Union grad earns soccer honors

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Less than a week later, the team captain turned his backyard into a wildlife habitat.

Birds enjoy nibbling on the cherries growing on Bob Mickey's North Star dwarf cherry tree (above, left). At right: A Budweiser/Acura Sun plan creates a splash of color on Mickey's patio. Mickey's home, which includes landscaping to attract wildlife, will be at the Tulsa Audubon Society's upcoming home tour.

Bobby Mickey (right) talks to Gayl Storey, vice president of the Tulsa Audubon Society, about the different types of shrubs and plants he has planted in his yard to attract and feed different types of wildlife. Mickey's home will be on the Audubon tour home.

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