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Timing brings UM, Whittingham together

Kyle Whittingham wasn't quite sure how best to describe what it was that he was doing.

Stepping down? Stepping away?

Whatever the case, the longtime coach of Utah's football program knew one thing for sure: After more than 30 years in Salt Lake City, and the last 21 as the school's all-time winningest head coach, it was time to step aside.



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"I did not want to be that guy that overstayed his welcome (and people said), 'Hey, when's this guy gonna leave?'" said Whittingham last week, shortly after he'd announced this season would be his last in charge of the Utes. "That was not my intention ever, and I hope I didn't do that. I'm sure with some people I did do that. But to me, the timing is right."

Right or wrong, what was true

Former Utah head coach led program to 18 winning seasons. 1B

there can be true here now as well, as Michigan's football program turns to Whittingham to restore some order — and credibility — in a time of crisis.

Two weeks after an abrupt and ugly end to Sherrone Moore's brief tenure as head coach in Ann Arbor, the Wolverines are reportedly working on a five-year deal with Whittingham to be their redeemer, if you will. And whatever

er you think of decision-makers who've led them to this hiring, it's hard to argue this isn't a sensible path forward.

In virtually any circumstance, Whittingham is the type of coaching candidate that should be on your short list. A tough, hard-nosed disciplinarian whose teams always emulated their coach, he's also a competitor whom colleagues across the country almost universally praise. Earlier this



David Becker / AP

Utah's Kyle Whittingham, 66, is 177-88 as head coach.

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HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE



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Cindy Semrau has learned skills to fix things around the house at the Hawk, a community center in Farmington Hills.

Makerspaces build place for themselves in Metro area

BY MAX BRYAN
The Detroit News

Farmington Hills — For Cindy Semrau, Farmington Hills' makerspace isn't just a place to enjoy her hobbies.

Since its opening in 2022, Semrau has learned skills to fix things around her home at the makerspace, skills that have helped with everything from redoing a bathroom to fixing concrete. She has also connected with other regulars who come to the space in a former high school on West 12 Mile.

"You should have your home, your work and some other place. I don't have work, I don't have religious affiliation, but I want places that I can be that are not just at home," said Semrau, a West Bloomfield Township retiree who had several sets of chopsticks she made at the makerspace on a cold day in December.

Semrau isn't the only one outside Farmington and Farmington Hills who uses The Hawk Makerspace, a unique city-owned space where both serious artisans and hobbyists can work with their hands, hone their skills and use professional-grade machines for woodworking, 3D printing, quilting and more.

Farmington Hills' 5,000-square-foot makerspace, likely the largest in southeast Michigan and possibly the state, sees some patrons travel from 100 miles away to use it, according to Jessica Guzmán, cultural arts coordinator for visual arts and the makerspace in Farmington Hills' special services department.

Semrau has done woodworking at the makerspace — a significant portion of the 5,000-square-foot space is a



Angela Zachary, left, helps Shalley Shui make a dress inside the craft lab at the Hawk. From 2006 to 2016, makerspaces grew 14-fold worldwide, according to Popular Science.

woodshop. The other side of the makerspace is filled with machines for making items such as quilts and 3D prints.

"Makerspaces" and artisan studios are increasingly cropping up in cities across Metro Detroit. The Sterling Heights Public Library has one with machines for residents to do 3D printing, embroidering, or use a sublimation printer. There's also the Brightmoor Makerspace at

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"I would love to see more people come into this space as a way of building their community and helping them find likeminded individuals that are interested in reconnecting with that DIY or learning new skills."

Jessica Guzmán, cultural arts coordinator for visual arts and the makerspace in Farmington Hills' special services department.

Stellantis calms revolt, but work not 'done still'

Dealers cheer changes as statistics suggest hurdles

BY LUKE RAMSETH
The Detroit News

Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram dealers were in open revolt against parent company Stellantis NV for much of last year.

Poor corporate decision-making had tanked sales, the retailers said, while a mishmash of overpriced vehicles piled up on their lots and their profits plummeted to Great Recession-era lows.

They sent sharply worded letters and publicly griped that the once-proud company had lost touch with the American consumer.

Much has changed since then. A new CEO, Antonio Filosa, is in charge and based in Auburn Hills, not Europe. He's promised to listen to the U.S. dealer body's input, unlike former chief Carlos Tavares. The company has adjusted prices and streamlined trim levels, and is

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Tunde Omolehin / AP

People visit the site of a U.S. airstrike in Northwest, Jabo, Nigeria, on Friday.

U.S. airstrikes rattle Nigerian villagers

BY OPE ADETAYO AND TUNDE OMOLEHIN
Associated Press

West Palm Beach, Fla. — Sanusi Madabo, a 40-year-old farmer in the Nigerian village of Jabo, was preparing for bed Thursday night when he heard a loud noise that sounded like a plane crashing. He rushed outside his mud house with his wife to see the sky glowing a bright red.

The light burned bright for hours, Madabo said: "It was almost like daytime."

He did not learn until later that he had witnessed a U.S. attack on an alleged Islamic State camp.

U.S. President Donald Trump announced late Thursday that the U.S. had launched a "powerful and deadly strike" against forces of the Islamic State group

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