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Canton cracks down on massage parlors

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Canton is tightening its rules on massage parlors after shutting one down in January, amid allegations it illegally housed women overnight and used some unlicensed employees.

The latest move comes after local officials reviewed policies after forcing Mulan Massage to shut down in a small

shopping center northwest of Ford and Canton Center roads.

Township Clerk Michael Siegrist led the charge to adopt a new ordinance specifically regulating massage establishments. The rules are expected to become effective Aug. 3 after the Canton Township Board of Trustees casts a required second vote.

Among the new rules:

» Canton has imposed a limit of 12

massage parlors in the township. With 11 already in business, there currently is room for only one more.

» The new ordinance prohibits massage parlors from locating within 1,000 feet of schools, day care centers, religious institutions, the library, recreational facilities and other massage parlors.

» Existing massage parlors will face late fees if they miss their deadline to

renew their licenses with the clerk's office.

» With a recommendation from the public safety or building department, Supervisor Pat Williams will have the ability to revoke a license and set a hearing for a longer-term decision for businesses that fail to follow the new rules.

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Michele Bierzynski rents this Birmingham carriage house room for \$65 per day on Airbnb.

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Local Airbnb hosts make money sharing their homes

Sharon Dargay
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It was July 4 and Michele Bierzynski desperately needed a queen-sized bed frame. "I had a guest coming the next day," she said. "Where can I come up with a queen-size bed frame? And I thought, my son has a queen-size bed frame."

The Birmingham woman took the mattress off her son's bed, carted the frame up a circular staircase to the studio apartment over the garage and reassembled it before her guest's check-in time.

Welcome to the world of Airbnb rentals, where homeowners like Bierzynski do what it takes to keep their property booked, their guests happy and their hospitality rating at a stellar level.

Through Airbnb, property owners can earn extra money by sharing their residence with travelers, vacationers and locals in need of temporary lodging. Their short-term accommodations range from backyard tents to single rooms and carriage houses to entire homes, including castles. Airbnb lists the properties, facilitates booking and payment, offers rental advice and

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Check with city hall before registering with Airbnb

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You've spruced up the spare bedroom, listed it for rent on the Airbnb website and booked your first paying customer.

Before you start celebrating your new home-sharing business, consider checking local ordinances.

"When hosts register on Airbnb, they must certify that they will comply with local rules before they list their space," said Benjamin Breit, who handles public affairs for Airbnb in the Midwest. "We also have a hosting responsibilities page that reminds people to check their local laws and regulations and includes additional information and resources."

In Milford, for example, all home rentals must be registered annually and inspected every two years. The village doesn't distinguish between long-term or short-term rentals.

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Colbeck set to join GOP race for Michigan governor

Paul Egan
Detroit Free Press

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who officially kicked off his bid to become Michigan's 49th governor July 15, was an early supporter of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas in the 2016 Republican presidential sweepstakes.

But Colbeck, R-Canton, became an enthusiastic backer of President Donald Trump after Trump won the GOP nomination and that enthusiasm hasn't waned.

"He's doing exactly what he said he would do and for that he should be applauded," Colbeck, who will be term-limited at the end of next year after eight years in the Senate, told the Detroit Free Press in an interview.

Any difficulties with the Trump presidency relate to push-back from "entrenched special interests in D.C." as Trump goes about "draining the swamp," Colbeck said. "I support him 100 percent."

Colbeck, 51, an aerospace engineer who graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School before earning bachelor's and master's degrees from U-M, is known as one of Michigan's most conservative state lawmakers.

He opposed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, the gas tax and registration fee increases that were central to the road funding deal, the state's funding of the grand bargain to ease the city of Detroit out of bankruptcy and some of the emergency funding for Flint in the wake of its drinking water crisis.

Colbeck opposes the Common Core education standards and was highly critical of Republican Gov. Rick Snyder when Snyder recently vetoed his legislation to place the words "Choose Life" as an option on state license plates.

Snyder is also term-limited. Colbeck, who is to make his announcement at an event at the Yankee Air Museum near Belleville, has done more than cast no votes. On road funding, for example, he proposed a



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plan he said would free up more than \$1 billion without raising taxes and pushed for use of alternative road building materials he said would last longer.

Supporters Lawrence and Lucille Fritz of Livonia describe themselves as "middle-of-the-road" conservatives. They see an integrity in Colbeck they say is rare among Lansing politicians.

"He is forthcoming and honest," and will say what he thinks regardless of the consequences, said Lawrence Fritz, a retired automotive engineer.

"He doesn't necessarily agree with me on everything," but "you get what you see with him."

Fritz's wife Lucille added that Colbeck "listens to all sides before he makes up his mind."

Lansing public relations consultant Matt Resch said Colbeck takes many positions that are



A crowd estimated at more than 500 people turned out for state Sen. Patrick Colbeck's kickoff event in Belleville.

close to the hearts of the Republican base, and that's a real strength in a Republican primary.

But Colbeck, like many other gubernatorial candidates, suffers from a lack of name recognition, Resch said. He's likely too conservative to win a general election in Michigan, particularly since he will also lack significant financial resources.

Colbeck joins a list of declared Republican candidates who include obstetrician Dr. Jim Hines of Saginaw; insurance agent Joseph DeRose of Williamston; Grand Rapids businessman Evan Space, and private investigator Mark McFarlin of Pinconning.

Two big names expected to join the race have yet to announce — At-

torney General Bill Schuette and Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

Colbeck said recent polling shows most Republican voters are undecided for governor.

Unlike him, Schuette and Calley are known political commodities, Colbeck said.

Voters "have seen what is on the shelf and they're not buying," he said.

MASSAGE

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Siegrist said the new rules are intended partly to protect the community from the potential proliferation of massage parlors by limiting the number to 12 and regulating where they can locate.

"This stops the concentration of them," he said.

Canton previously had no limit on the number of massage parlors.

The changes come after Mulan Massage in March lost its appeal to reopen after it was accused of violating local rules that already were on the books.

Mulan Massage had opened in 2015, but was



Canton is tightening rules on massage parlors after Mulan Massage was shut down in January.

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denied a license renewal by Siegrist's office in January after the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Homeland Security and Canton Township police executed a search

warrant and found violations, local officials said.

"As a result of the investigation, it was determined that Asian females were habitually residing in that business

location," Oakland County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Christopher Cole had written in a letter to Siegrist.

Dennis Woods, an attorney and friend of Mulan Massage owner Tom Liu, had said the business had stopped housing masseuses overnight and should be given a second change.

"There's no sex or anything like that going on in there," Woods said in March. "It's (massage) therapy."

Township officials say the new rules will strengthen regulations and reduce the potential for future problems involving massage parlors.

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host insurance and provides a forum for reviews of both guests and hosts through its online platform.

Hosts set their own rental rates, keep 97 percent of their profits and give Airbnb the remaining 3 percent. In Michigan, guests pay a 6-percent state tax in addition to the listed rental rate and a service fee.

Since Airbnb was founded in August 2008 in San Francisco, Calif., more than 160 million guests — 60 percent are millennials — have booked accommodations. Bookings doubled from approximately 40 million in 2015 to 80 million in 2016, according to Airbnb's website. Hosts operate in more than 65,000 cities and 191 countries.

Benjamin Breit, who manages public affairs for Airbnb's Midwest region, said in an email that about 110 residents in the combined cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington-Farmington Hills, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon share their homes on Airbnb. The most active cities are Birmingham, with 25 hosts, and Canton, with 20. About 60 percent are room rentals within a home.

"Ultimately, guests on our platform are looking for an authentic travel experience. They want to blend in and experience southeast Michigan just as the locals do," Breit said. "So for current or



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Colleen Kilpatrick arranges flowers for her house, which she rents through Airbnb.

would-be Michigan hosts, consider pointing guests toward the hole-in-the-wall coffee shop or the scenic river you might not find in the travel brochures."

Bierzynski, who joined the Airbnb community in March, enjoys meeting guests and encourages them to walk the community.

"I'm a big cheerleader for Birmingham," she said. "There are concerts on Wednesday night and farmers market on Sunday. On Friday, we have movies in the park and I

let my guests know."

For anyone thinking about joining this fast-growing enterprise, here's some advice from local Airbnb hosts:

A business, not a hobby

"I decided when I was going to do Airbnb that I was going to do it right. I was going to learn from the pros," said Colleen Kilpatrick, a marketing consultant and a former corporate travel director. "I read a lot by the experts."

She signed up for a

boot camp on short-term vacation rentals before offering her Milford ranch-style house, dubbed the "Red Maple Retreat," for rent last March. Kilpatrick said the course included sessions in marketing, social media, bed-making, bathroom preparation, cleaning and guest hospitality, among other topics.

"Some people think they'll open a room or house and that's all there is to it, but there are taxes, cash flow, damage deposits, insurance," Kilpatrick said. "You have to treat it like a business. It's not just renting a room and you make some extra bucks. You can do it that way, but not if you want good reviews. Reviews are everything in this industry."

She hired a reliable handyman and a meticulous house cleaner and uses only natural cleaning products in her home. Entry to the house is by a digital access code that can be reprogrammed for each new guest. She also can monitor her air conditioning and heat by phone. When she rents the entire house, she stays elsewhere.

Hotel-quality bedding and flowers in every room are among the details that guests notice. They pay \$145 a night for a two-bedroom home with a sunroom and finished basement.

"I want this to be a peaceful, calm, clean atmosphere where they can escape from the world and have a glorious experience and that

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"Technically, renting out rooms would be illegal in a single-family district because it would place more than one family in the same home, although I'm sure it happens illegally, as does renting out whole homes without registering them as rentals," said Randy Sapelak, building official.

Registration costs \$60 and includes two inspections.

Livonia residents pay \$105 to register their home as licensed rental property, according to Shameka Bowles, clerk in the inspection department. "We had a girl who was going overseas and she said why not make money? Instead of it just sitting there, turn it into an Airbnb."

Laura Haw, community development director/planner for Plymouth Township, said the township has no regulation specific to Airbnb, although it does have a bed and breakfast inn ordinance.

"A lot of this flies under the radar and it's

not until you get a neighbor complaining about parking and comings and goings is a city made aware of the issue," she said. "It's almost impossible for the township to monitor."

According to Joseph Urbanek, a Canton Township building inspector, residents who rent their homes must register them.

"It doesn't matter if they are doing it for a week or a month. For any property that is rented, we have an ordinance requiring registration and inspection," Urbanek said, adding that the township doesn't search out Airbnb listings. "But if it's brought to our attention, we'll enforce the ordinance."

The township charges \$100 for a one-time registration fee, a \$200 inspection fee and \$40 administration fee. There's also a \$200 violation fee for failure to register rental property.

Urbanek said the inspection protects the renter and the owner, ensuring that "things are safe for everyone."

"It keeps property values up," he added.

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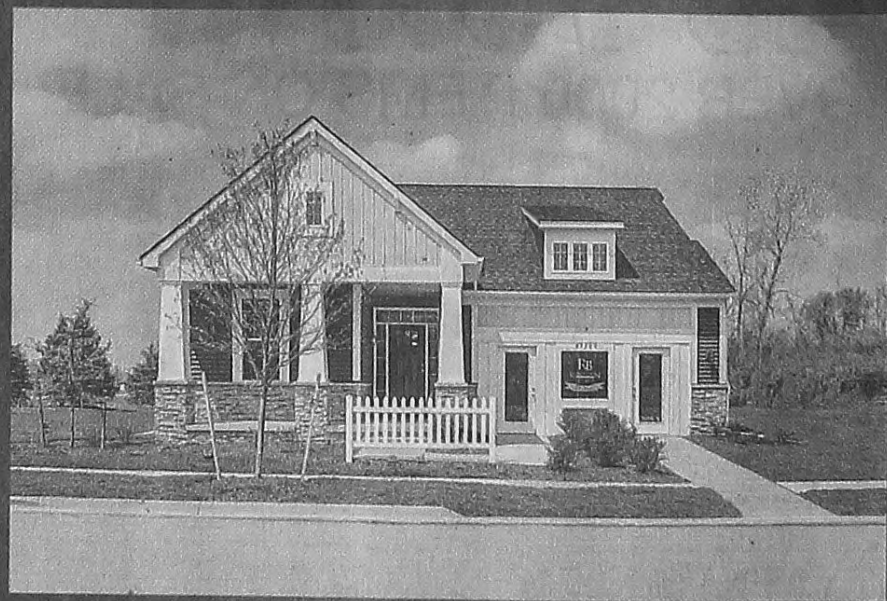
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The dining area in Colleen Kilpatrick's Milford home.

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is what they consistently say," Kilpatrick said. "For me, it's a labor of love. It's work, but a labor I love."

Comfort, security ... and a new roof

When John and Barb Prusak needed a new roof and windows at their house in the Corktown area of Detroit, the former Farmington residents counted on the room over their garage to help pay for it.

They joined Airbnb in August 2015 and easily paid off a home improvement loan with proceeds from their rental.

"It became a source of income in addition to our retirement fund and Social Security," Barb Prusak said. "We charge \$125, which is less than a hotel. We're booked all the time. We are in an ideal location for all the great stuff going on in downtown Detroit."

Their carriage house, one of five Airbnb rentals on the block, includes a kitchenette and separate bathroom. The couple spends about 2½ hours cleaning and restocking supplies between guests.

"It's an interesting way to supplement your income. Your work gets rewarded with kind words and you get paid for it," she said, referring to their online reviews.

Prusak said guests look for comfort and security in an Airbnb rental: "Make it a place where you'd like to stay."

Hosting has restored her faith in people. She said guests have been honest and polite.

"We offer snacks, beer, yogurt and no one cleans out everything," Prusak said. "We've met the most wonderful people. It is so much fun."



Colleen Kilpatrick outfits her beds with hotel-quality sheets. She rents her home for short-term visits through Airbnb.

Hire reliable help

Vanessa Merritt has had her share of challenges while renting her Livonia home.

A house cleaner failed to show one day, leaving the house messy for guests. Another time, the heat inadvertently had been turned off and, just last month, a group left the house reeking of marijuana.

"With me traveling and not being at the house, it was a pain in the behind," said Merritt, who takes on short-term assignments as a "travel nurse" throughout the country. "I thought it was too much hassle and I didn't want to deal with a house I'm not in."

She called a real estate agent, thinking she might sell the house, but changed her mind after an Airbnb host in Idaho offered to show her how to manage property while traveling. The woman found a reliable house cleaner for Merritt and taught her about marketing and pricing the house, which rents for \$100 per night.

"She was my savior. She took the training wheels off and now it's me managing it," Merritt

said during a phone interview from New Mexico. "At first it was a hobby and I didn't know what I was getting myself into."

Merritt said prospective Airbnb hosts should expect to spend time daily on their rental business.

"You really have to be open-minded to the people coming in," she said. "They won't always be like you."

More toilet paper

Bierzynski says an extrovert who "goes with the flow" has the best chance of success in the house-sharing business.

"If you're fussy about people touching your stuff, it's not going to work," she said. "You have to be flexible."

The Birmingham carriage house she manages features Wi-Fi, a mini refrigerator, microwave and Keurig coffee maker. It rents for \$65 per day.

Bierzynski advises new hosts to keep their Airbnb rentals stocked with essentials.

"Buy lots of toilet paper...and a good bed frame," she said.

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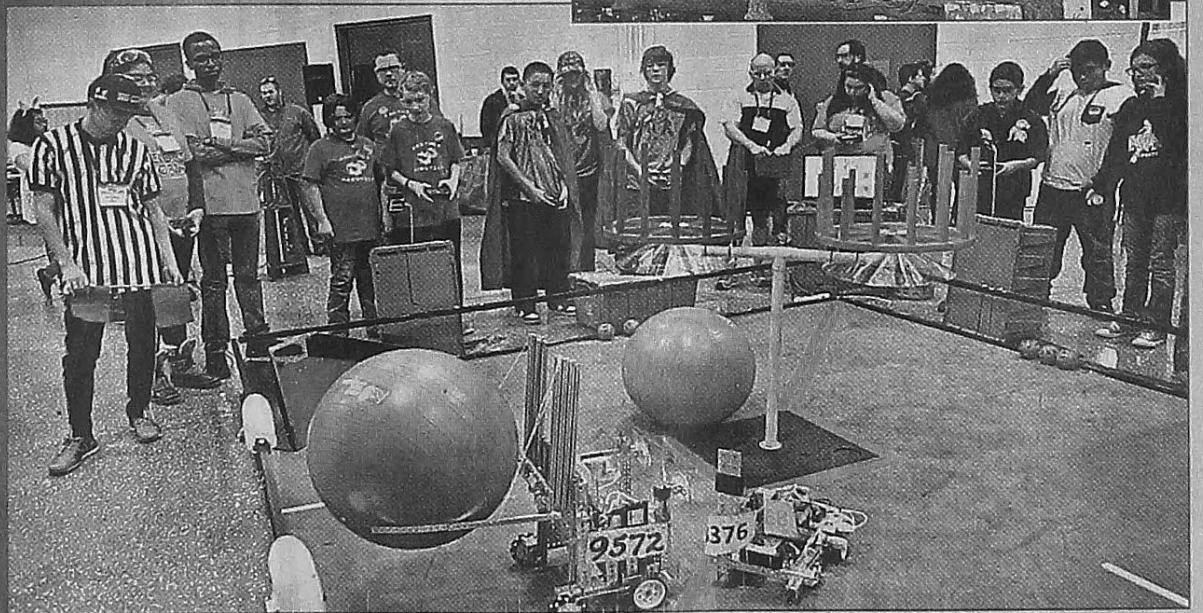
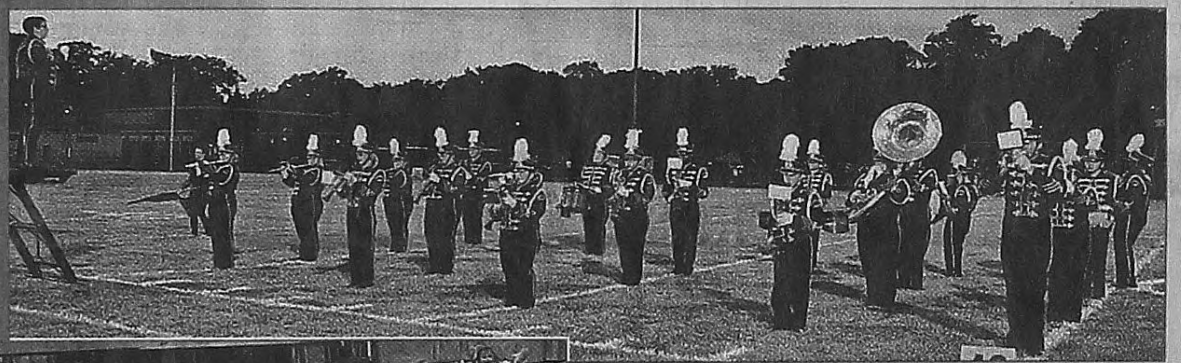
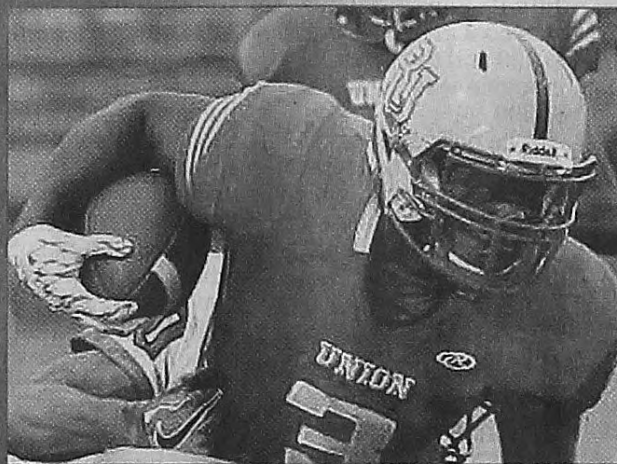
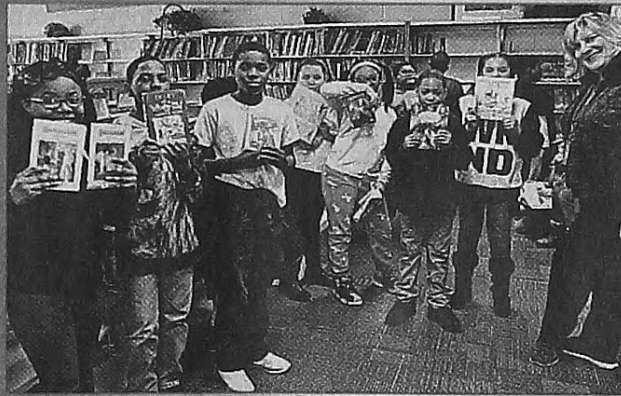
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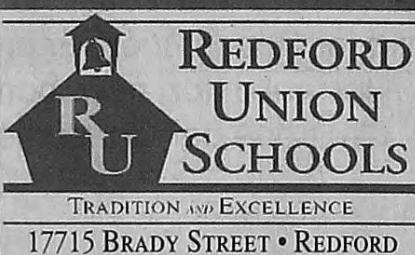
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Girl, 5, hits two girls with golf cart, injuring one

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Police say a 5-year-old girl drove a golf cart Sunday that struck two other girls in Heritage Park, sending one to a hospital.

The incident unfolded shortly before 7:30 p.m. as the Canton Lions football and cheerleading group was having a

picnic in the park.

"We're treating it as an accident," Canton Deputy Police Chief Chad Baugh said.

The young driver accidentally began moving forward in the golf cart and was accompanied by a 3-year-old passenger who was grabbed from the moving cart by a witness, a 48-year-old Plymouth

man.

He tried to stop the cart but couldn't, a police report said.

The cart struck two girls — sisters ages 6 and 8 — and Canton Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Stoecklein confirmed the younger girl was taken to a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, including a broken leg.

The injured girl was on the ground near the park pavilion when authorities arrived on the scene, the report said.

The older sister was not seriously injured.

The golf cart was heading toward the Heritage Park pavilion when a 48-year-old club member noticed it, tried to stop it and grabbed the 3-year-old girl from

the passenger seat. The cart then hit the two girls before coming to a stop.

"It was nothing intentional," Stoecklein said.

The cart was owned by the football and cheer group, according to the police report.

Canton paramedics treated the girl and took her to the University of

Michigan Hospital for treatment, the report said.

Canton police Lt. Michael Steckel said no citations have been issued in the case.

A message was left with club leaders Monday afternoon.

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AREA CRIME WATCH

CANTON

Mom leaves children, ages 2 and 7, in unlocked car

A Canton mother admitted to police that she left her two sons, ages 2 and 7, in a vehicle that was unlocked and running while she was inside a Meijer store for 30 minutes, a police report said.

The incident unfolded about 11:40 Saturday and ended with the 29-year-old mother facing child neglect charges.

Police went to the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center roads after a witness reported seeing the two boys in a Ford Edge. The car was running, but the report didn't indicate if the air-conditioning was turned on.

Police found the driver's side front door unlocked. One of the boys said the mother had gone to a bank in Meijer.

Police located the mother, who confessed she had been in the store for 30 minutes, the report said. She told police she believed her 7-year-old son had locked the door.

Ethnic intimidation?

A Canton man has accused his 61-year-old neighbor of harassing him on the basis of his ethnicity, a police report said.

The 43-year-old man's ethnicity wasn't detailed in the report, but he told police that a white woman on his street has insulted him on three occasions, telling him July 19 he wasn't welcome "because I live here," the report said. He said it happened while he was arriving at home from his children's summer school.

The next day, he said she approached him, got within 10 feet of him, called him a fly and sprayed from a can of bug spray, though he said she didn't aim it directly at him. That same day, his children saw the woman place a cardboard box in front of their home — perceived by the man as a way of telling him to pack up and leave.

Police questioned the woman, who asked why the officer wasn't supporting her because she was born in the United States, the report said.

The victim told police he didn't want to prosecute, but merely wanted to document the incidents. Nonetheless, po-

lice warned the woman to stop the harassment or she could face charges.

The incidents happened in the 6900 block of Harvard, near Warren and Sheldon.

Storage thefts

A 57-year-old woman notified police after her charcoal grill and a sewing machine were stolen from her basement storage compartment at The Crossings, an apartment complex at Joy Road and Interstate 275, a report said.

She told police the thefts occurred during a two-week period ending July 19. She said the charcoal grill was worth \$1,100 and the sewing machine was valued at \$1,300.

The police report indicated someone had broken a padlock, which the woman had placed on her storage compartment.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Erratic behavior

A 51-year-old woman contacted police to report that a male neighbor has been acting erratically and filming construction workers

coming to her residence. She said the neighbor also has been recording the activity of other neighborhood residents.

The incidents have occurred in the 11600 block of Butternut, the report said. Police advised the woman to call 9-1-1 if the problem recurs.

Erratic driver

Police arrested a 20-year-old Livonia woman who was driving recklessly and reaching speeds of 90 mph, a police report said.

An officer was patrolling on eastbound M-14, near Sheldon, and noticed a black Dodge sedan weaving back and forth across the outer line of the road. After being pulled over, the woman said she had been drinking at a friend's house in Plymouth, the report said.

Police found marijuana inside a plastic green tube in the car, along with a silver grinder and two pipes with marijuana residue.

The woman was taken into custody.

—By Darrell Clem

Accused prostitute arrested at hotel in township

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Police acting on a tip arrested a Chinese woman now charged with prostitution at a Plymouth Township hotel.

Sgt. Bill Fetner said the woman, who recently came to the United States, was taken into custody about 4 p.m. July 17 after police set up surveillance at the Comfort Inn on Ann Arbor Road, near Interstate 275. A second woman was under investigation, but has not been charged.

Police Chief Tom Tiderington said names are being withheld because the women, themselves, may be victims.

"We believe they may be part of a human trafficking ring," he said, but that hasn't been confirmed.

Tiderington said authorities seized about \$10,000 as the investi-

gation unfolded.

Fetner said the suspect had placed an ad on the website backpage.com. He said such practices are commonplace by prostitutes who work out of area hotels.

"It's an ongoing problem," he said, but added, "It's not the hotel's fault."

The suspect, who was arrested, was arraigned July 18 in 35th District Court, where a not-guilty plea was entered for her. If convicted of a misdemeanor prostitution charge, she could face up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

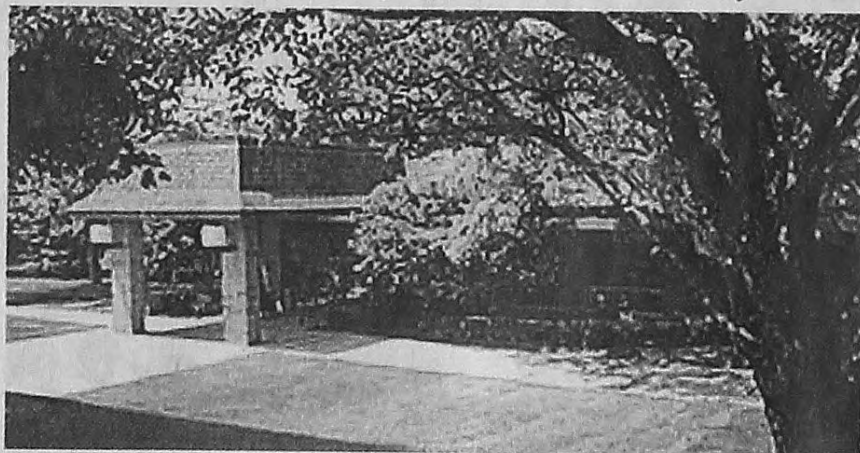
Authorities hope the latest arrest sends a message that prostitution will not be tolerated when local police are made aware of it.

"We do receive complaints and we definitely take action on it," he said.

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Diners dive in for annual Canton Grub Crawl

Hundreds of diners took advantage of a food lover's deal that was hard to beat.

Canton's Grub Crawl was back last week, giving food lovers a mouth-watering way to sample local cuisine, sweet treats and craft beer from 24 local establishments.

About 500 people turned out for what Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden called "one of the biggest" number of eateries in Grub Crawl's 16-year history.

"It's always great when we can bring the community together for a fun night out," Paden said.

"The bigger reason is this gives us a platform to showcase the great restaurants we have. We have mom-and-pop restaurants and chain restaurants, as well."

This year's lineup included 502 Grill, Bagger Dave's, bd's Mongolian Grill, Black Rock, Blimpie's Sub Shop/Cold Stone, Buffalo Wild Wings, Canton Brew Works, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, Crow's Nest, Hayden's, J.B.'s Smokehouse, MOD Pizza, Qdoba Mexican Eats, Szechuan, Super Bowl Pizzeria, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, Vintner's Canton Winery and World of Beer.

Canton Brew Works hosted four other participants: Edible Arrangements, Everyday Edibles, Katherine's Catering and Twisted Rooster.



Canton residents Ashley Roulo, Kim Lovell and daughter Lauren try some delicious MOD Pizza during the Grub Crawl.



Volunteers Bob Davis and Jessica Wilhide teamed up to man the shuttles that took people to the restaurant.



A Canton Grub Crawl volunteer lets everyone know that the bus is heading out to the next restaurant.



Tara Tenhave, Rachel Bayham, Brittany Maynard and mom Judy enjoy beverages before dinner during the annual Canton Grub Crawl.

Canton residents Alice Power, daughter Kim Ives and granddaughter Allison Ives enjoy dinner during the Canton Grub Crawl at JB's Smokehouse.

The Bonello family of Canton enjoys a great glass of beer at the Canton Brew Works.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Vekimas

Emmanuel and Margaret Vekima of Northville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 22, 2017, in Plymouth.

The couple married in 1992 in Maryland. They have five children: Nina, Jeffery, Bianca, Patricia and Megan.

Dr. Margaret Vekima is the former Margaret Mekai and is a practicing physician. Emmanuel Vekima is an architect.



Emmanuel and Margaret Vekima

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Allen



Janis Michelle (nee Kapron) 62 years old died peacefully in her home in Maryland on May 16, 2017, after a long battle with breast cancer. Beloved wife of John Allen, and devoted mother to Terry and Brandon Wood, who were always the lights of her life. Dear sister to Terry (Jill) Kapron and Aunt to Jonathan and Daniel Kapron (Jacksonville Beach, Florida). Funeral mass will be held at 9:30am on August 5 at St. Fabians Catholic Church, 32200 Twelve Mile Rd, Farmington Hills. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery immediately following.

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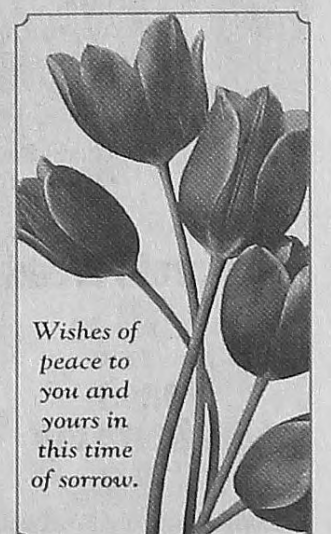
Eric D. Died peacefully at home on July 1 at age 82. Beloved husband of Susan (Sersen). Loving father of Karen, Eric K. (Carie), Kurt (Mona), Kenneth (Emily), and Aaron (Ami) Freudigman. Cherished brother of Anita Freudigman and the late Otto (Marty) Freudigman, Margo (Jerry) Jourdan, Gertrude "Trudi" (Charles) Paly, and Elizabeth "Betty" (Buddy) Hawkins. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Otto and Liesel (Vohrer) Freudigman. Born in Detroit, Eric was a 1953 graduate of Pershing HS, and received his B.A. and M.A. in Music from Wayne State University. He proudly served as a member of the Michigan National Guard. He spent 41 years as an educator, teaching music and mathematics at Cody HS, Cooley HS, and Burt ES in Detroit Public Schools, as well as Cranbrook-Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills. He was a member and director of the Kenneth Jewell Chorale (which won a Spirit of Detroit award in 1976), and served as Director of Choruses of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as well as Detroit Lutheran Singers. He also served as a panelist for the National Endowment of the Arts in Washington, DC. In addition, he performed at countless events and locations as a pianist in solo and group settings. A Celebration of Life for Eric will be held on August 27 at Marriott's Dearborn Inn from 4-8 pm. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to jazzon88@comcast.net. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Detroit Lutheran Singers, Wayne State Department of Music, or Seasons Hospice (envelopes will also be available at the celebration).

Laws



Nancy, July 12, 2017 age 65 of Plymouth. Loving mother of Christine (Tony) Tohme) Laws. Beloved daughter of the late Orbie and Dorothy Bailey. Sister of Barbara (the late Herb) Holmes. Aunt of David (Holly) Holmes. Great Aunt of Hunter and Lindsey Holmes. Nancy was the former Regional Director of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and former Principal of Salem High School. Memorial Gathering will be Friday, July 28, 2017 from 4-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth, with a private memorial service held on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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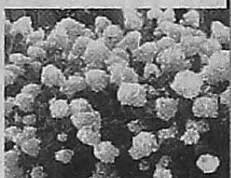


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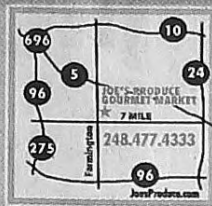
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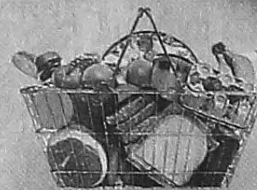
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Green, Carron lead way in annual Road Runner Classic

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Eric Green has become a fixture at area road races over the years and, Saturday night, he made Maybury State Park his own personal refuge.

The 49-year-old from Pontiac pulled away during the final two miles to earn the 8-kilometer title in the 14th annual Northville Road Runner Classic, an event which benefited the Friends of Maybury.

The third time was a charm for Green, who posted a first-place time of 31 minutes, 35 seconds while averaging 6:21

per mile on a course that featured both blacktop and trails.

"I've run this race the past three years," Green said. "Two years ago — the first time I ran it — I was third overall, top master. Last year, I was second overall and top master. This year, overall and master."

Green, cross country head coach at Lawrence Tech University and distance coach for the Pontiac Notre Dame Prep High School track team, was coming off his 15th Great Lakes Relay, a three-day, 277-mile team event the previous weekend on the North Country Trail in the Upper Peninsula. Green passed Novi's Daniel

Sowa on the trails at the three-mile mark and never looked back.

"The guy I was racing today ... he had me, but as soon as I hit the woods, I hit the woods hard and it felt like I was doing the relay," Green said. "That's when I pulled ahead of him and he couldn't catch me ... even if it was slow."

The 23-year-old Sowa, a member of the NRR club that hosted the race, wound up third overall in 33:05 (6:39 per mile).

But even more impressive

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BRAD EMONS
The Northville Road Runner Classic 8K male and female winners were Eric Green (Pontiac) and Angela Carron (Canton).

USTA junior finalists

Several young Michigan tennis players fared well in the recent U.S. Tennis Association's Midwest Section Closed Junior Championships.

In doubles play, Birmingham's Jack Winkler teamed with Detroit's Kweisi Kenyatte to capture the boys 18-doubles championship. In the girls 12-doubles finals, Novi resident Emma Roeck and Ohio native Ananya Annantula teamed to reach the championship final.

In singles, Bill Duo from Portage captured the boys 18 singles title and Ann Arbor's Karina Miller was a girls 18 singles finalist.

The 18-under and 16-under championships were held in Indianapolis. Okemos hosted the 14-under and 12-under age divisions.

Junior golf tourney

Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills once again will host a junior golf tournament.

The fifth annual AJGA Junior, presented by Tom Hozler Ford, will be held Aug. 7-10 at the Bloomfield Township course. The 54-hole national event will challenge close to 100 boys and girls ages 12-19.

Last summer, Isiah Henderson from Texas carded a course-record 8-under-par 63 in the second round en route to the boys championship. California native Angela Bagasbas is the defending girls champion.

The field will include players from 16 states and three foreign countries.

Devon Deogun (Orchard Lake), Sean Niles (Northville), Imaad Qureshi (Bloomfield Hills), Jake Rodan (Royal Oak), Ben Smith (Novi), Patrick Sullivan (Grosse Pointe) and 2013 boys champion Zach Rosendale (St. Johns) are among the boys slated to compete.

Mikaela Schultz (West Bloomfield) and Jamie Laude (Ann Arbor) are among the Michigan girls expected to compete.

Michigan Senior Olympics Games

Registration is now open for the 38th annual Michigan Senior Olympics Summer Games.

The games, open to individuals 50 and over, take place Aug. 11-20 throughout Oakland and Macomb counties and more than 1,000 athletes from across the state are expected to compete. The idea is to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

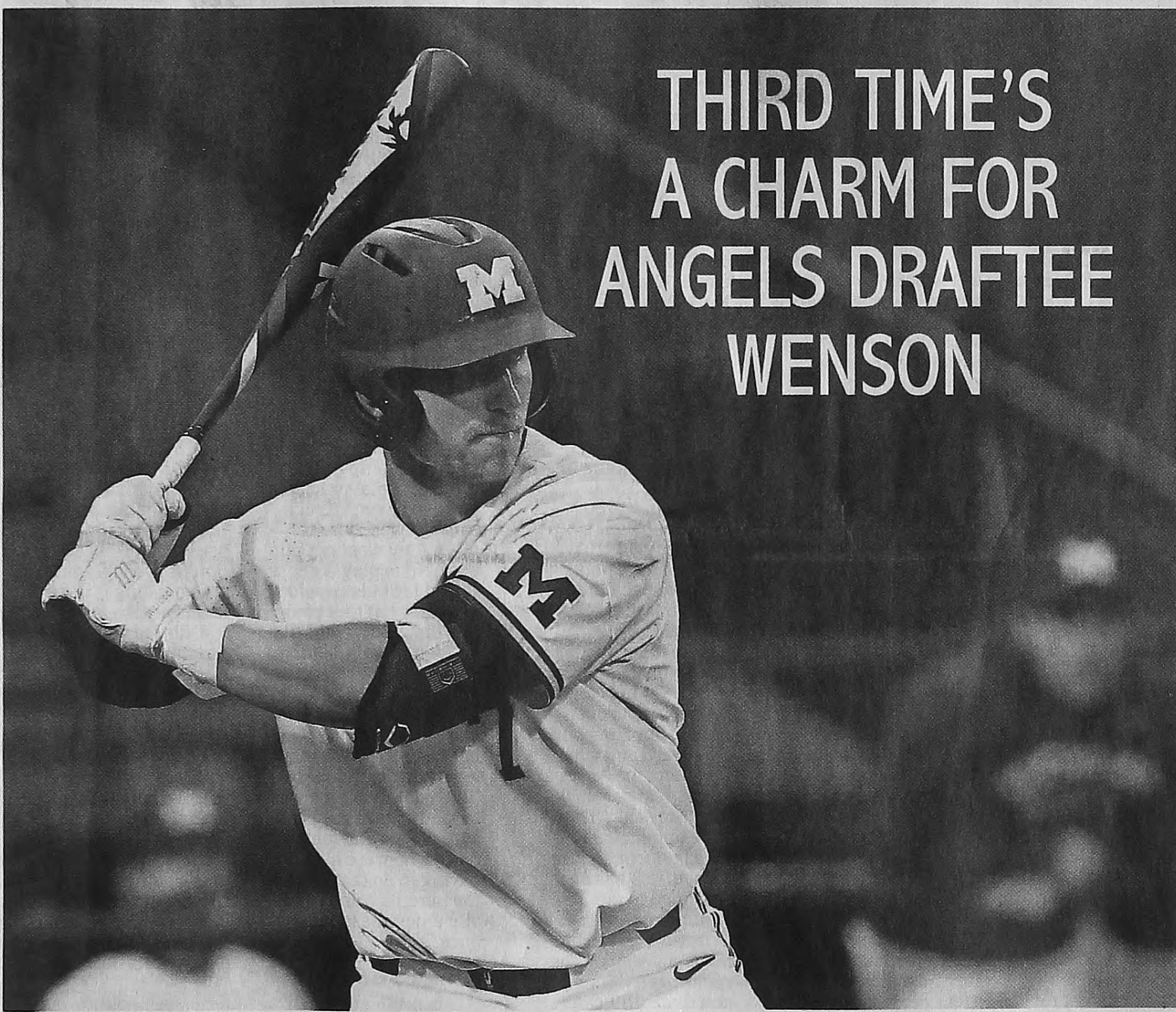
Competition will be held in archery, badminton, basketball, billiards, bocce ball, bowling, cycling, dancesport, disc golf, golf, pickleball, powerlifting, 5K and 10K runs, racewalk, racquetball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, triathlon, volleyball and free throw/3-point competition.

The opening ceremony is scheduled to take place 6-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11, at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills.

Michigan Senior Olympics is in need of volunteers.

To register or volunteer, call 248-608-0252. Registrants can also go to www.michiganseniorolympics.org.

PRO BASEBALL



MICHIGAN ATHLETICS

Michigan graduate and Farmington Hills resident Harrison Wenson is currently making his mark in rookie ball with the Los Angeles Angels.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM FOR ANGELS DRAFTEE WENSON

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Harrison Wenson knows the exhilaration of being a Major League Baseball draftee. After all, prior to this year, he twice enjoyed the experience.

In 2013, just weeks after graduating from the Univer-

sity of Detroit-Jesuit High School, Wenson was selected in the 38th round (1,146th overall pick) of the MLB entry draft by the Detroit Tigers. Wenson next became draft-eligible last spring, after his junior year at the University of Michigan, and the Pittsburgh Pirates grabbed him in the 24th round.

Wenson declined both of

those opportunities.

However, the 22-year-old Farmington Hills resident was still a wanted commodity when this year's draft rolled around.

Oddly enough, Wenson was taken in the exact same spot as last year — 24th round, 715th overall — by the Los Angeles Angels. This time, he was thrilled to accept the \$3,000

signing bonus and turn pro.

"I turned down both of my other opportunities to finish my education. I have one more class (at U-M), but I was able to graduate and I got my degree," Wenson said. "So I guess the third time's the charm. I sort of knew it was coming this year,

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'BIG ANGEL, LITTLE ANGEL'

Baseball, friendship take flight for players

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Alan Kruck knows the drill. So does almost every man or woman who coaches Little League players.

The younger the players, chances are they won't be as focused on hitting — unless you're talking about hitting the Dairy Queen after the game.

Enter a shadowing endeavor involving his 12-under team in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association, the Angels. Coach Kruck's players teamed with T-ball players for the inaugural Big Angel, Little Angel event.

It was such a success that

not only were the little guys (and two girls) not running around in circles, but the GCYBSA intends to have more teams get in on the shadowing fun.

"In T-ball, you'll have five kids running for the ball," said Kruck, a Canton resident whose son Addison is on the 12-U Angels. "My players would sit there and say, 'No, no, you have to go cover second base, don't run to the ball.' So they were explaining the aspects of the game instead of having five kids run to the ball all at once."

One of the tandems featured

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Enjoying a pregame catch are players for the GCYBSA Under-12 Angels (left) and youngsters on the Little Angels T-ball team.

WOOD BAT BASEBALL

Michigan Rams win another MCBL title

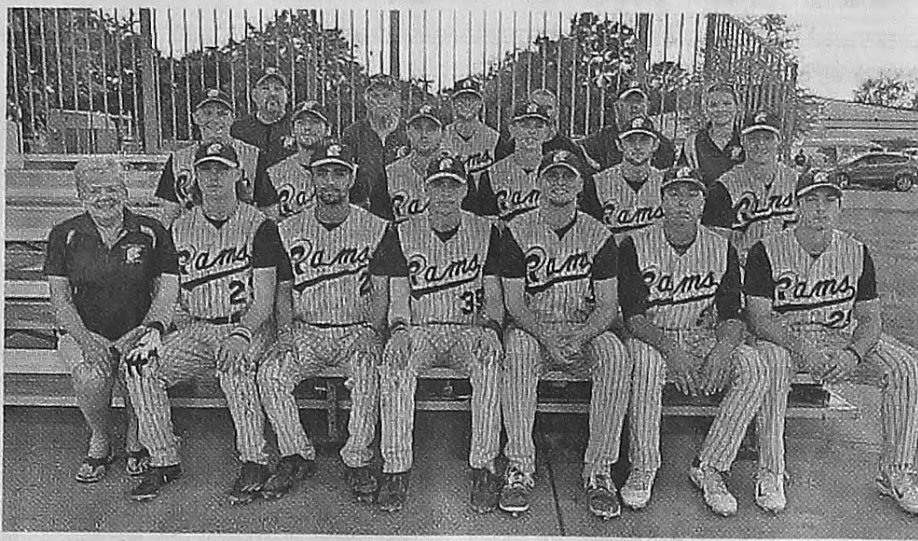
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The Michigan Rams are going to the "World Series" — the National Amateur Baseball Federation's premier event, that is.

Veteran coach Rick Berryman's squad clinched the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League title when A Green forfeited a July 20 makeup game with the Rams, who finished the regular schedule at 24-6 after losing a "meaningless" 10-0 decision to the Cubs.

Still, the Rams earned a ticket to Toledo, where the NABF World Series begins Thursday.

In the loss to the Cubs (7-23), the offense was not clicking with hits by Kevin O'Malley, Alex Nicholson and Patrick Downing accounting for the Rams' output. Berryman said this



The Michigan Rams include (front row, from left) June Berryman, Jack Ferguson, Anthony DiPonio, Gordon Ferguson, Zack Schmidtke, Tristen Jorah and Troy Saruna; (middle row, from left) Patrick Downing, Frankie Luscka, Alex Nicholson, Trevor MacDonald, Jordyn Finney and Kevin O'Malley; and (back row, from left) Harv Weingarden, Rick Berryman, Brendan Wetmore, Joe Azarovity, Nate Hoffman and Diana Hoffman. Also on the team are Branden Posky, Addison Pawelek, Gary Turnbull and Dylan Dzdzendel.

marks the 14th time in the past 15 seasons that the Rams — who compete in the state's top

wood bat league — will be competing in a post-season national tournament.

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It was a day of baseball and friendship for players on the GCYBSA 12-U Angels and T-ball Angels.



Mathew Thibodeau (left) gives tips on proper stance in the infield to Little Angel Brady Milligan.

WENSON

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but having my name called by an organization that's so well-respected is a dream come true."

Early results encouraging

If early results are any indication, Wenson is certainly making a big impression.

The Angels assigned Wenson to the Utah-based Orem Owlz, their short-season rookie team that plays in the eight-team Pioneer League.

Through his first 13 games, the right-handed hitting catcher was batting a lofty .354, which ranked him among the top five league leaders. In addition, Wenson has smacked five home runs, which also ranks among the league's best. He had 18 RBIs with a .729 slugging percentage.

Orem leads the Pioneer League South Division and Wenson is helping to lead the charge.

"It's been great so far. I have a really great manager and I've been able to work with some really good guys," Wenson said prior to a recent game in Montana against the Great Falls Voyagers. "I've been doing pretty well. I'm hitting the ball pretty far and it's been pretty nice."

"There's a lot of travel. Where I'm at right now is a 10-hour bus ride (from Orem)," he added. "But other than the travel, it's been really good and I'm really enjoying

pro ball."

Wenson grew up playing for the highly-talented South Farmington Blues squad, whose head coach was Pat Malzone. The Blues played in national tournaments, including the Elite 24 in Orlando, Fla., and Wenson said "it was some of the most fun baseball I have ever played and I loved that experience."

Wenson went on to have an outstanding prep career at U-D Jesuit. He earned all-state honors both his junior and senior seasons and was a four-time all-district and all-region selection. Wenson posted a .500 batting average with six home runs and 30 RBIs as a senior.

Proud of the block 'M'

The honor-roll student elected to continue his career with the Wolverines, with whom he played four years.

Wenson finished with a career .235 batting average and a .422 slugging percentage with 17 home runs and 99 RBIs. He started in each of his final two seasons for the Wolverines and began attracting the attention of scouts after an outstanding junior year when he produced a .289 average and 56 RBIs to earn all-Big Ten Conference third team honors. He belted nine home runs as a senior.

Wenson in his last two years was named to the player-to-watch list for the Johnny Bench Award, awarded to the nation's best catcher,



FILE PHOTO

U-D Jesuit's Harrison Wenson of Farmington Hills was the starting catcher for the East squad during the 2013 high school all-star team at Comerica Park.

finishing as a semifinalist as a junior.

"I went to the place of my dreams," Wenson said about his time at Michigan. "I mean my dad (Paul) went there. He played with guys like Barry Larkin, Hal Morris, Casey Close, Jim Abbott. So it was great to represent the block 'M' and all the tradition that it has."

"The coaches were great and they helped me through the process. But the main thing I took from college, besides my education, was the relationships that I made and I'll continue to hold on to because, in this life, you can only go as far as the people you know. I'm pretty fortunate that I surrounded myself with great people who have a great work ethic."

"Michigan was the place for me and I

wouldn't have changed my decision, even though I turned down quite a bit of money last year (to turn pro)," he added. "I wouldn't have changed my decision to go back for my senior year and have that experience with all my teammates and coaches."

U-M had a program-record 11 players, including Wenson, selected in this year's draft. That class includes Cranbrook Kingswood graduate Grant Reuss (Detroit Tigers) and Southfield-Lathrup graduate Johnny Slater (Seattle Mariners).

Wenson hopes they will all one day be colleagues at the major league level.

"I'm in a pretty good spot right now and doing pretty well," Wenson said. "I don't want to speculate too much on where they'll put me. I'm just trying to take it day by day and do the best I can."

"I've only been in pro ball for about a month, but from what I've heard and what I've seen, the Angels are a great organization," he said. "They have unbelievable management and the front office has been real good to me. I'm fortunate enough to be in it and I feel I can move my way up the ranks pretty quickly and that's all I can really ask for. I just want the opportunity."

ANGEL

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"Big Angel" Mathew Thibodeau and "Little Angel" Brady Milligan, whose dad, Brian Milligan, coaches the T-ball squad.

"Tonight was fun," Brady wrote in an email to the Observer. "Mathew taught me the ready position. He is my oldest friend. I want to go watch his game."

The sharp focus exhibited by T-ball players, with the guidance of the 12-U Angels, was something deserving of numerous cap tips.

"Every player shadowed a player," Kruck said. "It was more for when they went out into the field to play defense, (the older kids) would explain what that position did. Say an outfielder, they would tell them they had to back up some throws."

"The T-ball kids (normally) kind of just play in the dirt, they lose interest pretty quickly. So (the older kids') job was to kind of take the pressure off parent volunteers who were always having to do that role, so the parents could actually enjoy the game for once."

Pumped up

According to coach Brian Milligan, the event "was a great experience for both teams. The little

Angels had a great game of catch with the big Angels prior to the game. There was a noticeably higher level of enthusiasm during the game. We are grateful for the time the big Angels gave to our team."

Kruck, who has coached prep athletics in the Redford Union and Northville districts, said he came up with the concept having recalled how well a similar pairing worked when he was coach of the RU girls basketball team.

"I thought that would be a good idea to start trying that out with GCYBSA," Kruck explained. "We were the only team that did it. But the feedback was so positive that Wendy (Mullen, president of the association) is probably thinking of expanding it to more teams next year."

Older players also got a big kick out of the Big Angel, Little Angel event.

"They had a ball; they thought it was great," Kruck said. "They really did enjoy it, they were commenting and saying, 'Was I really that little when I played?'"

"In T-ball rules, the last kid automatically gets a home run. So when the last kid batted, my kids ran out there and had a mob scene at home plate for the last batter."

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was the runner-up finish by 39-year-old Angela Carron of Canton, assistant cross country coach at Salem High School, who overhauled Sowa for the second spot overall in 32:41 (6:35 per mile).

"It was crazy hot, you could hear the wind in the trees, but didn't feel it anywhere," said Carron, who was the top overall female. "It was brutal, but the tree cover and the shade helped. I just kept telling myself the wind was in my back."

Carron, a Toledo native, played college softball at Siena Heights University before transitioning to running.

In late May, she captured the Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City with a time of 3:02:08. She also has the Boston, Glass City and Ann Arbor marathons to her credit in 2017.

Carron, who works for Gazelle Sports in Northville, has run close to 50 marathons, along

with 12 ultra marathons.

She plans to do the upcoming North Country Run, a trail marathon in late August, along with the Detroit Free Press Marathon in October. She has been averaging 80- to 90-mile weeks and also has a 100-miler on her running schedule before the end of the year.

"Always training," Carron said. "I have four kids, so running keeps me sane."

5K champions

Zachary Ellsworth, 27, of Brighton and Amy Masternak, 48, of Plymouth were the overall winners of the male and female 5K divisions, respectively.

Ellsworth covered the 3.1-mile course in 22:24.

"This was the first time running this race and I actually loved the course," Ellsworth said. "It was mapped out perfectly and didn't have any trouble on the turns. Really enjoyed that."

Ellsworth averaged 7:14 per mile

"Got into running a little later in life," Ellsworth said. "I work at a

gym and just kind of got into that way. I believe this is my fourth 5K and I've done a half-marathon and that's just about it. I run outside a lot and don't do a whole lot of races. I'm pretty surprised. I always set a lofty goal. It was a little bit slower than I wanted, but not too much."

Masternak, a Detroit Public Schools fifth-grade teacher who graduated from Livonia Churchill High, repeated as 5K champion with a clocking of 22:46. She is 10-year breast cancer survivor who captured the Race for the Cure women's 5K title in May.

"I think the course and conditions were absolutely perfect," Masternak said. "It was nice and warm. You didn't have to worry about your muscles being cold. Great scenery, no rain, a little cloud cover."

Masternak, like Carron, challenged the male winner for the overall lead.

"There was some guy (Ellsworth) on my back for about 2½ miles and when we hit the woods, I told him, 'You better go

or you will lose,' so he went and I was second," she said.

And although the humidity was high, with temperatures hovering around the upper 80s, Masternak was pleased with her time as she averaged 7:21 per mile. "It was good," she said. "Last year, I ran 26 (minutes). Last year, it was 98 degrees."

Next up for Masternak is the Badlands Trail Run Marathon on Aug. 12 in Medora, N.D.

"It will be state No. 36. I can't wait," Masternak said.

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Overall: Eric Green (Pontiac), 31 minutes, 35 seconds; **masters:** Jeff Novak (Plymouth), 35:19; **14-and-under:** Eric Beamish (Redford), 1:05:49; **15-19:** Frank Lafave (Livonia), 34:19; **20-24:** Daniel Sowa (Novi), 33:05; **25-29:** Fabian Lischke (Keego Harbor), 33:08; **30-34:** Daniel Garcia (Bloomfield Hills), 33:16; **35-39:** Thomas Samataro (Macomb), 38:45; **40-44:** Sebastian Wieschollek (Northville), 36:03; **45-49:** Craig Peters (South Lyon), 37:35; **50-54:** Jerry Jurkiewicz (Novi), 45:36; **55-59:** Ed Green (Livonia), 38:12; **60-64:** John Tarkowski (Northville), 35:38; **65-69:** Jim Beale (Royal Oak), 51:58; **70-and-up:** Tom Melville (Northville), 54:01.
FEMALE 8K
Overall: Angela Carron (Canton), 32:41; **masters:** Dani Matusik (Chelsea), 37:54; **14-and-under:** Jasmine Beltrame (Northville), 48:50; **15-19:** Courtney White



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The Northville Road Runner Classic 5K winners were Amy Masternak (Plymouth) and Zachary Ellsworth (Brighton).

(Canton), 39:45; **25-29:** Nicole Black (Westland), 41:37; **30-34:** Mike Sasse (Northville), 45:32; **35-39:** Natacha McClain (Northville), 46:43; **40-44:** Sachiko Toyama (Walled Lake), 38:28; **45-49:** Shirley Kolakovich (Clarkston), 45:40; **50-54:** Jennifer Perkins (Clawson), 48:58; **55-59:** Leslie Young (Farmington Hills), 1:08:53; **70-and-up:** Linda Scorof (Garden City), 57:43.
MALE 5K
Overall: Zachary Ellsworth (Brighton), 22:24; **masters:** Lee Hunt (Canton), 25:06; **14-and-under:** Sean Sparks (Canton), 32:19; **20-24:** Joshua Kmiecik (Clinton Township), 25:53; **25-29:** Steele Fors-Klein (Brighton), 31:24; **30-34:** Bhavesh Paradkar (Northville), 33:37; **40-44:** Jason Fried (Livonia), 33:48; **45-49:** Cesar De La Garza (White Lake), 29:19; **50-54:** Brian Barr (Belleville), 40:48; **55-59:** Matthew Nelson (Battle Creek), 27:32; **60-64:** Paul Ranke (Waterford), 42:30; **65-69:** Lawrence Fallat (Taylor), 47:43; **70-and-up:** Charles Machver (Northville), 34:45.
FEMALE 5K
Overall: Amy Masternak (Plymouth), 22:46; **masters:** Charlotte Burke (Canton), 26:13; **14-and-under:** Madelyn Jenkins (Novi), 30:29; **15-19:** Nicole Reece (Livonia), 53:41; **20-24:** Mariana Peres (Plymouth), 36:21; **25-29:** Karyan Shi (Northville), 33:42; **30-34:** Jenna Gillette (Whitmore Lake), 35:08; **35-39:** Kimberly Delaney (Livonia), 27:13; **40-44:** Elizabeth Foote (Southfield), 32:32; **45-49:** Darlene Ciarda (Walled Lake), 31:55; **50-54:** Deborah Slaughter (Highland Park), 29:49; **55-59:** Colleen Virag (Dearborn Heights), 32:58; **60-64:** Sally Nelson (Battle Creek), 33:38; **65-69:** Kathleen Davis (Canton), 39:06.
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PDL SOCCER

Bucks stunned in first-round defeat, 2-0

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It was a solemn ending Friday night to what appeared to be another promising season for the defending North American Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks.

The Des Moines Menace proved to be more than a menace as they upset the 14-time Great Lakes Division champions in the opening round of the PDL Central Conference playoffs inside air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, 2-0.

Ramone Howell split two Bucks defenders and rifled a shot from just outside the left box for the game-winning goal in the 69th minute, off an assist from Mueng Sunday.

Isaiah Madrid then out-muscled a Bucks defender on a 50/50 ball just inside the 18-yard box for the Menace's second goal in the 82nd minute, scoring unassisted to put the game away.

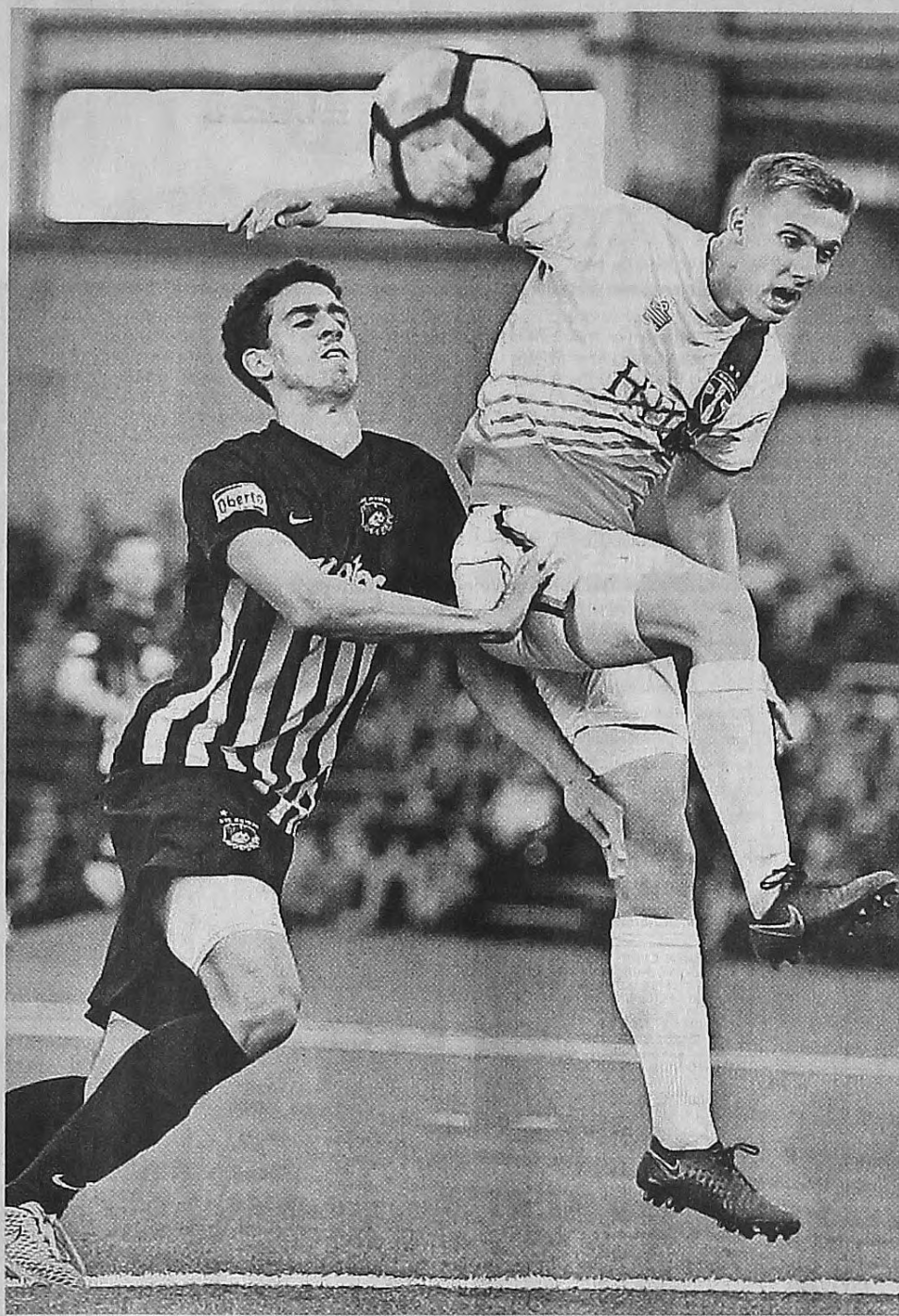
"There's not too much to say. It's obviously disappointing with all the effort we put in all summer," said Bucks team MVP Brad Dunwell, a Grand Rapids native. "It's a tight-knit group of guys and I really enjoyed playing with them. I wish them all the best, whether they're going back to their university or looking to find a spot with a team at the next level right away."

The Menace (8-5-2), who finished second in the PDL Heartland Division, played fellow division rival the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill (10-3-2) for the Central Conference crown. Thunder Bay advanced in the first conference semifinal Friday with a 2-0 win over Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United, getting a pair of goals, one in each half, from midfielder Abraham Villon.

The Bucks, meanwhile, ended their season at 10-2-3.

"We played against a very good, well-organized Des Moines team," Bucks assistant coach Paul Thomas said. "I thought it was very, very evenly matched game. And it was always going to come down to one little mistake, one moment of genius to break the deadlock. And then once they went a goal up, you have to push, we have to make some subs and try to get back in the game and you leave yourself a little wide bit open. The second goal was just kind of one of those things that happens when you're taking risks to try and get back in the game. But overall, I thought was very well even. It could have gone either way, but Des Moines did well and good luck to them moving forward."

Thomas, the former Madonna University women's coach, was guiding the Bucks in place of head coach Demir



The Bucks' Jared Timmer (right) tries to gain control against a Des Moines player.

JAY DUNWELL

Muftari.

"Just something with the family came up, so (Muftari) couldn't make it today, so I stepped in to coach the team," Thomas said. "I've been (head coach) some of the road games, some of the home games. It's a tough schedule when you coach and we had to share a lot of the workload this year."

Thomas made five substitutions during the second half to try to find a goal, but the Menace defense stood tall.

"It's a pretty mature group defensively, pretty solid group," Des Moines coach John Pacarella said. "They have a pretty good idea on how to defend leads. The problem with us this season is we haven't had a lead to defend. We've always been coming from behind. We give up one early in the first half and then the second half is better. I think the key for us defensively today was what we did early on, keeping the game 0-0. Then I think as it went on,

(the Bucks) got a little nerved and made it easier for us. But solid as a rock at the end there."

Shots on goal were even at 9-9, with the Bucks having one golden chance in each half.

Menace goalkeeper Kyle Ihn denied Jacob Bevan in the 26th minute and then made a one-handed leaping save just under the crossbar off a header by Bucks defender Danilo Markovic following a corner kick late in the second half.

"If you look at the whole game, there wasn't many chances for both sides," Thomas said. "Their back four was very good, strong, powerful, quick and their two holding center-mids screened them really well, so it was difficult to break them down and get chances. They did a good job."

Not only were the Bucks missing their head coach, but captain Tom Owens was also out of the lineup to pursue a playing opportunity in his native England. The Bucks had to go with several makeshift lineups this year.

"The players that we brought in to replace the injured players, or the players that moved on, were definitely good enough," Thomas said. "Again, it just goes down to one of those nights. It was a good game and it could have gone either way. Unfortunately, it had gone for them."

Beating the Bucks, who were seeking their fourth PDL crown in franchise history, proved to be a major hurdle cleared by the Menace.

"It was actually a very good game, two teams tried to play soccer, which was good to see," Pacarella said. "It's never easy to come into an environment like this, especially into an environment which is a little different for us. I thought our guys played well. I thought they played hard. The Bucks are a very, very good team. They're difficult to beat. It just went our way today. It could have gone either way. I think anybody watching the game could see that."

For many of the Bucks players, it's back to school for the fall collegiate season.

"It's always tough to lose first round, but I look forward going to Wake (Forest) and getting into the preseason," said Dunwell, who was a starter last season for the NCAA Division I runner-up Demon Deacons. "Kind of a sad time to get it over, but no fault in the effort. I thought we put everything into it that we could, but just couldn't get the result today."

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Sunshine's again brings ray of hope

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In the middle of summer, it is safe to say that the sun keeps coming out.

Thanks to 13-year-old Connor Sherman and the Plymouth High School football program, so does Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic.

Connor's brainchild — which he first envisioned during a school assignment — continues to bear fruit, gain momentum in the community and provide hope for children with special needs between ages 5-17.

The fourth annual clinic is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 28, on the varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We have 50 participants signed up this year, which is right in the ballpark of previous numbers," Plymouth assistant football coach Brian Rochon wrote

in an email to the Observer. "We are thankful for the families that trust us year in and year out to provide a safe, welcoming and fun environment for their children to enjoy a care free night of football."

The vision of Connor "Sunshine" Sherman, who came up with the concept when just 10 years old, is the obvious catalyst behind the clinic's ongoing success.

But Rochon, who helps coordinate the clinic from the football standpoint, tipped his cap to many others who have helped behind the scenes beginning with the debut Sunshine's in 2014.

"The partnership between the Sherman family, the Plymouth Wildcats football program, all of our amazing sponsors and the wonderful families who enjoy the clinic every year has become an anticipated annual event," Rochon said.

Although the youngsters who participate in Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Camp leave the facility with smiles, trophies and new-found football knowledge, Rochon emphasized that high school football players also have important takeaways.

"The Sunshine clinic offers Plymouth football players an opportunity to see the larger picture of society and realize that no matter their struggles, there are always those less fortunate," Rochon said. "The clinic has been tangible reinforcement of our program's message of selflessness, commitment and service and we have seen real life benefits in our kids."

For more information, go to sunshinefootballclinic.org.

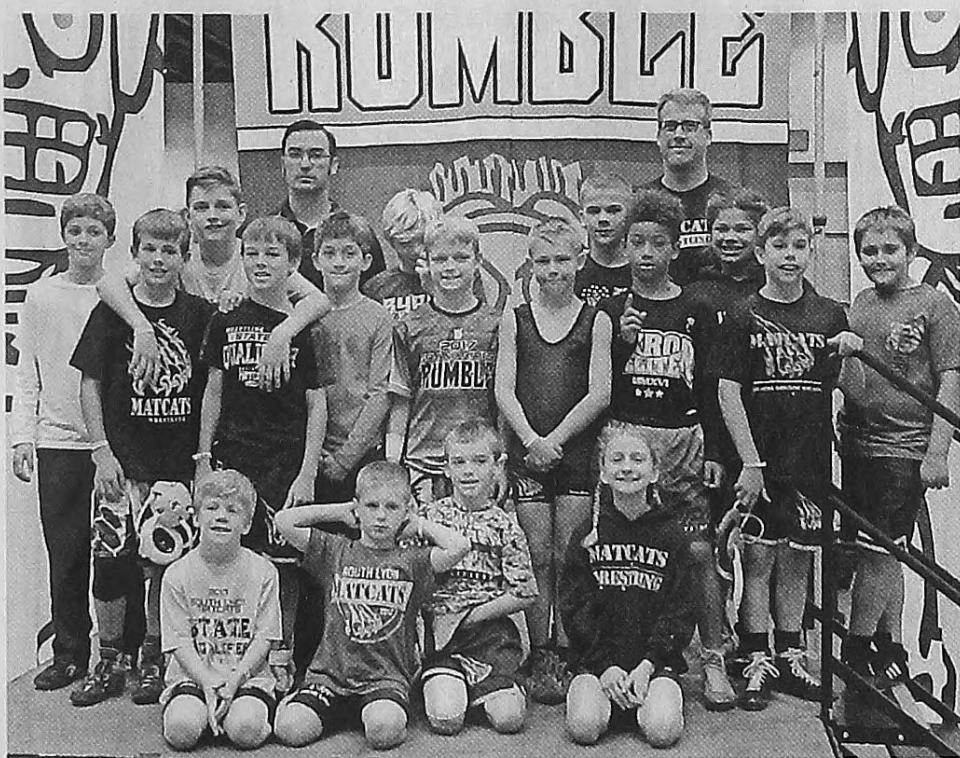
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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth assistant football coach Brian Rochon (left) and Connor Sherman are teaming again to host Sunshine's clinic.

YOUTH WRESTLING



VIOLETTA CEPAK

The South Lyon Matcats finished with a 4-4 record and 26th place in the Grand River Rumble.

Matcats hold their own in Grand River Rumble

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The South Lyon Matcats acquitted themselves quite well, posting a 4-4 record during the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Grand River Rumble held July 16 at the Lansing Center.

The Matcats, coached by Rob Walkowiak and Justin Kimling, scored wins over teams from Idaho (twice), Illinois and Michigan to place 26th out of 40 teams in a dual format tournament that included divisions for third-grade-and-under, sixth-grade-and-under, middle school and high school.

"The fact that we were the only hometown club team in a league with so many state national contingents was truly rewarding as a test to our kids

and their hard work," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said.

Jace Garcia took team MVP honors for the Matcats in his first national outing. He helped the Matcats score the points they needed to defeat a close opponent to advance to the copper round.

"One victory would not have happened if it hadn't been for the hard work of Jace," Richardson said. "Jace is new to our national lineup, having earned a spot via his performance from last season as a two-time state qualifier. The only problem was we had Jace in at the pound slot and he weighed much more. Jace took the challenge of losing the weight in the 11th hour, a very difficult journey."

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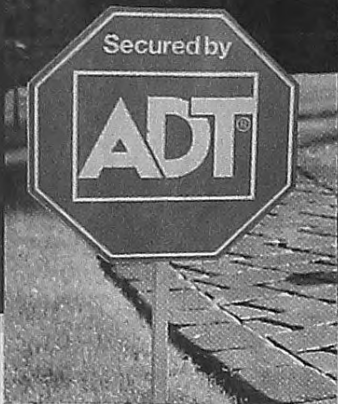


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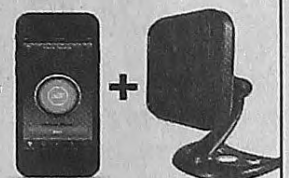
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