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Township gets first legacy payment

Board accepts \$330,558 from city for health care costs

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials formally agreed Tuesday to accept \$330,558 from the city of Plymouth, a payment Supervisor Shannon Price

called "a good first step" in resolving a four-year dispute over retirement costs related to the defunct Plymouth Community Fire Department.

The money, which will go into the general fund, according to Price, represents Ply-

mouth's portion of what the township paid toward health care for retired firefighters from Jan. 1, 2012, when the city left the PCFD, through last year.

But it's less than 10 percent of a nearly \$4 million tab that township officials say the city owes toward not only health care, but pensions for retired

firefighters who worked for both the city and the township.

"This is a good first step in reaching a settlement in this longstanding disagreement with the city of Plymouth," Price said during Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

The city and the township were partners in the PCFD from 1995 through 2011, with

the township managing the department, with input from city officials, and the city paying roughly a quarter of the costs. When the existing departments were combined, firefighters from both the city and the township joined the new PCFD.

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Bumpers, Bikes and Bands in Plymouth

PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood drew crowds Sunday with its annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands festival, featuring show cars and motorcycles and live music. Above, Jack and Patrick Thomas of Northville look on as Nolan Davis sits in a Formula 500 race car on display. At right, Ashley Izard points out to dad Brian where she wants to go as they look at vintage vehicles. For more photos of the event, see page A5.



P-CEP cops earn national award

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police officers assigned to protect three high schools that make up the 6,200-student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have snagged a national award for their efforts.

Three officers, credited with helping to reduce police-involved incidents at The Park, have earned the Canton Police Department one of only five model agency awards given this year by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

"It's a huge deal because it demonstrates the commitment we have made to provide the absolute best service at the school district for the students, staff and administrators," Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden said.

Police Officer David Eyl, who just completed a four-year assignment as a school resource officer, or SRO, accepted the award July 13 during NASRO's 26th annual School Safety Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

A report in the Observer in February showed the high school campus had witnessed an overall decrease in police-involved incidents since 2012, dropping 24.7 percent from fall semester 2012 to the same period in 2015.

The numbers can fluctuate, but officials say there has been a steady decline in incidents. Officials say in-school security cameras also made a difference at the 300-acre campus. Hilden said Eyl and SROs



Eyl

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Plymouth chamber enjoys sold-out golf event

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

There were lots of golfers, plenty of birdies and a bushel basket full of prizes Monday at Fox Hills as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce celebrated another successful golf outing.

Some 144 golfers — "A full course," chamber director Wes Graff called it — took part in the event, which Graff said

sold out for "the fifth or sixth" straight year.

"It's a popular event," Graff said. "People like the chamber and we have great supporters."

While final numbers weren't available, Graff was confident the event's gross would top the \$50,000 mark. It's the chamber's second-largest fundraiser of the year, behind only the annual auction in November.

"All of the proceeds will go directly back into the chamber,

to help us present programs and events that benefit the community," Graff said.

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BRAD KADRICH

Golfers hit the driving range to prepare for the annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce golf outing Monday at Fox Hills.



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The city left the arrangement beginning in 2012 to partner with the city of Northville's department, in an effort to save money, and the PCFD was renamed the Plymouth Township Fire Department.

The \$330,558 figure does not include health care expenses for PCFD retirees that the township has incurred this year, but that facet of the legacy costs bill is still being discussed. Price said township officials hope to soon take Plymouth's portion of PCFD retiree health care costs off the township's balance sheets going forward.

Price has acknowledged there is still work to do in negotiating with Plymouth. The communities were making little progress in settling the bill, Price has said, until the township threatened a lawsuit late last year.

Tuesday's board vote to accept the money was 6-0; one member, Trustee Bob Doroshe-witz, was absent.

The Plymouth City Commission agreed in June to the \$330,558 settlement. Mayor Dan Dwyer said the money had been budgeted and will come out of the city's general fund.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PLYMOUTH ELKS JAZZ

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 26

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks hosts its Jazz @ the Elks, featuring for the first time, Jerry McKenzie's "Just Jazz" featuring Lori LeFevre. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

Cost: There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

Contact: 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com or email jazzat-theelks@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MARKET RALLY

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26

Location: Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, Canton

Details: Area residents are invited to attend the third annual Rally on Ridge at Preservation Park for a festive evening of food, fun, music and more to benefit the Canton Farmers Market. Local eats with friends, family and neighbors and enjoy activities for all ages, including live acoustic music, gourmet food trucks, games for the kids and more.

Cost: Free
WORSHIP IN THE PARK
Time/Date: 11 a.m. each Sunday through Aug. 21



FILE PHOTO

Jazz drummer Jerry McKenzie will perform July 26 at the Plymouth Elks.

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hills roads, across from the Village Theater

Details: St. John Michael Lutheran hosts worship services in a casual atmosphere. Professional-managed child care will be provided

Contact: Church office at 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date/Location: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, Westland Farmers Market pavilion and noon Saturday, Aug. 27, Canton Lions Club corn roast, Cady-Boyer Barn

Details: The Canton Concert Band performs its series, The Spirit of America.

SHAKESPEARE FEST

Time/Date: July 29 through Aug. 14

Location: Village Theater, Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is once again teaming with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to present a three-week run of performances in Canton. This year's 22nd festival season will feature productions of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "Richard II," as well as Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," based on the novel by Michael Shaara

Cost: Tickets are on sale now, including season flex passes, at www.cantonvillage-theater.org.

A flex pass will include one ticket to each production and show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on patron's age

Contact: www.cantonvillage-theater.org or call 734-394-5300

FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Museum hours, through Nov. 6

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum

Details: The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displayed

SUMMER ARTS COUNCIL CAMPS

Time/Date: Through Aug. 19

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14 in Plymouth

Details: The PCAC will offer 40 camps in painting, filmmaking, photography, cartooning, graphic design, theater, music and more, with the emphasis on getting campers to "think outside the box" and not follow preconceived notions of art.

Costs: Camp prices range from \$55 to \$145, with discounts for PCAC members.

Contact: View a complete schedule and register online at www.plymoutharts.com or register by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278 or stopping in during business hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30

Location: First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The church will host a classic car show to raise money to help the youth group

Cost: Visitors are asked to make a \$5 donation; Classic car owners can simply show up and pay a \$10 entry fee to become part of the show

Contact: www.FBCCantonCarShow.com or call 734-776-8892

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 1-4; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (interior exhibition hall closes at 5 p.m.) Monday, Sept. 5

Details: 2016 Fifth Third Michigan State Fair returns to Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. This year's State Fair will include expanded midway rides, an interior exhibition hall, the ever-popular racing pigs, an expanded Equestrian Pavilion, a larger Michigan Made Pavilion, tasty carnival treats, a parade on Monday at 10 a.m., and more.

Cost: General admission \$8, parking \$5. Go to michiganstate-fairllc.com for additional pricing information.

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Until September

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N. Lilely Road, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communi-

cation and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.

Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill.

Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbeeh, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."

Cost: Free.

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month

Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.

AWARD

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Andrew Curry and Edward Jagst worked to improve the statistics by providing school protection while building strong relationships with students — moves he said can reduce crime and discourage youngsters from behaviors such as drug abuse.

"I think they play a huge role in that," Hilden said.

Canton police had received word last month from NASRO's executive director, Mo Canady, that the local department was one of five police departments in the country singled out for the model agency awards.

NASRO selects winners based on exemplary training, policies and standards for SROs who serve as mentors, guest



Curry

Jagst

speakers and law enforcement officers. Police agencies also have to show innovative approaches to school-based policing.

Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier called it "an honor" for Canton to receive the model agency award from what he called "the highly acclaimed NASRO organization."

"Our SROs are to be commended for their hard-work, ingenuity and dedication in creating a safe, educational high school environment worthy of this impressive recognition," Meier said.

The Canton Police Department and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park began the SRO program in 1997 with just one officer. Two more officers have since been added.

While the officers certainly strike back against illegal behavior, they have said their role also involves going into classrooms to educate students about issues ranging from drunken driving to bullying, mentoring youngsters who need it and protecting a campus whose daytime population could be compared to a small town.

Even when a student is in trouble, SROs say the goal is to help the youngsters work through their problems and strive for graduation — not probation or incarceration. The officers work closely with The Park's security officers, school counselors, 35th District

Court and Growth Works, an agency that provides services ranging from substance abuse treatment to family counseling.

Monica Merritt, the Plymouth-Canton district's superintendent, has said the SROs are "an incredibly important part of the educational team" at The Park.

Eyl said SROs also have helped teens who confide that they are victims of sexual assaults and parental abuse. That help may involve detectives, counselors and Child Protective Services.

Eyl has finished his four-year stint as an SRO. He has been replaced by Officer Andrew Colthurst.

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FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

Slain Dallas officer brought home to rest

Hundreds honor former township resident

Scott Daniel
Staff Writer

Family members and hundreds of police officers from around the nation began filling St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford early Tuesday morning to honor former township resident Michael L. Krol, one of five Dallas officers slain July 7.

Funeral services began at 11 a.m. Krol, 40, was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield. Visitation for Krol was held Monday evening at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford.

Funeral services for Krol were also held July 15 in Plano, Texas.

Detroit Police Department's Derrick Knox was one of numerous officers lining West Chicago Road welcoming the funeral procession Tuesday. He said he was proud to see the support for Krol.

"It's still a sad day," Knox said. "Some say it comes with the job, but I disagree. I don't think death should be included with any occupation.



Nicole Gregory, Grant Gregory and Gavin Gregory showed their support.

We're out here to protect lives and we try to protect ourselves. Situations like this come unexpected."

Krol was killed at a Black Lives Matter rally in Dallas by Micah Johnson,

a U.S. Army veteran who authorities believe was upset over the death of two African-American men at the hands of police in Minnesota and Louisiana earlier this summer.



Police and sheriff deputies salute as the hearse arrives with slain Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

"It's almost like he's a hero, because he died doing what he loved to do and what was in his heart, which was to help and protect others," Knox said. "So that's what makes today kind of a celebration."

According to Krol's obituary, he graduated from East Long Meadow High School in Massachusetts in 1994. He later received his criminal justice degree from Wayne County Community College in Detroit.

Krol worked in jails for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office from 2002-07. After living in Redford in the early 2000s, he moved to Dallas in 2007 and graduated from the Dallas Police Academy in April 2008.

ment after graduation and served for nine years before his death.

"Mike was a big guy with a big heart," his family wrote in the obituary. "We are so proud of our 'gentle giant.'"

Krol is survived by his mother, Susan Ehlik; his father, Frank Joseph Krol Jr.; his sister, Heather Stacey (Brett); his brother, Joe Krol (Alexandria); his sister, Amie Schoenbaechler (Brian); and many loving family and friends.

Dozens of Redford residents stood near their homes Tuesday waiting for the funeral procession. Nicole Gregory brought her two sons, Gavin and Grant, to honor Krol.

"We wanted to show support to the people who protect us every

day," Gregory said. "We wanted to let them know that not all people are full of hate. I'm trying to show the boys that there is evil in the world, but also compassion at the same time."

As of Monday night, 96 entries were made in Krol's "guest book" on the Will Funeral Homes' website. Comments reflected an outpouring of support for his family from around the country.

"I didn't know Officer Krol personally, but I wanted his family to know that the citizens of Dallas are grieving with you," wrote Martha Palmer of Dallas. "Words cannot express how grateful we are for the sacrifice he and the other officers made to keep us safe."

Carla McKenna-Garnes of East Long Meadow wrote that her son and Krol were "great friends" in high school.

"(He was) one of the guys in the group that just kind of did everything together," she wrote. "Playing basketball was one of those things. He was at our house many times. He was an extremely wonderful, sweet guy who always had a friendly smile on his face and a very easy-going natural pleasant presence about him."

GOTCHA-CHU!

Pokémon Go app has millions chasing online fun

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Keegan Kopp is doing a great job keeping up with the Pokémon Go craze — he's advanced to Level 7 — despite the fact he's a little handicapped by the fact he doesn't have a phone yet.

But counting on — and getting — kindness from his mom and a strong Internet connection to his iPod, 10-year-old Keegan and the rest of his family have joined the two-week-old phenomenon quite nicely, thank you.

"I have to have the Internet connection, so I can't get too far from the house unless I'm using my mom's phone," said Keegan, a student at Liberty Middle School in Canton. "(But) I like it, because it makes you go outside and get exercise while you're playing the game. It's more fun that way."

Keegan and a large part of his family — including cousins, his sister Virginia and his mom Jennifer Neumann — are among the tens of millions of people who've downloaded the app since Nintendo released it two weeks ago.

By the millions

An estimated 26 million people are using the app daily. According to USA Today, it was downloaded some 15 million times in its first week. In neighborhoods all over the area, kids can be seen strolling along streets, phones held in front of them as they try to capture the Pokémon that

are the target of the game.

But it's not just kids. A surprising number of adults are also playing the game, frequently partnering with, or competing against, their children. Some say the app has been a boon to "family time."

"I'm having a lot of fun with this," said Neumann, an Ypsilanti resident who is choir director at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "I was never into Pokémon before. I played Facebook games early on. (Pokémon Go) is a lot different. It gets you interacting with other people."

Comeback game

Pokémon Go is the latest extension of a game introduced in Japan in the mid-1990s. It started as a card game and was also an intensely popular game for handheld devices like Game-Boy and Nintendo 3DS.

Its popularity waned, but has been brought back full force with the app. Many users are reportedly spending more time with the Pokémon Go app than Facebook or Twitter.

The app's popularity may have a nostalgic feel to it. Kevin Johnson, who has a master's degree and is in his third year of the doctoral program in clinical psychology at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills, said he remembers playing the original game as a youngster.

"I can remember sitting in the playground,



Jennifer Neumann took this shot of daughter Virginia Kopp riding the longboard while out playing Pokémon Go, combining the gaming experience with exercise.

trading Pokémon cards I'd snuck to school because my mom wouldn't let me bring them," said Johnson, who's dissertation is on video games and their effect on aggression. "For me, and from what I've been reading, (the app) brings about those nostalgic feelings."

Escape mechanism

Johnson said the app may also be providing an "escape mechanism" from the seemingly constant crush of negative news about violence or political campaigns.

People tried of turning on their TV and seeing that kind of negativity may be using Pokémon Go as a means to get away from it for a bit.

"People are looking for an escape," he said. "I think the timing of this game — and I don't think it was intentional — is a big factor (in its success)."

According to Sensor Tower, the average

iPhone user is spending some 33 minutes in the Pokémon Go app, whereas they only spent 28 minutes in the Facebook app, 18 minutes in the Snapchat app, 17 minutes in the Twitter app and 15 minutes in the Instagram app.

Work break

And it's not just being played during recreational times such as lunch hours or after work. Employers are sometimes encouraging the game play as a way to take a break from work.

While he doesn't play himself, Rich Miller, owner of AM Data Service, an IT company headquartered in Livonia, said he's fine with the fact that a couple of his employees take breaks during the workday to chase Pokémon.

"They work hard," Miller said of his employees. "When people work as hard as they do, I don't mind them playing." One of those employ-

POKÉ-FACTS

» Nintendo shares were reportedly up more than 90 percent in Pokémon Go's first week.

» According to USA Today, Pokémon Go was reported to have been downloaded at least 15 million times in the first week.

» Survey Monkey reported the game was seeing some 21 million daily active users early on, making it the biggest mobile game in U.S. history. For comparison, at its peak, Candy Crush reportedly had about 20 million daily active users in the United States.

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» According to Tech Crunch, about 5 percent of all Android users in the United States now play Pokémon Go every day and 10 percent of Android users have downloaded the game.

ees who works hard is Corey Brewer, a developer for the company. Brewer said he's been a Pokémon fan since the game first came out, when he was 7 or 8 years old.

He's got it on his 3DS for when he's sitting in an airport or on a plane.

"When it first came out, I was about the right age to get involved," said Brewer, who's 27 now. "(Pokémon Go) is kind of a throwback to the game when you first experienced it."

"It gets people moving," he added. "You can't play it sitting at your desk. You have to get up and move."

Unexpected results

That part has also brought residents out into their neighborhoods and — surprise! — talking to each other. Neumann said she's talked to neighbors she may not otherwise had an opportunity to see.

"It's actually brought adults out in my subdivision," Neumann said. "We meet up and have conversations with each other we might never have had otherwise."

The app has caused unexpected complications in the lives of its players, too. A Milford man wandered into the police department parking lot because it was designated a "Pokémon gym" on his app. Unfortunately — for him, anyway — police discovered he had an outstanding warrant and promptly arrested him.

A cemetery in Westland was encouraging Pokémon Go players to come in and play, raising the ire of family members visiting the graves of their loved ones.

There have also been media reports of accidents, traffic being stopped and a variety of other nuisances being caused by the app.

But the players are having fun with it. Virginia Kopp (Keegan's sister and Neumann's daughter) was battling with her cousin recently and was miffed when her cousin outduded her for control of her Pokémon gym.

"When my cousin took over my gym, I got mad," she said with a laugh.

"When I see a gym (now), I try to get it first, before my cousin can get it."

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Canton hires new police officer



Canton's newest police officer, Gregory Warnecke (right), is welcomed by Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden.

The Canton Police Department has welcomed its newest police officer, Gregory Warnecke.

He took his oath of office last week with is family in attendance.

All new police officers in Canton are required to successfully complete a 16-week,

instructor-led field training program prior to working on their own. The program is designed to orientate and develop officers, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton police officer.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Man who fires gun, wounds self is ticketed

A 26-year-old man accidentally fired a semiautomatic handgun and wounded his left hand during an incident that unfolded about 3:30 p.m. July 12 inside a residence on Canton Center, near Geddes.

Police were summoned to the home and learned the man fired a single shot that pierced his left middle finger and lodged in his ring finger. He was applying pressure to ease the bleeding.

According to a police report, the man is from Charlotte, N.C., and was visiting a friend in Canton. He had been showing the gun to the friend, who reportedly is interested in buying a weapon for home protection.

The man told police he openly carries the gun in North Carolina and that it belongs to his grandfather. He told police he didn't have a license for the gun.

He rejected an offer by police for Canton paramedics to take him to a hospital, saying he had no health insurance. However, his friend told police he would take him for treatment.

Police confiscated the gun and issued a ticket to the man for discharging a firearm without malice.

School knife

An 11-year-old Plymouth boy who brought a knife to school has been dismissed from a summer program at Liberty Middle School, a police report said.

The boy reportedly told authorities he was carrying the knife, with a five-inch

blade, for protection because he was being threatened by "bad people" in his neighborhood, a police report said.

A bus driver had overheard a conversation about the student having a knife in his backpack, the report said. The incident happened July 14 at the school on Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center.

No one was threatened with the knife. The incident prompted police to issue a citation for possessing a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

Heroin overdose

A Florida man who apparently overdosed on heroin was taken to a hospital after he was found breathing, but unresponsive, Sunday morning at a house on Edington Circle, near Cherry Hill and Canton Center.

Police found a syringe and a spoon near the man, who admitted he had used drugs, a police report said.

His mother summoned police shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday after she found him unresponsive. She told police he has been recovering from drug addiction and she thought he was clean.

The mother said she and her son have been visiting Canton from Jacksonville, Fla., after her mother recently died. They were fixing up the house to sell it.

Lying to cops

A 27-year-old Canton man who crashed his car and abandoned it was charged with filing a false police report after he lied to officers that the vehicle had been stolen, a police report said.

The man initially told police his car was missing when he woke up about 11 a.m. July 14 and looked outside his residence on Pond Run, near Michigan Avenue and Beck. He said he had left the car unlocked with the keys in the ignition, the report said.

Further investigation by police revealed the car had been impounded by Washtenaw County authorities after it was abandoned, with a flat tire, at a roundabout at Geddes and Superior roads.

The driver finally admitted to police that he had been texting and driving when he crashed the car about 11 p.m. the night before, the report said. He also told police he had gone for a ride because he was under stress.

Angry solicitor

A woman going door to door soliciting business for a construction company allegedly became angry and threatened that her husband would return with a gun after a resident ordered her off his property, a police report said.

The incident happened about 2:20 p.m. July 9, in the 44100 block of Franciscan Drive, near Sheldon and Saltz.

A 51-year-old resident told police he yelled at the solicitor to get off his property, prompting her to say her husband would be back with a gun. Police spoke with the 48-year-old woman, who admitted she had no license to solicit in Canton and conceded she had warrants for her arrest for retail fraud.

— By Darrell Clem

Canton opens emergency cooling centers

Amid searing heat, Canton Public Safety has announced that Summit on the Park and the Canton Public Library are open as cooling center for residents in need.

The library, 1200 S. Canton

Center, is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 734-397-0999.

The Summit, 46000 Sum-

mit Parkway, is open 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 734-394-5460.

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Canton Township resident Caelan DuVall, 4, strikes a pose with a 1954 Ford pickup on display Sunday during the Bumpers, Bikes and Bands festival in Plymouth.

TOM BEAUDOIN

OLD VILLAGE STREET FESTIVAL BRINGS OUT CROWDS, CARS

Crowds turned out Sunday for the 2016 version of Bumpers, Bikes and Bands, the annual street festival in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood.

Ann Arbor's Stomp Rockets, local favorite the Marc Falconberry Blues Band and D.J. Del Villareal entertained visitors with free outdoor shows. There were vendors and refreshments available and Old Village establishments like Hermann's Olde Town Grille and the Liberty Street Brewing Co. were open for business.

The weather was perfect. "One of the best weather days we've ever had," said Mark Oppat, an event co-chair.

Oppat said about 80 people brought vehicles to show off. "We had a lot of new ones, which was really cool," he said.

Fees collected from vehicle go to the Old Village Association, which puts the money toward neighborhood beautification projects. Oppat said about \$1,400, after expenses, was raised.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia residents Emma and Della Anenson take time out to pet the pooches during Sunday's Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event held in Plymouth's Old Village.



TOM BEAUDOIN

The Marc Falconberry Blues Band entertains the crowd at this year's Bumpers, Bikes and Bands event, a car and motorcycle show and street festival in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ava and Hamza Termos of Canton Township get a look inside a Northville City Fire Department ladder truck Sunday during the Bumpers, Bikes and Bands festival in Plymouth's Old Village.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Canton Township resident Mark Sulkowski and 3-year old son Mason check out a Ford Mustang Bullitt in Old Village on Sunday.

Taste new beers at brewers' Summer Festival

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Eat your beets — or at least drink them in Canton Brew Work's new French saison-style beer.

Cool off with Northville Winery and Brewing Co.'s summery coconut stout. Or feel the heat from a hot pepper-spiked, barrel-aged brew from Griffin Claw Brewing Co. in Birmingham.

You'll find their new offerings, along with customer favorites and signature brews, amid the 1,107 beers that will be available for tasting Friday and Saturday, July 22-23, at Michigan Brewers Guild's 19th annual Summer Beer Festival at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti.

"It's kind of a good barometer for us to see what works," said Scott LePage, whose mother, Bonnie, opened Griffin Claw three years ago. "Right now, we're at the stage where we're throwing darts to see what people are interested in. The market is saturated with tons of beer out there and you won't know what the next great beer will be until you put it in front of people."

Griffin Claw will tap 20 beers, introducing four new varieties, such as blood orange, at the festival. The event's Saturday session is sold out. Tickets for 5-9 p.m. Friday cost \$40 in advance and \$45 at the gate. Each ticket includes 15 drink tokens. Additional tokens will be available for 50 cents each during the event.

LePage said the festival is the most cost-effective way for beer fans to sample a variety of suds, better than "guessing because you like the art work on the bottle."



Serving up Griffin Claw beer at the annual Summer Beer Festival.

MICHIGAN BREWERS GUILD

Here's a preview of what some local breweries plan to bring to the festival:

» **Ascension Brewing Co.** in Novi — "We are bringing six barrel-aged beers, which is a big deal for us," said Brandon Sabo, head brewer.

The brewery will serve two kinds of porters, blonde ale, American pale ale, Belgian saison and Belgian strong ale, several different IPAs and stouts, in addition to its bourbon barrel-aged beers — 15 Ascension brews in all. The collection focuses on

the brewery's popular beers, rather than new products.

"This is our first year as a brewery there. We wanted to bring 40 beers, but they limited us to 15," Sabo said. "We'll have one of the larger number of taps at the festival."

Ascension's Jade and Silent Bob, a popular IPA-style beer, uses jade hops and pays tribute to fictional film characters Jay and Silent Bob.

"We do a lot of movie quotes," Sabo said, referring to beer names.

» **Canton Brew Works** in Canton — Bar-

ry Boggs, owner and brewer, will bring two new beers to the brewery's Summer Festival debut.

"Scary Cherry and the Dope Fat Beets, we just launched it this week," he said. "It's got beets added to the brewing process and added tart cherry to the fermentation. From the beets, you get an earthiness and cherry adds a tartness."

He said customers have given the beer a "very positive response" since it launched.

The other new product, Woken IPA, a coffee beer, started as an experiment.

"I really like coffee beers. Usually they are stouts or darker beers. I decided to make one and see what it was like," Boggs said. "Sometimes, we have iced coffee on tap at the brewery. Someone just decided to pour coffee into an IPA."

Boggs ran with the idea, adding coffee to the fermentation process.

He'll also serve a brown ale and hefe-weisen at the festival.

» **Griffin Claw Brewing Co.** in Birmingham — Will feature four sour beers, four American IPAs, three barrel-aged brews and a variety of other styles in its 20-beer lineup.

LePage calls Griffin Claw's Dark and Foamy, which is a twist on a cocktail, an experimental beer because it doesn't fit other categories.

"We tried to model it after a Dark and Stormy, which happens to be one of my favorite drinks," he said.

Instead of rum and ginger beer, Griffin Claw brewer Dan Rogers used brown ale and molasses fermented with fresh ginger and spices, finished with lime zest and juice.

The festival menu will include Flying Buffalo with Coffee, one of Griffin Claw's flagship stouts, and its Easy Peezy Japaneezy, which uses Sorachi Ace hops, green tea and seaweed.

"We are very excited for this year's event," said Evan Coe, operations manager. "We've

never brought this many styles in the past."

» **Kickstand Brewing Co.** in Commerce Township — Will have a mix of eight different beers at its first Summer Festival appearance.

The business opened in January and Andris Zukovs, a Redford resident who manages the microbrewery, hopes festival-goers will become familiar with Kickstand's "staples."

"We are still so new. Everything we've had on tap," Zukovs said. That includes the microbrewery's Mandatory Milk Stout, a nitrogen-carbonated sweet stout he describes as "out of its mind good."

"I can't tell you how many people who are not beer drinkers lose their minds over it," he said. "It is so smooth, especially when it's run on a nitro tap. I can't tell you how many folks we've converted."

» **Northville Winery and Brewing Co.** also plans to bring two nitro stouts — a coconut and bourbon — in addition to an American IPA, blonde ale, kolsch and a cider.

"We were a winery first. We opened in 1982 and we just started making beer two years ago," said Carina Nelson, co-owner with her husband Robert. "This will be our second summer beer festival. It gains awareness and lets people know you are there."

Nelson suspects her Crimson Dew cider will sell out first, as it always does when the couple attends a beer event.

"That's partially because it's gluten-free and hard cider is one of the fastest growing beverages in the state if not the country," she said.

"We've been making (hard) cider for 10 years."

Michigan cherries and apples combine to flavor Crimson Dew, one of the winery's more popular ciders. The winery also makes a coffee cider and other fruit-flavored ciders.

"We've got all sorts of flavors," Nelson said.

To get tickets for Summer Beer Festival, go to mibeer.com.

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Ignore naysayers when instability hits markets

As I write, this the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 are at near record highs. It is amazing how fast things change in today's world. A few weeks ago, if you listened to the talking heads, you would have thought that because of Brexit the financial markets were on the verge of collapse. Not surprisingly, the talking heads were wrong and the market did not collapse. After the initial volatility driven by fear, the markets rallied and, over a very short time, regained their losses and have moved into record territory.

It was a few years ago that the buzz was about sequestration. Sequestration was a budget deal that the children in Washington reached that basically called for automatic spending cuts if certain mileposts were not met. As sequestration was about to take effect, again the talking heads dominated the airwaves, talking doom and gloom and the potential collapse of the American economy. Not surprisingly, they were wrong and again. After initial volatility based upon fear, the markets regained their strength.

Go back a few years,



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

when the United States lost its AAA credit rating. The talking heads were out in force, predicting major problems for the U.S. and world economies, including rising interest rates. Once again, the talking heads were wrong and, after an initial downturn in the markets, based upon fear, the markets regained strength. As a side note, interest rates did not rise; they continued to fall.

I think you see a trend here. Whenever there is a major event, the airways are filled with doom and gloomers predicting all sorts of catastrophic events for the U.S. and world economies. Their predictions are generally wrong but, surprisingly, no one ever holds them accountable. You would think that some of these so-called experts would be taken off the air considering how often they are wrong. Yet, come the next major event, they'll be out there in force with their doom and gloom predictions.

I don't see life through

rose-colored glasses; I recognize that we live in a volatile world and that it hurts when portfolios move in the wrong direction. That, however, is the cost of being an investor. I wish there was a way to get a fair rate of return without the volatility, but it doesn't exist. If you invest in things such as CDs and fixed annuities, you may think you're investing risk-free, but you are not. You're taking a substantial amount of risk because, even though there are not principal fluctuations, the returns you are earning do not keep up with taxes and the increased cost of living, which will cause severe problems down the road. Keep in mind a \$100 today does not buy what a \$100 bought 10 years ago. Patience is a virtue that too many investors don't have, but it is important for investors and a key to success. The next time we have an event that brings out the talking heads, my advice — tune them out.

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INCUMBENTS, CHALLENGER ANSWER OBSERVER'S QUESTIONS

There are 10 Republican candidates in this year's race for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

All are running in the Republican primary for the party's nomination; the

top four finishers will move to the November election, where they will face one announced opponent, Libertarian Joseph H. LeBlanc, who was nominated through a convention process. There

are no Democratic candidates in the board race.

All 10 primary hopefuls recently answered questions from the Plymouth Observer and we are publishing their

answers, continuing today with incumbent Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Mike Kelly and challenger Gary Heitman.

The primary election is Aug. 2.

Doroshewitz: Trust with town board is broken

Bob Doroshewitz, 54, is an incumbent Board of Trustees member seeking a fourth term. He was first elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2008 and 2012. Doroshewitz, a system engineering manager at a corporation involved in many facets of the food service industry, has a bachelor's degree in telecommunications, a master's degree in telecommunications management and a law degree. He has been on the township's Zoning Board of Appeals since 2004 and is one of the founders of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

Q: What skills have you gained from your career and personal experience that would help you as a trustee, and how would you apply those skills to working in township government?

A: In the last election, the Observer referred to me as the "voice of reason" because I am fair and try to understand other points of view before settling on my own.

Your elected officials should have the skill and the desire to compartmentalize decisions and treat each issue on its own merits, without regard to who authored the idea. I will vote against my best friend when I think they are wrong and with my biggest critic when I think they are right.

Relationships are what bring life value; the best part of this job is I get to meet so many great people — so many who generously give their time, talents, or money to better our community and ask for nothing in return.

Q: Much has been said about the current board's relationship with some elements of the community, and about poor relationships between some board members. How would you, as a trustee, work toward being able to disagree more agreeably, and toward gaining the respect of all voters, even those who speak up to oppose board actions?

A: Public trust has broken down. You cannot lead without trust. The best teams — at work, in your neighborhood, at school — are those where independent thinking is welcome and differing opinions are not the enemy.

I have watched the numbers of frustrated residents swell from handfuls to entire neighborhoods. Each month brings more frustration. Neighbors with problems are treated as nuisances, not customers.

In one example, neighbors packed a meeting to plead with the board to reconsider the amphitheater. After making them wait three hours, the board disposed of the motion without dis-

cussion. There was no reason to treat our neighbors that way; I was embarrassed and ashamed.



Doroshewitz

We owe our neighbors respect, even when they disagree. Respect residents and maybe we will turn them from critics to volunteers.

Q: What is your view of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex becoming a public, taxpayer-supported entity for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents? What is your view of recent improvements to township recreation facilities, especially Plymouth Township Park?

A: Meaningful, collaborative discussions — with our residents, stakeholders, local businesses, Plymouth and the PARC organizers — will help determine whether this project is right for our residents. Only then would we look for ways to fund it — there are many options. I believe that the decision should be yours; no public funds would be committed without asking the voters.

I pay taxes, too. Those who are trying to scare you by telling you this project will cost \$40 million know little about the project, they made those numbers up. They stopped the conversation before it began.

That starts by seeking out and listening to citizen input — not from a few, but from many.

In Township Park, the board paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

Q: Name your top two priorities for Plymouth Township and briefly describe how, as a trustee, you would go about addressing those priorities.

A: Protecting its people is government's first job. Fire reform went too far and the Lake Pointe fire station should be reopened. Little time is spent among the board on public safety issues; opportunities for improvement are rarely discussed.

Our long-term financial position is worrisome. We need to get our financial house in order. We have been kicking the can down the road for many years and there are ticking time bombs everywhere. Debt is too high and retirement costs are not fully funded. A grant for firefighters expired, funds used to purchase police equipment are exhausted, rainy-day funds are not being replenished, at a time when the economy is hot and a good portion cash should be saved. Nickels add up.

Kelly: Set feelings aside, work for the taxpayers

Mike Kelly, 60, is a second-term Board of Trustees member and a member of the township Planning Commission. He is a materials test engineer at Ford Motor Co., where he has worked for 38 years, and has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan. He is a former vice president of the Ridgewood Hills Homeowners Association.

Q: What skills have you gained from your career and personal experience that would help you as a trustee, and how would you apply those skills to working in township government?

A: I have developed my problem-solving and analytical skills at Ford, where I have worked for 38 years. We work as a team and focus on the goal we need to reach or problem we need to resolve. I listen to others and welcome all input. My experience in two terms as a trustee gives me the experience and insight to work on any issues facing the township. I set aside my personal feelings since we are all trying to solve a common problem or goal as a team for the taxpayers of the township. Doing what is right for the taxpayers is my top priority.

Q: Much has been said about the current board's relationship with some elements of the community, and about poor relationships between some board members. How would you, as a trustee, work toward being able to disagree more agreeably, and toward gaining the respect of all voters, even those who speak up to oppose board actions?

A: My personal feelings are never a factor when working on township business. A few board members seem to have their own agendas and not the interests of the taxpayers as their focus, and that needs to stop. One member has an ethical conflict since he works for PARC and cannot be objective on this item. There is one small group that attends every meeting that opposes almost everything the board does. A few in that group appear to hold a grudge against some board members, and their comments are mainly personal attacks, not specific policy issues. I will always work and listen to all people without bias. Everyone on the board has an opinion that needs to be included in any policy

discussions and decisions.

Q: What is your view of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex becoming a public, taxpayer-supported entity for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents? What is your view of recent improvements to township recreation facilities, especially Plymouth Township Park?



Kelly

A: I am troubled by Don Soenon's PARC group pushing to have taxpayers pay for a private enterprise located outside the township. The board is still waiting for a viable business plan to review. Estimates for this project are in the \$25 million to \$40 million range. The portion that is recreational should be turned over to the city to run with its programs. The symphony should be privately funded and supported by ticket sales. I do not think taxpayers of the township should pay the majority of costs for a private enterprise outside the township.

We have improved Township Park with the new pavilion, replaced a parking lot that was crumbling, resurfaced walking trails and installed bridges to complete the trails. All of these projects were done without tax increases.

Q: Name your top two priorities for Plymouth Township and briefly describe how, as a trustee, you would go about addressing those priorities.

A: I want to continue the progress made in keeping taxes the lowest in Wayne County, attracting new businesses, and keeping us one of Michigan's safest communities. We need to find a better way to measure the needs of citizens and get input on large new projects. We have also lowered legacy costs, and are among the highest-funded (75 percent) communities in the area. The fire and police departments are the largest budget items. We need a long-term plan for replacing equipment going forward and to ensure we are staffed at the proper level to maintain or improve services. I would like to see a final agreement on legacy costs from the city's withdrawal from the joint fire department. Once that is complete, we can investigate potential efficiencies that both communities can benefit from.

Heitman: I'll listen, rebuild relationships

Gary Heitman, 62, is making his first run for elected office. He retired from Ford Motor Co. after almost 30 years; his last job there was as enterprise IT portfolio manager. Since then, he has worked in a number of consulting and management roles and is a self-employed consultant and career adviser. Heitman has an associate's degree in mathematics and a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology.

Q: What skills have you gained from your career and personal experience that would help you as a trustee, and how would you apply those skills to working in township government?

A: I retired from Ford Motor Co. after successfully leading IT cost-cutting efforts around the world. I was part of a select team responsible for deciding which cuts to make to keep the company afloat. This required strong business, technical and negotiation skills as well as integrity, teamwork and the ability to build and maintain relationships. Since then, I have had many more positions that were troubleshooting and consultative in nature, as I am adept at confronting challenges directly as well as communicating honestly and efficiently with all stakeholders (citi-

zens). Plymouth Township will require someone who can work with a strong team to make tough decisions in the future. My skill set fits the trustee role perfectly.



Heitman

Q: Much has been said about the current board's relationship with some elements of the community, and about poor relationships between some board members. How would you, as a trustee, work toward being able to disagree more agreeably, and toward gaining the respect of all voters, even those who speak up to oppose board actions?

A: The reason for much of the present poor relationship issues is that the current board does not foster a respectful and productive atmosphere where common goals are prioritized over personal gains. Board meetings are broadcast to the public after being edited so many people do not see or hear exactly what is said. All my career, I have facilitated better communication. I plan on having regular office hours so I can hear from those who oppose certain actions and make decisions after hear-

ing all opinions. I plan on rebuilding strained relationships within Plymouth Township as well as (with) neighboring communities. I am an independent-thinking problem-solver with a propensity for relationship-building. I am eager to use all my talents to benefit my hometown.

Q: What is your view of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex becoming a public, taxpayer-supported entity for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents? What is your view of recent improvements to township recreation facilities, especially Plymouth Township Park?

A: I fully support having meaningful, collaborative discussions with our residents, our local businesses, Plymouth and the PARC organizers. This will help determine whether this project is right for our residents. Then, and only then, would we (as a team) look for ways to fund it. Public funding is not the only option.

I believe the present improvements to Township Park were made to counteract the plans for any shared recreation facilities with Plymouth and prepare for a self-serving amphitheater. Do we really need a parking lot we

can land an airplane in? No public funds should have ever been committed without asking the voters if that is what they really wanted. This behavior exemplifies the lack of transparency and adds to growing ill will.

Q: Name your top two priorities for Plymouth Township and briefly describe how, as a trustee, you would go about addressing those priorities.

A: The top two priority issues and my plans are: 1) Public safety — Police and fire must be guaranteed. I will support a way to reopen Fire Station 2 for Plymouth Township residents. Trust and respect will also be restored with these important public servants. Police and fire personnel have been pawns in township politics — this will stop! 2) Transparency in local government — The goals of township citizens are not being prioritized over personal goals of the present board. Some things I will propose are recommending website changes and the implementation of existing financial software; I will support and foster a respectful and productive atmosphere where all interests are heard; and I will facilitate better communication of issues and expenditures before committing funds.

Zeal Credit Union supports Guinness World Record attempt

For the second year in a row, Zeal Credit Union will support chain reaction builders in their attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest domino circle field and the U.S. record for the

longest chain reaction.

Zeal Credit Union's Incredible Science Machine: World Edition will take place Saturday, July 23, at Westland Shopping Center.

Zeal Credit Union's Incred-

ible Science Machine: World Edition will feature more than half a million objects, including 250,000 dominoes and thousands of other common items. The chain reaction will cover an area of more than 5,000

square feet.

Throughout the week beginning July 18, 18 builders from around the world will create the Incredible Science Machine with Steve Price, a Canton native and recent Michigan

State University graduate, who is leading the project.

For more information about the event, go to www.IncredibleScienceMachine.com.

OUR VIEW

Behavior damages Plymouth Township races

It's been an ugly primary campaign season in Plymouth Township.

The Republican races for treasurer, clerk and, especially, supervisor, have been marred by skulduggery, innuendo and childish tattling. Basic clerical errors — and their results — court battles and legal complaints have eclipsed any contest of ideas. Untraceable “dark money” has been used to trash candidates, while social media have spread unsubstantiated claims.

The process has diminished the offices to which the candidates aspire.

This behavior is not atypical for Plymouth Township in the present, recent or far past. This behavior has long characterized this local government and the men and women who claim to lead the township. It is time candidates receive a loud and clear message: The tawdry, self-righteous and vicious behavior has cast dark shadows when they should instead be shining light on their abilities, skills and successes.

With that said, the Plymouth Observer is making endorsements in the Republican nominating contests for supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

For supervisor, we endorse incumbent Shannon Price, based on his success as the appointed supervisor over the last nearly 16 months. Price, who carried



Clinton



Conzelman



Price

the label of carpetbagger into the job, has reset township priorities, faced critics on their own territory and worked hard at the nuts and bolts of daily governing.

We note, however, that Price would be wise to redouble his outreach should he be elected. His challenger, state Rep. Kurt Heise, was tossed off the primary ballot on a technicality, due to a lawsuit by a Price ally, so a Price victory would be seen in some quarters as illegitimate. Price would need to mend fences with voters who favored Heise — if that's even possible.

Heise, term-limited in the Michigan House of Representatives, is running an energetic write-in campaign.

For clerk, we endorse incumbent Nancy Conzelman for a second term over challenger Jerry Vorva, a

former state representative.

Conzelman, an attorney, is well-qualified and has proven capable (though she admits having overlooked a Heise paperwork error that got him removed from the ballot) but, like Price, would need to broaden public outreach.

For treasurer, we endorse challenger Mark Clinton over five-term incumbent Ron Edwards.

Clinton, a political newcomer, has the education, skills and executive and money-management background to be successful and appears only to want to be a good treasurer and contributing Board of Trustees member rather than a kingmaker. He has stood above the fray, mostly campaigning on issues rather than trashing his opponent, and would bring a sense of calm professionalism to the treasurer's office.

Voters are weary of the nastiness of Plymouth Township politics. It is not worthy of their votes, nor of the fine suburban community that can be seen on a daily basis outside township hall.

We urge the winners of next month's primary — whoever they are — to rethink hardened positions, give opposing views the hearing they deserve and set petty differences aside to move the township forward in the best way possible.

LETTERS

Why make a change?

My wife and I had the pleasure of being two of the volunteers at the Good Old-Fashioned July 4 Picnic at Plymouth Township Park. What a great time, seeing happy families enjoying a beautiful day with games, crafts, pie-eating, hot dogs and ice cream. The night before, we attended a fantastic fireworks display at the golf course. The display, in my opinion, was better choreographed than the display we saw on the Detroit River a few days before. All this is paid for through generous donations and sponsorships, not tax dollars. A shout-out is in order to all the volunteers, sponsors, Supervisor Shannon Price, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and, especially, Treasurer Ron Edwards and picnic coordinator Kelly Latawiec for the efforts that make these wonderful events.

I fear there is a chance that this great tradition could end. A small but very vocal group of people is

supporting candidates running against our present officials. Several of those who are running have stated the township should not be involved in the picnic or fireworks. Others have stated that the sponsor's reception is too lavish even though it, like the fireworks and picnic, is not paid with tax dollars. Others simply insist we need a change.

I am relatively certain my opinion will be rebutted in future issues of the Observer or social media, as it has in the past. Those rebuttals will likely include facts which are distorted and spun, as well as speculations.

Indisputable facts are we live in a safe, clean community with very low taxes and very low water rates. We are seeing great improvements to recreation. This comes as no accident. Why take a chance on a change? On Aug. 2, we are voting to retain Supervisor Shannon Price, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Nancy Conzelman. Keep the progress going.

Harry Jachym
Plymouth Township

Is history repeating itself?

Clearly, this is a time in our country when the citizens are agitated to register a wholesale dissatisfaction with the state of government, economy and culture. While we may disagree as to the particulars it is apparent that a majority in both parties is displeased with our circumstances. The situation drawing has not developed overnight but has instead taken advantage of our human nature, pressing incremental burdens upon us until we suffer sufficiently to arouse us to our

bitter lot. So it was with our ancestors who rose in revolt against similar burdens placed upon them.

Unlike our ancestors, however, we have not produced a Declaration of Independence to articulate and present our grievances. We have relied upon the slogans and bytes of political candidates to voice them. We lack the confidence generally attached to a deeper understanding of the First Principles which support our liberties (property rights, individual liberty, rule of law); But we intuitively recognize that all is not well in our government.

Our anger is understandable. But our passion can only animate us while it is our reason that will direct us toward satisfying remedies. Our reason is capable of contemplating that which is and comparing it to that which ought to be. But our awareness of what ought to be serves us better when we have studied the many issues of past governments to learn from the experience of our ancestors and benefit from the knowledge they gleaned from it. We have long neglected the study of the philosophy and history of self-government.

Fortunately we have access to time-tested principles adopted by our forefathers. They are available in the many documents (Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers, Anti-Federalist Papers and the Constitution) preserved for just that purpose — to inform future generations that which they must know to govern themselves.

Now the question asked of our ancestors is asked of us: What are we prepared to do about it?

Greg Stachura
Canton Republican Club

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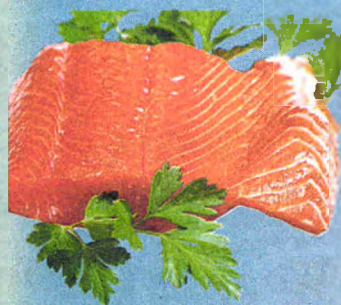


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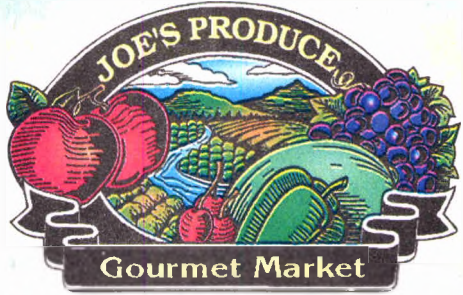
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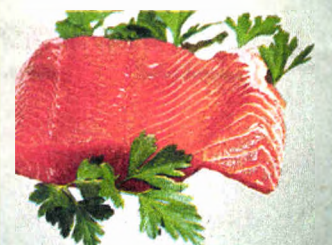
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NEW LOOK AT USA HOCKEY ARENA

SAFE, STURDY AND SLICK

Installation of new boards, glass brings Plymouth arena into 21st century

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Look out, hockey fans sitting in the front row this season at USA Hockey Arena.

That first heavy hit into the Plymouth arena's brand new glass-boards combo likely will catapult large beverages off the ledge and into their laps.

"When people hit it, you can see it move," said Paul Fassbender of the arena's maintenance department, pointing out the ready-to-flex boards and acrylic glass that last month were installed at the building's smaller rink — where the U.S. National Team Development Program's two teams compete.

"The people in the front row, the first couple times, they'll get some entertainment," Fassbender said with a knowing nod, explaining that a beverage cup won't stay put when the crunching body checks arrive.

Earlier this month, Fassbender and co-workers were busy putting the new boards up

at the former Compuware Arena's bigger, Olympic-sized rink. The new ice will be made this week, after which glass panes will be slipped atop those boards.

Fassbender is no stranger to hockey rinks. He coaches Saline High School's varsity team and previously guided teams at Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Heavy duty

These days, he is all in on helping USA Hockey maintain a state-of-the-art ice plant, complete with safety features that

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TIM SMITH

Newly installed boards and glass, including this curved piece at the bench, will help prevent concussions at USA Hockey Arena. Here, players try out the new-look facility on the NHL-sized rink.

MOTOR SPORTS

Ed Wright
Staff Writer



FULL THROTTLE!

Stevenson grad on fast track toward motocross glory

Racing with a freshly healed collarbone that was still looming in his life's rear-view mirror, Livonia resident Derek Raupp accelerated his long-time and long-shot dream of becoming a professional dirt bike competitor earlier this summer when he qualified for the National Motocross Championships set for early next month in Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Raupp's chances of advancing to the national championship — which accepts just 1,482 of a possible 22,000 hopefuls — appeared grim in the wake of a late-May spill that left his arm in a sling.

But the action-loving dirt-biker healed as swiftly as he races and placed third at an ATV/MCAMA regional event held June 24-26 in Millington.

"I had to finish in the top six at the regional, and I placed third," said Raupp, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and current student at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. "I surprised myself a little with how quick I was able to come back."

Unlike most other kinds of motor sports that are run on smooth, predictable surfaces, the courses for motocross cover acres of hilly, dirt tracks that demand off-the-charts, exceptional maneuvering skills and the durability to withstand bone-jarring rides.

"I'm definitely sore once a race is over," Raupp said. "You bounce around quite a bit on the hills and the races last

SUBMITTED

Livonia resident Derek Raupp navigates a sharp curve during a recent motocross race.

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Waza athletes fare well

Waza Track Club had an impressive showing earlier this month during a Michigan AAU regional qualifier in track and field at Detroit Renaissance High School.

All 17 of the Waza athletes who participated set personal records and qualified for the Junior Olympics July 30-Aug. 6 at Turner Stadium in Houston, Texas.

Lindsey Struts had the best single performance, establishing personal records in the 100-meter hurdles, shot put, 200 dash, javelin throw, 800 run and triple jump.

She matched her PR in the high jump and qualified for the national meet in the heptathlon, triple jump and high jump.

The other Waza athletes and the events in which they qualified are — Bella Haynes: 800, 1,500 and 3,000 runs; Luke Montgomery: 800 and 3,000; Mahi Khandelwal: 800; Rylee Lukes: 800 and 1,500; regional champion in the 1,500; Dash Dobar: 800, 1,500 and javelin; Allison Deep: 100, 200 and 400; Bo Anderson: 1,500, 3,000 and javelin; regional champion in the javelin; Miranda Meyers: 1,500 and 3,000; Drew Harris: 400; Amrita Shivaraman: 800; Aishwarya Shivaraman: 800 and long jump; Mason Montgomery: 800 and 1,500; Joey Deep: long jump; Malcolm Cleaver: long jump; Brendan McCoy: 3,000; Kyle Samluk: 3,000.



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The Waza Track Club members are (front row, from left) Allison Deep, Mason Montgomery, Judah Montgomery, Drew Harris, Malcolm Cleaver, (middle row) Luke Montgomery, Mahi Khandelwal, Aishwarya Shivaraman, Bella Haynes, Amrita Shivaraman, Madeline Chau, Miranda Meyers, (back row) coach Cathy Momeyer, Lindsey Strutz, Melanie McDowell, Kendall Skore, Brendan McCoy, Bo Anderson, Dash Donar, Garrett Nagelhou, Josh Momeyer, Joey Deep and head coach Doug McDowell.



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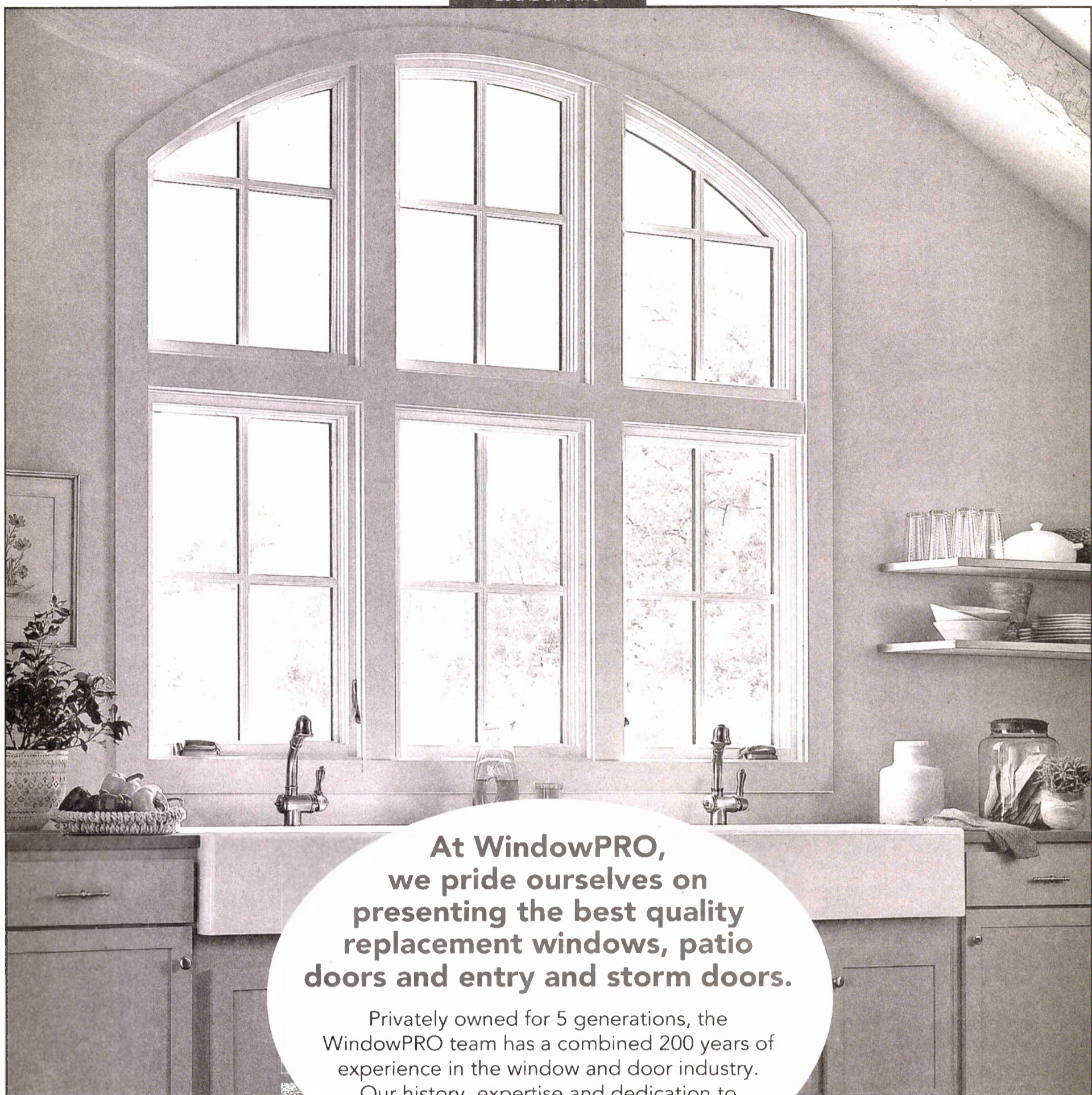


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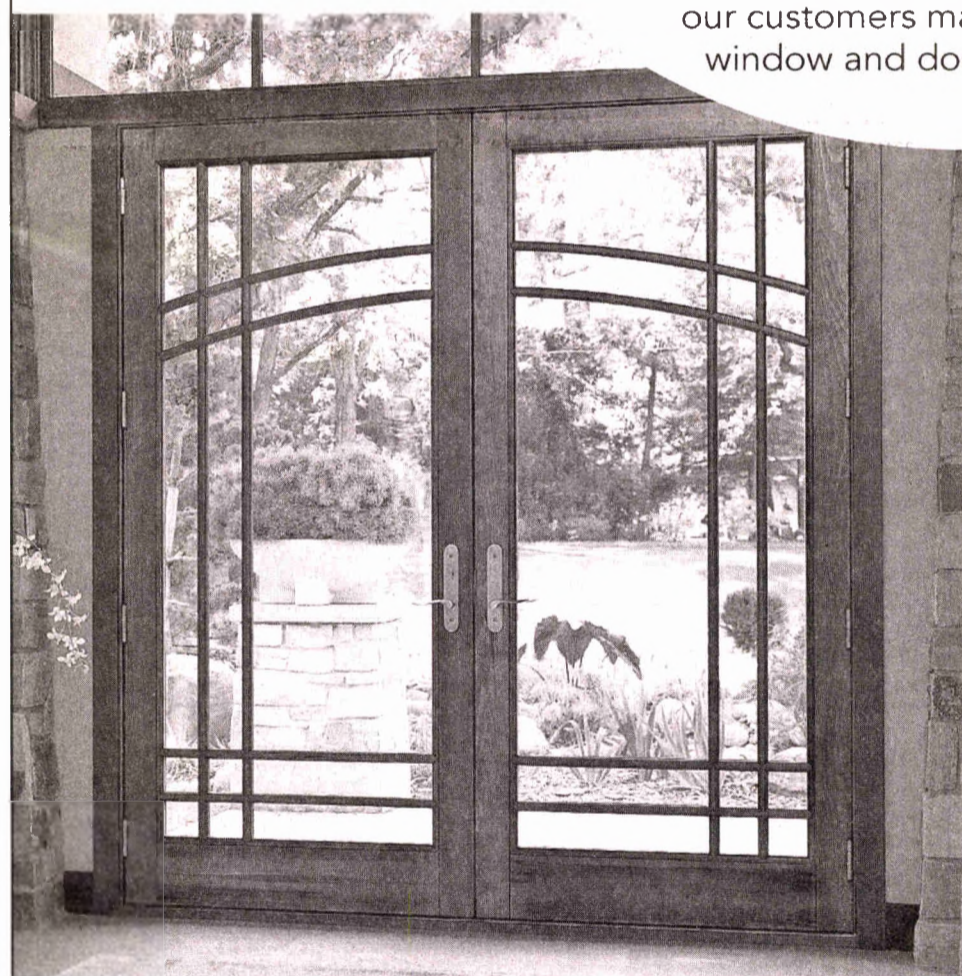
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It's easy to forget that, while you're playing home inspector, the space currently belongs to someone else.

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House shopping? Remember your etiquette during open houses

With home buying season in full swing, potential home buyers are flooding into homes they saw on realtor.com and in person with the help of a Realtor. It's an exciting time, full of possibility and hope, but it is easy to forget that, while you're playing home inspector, the space currently belongs to someone else.

Still, buyers need to get a full picture of what they're buying. So, where do you draw the line; what is permitted and what should you restrain yourself from doing? The National Association of Realtors consumer site HouseLogic has buyers covered with house tour etiquette tips. When it comes to checking out closets and storage, for example, feel free to peek (you'll need to know this, after all), but try not to disturb anything.

As for snapping photos, feel free to take what you need to make a decision, but think twice before posting — remember that someone still lives there, and they may not want their personal valuables displayed for the world to see (especially if you've already identified where the house is located).

It's a marathon house-hunting day. As you check out listing No. 5's brand new windows, it suddenly hits you: "Oh man, I have to go to the bathroom."

Should you, or shouldn't you? Navigating do's and don'ts can be totally awkward, so we asked the pros everything most buyers secretly want to know. Stacey Freed of HouseLogic shares her knowledge.

Well, can I use the bathroom?

If you've got to go, you've got to go — but don't just wander off and take care of business. It might not work in every house. Literally.

"Ask permission," says Pat Vredevoogd Combs, past president of the National Association of Realtors, who works and lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. Vacant houses, especially in winter, may have the water shut off, so there's no

We're pretty sure ordering house hunters to forgo coffee qualifies as 'cruel and unusual punishment' ... if you're carrying a drink, be careful - unless you're prepared to go mano a mano with the floor.

way to flush. That's something you really want to know before you go.

And if you're at a busy open house, being in the loo for more than a minute means other potential buyers can't check out the facilities — and may not want to after you've, um, done your business.

To be safe, schedule in a few pit stops at restaurants or gas stations along the way, suggests Vredevoogd Combs.

Is it OK to bring in my coffee?

We're pretty sure ordering house hunters to forgo coffee qualifies as "cruel and unusual punishment" in some states. But if you're carrying a drink, be careful — unless you're prepared to go mano a mano with the floor.

"So many first-time home buyers are millennials, and I almost never see them without a cup of Starbucks in their hand," Vredevoogd Combs says. "I had one guy spill his coffee on white carpeting and we had to get down on our hands and knees to clean it up."

Food, on the other hand, is *no bueno*, unless the seller has left out cookies. By all means, take one, but eat it in the kitchen. Preferably over a napkin.

Can I peek in the closet?

"Absolutely," says Tg Glazer, 2016 president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors. "Buying a home is probably the biggest purchase you're ever going to make, and you need to check out ev-

erything." Basically, look all you want, but don't rifle around. You're shopping for closet space, not a new wardrobe.

How about a quick selfie with this awesome, lemon-colored range?

With smartphones being practically an appendage for many buyers, snapping pics to share with friends and family is so easy. But hold your trigger finger, especially if you're planning to share the images online.

Whether you can take photos and videos "seems to be a regional custom," Vredevoogd Combs says. "In some cases, sellers have valuable things and don't even want their homes promoted online. Ask permission first."

Can I plop down on that chaise lounge?

Vredevoogd Combs says she's not a fan. "Feeling comfortable enough to want to sit on the furniture might be a good intent to buy, but it isn't your furniture and you're not buying it." Plus, that cozy looking couch or comfy bed might be staged — air beds or cardboard boxes wearing fancy clothes — so you might take a spill.

If you need to sit, for health reasons or that sprained ankle from your last marathon, just ask. That's not unreasonable.

The bottom line is the old-fashioned Golden Rule: Do unto others' homes as you'd have them do unto yours.

"Be on your best behavior," says Vredevoogd Combs. Pretend the seller is there — and sometimes they are, even if you can't see them. They might be waiting next door at a neighbor's house and wander back at any minute. So it's also a good idea to keep comments to yourself. You wouldn't want them to overhear how much you love the master suite — that could mess up your negotiating power if you decide to buy.

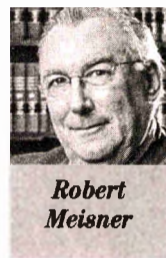
Snyder signs bill to eliminate requirement related to tax dispute

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Robert Meisner

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Walbridge senior VP tapped for 'Women Who Lead' class

Walbridge Senior Vice President and board member Terry Merritt has been selected by WJR News/Talk 760 to its 2016 class of "Women Who Lead."

The program, initiated six years ago, celebrates women throughout the Great Lakes region who are making a difference in the community. Senior Producer Ann Thomas recently interviewed Merritt and the podcast is available on WJR's website here.

"Terry is an integral part of Walbridge and her contributions to our company's executive team, growth and culture have been hallmarks of her success," said John Rakolta Jr.,

chairman and CEO of Walbridge. "We are proud to join WJR in congratulating Terry on being honored as one of the 'Women Who Lead' and her incredible contributions to our industry and our region."

Merritt has been with Walbridge for 35 years and supports numerous programs that improve the lives of women in the state of Michigan. She is chair of the Haven Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors for Inforum, Michigan Women's Foundation, Wayne State University - HIGH Program and Women United for United Way of SE Michigan.

Merritt has been awarded

Inforum's Inner Circle Women of Achievement Honoree, Crain's Detroit Business 2002 Most Influential Women, CORP Magazine's 2002 95 Most Powerful Women in Michigan, the Athena Award from the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce and the State of Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights, Michigan Women's Commission.

Merritt and the other "Women Who Lead" will be honored this fall during a special broadcast by WJR's Paul W. Smith.

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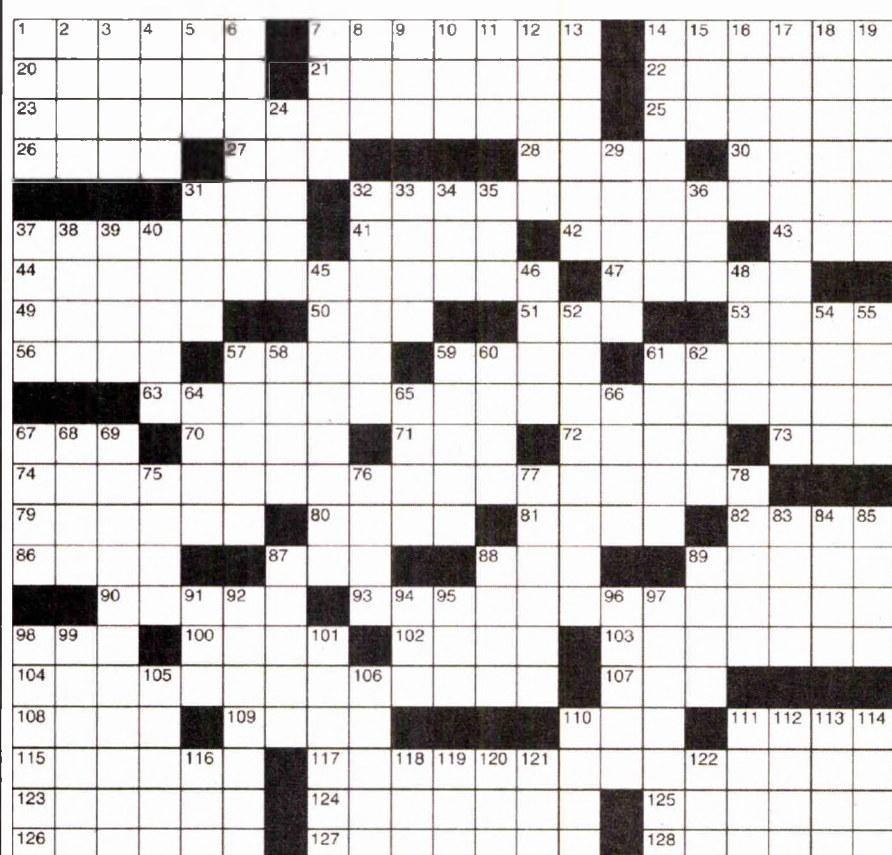
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Greek letters after rho
 - 7 French country house
 - 14 Classic game consoles
 - 20 Vain type
 - 21 Loud warning gizmo
 - 22 With 71-Across, pre-talkies time
 - 23 Valuable desert plants?
 - 25 Graf of tennis
 - 26 "Leave it in"
 - 27 PC-to-PC hookup
 - 28 Shuttle org.
 - 30 Chalk out
 - 31 Pine cousin
 - 32 Test of one's holiness?
 - 37 Most gross
 - 41 Twistable cookie
 - 42 Legal title
 - 43 Dollar or euro divs.
 - 44 Really bad-mouth a physician?
 - 47 Good (at)
 - 49 Tool in a wood shop
 - 50 Walk- (tiny parts)
 - 51 Iowa's tree
 - 53 Slim, slithery fishes
 - 56 Voting "no"
 - 57 Really small
 - 59 Tennis' Korda
 - 61 Jet boat model
 - 63 Rehearse with great enthusiasm in Britain?
 - 67 Poker prize
 - 70 401(k) cousins
 - 71 See
 - 72 22-Across
 - 72 Itsy-bitsy bit
 - 73 Suns' org.
 - 74 Scandal over legal agreements in Tehran?
 - 79 Tea varieties
 - 80 Trial pledge
 - 81 Huck's craft
 - 82 Acclaim
 - 86 Give out
 - 87 James Bond, e.g.
 - 88 Mom's skill, for short
 - 89 Suit material
 - 90 Far Eastern mercenary
 - 93 Oil-anointing rite in old Russia?
 - 98 Chillax
 - 100 Without, in Paris
 - 102 Bank holding
 - 103 Ballet garb
 - 104 Draw out feta or Brie?
 - 107 "Uh-uh," rural-style
 - 108 Elisabeth of "Molly"
 - 109 Boxing wallop
 - 110 Kit - bar
 - 111 Re
 - 115 Ones giving Gls orders
 - 117 "That bee just ingested poisoned plant fluid!"?
 - 123 Warming current
 - 124 Hastened
 - 125 Cornell's city
 - 126 Abate
 - 127 May's gem
 - 128 Enthusiastic about
 - 3 Ex-veep Al
 - 4 Pol Romney
 - 5 Bat wood
 - 6 Fashionable
 - 7 "E!" actor James
 - 8 Big name in fruit drinks
 - 9 Actor Carney
 - 10 Fri. precoder
 - 11 Goddess of the dawn
 - 12 Lack life
 - 13 Not voiced
 - 14 Evaluated
 - 15 Little bird
 - 16 First Hebrew letter
 - 17 Outwardly shown by
 - 18 Actually
 - 19 Is lousy
 - 24 - blanche
 - 29 Surf and turf's "turf"
 - 31 Big bash
 - 32 Woody Allen's wife
 - 33 Curved lines
 - 34 Post-taxes
 - 35 Talk lovingly
 - 36 F preceders
 - 37 Mallorca, por ejemplo
 - 38 Tribal bunch
 - 39 Actor William or Nicky
 - 40 "Gotcha," to a jazz cat
 - 45 "Keep it up"
 - 46 Pictorial paper part
 - 48 Highest point
 - 52 Excavation discovery
 - 54 Lisa of pop music
 - 55 Sammy of the diamond
 - 57 Poi plants
 - 58 Confident cry
 - 59 Roost
 - 60 Floride, par exemple
 - 61 Tuned to, as a dial
 - 62 Hollywood's Morales
 - 64 Basmati, e.g.
 - 65 Usher in
 - 66 "The Tao of Pooah" author Benjamin
 - 67 Organ part
 - 68 Provo's neighbor
 - 69 Alternating
 - 75 Curt denial
 - 76 Light shafts
 - 77 Dahl of film
 - 78 Butler played by Gable
 - 83 "Eri tu," e.g.
 - 84 Monster-film lab assistant
 - 85 -lease
 - 87 Christmas Eve visitor
 - 88 Bonds
 - 89 Garbage-hauling boat
 - 91 Covert org.
 - 92 "Bad" singer Michael
 - 94 Bullring call
 - 95 Contend
 - 96 Lower arm bones
 - 97 Clean freak
 - 98 Artery, e.g.
 - 99 Breathe out
 - 101 Reaper's tool
 - 105 Former TV host Philbin
 - 106 Boring
 - 110 NBA's Jason
 - 111 Dull pain
 - 112 Getz of jazz
 - 113 Fiesta snack
 - 114 Algerian city
 - 116 Compass dir.
 - 118 Before
 - 119 Fumble
 - 120 Vardalos of the screen
 - 121 Playa - Rey
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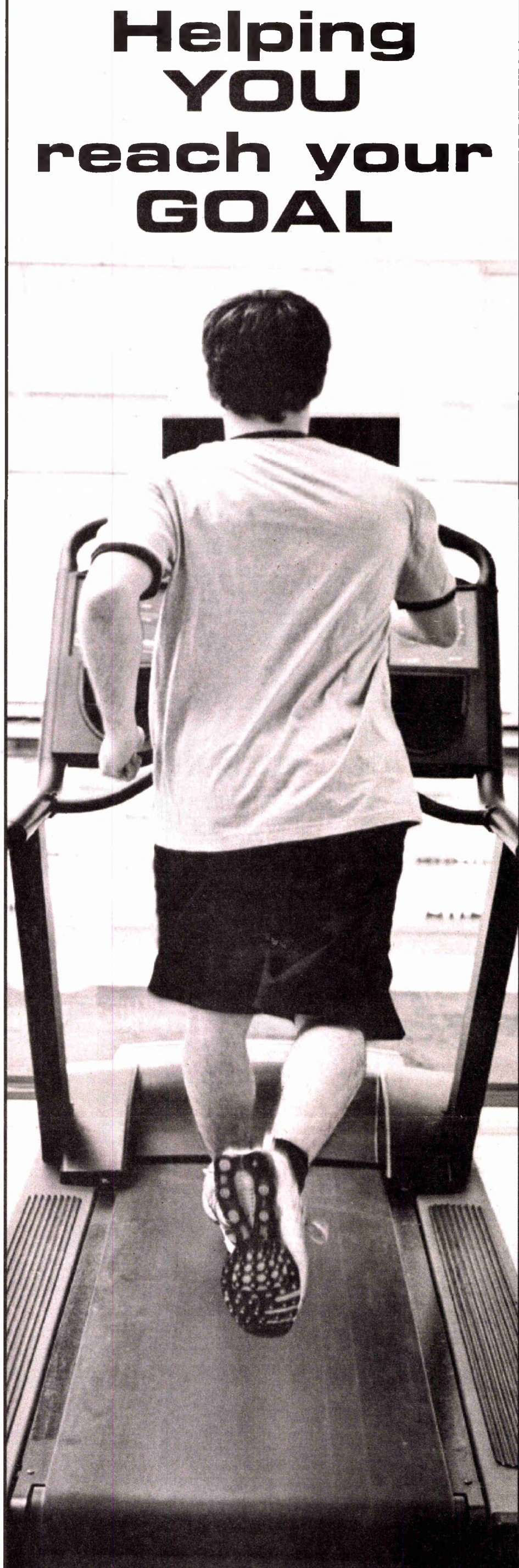
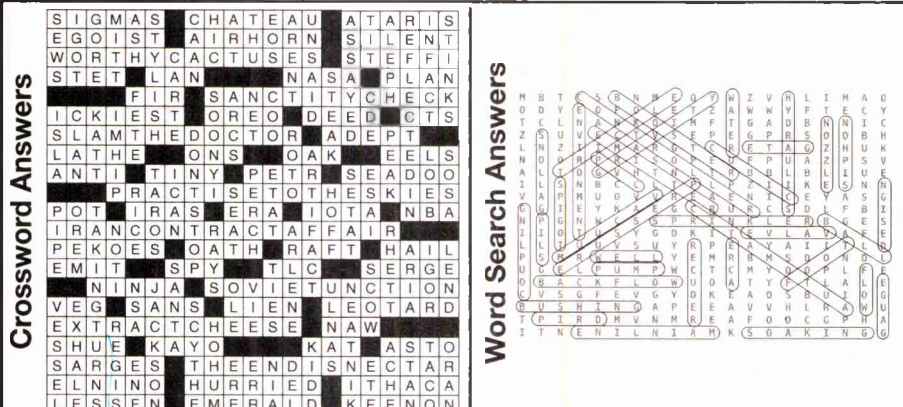
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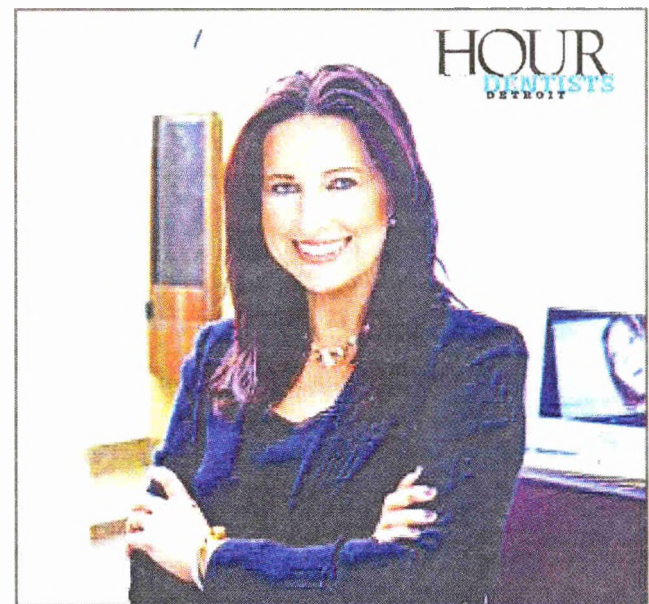
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FIVE TIPS TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR BACKYARD

Once warmer weather arrives, there is nothing better than spending time outside on your deck or patio. But before you can enjoy those outdoor spaces to the fullest, you need to put in a little work to make them feel fresh and new again.

These tips from Linda Ly — garden-er, outdoors expert and author of the Garden Betty blog — can help you clean up your outdoor space and re-fresh your home's exterior just in time to host a summer barbecue party.

1. Make it edible. If you're conflicted about what to plant, turn to functional plants that look good and taste great, too. Ly's favorite meals come from her backyard, with raised beds where she rotates vegetables such as kale, beets and radishes, plus herbs are scattered throughout the garden in small beds and pots. She also grows fruit trees, flowers and a cactus garden and has a composting area and tiki coop for chickens.

2. Ready the deck. No one likes fungus on the deck — or mildew stains, dirt or weather-beaten patches. Pressure wash your deck then re-stain it with a matching color and finish and apply a wood preservative to help prevent



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water damage and discoloration.

3. Remove mold and mildew. Mold and mildew can form on the exterior siding and trim of your home, as well as

on patio furniture, flower pots and swimming pools. It's important to regularly clean the outside of your house as well as your outdoor furniture and

accessories that may be susceptible to standing water to remove any mold or mildew. It is easy to remove mold or mildew with a garden hose, a long-handled brush and a mixture of one-half cup of Clorox Regular-Bleach per each gallon of water.

4. Give it a fresh coat. Weather can really take a toll on a paint job. If your shutters are looking dull, it might be time for a touch-up. Same goes for the garage door, as well as your front door. Nothing is more welcoming to guests than a well-cared-for facade.

5. Stop the spread of fungal disease in gardens. One thing to be mindful of in the garden is fungal diseases, which can be deadly to plants and wildlife. Although it may not be the first thing that comes to mind, Clorox Regular-Bleach when used as directed is a simple but powerful tool that is often used to help stop the spread of fungal diseases and can even keep flowers alive longer when you add a small amount to the vase.

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For many people, pets are a part of the family. Owning a pet is a rewarding experience, but also an important responsibility. Fortunately, there are preventative measures that can be taken to help keep pets healthy.

Just like their human counterparts, pets are susceptible to bacteria and viruses both within and outside the home. There are some highly contagious and dangerous illnesses like parvovirus, canine influenza, rabies and adenovirus that pet owners should be aware of.

This checklist from veterinarian and author Dr. Jessica Vogelsang will give pet owners the peace of mind they need to take care of their furry families, whether within the comfort of home or during a vet or kennel visit:

Vaccinate – All dogs need to be vaccinated for parvo, distemper, rabies and adenovirus. Cats should be vaccinated for panleukopenia, calicivirus, feline herpes virus type I and rabies. Your veterinarian is the best guide in determining the timing of vaccinations for dogs, cats and other pets.

Discover – Before fighting germs at home, you must first identify where those germs are living. Make a list of every place and every object your pet has been or touched. Be sure to think like a detective, too. If your canine counterpart enjoys drinking from the

porcelain throne, be sure to add that to your list of culprits.

Disinfect – To disinfect non-porous surfaces and accessories like crates and toys, use Clorox Regular-Bleach on a regular basis. You can use a solution of one-half cup of bleach in one gallon of water. To eliminate the risk of infection from bacteria and diseases such as parvo, soak the items in the solution for 10 minutes, then rinse and air dry.

Be informed – Germs can survive for a long time. This is especially true in spaces where pets are constantly coming in and out. Before dropping your pet at the vet or a kennel, don't be afraid to ask what measures they are taking to prevent the spread of germs.

Make it routine – It's important to always keep your pet's health in check from basic teeth cleanings that eliminate germs living in their mouth to monthly heart worm prevention medication to keep their hearts healthy.

"As a veterinarian, I know keeping pets happy and healthy is very important," Vogelsang said. "Fortunately, using Clorox Regular-Bleach can help prevent the spread of germs and viruses like parvo within both animal shelters and hospitals, as well as within your own home."

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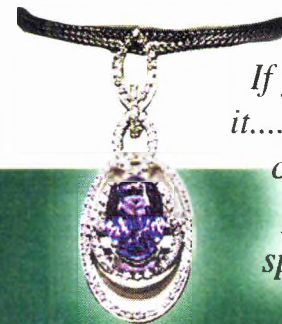
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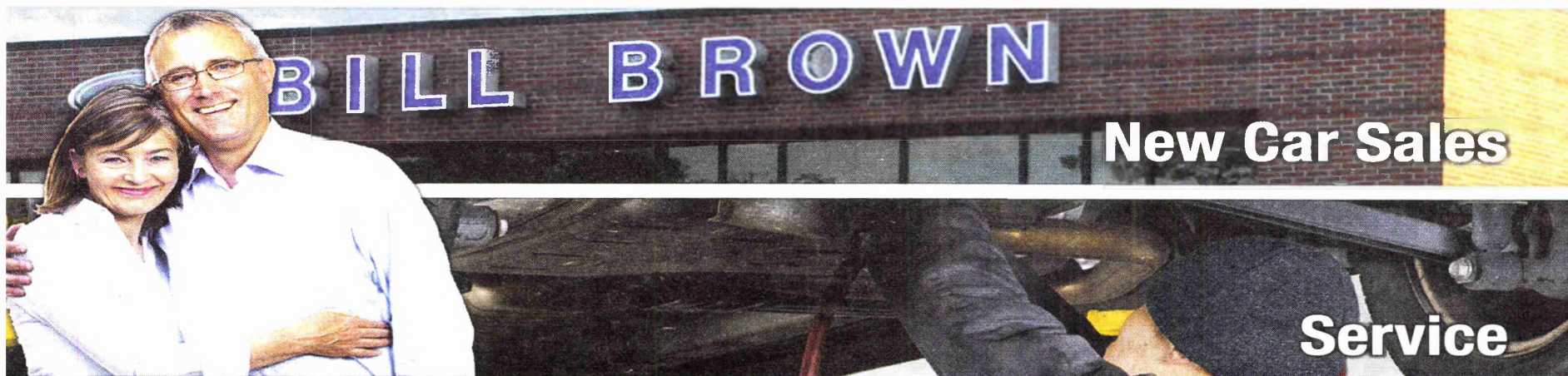
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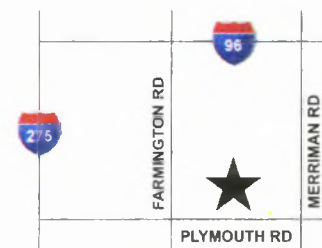
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Servings: 4

- 2 cups pitted, halved Northwest fresh sweet cherries, divided
- ¼ cup almond liqueur
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 12 lady fingers, split in half lengthwise
- 4 whole Northwest fresh sweet cherries with stems
- ¼ cup whipped lowfat cream cheese, divided

Mix halved cherries, liqueur and sugar; marinate 1 hour or longer. Arrange lady fingers against sides of 4 martini glasses. Before serving, spoon ¼ cup cherries over lady fingers and swirl 1 tablespoon cream cheese over cherries in each glass. Garnish with whole cherry and serve.

Substitutions: Orange liqueur may be substituted for almond liqueur. Angel food cake or pound cake, cut into 3-by-1-by-½-inch strips, may be substituted for lady fingers. Lightly toast strips, if desired. Sour cream or creme fraiche may be substituted for cream cheese.



Now that sweet cherry season is officially here, these summertime rubies are a must-have for any barbecue or party, whether they're baked in a pie, crushed into a cocktail or eaten as a fresh out-of-hand snack. But first things first: What should someone look for when searching for the perfect cherry?

The Perfect Cherries

Cherry enthusiasts should keep an eye out for firm, shiny and smooth skins. In general, the darker the cherry, the sweeter, and with most varieties darkness is a sign of ripeness. The stems should be green and flexible.

Keeping Your Cherries Fresh

Fresh cherries should be kept in a tightly sealed bag or container and can keep for approximately two weeks in the fridge. While this cherry season will be short, you don't have to limit these tasty, healthy treats to just the summer. Buying an extra bag (or two, or three) to freeze allows you to have sweet cherries all year long.

To create festive cherry dishes for the summer season, try this Cherry Martini or Cherry Almond Pie.

CHERRY ALMOND PIE

Servings: 8

- ½ cup sliced almonds, divided
- 1 pastry (9 inches), for double crust pie
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 cups pitted Northwest fresh sweet cherries
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons red wine
- Red Wine Glaze
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- ½ cup red wine

Heat oven to 375°F.

Finely chop ¼ cup almonds.

Roll dough into circle approximately 16 inches in diameter and sprinkle chopped almonds over top; roll gently to embed nuts in dough. Transfer dough to lightly greased baking sheet lined with parchment paper, if desired. Brush with beaten egg.

Mix cherries, sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, salt and wine. Spoon cherry mixture onto dough, leaving 4-inch border. Lift edges of dough over fruit, leaving 5-inch circle of cherries showing in center. Fold in edges of pastry to form circle.

Brush pastry with remaining egg mixture; sprinkle with remaining almonds. Bake 30 minutes, or until pastry browns and filling bubbles. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. If desired, serve with Red Wine Glaze to drizzle over each serving.

To make Red Wine Glaze, mix together powdered sugar and red wine.

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BEAUTY SECRETS

It's time to get your body ready for tanks and shorts, bikinis at the beach, evenings out with friends and vacationing with family – all of which mean showing off your beautiful skin. Summer styles call for a whole new approach to body care.

You can boost your summer beauty regimen by giving your body extra attention from head to toe and adding a few of these expert tips and products from European Wax Center to your routine, giving you the confidence to show off your skin at every warm-weather occasion. Find more tips and products to be gorgeous in your own skin at waxcenter.com.

Hair removal tips

One hair can make a big difference in how you look and feel, especially since you're going to be showing off more skin this summer. European Wax Center's chief wax expert and educator Melanie Gilliland offers the following tips to keep hair contained to and growing only where you want it:

» **Never tweeze ingrown hairs.** Ingrown hairs would be much less of an issue if they were left alone and treated with an ingrown hair serum or ingrown hair wipes. If the hair is partially outside of the skin and you can easily grab it with tweezers without breaking skin or digging in the least, feel free to remove it. If it requires digging, popping or squeezing, hide your tweezers and leave it alone.

» **Wax on a schedule.** If you wax on a schedule without shaving, your waxes become easier over time. The most effective way to reduce discomfort is to wax on a schedule (approximately every 3-4 weeks), which will also help accelerate results, such

as hair thinning and growing in more sparsely. Waxing too often (when the hair is too short) will actually be more painful and if the hair is too long, it indicates that you have waited too long and now the hair has had more time to root itself.

Banish ingrown hairs

Make banishing bumps and ingrown hairs disappear quickly and easily while visibly helping slow the regrowth of hair between waxes with convenient, single-use Smooth Me Ingrown Hair Wipes that help nip pesky ingrown hairs anyplace, anytime. These portable wipes are infused with alpha and beta hydroxy acids and prevent bumps when used daily (twice daily for existing breakouts).



Say bye-bye to dead skin

You can wave goodbye to dry, dead skin and accelerate cell renewal without any harsh abrasives and prevent ingrown hairs by helping keep hair follicles clear after waxing with Reveal Me Body Exfoliating Gel. Naturally derived fruit enzymes eliminate dry, dull surface cells and support natural cell turnover, and Comfort Blend nourishes and restores skin. While it's gentle enough for daily use, it's recommended at least three times a week to help maintain beautiful skin.

Give your skin a radiant glow

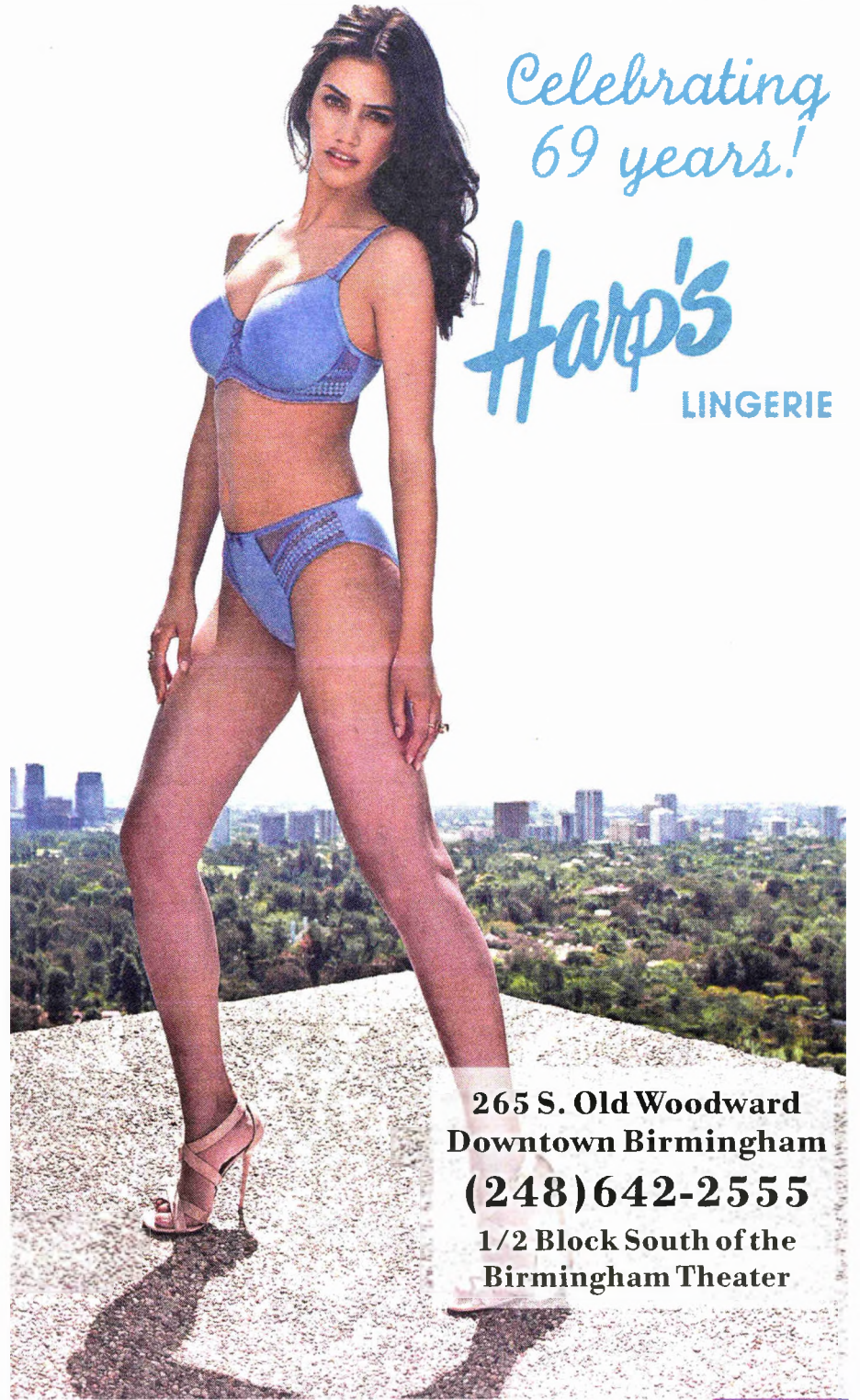
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It's important for kids to get daily active play because it contributes to their physical, emotional and social development and helps them maintain a healthy lifestyle.

EASY TIPS TO KEEP KIDS ACTIVE THIS SUMMER

With the school year complete, kids are excited to relax after a year of hard work, learning and extracurricular activities. However, this may lead to the temptation of sitting on the couch watching TV or playing on a computer.

In fact, a recent survey conducted by Dr. Pepper Snapple Group's Let's Play initiative found that only 33 percent of children participate in daily active play and for 30 minutes less than the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends. It's important for kids to get daily active play because it contributes to their physical, emotional and social development and helps them maintain a healthy lifestyle.

To ensure kids get the active play they need this summer, try boosting their playtime with these tips:

» **Make play time family time.** According to the Let's Play survey, in general, year-over-year younger children's active play time is more likely to be impacted by busy family schedules. To make sure your family is getting the physical activity they need, find windows within your busy schedule to fit in some play, even if it's just a brief break. For example, rather than asking about your children's days at the dinner table, take a pre-dinner family walk to hear more while getting in some steps.

» **Create summer structure.** Without structured school days, kids may get too comfortable sitting inside playing video games. An American Academy of Pediatrics study shows that rather than

playing outside, kids are spending an average of seven hours per day on entertainment media. It's important to let your children have downtime during the summer, but setting up family play dates will give them something to look forward to while keeping them active. This could be a weekly family bike ride around the neighborhood, a game of catch or capture-the-flag.

» **Creativity is key.** Summer means longer days, more hours of sunlight and more opportunities to be outside. Get creative when motivating your kids to be active. For example, take a daily activity like walking the dog and turn it into a scavenger hunt by drawing up a treasure map of things your children should find on their walk, such as a pine cone, flower, blue car and other items around the neighborhood.

» **Host backyard play dates.** Playing is always more fun with friends. According to the Let's Play study, longer stretches of active play are more likely to occur with friends or siblings. Round up kids from your neighborhood to get together for a different activity each week, such as an obstacle course or hide and seek. This allows your children to socialize and be active for an extended period of time.

For more information about ways to keep kids active and playing this summer, check out LetsPlay.com for hundreds of play ideas that are searchable by season, age range and group size.

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Kitchens are moving outside. And they're doing it in a big way. According to a recent study from the National Kitchen and Bath Association, outdoor kitchens are expected to be a top design trend in 2016.

"An outdoor kitchen can drastically improve the value of a home," said Alana Busse, designer and NKBA Central Coast and Valleys chapter president. "They also bring people together. Whether it's simply your neighbors coming over for a weekend barbecue or a big family gathering, everyone loves being outside."

Big or small, the basic principles of outdoor kitchen design remain the same. Get started by understanding these basics:

Get the right heat

It all starts with the grill – the centerpiece of the outdoor kitchen. Russ Faulk, chief designer and head of product for Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet, which makes outdoor kitchen equipment, suggests basing your selection on the cook you aspire to be, not the kind you are now. Remember that there are no uniform depths, heights or widths when it comes to grills, so future upgrades can be a challenge.

More homeowners are also expanding their cooking capabilities with specialized products offering different types of heat. Smokers, pizza ovens and

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charcoal or wood-fired grills, such as Kalamazoo's Gaucho Grill, are options to keep in mind as they can enhance the outdoor cooking experience.

Assess the space

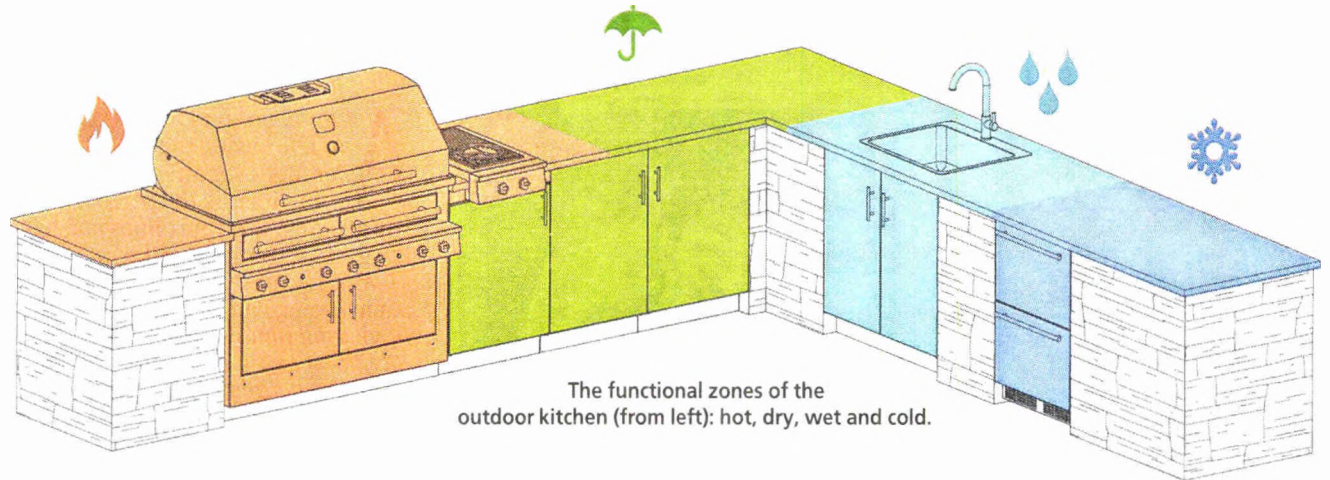
Faulk recommends thinking about how you envision the relationship between your indoor and outdoor kitchens next.

If they are relatively close together, an outdoor kitchen can utilize the indoor kitchen's capabilities, such as prep space and storage. Conversely, a fully independent outdoor kitchen with refrigeration, warming cabinets and cabinetry is more self-reliant, but will require more space and connections for gas, water and electricity.

Grill placement is also a key decision. If you entertain often, Faulk recommends keeping the cook in the party by positioning the grill perpendicular to the dining area.

In the zone

You'll get the most out of your outdoor kitchen when you have different functional zones designated, Faulk said. Plot out where you will position four key zones – wet, cold, hot and dry



The functional zones of the outdoor kitchen (from left): hot, dry, wet and cold.

– to make prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning much easier.

The cold zone should be next to the wet zone. This will simplify moving food from the cold zone refrigerator to the wet zone sink to wash and get ready for grilling in the hot zone.

Also plan for uninterrupted counter space, or landing areas, for placing platters and utensils while cooking. Grills should have at least 24 inches to one side and 12 inches to the other.

Sinks should have 18 inches on both sides for room to wash food or place dirty dishes.

Be sure to dedicate enough space for each zone and think about the relationships among them for cooking and serving activities.

Left outside

Being outdoors means your refrigeration and cabinetry will need to be equipped to handle the elements.

When considering refrigeration for an outdoor kitchen, Faulk stresses food-safe rated options.

With these products, meats won't go bad and drinks will stay cold, even when it's above 95 degrees outside.

Cabinetry should be equipped to handle rain and protect the items inside. Weather-tight cabinets have seamless rain gutters around the door and drawer openings to help divert water.

By incorporating the right design principles, an outdoor kitchen can be the place where you and your guests enjoy delicious meals for years to come.

For more design tips, go to kalamazoozooourmet.com.

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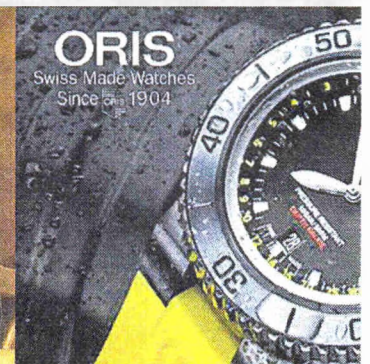
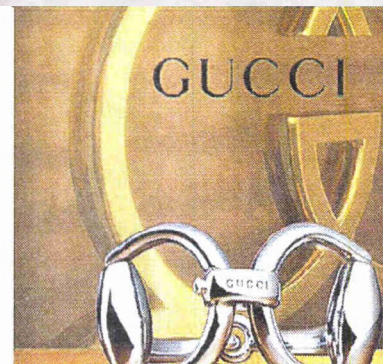
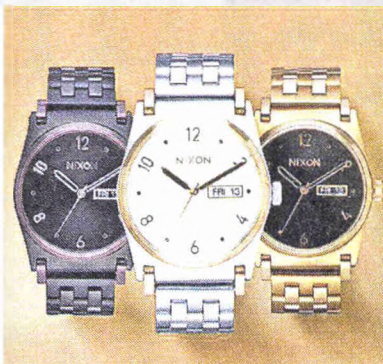
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Whether you're headed somewhere sunny, going camping in a national park or visiting family or friends in another city, these tips can help you save money and reduce stress while traveling America's highways and country roads.

Travel off-peak

Savvy planning can help you avoid crowds on the road and at the destinations you visit. For example, hitting the road mid-week after the morning rush hour can help you get a great head start on your travels.

Visit attractions on unpopular days of the week to avoid long lines and annoying surcharges. Many attractions and hotels charge extra fees on popular travel weekends, like holidays.

Save on fuel

Whether you're driving a motor cycle or minivan, tuning up your vehicle before hitting the road can be a smart way to ensure optimal perfor-

mance and fuel efficiency.

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Make it fun

A road trip is about so much more than the destination. Don't be shy about making small detours to see on-the-way points of interest — it'll break up the journey and be easier on the driver and passengers alike. If you bring the right attitude, the old adage "getting there is half the fun," will be true of your summer road trip.

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Fortunately, if roughing it isn't your idea of a good time, there are several ways you can elevate your campsite for a less primitive experience.

Screen out pests. Even the most avid nature lovers can appreciate the need to keep pests away from their sleeping area.

Using a tent with a screened patio area is one way to help cut down on the flies, mosquitoes and other guests inside your sleeping quarters. The screen helps keep the majority of potential pests away from the main tent entrance so you can come and go more freely.

Power it up. A generator makes it possible to enjoy some comforts from home while you're soaking up the fresh air. Electricity can help power practical uses (fans and phone chargers, for example) and other non-essential purposes such as personal electronics and cooking devices. If you're thinking your camping neighbors may balk at the large, noisy version you use for emergency backup power, you're probably right. Fortunately, inverter generators,



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like Briggs & Stratton's PowerSmart Series, are designed for quiet operation – perfect for a campsite. Some inverters operate as low as 59 decibels, quieter than a normal conversation. Look for models with technology that allows you to power mobile devices safely and offers campers multiple power options and outlets for greater versatility.

Portable generators emit carbon monoxide and are dangerous if not operated properly. The only safe place to operate a portable generator is outside and away from the campsite. To learn more, go to takeyourgeneratoroutside.com.

Keep comfy at night. Many campers pack with a minimalist approach, but

your bedding is no place to skimp. Even one night of uncomfortable sleep can put a damper on your getaway and leave you achy and irritable. If a cot or inflatable mattress isn't practical, at least consider an extra layer for a softer cushion below you.

Cut cooking time. There's something hypnotically calming about the sight and sound of flames dancing in the night. But when your stomach is growling, the fire pit can be your worst enemy. A propane or electric stove can help ensure you won't go hungry.

Clean things up. After a hot, sticky day of hiking, a shower may be just what you need to refresh and revive. Fortunately, if your campsite doesn't offer a bathhouse, there are dozens of options when it comes to portable showers. Make sure you have a dry towel at the ready by using a microfiber blend that is not only lightweight for transport but also dries quickly between uses.

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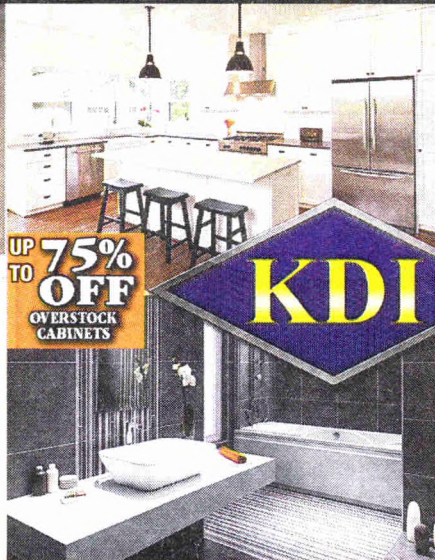
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