle
ended, 76 hours later, almost 1,700 U.S. Marines had lost their lives, but oarned during the war hat some of his friends had lost their lives. But it wasn't for a couple of years that he would learn
hat two of the boys from that New Year's Eve outside the bank, Donald Hunter and Keith Lawon the same day, at the same beach, where Folsom saw his first action. They had landed on Red vive the first day's battle Folsom is a tremendous man of 93 years. He
served his nation and served his nation and
served it well. He ha allowed me to visit and
has shared his stories
both in his home and in both in his home and in
front of $m y$ students in front of my students in
the classroom. In only a couple of
weeks, Folsom, along with many other veterans, will be traveling in
the Fourth of July Parad the Fourth of July Parad
down Main Street in Plymouth. I can promise you that I know they love to hear your cheers and always appreciate a we
comed thanks. They begin the day of the pa rade outside of Bode's Restaurant, where they down Main Street. Please stop by this Independence Day and give Don Folsom and his fellow veterans a fine wave or
hug. They sure have earned it. Don't you think?
Darrin Silvester is a Salem High School teacher.

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## Beyer, Brindza head 'amazing' first class

Wildcats' best athletes, teams of first 14 years enshrined

| Tim Smith Staff Writer |
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| When posed a question following Monday's inaugura Hall of Fame induction at |
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| ${ }_{\text {a }}{ }_{\text {and }}$ Now with the Baltimore |
| Ravens of the National Football League, Beyer was asked if he thought any other schoo |
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could surpass the level of talented individuals that made up "Ohm, I don't know," said Beyer, a 2011 grad who was a standout defensive lineman
and receiver with the Wildand receiver with the Wild-
cats. "We got some absolute cats. "We got some absolute
studs out here. It's been fun to see everyone again and, yeah, there's some amazing athletes Beyer, Kyle Brindza and

Nate Emminger all were en-
shrined as individuals and as shrined as individuals and as
part of Plymouth's 2010 footpart of Plymouth's 2010 foot
ball team that reached the Division 1 state finals at Ford Field. Brindza set school and
learue records in field league records in field goals
while with the Wildcats, sub sequently enjoying success at Notre Dame before turning

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Kyle Brindza talks about what being inducted into the Plymouth High
Scheol vas

HONORING A JOB WELL DONE


The man of the hour, Chuck Olson (left), listens to Livonia Stevenson head swim coach Greg Phill during Saturday's program. Phill said Olson always was a friend and coaching "confidant" over the decades their teams faced each other.

# ROCk-SOLID LEGACY 

Swimmers from six decades return to help honor retired Salem coach Olson

| Tim Smith staff Writer | often with his head down. When the Michigan High |
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|  | School Coaches Association |
| Chuck Olson seemed vis- | Hall of Famer looked up, he |
| $y$ humbled by all the atten | saw countless standing ova- |
| n being directed his way | tions from several hundred |
| ring Saturday's ceremony | who wanted to share the day |
| the Salem High School | with their favorite and most- |
| auditorium. | influential coach. |
| The 68 -year-old Olson - | Through their words and |
| ho recently retired after a | actions during the ceremony |
| legendary career as swim- | announcing the new Charles |
| ming and diving coach for | E. Olson Natatorium, as well |
| cks boys and girls teams |  |
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| ir next to the podium, | remony and reception) |

Keller, Bellows expected to be picked in first round

## Tim Smith

When the National Hockey League Entry Draft unfolds beginning Friday night in Buffalo, count Scott Monaghan among those who will be glued
to his television set or comput to his television set or comput-
${ }^{\text {er }}$
Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's Plymouth-base
National Team Development Program, expects a steady
march of NTDP alums to the podium after being picked by NHL teams. head coaches and director of personnel will be there to lend support, to
thank them a congratulate
them," Monaghan said. "I like to just sit back and follow it online, watch a little bit of it on
TV "'Ill watch that first pick this year because I think it will be our guy. That would be NTDP alum
Auston Matthews, a 6-2 center from Arizona who is projected to go first overall Friday. Matthews last played for the NTDP in 2014-15, the program's last
season in Ann Arbor before relocating to the former Com puware Arena (now USA Hockey Arena).
But two players from 2015ieffer Bellows a bets to hear their names called during the opening round (when the top 30 picks will be
completed) at the First Niagara Center. Keller and Bellows are ranked ninth and 10th among North American prospects entering the draft. NTDP alums also on the radar of NHL teams, who might be drafted early. Those include Matthew Tkachuk (rated No. 2 See DRAFT, Page B2


## PREP SOFTBALL

## Marlins capture school's first state title

Mercy earns Division 1 championship with 4-0 victory over Dakota

## Dan O'Meara

Farmington Hills Mercy played the perfect game at the perfect time and place
Saturday to win the Division 1 Saturday to win the Division 1
softball state championship. The Marlins used outstanding pitching and timely hitting to defeat top-ranked
Macomb Dakota in the final Macomb Dakota in the final
game at Michigan State Unigame at Mic
versity, $4-0$.

Senior Andrea Elmore's
final game for Mercy was a five-hit shutout in which she kept a potent offensive lineup
off balance with her sharp off balance with her sharp
pitching. She struck out five pitching. She str
and walked one. "The heat definitely helped
me," Elmore said of the 90 me," Elmore said of the 90 -
degree temperature. "My degree temperature. "My felt really confident. Having my teammates around me and thinking, 'This is our last
game,' it definitely pumped game, it de ininitely Mercy (43-2) wasted no time getting on the score-
board and establishing an early lead with junior Sophie
VanAcker's RBI triple in the
first inning. Following a lead-off walk
to Anna Dixon, the left-hand ed-hitting Van, the left-hand the ball to the opposite field, the ball to the opposite field,
over the left fielder's head, over the left fie.
for a $1-0$ score.
It stayed that way through the next five as Elmore dueled with Dakota ace Kendah Dunford, who was injured in
the seventh inning and didn't finish the game.
The Marlins had eight hits off Dunford, who posted four
strikeouts and walked one, strikeouts and walked one,
but they didn't score again until the seventh
With the game still very
much in much in doubt, Mercy
clinched the victory and state
title with a three-run rally in

## Timely solo shot

Junior second baseman cy seventh with a home run over the left-field fence for an insurance run Belans said. "I think I ran those bases so fast, because just wanted to get home and
celebrate," But the Marlins didn't stop But the Marlins didn't stop with a double, and junior shortstop Shannon Gibbons' bunt single put runners at the
corners with no outs. Sorners with no outs.
and junior Mary Reeber, the
Nos. 8 and 9 batters who con tributed greatly during the tournament, hit consecutive sacrifice flies to make it 4-0
With the additional run support, Elmore quickly retired the side in the bottom of the seventh. Twung at the first pitch popout to Elmore and a flyout popout to Elmore and a flyout
to VanAcker in center field. Elmore struck out the last batter to finish the game a
complete Mercy's champicomplete Merc
onship season.
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## OLSON

"Tm blown away by every one being here today,", Olson said when it was his turn to
take the microphone from take the microphone from program emcee and former zlaff.
On a day when everybody wanted to thank him, Olson thanked others for all they
meant to him over the years. meant to him over the years
He cited parents, administrators, athletes and all of his assistants, including the late Jim Shinn - who died earlier this year and who has the Sa-
lem diving well named in his
honor. "Just a great human being Olson said about Shinn. Of course, at the top of that aldine) and wife (Linda). Both were in the front row with all the other dignitaries in what television program.

## Together again

 Following the program, swimmers from six decades torium wall that faces Joy Road to have their photograph snapped with Olson. The pool's new name was displayed hig "It was really something," Olson said, as many of the swimmers moved inside to begin prepping for the alumni the right place at the right time with the right people around you (and) great kids. have been married to the same lady (Linda Olson, who was introduced during the program) for the last 48 years. So she put up with a lot. But at the the swimmers, how much they appreciated it. She was willing to sacrifice some family time with the Salem pool." whelmed he was to see such a turnout - including guest speakers Jeff Kleinsmith, Livonia Stevenson head coac Cindy (Elliot) Zarrow - mak the trek to Salem on a Saturday afternoon in June. think this many pusy and to think this many people set just amazing to me that they're "The to do that," Olson said. "They see each other and theystill like each other They're still best friends."

## Perfect first event

Perhaps traveling the long 1989 alum David Gackenbach who lives in Seattle, Wash. "He loves the sport and he
loves the swimmers. I think loves the swimmers. I think that's the key to it," Gacken-
bach said. "He loved what he was doing.
"My time in the Salem pool was a big part of my life; it me. The Facebook group that was formed by alumni to name the pool after Mr. Olson was inspiring and, once the schoo seemed obvious that the first
 the newly renamed pool. Try to find Chuck in this mass of happy humanity.

## HONORING

Who: Chuck Olson, 68 , now-retired Who: Chuck Olson, 68 , now-retire
coach of Salem's varsity girls and
boys swimming and diving coay swimming and diving teams. His career spanned six decades, from
1969 to 2015 1969 to 2015.
Career: Olson collected more than
900 victories as Rocks head 900 victories as Rocks head coach, finalist honors three times. He was Michigan Interscholastic Swim
Coaches Association's Regional Coach of the Year on three occasions. He is a Hall of Famer both fo the Michigan High School Coache
Association and MISCA and was inducted earlier this year into the first class of Salem High School's Wall of Champions. In 1995, he received the Matt Mann Award
from MISCA. Salem teams won 10 from
division and 13 conference titles during his tenure. Personal: Chuck and Linda Olson
have been married for 48 years and live in Plymouth. New honor: In late April, the Ply-
mouth-Canton Community Schools mouth-Canton Community Schools
Board of Education announced th Salem pool would officially be renamed the Charles E. Olson Nata torium. The attractive signage on
the outside of the building which thest about $\$ 30,000$, was donated by the Paul Cummings Memorial Fund. Next: About $\$ 30,000$ has been
raised for future impros raised for future improvements to
the Olson pool; the coach himself the
will be on the committee to discus how to spend that money, Salem athletic director Brian Samulski said Program: Instrumental to putting
on Saturday's program and alumni on Saturday's program and alumni
meet honoring Olson was the $P$-CCS Alumni Association. There was a moment of silence for longtime
Rocks dive coach Jim Shinn and longtime Cruisers coach Mark Finley, who both died over the last year.
event in the pool needed to be an alumni swim meet Gackenbach, who swam the in high school, said the suggestion to hold an alumni me immediately went viral. from alumni to have the meet and put it together," he said. Most fittingly, Olson himself officially started the meet. Several of the guest speak
ers talked about Olson as


тіM SMITH
Legendary Salem swim coach Chuck Olson is greeted by former swimmers following Saturday's program honoring Olson's 46 -year career and Zhang, Olson, Katie Xu and Linda Zhang.
though he were an actual famyoung people that they didn't see themselves - and then helping that potential come to fruition.

He just looked in every one of us and just saw who we were, young high schoolers with a lot of potential," said Colin Urbaczewski, a 2016 grad who swam his first three sea-
sons for Olson. "And we all had a passion of being in the pool. He wanted to make sure we could be the best we could be." such a long and storied career? "Just finding that the swimmers were passionate in him," Urbaczewski said. "That they had faith in coach Olson and
the fact he taught everyone the fact he taught
else how to work.
"It was just the communication between the swimmers,
divers and coach Olson. It was a real bond. That's what kept him here all this time.
Time was right
The transition to retirement

2015 girls swim season; he opted to hand the reins to assubsequent boys swim season. With a smile, Olson said it was the right time to hand over career.
"I talked it over with my "I talked it over "with my
wife," Olson said. "Quite frankwife," Olson said. "Quite frank
ly, when you get older, those winter morning practices, I'm not that good on ice. I'm not that good on cement, for that matter. It was one of those survival things, I think, and it
made sense and it made her made sense
"I started out as the girls head coach first and the nex year I became the boys head to kind of end it." The Plymouth resident added that he has more time to go o the family cottage, take a the house. But he intends to regularly visit the Olson Natatorium, especially when the girls he
coached the past three seaso finish their prep careers in the

## OLSON

## There were many former swim mers of Chuck Olson's who

 mers of Chuck Olson's whoweighed in during and after Saturday's naming ceremony of the Charles E. Olson Natatorium. Olson oached at Salem from 1969 unt
fall 2015, his last season with the Rocks varsity girls swimming and diving team. Here is what some of them had to say Chris Butziaff, emcee of the
naming ceremony: "He taught us naming ceremony: "He taught us
tasteful humility - act like we've een there before."
Cindy (Elliot) Zarrow, guest speaker: "We knew we had to put
his name on the.pool. After all. it's his house."
David Gackenbach, 1989 grad: "He loves the sport and he loves to it. He loved what he was doing. My time in the Salem pool was a big part of my life; it made a lasting
mpression on me." mpression on me. actually a good thing to see a guy who deserves to have this honor be around to enjoy it and accept it. the inside (during the ceremony), he sort of invites you in to be part
of the team if he sees something of the team if he sees something
that he thinks you could help out Lath."'
Kim (Nelson) Montague, 1983 Kim (Nelson) Montague, 1983
grad: "Coach really had an ingrad: "Coach really had an in-
credible impat on me and just the way Ilive my life. He influenced me to keep trying, keep trying, never give up. And even though you might not be No. 1, if you keep
going, you're certainly going to make an impact in whatever it is you do. I had the opportunity to swim for him for four years. I feel blessed and honored and privileged an incredible impact on me. I've met phenomenal people that 've kept in contact with since I graduated. It was a bigger impatt than I
thought when I was in the middle of it."
Linda Zhang, $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ grad: "It's really cool, because I've been swim-
ming here since I was 6 and Olson has just made a really big impact on every single person here. I think it's his presence. You want to swim
fast, because Olson's standing right above you and stuff." Colin Urbaczewski, 2016 grad: "I
feel so touched by this. Coach Oison eel so touched by this. Coach Olison was the one person whol felt truly
taught me how to work hard and, whenever I thought I reached my limit, he always taught me how to push pass that. And just kept re-
teaching my limits, just kept pushteaching my limits, just kept push-
ing me and motivating me in the pool and in real life. And just taught me how to work. l'm just really proud to be one of coach
Olson's swimmers because of that." fall.
"The girls that are going to be seniors this next year, I me," Olson said. "I hope I don't think I'm not there for them. t's always tough to decide hen you got to step down and move aside.
what he softly uttered on stage while earlier: "It's been a nice run."
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## DRAFT

Kunin (No. 11), Max Jones (No. 4) and Tage Thompson (No. "We could have as many as eight or nine in the first round
and I wouldn't expect fewer and I wouldn't expect fewer than three or four," Monagh
probably fall somewhere in the When the second round gets
Whe." going Saturday, NTDP alums who could be chosen include center Trent Frederic (No. 47) (No. 49), defenseman Adam Fox (No. 50), defenseman Chad Krys (No. 53) and forward
Joseph Anderson (No 56 ) "The number of Americans
grow and that's a great thing said. "And theres's an old say ing, it's not whether you get rafted, it's whether you play,
too. "We're getting record numbers of players in the NHL as well. For us, those are core goals, to help drive those numbers forward."
The NHL Draft will be broadcast on the NHL Net-


## PREP TRACK AND FIELD

## Area runners shine at New Balance Outdoor meet

Northville's Chloe Abbott, Wayne's Hood both third; Milford medley team fifth

## Brad Emons

Northville's Chloe Abbott Hood once again made their presence known as more than 5,000 athletes from nearly all 5
tates, along with three Canadian provinces, converged last weekend at North Carolina A\&T University to compete in the New Balance Scholastic
Outdoor Track Meet. Abbott, who was MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the $200-$ and 400 -meter dashes, along with the 1,600 relay, fin-
ished third in the championship girls division in the 400 with time of 53.38 in the meet held in

Hood slammed his state place clocking of 46.66 in the hampionship boys. He also eamed up with Danny Delleh, yrese Billingslea and Andrew
Chant of the Intensity Track Club for a third in the boys 800 print medley (1:31.5). Meanwhile, the Red Tide medley contingent of Mallory Barrett, Abby Knapp, Sarah Ausum and Victoria Heiligen thal running in placed fifth verall to gain All-American
honors in 11:51.71. It was Red Tide's 10th All 2004 and their time was the 2004 and their time was the
fifth fastest by a Michigan High School team all-time. Barrett's split of 3:30.66 was also the fastest time in the na
tion by a high school girl for 2016. Farmington High's Maddy Trevisan, the Division 1 champi
on in the 3,200 , placed seventh in the girls 5,000 (16:54.74), wo-mile (10:32.22) in the gir Both Abbott and Wayne's Anavia Battle competed in the girls 200 championship, placing 1times of 23.77 and 23.92 . Novi senior Joost Plaetinck
set a personal best by finishin 13th overall in the boys champ onship 5,000 (15:03.6

## Emerging Elite

Several area competitors
placed in the boys emergin elite class, led by Scott Sawy Novi), tied for eighth, high
jump ( 6 feet 25 inches). Ch jump ( 6 feet, 2.5 inches); Chaz 4:24.68); Jannik Schmitt (Salem), 10th, shot put (52-10.25) and Conor Naughton (North-
ville), 14th, two-mile ( $9: 47.82$ ). ville), 14 th, two-mile ( $9: 47.82$
Northville's fours Naughton, Adam Ghabra, Thomas Smither and Kenny

Goolsby was 10th in the boys distance medley (10:54.97), while Novi's Scott MacPherson,
Blake Maday, John Landy and Plaetinck placed 20th in the 4 Plaetinck placed 20th in the 4 by one-mile reiay (18:13.53). Hood, Chant and Javon Johnson, all from Wayne, placed
10 th in the 4 by 200 relay 10th in the 4 by 200 relay
Novi's distance medley team of MacPherson, Hunter Joy, Nathaniel Wood and Plaetinck
was 22nd (10:41.74), while the was 22nd (10:41.74), while the
quartet of Wood, Adam Ditri, Lartet of Wood, Adeam itli, 26th in the 4 by 800 relay
(8:12.2).
(8:12.2).
On the girls side of the On the girls side of the
emerging elite division, top emerging elite division, top
area individual finishers in-
cluded Battle, sixth, 100 (11.93) cluded Battle, sixth, 100 (11.93);
Abbott, 13th, 100 (12.08), VictoAbbott, 13th, 100 (12.08); Victo-
ria Heiligenthal (Milford), 16th ria Helingenthal (Milford, 16 th,
one-mile (5:10.37); Cayla Eckenroth (Northville), 20th, two-
(11:27.17); Olivia Ryktarsyk
(Livonia Churchill), 21st, pole
vault (11-5); and Grace Stark vault (11-5); and Grace Stark
(Lakeland), 29th, 100 hurdles (15.13), and 32nd, 100 (12.25). Meanwhile, the Intensity
T.C's Chanel Khan Reanna Brown-Deacon, Erica Robinson and Battle took fourth in the 800 sprint medley ( $1: 51.63$ ). That Wayne Memorial four-
some was also 12 th in 4 by 200

Freshman clas Farmington High's Abby the girls freshman two-mile run (11:11.47). She also took seventh
in the one-mile ( $5 \cdot 10$ ) in the one-mile (5:14.79). girls freshman 100 (12.11), while
Maday took ninth in the boys freshman mile ( $4: 34.01$ ).
Maday was ninth in the mile (4:34.01).

Hall of Fame inductees Bee, Terry Sawchuk instrumental in Plymouth athletics' continuous success

## Tim Smith

The 14 year parade that led to Mon-
ay's Plymouth High School Athletic day's Plymouth Harace Schaood Athletic
Hall of Fame induction began with a Hall of Fame induction began with a
single step by Dr Michael Bee in 2002. quickly joined forces with then-athlet director Terry Sawchuk and had a vision for not being an expansion team among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and
KLAA schools, but a contender. Both were among the school's first group of Hall of Fame inductees.
"It all started with Doc Bee and my "It all started with Doc Bee and my new school and not getting your tail kicked," said Mike Sawchuk, head coach
of the 2010 football team that also was inducted. "But getting in here and working hard, getting it done early tinues with confidence - not to mention a constant stream of individuals and
teams that are among the very best in the area.
ning," Terry Sawchuk said. "We wanted ning, cerry Sawchuk said "We wanted
to be competitive, but we wanted to do it
the right way. We wanted to have good
student-athletes, good citizens and work student-athietes, good citizens and work
really hard.
und "We fett we were getting the same kids the other schools in our district, our
league, were getting. We felt we could league, were eetting. We felt we could
be competitive as soon as we had four classes.,
Tery
Sawchuk then recalled the way Bee set a tone of administrative support that invigorated coaches and athletes from the get-go.
everybody here tonight that was inducted and all those people that were there, all the kids and coaches. There's always good people, a good dupport

system behind it") , esoid "upo a great support system for me and our | coaches. |
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"The original coaches we had here at
Plymouth, they were a tight-knit Plymouth, they were a tight-knit group
and they pushed each other. They and they pushed each other. They
worked hard and they were compet
itive."
He credited Plymouth High School camaraderie, too. athletes work together," Terry Sawch athetes work together," Terry Sawchuk
said. "As you can see right here, we have


When Plymouth opened in the early 2000s, the vision of Principal Dr. Michael Bee (left) and athletic director Terry Sawchuk (right) set the winning tone for the many years of outstanding
thletics that have followed.
the strength and conditioning program going on in a hal
"The girls and b
t. When we first set out, that was our
vision."
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## pro in 2015.

Learned so much Although his NFL career is on hold (after being cut by the year, he suffered an Achilles injury), the 2011 Plymouth alum didn't mind looking back to his career with the Wildcats. learned what brotherhood truly was," Brindza said. "I didn't have brothers growing brothers. "That was at the point I was
being recruited by Notre being recruited by Notre
Dame. They always kept calling me, calling me every ing me, calling me every
week, saying, 'Good luck this
week'- although they never thought we were going to win, because we were going up against a new No. 1 team ev-
ery week. But we just fought through everything. You put a Goliath in front of us and David was able to conquer." And now, several members
of that brotherhood will forever be together down one of the hallways in the athletic wing at Plymouth.
Those kids listened to and they went above and beyond and represented our school," veteran Plymouth head football coach Mike Sawsadors they are, not only for football, but for athletics at Plymouth.
"Look what they've done in college. And then you look at est in stature, but probably the best, purest football player

## Wonderful people

Also inducted Monday was Plymouth's 2010 girls soccer team (Division 1 state runnerteam.
The latter won the school's first state championship. Also honored Monday was the 2012 Murphy.
"To win a state title, you've got to be good; things gotta go your way," said the coach of
that team, Dan Young. "I just that team, Dan Young. "I jus with this group of girls. They were incredible.
"We had a great team and we're still close, we still talk.
They're still a big part of our program today. Katie (Chipman ) would be the last one graduating off this group. They' re wonderful people, come from great familes and "First state title in school
history," he added. "You can never Said Murphy, whose young-
er sister Sydney was also on the 2012 and 2013 state champion Wildcats (the 2013 team cannot be enshrined until
2017), "I couldn't ask for a better group of nominees to be here with. Im very lucky to be here." Murphy said being honored uct of the team success that the Wildcats pursued and ulti-
mately enjoyed.


IOHN KEMSKIEXPRESSPHOTO the many great athletes and teams over the first 14 years of Plymouth High School. Among them are Madi Lewis and Brennen Beyer, posing
with their Hall of Fame induction plaques.
"Senior year, we were so
cused on getting that state focused on getting that state championship and being the
first," she said. "That was always a goal of ours, to work towards.
"And being the individual state champ after that was just kind of like a cherry on

## Stellar cast

Other student-athletes joining Beyer, Brindza, Emminger and Murphy among the inau-
gural Hall of Fame class (all unanimously inducted by a committee of coaches, Principal Cheri Steckle and athletic Kyle Rodes (golf), Jane McCurry (track, gymnastics), Colin Rolfe (soccer, hockey), Tyler Goble (football, base-
ball), Sarah Dombkowski (swimming), Madi Lewis (s cer, track) and Alyssa Dillon (soccer, basketball). Plymouth's first leadership
team when it team when it opened in 2002,
Principal Dr. Michael Bee and athletic director Terry Sawchuk, also were among the first group of inductees. All of the inductees will be recog-
nized Aug. 26 before Plymouth's football game against Utica Eisenhower.
"Really it was a big project, a lot of work to get the pic-
tures, get the information an figure out who was most deserving of these honors," said Meteyer, closing out his third
year as athletic director "But year as athletic director. "But
the impetus of it was, we have these other awards, the allstate wall and athlete of the year board.
"But we said there's some athletes like the who just above and
nige beyond anything else we've got awards for. So we said we need a way to recognize, and eration (to be) the best of the best." In order to be automatically
nominated for induction nominated for induction into
the Hall of Fame, an individua or team must be a state champion or runner-up, be the top athlete in a sport (such as M ample) or make a dream team For Lewis, a scoring machine for Plymouth's girls soccer team and a record-
setter in track and field it hasn't yet sunk in that her prep accomplishments always will be on display.


Plymouth athletic director Kyle Meteyer introduces the high school's first-ever state championship team, the 2012 girl's golf team. From left are Sydney Murphy, Kelsey Murphy, Katie Chipman, Sarah Thompson and Kayla Whatley. Head coach was Dan Young.

## 'HALL' OF A CLASS

On Monday at Plymouth High School, the first class of inductees into the athletic hall of fame was honored. Those
individuals and teams are as follows individuals and teams are as follows.
DR. MICHAEL BEE: He was Plymouth

2000s.
TERRY SAWCHUK: A fixture from the beginning at Plymouth, Sawchuk was the first athletic director and teamed with Bee to torm a cohesive leadership group.
KYLE RODS: Named Mr. Golf in 2013, his
On the 2013 boys team that was a D1 finalist.
KELSEY MURPHY: Part of Plymouth's firststate championship team (girls golf in 2012), the 2013 grad also was MHSAA BRENNEN BEYER: A 20112. She was on the All-State Super Team in 2010, 2011 and 2012.
the gridiron, as a defensive lineman and wide rered for his football and basketball careers. He made his biggest mark on the University of Michigan, where he was an Big Ten all-academic recipient. Beyer was signed in 2015 by the NFL's BaltiJore Ravens and soon will be going to training camp with the team.
JANE MCCURRY: all-state wall ( (gymnastics track and field) In is one of only two student-athlete to have two photos up on Plymouth's MHSAA state champion in the pole vault and is the school Park and KIAA record holder with a mark of 12 feet 0 inch COLIN ROLFE: The 2008 grad was inducted for his excellence in soccer (Dream Team, all-state first team in 2007) and hockey. He went on to play college soccer at Louisville.
KYLE BRINDZA: The 2011 grad was
KYLE BRINDZA: The 2011 grad was honored for his prowess as a high school kicker and punter, but also for contribuMHSAA record holder for field goals in a season (19) and career (37). On the varsity track team, he set a school record in the shot put in 2010. He went on to kick at Notre Dame and played in the NFL last fall with Tampa Bay. TYLER GOBLE: Inducted for football and baseball, the standout linebacker and offensive lineman was part of the 2011 U.S. Naval Academy SARAH DAMBEWSKI: The 2014 grad was girls swimming state champion in the 500 -yard freesty in 2012 , with a tim OA
MADI LEWIS: Honored for her excellence in soccer and track, Lewis was 2012 and 2013 Gatorade Player of the Year (soccer) and 2013 Miss Soccer, as well as being on the Dream Team in 2012 and 2013. She is Plymouth's record holder for

NATE EMMINGER: The 2013 grad was a standout defensive back and wide receiver for the Wildcats, making the 2012 Dream Team. He is the Plymouth record holder in interceptions, with nine
first team player her junior and senior seasons. In GIRLS GoLF 2012: The varsity girls golf team became Plymouth's first team state champion, winning the finals at MSU's Forest Akers East Golf Course with a team score of 659 . Coached by Dan Young, the team included Kelsey Murphy (148), and conference titles that season and followed up with a second state title in 2013.
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FOOTBALL 2010: The team, led by stellar co-captains Brennen Beyer, Kyle Brindza, DeAngelo Brown, Phillip Emminger, Tyler Goble and Anthony Rhodes, made it to the Division 1 state final at Ford Field in Detroit, only to fall short.
GIRLS sOCCER 2010: The Wildcats, coached by Jeff Neschich, were KLAA South Division champions in 2010 and went on a postseason run that nearly finished with a Divivioon 1 state champoionship. . Plymouth lost the final at Michigan
State University's DeMartin Stadium. Co-captains were Meeghan Hughes and Jessica Heck.
such a blessing," said Lewis,
going into her senior season with the women's soccer team at Michigan. "There's just so many great athletes in this
room and it's awesome to be part of it.
"It's awesome that I'm going to be on the wall forever.' She then delved into why
she thought a school with a relatively brief lifespan (14 years) is highly successful in "Our school is just full bunch of hard workers and we're really dedicated to our sports," Lewis said. "When we make goals, we try to accom-

## The right way

Both Beyer and Brindza
their Plymouth coaches took them under their wing and guided them as athletes and people.
"I really think that laid the groundwork," Beyer said, listing Mike and Terry Sawchuk and basketball coach
Mike Soukup as "really mold Mike Soukup as "really mold-
ing me at a young age and ing me at a young age and
setting me up to carry over what they taught me into college and into the NFL. ... They taught me the way things shoul ine done,"
Brindza, who at Plymouth also was a soccer goalkeeper and thrower for the track and
field team, said he and the field team, said he and the
other inductees couldn't hav had the success they had without great coaches who in-
spired and encouraged
"You can be a great athlete, ut it doesn't mean you're going to do well in the classoom, which means you're not going to get a Division I schol'But if you're good, on and off he field, that's what we do here at Plymouth High School. coaches to push you to be the est all-around athlete." He then nodded that future Hall of Fame classes will be just as special, albeit smaller
in scale. "Like Michael Jordan coming up (in the 2017 induction)," Brindza said. "He's a better guy than he is a foot-


## Survey: Student loan debt major obstacle for millennials buying a home

Seventy-one percent of
non-homeowners repaying non-homeowners repaying believe their debt is stymieing their ability to purchase a home, and slightly over half of to be delayed from buying by more than five years. This is according to a new
joint survey on student loan joint survey on student loan 13 by the National Association of Realtors and SALT, a consumer literacy program pro Student Assistance. Ter rasult so revealed that student debt postponed four in 10 borrower
from moving out of a family nember's household after Nraduating from college. non-homeowners polled in the survey believe their student oan debt is delaying them rom buying a home. Broken debt amount, the percent share is the highest among olde miged 26 to 35 ( 79 percent) and hose with $\$ 70,000$ to $\$ 100,000$ notal debt. Regardless of the debt, more than half of nonion report that it's postponing their ability to buy. The survey, which only polled student debt holders yielded responses froment, rowers with varying amounts of debt from mostly a four-yea public or private college. For-ty-three percent of those polle $\$ 40,000$ in student debt, 38 percent had $\$ 50,000$ or more. The most common de amount was $\$ 20,000$ to $\$ 30,000$ Lawrence Yun, NAR chier findings bring to light the magnitude student debt is having n the housing market and the

## Student debt holding

ly able to make on-time pay ege degree increases the like lihood of stable employment and earning enough to buy a
home, many graduating with home, many graduating with ership on the back burner in part because of the multiple years it takes to pay off their student loans at an interest rate that's oftentimes nearly do
current mortgage rates. "A majority of non-hom owners in the survey earning over $\$ 50,000$ a year - which is above the median U.S. qualify
ing income needed to buy a single-family home - reporte that student debt is hurting heir ability to save for a down payment," he said. "Along wit large monthly expenses that can squeeze a household's bud get, paying a few hundred dollars every month on a stuof dollars over several years that could otherwise go towards saving for a home purAmong non-homeowners delaying their ability to buy over three-quarters - including over 80 percent of millennials - said their delay is be down payment. Additionally, 69 percent don't feel financially
secure enough to buy, and 63 secure enough to buy, and 6 percent can't qualify for a
mortgage because of high deb to-income ratios.
A little over a majority of hose polled ( 52 percent) ex pect to be delayed by more
than five years from purchasing a home because of repaying heir student debt. One in five anticipates being held back $3-5$ years as well as over 60 per-
cent of baby boomers. Not surprisingly, those with highe amounts of student loan debt and those with lower incomes
expect to be delayed the long-
"Realtors work closely with Realtors work closely with
our clients and consumers every day; we understand the
severity of the problem. This is not an abstract issue for us. This is why Realtors are leading the real estate industry in
the discussion of student loan debt and its impact on housing by generating the most encom passing research on this topic,
said NAR Vice President Shersaid NAR Vice President She
ri Meadows, a Realtor from Ocala, Florida.
Student debt preventing many young adults from leaving the nest
Mirroring other recent data on young Americans being
more likely to live with more likely to live with their situations, almost half ( 46 percent) of young millennials polled currently live with family (both paying and not payin
Furthermore, 42 percent of respondents indicated student debt delayed their decision to move out of their family mem
ber's home after college. Highlighting the difficulty many college graduates faced finding employment either before or immediately after graduated 6-10 years ago had the longest delay, with 33 percent saying it took more than two years to m
"Nearly three-quarters
older millennials, many of whom graduated at the peak 0
immediately after the downmmediately after the down turn, said their ability to pur student debt," added Yun. "A in the detrimental effects of low inventory as well as rents and home price growth outwhy the share of first-time buyers remains at its lowest
point in nearly three decades." that student debt is affecting overall housing supply rent homeowners who othe wise would like to sell. Nearly a third of current homeowners ( 31 percent) said their student debt is post-
poning them from selling their home and purchasing a new one. Of those, 18 percent believe it is too expen-
sive to move and upgade to sive to move and upgrade to
a new home, 7 percent have problems with their credit caused by student loan debt, and 6 percent are underwater because student debt has more than the minimum payment on their mortgage "It is imperative to the nation's economy that we
find immediate and practical solutions to financially empower the 43 million Americans with student debt," said SALT President
John Zurick. "SALT is mitted to demystifying the college financing process by giving consumers information, instruction and individ-
ualized advice. No one should fail to realize the full potential of their formal education simply because of finances. We invite the higher education community, the
U.S. government, the priU.S. government, the pri-
vate sector and others to join with us in this move ment.
In April, SALT distributed a 33 -question survey co-written with NAR to
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ers who are current in reers who are current in re-
payment. A total of 3,230 payment. A total of student loan borrowers completed the survey. The survey had a response rate
of 4.3 percent.

## High-tech tools changing way homes are marketed


new home meant jumping in the car with your real estate eighborhoods, looking ${ }^{\text {t }}$ ouse after house until you nd "the one." While people before deciding which one they clicked from web page to According to the National Association of Realtors, 89 sed online tools and reThis means for home sellers hat embracing new techno gent to advertise their prop
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home online, and with so much ar has been raised for online eal estate listings to really Here are a few high-tech can help you and your agen sell your home: nearly everyone is on at least, ne social media platform, er or Pinterest, so including a social media strategy in your
home's marketing plan is becoming par for the course. "A or a properly timed tweet can place your listing in front of of potential buyers and usuall costs the seller nothing," said " Virtual staging. If a seller
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ight fixtures or even change the wall color with the click of pective buyers visualize a
home's potential and see what the home looks like when it's said. "A seller can't know what every buyer's taste is, and this allows the home to be staged in ant:
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ium Association's Articles of ncorporation. Being a nonciation has not paid any taxes in past years. However, it is still required to file state ear with the IRS and the State of Michigan. If taxes were owed for some reason by the association, would I the association failed to pay? A: As non-
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with a CPA or a tax attorney to seek professional advice before doing anything further. Q: There is a fast developing residential area of Italy tates or homes that can be developed. What do you know about it? A: You are talking about
their masseria which is what we would refer to as villas, homes or other structures that were built hundreds of years ago, but have been converted
to hotels, large estates mercial properties and the like. These properties can cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and are being deve oped throughout the Puglia
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ation, you are best to contact at least two or three Realtors in the area in which you may be interested to get a wide range evaluation of the properties cost of them. Lecce is one of the most beautiful cities in the area and still offers good resi-

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