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Bingo, taste of Plymouth and more

Eight things to try at next weekend's Fall Festival

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The Plymouth Community Fall Festival, which has roots dating back to 1956, opens Friday, Sept. 9, and continues through Sunday, Sept. 11.

The festival brings together Plymouth-area community groups, churches, nonprofits

and booster clubs, which stage events and sell products and meals to raise money for their operations. The festival offers food, carnival rides and free entertainment. The weekend culminates Sept. 11 with the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue; the club typically sells around 10,000 chicken dinners.

Here are eight festival events, ranging from some of the most popular and better-known happenings to some of the festival's best-kept secrets, to help plan your Fall Festival experience.

Taste Fest

Taste Fest, under a tent outside Station 885 in Old Village, is a Fall Festival mainstay, but has almost become a major event in itself. The

smorgasbord of samples from area restaurants is 6-8 p.m. Friday. It's organized by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club.

Joining Taste Fest this year will be Beyond Borders, which offers Latin street food, b.d.'s Mongolian Grill, Olga's Kitchen, CAYA Smokehouse Grill, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza and Wok Asian Bistro. They'll join veteran participants like Station 885, La Bistecca Italian Grille and Grand Traverse Pie

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Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10 (younger ones are free). At Station 885, 885 Starkweather.

Bingo!

Bingo is back, this year sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Little League, 6-9 p.m. Friday at The Gathering. Games will be called continu-

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Samantha Rousseau of Canton shows off a flower-shaped bowl she made in advanced pottery camp at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Summer art extravaganza

Young people marked the end of a creative season Wednesday as they showed off their artworks during the Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual summer camp exhibit and reception.

The show, featuring paintings, sculpture, pottery, drawings and multimedia works, followed nine weeks of PCAC day camps in which about 300 children and teenagers took part. The season's 40 camps ranged from hip-hop dance to musical theater to advanced pottery to painting, film making and cartooning.

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Parents and family members of the artists attended the event at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts in Plymouth, where pizza and frozen desserts were served. Campers were able to take their summer creations home with them.

A "fish maraca" made by Luke Covington of Plymouth.



Drunk at drive-through Tasered after shoving cop

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A Plymouth Township man faces a charge of attempted assault on a police officer after becoming combative at the Taco Bell restaurant on Main Street the evening of Aug. 22. There were no reported injuries.

Benjamin H. Betts, 31, was arraigned Aug. 23 on that charge and a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, said Lt. Jamie Grabowski, supervisor of the Plymouth Police Department's detective bureau. Judge James Plakas set a bond of \$5,000 in 35th District Court and scheduled a pretrial hearing for Friday, Sept. 16.

Betts has since been released on bond. Grabowski said Officer David Edwards used a Taser after a man at the Taco Bell drive-through shoved him at about 8 p.m. Aug. 22 and then resisted the officer's attempts to control him. The man was described as 6-foot-3 and weighing over 300 pounds.

The man fell to the ground after being shocked with the Taser, Grabowski said, but tried to get back up, ignoring Edwards' commands, and was shocked again. At this point, Officer David Cowell arrived and the man was handcuffed, Grabowski said.

Edwards had responded to the Taco Bell on a report of a man there who was unrespon-

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Betts

Attorney: Mental health system fails carjacking suspect

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Calling it "one of the saddest cases I've had," an attorney said Canton carjacking defendant Faheem Tamir-Saul Nance had sought help for mental health issues before a ruckus at Walmart led to criminal charges against him.

"This circumstance says

more about the politics of mental health and how we treat people than anything else," defense attorney Kesia Nikia Reeves said. "He had made several attempts at trying to get help for himself prior to



Nance

this incident."

Her remarks came as Nance, a 26-year-old Westland man, is facing trial in November in Wayne County Circuit Court for two counts of carjacking, six counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of armed robbery, making a false bomb threat and a felony firearm violation. If convicted, he

could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Nance was declared competent to stand trial during an Aug. 26 hearing in 35th District Court that came nearly one year after Canton police arrested him at the Walmart store on Ford Road, east of Lotz.

It took almost a year after Nance was referred to a state

forensics center for a psychiatric evaluation for authorities to declare him competent to stand trial.

"A person being found competent to stand trial does not necessarily mean that person was competent at the time of the commission of a crime," Reeves said.

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Jimmy John's robbery suspect bound over

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A Plymouth man accused of robbing a Livonia sandwich shop last

month has waived his preliminary examination and will continue his case in downtown Detroit.

Bradley Toombs, 40,

appeared Thursday morning before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann via video from the Wayne County Jail for a probable cause conference. Toombs is charged with unarmed robbery, fourth-degree fleeing



Toombs

and eluding and larceny from the person and faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Toombs's attorney, James Anderson, originally told McCann his client's intent was to waive the preliminary examination, which is held in district court to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to trial. When McCann asked Toombs

over the video conference if that was his intent, he originally told her he wanted to hold the exam and plead not guilty.

The case was adjourned for a short time as Anderson spoke to Toombs, as it appeared there was some confusion over the intent. Later, Toombs told McCann he indeed wanted to waive the hearing and have the case sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for further proceedings.

Toombs is accused of robbing the Jimmy John's sandwich shop back on Aug. 17 at 13453 Middlebelt, just south of I-96, in Livonia. Police say he entered the shop around lunchtime, demanded money from the workers via a note and left after they gave him an undisclosed amount of cash.

His arraignment is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

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Witnesses told authorities the defendant pointed two Airsoft pistols at employees and customers — some of whom believed the guns were real — and then attempted two carjackings in the parking lot. The incident unfolded about 10:30 p.m. last Sept. 13.

One customer drove off, but witnesses alleged Nance managed to get inside another victim's Honda Accord, struggled to work the manual transmission and was captured by

police, who said he made false claims he had a bomb.

According to court records, Nance is jailed with a \$500,000/10-percent bond as he awaits trial - meaning he would have to pay \$50,000 for his release. He has a not-guilty plea on record.

Court records also indicate that Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong has ordered another competency evaluation for Nance, with a new competency hearing pending in October.

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ously during the evening and three special grand-slam bingos will be held at 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Players must be at least \$18 and have identification.

Entertainment

Something at Kellogg Park is bound to suit your taste, whether it's the Dale Hicks Band kicking off the festival at 7 p.m. Friday, the Optimist Club pet show at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jeff Wawrzaszek's magic show at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon or the closing act, Acoustic Madness, at 4 p.m. Sunday. In between there will be dance, tae kwon do, fitness demonstrations and more. All free.

I want pancakes!

Start off festival Saturday with a pancake breakfast, from 7 a.m. to noon at The Gathering. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door; email Mark Riegall at markriegall@gmail.com for advance ticket information. Children 5 and under are free.

The breakfast is sponsored



The carnival has become a Fall Festival mainstay.

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sored by Plymouth's two Kiwanis clubs and the proceeds go toward the Kiwanis mission of helping children throughout the world.

Tend your garden

The Trailwood Garden Club will sponsor a perennial exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House. No charge: Bring a perennial and take home a different one or just stop by to browse or ask questions.

Car cruise

the wheel of a vehicle in the drive-through lane, Grabowski said.

Edwards woke the man, who appeared intoxicated and was hostile, and the vehicle lurched into the vehicle ahead of it in the drive-through,

Antique and classic cars will be on display on Forest, between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, Friday and Saturday. Open to all makes, models and years. Judging is Saturday and awards will be handed out Sunday. Sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695.

Getting to know you

Organizations sponsoring booths at this year's festival will include the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps (roasted almonds), Living Word Church (lemonade), the

Polish National Alliance Dancers (kielbasa, pierogis and stuffed cabbage) and the Huron Township Rotary, which will be raffling off a motorcycle.

Spaghetti dinner

Spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks are on the menu 4-8 p.m. Saturday during the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.'s spaghetti dinner. The dinner is in the tent off of Harvey behind E.G. Nick's. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the dinner; call 734-455-5810 for information on advance tickets.

A strolling musician will be returning to this year's dinner and a new event, a meatball toss, will be introduced. Carryout service is available.

Festival hours

Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. See the festival website, plymouthfallfestival.com, for complete information.

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As the man continued to resist Edwards' attempts to control him, the officer used the Taser, Grabowski said.

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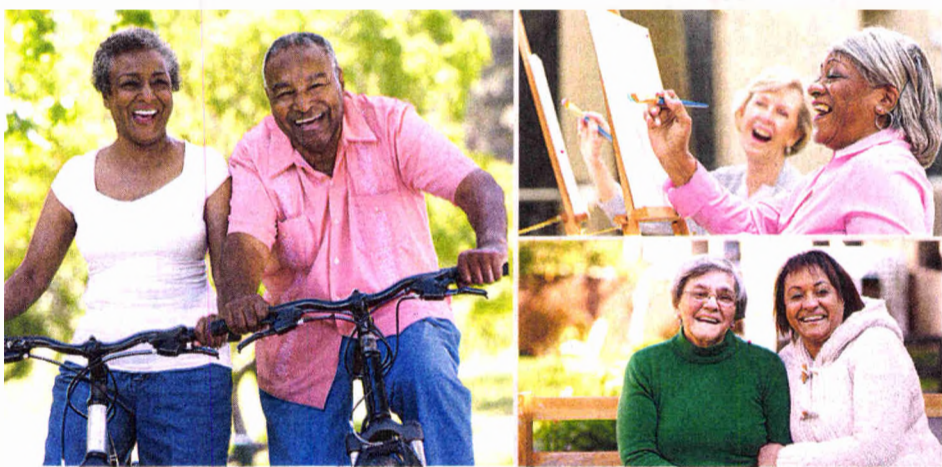
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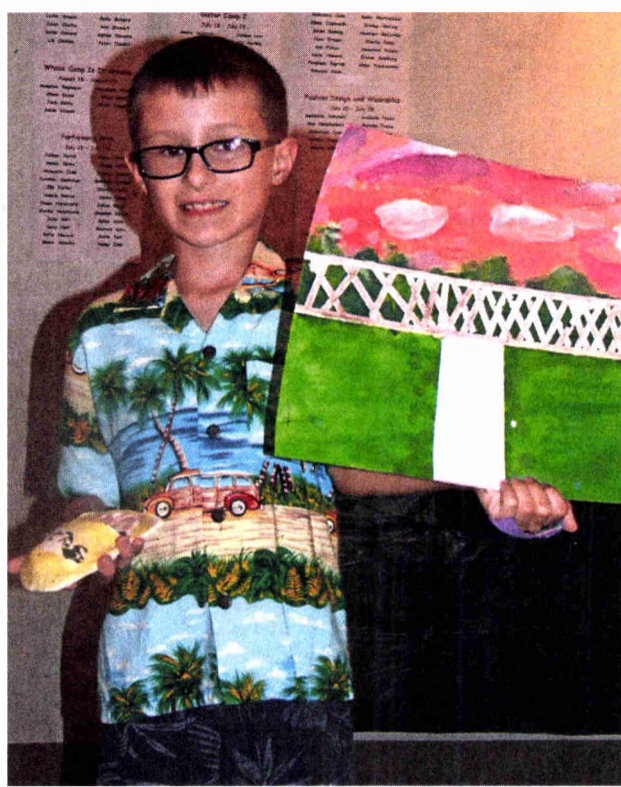
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PCAC students show off their art projects



MATT JACHMAN

Artists in one camp put together simple shapes of clay to depict the human face.



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Charlie Palko of Plymouth shows off work from the Plymouth Community Arts Council summer camps.



RACHEL BOHN

Pure Barre instructors (from left) Rose Schulist, Jaelyn Baack, Carmen Crapo, Bridget Amodeo and Amy Smith led the free class Wednesday. Studio owners Liz Hynes and Becky Lictawa hope to open Pure Barre Plymouth in October.

Pure Barre is pure Plymouth

Kellogg Park became an outdoor exercise space Wednesday evening as more than 100 people tried out the Pure Barre fitness program.

Liz Hynes and Becky Lictawa, who plan to open a Pure Barre studio in downtown Plymouth, brought five of their instructors to the Kellogg Park stage to lead free lessons in barre exercise — small, isometric movements that tone the body.

Hynes, a Salem High School graduate who

was on the school's nationally ranked dance team for all of her four years there, said the Pure Barre approach combines Pilates and ballet, focusing on one major muscle group at a time, followed by stretching.

Pure Barre is a franchise company that originated in Birmingham and now has more than 400 locations in the U.S. and Canada. Lictawa and Hynes plan to open their studio at 585 Forest Avenue next month.

Nothing sour about these new pickleball courts in Canton

Construction of six pickleball courts has been completed at Freedom Park in Canton, part of a community benefit project provided by Pulte Homes, in an effort to enhance sports opportunities and athletics for area residents with special emphasis on seniors.

A grand opening ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend this ribbon-cutting ceremony — especially pickleball enthusiasts and those looking to try out the sport. Equipment will be provided.

Funded by a capital contribution from Pulte Homes for Grandview Estates, this conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts will provide seasonal recreational opportunities for Canton residents. Popular in active adult retirement communities, pickleball is gaining fans of all ages across the country, local officials say.



CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton is unveiling its new pickleball courts.

Pickleball, often described as a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, is played with paddles and a plastic ball on courts about half the size of a tennis court, across a net two inches lower than a tennis net. The ball, which is similar to a whiffle ball, is hit with a composite paddle that resembles an oversized table-tennis paddle.

"Pickleball is a sport that has been growing among all demographics," said Jason Lombardo, Summit facility coordinator. "It is simple to learn and beginners are

often playing on their own by the end of one lesson. We're very grateful for Pulte Homes' generous donation that enabled us to construct these dedicated pickleball courts."

Invented in the 1960s on Bainbridge Island in Washington state, pickleball has expanded from a family activity to a net court sport with formalized rules. Now more than 40 years later, pickleball is played in thousands of communities across the country. The origin of the sport's name is often debated, but it is supposedly

named after one of the original game developer's family dog, Pickles, who would often chase miss-shot balls.

Freedom Park's pickleball courts are located on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer Roads. The courts are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis when not in use during scheduled class sessions. Canton Leisure Services will also provide instructional programming to encourage play for all ages. Additional neighborhood tennis courts are available at Griffin Park, located on Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, and Flodin Park, located at Saltz Road and Morton Taylor Road.

For additional information about Canton's new pickleball courts and upcoming instructional programming, go to www.cantonfun.org or call the Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460.

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By: Sam Potter
Health Correspondent

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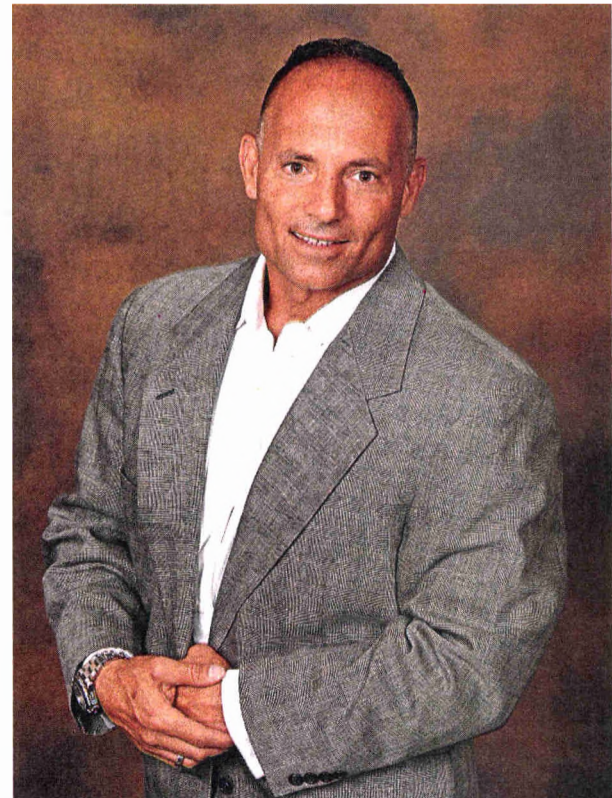
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P-CCS introduces newest administrative staffers

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools announces its newest members of its administrative team for the 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, the longtime principal of Hoben Elementary School, will expand her positive impact on the district by serving as the new assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations. Vartanian-Gibbs brings 28 years of diverse experiences to the superintendent's leadership team, including teaching stops at Hoben, Isbister and Tonda, serving as a curriculum coordinator for the district and most-recently serving for 13 years as Hoben principal.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, a familiar name to P-CCS, has agreed to return to the district to serve as the interim chief academic officer for the 2016-17 school year. Hughes will provide leadership, vision and strategic direction for the district's instruction, assessment and school improvement initiatives, while overseeing the district's evaluation program for all principals and

teachers. Mark Salzer has accepted the director of technology position that was vacated by Elson Liu in June. Salzer is a familiar name to the department, having served on Liu's team as associate director of technology for the past three years and being a key player in the vision and implementation of the district's innovative technology plan.

The district has filled two director-level positions on the instruction side of the Teaching & Learning Department:

Maureen Molloy will remain with P-CCS as director of elementary education. Molloy has spent the past five years serving as principal of both Allen and Tonda Elementary Schools and prior to her time with P-CCS was a principal at Thorne Primary Elementary in Dearborn Heights.

Elizabeth Mosher joins the district as director of secondary education. Mosher held the same title she has with P-CCS for the past five years in Huron Valley Schools and also brings a variety of administrative experiences from Lake-

land and Farmington High Schools with specializations including DECA and E2020.

Terry Sawchuk will follow his year serving as interim principal to become the principal at Discovery Middle School. He will be joined by Jim Johnson, who is departing his post as principal at Hulsing Elementary to join Sawchuk as the new assistant principal at Discovery Middle School. These two student-focused leaders will make an excellent administrative team for Discovery students, staff, and families.

Blair Klco has been hired to be the new principal at Miller Elementary School. Klco has served as a teacher, technology and math curriculum director and assistant headmaster in Switzerland and an elementary principal for a Title I building in Charlotte Public Schools. Her background with school-wide PBIS, data walls and MTSS standards make her a great fit to support the vision of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Lisa Johnston will bring her vast set of experiences in the

district as the new principal at Hoben Elementary School. A very familiar name to P-CCS, Johnston was an assistant principal and teacher at Workman Elementary School, working with Dr. Jim Burt, from 2011-15. She also served as a classroom teacher at Field and Eriksson elementary schools from 2004-11.

Jennifer Chambers joins P-CCS as the new principal of Hulsing Elementary School after serving as an elementary principal in Wayne-Westland Community Schools from 2009-15. Chambers, who achieved a Rapid Turnaround of a Priority School while with W-WCS, is affiliated with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Michigan Reading Association and The Leader in Me. During her time in the classroom she was the recipient of the Detroit Free Press Teacher of the Week.

Dr. Deirde Brady will serve the Tonda Elementary School community as its new principal. Brady's passion for working closely with students has guided her back to building

level administration after her time as director of elementary education for Huron Valley Schools, a district in which she also previously served as principal at Heritage Elementary. She brings experience as an adjunct professor in the School of Education at Oakland University and has been a presenter at EdCon as well as various state symposiums for the Leader in Me program.

Angel Lett has joined the administrative team at Salem High School as an assistant principal, working alongside Principal Kim Villarosa. Lett is familiar to the P-CCP community after her years serving as a counselor at Salem and, previous to her work in P-CCS, Lett was a teacher and administrative intern in various spots around northeast Ohio.

Deagan Jewitt and Carmen Johnson, both former teachers in the district, have each accepted new positions with P-CCS as student support coordinators. Jewitt and Johnson will offer academic support for both students and staff at Eriksson, Workman, Field and Hulsing elementary schools.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Basic training completed

Cadet Gavin McAuliffe, son of Karen and Patrick McAuliffe of Canton, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy.

McAuliffe entered West Point on June 27 and has successfully completed six weeks of CBT. CBT is one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

The initial military training program provides cadets with basic skills to instill discipline, pride, cohesion, confidence and a high sense of duty to prepare them for entry into the Corps of Cadets. Areas of summer instruction included first aid, mountaineering, hand grenades, rifle marksmanship and nuclear, biological, and chemical training.

McAuliffe began classes Aug. 15. The West Point curriculum offers 37 majors balancing physical sciences and engineering with humanities and social sciences leading to a Bachelor of Science degree.

McAuliffe graduated from Salem High School. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2020, while majoring in law, and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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Fellowship awarded

The 2016-17 Michigan Philharmonic Youth String Fellowship has been awarded to Thomas Follbaum, a senior from Livonia who is a member of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Follbaum, 17, is entering his senior year in high school through Mother of Divine Grace home school program. Studying under Michigan Philharmonic youth string conductor, Hektor

Qyteti, for the past 10 years, Follbaum has become an exceptional violinist performing with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for seven years, most recently serving as concertmaster for the 2015-16 youth orchestra season.

He is a mentor for the MPYO Sinfonia group, and has performed at numerous charity and community events as a representative of the MPYO, in addition to performances at his parish, and at hospitals and hospice centers. Follbaum is active in many other activities playing center on the Washtenaw Saints Varsity Football team (of the Christian Athletic League of America), serving as a production assistant for the Michigan Philharmonic, and as a senior altar server at his parish in Detroit.

Under the fellowship, Follbaum will perform with the Michigan Philharmonic on select concerts throughout the regular season and will be mentored by Washburn on many facets of becoming a professional musician.

P-CCS Parent Council readies for new school year

The P-CCS Parent Council is gearing up for a new school year with plans for its meeting at 9 a.m. Sept. 23 at the E.J. McClendon Educational Building, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth.

Throughout the year, the meeting will be at the same time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and at central office on Harvey.

At the first meeting new administration will give a brief introduction and overview of their positions. Superintendent Monica Merritt will also be present to provide district information updates. There will be a question and answer period for parents to have their concerns addressed by the superintendent and other district administrators. Parent Council meetings are designed for parents, guardians and interested parties to receive information regarding the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

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Arbor Hills Landfill has withdrawn its request to expand north of Six Mile in Salem Township.

Arbor Hills Landfill officials withdraw expansion request

Joanne Maliszewski
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On the heels of Northville Township's strongly worded resolution opposing expansion of Arbor Hills Landfill and a strong citizens' grassroots effort, facility owners at Advanced Disposal this week withdrew their request for expansion north of Six Mile in Salem Township.

"We felt our focus needs to address issues brought forward with the citizens," said Mark Nighbor, Advanced Disposal marketing and communications vice president. "They want us to address these issues — odors and traffic. We felt the request (for expansion) was being a distraction."

The decision to withdraw the request does not prevent Advanced Disposal from requesting expansion in the future, Nighbor said. "This makes sense now," he said. "We will focus on addressing the citizens and make them aware of our plans. We will get feedback and work on solutions."

The withdrawal request went to the Washtenaw Solid Waste Committee, which after 17 years is now updating its county plan. Washtenaw had not updated its plan until Arbor Hills requested it in anticipation of potentially expanding or building a new landfill. Advanced Disposal has reportedly purchased additional property on the Salem side along Napier Road in anticipation of expanding its operations in the future. According to Nighbor, Arbor Hills has an estimated more than 10 years — closer to 17 years, say township officials — capacity available at the landfill.

Because the landfill is in Salem Township, however, Northville Township officials have had no legal say in whether a new landfill is ever approved.

But the township's involvement and efforts from the grassroots Stop Arbor Hills have made resident voices and opposition heard. Tracey Birkenhauer, who started Stop Arbor Hills, said, "I'm absolutely thrilled that Advanced Disposal has withdrawn its landfill expansion request. Washtenaw County has confirmed to me they will not include any landfill expansion or new landfill in their solid waste plan as a result of Advanced's withdrawal."

"This is a huge win for all residents who have been negatively affected by this dump for many years," Birkenhauer added.

Since January, members of Stop Arbor Hills have distributed thousands of fliers, posted yard signs, hosted and attended countless meetings. Most of them are from Salem and Northville townships with a few from Novi and South Lyon, she added.

Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko and Treasurer Marjorie Banner, both of whom serve as liaisons to Stop Arbor Hills, lauded the citizens'

grassroots effort. "There's a large team who worked on this," Shadko said. "I learned the lesson that a group of grassroots volunteers — along with elected officials — can do wonderful things. Forming a partnership with Arbor Hills, Salem and Northville townships, is going to be good for all parties concerned."

In a press release issued Monday, Kelly Rooney, Advanced Disposal district manager, said, "We want the county's process to be successful and the expansion issue has been a growing distraction to the broader and very important conversation that Washtenaw County needs to have around issues like increasing recycling, sustainability and composting."

Banner, Shadko and Supervisor Bob Nix collectively weighed in on Advanced Disposal's latest news Tuesday: "Northville Township is pleased that Advanced Disposal has acknowledged the concerns and requests of Northville Township and its residents. This withdrawal provides the opportunity for the township to seek solutions to the many issues surrounding the impact of the landfill on its residents."

"The township committee appeared before the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Committee at its public meetings. The township committee presented an impact statement which documented the adverse impact of a new landfill on our residents, and established that there was no need for a new landfill. (The impact statement is on the Northville Township website)." Nix has consistently met with officials from

the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division and Wayne County Solid Waste management to support the township's efforts with Arbor Hills.

The four-page resolution opposing any expansion or the siting of a new landfill near the Northville Township border last week was the township's latest effort. The resolution had previously been read before the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Committee and trustees were expected to attend the next meeting Sept. 14 to officially present the document. Shadko said Tuesday he still intends to go to the Washtenaw meeting.

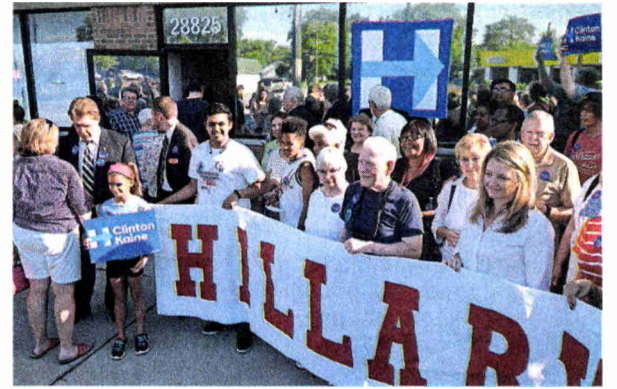
Napier Road resident Debbie Brown, who has also attended the solid waste meetings in Washtenaw, is happy with Arbor Hills' decision. But she remains skeptical. "We've been told this before," she said, referring to Arbor Hills' last expansion in 2009. Referring to acreage Arbor Hills donated to Salem as a park, Brown said to be a good neighbor Advanced Disposal should ensure that it remains park land, rather than used for future expansion. The park land, which Brown said does not appear to be heavily used, is an indication that "no one wants to be next to a dump."

Birkenhauer offered similar comments: "Advanced Disposal should donate the hundreds of acres they have purchased on the north side of Six Mile Road as an act of good faith. Advanced Disposal said in their press release they want 'to make Arbor Hills a great community partner with our neigh-

bors.' They need to prove this through their actions, not words."

According to Rooney at Arbor Hills, landfill officials are "responding to concerns and requests from Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker on behalf of township residents to tackle issues that include resurfacing Five Mile Road, increasing dust control on dirt roads near the area, and directing trucks to use only a designated route in and out of the landfill to help ease traffic congestion."

With the request for expansion withdrawn, Nix said township officials will continue to work with Arbor Hills to address the odor and truck traffic problems. Nix said it will be interesting to see what happens with truck traffic when I-275 northbound opens next week. "All of us will continue to follow up with the other issues," Nix said.



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The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened a campaign office in Livonia.

Democrats open campaign office for Clinton, other candidates in Livonia

David Veselenak
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A new presidential coordinated campaign office recently opened in Livonia — and it's the first of its kind for the city in many, many years.

The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened an office at 28825 Plymouth, just east of Middlebelt.

R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said the office is the first time such a coordinated campaign office has opened for federal Democratic candidates in Livonia.

It's a move, Burnett said, local Democrats hope to do to push the center in favor of Clinton over Republican candidate Donald Trump.

"Turning Livonia blue is our goal," he said. "When I got started, I'm just estimating right now, the demographics were like 60/40. And today, it's more like 48/52, 49/51."

The city of Livonia has voted for a Democratic presidential candidate just once since

2000. That candidate was Barack Obama in 2008, who received 165 more votes than John McCain. Livonia voted for Mitt Romney in 2012, with the Republican taking 51 percent of the vote to Obama's 47 percent.

Several dozen people came to the opening, many donning shirts supporting Clinton and eating refreshments, which included Clinton-themed cupcakes. The office is expected to operate throughout the campaign season, organizing phone banks, meetings and canvasses across Livonia.

Several other coordinated campaign offices opened Monday as well, including locations in Grosse Pointe and Battle Creek.

Speaking at the office opening Monday was Kumar, the Democratic candidate running against current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, for the seat representing the 11th Congressional District. That district covers parts of northwest Wayne County, as well as portions of southern Oakland County spanning from Milford to Troy.

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Eva Davis
Library Director

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Dagorhir warriors battle it out Tolkien-style

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The battlefield was thick with swords. They cut through the hot summer air, bouncing off shields and striking a limb here, a torso there.

Gloriann Curley of Garden City ran along the fringes of the melee, focused on her opponent. She swung at his legs with her trusty flail. He raised his sword in response and she swung again.

A strike from her padded flail doesn't hurt, but can leave "some pretty sweet bruises."

But with no hits and no harm done, the warriors parted ways to skirmish elsewhere in Livonia's Rotary Park. Its nature trails and lawn became combat zones last weekend for members of a national live-action role-playing society called Dagorhir.

Curley, known to her subjects as Queen Glo, and her husband Ben, "King Jayne" Curley, are members of a Dagorhir unit known as Fury of the Called, which is part of a larger group, the realm of Eryndor. They and members of other Dagorhir chapters came together for a day of battle games at the park.

Local chapter, The Kingdom of Akron, sponsored the daylong event, called The Deepwood Ascension Festival II, that drew together Dagorhir players, primarily from Ohio and Michigan, to test their combat skills with homemade foam-padded weapons. The festival also included an archery tournament, princess rescue, a hunt for bandits to retrieve stolen treasure and a costume contest. Players dressed in medieval-looking garb and top game players won gold tokens they exchanged for prizes.

"It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."

DAN 'SIR JACK ANGELFOOT' HEBEL

Tolkien's world

"Dagorhir battle games have been around since 1977," said Dan "Sir Jack Angelfoot" Hebel of Warren, a knight of Akron. "It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."

Dagorhir was founded by college friends in Maryland and was based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel, "Lord of the Rings." The organization has chapters throughout the country and a week-long "extravaganza of mass melee and fun," called Ragnarok every June in northwest Pennsylvania.

Weapons must meet specific construction and safety guidelines and are checked before they are allowed in play. Hebel said they are designed to hit at full force and not cause injury.

In the 1970s, broomsticks were used as swords and couch cushions doubled as shields.

"Nowadays, weapons are more high tech. Typically they are made out of fiberglass with an exterior coating of foam," Hebel said. A layer of fabric prevents the foam from leaving an abrasion on unprotected skin.

"They definitely can sting," Hebel added.

Detroit-area kingdom

He and a handful of other Dagorhir members founded the Kingdom of



The battle is fierce.

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Benjamin "King Jayne" Curley looks for an opening to strike his opponent.

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Stephanie "Akkinna" Ball of Dearborn, a member of the Kingdom of Akron, competes in the archery contest.

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Akron seven years ago as a Detroit-area chapter. Hebel had been involved in Dragorhir while at Oakland University.

Kingdom of Akron now has 30 members and

practices in Dearborn and Ferndale during the week and in full dress each Saturday in Royal Oak. Group members come from all walks of life and with varying athletic abilities.

"It's a neat dynamic," said Hebel, an attorney.

He convinced his wife Renee to join the group, although at first she resisted.

"I never played sports as a kid," she said. "I'm not into that. I don't fight, but I do love to make the costumes and crafts. And the culture is phenomenal. There are all kinds of good people involved."

Taylor Oltman of Livonia, a "half-orc" named Sma, likens the Fury of the Called to a family. Oltman, a student at College for Creative Studies, joined the group

a few months ago and enjoys her character, costumes and hanging out with her new fiends.

"I do like battling, but I guess smaller battles. I've never done a big battle. It's a little intimidating," she said. "I come here every Sunday and practice right over there with the Fury guys. I do a lot of fighting during those practices."

Kyle Randall Tansek of Livonia also attends the Fury of the Called

practices at Rotary Park. He biked to the Deepwoods battle games in costume.

"In my normal life, I'm actually a martial arts instructor. That's what I do for a living," Tansek said. "For me, doing this is another outlet I can try in a more fun, less competitive environment."

"I can come out with a giant shield and a giant spear and nobody is going to tell me that isn't historically accurate."

For more about Dagorhir, go to dagorhir.com. Search for Fury of the Called and Kingdom of Akron on Facebook. Find Eryndor at Eryndor.com.

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In order to strengthen ties with community organizations and expand the reach of its Give Big culture, Community Choice Credit Union is issuing its first open request for grant applications through the Community Choice Foundation. Each quarter the Foundation will award a grant of up to \$3,000 to a nonprofit in Michigan.

"Since launching the

foundation in 2008, Community Choice has awarded \$880,000 in scholarships and staff has donated over 17,000 volunteer hours to local charities," said Steven Hernandez, foundation development coordinator. "The new grant program will now allow us to help fund the nonprofits we've spent so many years volunteering with and believing in. With four grants to be

awarded per year there is plenty of love to go around, and awardees just might also benefit from our annual Give Big volunteer weekend."

Nonprofits must be located in Michigan and address one of the foundation's four priority areas: health and human services, projects or programs that address the physical and or mental well-being of children

and adults; capacity building, which would support staff or board trainings, financial audits or strategic planning; basic needs, for organizations who provide food and shelter for the most vulnerable residents of Michigan; and neighborhood safety/community development, which would support organizations who are fighting blight and beautifying

their communities. Eligible organizations must also have their own 501(c)3 legal status.

Community Choice is accepting letters of inquiry on a rolling basis. The first winner will be announced in December. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and awarded quarterly.

To apply, interested organizations are asked to contact the manager at

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LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
This homemade display supporting Donald Trump was stolen Wednesday night from a yard in Livonia.

Organization recruiting women candidates to run for Democratic Party

EMERGE Michigan, Michigan's premier organization for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for political office, has opened the recruiting process for its next class.

The organization seeks bright, self-motivated Democratic women who are committed to effective and ethical political leadership. The multi-part application process, which includes submission of a resume and several short essays followed by an interview, will remain open until Nov. 14.

"EMERGE Michigan is excited to begin accepting applications for our second class of aspiring women leaders," said Beth Kelly, Emerge Michigan executive director. "Our organization is committed to selecting exceptional applicants, who will seize on political opportunities once they are given the skills and tools necessary to run an effective campaign. This recruitment process is a vital part of identifying those women and putting them on a path to success."

Emerge Michigan's training program offers Democratic women who want to run for public

office a unique opportunity. Women who are accepted receive 70 hours of in-depth education over six months that inspires them to run for office and gives them the tools to win.

The program's trainers are comprised of an elite team of campaign consultants, advisers and staff from all over the country, who have been involved in some of the most successful campaigns and initiatives seen in recent election cycles. Participants learn from these experts and develop practical knowledge in areas such as public speaking, fundraising, campaign strategy, voter contact, media and messaging and others.

Candidates also meet an array of dynamic women who hold elected and appointed office and become a part of a supportive network, which includes a national association of Emerge alumnae, the Emerge board and advisory council members.

"Despite making some gains over the last decade, women are still extremely underrepresented in our decision-making bodies at every level of government," Kelly said. "At this rate, it'll be almost a century

before we achieve equal representation in our government. That's just not fast enough. At Emerge Michigan, we're tackling this problem head-on by providing the aspiring female leaders of today with cutting-edge tools and training to run for elected office and elevate themselves in our political system. Our work is having a direct positive impact on the number of women who are choosing to jump into the political arena and are ready to win."

Michigan ranks 35th in the country in terms of women's representation in elected positions. Women make up a mere 20 percent of the Michigan Legislature. There are only four women in the state Senate and 25 women out of 110 members in the state House. Emerge Michigan is working hard to improve these numbers by recruiting, training and supporting Democratic women to give them the critical skills, confidence and network they need to run for office and win.

"After years of development on both the national and state level, we know that our training program gives women the practical knowledge they need to run for

elected office and win," Kelly said. "EMERGE Michigan is committed to changing the face of politics in Michigan and the entire nation. All we need now is for the right women for the job to step forward."

Emerge Michigan will select 25 women who have the potential to be political leaders from their applicants. Criteria for selection include, evidence of political leadership experience or potential; meaningful involvement in workplace or community; interest in pursuing political office; demonstrated ability to bring together disparate groups to achieve a goal; ability and desire to build effective networks; ability to articulate a personal political vision; demonstrated ability to inspire others; and commitment to full participation and attendance requirements of the trainings. Applicants must be registered Democrats. Women of all ages, races, nationalities, marital status, religious affiliations, sexual orientations and physical abilities are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the application process, go to www.emerge-mi.org.

Whodunit? 'Captain America' Trump sign stolen from yard

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Was it Iron Man looking to start another Civil War?

Livonia police are asking for assistance in finding a display taken from the yard of a resident who lives in the 15400 block of Doris. The display depicts Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's face atop the body of Captain America with a sign that reads, "Veterans for Trump," flanked by a pair of American flags.

Alvin Link is the resident who made the display and put it out in front of his home. He said it had been out in front of his home for about a month. It wasn't until Thursday morning when his wife noticed it was missing.

"He was doing pretty well for himself out there," said Link, an 89-year-old World War II U.S. Navy veteran. "All the neighbors have been very supportive. People have come by and taken pictures with him."

He said he designed the display after finding

an image of Captain America online and scaled him in size. He got some half-inch plywood and cut the design out, and then painted the entire display by hand. The display stands at about 6 feet tall with the sign.

He also included a small box containing papers that listed his reasons for supporting Trump, who is running against Democratic challenger Hillary Clinton this November.

That box proved to be pretty popular, with Link having to refill it several times.

Anyone with information regarding the stolen display is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

While Link is hoping his sign is returned, he's also hoping the sign helps promote Trump to the highest office in the land.

"Trump is my Captain America," he said. "We have to make sure we get him promoted to commander-in-chief."

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Get to know Canton businesses at Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Summit on the Park grand ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton

DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Thomas Paden, chamber president. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services

they have to offer. Again, this year, the Consumer Expo will feature local restaurants who will provide sample sized portions of their food."

The Consumer Expo is held annually in October and features more than 60 businesses from the community which display their products and services to the public. Participating busi-

nesses include banks, insurance companies, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union, Siegrist & Siegrist CPA, PC and Twisted Rooster.

Rid your home of hazardous waste in Canton

Canton will host its annual household hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Public Works Division, 4847 Sheldon Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

It is open to Canton residents only and identification is required.

Examples of waste being collected are, but

not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kero-

sene, motor oil and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors and tires.

To obtain a detailed list of what is acceptable, call Canton Public Works

at 734-397-1011 or go to www.canton-mi.org/248/Hazardous-Waste-Round-up.

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Salem's Izzy to play in U17 World Cup

Hard work pays off for Rodriguez, with spot on Team USA

Tim Smith
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For seemingly an eternity, Izzy Rodriguez kept training and hoping — that all would not be for naught.

The Salem senior kept the workout wheel spinning, relentlessly battling on the soccer field and in the gym for a chance to play for Team USA in Jordan at the 2016 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup.

Rodriguez can stop worrying. She will play defense for the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team when the 16-team tournament begins Sept. 30.

"It has been an unbelievable experience over the past couple of years competing for a spot on this team," Rodriguez said when asked for her reaction

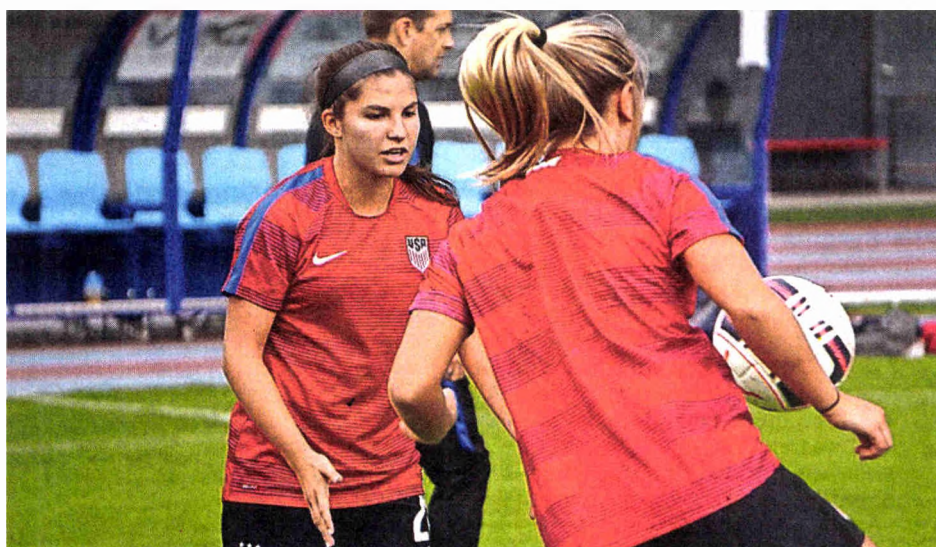


Rodriguez

to making the elite final cut. "And I am excited and honored to represent the U.S. in the World Cup.

"Making the 21-player roster was amazing because it showed how all of our hard work has paid off."

Rodriguez, a 17-year-old from Canton whose club team is the Michigan Hawks, suited up Tuesday as Team USA blanked Venezuela, 4-0, in a friendly at Water Soccer Complex in Tampa, Fla. Also on the final roster is Hawks teammate Alexa Spaanstra, a forward from Brighton.



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See **IZZY**, Page B3 Izzy Rodriguez (left) has been training with the U.S. Under-17 women's soccer team.

PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks roll to 38-25 win over Hartland

Young combines with Davis to rush for almost 280 yards

Tim Smith
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Almost from the get-go Friday night, it was a different Salem Rocks football team taking the field against Hartland at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Eagles fumbled the opening kickoff and Salem's Sean McCormack recovered it to set up a 31-yard field goal by William Neumaier just over three minutes into the KLAA crossover. And Salem junior quarterback Ryan Young took the lead from there, running and throwing his team to an impressive 38-25 victory.

Young — who essentially is used like a second running back — and junior tailback Andrew Davis were a one-two wrecking crew on Hartland, combining for nearly 280 yards rushing and all five Salem touchdowns as the Rocks improved to 1-1 overall.

"He improved a lot from last week to this week," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said about his quarterback. "His reads were a lot better, he threw the ball a lot crisper. He played real well ... we're excited about the future with him."

Young augmented his 140 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns with a 4-of-8 night throwing the ball, enough to confound the Eagles (0-2) on defense.

Meanwhile, Davis gained 138 yards in 17 rushes and scored three times.

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Salem's Mason Phillips shakes off a Hartland player for a few more yards.

PREP FOOTBALL



EMILY FLORENCE

Reaching over the goal line to score a Plymouth touchdown Thursday is Darius Timmons.

WILDCATS' CATALYST

Timmons' strong all-around game lifts Wildcats to 20-6 win over WLC

Tim Smith
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Darius Timmons and his Plymouth Wildcats football teammates earned solid 'B' grades for how they took care of Walled Lake Central in the first half Thursday, breaking out to a 20-0 lead.

But not too long after Timmons left a trail of Vikings defenders in his wake on a 65-yard touchdown gallop midway through the second quarter, the Wildcats reverted to the C-level sloppiness and unforced errors of their season-opening loss to Utica Eisenhower.

Despite hanging on to a 20-6 win over the Vikings on the junior varsity field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats were given a homework assignment for the long Labor Day weekend.

"You got to be able to understand the game as well as play it. If you can understand the game just as good as you can play it, you're unstoppable."

DARIUS TIMMONS
Plymouth running back

"You can't just show up and play nowadays," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said, shortly after telling players in the postgame huddle about the extended personal film critique awaiting them from Saturday through Monday. "You got to be a student of the

game, you got to know tendencies, you got to know how you fix mistakes. Obviously, in football, you can't keep making the same mistake."

Sawchuk spoke like a teacher disappointed in the kind of papers turned in, but not upset enough to give out demerits.

"It was a win. I am not satisfied with how we played in the second half," Sawchuk said. "We're going into the meat grinder of our schedule with Grand Blanc and Churchill and Canton. And if we play like we did in the second half, we're going to be in trouble."

"Kids got to hold themselves accountable. We got to get better after watching film. Coaches got to coach

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton Chiefs red hot in early season

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Canton's varsity boys soccer team improved to 6-0-1 with KLAA crossover victories over Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Northern.

On Monday, Alex Spratte scored twice and Mo Miri scored one goal in a 3-0 victory over the Knights. Earning the shutout was David Sadanowicz.

The Chiefs followed up Wednesday with another 3-0 triumph, against Grand Blanc.

This time, it was goalie David McGraph who blanked the opposition, bolstered by excellent defense from Matt Rockefeller, Caleb Moraw, Cam Waller and Matt Tenglin.

Taking care of the offense against the Bobcats were Miri, Spratte and Avery Olson. Helping the cause with assists were Spratte and Matt Eastman.

Canton faces an important week in the KLAA South race, hosting Livonia Churchill (7 p.m. Tuesday) and then squaring off against Plymouth at 7 p.m. Wednesday at P-CEP.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW



Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team already is off to a quick start, winning both games so far.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

PRO SOCCER

Evans pursues soccer dream

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Kirsten Evans of Farmington Hills is pursuing a pair of longtime ambitions to play professional soccer and to experience life in Europe.

After completing her collegiate career at Michigan State, Evans signed a pro contract this summer with Football Femminile Lugano, one of the top women's teams in Switzerland.

The city of Lugano is located in southern part of the country, not far from the Italian border, and the team competes in the LNA — the Nationalalliga, the Swiss First Division.

Evans will be one of a handful of American players on the team, including Jamie Kator, a former teammate of Evans at Vanderbilt University.

"From what I've heard — and I know a couple girls on the team — they absolutely love it," Evans said last week while waiting at JFK Airport for a flight to Milan and bus ride to Lugano.

"They love the club, they love the location, they love the league they're in. They said Lugano is an absolutely beautiful city with a lot to do. They've been taking trips to Italy on the weekends."

Evans, a 2011 graduate of Farmington High School and former Falcons player, missed the start of the season while she finished a course at MSU.

"The coach in Lugano was very understanding and cool about it," Evans said. "He said to get here as soon as I can. Unfortunately, I missed out on the preseason with the girls. They've only played two or three games, so I haven't missed much."

Living the dream

With the help of Kator and a Swedish agent with Swiss contacts, Evans was put in touch with the Lugano club, which asked for a resume and highlight video. Subsequently, the team offered her a contract and spot on the team.

"I always knew I wanted to play professionally and live in Europe at some point of my life," Evans said. "I'm just ready for this adventure. I've dreamed about doing this my whole life."

"My older sister was able to play in Sweden and said, 'If you ever have the opportunity to play internationally, definitely do it. You learn so much about yourself, get to see the world, travel expense-free and meet people from all over.'"

"It was a really great experience. I'm just ready to go over and absorb as much as I can and enjoy this next chapter of my life."

Loves to go places

Lindsey Evans, who also played at Farmington High and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, spent three years playing in Sweden.

"I think we just have this travel bug in all of us, that we crave new cultures, languages and places," Kirsten said. "Instead of a graduation party, I asked my mom and dad if they would send me to Sweden to visit her."

"Seeing her there and enjoying it was a big moment for me. I said: 'I'm actually going to follow this dream. It's possible for an American to play in Europe and to play professional soccer.' It made me believe I could really make it happen."

The current Swiss season goes until the end of October. Evans plans to travel in Europe, return home for Christmas and go back for the second part of the season in January.

New-look Schoolcraft still in postseason mix

Lady Ocelots expected to keep winning despite graduation of 15 players

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Win, recruit, repeat — that could be the mantra for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team as the 2016 season gets underway.

After losing 15 players to graduation following an outstanding 2015 season (16-3-0 overall, 10-0-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association), Lady Ocelots head coach Dave Carver can't wait to witness the next chapter.

"We were able to bring in some very exciting local talent as well as some international players that we believe will help us meet our program goals," said Carver, whose current team already is off to a 2-0 start. "We have been most impressed with how quickly the group has bonded together and the daily culture the team has been able to create through the start of the season."

The Lady Ocelots were ranked No. 11 in the NJCAA preseason Division I poll and hopes are that — changing of the guard or not — the team will once again qualify for the national tournament.

Of course, two key players from last season reprise their roles as sophomore co-captains Colleen McKay (midfield) and Emily Bondy (midfield/forward) "are doing a great job of leading the team and setting the tone."

Another key returnee is sophomore defender and Farmington Hills native Megan Schulz.

"She developed a lot in her freshman year and looks set to be a big part of our back line this year," Carver said. "She also brings a fantastic work

"We have been most impressed with how quickly the group has bonded together and the daily culture the team has been able to create through the start of the season."

DAVE CARVER
Schoolcraft head coach

ethic and attitude to the group."

Novi product Devon Powers is back, too, with the Lady Ocelots looking to her for offense.

"Devon was extremely dedicated in the off-season and you can see she has come in ready," Carver said. "She scored two well-taken goals in the recent 4-0 win vs. Delta."

Local ties

Several other players with ties to Observerland schools have the chance to contribute.

Those include freshman forward Lauren Wynnys (Livonia Stevenson) and freshman defenders Susana Bryan and Raven Buck (both from Westland John Glenn).

"We were very excited to add (Wynnys) and she has not disappointed," Carver said. "She is a very attacking player that always looks to score and create goals. Lauren is very competitive and brings a winning mindset."

The two former Rockets "will be looking to have an impact defensively" with the squad, he added. So will freshman center-back Madeline Rozanski of Huntington Woods.

Novi's Mallory Bryant (sophomore defender) and Alex McAleer (freshman defender) will help bring depth in the back, along with sophomore Rachel Rodeheffer (Commerce) and freshman Oliva Borgdorff (Belleville).

Others looking to help on the attack include freshman forwards Katie Webb (Pinckney), Sophia Shymylo (Berkley) and Jenna Smith (Milford).

Notable imports include Scotland's Eliss Jenkins (forward), Wales' Lailah Muscat (midfield) and Toronto, Ontario, product Jamila Thombs (forward).

Taking care of goalkeeping duties will be sophomore Rebekah Mathers (Waterford) and freshman Lauren Auspitz (Lake Orion).

Rounding out the roster are sophomore forward Katie Vitella (Sterling Heights) and freshman midfielder Elizabeth Ferguson (Woodhaven).

Turf field's a hit

Carver and the 22 players also have the chance to usher in a new era of Schoolcraft soccer, practicing and playing on the brand new turf field.

"The new soccer facility is top class and totally professionalizes our soccer program," Carver said. "It's state of the art and gives us the opportunity to play the attractive, attacking style we wish to develop with our team."

"The turf is perfect and the ball runs very smooth. It's also very big, so there is lots of space to play around and behind our opponents."

"We've trained on it a few times now and the players are really enjoying it."

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IZZY

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The team was scheduled for a final camp Sept. 3 (after a Sept. 2 rematch against Venezuela) and later in the month will depart for Jordan.

"We have five weeks left to prepare for our first game in Jordan and we need to take advantage of every day," U.S. head coach B.J. Snow told the U.S. Soccer website. "The two games against Venezuela will provide a very important snapshot of where we are and what we need to continue to focus on."

"Venezuela is an outstanding opponent that has a history of success at the U-17 level, highlighted by their fourth-place finish in the last U-17 World Cup. Having the opportunity to play them will be a tremendous challenge and we look forward to testing ourselves."

The first test at the World Cup for Rodriguez and her teammates will be Oct. 1 against Paraguay, as part of the Group D pool. Other teams in the group include Ghana and Japan.

Group A features Jordan, Spain, Mexico and New Zealand. Group B features Venezuela, Germany, Cameroon and Canada. Group C features Nigeria, Brazil, England and North Korea.

According to Rodriguez, it will be good as a team to now have a singular



Izzy Rodriguez (No. 4) is pictured with the rest of the Team USA starting lineup before Tuesday's friendly against Venezuela.

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focus as the World Cup games loom.

"The past years have been hard because we have always just been a player pool," Rodriguez stressed. "But now that we are a team I think that has allowed us to become a family and start playing even better together."

Snow, meanwhile, said players have the opportunity to grow exponentially as competitors because of the World Cup.

"The ability to play in a youth World

Cup is an important part of development for each of our players," Snow said. "They will be tested physically and emotionally like they have never been before."

"It is crucial that the players understand the intensity of these feelings and learn to not only deal with them but more importantly embrace them."

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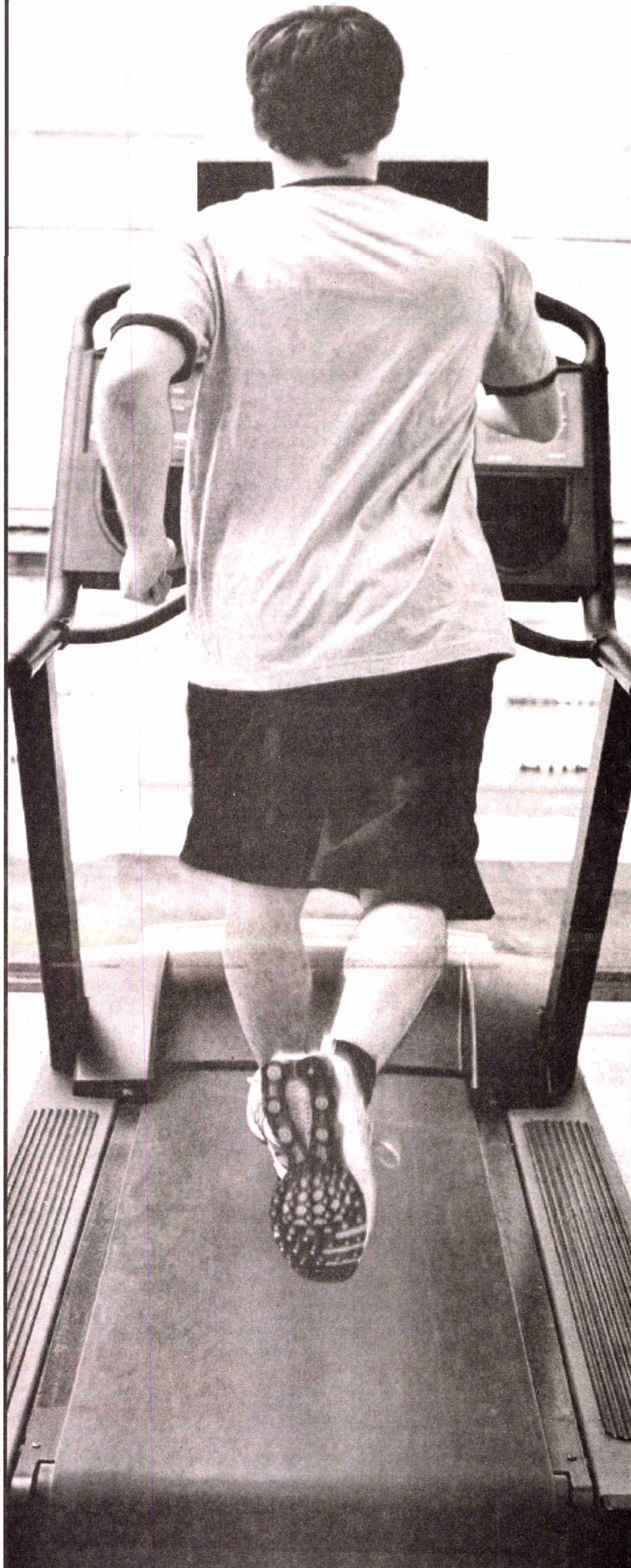
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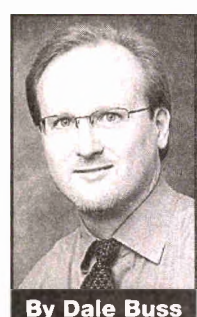
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LOVE – AND SAFETY – ARE WHAT MAKE SUBARU A SUBARU, IN NEW TEEN-DRIVING CAMPAIGN BY GRITTY BRAND



By Dale Buss

Subaru, the automotive brand that speaks shamelessly of "love," has done it again: given owners and potential buyers yet another emotional reason to buy its products.

In a new mini-campaign that explores the brand's "commitment to safety and the continued trust in Subaru vehicles from parents everywhere," Subaru has launched two TV ads that make the point in very different ways. One uses pathos, the other uses humor, in an interesting and effective combination.

Subaru, of course, long has had to take an unconventional approach to marketing because it remains a tiny niche brand worldwide even though its relative sales increases over the last few years have been near the front of the pack among brands in the US.

Its lineup of all-wheel-drive SUVs and CUVs is on point in the current utility-vehicle craze by the American consumer, and that has paid off in a compound annual growth rate of 17.6 percent in the US since 2008.

The brand also has gained because of its devotion to positioning that

can best be described as crunchy, emphasizing, for instance, how dog lovers worship Subarus, and resulting in a recent ad where a grandmother literally took her daughter and granddaughter to the field where Woodstock was held so they could hug the same tree she did back in her formative years.

"We've been identified as granola crunchers and tree huggers, and people with lots of stickers on the backs of their vehicles, and it's true," Tom Doll, president and chief operating officer of Subaru of America, told me recently. "We're proud of that. Why run away from that? [Brands] who are critical of that wish that they had what we do."

Or, put another way, Doll said, "Do I need half the market?" that might be put off ideologically by Subaru's blatant appeal to "progressive" consumers? "Our customers kind of led us to this. The things we talk about internally, and externally through our advertising and marketing, are really a reflection of where we believe we want to make an impact on the general society. It's important for all companies to be able to give back."

In this case, Subaru is "giving back" by underscoring the outstanding safety record of its vehicles as well as its status as a trusted brand, illustrated by its being named 2016 Most Trusted Brand by automotive-information outfit Kelley Blue Book.

"We are proud that Subaru continues to be the trusted vehicle of choice for so many families who recognize the importance of safety for our young drivers," said Alan Bethke, senior vice president of marketing for Subaru of America, in a release. "With these new spots, we are happy to reinforce the brand's commitment to building and honoring this trust and keeping



The Subaru Outback as featured in the brand's new "Take the Subaru" ad.

our drivers safe on the road."

In the new ad "I'm Sorry," a variety of teenagers are seen in the immediate moments after they've been in bad wrecks in their parents' Subarus, though they've survived. "It wasn't my fault," they're saying. "I don't know what happened"; "Please don't be mad"; "This car came out of nowhere"; "I wrecked the Subaru."

But in their cell-phone calls to parents, the message from home is, "You're OK; that's all that matters." And the implicit reason they're safe is because they were driving the family Subaru.

The other spot, "Take the Subaru,"

is a funny send-up on the same point, in an ad for the Outback utility. Kids are shown taking all sorts of devices for play or "construction" purposes, ranging from a blow torch to a chain saw to a pair of barber shears to a sledgehammer, only to hear their parents say, "You're not taking that/those." In the extended version of the commercial, a teenage girl is told, "You're not taking him," about her boyfriend waiting outside.

But in the end, when one of the kids informs his mother, "Mom, I'm taking the Subaru," his reassured parent shouts down the stairs to the kitchen only, "Don't be late."

In addition to chiming a strong

consistency with its overall brand message, the campaign is an extension of safety-focused positioning that Subaru began in 2013 when it ran commercials showing totaled Subarus with the message, "They lived." Ad Age noted.

Subaru recently also has been promoting its Eyesight Driver Assist technology that allows the car to stop itself before a head-on collision. Eyesight is noted in the humorous new spot, for instance.

But the longstanding tag line remains, "Love: It's what makes a Subaru a Subaru."

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