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# Police, fire top brass face restructuring

#### **Darrell Clem** Staff Writer

In his biggest initiative since he became Canton's highest-ranking law enforcement officer in April, Public Safety Director Joshua Meier is lead-ing a reorganization of top-brass positions.

Meier seized the opportunity to put his leadership stamp on the department after his former job as fire chief became vacant and after Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome retired in July.

Canton is a growing community and the police and fire departments are growing with the community," Meier said

Meier That said, he hasn't proposed adding new top-brass positions but, rather, he is realigning duties and changing job titles - all without increasing the

amount taxpayers shell out for police and fire services.

"We're not adding positions. We are realigning positions for more efficient and effective operations," Meier said.

His plan won unanimous support Tuesday evening in a 7-0 vote of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, one day after the Canton Merit Commission, which oversees non-union hiring, approved it.

"This has been a well thought-out plan that involves quite a few people," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "I think it positions the department well going forward."

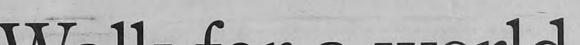
The key changes: » The position of fire chief will be eliminated and replaced by a fire department deputy director, who will report to Meier.

» The position of deputy police chief that Newsome left will be eliminated and replaced by a police depart-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Amy Godwin of Dallas, Texas, and Beverly Baum of Niceville, Fla., leave the Hines Park part of the walk and begin the climb through Old



# Charges dismissed in gun incident

**Darrell Clem** Staff Writer

Criminal charges have been dis-missed against a Canton man accused of brandishing a handgun when his estranged wife showed up with an-

other man to pick up her children. A 35th District Court prosecutor moved to dismiss charges against

30-year-old defendant Lawrence Evans after the key witness — the man he was accused of threatening at gunpoint — failed to show for a hearing to testify, a court clerk said Monday.



Evans

The latest developments averted a potential six-year prison term if Evans had been convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm charges.

Evans, allegedly upset that his estranged wife came to his apart-ment with a 19-year-old man, was accused of pointing a handgun at him, but no shots were fired and no one was injured.

had told police the Evans' wife.

# Walk for a world without breast cancer'

#### **Maria Taylor** Correspondent

Village in Plymouth.

It's not every day that you get to literally walk a mile in someone else's shoes.

For April Ellenburg of Roseville, last weekend's Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk for breast cancer was an opportunity to do just that. She's done most of her walking in a pair of Chacos sandals, given to her by a total stranger cheering from the sidelines.

Stopping for a break, Ellenburg had struck up a conversation with a friendly onlooker and happened to comment on how much she loved the woman's sandals. She'd once had a pair herself and mentioned they were the comfiest she'd ever worn.

The two traded shoes on the spot. "It's not often that you find a stranger who's willing to give you their shoes, straight off their feet," she said. "We're like a family. It's three days of the world as it should be.'

This year's Michigan event is Ellenburg's 16th walk: a three-day, 60-mile hike stretching from Walled Lake to Plymouth over the weekend of Aug. 5-7. It also marks the 150th Komen 3-Day walk, one of seven annual fundraisers held in cities across the coun-

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## Timber! Canton's biggest tree topples on trail

Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Timber!

Canton parks maintenance workers were scrambling Tuesday to clear a giant bur oak tree that partially toppled and blocked the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

The tree, along a stretch of trail between Sheldon and Canton Center, is most likely the community's oldest and largest tree, Public Works Manager Bob Belair said.

"It's the biggest tree I've seen in Canton," he said.

The last time Belair measured the tree, in 2005, it was nearly 8 feet in diameter and the circumference was almost 24 feet. Its height isn't known, but its size helped dictate the path the trail would take as Canton plotted it out years ago.

Only half the tree split off and fell, so it's not a total loss.

"It was a true giant and one of the focal points that determined where we placed the trail," Belair said. "Only half of the tree split off. The split was con-

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er, was her cousin, according to police reports.

Police had gone to Canton Garden Apartments, near Joy Road and I-275 on Canton's north side, amid reports of a gun incident about 9:40 p.m. July 5. Evans was taken into custody, but later released on a personal bond.

The teen reportedly told police that he got a

crowbar out of the trunk of his car to defend himself after Evans allegedly approached him and threatened to "smack him up," the report said.

Witnesses told police Evans then went inside his apartment and returned with a silver handgun, before his brother emerged from the residence and intervened.

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## Christmas in July winners announced

With the weather reaching the sweltering stage lately, it's difficult to think of Christmas.

But lucky winners of the O&E and Hometown newspapers' Christmas in July contest might think differently.

We published a special Christmas in July section late that month and invited readers to hunt for the hidden Santa icons like the one pictured here. All those with the correct answer were entered into a drawing for one of many fabulous prizes donated by section sponsors. There was a total of 13 icons hidden throughout the section. They were found on Page 1 (cover), Page 4 (contest form, two), Page 5, Page 6, Page 9, Page 12, Page 13, Page 12, Page 13, Page 14, Page 15, Page 17, Page 18 and Page 19.

There were 309 entries, of which 46 correctly identified the pages for all 13 hidden icons. That means only 15 percent of entries found all the icons. The winners of the prizes include: » Debbie Nelson of Farmington — gift card from Medals in Time » Jennifer Christensen of South Lyon — gift certificate from Kramar



"Paula Suchanek of Livonia — gift certificate from Michael's lamp shop

 » Michelle Hutchison of Canton — gift certificate from Dolores Baran, DDS, PC
 » Ronald Kumon of Novi — gift card from Premier Pet Supply

Also, 10 others won a coupon for a free pizza from Buddy's: Pam Fons of Birmingham, Marlo Sharpe of Plymouth, Kathy Tindall of Northville, Karen Glab of Livonia, Lonnie Kendricks of Westland, Holly Scott of Highland, Nancy Dunnigan of Garden City, David Maaske of Livonia, K. Cronin of Madison Heights and D. Beck of Westland.

Thank to all those who entered and, remember, it won't be long before the real Christmas season is upon us.



What is believed to be Canton's largest tree has partially fallen on a recreation trail.

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tinuing to grow over the years and it was only a matter of time before gravity won." Based on research he did on the Internet, Belair said it's possible the tree is as old as 450 years.

Over the years, Belair said, the weight just became too much for the tree: "It finally just gave way."

Parks maintenance workers were busy Tuesday sawing up the tree and placing the sections along the side of the trail to clear the path. "We'll just leave it there for the habitat," Belair said.

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BRASS

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ment deputy director, who also will report to Meier. A second deputy police job will remain in place.

"This gives us an effective structure in which to manage the police and fire departments," Meier said. The two deputy directors will fall within a salary range of \$94,628 and \$123,016. Meier's first-year salary was set at \$127,846 when he became public safety director. Meier said the deputy director jobs will be filled by internal applicants. The positions will be posted within a couple of weeks, with the goal of filling them by the end of September. He already has met with union leaders and command officers and said he believes the changes have been well-received. Canton residents can expect to continue receiving a high level of service, Meier said, adding that "we're focused on continual improvement.' Canton currently has 83 sworn police officers, but is budgeted for 91, as efforts to fill vacant positions continue. The fire department has 63 sworn firefighters and is budgeted for 65. Local officials have said Canton has fewer police officers and firefighters compared to most area communities with comparable populations. Meier said one of his goals is to ramp up recruitment and retention of police officers and firefighters. He said his aim is to hire topnotch people while boost-ing diversity among the public safety ranks to make the department more reflective of the diverse community it serves. Township Clerk Terry Bennett said she believes Meier's initiative to realign the Canton Public Safety Department's leadership is a good done.

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#### LOCAL NEWS

## Bands mix faith and rock music at Heartbeat of Plymouth event

#### **Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Ken Fader, Brian Welton and their bands will rock Kellogg Park during the third annual Heartbeat of Plymouth festival Aug. 13.

The former two-day festival has been scaled back to just one day this year, but Fader and Welton hope listeners will attend a repeat music performance the following day by trading their picnic blankets and lawn chairs for church pews.

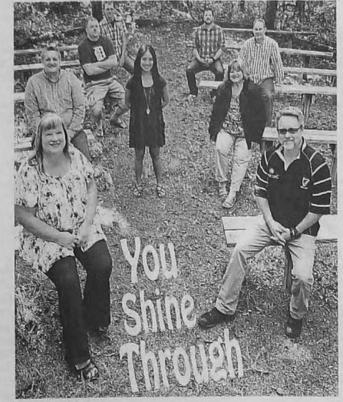
"I love being in a park setting in the public, reaching out to people who normally would not come to church," said Welton, who plays guitar, sings and writes songs for Kingdom Come Alive. The band has its roots at Friendship Church in Canton, where members serve as worship leaders, playing music at Sunday services.

"The music we play sounds like rock," he added. "People come over and hear the lyrics. To be in public, in a secular setting singing the word of God is a special thing.

Fader agrees. He leads You Shine Through, the praise band for Plymouth First United Methodist Church's contemporary worship service. He'll have eight of the group's members with him for a performance during Heartbeat of Plymouth, but also en-courages listeners to worship with the group Sunday

'We have been called to bring the best modern worship music so others, especially those who are new to seeking to know and understand God, can join with us in worship,' said Fader, who plays guitar, the lute-like Irish bouzouki, as well as mandolin and banjo.

"We bring a lot of energy every Sunday morning, but you can't mimic being out in the open air, knowing you're playing for the whole community," he said, describing the experience in Kellogg Park. "I'm not there — and this is why we don't do a lot of concerts - to make other Christians feel good about being Christians. I want an environment where we can evangelize.' Chosen, a Lansingarea Christian music band, will join You Shine Through and Kingdom Come Alive in the park. Bands will perform 3-7 p.m.



You Shine Through, a contemporary Christian music band from Plymouth First United Methodist Church, will play Aug. 13 in Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth.

group performs songs by such Christian music artists as Big Daddy Weave, Third Day, Mercy Me and Chris Tomlin.

In addition to the free concerts, the festival will include presentations by Christian radio talk show host Bob Dutko and Joseph Solomon, a Texas native who started chase-Godtv in his living room. Tickets are \$10 and are available from the festival's sponsoring churches. The program starts at 12:30 p.m. at the Penn Theater, 760 Penniman

Children can make

bracelets and greeting cards, get a Christian tattoo, try face painting and science experiments and play midway games 12:30-5:30 p.m.

The community service project this year will benefit Clair's Home, a planned sanctuary for victims of human trafficking. Participants will paint tiles that will hang in the dining room at the facility

For more about the festival, go to heartbeatofplymouth.com.

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## Forgotten Harvest: 'We recognize that hunger is everywhere'

**Julie Brown** Staff Writer

In its approximately 26 years, Forgotten Harvest has helped feed a lot of metro Detroit residents.

"We get the food nobody wants," said Jessica Ayoub, community engagement coordinator for Forgotten Harvest, based in Oak Park. "We recognize that hunger is everywhere. We don't know why people need food, we just know that they need it.'

Forgotten Harvest rescues prepared and packaged food, working with its more than 800 food donors, including restaurants. Its refrigerated trucks cross the region six days a week, serving homeless shelters, food pantries, churches, schools and more.

"It's lack of access to food," she said Aug. 4 to a group of Westland Rotarians and guests. 'We know it's not lack of (overall) food. There are a lot of issues with transportation."

She noted about one in five people face hunger and food insecurity. Forgotten Harvest provides food free of charge to its agency partners. "We want to make

sure people are getting as quality of a product as possible," Ayoub said. About three years ago, Forgotten Harvest launched Forgotten Harvest Farms to work with farmer partners. Forgotten Harvest



JULIE BROWN

Jessica Ayoub of Canton is community engagement coordinator for Forgotten Harvest, an anti-hunger organization out of Oak Park.

Farms runs April through October, with the farm manager stagger-ing crops. "We know we are always going to have this fresh produce on hand," she said. "It is actually a really fun experience, even though Fenton (its location) is a bit of a drive.'

Forgotten Harvest has a long waiting list for agency partners, al-though she said, "It is always worth a conversation now.'

Of the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan organization, she called it the "pantry" compared to Forgotten Harvest as "refrigerator and freezer" in feeding the region's hungry people. Her organization gets cooked food from restaurants, as well as farm produce that doesn't look good enough to sell in stores.

"There are still more

people who need it," she said of the service. "We are doing what we can with what we have."

Added Westland Rotarian Paul Motz, who is Westland Youth Assistance director, "Nutrition at an early age is imperative," and continues beyond that. Poor nutrition is a factor in many problems later in life, Motz said.

Forgotten Harvest has a couple major events coming up:

» "Cruisin' To Drive Out Hunger," Friday, Aug. 19, a preview party celebrating the Woodward Dream Cruise at Westborn Market, 27659 Woodward Ave., Berkley.

» The third annual Women's Harvest Lunch, 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Eastern Market, Shed 5, 2934 Russell St., Detroit. Go to www.forgotten harvest.org to learn more.

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The festival, which is promoted by Plymouth First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene and Praise Baptist Church, will include speakers, activities for teens and children and a community service project, in addition to music.

"What we're trying to do is attract people who may not be going to church," said Roger Cromwell, festival chairman. "Maybe their friends will invite them or they'll come in from the park or the market on Saturday. We're hoping people will wander around, hear the message and give church a try.'

Kingdom Come Alive has been a regular at the festival and will perform original and established praise and worship songs. Welton writes most of the original material, often finding inspiration in the ways his faith has touched his life.

#### Self-taught musicians

Fader said You Shine Through likely will be the largest band on stage at Heartbeat of Plymouth.

"Most of us are selftaught and come from a history of being in band or choir in high school," Fader said. "We are doing some original music, but mostly covers." The

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## Police car on emergency run collides with other vehicle

#### **Darrell Clem** Staff Writer

A Canton police car responding to a medical situation Sunday afternoon collided with another vehicle traveling westbound on Cherry Hill at Canton Center, police said.

The accident happened about 3:36 p.m. A police officer and the driver of the other vehicle sustained minor injuries and were taken to area hospitals.

**Deputy Police Chief Scott** Hilden said the patrol car's emergency lights had been

activated when the two-car crashed occurred.

"The police car was operating lawfully, the way it should be and as (the officer) proceeded through the intersection, the vehicle hit him on the passenger side," Hilden said.

The crash closed northbound Canton Center at Cherry Hill, but the road had reopened later in the day.

The incident was being investigated by the Michigan State Police.

Alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the

crash, which remains under investigation.

No other details were available.

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#### Love triangle leads to alleged shooting threat

A love triangle led to allegations that a Canton woman's male friend threatened to shoot her estranged husband during an incident at the motel room where she stays, a police report said.

The suspect, however, denied the accusations when police caught up with him to question him.

The incident unfolded about 7:45 a.m. Aug. 2 at Willow Acres, a motel located on Michigan Avenue, near Lotz Road, on Canton's southeast side.

Police were summoned after the 42-year-old woman's estranged husband, an Inkster resident, became angry when he came to her residence for cigarettes and found the other man there, the report said.

The husband, 57, told police the suspect, 38, put his hand in

his pocket, grabbed what was believed to be a gun and, without brandishing it, threatened to shoot him.

The two men previously had argued by phone, during which the husband said the suspect made similar threats against him, police said.

The woman told police she and her husband have been separated since 2013, but she said he became angry when he found another man at her motel room. The other man had fled the scene by the time police arrived.

Police caught up with him a short distance away and questioned him. At that point he had no gun and told police he never had one during the incident.

The woman said the two men had previously argued over her relationship with the new man.

The investigation was continuing

#### **Bizarre sign**

It started as a bizarre yard sign a Canton man placed on his front lawn.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Made of plywood and white paint, the sign included the man's five-digit address on Westminster Way - followed by the puzzling words "are murders of my wife.'

Police questioned the man after his neighbors became concerned about the sign, 18 inches by 24 inches.

He told police he is not violent and made the sign to relieve stress.

Moreover, he reportedly said he believes the govern-ment and Canton police are cutting off his cellphone and home Internet service, according to a police report. He said the disruption in service caused him to not get his wife to a doctor's appointment on time in 2013, causing her to miss out on medication.

He said the situation led to her death.

The man refused an offer by police to get medical help. Police advised the neighbors to be aware of him as efforts continue to get help.

#### **McCounterfeit money**

A McDonald's customer approached the counter, placed his order and handed a worker a nice, freshly minted \$20 bill. Counterfeit, that is.

The worker thought the bill looked odd and summoned a manager as the incident unfolded about 11 a.m. Aug. 4.

As the manager walked toward the counter, the customer fled the building - without his food.

#### **Unarmed robbery**

A 35-year-old man accused of stealing a watch from the Kohl's store on Ford Road had five words for police, according to a report: "I can't go to

anyway - and he could end up in prison. Police went to Kohl's shortly before noon Sunday and saw the suspect slowly driving

Oh, but he did - briefly,

away following allegations he stole the watch and assaulted an employee. Police ordered him to shut

off the car and get out, but he kept repeating his assertion he couldn't go to jail.

Police say he suddenly drove off at a higher rate of speed onto nearby Sheldon Road. Police caught up with him, stopped him and hauled him to the police station.

According to court records, the suspect is facing charges of unarmed robbery, fleeing from a police officer and resisting arrest.

- By Darrell Clem

#### Driving at 111 mph, man has no license

A 34-year-old man was arrested on a charge of driving with a revoked license after a Plymouth Township officer spotted him driving at well over 100 mph on the freeway Sunday.

A Plymouth Township Police Department report said the man, behind the wheel of a Chrysler 300, was heading east on M-14, near Beck Road,

shortly before 4 p.m. and was clocked on radar traveling up to 111 mph.

The officer stopped the man near Sheldon Road. He immediately admitted that his license had been revoked and also said he knew he was speeding, police said.

#### **OWI** arrest

A 21-year-old Novi man was arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated the night of Aug. 3 after

being stopped for speeding on Beck Road. A police report said the man was driving a Buick LeSabre that was clocked at 61 mph on northbound Beck at about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 3. The speed limit there is 40 mph.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

The driver smelled of alcohol and admitted to having a few beers, police said. He was arrested after performing poorly on field sobriety tests, the report said.

#### Fraud try

A 58-year-old township man recently reported an attempt

to scam him out of \$2,000. The man said he received a call Aug. 3, from a man at a phone number that was blocked, and that the caller began to operate his laptop computer remotely. The caller had apparently transferred \$2,000 between two of the complainant's bank accounts, the complainant said, and was

demanding the money be sent to him.

The caller threatened to empty the bank account and destroy the computer if the money wasn't sent, the complainant told police. He later called back and left threatening messages on the complainant's phone, police said.

- By Matt Jachman



## Angioplasty saves lives, but prevention is key to heart health

The leading cause of death in the United States is heart disease. Yet, many Americans are unfamiliar with the most common type of heart disease, coronary artery disease and how to prevent it.

Coronary artery disease causes more than 370,000 deaths per year and occurs when the heart's arteries become blocked or narrowed due to a buildup of cholesterol or plaque, reducing blood flow. Over time, coronary artery disease can lead to the sudden formation of a blood clot, which can completely block blood flow and may lead to a heart attack.

When coronary artery disease causes chest discomfort or the blockage increases the risk of a heart attack, angioplasty may be recommended by a physician to open the blocked arteries and restore normal blood flow. Angioplasty is a minimally invasive surgery in which a doctor numbs a spot in the groin or arm and inserts a small tube called a catheter into an artery. Watching on a special X-ray screen, the doctor moves the catheter with a small balloon on a wire into the artery. By inflating the



tiny balloon, the blocked artery is opened and allows blood to flow more easily. In many patients, a collapsed wire mesh tube, called a stent, is mounted on a special balloon and, as the balloon inflates, the stent opens against the artery walls. The stent locks in position and helps keep the artery open. Angioplasty causes very little pain and patients may only feel some pressure when the catheter is inserted.

An emergency angioplasty may be necessary when someone needs immediate intervention to save their life; however, it is better to catch coronary artery disease earlier in order to undergo elective angioplasty before a health crisis occurs.

The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Heart & Vascular Center has been performing emergency angioplasty since 2005 and is now performing elective angioplasty. Prior to April, the elective angioplasty procedure was not approved for Michigan hospitals without an on-site open heart surgery program. Proving that this procedure can be done safely and with high-quality outcomes, St. Mary Mercy was the first Michigan hospital of its kind to receive certification to preform elective angioplasty from the State of Michigan and from Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence, an accreditation program ensuring facilities meets the highest standards of care.

#### **Prevention is key**

Some patients with coronary artery disease, as well as other forms of heart disease, may be able to control the disease with heart-healthy lifestyle changes. High blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking are three of the major risk factors for heart disease. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly half of Americans have at least one of these three risk factors.

By following the advice below, individuals can lead healthier lives and minimize the risk of heart disease. » Eat healthy. Choose fruits and vegetables. Avoid processed foods and sugars.

» Maintain a healthy weight. The more you weigh, the harder the heart has to work.

» Manage stress. Researchers have discovered a relationship between cardiovascular disease and stress. Manage stress by practicing relaxation techniques, managing time and setting realistic goals.

» Engage in physical activity. Regular exercise helps make the heart stronger and decreases the risk of heart disease.

» Quit smoking. Nicotine raises blood pressure, causing blood vessels to constrict and the heart to beat faster. Cigarette, pipe and cigar smokers have more than double the risk of a heart attack than nonsmokers.

» Control blood pressure. Blood pressure is an indication of the force applied in the arteries as the heart beats. High blood pressure increases the workload of the heart, escalating the risk of heart attack, heart failure and stroke.

» Consider vitamin supplements or a daily dose of aspirin. Aspirin has shown to prevent coronary artery disease, but may come with risks. Vitamin E and beta-carotene are natural ways to help reduce cardiovascular risk. Talk with your doctor before beginning any vitamin supplements or aspirin.

» Raise your level of HDL cholesterol. HDL or "good" cholesterol carries LDL or "bad" cholesterol from the arteries back to the liver to be removed from the bloodstream. High levels of HDL protect against cardiovascular disease. HDL can be increased by eating a diet rich in whole grain, legumes and nuts.

» Lower LDL cholesterol and triglycerides. Fatty substances, such as LDL cholesterol and triglycerides, cause fatty deposits to build up in the arteries. Diets high in saturated and trans fats increase LDL cholesterol.

Mansoor Ahmed Qureshi, M.D. is an interventional cardiologist at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor. He specializes in cardiovascular disease and is board certified in interventional cardiology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.



Boobalicious Babes Team members Paula Nelson of Mesa, Ariz., and Kathy Welch of Sarnia, Ontario, are supporting their niece, Nancy Nelson.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The brother and sister team of Mike Blair and Cindy Nanasi, both of Baltimore, Md., on the second day of the event. Mike has completed six 3-day events.

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and Philadelphia.

"Everyone has a very personal story," Ellenburg said as she and her two walking partners, Michele Maksout of Macomb and Terry Covill of Roseville, stopped Saturday for a lunch break in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. As the walkers made their way back to camp at the Suburban Showplace Collection in Novi, they made a pit stop in Northville – just in time for the Buy Michigan Festival in downtown.

Ellenburg's first walk was in honor of her mother, who died of breast cancer in 2002, and she didn't originally plan on doing another. But she changed her mind. "It lifts you up," she said. "It's like childbirth. It might hurt in the process — your feet are sore, we've had people on crutches and in wheelchairs — but in the end, I can't imagine not doing it."

Since then, she's walked in cities nationwide, from Tampa to D.C. to San Diego this fall. She's done the Michigan event every year. "It's overwhelmingly inspirational, the stories we share along the way," she said. "The love and support is amazing — not just the walkers, also the people who stand by the sidelines and cheer us on."

Ellenburg is youth director at Unity Church of Royal Oak and serves as route director for the Detroit Heart Walk. She's also part of the Chemo Angels program, where she writes to people going through chemotherapy.

This year, she's walking in honor of her friend Grace, who died in June.

Grace didn't go to the doctor until it was too late. By then, she had a tumor the size of a grapefruit under her arm. "So many people are unaware of the resources out there, even if you don't have medical insurance," Ellenburg said. "I'm walking to raise awareness of that. Until there's a cure, (this is) something I can do about it. I'm going to keep going as long as I can."

This weekend, that meant logging 20 miles a day on foot. Friday and Saturday nights, she and her fellow walkers camped out in a "little tent city," with showers in semitrucks, a mini-mail station to pick up postcards and a mas-"We walk for

The 3-Day walkers are cheered as they enter Kellogg Park.

sage tent for those aching legs. Participants slept in pink twoperson pup tents, spread out by the hundreds across their home base at the Suburban For participants

Collection Showplace in Novi. Evenings at the camp were a chance to catch up on the latest stats from the event, listen to stories from survivors and visit the big white "memory tent." Inside, framed photos honored former participants who have died. Walkers covered the walls with names, mementos to friends who've been lost.

In 2016 alone, more than 240,000 women are expected to be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, along with 2,600 men, according to Chrissy Mathews, program manager of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day. And this year in the U.S., at least 40,000 breast cancer "We walk for a world without breast cancer," Mathews said. "We want to live in a

said. "We want to live in a world where nobody else has to die from this disease."

For participants at the Michigan 3-Day, it's an emotional experience, but it's also a celebration of survival and the spirit to carry on. "Tonight, we're having a dance party, because that's what we do after walking 40 miles," Ellenburg said. "We dance."

Dressing up is part of the fun, too. Saturday afternoon, Kellogg Park was a sea of pink shirts, pink hats and leis. Even the fountain splashed pink. Two or three brave fellows wore pink-and-purple tutus and bedazzled bras over their shorts and T-shirts. They were part of a team of six called "Jeeping for Jugs" — Derek and Heather Roberts of Clarkston, their kids Laura and David and two fellow Jeep enthusiasts, Ryan Kimler and Becca VanHorn.

"The whole family was big into off-roading, so I thought that would be a good name," Derek said. Earlier this year, they held a fundraiser rally with more than 300 Jeeps. All participants are required to raise at least \$2,300 in order to walk; they've hit \$16,000.

Derek is in his sixth year at the Michigan 3-Day, walking through neighborhoods like Novi, Walled Lake, Hines Park, Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Dearborn. "Plymouth was especially great lots of signs, lots of balloons and people out cheering," he said.

This year's Michigan 3-Day saw about 600 walkers and 300 volunteer crew members — on par with last year's numbers, according to Mathews.

Ashley Flintoff of Detroit

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was one of about 10-15 crew members at the Kellogg Park pit stop. As the afternoon sun beamed down, Flintoff and a few of her co-workers gathered by the fountain to take a break, their pink hard hats dotting the crowd in a nod to this year's theme: demolishing cancer.

It's Flintoff's fifth year participating, twice as a walker and the last three times as a crew member. For her, like so many others, the cause hits close to home. "I knew too many people who had breast cancer and I wanted to do something about it," she said. That included both her grandmothers, her friend's grandmother and another friend's daughter.

It's four solid days of work for the volunteers, but Flintoff kept it all in perspective: "Compared with going through chemo, this is nothing."



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# BUSINESS

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## Plymouth architect helps with design of HGTV Urban Oasis

Studio Z Architecture, a Plymouth-based residential architecture firm, will serve as the architect for HGTV's "Urban Oasis® 2016" home in Ann Arbor. The announcement was made by Studio Z owner and the project's architect, Dawn Zuber, and HGTV.

Each year, HGTV selects a home in a trendy, vibrant, up-and-coming urban area, partnering with design and professionals to renovate the home with modern-day style for a modern-day family. This marks the seventh year for the home giveaway sweepstakes. Past **HGTV** Urban Oasis homes have been located in New York City, Boston, Atlanta, Miami, Chicago and Asheville, N.C

"I am thrilled to havebeen chosen as the architect for this year's HGTV Urban Oasis, which has been one of the most interesting and challenging projects of my career," Zuber said. "Throughout the entire process, HGTV and the talented project team made this a highly successful collaboration and, together, we transformed the house into a really special home I



Dawn Zuber, owner of Studio Z, will serve as the architect for HGTV's "Urban Oasis® 2016."

think viewers will love." The interior designer for Urban Oasis 2016 is Bryan Patrick Flynn. His portfolio includes a number of high-profile residential projects, including HGTV Urban Oasis 2015 and HGTV Dream Home 2016. Ann Arbor-based Maven Development serves as general contractor for the project.

Established in 1997 by Zuber, Studio Z is a residential architecture firm which specializes in custom homes and home renovations that fit client's lifestyles. A licensed architect in Michigan and Ohio and member of the American Institute of Architects, Zuber is currently serving as chair of the AIA's Custom Residential Architects Network.

She earned her bachelor of architecture degree at the University of Cincinnati and completed an independent study program at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, England.

During the giveaway period from Oct. 4 to Nov. 22, viewers can enter for a chance to win the grand prize package, including this approximately 1,500-square-foot residence and all its furnishings, along with \$50,000 provided by national mortgage lender Quicken Loans. For more information, go to HGTV.com/UrbanOasis.



Maple Leaf was welcomed by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

# Ribbon-cuttings herald three new businesses in Canton

The Canton Chamber of Commerce led three recent ribbon-cuttings for new businesses.

The businesses include Maple Leaf at 51000 Mott Road; It's GO time! – Gwen O'Donnell Training at 5860 N. Canton Center, No. 340; and Experimac at 42114 Ford Road.

Customers, employees, chamber members and residents were among the attendees at the ribbon-cuttings in July.



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Gwen O'Donnell Training gathered at the new studio on Canton Center Road.

## American Girl store now open at Novi's Twelve Oaks mall

Georgea Kovanis Detroit Free Press

Good news for fans of American Girl dolls: The brand's only Michigan store has opened at Twelve Oaks in Novi.

More good news: Melody Ellison, the new doll representing Detroit, will be released early — Aug. 20 — at the store. She won't be available at the rest of the nation's stores until Aug. 25.

Now, some not-so-good news: The point of the 6,000-square-foot store is to test the viability of the local American Girl market. When its lease expires at the end of January, there's no guarantee it will open a permanent store in metro Detroit, a spokeswoman said.

All this comes at a time when sales of American Girl dolls — owned by Mattel — have been slumping. According to published reports, the brand's sales topped out at \$632.5 million in 2013. Last year, sales were \$572 million. Meanwhile, second-quarter sales released last month were down 19 percent. The "Frozen" phenom-

The "Frozen" phenomenon and its Elsa and Anna dolls have been responsible in part for a decline in sales of all types of dolls, including Barbie. But the truth is, American Girl dolls are pretty expensive. The 18-inch dolls, geared to girls ages 8-12, are \$115. Smaller WellieWishers dolls — which were introduced last month and baby dolls for young-



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Kei Ogiso, 8, with mom Akiko Ogiso, 40, of Novi tries glasses on a doll at the new American Girl store inside Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The dolls are known for their variety of styles, ethnicities and time periods.

er girls are \$60.

Still, many American Girl fans are super-loyal. Four-year-old Taylor Eschmann of Canton was all eyes during the store's soft opening Friday. She hopes to get an American Girl doll very soon.

"This," said her mother, Julie Eschmann, who had her own American Girl doll as a child, "is a big deal."

American Girl has a reputation for being inclusive — dolls are available in a variety of ethnicities and parents say their children like the idea of having a doll that looks like them. The store also sells dolls from a variety of eras — Melody Ellison, for example, represents an African-American girl growing up in Detroit in 1964.

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On the mall's upper level near Nordstrom, the store features 49 of the most popular dolls from the American Girl collection. The store has a salon for dolls - facials (which basically means washing the dirt off a well-loved doll's face) are \$5; hairstyles range from \$10 to \$20; ear piercing is \$16. The store sells glasses for dolls and braces, too. Clothing for dolls starts at about \$10. Pajamas can run into the \$24 range, depending on the doll's size.

Before the opening of this temporary store, the closest American Girl store was in Columbus, Ohio. A flagship store is in Chicago.

For more information, go to www.americangirl-.com.

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## **Thousands attend annual Highland Games**

**David Veselenak** Staff Writer

It was a day of reigning champions keeping their crowns Saturday at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village. The 167th annual

Highland Games attracted about 12,000 people to Livonia this past weekend to see athletes compete in a wide array of events, including the coveted tug-of-war event.

This year saw last year's champions repeat: the men's division was won by the St. Andrew's Highlanders for the fourth year in a row, while the women's division was conquered by the team from the Wayne County sheriff's office.

"Two years in a row, they held on to their women's title," said Peg Dunlop, co-chairwoman of the games. "Our tug of war is always a huge hit." She said it appeared

the games didn't suffer because of all the surrounding construction, especially along I-275 in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi.

Overall, she said, with the nice weather, solid entertainment and exciting competition, the games went off without a hitch. It's a match-up, she said, organizers hope to have for next year's games during the first weekend of August.

"It was an excellent day with perfect weather. We had a good crowd," she said. "We'd love to have that weather every day."

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The winning tug-of-war team is the St. Andrew's Society Highlanders.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER In the professional athlete division, Andy Vincent tosses the caber.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Drum major Christy Haradean, one of three leading the massed bands performance, is from Canton.



Highland dancers Amanda Atkinson of White Lake and Jacqueline Ferrante of Macomb compete.

Day camp offers look at old farm life

Ever wonder what farm life was like 100 years ago in Michigan?

The Canton Historical Society is asking visitors to go to Preservation Park, on Canton's west side, to learn how a Canton family long ago would have spent a summer on the farm.

It all happens 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the park, 500 N. Ridge Road, in Cherry Hill Village. Activities will include

a tour of the historic Bartlett-Travis House, pole barn and other property, along with corn shelling and laundry activity, fun crafts and a scavenger hunt.

The event is especially appropriate for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Parents are

required to stay at the event with their children. A snack and bottled

water will be provided. Space is limited, so sign up by Aug. 12 by sending an email to info.chsdaycamp@gmail.com, then more information will be received. Please include the number of children and their names and ages.



Tours of the historical Bartlett-Travis House, shown here during a Canton Farmers Market day, will be one of the activities during a day camp offered by the Canton Historical Society.

### Detroit 67 Oral History Project to visit Plymouth library

The Plymouth District Library is partnering with the Detroit Historical Society for an oral history project that will record the stories of people who witnessed, remembered or were a part of the civil unrest that struck Detroit in summer 1967.

Representatives from

the historical society will be at the library at 2 p.m. Friday to provide more information about the Detroit 67 Oral History Project and to conduct a how-to workshop about recording oral histories. The workshop is a dropin event with no registration required.

In addition, historical

society staffers will return to the library 1-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, to record oral and written histories from people who lived or worked in Detroit during the 1967 riot and are willing to share their stories. To register for an interview, call Detroit 67 at 313-833 7912 or send an email to

detroit1967@detroithistorical .org.

The historical society's goal is to collect 350 oral and written histories in order to add to the collective narrative of what happened in Detroit in July 1967.



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### Garden City man killed in Bloomfield Township crash

#### Jay Grossman Staff Writer

A 37-year-old motorcyclist from Garden City was killed Monday after colliding with a vehicle in Bloomfield Township.

Investigators say it appears the 2003 Suzuki motorcycle was traveling westbound on Hickory Grove when it crashed into a 2013 Ford Fiesta that was crossing Hickory Grove from Chickering Lane. Police say the crash occurred at about 3:30 p.m. and that alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the incident.

The driver of the Fiesta, a 25-year-old Waterford Township man, was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing a

helmet.

Police are withholdin the motorcyclist's name pending notification of his family. Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to contact the township traffic investigations unit at 248-433-7749

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#### **GUEST COLUMN**

## State's toothless Open Meetings Act needs repair

n the Nov. 19, 2015, edition of the Plymouth Observer, I noticed Matt Jachman's front page article and related editorial: two Michigan attorneys asserted violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act by the Plymouth City Commission.

Being front page news, since the O&E quoted the mayor characterizing OMA concerns as a "trash article," one would expect an investigation. I was shocked to learn neither the Wayne County prosecutor, Wayne County sheriff, Michigan State Police nor Michigan attorney general would investigate.

On Nov. 24, I contacted attorney Jennifer Dukarski of the Michigan Press Association, who was cited in the article. I asked if the MPA intended to file a complaint. She responded no. The same inquiry to cited attorney Jane Briggs-Bunting of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government yielded no response.

So on Dec. 22, I contacted the Wayne County

#### LETTERS

#### Stick to the issues

Trash talk, negative mailings, bad mouthing of opponents.

Is this what we have just experienced in our local election in Plymouth Township? How sad.

I am reminded that, growing up, my mother would monitor our dinner table conversation with two sayings: "He who throws dirt, loses ground" (Confucius) and "Criticism is a form of autobiography" (Benjamin Franklin).

Former longtime editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, Brad Kadrich, continually preached: "Focus on the issues." To that end, I am thankful for the public, in-person forums that were conducted by the League of Women Voters, the Concerned Citizens and the forum hosted at PARC. For more than a decade, I have maintained that the political climate in this area of Michigan is one of the nastiest. "Dark money," from outside financial interests, has resulted in candidates who have not



prosecutor's office to learn more about the complaint process. I was surprised to learn after speaking with James Gonzales, chief of the Special Operations Division, that enforcement is unfairly county dependent.

Gonzales, being polite and helpful – to paraphrase – said although yes, his office has jurisdiction for Michigan OMA violations in Wayne County, that in all his years as prosecutor, he believed he possibly handled one complaint. He said his office is unable to start an investigation unless and until a complaint is filed by law enforcement.

He suggested it would be a waste of time to contact the Wayne County sheriff. He asked me how many county squad cars have you seen on the roads lately? I said none: "I get your point." He said the problem is funding; the county is cashstrapped. Jail management and court security is about all the sheriff can afford to do lately. Agreeing that an in-

vestigation by Plymouth police would be a conflict of interest, Gonzales suggested contacting state police or Bill Schuette's office was possible, but also probably fruitless. Regardless, I contacted the Michigan State Police District 2 Metro Post on Dec 22. "Could you please connect me to someone whom has info on Open Meetings Act complaints," I asked. Routed to a sergeant whose line went to voice mail, I left a detailed phone message that was not returned.

I contacted the Michigan attorney general's office the same day and was provided an email address to submit information. On Dec. 22, I emailed to them scans of the Nov. 19 Observer articles including my concerns.

I contacted the Wayne County sheriff's office. The duty officer stated unfamiliarity with the Michigan Open Meetings Act and had no idea who to route my call to. Six months to the day and three follow-up emails later, I finally received a response.

Donna Pendegrast, first assistant attorney general of Michigan-Detroit office, stated in her June 22 letter: "... the prosecuting attorney of the county where the alleged criminal conduct occurred is the appropriate governmental official to whom the evidence and information should be provided."

Wow. A June 28 voice mail to Gonzales for follow-up of contradictory state and county policy has yet to be reciprocated.

During a June 30 follow-up phone contact with Pendegrast, she lightly chuckled while suggesting yes, there are many OMA complaints or allegations floating around, but it is not within the attorney general's responsibility to investigate – except on very rare occasions; it's a county responsibility. Stating she formerly worked for the Wayne County prosecutor, she was aware of the situation. Wow.

On July 1, I spoke with Michigan attorney Phillip Ellison, whose specialty is OMA civil actions against elective bodies. He also suggested a violation based on information in the November article and that county prosecutors are also elected officials and often uncomfortable investigating fellow locally elected officials, unless political gain is a result.

Ellison claimed there is no statute of limitation in Michigan for any citizen to file a civil action against any Michigan elective body for Open Meetings Act violations. The civil case reported by David Veselenak in the Livonia Observer on July 3, involving the Livonia City Council, is an example of citizens doing the job of law enforcement.

The Michigan Open Meetings Act needs an upgrade. Mandated criminal complaint acceptance and enforcement by all Michigan counties, including state funding, is needed. Voter mistrust of city and township halls and school boards, voter perceptions of cover-ups, abetting of corruption via non enforcement for political and/or financial reasons is the result of non-enforcement. Suburban citizens regularly assert transparency problems in local government, for these reasons.

Without mandated enforcement, elected and appointed officials in Plymouth, Wayne County and statewide communities can function as nontransparent monoliths; back room deals, public meetings relegated to a sanitized theater of rehearsed behind-closeddoor crookery, with blessings and promulgations from Lansing will be the result if not addressed by our lawmakers.

Taylor resident Daniel Sabo grew up in Old Village in the home his great-grandfather G.A. Starkweather built, attended Starkweather School and graduated from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

represented the best interests of the local people. Recently, former Gov. William Milliken (1968-82) said, "We have have seen a growth of meanness, bitterness y- and of excessive parti-

> work to our detriment." We need to develop a political climate where we foster the discussion and debate of the issues. We must maintain and nurture our sense of civility and mutual respect toward those with opposing views.

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Finally, we ought to have been taught that "Recognition is the first step to correction." I can see a better atmosphere in Plymouth Township if we distinguish and differentiate our opinions on the basis of substantive merit. John C. Stewart Plymouth after studying the histories and positions of these two men, although I think the evidence is strongly on the side of Kumar. Still, there is one thing that absolutely disqualifies one of them. Dave Trott will be voting for Donald Trump for president.

Trump stands in opposition to the idea the each person should be judged on their merits, instead of denigrating entire groups of people: women, prisoners of war, Muslims, journalists, Mexicans, the disabled, immigrants, the Pope, Native Americans, firemen and the parents of fallen sol-

for such a man, Trott has convicted himself of one of two disqualifying faults. Either he shares the outrageous positions of Donald Trump or he has placed his loyalty to the Republican Party above his loyalty to his constituents and above his loyalty to the Constitution of the United States. In either case, he shows himself willing to make a choice that threatens the unity, founding principles, future and safety of our republic.

If you are the sort of American who can hold your nose and vote for Donald Trump, then I suppose you have a decare as we know it (the Ryan plan). This would be devastating for future retirees!

The Democratic Party platform, on the other hand, pledges an expan-sion of Social Security benefits complete with a plan to pay for it. Also included is an expansion and improvement of Medicare with a buy-in provision for those as young as 55 and a provision that would allow for negotiated prescription drug prices, a practice currently forbidden, within the flawed Medicare Part D program, which will result in dramatic savings.

Seniors and those soon to be, if you don't believe that the GOP is pledged to do major damage to Social Security and Medicare, do some research and compare the party platforms. Then please call your local Republican candidate or representative on any level and listen to them backpedal when you ask about their destructive platform objectives. And, of course, vote Democratic in Novemand first responders; Jennifer Granholm; diverse, average citizens; Chelsea and Hillary Clinton.

The American public heard from the real, authentic, caring Clinton the human being. In her patriotic, optimistic, hopeful speech she honored her deceased mother, her husband, daughter, grandchildren, extended family and friends. She quoted John Wesley, founder of Methodism: "Do all you can ..."; plus F. Roosevelt's words about fear and lines from a song from the Broadway musical "Hamilton"; her book "It Takes a Village"; her famous, courageous, radical words from 1995 in China: ' Human rights are women's rights. Women's rights are human rights." I like especially "Where there are no ceilings, the sky's the limit. While listing her and her party's policy plans Hillary Clinton invited Sanders' supporters, dissatisfied Republicans and independents, undecided voters to join the Democratic cause. They will help defeat her dangerous, undisciplined, clueless opponent. "Join us." "We are stronger together." In Hillary Clinton's closing words, she accepted the nomination "with humility, determination, confidence we can work together so we can rise together." Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce Township

#### Vote for Trott is vote for Trump

Now it's official. The contest for Michigan's 11th Congressional District seat will be between Dave Trott and Dr. Anil Kumar. Reasonable people might well differ on this choice



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He has dismissed his repeated economic failures by essentially saying, "Don't worry, the United States can't go bankrupt under me, we can just print more money."

Trump has expressed admiration for such tyrants as Saddam Hussein and Vladimir Putin. He's shown himself frighteningly volatile, striking hard and without forethought at the source of any perceived slight. The Donald has expressed an amazing ignorance of foreign affairs. And, most disturbingly, Trump has repeatedly bragged that, if elected, he will take actions that are in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution. By agreeing to vote

cision to make in the 11th District race. If not, then Trott's abysmal lack of judgment in casting a vote for such a man leaves you only two choices: vote for Kumar or leave that portion of your ballot blank. Bob Nelson

#### Canton Seniors vs. self-interest

Based upon current polling data, American seniors and those soon to be seem poised and ready to vote for Republicans and against selfinterest, again. What do Republicans, if elected, have planned for Social Security and Medicare, the two most important programs for seniors?

The 2016 GOP platform rededicates all Republican office seekers to the dual core party principles of cutting Social Security and bringing an end to MediMitch Smith Canton

#### Clinton's nomination excites

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Still excited about July 28, 2016, the historic milestone in America — first female nominated for the presidency of the USA! Home run hitters (can you tell I am a baseball fan?) were: Mr. Khan; General Allen; 9/11 survivors



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#### **PREP HOCKEY**

# 'Sad day for high school hockey world'

### Bill Newton, who led Farmington to 2014 state championship, loses fight with cancer

#### Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Former players and fellow coaches remember Bill Newton as being a great person, friend and mentor, someone who was much more than just a good

hockey coach. Newton, who guided the Farmington High School team to the Division 3 state championship in 2014, died Saturday after a long battle with colon cancer.

Joe Majoros, who played three years on the varsity for Newton, said his coach remained upbeat and presented a positive outlook through a difficult time.

"He was a very unselfish person in the sense that he was fighting this horrible battle," Majoros said. "He wasn't necessarily hiding it from us, but he was making light of it just so we wouldn't have to worry about him. He always put others before himself."

Jason Petras, another former player and senior captain on the 2016 team with Majoros, Cam Noseworthy and Jordan Hoke, had a special bond with Newton.

His mother, Kim, succumbed to cancer prior to the 2013-14 season, and the Falcons dedicated that campaign to her memory.

Newton revealed he had been battling cancer, too, in the post-game press conference after Farmington won the state title. Petras scored both goals in the 2-1 win over Sault Ste. Marie.

"He was like a dad to me," Petras said. "He was always there when I needed him. When my mom passed away, he was the first person I called, and he was the first person to come over and make sure I was OK.

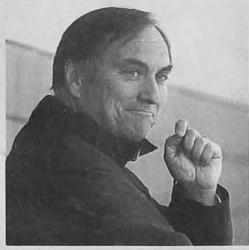
"All the guys were super close with coach Bill. The state championship was one of the great things he did for our program. The only thing bigger than the banner he got us was his heart."

Newton, who was a day shy of his 56th birthday, resigned at the end of last season to deal with his health and to devote more time to his family.

In three seasons as the varsity coach, Newton's teams compiled a 44-33-4 record and won the school's only state title in his first year.

With a senior-dominated team in

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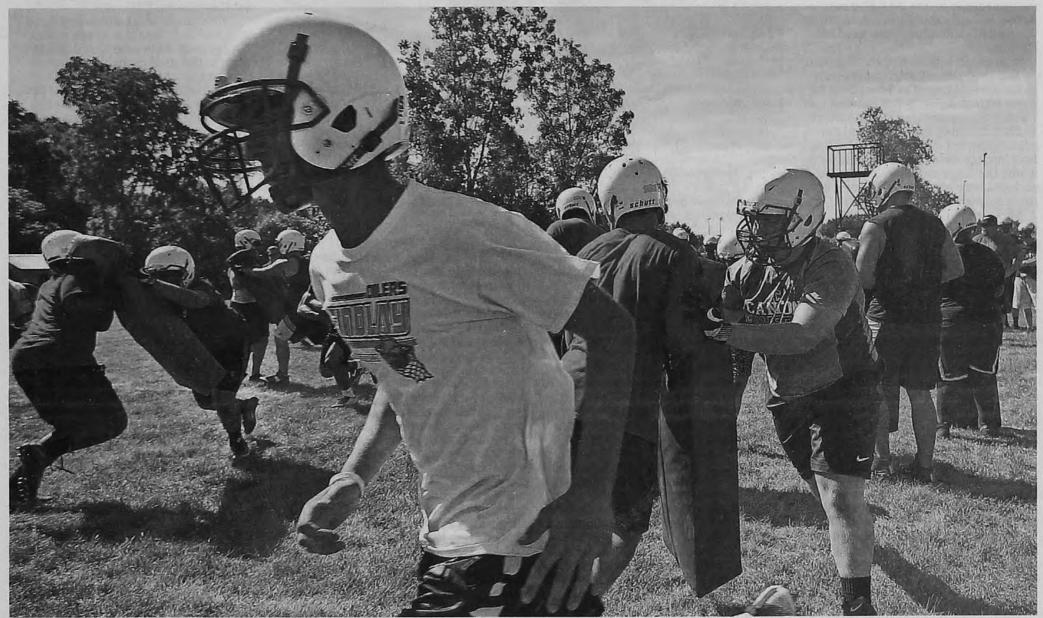


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Bill Newton is the only Farmington High School coach to win a state championship. He led the Falcons to the Division 3 hockey crown in 2014.

#### PREP FOOTBALL

# THEY'RE BACK AT IT ON GRIDIRON



Tuesday morning's heat didn't keep Canton football players from running through drills.

#### BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Canton players fired up as they begin to prepare for 2016 grid campaign

#### Evan Paputa Correspondent

The Canton football team began its quest to defend district and regional crowns with a grueling, conditioningheavy practice in the 90-degree heat Monday.

The eagerness to finally hit the gridiron spread like wildfire to the players, who are preparing for their season opener Aug. 26 against Dearborn Fordson in the annual Prep Kickoff Classic held at Wayne State University.

"I just love playing with my team, seeing my coaches. Everyone is working hard and having fun," senior Julian Thornton said.

According to head coach Tim Baechler, this year's team brought energy

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Getting in some snaps during Tuesday morning's practice are Canton quarterback Joel Foster and center Max Mulvaney.

## State record for wins next for Herrington

#### Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

John Herrington begins his 47th season as head coach of the Harrison High School football team on the verge of a Michigan milestone.

He needs 11 more victories to eclipse former Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa as the winningest coach in state history.

Herrington, who is 75 and the only head coach the Hawks have had, has 420 career victories. Fracassa retired after the 2013 season with 430.

"All I know is, when they gave me three more years, they probably

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FILE PHOTO John Herrington's football teams have won 420 games and 13 state titles in 46 seasons.



#### NATIONAL JUNIOR EVALUATION CAMP



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY U.S. goalie Tyler Parsons makes one of his 39 saves during Saturday's 5-1 win over Canada, here shutting down a bid from Tyler Jost.

Team USA dodges early trouble

Clutch first-period by goalie Parsons stems the tide, sets tone for win in camp finale

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

The energy inside USA Hockey Arena was palpable Saturday night, as it usually is when the home team hosts Canada.

And the first period of the National Junior Evaluation Camp finale easily could have belonged to Team Canada,

if not for a standout job of holding the fort by U.S. goaltender Tyler Parsons. Despite being outshot 22-8 in the opening period, Team USA took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission, after which the team collectively exhaled and took care of business the rest of the way, winning 5-1 before 2,079 fans.

"First time I've seen (Parsons) play," U.S. head coach Bob Motzko said with a chuckle. "He stopped the puck — a lot. Very athletic and I told him two nights ago that he had this game and he got a twinkle in his eye. He wanted it and he backed it up." Parsons, who hails from Chester-

field Township, indeed got pumped up over the course of the week to face a team whose every player is National Hockey League property.

'It was awesome. I've been playing against those guys for two years now, Parsons said. "It was awesome to get this game tonight. I've been preparing



Battling for room on the ice Saturday are Canada's Michael McCloud (left) and Kieffer Bellows of the U.S.

said. "But I thought we adjusted. We took their best shot with a good goalie, letting us kind of get our legs.

Providing another boost of adrenaline for the team, and its fans, was 6-foot-5 forward Jordan Greenway's goal with 1:12 remaining, putting the U.S. up 2-0.

The goal came seconds after a penalty to Canada's Thomas Chabot ex-pired. Forward Kieffer Bellows sent a pass from the right side in front to Greenway, who neatly redirected the

drafted by the New York Islanders in the first round of the recent NHL Entry Draft. "It's a privilege to play with him. There's a reason he went seventh overall to Arizona."

Roy then briefly lifted Canada's hopes with his goal.

Less than a minute later, however, McAvoy's thunderous body check against Lawson Crouse generated the loudest reaction of the game — and put an exclamation point on the fact that it wasn't Canada's night.

"I'm pretty cocky tonight. It's one day. Ask me again in another week. ... I'm not as active as I used to be, I'll admit that." JOHN HERRINGTON regarding his physical stamina



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should fire me if I can't win 11 games in that time," Herrington said. "I'm healthy right now. I think I can make it through three years."

The Farmington school board voted in the spring to close Harrison at the end of the 2018-19 school year, giving Herrington three more seasons with the Hawks.

Monday was unlike last year, when there was much speculation about the school's future hanging over the start of football practice.

"That issue is dead around our place," Herrington said. "Nobody talks about it. Once in a while, maybe the coaches do.

"We're a little concerned if we're going to have enough freshmen. We had 42 sign up, but we had only 15 show up. It's possible we may have to combine the freshman and JV teams. We'll see how that goes.'

"We have a lot of good seniors and the juniors are stepping up. We have three sophomores who are really good and one freshman on the varsity. We have a good mix of kids.

The Hawks, who were 7-0 in the Oakland Activities Association White Division and 7-3 overall, anticipate another successful season.

"Everybody was on time and fired up," Herrington said of the first day. "Everybody was enthusiastic, as every team in the state probably is. For the first day, it went pretty well.

"We're down a little in numbers at the lower level, but we have 40-42 on the varsity, which are good numbers to work with. I think it's going to be a good year."

A priority in preseason practice is to find a new quarterback to replace Anthony Giovanni.

'We have four of them, which means I have none, as they say," Herrington said. "We'll start whittling it down. All four do something well. Nobody has the complete package yet."

Herrington is grateful for his good health and a coaching staff that has helped extend his longevity in the sport.

"I'm pretty cocky tonight," he said, regarding his physical stamina. "It's one day. Ask me again in another week.

"I've got good people around me. I'm very fortunate to be able to coach this long, to have good assistants and play-

"I'm not as active as I used to be, I'll

for it for all week.

Getting him set for the challenge was a 17-game winning streak last spring for the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights, backstopping that squad to the Memorial Cup championship.

"I think (the playoff run) helped me a lot, playing various different types of games," Parsons said. "Seeing 22 shots in the first period or seeing five shots in the first period, it really helped my mindset and got me ready to go.'

Parsons emphasized that he wasn't nervous entering Saturday's game and did what he always tries to do. "Just go in there and play the game," he said. "I find if you're nervous, you make mistakes.'

He didn't make any of those and the lone shot to elude him was a backhander from the slot by Nicolas Roy that cut the U.S. lead to 4-1 with 6:12 left

Of course, it didn't hurt that his teammates scored just 2:19 into the game. Christian Fischer's centering pass was slammed home by Jack Roslovic.

"It was the first game we got the lead early, so that was critical," Motzko said. "But our goalie was outstanding and you have to give him a heck of a lot of credit. A performance like that mid-summer."

#### Getting their legs

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Motzko said a lot of what ailed his team in the opening period was Canada's relentless speed; the U.S. was outshot 11-4 in the first 5:30.

"We couldn't handle their speed early. We weren't ready for it," Motzko puck behind goalie Connor Ingram.

Perhaps the most timely stops of the night by Parsons came in the final moments of the period. He shrugged off Dylan Strome's blazing shot with three seconds left and then denied a bid by Mitch Marner as the period ended.

The script was flipped in the second period. The U.S. dominated with a 21-8 edge in shots.

Serving notice that things were going to be different, defenseman Charlie McAvoy crashed the Canada goal crease and had three jabs at the puck, only to be turned aside by Ingram

Bellows then cranked a shot off the post. But the Americans went up 3-0 when forward Logan Brown scored (with Joe Cecconi drawing the assist) just under six minutes into the period.

Canada relieved Ingram (22 saves) in favor of Evan Cormier with 8:11 remaining and Bellows - who teamed with former NTDP line mate Clayton Keller and Tage Thompson to form a dangerous unit all night - tested him shortly thereafter with a wrist shot from the left circle.

#### Smash hit

The U.S. upped its lead to 4-0 at 13:07 of the third period, when Keller scored an unassisted goal on the power play.

Keller took a shot from between the circles that Cormier got a piece of, but could not corral. The elusive, 5-10 forward then got to his own rebound and chipped in the puck.

"Playing with Kells is always fun, he's a fantastic player," said Bellows,

Brock Boeser closed out the scoring with a power-play goal at 19:42, taking a feed from Casey Fitzgerald and roofing a wrister.

"We had guys blocking shots, guys going all out," Bellows said. "McAvoy throwing out hits, Erik Foley blocking shots. It was just a great team effort.

"And Parsons, that was such an amazing game by Parsons, that guy was a brick wall. Big goaltending gives us momentum and that's what he did. He was everything we could have asked for tonight."

#### Looking ahead

Players now look forward to having a chance at making the final roster for the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, an under-20 tournament scheduled for late December and early January in Canada.

'The tournament's in Canada (Montreal, Toronto) so they're going to have a little more momentum next time," Bellows said. "Can't wait.'

After seeing how his group prepared and performed all week, Motzko also has to be enthusiastic about Team USA's chances at World Juniors.

"I really, truly loved the group of kids. They had a great attitude all week," Motzko said. "We didn't see one guy selfish or worried about his play-

ing time. "They were positive, upbeat — that says volumes to the leadership and the character. I really think that was the critical part of the entire week."

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admit that. I made it through doubles today without sitting down, so that's a good sign."

#### **Clarenceville start**

The Trojans had good reason to be upbeat and positive on the first day of practice Monday. "Thirty-two kids showed up in the

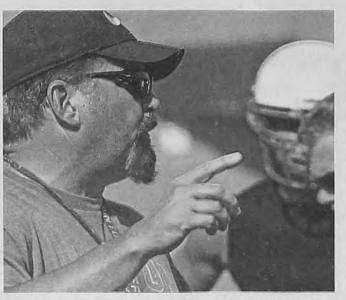
program, which is almost double last year," said Ken Fry, who begins his sixth season as head coach.

"We have a really good corps of senior kids who are excited and want to play. They've played a couple years now and they want to do much better.

"We're just looking to improve, cut down on mistakes and try to be better. It's a good nucleus of kids coming back, so we're all positive."



John Herrington needs 11 more victories to become the winningest coach in state history.



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** Veteran Canton football coach Tim Baechler makes a point during Tuesday morning's practice.

### **CHIEFS**

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and enthusiasm in the first week of practice, which has led to both sides of the ball being "ahead of schedule."

"In the first two days of practice, what stands out is that we are a little ahead of schedule compared to where we were last year on both sides of the ball,' Baechler said. "That's why it's so fun; the enthusiasm is good and the kids are fired up to be out there."

Last season's run to the Division 1 state semifinals made an impact on the program and left the players and coaches hungry to reach the next level.

"I think they had so much fun on that run last year who wouldn't want to repeat that?" Baechler said. "I'm sure that's been motivation. It was close enough that they got a taste of it."

#### Hungry for more

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Directly following their loss to Cass Tech in the Division 1 state semifinals, the Chiefs began their

off-season weight room program.

"Literally a week after we lost to Cass Tech, we got back in the gym and started lifting," Thornton said. "Everybody has been lifting hard ever since.

Junior Lou Baechler paralleled Thornton's praise of the off-season weight room program translating to the field in the first few practices.

"After the tough loss last season (Cass Tech), we had one week off and came right back. We have been working hard and are hungry to make another run at it," Baechler said.

Quarterback Jake O'Donnell returns as the starter from last season's playoff run and enjoyed returning to the field for his senior season.

'This whole off-season, the boys really came together and built great team chemistry," O'Donnell said. "I'm just really happy to be back out here.'

With the opener against Fordson looming in less than three weeks, effort and attention to detail must be at an all-time high, according to senior David Gunnis.

"It is going to be hard. They're really strong and powerful," Gunnis said. "It's all going to come down to our work ethic in practice."

### NEWTON

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2013-14, the Falcons won their last seven games, including six in the state tournament, and finished with a 21-10 record

Newton led the Falcons to a 15-9-1 record last season and a share of the OAA Red Division championship. Farmington, Rochester United and Berkley finished 9-3.

Newton, who replaced Mark Vel-lucci as head coach in 2013, had been a varsity assistant for four seasons and a JV assistant for two years. He also coached in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association for five years.

"Obviously, it's a sad day for the high school hockey world," Vellucci said. "Bill was a great man, a great person and a great coach. He

touched a lot of people. "When I left the Farmington hock-ey program, I left it in great hands with Bill. I'm going to miss his friendship, first and foremost.'

Joe Hall is a former Farmington assistant who coached a dozen years with Newton. He remembers Newton, a salesman who represented numerous makers of hockey equipment, as being a generous and giving individual.

"I'd say, 'Bill, when is that sale going to be?" Hall said. "The next day, I'd have a brand new pair of gloves on my porch, because he had some in his garage and brought them over. They were top-of-the-line \$200 gloves, too.

"He would go up to the tailgate at (Michigan) State (where his brother, Tom, is an assistant hockey coach) and have all the food. He'd invite all the Farmington guys. He'd have 50 to a hundred people come by, and he was feeding all of them."

While he loved hockey and wanted things to be done right, Newton cared most about his players, ac-cording to Hall and Vellucci.

"He taught them life lessons through hockey," Vellucci said. "The kids became young men under his leadership and guidance.'

"He had a great way with the kids," Hall said. "He cared more about them and their lives than the hockey. He was more interested in that.

"On a personal level, he would be a guy I am proud to call a friend. Look up friend in the dictionary, and that was Bill. He cared more about people than wins or losses.

Majoros, who played on the top offensive line with Petras, echoed those statements in remembering Newton.

"It can't be said enough how he cared about each and everyone on his team every year," Majoros said. "I can say I grew as a person and hockey player because of what he did for me, and the same goes for everyone else. At the end of the day, he was the best coach I've ever played for."

## **Cicerone leads Bucks to championship**

Rice grad nails game-winning penalty kick in 3-2 triumph

PDL SOCCER

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It was a local kid that stole the show Saturday night as the Michigan Bucks clinched their third North American Premier Development League championship in franchise history.

Birmingham Brother Rice product Russell Cicerone figured in all three goals, including a clutch penalty kick in the 87th minute, to give the Bucks a hard-fought 3-2 win over Calgary (Alberta) Foothills FC at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

"It was an unreal game," Cicerone said. "We battled all 90 minutes. They were an excellent team and you've got to give them props. We played a complete team game. Everybody was working for each other and nobody was being selfish. We got the result we wanted and couldn't be happier."

Cicerone, who will be a senior this fall at the University of Buffalo, was named tournament MVP.

His PK came after Adam Najem, who took a looping pass from Tommy Wysong, was taken down in the box and fouled by Calgary defender Jonathan Wheeldon.

"I tried to get goal side, because I saw the ball bouncing over his head, (Wheeldon) kind of just grabbed my arm, my shirt and then I just went down," Najem said.

Just 13 minutes earlier, Cicerone set up the game-tying goal in the 74th min-ute on a beautifully timed pass to sub David Goldsmith, who made no mistake on a header.

"I was having success all night going down that wing and made one move to use my speed and I saw their goalie fading back to the back post," Cicerone said, "and (Goldsmith) had one of the most classic finishes I've seen back

across the net ... it was unreal." It was the first time the Bucks conceded a goal at home all season in their air-conditioned indoor facility, including the four PDL playoff games. "It's a little scary when our defense –

as good as they are - gives up two, so it put a little bit more weight on the offense's shoulders and we showed what we could do tonight," Cicerone said. The Bucks struck first in the 23rd

minute, when Cicerone took a waisthigh pass from Jon Rubio Ramon, trapped the ball on the left side just inside the box and drilled a shot past

Calgary goalie Dylon Powely. But Foothills FC tied it up in the 38th minute, when Nico Pasquotti scored unassisted.

After Bucks goalie Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan University) robbed PDL Player of the Year nominee Dominic Russo on a header aimed into the left inside corner in the 57th minute, Calgary took a 2-1 advantage just three minutes later on Russo's goal, assisted by Kyle Jones. "They just play so hard," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said of Calgary. "They were skillful, athletic, strong on the ball, guys who could punish you. They played with a tenacity and a speed that was difficult for us to defend. We haven't given up a goal all



The Bucks' Adam Najem (left) sprints toward the ball against a Calgary Foothills FC player.



Russell Cicerone (right) of the Michigan Bucks is presented the tournament MVP award by PDL director of operations Todd Eason.

season and they scored two on us and almost maybe had another one or two. They gave us a load of trouble. It wasn't because we weren't doing something right, it's because they were so wellcoached with so many good players.'

In extra time following Cicerone's PK goal in the 87th minute, Calgary pushed up and nearly scored the equalizer, but Shepherd made a huge pointblank save on Russo in what turned out to be a frantic finish.

"We knew the Bucks passed the ball around very well," Calgary coach Tom-my Wheeldon Jr. said. "They've got a team with a lot of NCAA all-stars, so we knew we had to very disciplined on defense and then we knew we could hit them on the counter, which we did twice. Like I said, without that being a penalty, it's extra time, and we were prepared for that, but credit to them. They got the game-winning goal.

we had a penalty (kick). To lose in that manner is tough to take, but I'm ex-

tremely proud of my group of men. "It's a good side (Bucks), we knew

that. We played them tough and we had to play them tough. I got to be proud of my boys. My boys have come from the northern point in Canada, to the southern point in Tucson (Ariz.), to Victoria (B.C.) the most western, to New Jersey the most eastern. We've traveled everywhere and we've given everybody a hell of a game. That's what I'm proud of.'

Meanwhile, it was the Bucks second PDL championship in three years.

"It's been an amazing season and thanks to the Bucks organization for bringing all these players here," said Najem, who will return shortly to play for the University of Akron. "Hard work really paid off in the end. Just a talented, talented group and I'm so happy for all the guys here, the coaches and everyone.'

Under the longtime ownership of Livonia resident Dan Duggan, the Bucks reign supreme and found themselves the last team standing among the 67 PDL North American clubs

"It's really special," said Muftari, who was named PDL Coach of the Year. "I just think it goes to show the strength of the organization. The strength of these guys coming back. We had five guys that were on the 2014 (championship) team. We had nine or 10 guys on last year's group. You can't say enough about it. It's fantastic and difficult to do. We're going to enjoy it. We know how hard this is."

And for Cicerone, who is from just

Newton grew up playing hockey in Uxbridge, Ontario. He played junior hockey with the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League and later played for the late Ron Mason at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

Newton is survived by his wife Colleen; son Chris, a Farmington assistant coach and former player; and daughter Annie.

Funeral arrangements are pending at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.



CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS Bill Newton observes from the bench with fellow assistant Brad Levick (middle) and former head coach Mark Vellucci.

Calgary, in only its second year as a PDL franchise, made a quantum leap after its inaugural season in 2015. Foothills FC has all homegrown players from Canada, with the exception of two Americans.

"It was a controversial way to lose a final," Calgary coach Tommy Wheel-don, Jr. said. "I like to see the referee's decision again. It seemed in real time

up the road in Bloomfield Hills, it was even more special.

"This is probably the best team I've ever played on," said Cicerone, who is a two-time first team all-Mid-American Conference pick at Buffalo. "The amount of talent we had on our team, the firepower we had ... I'll remember the guys on this team for the rest of my life.

### Lack continues his hot streak on Kensington Tour

M.B. Dillon

JUNIOR GOLF

Correspondent It's hard to beat the stellar week

Northville's Andrew Lack experienced on the Kensington Junior Golf Tour.

On Aug. 1, he captured the Kensington Lake Forest Junior Open in Ann Arbor to seize the KJGT Washtenaw County championship.

The following day, after beating Novi Detroit Catholic Central High's Tommy Dye in a two-hole playoff at Milford's Mystic Creek Junior Open, he took med-alist honors and the Kensington Oakland County championship.

On Aug. 4, Lack claimed the tour's Wayne County championship after shooting a second-place 77 at the Fellows Creek Junior Open in Canton.

For the summer, Lack has won eight junior titles to go along with a pair of seconds, a third and a fourth.

"I didn't expect to do that," said Lack, who will be starting his junior year at CC. "This year, I really improved in my game a lot more than I thought I would. It feels pretty good. It's an amazing accomplishment."

Lack said he practiced a lot and

wasn't too hard on himself after bad

"I'd forget about it and tell myself, "I'd forget about it and tell myself, 'You'll get them on the next one," he said.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing at Fellows Creek.

"My front nine started off rough," said Lack, 16. "I was hooking the ball and had three double-bogeys. On the back nine, I turned it around. I fixed my swing and I made two birdies. I was hitting the ball good and putting the ball well." Lack birdied the par-3 last hole for 35 on the back side.

Fresh off her Kensington Taylor Meadows victory, power hitter Kendall Payne of Livonia fired 82 for medalist honors at the Fellows Creek Junior Open while also winning the Kensington tour's Wayne County championship.

On her heels for the round and the championship was Livonia Stevenson High's Kristen Szabelski, who took runner-up honors with 84.

"It feels kind of great," said Payne, a recent Franklin graduate. "I knew going into today that if I won the tournament, I would win the tour championship. I'm really happy going into my freshman

year in college at U-D Mercy as well. It makes me feel good to know I can shoot the scores the college girls do. It makes me more confident on the golf course."

Meanwhile, Northville's Pat Kelly, who's been golfing for only a year-and-ahalf, gave himself an early birthday present by shooting 76 to win the Boys 15-18 Kensington Fellows Creek Junior Open.

"On the first hole, I pulled my drive really bad and I thought I was going to have a bad round," said Kelly, who turns 19 on Aug. 7.

Kelly regrouped and parred the hole.

Livonia resident Madison Maurier, the Kensington Tour's Oakland Division champion and medalist at Mystic Creek with 84, placed fifth at Fellows Creek with 95.

Livonia's Megan Gronau placed fourth with 93.

Novi's Dhruv Kumar claimed the Kensington Tour's Wayne County championship at Fellows Creek in the Boys 12-14 division.

Kumar and Ypsilanti's Vimal Alokam tied for first at Fellows Creek, at 82. Alokam parred the playoff hole for medalist honors, while Kumar bogeyed.

### **RIO OLYMPICS** Schmitt wins silver medal in 400 relay

#### **Peter Baugh**

Correspondent

Canton native Allison Schmitt earned her seventh medal over three Olympics, winning silver in the 400meter freestyle at the Rio de Janeiro Games.

Schmitt, however, did not swim in the final, earning silver for her performance in the preliminary heat. The U.S. team of Amanda Weir, Lia Neal, Schmitt and Katie Ledecky posted the second fastest time of the morning and qualified for the finals.

In the final, Australia won the event with a world record time of 3:30.65. The U.S. team of Simone Manuel, Abbey Weitzeil, Dana Vollmer and Ledecky touched second in 3:31.89

Because the Americans finished in the top three, Schmitt, Neal and Weir each earned a medal for swimming in preliminaries.

"I love relays," Schmitt said before leaving for Rio. "I think it's so much more fun when there's a team of four of you going into the ready room and swimming together and cheering around.'



Canton's Allison Schmitt notched her seventh Olympic medal as part of the 400-meter relay team.

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Contact: 313-937-2424

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#### AUGUST CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 18-19 and 25-26

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills Details: Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org **CONCERT CANCELED** 

Time/Date: Aug. 15 Location: Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Kim-Char Meredith's concert has been canceled Contact: unityoflivonia; 734-421-1760

#### **FREE YARD SALE**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia; Unity of Royal Oak, 2500 Crooks, Royal Oak; God Lan Unity, 22450 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Details: Shoppers can take whatever they want, including clothing, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys, and more, for free. The number of items a person takes may be limited during peak hours

Contact: Rev. Eileen Patra at 734-421-1760

#### **FRIDAY WORSHIP** SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Monthly prayer, praise and worship service will include Eucharistic adoration, prayer teams, confession, and benediction. The service is sponsored by St. Michael's Prayer Angels, which prays for the needs of the parish, the country, specific intentions, and also accepts individual prayer requests

#### Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Grief support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes workbook.

#### Contact: 248-766-5977 **HEARTBEAT OF**

PLYMOUTH Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Kellogg Park, Penn Theater, and The Gathering in downtown Plymouth

Details: Third annual festival features Christian speakers, music and activities for children and teens. Bob Dutko, a Christian radio show host, and Joseph Solomon, a Texas native who started chaseGodtv, will speak at 12:30 p.m. at The Penn Theater. Tickets are \$10 and available at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth First United Methodist Church, and Praise Baptist Church. Chosen, Kingdom Come Alive, and You Shine Through will perform from 3-7 p.m. in the park. Visitors can participate in a community service project from 2-5 p.m. at The Gathering. They'll paint tiles that will be placed on a wall in Clair's Home, a planned safe house in Detroit for human trafficking victims

Contact: heartbeatofplymouth-.com

#### RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20

Location: Sacred Heart Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Bicycles, furniture, antiques, lamps and light fixtures, tools and hardware, kids games and toys, sporting goods, home decor, kitchenware, books, music, movies and more. All proceeds will go toward church utility bills

Contact: Sacred Heart church office, 734-522-3166

#### **T-SHIRT COLLECTION** Time/Date: Aug. 15-Sept. 15

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door

#### Contact: kenwoodchurch.org

#### WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21 Location: Cherry Hill Village

Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided Contact: 734-459-3333, connec-

tingwithGod.org **YOUTH SOCCER** 

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m., Aug. 15-19 Location: Crossroads Church/ Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; nonrefundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroadsnow.org

Contact: info@crossroadsnow.org, or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

#### SEPTEMBER GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19 Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farming-

ton Road, Livonia Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org

Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

#### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Congregation Beth Ahm** 

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

#### **Our Lady of Loretto**

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

#### St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org

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

Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman,

Livonia Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood

**ORTHODOX CHURCH** 

Location: 23300 W. Chicago

dlebelt, south of Eight Mile,

Details: Instructor Wendy

Motta, a seven-year Zumba

Details: An informal and ongo-

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

Road, Redford Township

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**ST. INNOCENT** 

at 734-765-5476

Wednesday

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@tbosm.com MOMS

#### **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

infants through kindergartners Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at

#### 734-658-2463 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships. receive mothering support,

practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

#### PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

PRAYER

#### St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

day Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for sing-

ing, praying and short teaching Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223

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

Friday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

comed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

#### Recycling RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and

www.woodhaven-retirement.com

#### **Connection Church**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child

care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach** 

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

#### Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

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

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

#### » Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibro-

group.com; or call Ruthann with

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God

Location: 11771 Newburgh,

Details: Fireside Adult Day

ing in dementia care. Not a

Contact: 734-855-4056 or

g.org; or email to adm@fire-

» St. Andrew's Episcopal

Location: 16360 Hubbard,

able items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. Thomas a' Becket

p.m.; support group 7 p.m.

Ministry activity-based program

for dependent adults, specializ-

734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Details: A twice-monthly drop-

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

» Ward Evangelical Presby-

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (op-

tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m.

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5, 2016. Born July 24, 1924,

Detroit, Michigan to John and Mary Bolstrum, Detroit. Graduated from St. Gregory

High School, and served in

Army Signal Corps, Military Intelligence, in World War II. Married 42 years to loving husband Rudolph (d. 1998).

Bette is survived by daughter

Katherine (John) Connelly and

and Aaron, great-grandchildren

Audrey, and many nieces and nephews. Loving sister-in-law

across the country following

retirement and visiting family,

seeing her grand and great-grandchildren, and serving as

a volunteer in many capacities

Private services with family.

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ing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386 Contact: facebook.com/stinnocenredford EXERCISE Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Mid-

#### practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should zumba.com FAMILY MEAL Thursday

Livonia

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

> Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell

phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

#### SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach** 

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

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

313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **Steve's Family Restaurant** 

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others

Contact: 313-534-0399 SUPPORT

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

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia Details: Adult day care program

at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C

small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

#### THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

#### Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

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

#### Contact: 734-637-7618 TOUR

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

Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited

#### » Our Lady of Good Counsel **Roman Catholic Church**

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

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-453-0326

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

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.

#### Contact: 734-453-5534

» Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service.

Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland

#### Contact: 734-722-1735

» Salem Bible Church

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

Contact: 248-349-0674; sbc4christ.org



Older Americans Act. Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; Contact: 734-261-9000;

bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through Contact: 313-408-3364 Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Location: Salvation Army,

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Canton Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton urges college students to heed fire safety precautions. "I would ask them to get a fire extinguisher," and know how to use it, she said.

## Off to college? Heed fire safety advice from the pros

#### **Julie Brown** Staff Writer

Fire safety may not be first and foremost in the minds of college students. There's studying to do, along with new fraternities, sororities, and barracks.

In 2009-13, 86 percent of the reported structure fires involved cooking equipment. Eighty-three percent of fires were specifically reported as contained or confined to cook

daughter. "I will be checking out her building before she goes to any dorm," said Hamil-ton, whose daughter will also do college fire drills.

Hamilton also encourages those in off-campus housing to replace smoke detectors over 10 years old and no longer operational.

with Campus Firewatch, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Fire Administration for this campaign.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety at

www.campusfiresafety.org

## Legislation addresses ham radio operators

Q: I am a ham radio operator and I am told that there has been some discussion regarding federal legislation to impede my ability to use my ham radio in a community association. Do you have any information?

A: Apparently, there has been a compromise reached in the House of Representatives which effectively prohibits

community associations from a blanket prohibition regarding the installation of amateur radio antennas. It does keep amateur radio enthusiasts

from install-



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ing an antenna on common property and allows the community association to adopt and enforce reasonable written rules concerning the installation, placement and aesthetic impact of the external amateur service station antennas. It also requires notification and prior approval of antenna installations which is, of course, reasonable, and also directs the Federal Communications Commission to craft a separate pre-emption policy from the current Commission's preemption policy applicable to state and local governments. This separate pre-emption is a key distinction to the rights and responsibilities of community associations and association residents. You should check with your representative in Congress to monitor the progress of this legislation.

Q: I am on a board of an association which is a plaintiff is a contentious lawsuit. A vocal supporter of the defendant is running for the board. Should he be elected, there is reason to believe that he would be disloyal to the association and disclose privileged matters to the defendant and others. He would likely be disruptive in an attempt to under-mind

people to meet and activities to enjoy. Nevertheless, some basic attention to safety can prevent tragedy.

When it comes to on- and off-campus housing, it's important for students and parents to keep fire safety top of mind, the National Fire Protection Association reminds parents and students.

Agreeing is Inspector Nichole Hamilton of the Canton Fire Department. "I would ask them to get a fire extinguisher," and know how to use it, she said.

Hamilton also encourages students to get a carbon monoxide detector and smoke detector. She agreed electrical outlets shouldn't be used incorrectly or excessively, noting, "It can overload and catch fire."

#### Campus fire safety by the numbers

In 2009-13, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 3,870 structure fires in dormitories,

ing equipment.

From 2000-15, 89 fires that killed 126 people have oc-curred on a college campus, in Greek housing or in off-campus housing within three miles of the campus.

Of these:

» 76 off-campus fires caused 107 deaths

» Seven on-campus building or residence hall fires claimed nine victims

» Six fires in Greek housing took the lives of 10 people

Sources are: NFPA's "Structure Fires in Dormitories, Fraternities, Sororities and Barracks" report and The Center for Campus Fire Safety

#### Partnerships and campaigns

Canton's Hamilton said of college students cooking, "I would definitely make sure they pay attention when they're cooking and don't walk away from it."

She's mom to an 11-year-old

NFPA and The Center for Campus Fire Safety are teaming up to promote on- and offcampus fire safety for students. The fall campaign, which launches Sept. 1 in honor of Campus Fire Safety Month, asks students: What kind of cook are you in the kitchen? Through an interactive quiz, students will have the opportunity to recognize unsafe practices and learn the appropriate way to cook meals that will reduce the risk for injuries and damage caused by fire. (Stay tuned for more details.)

The "See It Before You Sign It," campaign encourages parents to take a more active role in helping their loved ones choose secure, fire-safe housing in apartments or houses that are not on campus. With a off-campus housing fire safety checklist, parents and students can make better informed decisions. NFPA is partnering

offers extensive information, including questions for schools and landlords, kitchen fire safety information, a student checklist, and knowing what to do in a fire. YouTube videos are online there from The University of New Haven Fire Science Club Students. Videos were produced "by Students for Students" to be posted in social media and shared on websites.

Student to student tips shared include: When the Alarm Sounds, Get Out!; keep exits clear; be choosy where you live; and respect your smoke detector.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety Student Committee and the National Fire Protection Association are among the partners in the "Stay Safe & Graduate" initiative.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has also created an infographic for this campaign for you to use on your website, blogs and social media sites.

#### the case. What can we do about it?

A: Perhaps one approach is to get all Board members to sign non-disclosure agreements. There is some authority on the right of a corporation which requires such a promise as a condition of releasing its records to a stockholder which may also apply to a community association. It may also be appropriate to remind the new director of his responsibility to maintain confidentiality with the threat of litigation against him or the Board could appoint a committee of less than all the board members to deal with the lawsuit separately from the entire Board and may empower it to make decisions related to the lawsuit. It may also empower that committee to keep records and documents in camera until such time as the suit is settled, dismissed, or otherwise completed, including any appeal. In any event, legal counsel should be consulted with respect to this issue.

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

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## Realtor trade group notes drop in home ownership, cites affordable Midwest markets

The U.S. home ownership rate has slowly fallen in recent years to currently its lowest level since 1965, but new research from the National Association of Realtors reveals that there are affordable metro areas right now with above-average hiring and a large segment of current renters who earn enough income to qualify to buy a home.

NAR reviewed employment growth, household income and qualifying income levels in nearly 100 of the largest metropolitan statistical areas across the country to determine which areas with employment gains above the recent national average also have the largest share of renters who can currently afford to buy a home. Of the top 10 metro areas with the highest share of renters who earn enough to buy, nine were either in the South or Midwest including three cities in Ohio.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief

economist, says there's been a significant increase in renter households - both young adults and those who lost their home - since the Great Recession, and especially in metro areas that have seen robust job creation and a resulting influx of new residents. This has led to a multi-year run-up in rents in several markets that have contributed to many of these renters' inability to advance into home ownership.

"Even in a time of expanding home sales, steady job growth and historically low mortgage rates, the home ownership rate recently tumbled to its lowest level in over five decades as many renters struggle to juggle escalating rents without commensurate income gains," he said. "However, this new study reveals that there are several affordable, middle-tier markets with solid job gains and a large segment of renters who earn enough to buy."

The top 10 metro areas highlighted in NAR's study were all outside of the West Coast and each had a share of renters who qualify to buy that was well above the national level (28 percent).

The top markets with the highest share of renters who can afford to purchase a home are:

- » Toledo, Ohio (46 percent) » Little Rock, Arkansas (46 percent)
- » Dayton, Ohio (44 percent) » Lakeland, Florida (41

percent)

» St. Louis, Missouri (41 percent)

» Columbia, South Carolina (41 percent)

» Atlanta (40 percent) » Columbus, Ohio (38 per-

cent) » Tampa, Florida (38 percent)

» Ogden, Utah (38 percent) According to Yun, it's no surprise that many of the markets with the most renters qualified to buy are in the Midwest and South. The median existing-home sales price in these two regions continue to be lower than the Northeast and West, and while many of these areas were slower to recover from the recession, improvements in their local labor markets in the past year have pushed their hiring levels to at or above the national average growth rate.

"Overall housing affordability and local job market strength play a pivotal role in a renter's decision on whether to buy a home or sign another lease," adds Yun.

Concludes Yun, "With mortgage rates now at their alltime low, these identified markets are well-suited for the many renters financially capable and interested in taking advantage of the stability and wealth-building benefits owning a home can provide.'

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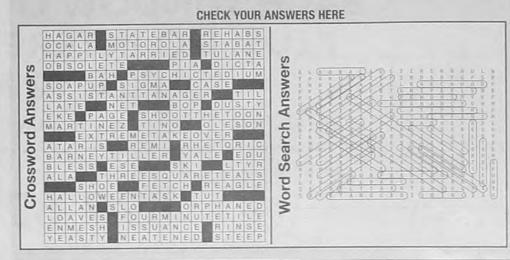
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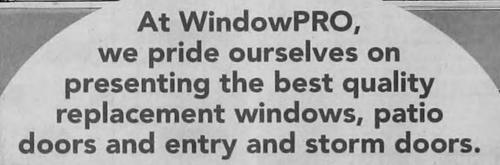
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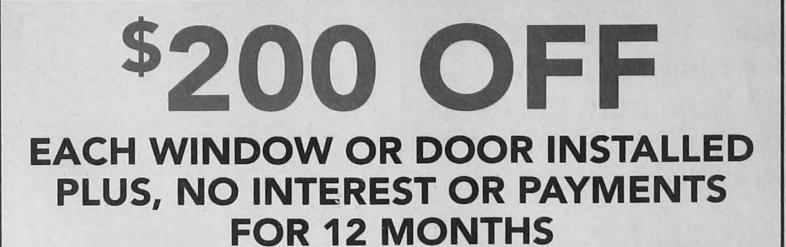




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