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We'll share them in our paper published Sunday, June 17 — Father's Day!

## Museum board

At its annual meeting in May, the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum elected a new slate for its Board of Directors.

New board members (and their terms) include: Jeff Ashton (2012-13), Jim Burroughs (2012-15), Sally Fedus (2012-15), Aaron Frank (2012-13), Bee Friedlander (2012-14), Wes Graff (2012-13), Daniel Packer (2012-14), Mike Pappas (2012-13), Jim Vermeulen Jr. (2012-14) and Pam Yockey (2012-15), as well as permanent director Margaret Dunning.

The Board of Directors elected its officers for the coming year at its meeting Wednesday: Pam Yockey, president; Mike Pappas, vice president; Sally Fedus, secretary; and Jim Burroughs, treasurer. Bee Friedlander now serves as past president after serving as president for the past four years.

## Cherished memories

Hundreds of students will graduate in the coming weeks and our photographers will be there to capture all the big moments. Graduation photos will appear in the *Plymouth Observer* and online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). And ordering a keepsake photo or page reprint couldn't be easier. To order a photo, go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) and look for the photo galleries midway down our home page. If you see a photo you'd like to purchase, just click on the gold "buy photo" icon above the image and you will be taken directly to our photo store. If you want an entire page reprinted or made into any of the more than a dozen products available, contact Web Editor Larry Ruehlen at [lruhehlen@hometownlife.com](mailto:lruhehlen@hometownlife.com) or (313) 222-8730.

# PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

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## Trail friends mobilize to help spruce it up

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Armed with scythes and shears, loppers and rakes, a battalion of volunteers gathered Wednesday evening in a parking lot in Plymouth Township and marched into the wilderness of the I-275 corridor.

Their mission: An all-out assault on the weeds and vines, long grass and trash threatening to take over the improved I-275 pedestrian and bicycling trail.

The effort, organized by Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail, brought out regular trail users as well as those who hadn't been on it in decades — or at all.

"It takes a lot of work to keep a trail nice," said Diane Bancroft of Canton Township, president of the Friends and a regular trail walker and bicyclist. "I don't think people realize it when they're on it."

Wednesday's spruce-up, on the stretch of trail between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, east of the freeway, was the first of what the Friends plan as twice-monthly summertime evening trail-grooming events. The idea, Bancroft said, is that more frequent trimming over time will make upkeep easier.

Bancroft said that if everyone who uses the trail devoted an hour each



Matt Fiems of Canton Township sets out a filled yard-waste bag during Wednesday's cleanup of the pedestrian and bicycling trail along I-275.

Please see **TRAIL, A4**



Janie, Sophie and Billy Roberts are the first triplets to graduate from Plymouth High School. They joined their classmates in receiving their diplomas Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

## Triple play

### Siblings leave legacy as first triplets to graduate from Plymouth High School

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

When Janie Roberts heads off to college in the fall, she'll be farther away from her brother and sister than she's ever been in her life.

And she's only going to Southfield.

Still, the 137 or so miles between Lawrence Technological University, where Janie plans to attend college, and Kalamazoo College, where her

brother and sister are headed, represents about as much distance as has been between the triplets for any extended period of time since the triplets were born within three minutes of each other 18 years ago.

#### On their way

The adventure begins now that Billy, Sophie and Janie Roberts have become the first set of triplets to graduate from Plymouth High School. They join their classmates in accept-

ing diplomas during commencement exercises today (Sunday) at Eastern Michigan University.

"I'm gonna miss (Janie) so much," said Sophie, the youngest. "She's going to be so far away."

It will certainly be a strange experience, considering they've been together since entering Bentley Elementary School, where their kinder-

Please see **TRIPLETS, A5**

## Custodian contract part of budget talks

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

A year after privatizing their bus drivers, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have at least one other union on the potential chopping block as they try to trim a projected deficit in the 2012-13 budget.

The school district budget, for which a public hearing is scheduled at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, includes the potential move to privatize the district's custodial workers. The move is being pondered as the district tries to meet seven of eight criteria proscribed by Gov. Rick Snyder to qualify for additional per-pupil funding in the shared services provision of the state aid act.

District officials said the move, which they stressed is only being considered as negotiations with the custodians continue, could bring as much as a \$2 million swing in the budget. It could help the district earn another \$52 per pupil in state aid money (nearly \$1 million), and could also save some \$1 million, mostly in pension and health care benefit costs.

"We realize it's a painful decision," said Brodie Killian, the district's executive director of finance. "But realizing our financial situation, we aren't left with many options."

The move would affect 73 non-skilled custodial workers and is necessary, Killian said, as the district tries to trim the remaining \$2.5 million of what began as a \$5.6 million deficit. Killian said the request for proposal was written to protect the \$16.73 average wage current custodians earn, and includes the same kind of "right of first refusal" clause for current workers shifting to the vendor.

"The RFP was written in a way we protected the union," Killian said. "We value our employees, and want them to have a working wage."

Obviously, the move isn't sitting well with the custodians. Kathy Lad-

Please see **CUSTODIANS, A5**

## Plymouth attorney tries second Ficano recall

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth attorney and candidate for Wayne County office has launched a second drive to recall County Executive Robert Ficano.

Richard Convertino, a Canton Township resident, said his petition to put a recall question to county voters is based on Ficano's role in the \$200,000 payout to former county economic development director Turk-

ia Mullin last year, at a time when workers in the financially strapped county were taking concessions. Mullin returned the money after a public outcry, but the incident launched investigations into administration, and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners last week voted to censure Ficano.

Convertino, a former U.S. attorney now in private practice, said the Mullin incident is an example of the way Ficano operates, and that the county execu-

tive's administration is "an open drain on taxpayer dollars."

"Not only are they tone deaf to what's going on in this county, but the more their hearing becomes impaired, the fatter their wallets become," he said Friday.

Ficano spokesman Tom Downey rejected the premise of the recall effort and said Convertino is trying to draw attention to his own bid for the county commission. Conver-

Please see **RECALL, A5**

### PUBLIC HEARING

**What:** Public Hearing, Plymouth-Canton Community School's 2012-13 budget

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 12

**Where:** E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth

**Why:** The Board of Education will take public comment on its proposed 2012-13 budget. The board is expected to pass the budget at its June 26 meeting.

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# Missing 68 years, Plymouth Marine's remains come home

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth serviceman lost in a plane crash in the South Pacific during World War II some 68 years ago was laid to rest in his native state on Friday.

Marine Corps Pfc. John A. Donovan, a 1942 graduate of Plymouth High School, was a radio operator on a bomber when it crashed on the island of Espiritu Santo, off the western coast of Australia, on April 23, 1945. All seven crew members died, and their remains were recently recovered after a years-long exploration and research effort



Marine Pfc. John A. Donovan, a Plymouth High School graduate, was 22 when he died in a plane crash in the South Pacific during World War II.

that included DNA identification, said a nephew, Tim Donovan of Fowlerville.

"It's a miracle. I've been very vocal about that," Tim Donovan said Thursday, ahead of Friday's funeral for his uncle at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church in Northfield Township, near Ann Arbor. "It's just overwhelming and humbling, and I just wish my grandmother and my father were here, and some of the other siblings," to see their relative come home, he added.

Pfc. Donovan's remains were flown into Detroit Metro airport from Hawaii on Wednesday and were to be buried, alongside his three brothers, William, Joseph and Phillip, and

his parents, in St. Patrick's cemetery following the funeral.

Tim Donovan said his late father William had been instrumental in seeing that many family members were buried in that cemetery. "Now they are together, all of them," he said.

John A. Donovan was born to John S. and Nora Donovan and grew up on Hartsough Street in Plymouth, his nephew said. He joined the Marines soon after graduating from high school.

"I just heard that he was a good young man, a nice young man, a good Catholic man," said Tim Donovan, 60.

Tim Donovan said his uncle's story has been a part of family lore for decades. He and his crew, in a Mitchell bomber (a B-25), were on a training mission but had also been instructed to harass the Japanese, Tim Donovan said.

The crash was thought to have occurred in the Pacific, and the crew members drowned, until some time in the 1990s, when members of an expedition in search of another downed aircraft found evidence the crash had occurred on land. The recovery and research were handled by the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in

Action Accounting Command, an arm of the military. John Donovan's remains were identified last year.

"It's just nice to finally put closure to this," Tim Donovan said.

A sister of John Donovan, Josephine Demianenko of Orlando, Fla., is the only surviving sibling and was to attend Friday's service, he said. In addition to his brothers, another sister, Patricia Donovan, has passed away.

John A. Donovan is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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## AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

### YOYO CAMP

**Date/Time:** Monday-Friday, July 9-13, 10:30 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth

**Details:** The City of Plymouth Department of Recreation in cooperation with Duncan Toy Crew

member Yo Jake will be hosting a summer YoYo/Juggling Camp for kids ages 8-14. Advanced registration is required at the Recreation Office or on-line at <https://www.plymouthwebtrac.net/>. The cost of the class is \$45 for non-residents and \$30 for City of Plymouth residents. The camp will help kids build fine motor skills, concentration, and self-confidence by learning simple juggling and YoYo tricks. Bring your own YoYo, juggling equipment, etc. or purchase

at a discount price at camp. **Contact:** For more information check out page 15 of the Spring/Summer 2012 Recreation Brochure at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreation-brochure](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreation-brochure). You can also call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

### HEISE HOURS

**Date/Time:** Monday, June 11, 3-4 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him

locally during district office hours. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail [kurtheise@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtheise@house.mi.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### BLOOD DRIVES

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at a variety of Plymouth and Canton locations

over the next week.

**Drives take place 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Haggerty north of Schoolcraft; 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the Community Financial Credit Union; and 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Plymouth High School on Beck Road just south of Joy.**

**Contact:** To make an appointment call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or email [Diane.Risko@redcross.org](mailto:Diane.Risko@redcross.org)

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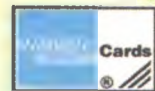
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# Bennett: Dropping out 'right thing to do'

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Former state Sen. Loren Bennett, a Canton Republican, confirmed he has dropped his write-in campaign for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's seat and thrown his support to GOP favorite Nancy Cassis, a former state senator from Novi.

Bennett, former Canton clerk and trustee, abandoned his effort after 11th District Republican leaders met Thursday morning and chose Cassis from among several potential write-in can-



Bennett

didates to challenge GOP hopeful Kerry Bentivolio, whose name is on the Aug. 7 primary ballot.

"If nothing else, I'm good at math. If there are multiple people in the race (as write-in candidates), that assures no one will win," Bennett told the *Observer*.

Though the GOP group including Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Pat-

erson chose Cassis, Bennett said the panel had no binding authority to force him or anyone else out of the race.

"But it's the right thing to do to try to coalesce around the one person," Bennett said. "I was thrilled they picked someone of the quality of Nancy Cassis. She was a fine representative in Lansing in both the House and the Senate."

"I'm behind her 100 percent," he said, "and I'm sure she will do a wonderful job."

Cassis will seek the 11th District seat after Repub-

lican incumbent McCotter failed to get enough signatures on petitions to get his name on the ballot.

Moreover, the Secretary of State is probing allegations of irregularities on petitions submitted by McCotter's campaign, and McCotter has pledged to cooperate.

Bennett, meanwhile, said he plans to return money he had collected for a write-in campaign he had announced late last week.

"I was very honored and humbled by the support from well-wishers," he said.

In a formal statement, he said, "I am disappoint-

ed, naturally, but I respect Sen. Nancy Cassis and believe she will be an outstanding member of Congress. She has my complete support in this race."

Patterson said Cassis "represented the best of the district."

"She served in the state Senate, she has a high name identification, she has a proven track record," Patterson said. "She's well-funded and can hit the ground running."

Patterson said five candidates were interviewed: Cassis, Bennett, Rocky Raczkowski, Paul Welday and John Pastor.

Bennett said he is enthusiastic about continuing in his role as contracting administrator with Wixom-based J&B Medical Supplies.

Bentivolio is the sole Republican whose name will appear on the Aug. 7 ballot. Two Democrats, Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and William Roberts of Redford Township, are battling for their party's nod in the primary.

Staff Writer Ken Abramczyk contributed to this report.

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## TRAIL

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warm season toward maintaining it, it would be in great shape.

Until now, the Friends' cleanup efforts had been limited to sporadic Michigan Department of Transportation-sponsored events and more intense efforts in March and April to pick up litter accumulated over the winter, Bancroft said. This spring, she said, Friends volunteers collected more than 50 bags of trash along the trail.

Though some trash was picked up Wednesday, the trail was relatively litter-free, and the focus was on cutting taller weeds and grass that can encroach on the asphalt, which was laid about two years ago, and trimming tree limbs and vines that can pose hazards for trail users.

Organizers were thrilled with Wednesday's turnout, noting there were several newcomers among the dozen or so people working on the trail.

"A lot of times it'll be me and Diana and Dave, the guy with the power edger," said Dave Duffield of Northville Township, who organizes Friends' maintenance efforts and bikes the trail to work each morning.

"I really didn't know this was here," volunteer Jan Bates of Westland said as she took a break Wednesday. Now that she knows about the trail, Bates said, she'll make a point of using it.

Bates said she wanted to help clean the trail and do some networking in her search for a job. Unemployed, she has experience in administrative work and customer service, she said.

She was asked why it was important to her to volunteer.

## MORE CLEANING

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail are organizing another evening trail maintenance event for 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 21, on the section of trail just north of Eight Mile. For details, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074, or visit the group's page on Facebook.

"For that reason," she said, indicating a passing cyclist. "So that people can enjoy the trail without getting hurt."

Workers packed the vegetation trimmings into paper yard-waste bags and carted or carried the bags to the ends of that trail segment, at Ann Arbor Road and at Ann Arbor Trail, for pickup by Plymouth Township public works employees.

Volunteer Matt Fiems of Canton, who uses a segment of the trail nearer his home to walk his dogs, joked that the job was easier than doing similar tasks in one's own yard.

"You look at yours, and it's work," Fiems said.

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CUSTODIANS

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enberger, president of the Plymouth-Canton Custodial/Maintenance Association, couldn't be reached for comment.

However, union supporters are planning a demonstration before Tuesday's board meeting, and took out a half-page newspaper ad decrying the move.

"The Plymouth-Canton custodians have over 1,000 years of combined service to the district ... no private company can match that," supporters said in the ad. "A private company should not make a profit at the expense of our children's safety and security."

Killian said the initial per-pupil foundation grant sits at \$7,134, but could grow to \$7,351 with various incentives, including the shared services provision and additional funding based on student performance.

Stressors on the budget include a projected increase (to 27.37 percent) in the cost of employee retirement and a \$600,000 loss in the original projections of the per-pupil foundation grant, which is \$35 less per student than officials had originally projected.

Savings are coming in different ways, Killian said. The closing of Fiegel Elementary School is expected to save some \$1 million, and the district realized some \$600,000 in savings by restructuring some internal budget

accounts. There will also be additional revenue from alternative sources such as cell phone tower contracts and website advertising, as well as potential proceeds from the sale of property such as the Starkweather Alternative High School, which will move into Fiegel next year.

Other than reducing block-grant funding some 20 percent, Killian said the district has tried to keep the cuts away from the students.

"We've done a very good job of keeping these cuts away from the classroom," Killian said. "We continue to look for non-instructional and non-classroom cuts."

As of Friday, Killian said the budget is still some \$2.5 million short of balancing. Administrators will still be looking for cuts and revenue enhancements, as well as potential savings in contract negotiations. If none of that works, the board likely will balance the budget using some of the \$8.9 million in its fund balance.

Killian would prefer not to do that, he said. The relatively healthy fund balance, he said, is largely responsible for the district's credit reputation.

"Fund balance levels are very important to credit rating agencies and effects our ability to eventually borrow and/or refinance our existing debt," Killian said. "Without a strong fund balance, our rating could have been downgraded."

TRIPLETS

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garten teacher was leery of having triplets in class, then through Discovery Middle School before moving on to Plymouth High School.

They shrug off any kind of intrinsic "connection" they might have, though their parents say they've always had it. They were born May 17, 1994 at the end of a problematic pregnancy for Karen Roberts, who was in the hospital 10 weeks before the three were born. Bill came first at 9:01, followed by Janie at 9:02 and Sophie at 9:04.

'Wonderful' babies

When Karen and Paul Roberts got them home, the babies slept through the night their first night home.

"We always wanted three children, and we got three children," Karen said. "I never really believed (she was having triplets) until it happened. (But) they were such wonderful babies."

Billy, according to his mom, was the charismatic one, while Sophie was more introverted. Janie, the only left-handed one, was the quiet, creative one.

"They're definitely connected," Karen said. "They don't like to admit it, and they never had their own 'language,' but they're definitely connected."

"It was non-verbal,"



Hugs abounded for triplets Sophie, Janie and Billy Roberts.



Billy is the oldest, born May 17, 1994, at 9:01, followed by Janie at 9:02 and Sophie at 9:04.

Paul Roberts said. "They just understood (each other). It was a riot to watch."

Each has grown to enjoy his or her own activities. Billy plays football, and earned an academic scholarship to Kalamazoo College. Sophie ran cross country and was a two-miler in track. She'll study architecture at Lawrence Tech.

And Janie, who thinks she "might study biology" at Kalamazoo College, was a manager for the football and wres-

tling teams in addition to playing lacrosse. She also loves photography and joined the Civil Air Patrol in February. She may also join the Marines.

"It was between the Air Force and the Marines, but I wanted to push myself," Janie said. "It's just a feeling you get."

Proud parents

All are members of the National Honor Society and are active at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

And all three have, not

surprisingly, made their parents proud.

"We've always stressed education, and they're like sponges," Paul said. "We've been blessed with extremely bright kids."

Now they're headed to college. Sophie, who also considered Grand Valley, Western Michigan and Bowling Green, said she was a little surprised by the collegiate decisions made among the three of them.

"That was the biggest surprise ever ... We never thought it would be Billy and I," said Sophie. "I thought it would be Billy and Janie, because they're both math people. I liked Kalamazoo because they have a strong biology program. A lot of their students study abroad, and I'd really like that."

Leaving Plymouth High School as the first triplets to graduate is their legacy.

"Other people are known for going somewhere or doing something," Billy said. "We're known for this. Everyone knows 'that's the first set of triplets.' It's just a cool little piece to leave behind."

What's it going to be like being apart for the first time?

"I'm going to miss it," Janie said. "At the same time, it's going to be different, but you've got to try new things."

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RECALL

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tino is a candidate in the Republican primary for the commission's newly redrawn 10th District, which includes the Plymouth and Canton areas.

"It looks or certainly appears that he's trying to leverage the recall effort to heighten his time with the press," Downey said.

Downey said the recall petition "is exactly the same petition that he filed last fall. It went nowhere."

Convertino said that he relied on grassroots support in his first recall effort and that it was difficult to gather signatures in the colder months. This time, he

said, he's planning to raise money to supplement volunteers with professional circulators, and will begin collecting signatures outside county polling places during the Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary.

The language on the latest recall petition was approved by the Wayne County Elections Commission on May 30.

The movement will have 90 days, from the date the petition is first signed, to gather enough signatures to put a recall question on the ballot. Downey said just over 131,000 signatures of registered county voters are needed, a number that's based on the number of ballots cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election.

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## Fundraiser helps Tanger School

**By Brad Kadrich**  
 Observer Staff Writer

Living with a brother who has cerebral palsy, Leah Kolb knows firsthand what a special-needs child needs not only to learn, but to survive.

That's what makes Leah, a third-grader at Workman Elementary School in Canton, particularly interested in seeing that her 3-year-old brother Joey's school has what it needs to educate him.

And it's what had Leah, the daughter of Kristin and Kevin Kolb of Canton, banging on doors in her neighborhood, organizing a fund-raising drive in her school and convincing her mom to get some "Jeans Day" donations from colleagues at Canton Township Hall.

The result of her effort? A donation of more than \$3,500 to Tanger School, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' early childhood/special education center.

"My brother goes to Tanger," said Leah, also sister to 5-year-old Abigail. "I want every child who has special needs to have a better life."

Leah raised about \$115 in donations from her neighbors. Her uncle gave her \$100. A cousin who works at Quicken Loans raised \$1,000.

Kristin Kolb, who serves as Canton Township's lawyer, got township employees to donate proceeds from one of their Casual Friday "Jeans Day" promotions, and earned Leah's fundraiser another \$325.

But the biggest portion of the money came from a fundraiser right there at Workman. Classrooms kept an empty tissue box handy for donations, with the promise that the top three classes would see



Leah Kolb gets a hug from Mary Kay Herr after presenting the Tanger Center with the donation from her fundraising efforts.



Workman third-grader Leah Kolb earned a certificate and the thanks of the staff at the Tanger Center for her efforts to raise money to support the school, which handles the district's special education programming.

their teachers "slimed" as a reward. Classrooms raised more than \$2,000.

Second-grade teacher Mary Halewicz, fourth-grade teacher Nancy Wojtowicz and fifth-grade teacher Chris Walker pay the price for that success Wednesday, when the sliming takes place.

But that's OK with them. "Anything we can do to help all of our kids is worth it," said Wojtowicz, whose class raised some \$150. "It's for a good cause, and it's all in fun. That's all that matters."

Leah said she was hoping to raise \$100 when she started out, but when she quickly climbed past that she raised the goal to \$300. That flew by pretty quickly, too, so she raised it to \$500.

When that goal was eclipsed, she set her sights higher. "When it got past (\$500), I thought I would just go as high as I could go," Leah said.

Joslyn Clark, the program supervisor at Tanger, will take help anywhere she can get it. She was impressed with Leah's effort.

"We were very impressed with her diligence, and her effort," Clark said. "We were very appreciative."

Leah's ability, and willingness, to organize the whole thing made for one proud mommy. Kristin Kolb said her daughter took it all upon herself.

And it's all keyed around her brother's needs. "She sees Joey needs special things, to live and to learn," Kristin Kolb said. "The Tanger Center does great work, but they don't have the budget for a lot of things. (Leah) knows what special kids need. What she did ... You can't say enough about it."

## ON CAMPUS

### Siena Heights

Siena Heights University recently announced its dean's and academic achievement lists for the winter semester 2012. The following students made the list:

**Lauren Kurtz** of Canton and **Kara Bell-Brey** of Plymouth both made the Dean's List.

**Ruth Scheller** and **Scott James Heraty** of Canton made the Academic Achievement List, as did Erin Murtagh of Plymouth.

To make the lists, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0. The dean's list is for full-time students with at least 12 credit hours, and the academic achievement list is for part-time student with at least six and no more than 11 credit hours.

### Albion College

Several local students recently graduated from Albion College:

**Hannah Mills** graduated from Albion College on May 5, receiving a degree in sociology and ethnic studies with a minor in Spanish. Mills is the daughter of Jim and Susan Mills of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

**Sandra Nahra** graduated cum laude from Albion College on May 5, receiving a degree in Spanish with a minor in communication studies and management-Gerstacker track. Nahra was one of just 23 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifying completion of the College Honors Program and an original thesis. The honor of cum laude signifies that Nahra graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5.

Nahra is the daughter of John and Judy Nahra of Plymouth and a graduate

of Salem High School.

**Emily Nemeth** graduated cum laude from Albion College on May 5, receiving a degree in mass media communication studies (mass media emphasis). The honor of cum laude signifies that Nemeth graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5. Nemeth is the daughter of Christopher and Terrie Nemeth of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

**Alexander Yu** graduated from Albion College on May 5, receiving a degree in economics and management with a minor in sociology. Yu is the son of Bennett and Amy Yu of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

### Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University announced its Dean's List for the Winter 2012 semester.

**Bethany Grysko** of Plymouth and **Bryanne Bellovary** of Canton qualified with a grade point average of 4.00.

**Kelly Waite, Rachel Pawlowski, Kathryn Shepherd, Emily Patton, Nicholas Fisher, Alexis Dickinson and Katherine Bedenis**, all of Plymouth, and Marissa Sullivan, Daniel Mundy and Leanna Miller of Canton all made it with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99.

### Bucknell University

**Kathryn Janda** of Plymouth, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Janda and a 2009 graduate of Salem High School, made the Dean's List at Bucknell University for the spring semester of the 2011-12 school year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

## Canton charter earns 'excellence' honor

The leadership at Canton Charter Academy, Detroit Premier Academy, and Metro Charter Academy, public charter schools operated by National Heritage Academies, announced the schools have been named "Schools of Excellence" by their charter authorizers.

Canton is receiving the honor from the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, while

Detroit Premier and Metro are being honored by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees. The "School of Excellence" designation puts these academies in an elite class, declaring their charters are now approved for a 10-year term, rather than a typical 7-year term.

To be designated as a "School of Excellence," kindergarten through 8th grade schools must demonstrate either a three-year average proficiency of 90

percent on the state assessment in reading and math or a three-year average proficiency of 70 percent on the state assessment in reading and math while serving at least 50 percent free/reduced-price lunch eligible students.

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# MDOT widens traffic study beyond Ford Road

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Pursuing what many motorists consider a long-overdue solution to Canton's traffic woes, the Michigan Department of Transportation has begun a new study that reaches beyond car-clogged Ford Road.

The study is expected to hatch a set of preliminary proposals as early as August before closing in on a solution by January, Gorette Yung, MDOT project and contract administration engineer, said Thursday.

The effort is expected to lead to a phased-in solution to local traffic woes, Yung said, regardless of whether Canton and MDOT succeed at securing \$18 million or more through a fourth-round federal program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

The latest MDOT analysis focuses not just on the Ford Road/I-275 interchange. Rather, it involves a traffic and environmental study of a larger area bounded by Warren to the north,



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Brian Smith, at right, of Wilbur Smith Associates, speaks with local resident Larry Lucas, who said that curiosity drove him to come to the meeting. "I've lived here since '96 and have fought Ford Road ever since."

Cherry Hill to the south, Sheldon to the west and Lotz to the east.

### Voices heard

Aside from compiling traffic and accident data in the target area, Yung, other MDOT officials and a consulting firm, Wilbur Smith Associates, came to Canton's Summit on the Park grand ballroom Thursday evening for an informal meeting to hear the opinions of local residents who struggle every day amid the traffic bot-

tlenecks.

"They drive it every day," Yung said.

Much attention has been given to a years-old study to reshape the Ford/I-275 interchange. It involves adding new ramps from the southbound I-275 exit to allow motorists to access Haggerty Road in either direction without getting onto Ford. It also calls for a northbound service drive just east of the interstate, from Cherry Hill to north of Ford.

The latest analysis also seeks other options.

"MDOT realizes there's a problem here," said Matt Wendling, a senior civil engineer for Wilbur Smith Associates. "Everything's on the table."

He said the effort involves MDOT, Canton, Westland, Wayne County and the Federal Highway Administration — though any traffic solutions could have a far-reaching impact on western Wayne County.

Canton resident Wendy Lukianoff, who lives

near Palmer and Sheldon, told officials she opposes a northbound service drive from Cherry Hill, saying it will cause traffic congestion and noise along Cherry Hill, even if it is widened.

"It also would hurt the property values," she told the Observer.

### Fixing the mess

Lukianoff said MDOT should consider measures such as installing roundabouts on Ford Road and adding double turn lanes from Ford onto Haggerty.

Canton resident Larry Lucas, who lives near Cherry Hill and Lilley, came to Thursday's meeting to hear what MDOT had to say. He said traffic problems arose as Canton grew faster than its infrastructure did.

"I want to find out when they're going to fix this mess," he said. "We all know we're way behind on what is needed."

Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden attended the informal gathering because any traffic projects will affect the local business community. He supports efforts to ease congestion along Ford Road, Can-

ton's main commercial corridor.

"We want to make it as easy as possible to connect the businesses to the consumers," Paden said.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said efforts to address traffic woes, particularly along Ford Road, have been needed for a decade or longer.

"This thing now is on the radar (for MDOT)," he said. "Work is going to be done. I hope it's sooner than later."

Wendling indicated other local meetings are expected in August, September and November as MDOT and Wilbur Smith Associates narrow the list of possible solutions before a final report is finished, likely by early next year.

Even though MDOT can't say with certainty when any road improvements would start, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the latest developments, such as the traffic and environmental study, are encouraging.

"This sets the stage, whether we get the (federal) TIGER grant or not," he said.



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# Safety officials issue fireworks warning

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton residents shooting off once-banned fireworks now allowed by Michigan law should use caution to avoid a heightened risk of injuries and fires, local authorities warned.

Police and fire officials also urged those buying or selling fireworks to brush up on laws governing the proper use of Roman candles, bottle rockets and firecrackers that shoot into the air.

Their warnings come as summer and specifically the Fourth of July mark the first season for fireworks buffs to legally use what was once smuggled in from states such as Indiana and Ohio.

"There's certainly a greater risk of potential injuries because of these fireworks being improperly used," Can-

ton Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier said. "It also increases the risk of potential fires if we have fallout from these fireworks falling on buildings or grassy areas in dry conditions."

Statewide, officials have predicted new laws will usher in millions of dollars in new revenue from licensing fees and sales taxes as retailers cash in on changes embraced by people who are thrilled by exploding fireworks.

"It certainly gives the consumer more freedom to have and use fireworks," Schreiner said, "but it also requires more use of common sense. With the more freedom to use fireworks comes a heavier burden for us to be responsible in how we use them."

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb has been developing potential changes in local ordinances to coincide with changes in



This is but one example of once-banned fireworks now legal in Michigan.

Michigan's fireworks laws.

"We're considering some regulations in light of the state law," she said.

Here's a closer look at what retailers and fireworks users should know:

- Buyers 18 and older can legally purchase fireworks typically labeled as consumer grade, 1.4G or UN0336.

"Most of what is still illegal

is 1.3G and comes in a brown paper container," Meier said. "Most all of the legal, consumer-grade fireworks come packaged with very visible, bright colors."

- It's illegal to set off fireworks while using alcohol. Authorities said mixing the two can greatly increase the likelihood of serious injury.

- Retailers have to obtain a permit from the state and have liability insurance, Schreiner said. Any building used to sell fireworks requires an inspection and approval by the state or local fire marshal.

- Buyers can only set off their fireworks on their own property "or someone else's property if they have express permission," Schreiner said. They cannot be used on public property.

- Even on private property, Meier said, fireworks must be at least 70 feet away from any

structure. More precisely, the distance must be 70 feet for each inch of shell size.

- Though local municipalities can impose certain restrictions on fireworks, state law prohibits such measures on a national holiday and the day immediately preceding or following it.

Local restrictions on non-holidays could potentially be enacted by Canton's elected officials. "Really all we're trying to do is keep the community safe," Meier said.

- Regardless of when fireworks are used, Schreiner said users "should always use common sense and be respectful of their neighbors."

As always, any complaints about illegal fireworks activity should be reported to Canton police by calling (734) 394-5400.

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## Ex-teacher ordered to trial on sex charges

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Two male teens testified Friday in explicit detail they had sex with former Wayne Memorial High teacher Brandon Tomblin of Canton during incidents they say occurred in Tomblin's school office, at his sister's Garden City house and in his car while parked off a Romulus road.

A third teen said during a preliminary exam in 34th District Court in Romulus that he and Tomblin, 26, flirted and eventually exchanged nude photos on their cell phones, but never had sex.

The three males, now 16, 17 and 18, testified the encounters occurred last year while they attended Wayne Memorial, where Tomblin taught vocal music before the youngest boy's mother notified Canton police alleging inappropriate contact between Tomblin and her son.

The teens testified they had voluntary contact with Tomblin, but 34th District Judge Tina Brooks Green said sexual contact between a teacher and student cannot be consensual and ordered Tomblin to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on three counts each of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts each of fourth-degree CSC and two counts each of child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime and distributing sexually explicit material to children.

"This happened in the high school," Green said of one incident, "in his office, and he's a teacher."

Tomblin remains jailed with bonds totaling \$325,000/10 percent, meaning he could be released with \$32,500. If convicted, the charges carrying the strongest penalty could lead to 20 years in prison.

Under questioning by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Surma, the teens said Tomblin never indicated to them whether he had a sexually transmitted disease. Outside the courtroom, Surma declined to elaborate on the issue.

One male, now 18, said he was in Tomblin's choir class during 11th grade when Tomblin gave his phone number to the entire class. The teen, who also appeared in a production of *Hairspray* directed by Tomblin, said he and Tomblin initially exchanged texts.

The 17-year-old said he and Tomblin flirted in May 2011, and he recounted the trips by car to Romulus and Garden City.

During his first outing with Tomblin, the 17-year-old said, "I wanted something to happen that day."

He said Tomblin performed oral sex on him.

It was still an illegal act." Meantime, the 16-year-old teen, of Canton, said he was in Tomblin's vocal music class when the two of them began texting each other.

Judge Green ordered Tomblin to stand trial on all but one charge of third-degree CSC, which Surma said he was dropping.



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# W-W's budget reflects loss of students, funding

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A loss of state funding and a continuing enrollment decline will force the Wayne-Westland Community Schools to use more than \$8 million of its fund equity to cover expenses in fiscal 2012-13.

That was the message Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, delivered to the school board during a budget study session last week.

According to Larson-Shidler, the district will lose a total of \$4.3 million in funding from the state, taking its foundation allowance from \$7,250 per student this year to \$7,012 in 2012-13. The loss will put the district slightly above the \$6,966 the lowest funded schools will receive next budget year.

"We're close to the low, we are one of three districts that lost money this year, every other district gained or stayed the same," he said.

## Revenue sources

The district can pick up

some additional state money — \$635,978 for meeting seven of eight Best Practices, \$489,214 in performance grants and \$295,000 for data collection and reporting. Wayne-Westland also stands to get \$1.565 million to offset retirement costs which have steadily increased from 20.66 percent of payroll in 2010-11 to 27.37 percent for 2012-13 which will cost the district an additional \$1.8 million.

"This is not new funding, this is funding we received last year," Larson-Shidler stressed. "This is a carryover from last year."

Reform legislation is in the works that could cap retirement costs at 24.6 percent. According to school Superintendent Greg Baracy, "significant reforms" are needed sooner than later or "we'll be looking at a system that's bankrupt."

"None of us want to see that," he said. "This has been a terrible burden on school districts. It has been underfunded, but it has to be reformed because it is unsustainable."

"There have been changes,

but they have been small changes and we haven't reaped the benefits," added board President Carol Middel.

Larson-Shidler is projecting expenditures of \$108.2 million, down \$2 million from this year. Reflecting the drop in enrollment, the district plans to lay off 20 teachers, a majority at the elementary and upper elementary level, and two special education teachers, saving almost \$900,000. However, the shared time program which is expected to bring in 100 full-time equated students will cost \$250,000 plus benefits.

The district also will see step increases return midyear in 2012-2013 and cost \$1.1 million. Charges for breakfast and lunch service also will be moved to the Food Service Fund, saving some \$300,000, and moving at-risk money — \$1.9 million in salaries and \$800,000 in benefits — into a separate grant fund will provide a partial expenditure offset to the corresponding revenue reduction, Larson-Shidler said.

He added the district will fin-

ish the current budget year "at about break even," with revenues \$24,000 less than expenditures, leaving \$12.4 million in the fund equity. In 2012-2013, revenue will be down \$8.4 million, leaving a fund balance of \$4.02 million.

"With all the information we have, we are looking at an operating deficit of \$11.1 million in 2013-2014," he said.

## Opposed

Using \$8 million to balance the budget didn't sit well with Trustee Andrea Clawson, who asked if that amount could be stripped from the budget by Monday's meeting.

"Is there a chance we can reduce expenditures? We're spending \$2 million less than last year, but \$8.4 million in expenditures over revenues is unacceptable," she said. "We need to look at the hard facts, I would like to have some idea before Monday, I'd like to see where you think you could look at in reducing the costs."

"This budget is based on the information we have now,

it will change," said Larson-Shidler. "Wait a week and we may have MPERS (retirement) reform and we could take \$1.8 million out. We need to set the bar and work with the budget over the year."

Board Vice President John Goci told Clawson that he doesn't "see where we have any fat in this budget."

"We've cut to the bone, our backs are to the wall," he said.

And school board Secretary Cindy Schofield agreed that she doesn't like "running a household where expenses exceed revenue."

"But I don't know if there's \$8 million to find in this budget," she said. "Our community expects the floors to be washed and waxed, toilet paper and hand towels in the bathrooms."

"We're going to make it through the next year," Baracy told the board. "We don't like using that \$8 million. We'll watch the budget and make amendments, and I believe we will get relief on MPERS."

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# Reverse mortgage can work well, when used properly

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: My wife and I are in our mid-70s and we're having some financial issues. After reading your column, I decided to talk to someone about a reverse mortgage. Based upon my home, I can withdraw \$120,000. Currently, I owe approximately \$85,000 on my home. I have about \$30,000 in charge card debt, which is at 18.5 percent. In addition, I owe about \$35,000 in medical bills. I am paying 6 percent on that debt. What I am planning to do with the money is to first pay off my home and then the medical bills. I figure once those are paid off, I could then make extra payments on my charge



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

cards. Do you think it is smart for me to use a reverse mortgage (I plan on being in my home forever)? Do you agree with my distribution

of the money?

**A:** I do agree that a reverse mortgage is the right tool for you to use. It will immediately increase your cash flow because you will no longer have a house payment and you'll reduce your other outstanding debt. I believe you're

using the reverse mortgage exactly as it was meant to be used. The only thing I disagree with you about is the distribution.

After you have pay off your mortgage, the next step should be to pay off your charge cards. My reasoning is that your charge card interest rate is 18.5 percent, while your medical interest rate is only 6 percent. To me, it is just a matter of good economics. Pay off your highest interest rate debt first. Then, with the cash flow savings from having no mortgage or charge card payment, you could use that to accelerate the debt on the

medical bills. To me, this would be the most prudent use of the money.

For seniors, reverse mortgages can be a very valuable investment tool if used in the right situations. I'm not a fan of using reverse mortgages for things such as vacations or investing. I have seen some people get a reverse mortgage, then turn around and invest the money in something like an annuity. Although in many situations an annuity is a good investment product, I don't think it makes sense to buy one with the proceeds from a reverse mortgage. After all, the interest rate on a reverse mortgage is high-

er than the interest rate that you're currently getting on the annuity. Therefore, from a purely financial standpoint, it doesn't make sense. A better strategy, as opposed to buying an annuity, would be to get a reverse mortgage and use it as a line of credit. In other words, you can get a reverse mortgage and you don't have to take a lump sum; rather, you can have a line of credit to draw upon on an as-needed basis. To me, this would be a better strategy than using the proceeds to buy an annuity.

The local company that does a very good job with reverse mortgages is 1st Financial Reverse Mort-

gages; contact Mike Gruley at (800) 720-7003.

Like many investment products, reverse mortgages can be a valuable tool if they are used correctly. On the other hand, if you use a reverse mortgage in the wrong way, it will not help your financial situation, but will cause you more financial pain. Therefore, take your time and make the right decision for yourself. Good luck!

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# New state fair finds a home

## Organizers confident they can revive historic event

By Nathan Mueller  
Novi News Staff Writer

A state fair is coming back to Michigan. And while the location, name and major players have changed, the core of what made the Michigan State Fair a success in Detroit for more than 100 years remains. Dubbed the Great Lakes State Fair and scheduled for Aug. 31 to Sept. 3 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, organizers have put their focus on families, while also highlighting the many talents of Michiganders around the state. There will be large indoor livestock and agricultural areas, as well as a pavilion featuring strictly Michigan-made products. Kent Roberts, vice chairman of the Great Lakes State Fair board,

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said members have been working for nearly two years to fill the void left in 2009 when the state fair-ground on Woodward Avenue and Eight Mile Road was shuttered. And with the help of Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman, who donated his facility for free, the board believes it has a place where the fair can not only be revived, but also thrive. "We are not really try-

ing to duplicate the old state fair," Roberts said Wednesday at a press conference announcing the new fair. "We are trying to put together a 21st century version that is in alignment with the success, and able to promote what we know is true, and that builds upon that rich Michigan heritage of our agricultural community." Roberts noted that Michigan is the second most diversified agricul-

tural state in the country and said it was a shame those people had few places to showcase their goods and talents. That sentiment is echoed by Bowman, who admitted to watching from the outside as the fair came to an end in 2009 and as revival efforts came and went over the last two years. Finally, he said, he couldn't wait any longer and wanted to help. "Michigan deserves a state fair and we have a place to provide that," he said. "We've heard loud and clear that effort needed to be done on a private sector basis and we are here ready to do that." On top of the agricultural and livestock focus, the Great Lakes State Fair also will feature a Shriner's Circus, large midway with carnival games

and rides, a beer tent, camping village, merchandise and concessions and live entertainment. Organizers are still finalizing the entertainment, but Bowman said, "If there were any major Michigan-based, born and bred entertainment acts that would like to help us come launch this thing, we would certainly appreciate that help." **Mayor's plea** Novi Mayor Bob Gatt took it a step further. "My favorite entertainer in the whole world, even at my age, is a guy from Detroit, a guy from Michigan named Bob Ritchie, also known as Kid Rock," Gatt said. "And if he is listening, or his folks are listening, for this thing to be successful we could certainly use his help. Show up for one day,

show up for one hour, and just be part of this. That is my challenge." Bowman said he believes the fair will draw between 10,000-15,000 people per day in the inaugural year, but is hopeful that it far exceeds those numbers down the line. The last Michigan State Fair drew 217,000 visitors, with attendance peaking at 1.2 million in 1966. "I don't want to start it here and go somewhere else," he said. "But if it needs to go to more traditional state fairgrounds, then great. But I think we cannot only start it here, but help it grow here and stabilize it for the long term." For more information about the Great Lakes State Fair, including times and entertainment schedule, visit [www.GreatLakesStateFair.org](http://www.GreatLakesStateFair.org).

# Former state fair GM expects new version to 'take off'

By Nathan Mueller  
Novi News Staff Writer

There is no replacing the rich history of the Michigan State Fair, which entertained millions of people on Wood-

ward Avenue for more than 100 years. But Bob Porter, the general manager of the last Michigan State Fair in 2009, said the new Great Lakes State Fair at the Suburban Collection

Showplace in Novi, if run properly, will "really take off." Porter said there was definitely a need for a state fair, and was concerned that it may never return.

"I think a lot of people thought of the state fair as their Super Bowl," he said. "I think it can definitely be revived. If had gone much longer, though, I don't know how well it would have been received." Porter, who lives in Ferndale, said he believes the state fair struggled in Detroit because of the city's image and that agriculture is isolated from the area. "Moving it to a new location that is more oriented in the agricultural world is going to have a

positive effect," he said. Porter said he also sees a great "value" in what a state fair brings to people, especially children. "Kids growing up in inner cities and highly urban areas think hamburgers are something grown where your drive up and they hand it to you through a window," he said. Novi resident Bob Cummings, who volunteered at the Michigan State Fair for 12 years, said he was excited to hear the state fair was coming back.

Cummings boasts the largest collection of Michigan State Fair memorabilia known, including more than 60 programs from different years, with the oldest going back to 1879. He is hoping to be able to display it at the Great Lakes State Fair, while also adding a new program to the collection. "I always love showing that kind of stuff," he said. "It's great hearing people reminisce."

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## Cancer run expects good turnout

In a boost to prostate cancer awareness, 28 Canton-area residents last year participated in a run sponsored by the Michigan Institute of Urology's Men's Health Foundation.

Local runners are expected again this year during the fourth annual MIU Run for the Ribbon, which happens 8 a.m. Sunday, June 17, at the Detroit Zoo.

The run, which draws more than 1,500 runners and walkers each year, coincides with Father's Day — an opportune time for men to consider being screened for prostate cancer risks.

Statistics indicate prostate cancer affects one in six men and is the second leading cause of death for men, according to the American Cancer Society.

The U.S. Preventative Service Task Force recently gave the PSA test — a prostate screening measure — a poor rating, though some say the test has to date been the most successful way of detecting prostate cancer.

MIU's Men's Health Foundation has been working to promote awareness for prostate cancer prevention and treatment, championing that men should be advocates for their own health.

Now, MIU's Men's Health Foundation is calling on men across the region to step up for the PSA test and demonstrate how it has saved their lives with

the Run for the Ribbon.

According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, with more than 240,000 new cases expected to be diagnosed this year and more than 28,000 men losing their fight against the disease.

New this year, registrants can build a personal fundraising or team page when they sign up for the event. Registrants can upload photos, a personal story and set up personal or team fundraising goals. Each secure personal page or team page will have its own customized URL.

Registrations through June 12 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race-day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children.

Online registration at [www.MIURunForTheRibbon.org](http://www.MIURunForTheRibbon.org) is available through June 12. Participants must register on race day. Participants will receive an official T-shirt and blue ribbons will be available to those who wish to participate in honor of an individual with prostate cancer.

Medals will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories.

Proceeds from both events will benefit prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan.

## Canton team wins at Robofest World Championship

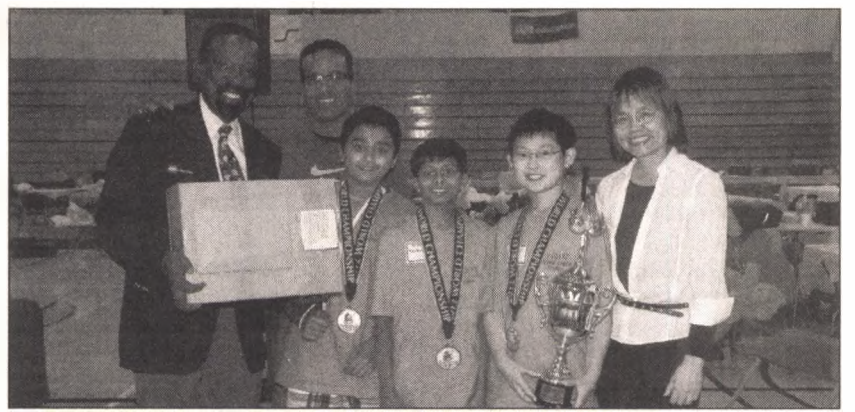
The WASPS robotics team of Canton won the Junior Exhibition division at the 13th annual Robofest World Championship held recently at Lawrence Technological University.

This year 1,630 students on 502 teams from nine states and four other countries participated in the annual Robofest competition founded in 2000 by CJ Chung, professor of computer science at Lawrence Tech.

Robofest is an international competition of autonomous robots — computer-programmed to act independently and not radio-controlled — that encourages students to have fun while learning principles of science, technology, engineering, and math. Students design, construct and program the robots, and adult coaches are not allowed to assist during the events. Teams compete in the junior division (grades 5-9) or senior division (grades 9-12), using a variety of computer programming languages.

Coach Satheesh Makkapati described his team's demonstration project.

"With the growing energy needs of humans in the 21st century, it is absolutely critical that we understand energy transformations and the associated efficiencies," Makkapati said. "To promote this understanding, Team



Ivery Toussant from Lego Education (holding a Lego NXT kit that he presented to the team), Coach Satheesh Makkapati, Bhanu Makkapati, Mustafa Tambawalla, Daniel Li, and Lawrence Tech College of Arts and Sciences Dean Hsiao-Ping Moore, who presented the first-place trophy.

WASPS (Achieve Charter Academy in Canton) created a robot teacher, MR.CHEN, a mnemonic for the different forms of energy, mechanical, radiant, chemical, heat, electric, and nuclear — using several LEGO NXT & Arduino micro controllers.

The demonstration begins with the radiant energy from a set of light bulbs being captured by a solar panel and getting converted to electrical energy. A thermometer picks up the heat generated by the light bulbs to illustrate the fact that a lot of the radiant energy has in fact been converted to heat energy. A charger takes the electricity generated by the solar panel and

stores it in a battery as chemical energy. A water pump then draws the chemical energy from the battery and pushes up some water into an elevated bucket, thus creating mechanical potential energy. The stored water then rushes down to turn an impeller, which in turn spins a generator creating electrical energy. As a last step, the electrical energy thus created lights up an LED to create radiant energy.

"While showing off these energy transformations, MR.CHEN discusses the associated conversion efficiencies, thus bringing home all the energy concepts," Makkapati said.

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# Mentoring helps teens succeed, get back on track

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Ron Bartsch, Rudy Ruzicka and Nikki Pippin have a lot in common. Not only do they work at The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village, they also devote their time to mentoring students like Mark Martin, Amber Munguia and Nathaniel Pippin.

The teens are among a group of Wayne-Westland students who are earning credits and gaining work experience through a nationally recognized Youth Mentorship Program at the museum and village in Dearborn.

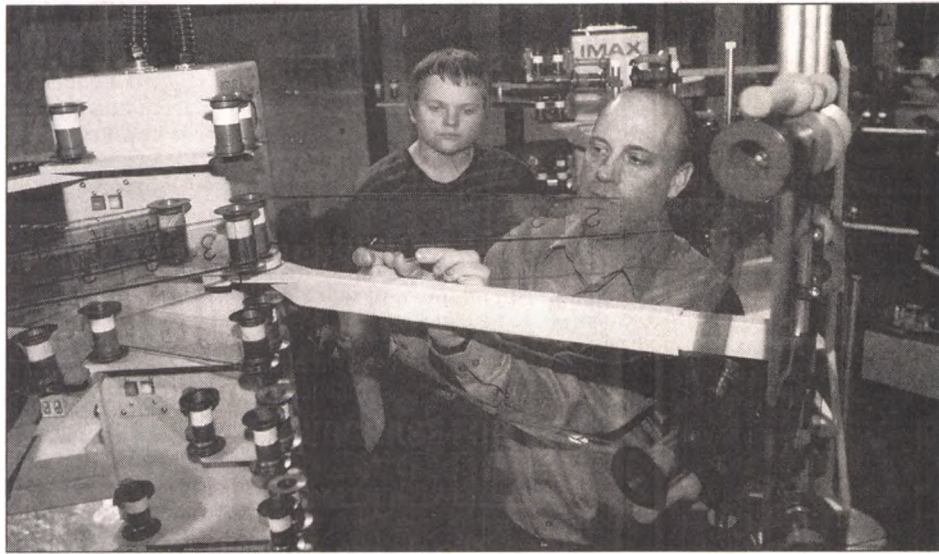
"The first thing we work on is communication so we can talk to each other, we use photographic terms," said Ruzicka, a photographer at the museum. "It's good for them to learn how to talk to adults."

Ruzicka has been a mentor since the program began 23 years ago, and has spent the last three semesters working with Munguia, a junior at Wayne Memorial High School.

"I've learned a lot from him," she said. "I've learned to photograph things and I've learned some things that have made me a better person."

Munguia had never heard of the program when she tried out, but 1 1/2 years later she's glad she did.

"The first day he said you're going to do this," she said. "Now I help set up the lights and products and take pictures. I like photography, I think it's



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According to Ron Bartsch, mentee Nathaniel Pippin gets to work in "the coolest place" at The Henry Ford — the projection room of the IMAX Theater. Bartsch shows Pippin, a 10th-grader, the difference between the 70mm IMAX film and regular 35mm movie film.

something I might want to do."

Ruzicka is responsible for photographing every item in the museum for the photo files. He's found working with Munguia has been a learning experience for him.

"She does a lot of the computer input, she has to show me what she's doing," he said. "It only goes to show you can learn from anyone, anytime, anywhere."

### His niche

Martin, a sophomore at the Tinkham Alternative High School, has found his niche working in the barn in Greenfield Village with Opp and the staff. He describes himself as "outdoorsy" and he gets that during the time he's there. As part of his job, he loads the truck with hay and grain, sweeps the barn, and gets "to be a farm boy back in

the 1920s."

But he also gets to be with the horses.

"I feel like the horses reach out to me emotionally, they're like my buddies," he said. "I care about them. It might look weird when you catch me talking to them. I have conversations with them."

Opp said Martin isn't one to stand around, "he's always looking for something to do."

"We teach him how to respect the horses, how they eat and how to take care of the barn," said Opp. "This has a lot to do with something you can't do elsewhere. He comes in and learns."

Martin said the program has provided him with "some good, invaluable experience." It also has helped him get his highest grade, doing an online class with the mentorship program.

"I fell more grown-up with all this work experience," he said. "I've learned about the past and the present. It's been a fun and new experience."

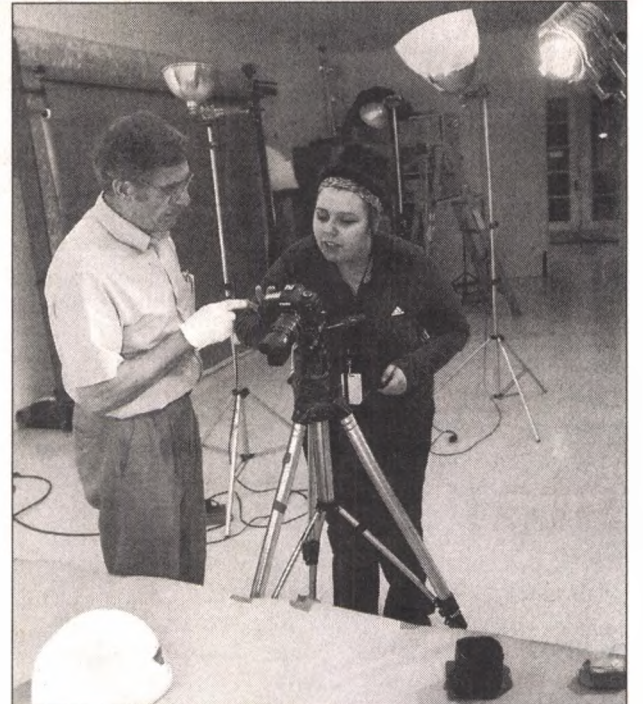
Bartsch said Pippin "gets to work in the coolest place" — the projection room of the IMAX theater at The Henry Ford. The John Glenn High School sophomore has learned what it takes to operate the projector and what goes on behind the scenes and along the way, he's seen *Titantic*, a documentary about the ill-fated ocean line 47 times.

"I like Ron, he's cool, funny and I've learned a lot," said Pippin who knew about the program, thanks to his sister.

"I knew I'd end up here, my sister was in the program and it was one way to get help in high school," he said. "I plan to do it until I'm out of high school."

"He knows that he has to respect the equipment," said Bartsch. "He knows it's not all fun and games. He's gotten a sense of the nature of the job behind the scenes in a movie theater. This room is like the cockpit of a plane."

**Right decision**  
Deja Williams openly admits her attendance



Photographer Rudy Ruzicka has been a mentor for Amber Munguia, a junior at Wayne Memorial High School, for three semesters. Munguia has learned a lot about photography, but also "some things about being a better person" from Ruzicka.

hasn't been the best, but after two semesters in YMP, she knows for sure she'll be quizzed by Suzie Staley and Tim Johnson if she misses.

"The hardest part is being here everyday, my attendance hasn't been the best, but I know if I miss, they're going to ask where I was, why I don't have my clothes," she said. "They hold my feet to the fire."

A senior at Wayne Memorial High School, Williams has been in the program for two semesters, working on recovering credits. She knows she won't graduate on time, but "at some point" she will.

Williams has worked with the kitchen staff at the Michigan Cafe and now works in the office with Staley and Johnson.

"I feel I made the right decision, this is a learning experience," she said. "It's taught me how to behave in professional areas, it's taught me I can help others and feel better about myself. It's helped mature me."

Miranda Linder, a senior at John Glenn

High School, has been with the program for three semesters. She was getting bad grades and was behind on her credits when she decided to try YMP.

"It's really helped me and I've got to meet new people," she said. "I think the people are the best part of it."

Linder has been assigned to the Rouge Factory Tour where she files papers, runs errands, helps with scheduling for the next day and with writing information for the staff on a board. The program has helped her not only recover credits but with her regular classes.

"It's made me more responsible and mad me see that I need to do it," she said. "I'm going to be a medical receptionist, I'm going to go to Schoolcraft College. I never thought I'd be able to do that."

"I'm glad I did this," she added. "I think I'd tell people to do this because it can help," she added.

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(From left) Nathan Farooq Memorial Foundation board member Alex Brizard, chairman and executive director Kyle McGuire, scholarship winners Nikhil Adapa and Abby Wang, vice chairman Andrew Cho and board member William Bell, Jr. pose for a picture at the Senior Honors Night at Novi High School where the board presented its inaugural scholarships.

## Former Novi tennis star's legacy lives on

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Kyle McGuire often thinks about his friend Nathan Farooq.

It has been nearly one-and-a-half years since Farooq was killed when he was struck by a vehicle on Southfield Freeway, but his legacy lives on thanks to McGuire and other friends who formed a tennis tournament and non-profit foundation in his honor.

The Nathan Farooq Memorial Open embarks on its second year June 15-17 at Novi Middle School, and it's open to anyone who wants to play tennis and support the foundation. Cost is \$20 to play.

McGuire said typically when people die there is no ongoing commemoration of their life, but this tournament "keeps (Nathan's) spirit alive, so to speak."

"His name is all over the event, which is the best because the whole goal of this is for people to not forget the person he was," said McGuire, who is now a student at Michigan State University.

The tennis tournament last year was only open to current Novi High School students and college athletes, but McGuire expanded that this year because of increased interest. The event also will feature raffles and door prizes in an effort to make it more spectator friendly.

Farooq's brother Justin is expected to play in the tournament, and his parents also will be in attendance.

Proceeds from last year's tournament were donated to the Andre Agassi Foundation for Education, but this year the money is being used for a pair of scholarships. The scholarships are for

high school tennis players at Novi High School who have outstanding success on the court and as well as in the community and the classroom.

Nathan was one of the school's most decorated tennis players, amassing a school record 98 wins in his career. He also received all-state honors in 2009 and made the semifinals of the state tournament his last three years.

Seniors Abby Wang and Nikhil Adapa will be the recipients of the inaugural scholarships, receiving \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships, respectively.

"Both definitely exemplified the characteristics the foundation was looking for," McGuire said.

For more information about the tennis tournament or foundation, visit [www.nfmopen.com](http://www.nfmopen.com).

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## Author, financial pro excited to be working close to home

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Scott Frush of Northville Township used to commute to work in Southfield. Since late March, he's been working on his own with his Frush Financial Group — complete with a 2.7-mile commute each way.

"No. 1, Southfield's very congested," said Frush, who'd been with Lincoln Financial Advisors. He's got a lot of Birmingham-Bloomfield clients and others, and is picking up Northville area clients.

He found commuting took up his time. "Anytime I'm in the car is just a waste of time."

Frush has written a

number of books on investing, as well as several trivia books. He's a certified financial planner and chartered financial analyst. "It is a very strong designation, probably the top one in my field," he said of the latter.

Frush earned a bachelor's degree in business with a finance concentration from Eastern Michigan University in 1994. He's an M.B.A. graduate (class of 1999) from Notre Dame University, as well as a St. Agatha High School of Redford graduate.

Frush, 41, is married to Christina and dad to Gabriella, 5, and Ryan, 3. He's thrilled to be leasing office space from Lee

Holland & Associates in Northville.

"Everything about it is excellent. Terrific decision," said Frush, noting Holland has an accounting/investment background and others in the office are also helpful.

Frush has his 10th book out this year, with McGraw-Hill publishing his first hardcover, "The Strategic ETF Investor."

Frush has started a blog, [etfmarketwatch.com](http://etfmarketwatch.com). He's also excited about "ETF Professor TV" videos he'll start showing online this summer on [etfprofessor.tv](http://etfprofessor.tv).

Frush will also teach a class to undergraduates in business this fall at the University of Michigan-Flint.

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# GOP leaders support Cassis for Congress in write-in campaign

**By Ken Abramczyk**  
Observer Staff Writer

A group of Republican leaders has agreed to support a former state senator from Novi in a write-in campaign for the 11th Congressional District seat.

The 11 Republicans, including Oakland Coun-

ty Executive L. Brooks Patterson, met Thursday morning and agreed to back Nancy Cassis of Novi in a write-in campaign. All 11 supported Cassis.

Loren Bennett of Canton, also a former state senator, agreed to end his write-in campaign and support Cassis.

Patterson said Cassis "represented the best of the district." "She served in the state Senate, she has a high-name identification,



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Bentivolio

she has a proven track record," Patterson said. "She's well-funded and can hit the ground running." Cassis will conduct a

write-in campaign against Kerry Bentivolio of Milford. Bentivolio was the sole Republican candidate to be listed on the ballot after five-term Congressman Thaddeus McCotter did not qualify to be placed on the ballot because petitions and signatures were found to be duplicated, which disqualified most of

the signatures. Attorney General Bill Schuette is investigating.

Cassis could not be reached for comment.

Patterson said five candidates were interviewed: Cassis, Bennett, Rocky Raczkowski, Paul Welday and John Pastor.

Patterson said he never met Bentivolio, but added that he did not agree with Bentivolio's views outlined on his campaign Web site.

Bentivolio's campaign spokesman Robert Dindoffer issued the following statement on behalf of Bentivolio: "While we respect everyone's right to run, what we don't appreciate is when 10 to 25 career politicians and operatives go into a smoke-filled room to anoint a candidate to run against a solid conservative who's already on the ballot," Dindoffer said.

Bennett said more than one write-in candidate lessened the chances that a write-in would win.

Though the GOP group chose Cassis, Bennett said the panel had no binding authority to force him or anyone else out of the race.

"But it's the right thing to do to try to coalesce around the one person," Bennett said. "I was thrilled they picked someone of the quality of Nancy Cassis. She was a fine representative in Lansing in both the House and the Senate.

"I'm behind her 100 percent," he said, "and I'm sure she will do a wonderful job."



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# Protesters seek to protect religious freedom

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

On Friday, hundreds of residents from western Wayne County protested President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act and the Department of Health and Human Services mandate.

Residents participated in a Stand Up for Religious Freedom prayer rally at the corner of Five Mile and Levan, across from St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

They said the mandate forces religious institutions, such as Catholic hospitals and universities, to offer contraceptives, surgical sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs in employee health insurance plans, which violates teachings of the Catholic church.

Stand Up rallies were scheduled Friday in 13 cities across Michigan, and 143 in the United States.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has scheduled a Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Cathedral of Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit as part of Fortnight for Freedom, scheduled June 21 through July 4, by the U.S. Conference of Bishops.

The date for the Stand Up Rally, June 8, was chosen to highlight the HHS mandate's unconstitutional infringement of religious freedom, coming before the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare, expected at the end of June.

Organizers said June 8 was the 223rd anniversary of the day James Madison introduced the Bill of Rights to the first Congress, including what would become the First Amendment. The prayer rally emphasized the First Amendment and that all health care laws respect religious freedom.

Dr. Miguel Lis-Planells, a neurosurgeon at the Michigan Head and Spine Institute in Southfield and vice chair of neurosurgery at Sinai Grace Hospital, said the U.S. is "less tolerant of God" and that marriage and family "are under attack."



Michelle McGill, of Northville, and Pam Malo, of Livonia, protesting at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Lis-Planells said the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies devised the guidelines for the Affordable Health Care Act and mandates, classifying pregnancy as a disease.

"Since when in human history has pregnancy been a disease?" Lis-Planells asked the crowd.

Contraception in the form of birth control pills adds to health risks down the road for women, Lis-Planells said, including increased breast cancer, heart attacks and blood clot risks.

The mandates intrude on the relationship between the doctor and patient, Lis-Planells said. "You now have Uncle Sam looking over your shoulder," he said.

Lis-Planells advised the audience to write to lawmakers on the issue on their right of conscience and freedom of religion.

"The battle is in courts and in Congress," he said.

The Detroit Religious Freedom Rally was organized by Monica Migliorino Miller, who is also national co-director of the nationwide Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rallies and director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society.

"The rally is intended as a clear message to the federal government that it has no business defining the scope of religious ministry and that faith-based institutions and even private businesses affected by the mandate will simply not comply with the government's unjust intrusion into the affairs of religion and

freedom of conscience," Miller said.

These rallies are necessary to ensure that freedom of religion will be protected in any possible subsequent health care legislation if Obama's health care plan is ruled unconstitutional, Miller said.

"This is not about access to contraception. This is a religious liberty issue, plain and simple, and we remain committed to work for the reversal of this mandate," she said.

"The HHS mandate actually seeks to define what constitutes religious ministry in its narrowly crafted so-called exemption. This sort of government intrusion must be opposed. This is not about the issue of contraception, this is about protecting religious liberty as it is enshrined in the United States Constitution. The so-called Obama accommodation has done nothing to settle the controversy."

Protesters want the mandate stopped. Several protesters stood along both sides of Five Mile Road, holding signs that read "Stand Up for Religious Freedom" and "Stop Obama's HHS Mandate." Scott Parcha of Red-

ford held a sign on Five Mile, greeted by honks from supportive motorists. "We're standing up for religious freedom," he said. "Our freedoms are starting to fall away from us, little by little." Parcha said the mandate "declared war on the Catholic church and all people's faiths."

Parcha hoped that the prayer rally will draw more people to the cause. "Maybe those on the fence will wake up and see what's going on," he said.

Lucille Fritz of Livonia believes hospitals should not be forced to provide abortions, nor should contraception be forced under the mandate. "(Contraception) should be an individual decision, not a mandate by the government," she said.

Nancy Dankert of Plymouth wanted to protect religious freedom

and freedom of conscience, holding up her sign for motorists from a folding chair. "I hope this rally influences the public and I'd like to let them know what's going on," she said. "It also strengthens us, and to see us together, it shows we can make a difference."

Connie Andres of Livonia doesn't like the law. "We need to protect our rights," she said. "Anyone in the medical field will be affected by it."

Her daughter works as a pharmacist, Andres said. She would be mandated to provide birth control at her job, which goes against her Catholic beliefs, she said. "I thought Obama had some possibilities as a president, but I don't like this law. It's too over the top," Andres said. "If you are in the medical field, you will have to participate or be fired."

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## Giving it a 'shot'

### Local shot putter ready to launch at Meijer State Games

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It's probably tough to outdo shot putter Robert Barrett when it comes to multitasking.

Imagine balancing a 16-pound steel ball against the side of your neck, simultaneously propelling yourself forward several feet with enough speed, power and torque to launch the heavy object some 50 feet out into the distance.



Now think about doing that over and over again, for the sheer love of it and that's the 6-2, 215-pound Barrett in a nutshell.

Of course, the Canton resident also loves to win.

He'll be pushing — literally — for gold, silver or bronze later this month at the Olympic-style Meijer State Games of Michigan near Grand Rapids.

"It's (having) patience, being explosive and nimble," said Barrett when asked about the keys to success as a shot putter. "I liken it to an overweight ballerina. You got to be light on your feet. You got to be explosive. You don't necessarily have to be strong or big,

"... When I'm in the back of the ring I have to cover seven feet like that (he snaps his fingers). But I also have to move a 16-pound ball with me at the same time. And that thing doesn't want to move."

He also smiled when talking about why throwers must follow proper technique and not try to do a Justin Verlander with it.

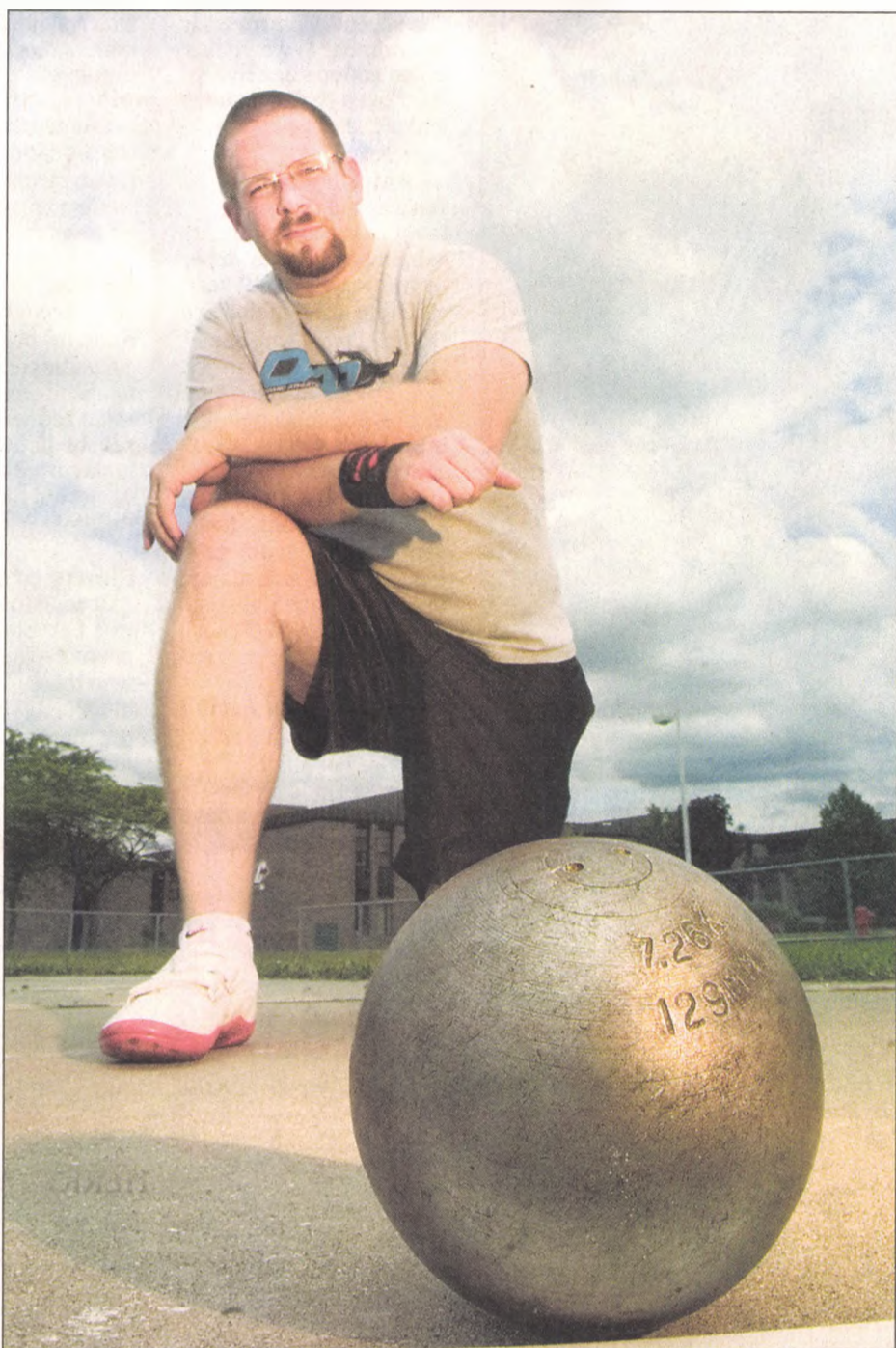
"You can't throw the shot, it has to be in contact with your neck when you release it," Barrett explained. "If you overhand this thing you're going to shred your whole shoulder."

#### He's stoked

Barrett, 25, discussed his favorite athletic activity during a training session last week at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Dabbling in high-stakes competition

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Taking a break from a recent training session, Robert Barrett of Canton doesn't mind doing whatever it takes to send this stationary 16-pound steel ball into orbit.



*'If you overhand this thing you're going to shred your whole shoulder.'*

ROBERT BARRETT  
Canton

### GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL FINAL

## Late magic lifts Chiefs

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

A scintillating individual effort by Canton senior forward Ally Krause sparked the Chiefs' 2-0 victory over Saline in Friday night's Division 1 girls soccer regional final.

Bobbing and weaving her way through a Hornets' nest of defenders, Krause maneuvered into Saline's 18-yard box and punched the ball inside the right post with 14:50 remaining for the winning goal.

The winning play started at the other end of the Saline High School soccer field with a strong defensive clear by junior Natalie Schmidt.

#### Taking them on

Canton senior midfielder Megan



Trapp got to the ball and drove a feed up the middle to Krause, inside the midfield circle. She took it from there.

"I was definitely trying to focus on scoring the goal," said Krause, who netted her 24th marker of the year. "I didn't think I could take on two players, but I managed to do that and I shot it with a toe poke."

Krause jabbed at the ball with her right foot instead of perhaps dribbling closer, surprising Saline goalie Hayley Reynolds from about 10 yards in front of the cage.

"I pulled the ball back thinking I could hopefully get around her and just touched it around the other defender that stepped up to me and placed it in the net," Krause said. "I was definitely shocked about that one."

What the goal and the victory meant for the Chiefs (17-2-3) was a regional championship and berth in the D1 state semifinal at Farmington High School at 6 p.m. Wednesday against Troy (winner of the Fraser regional).

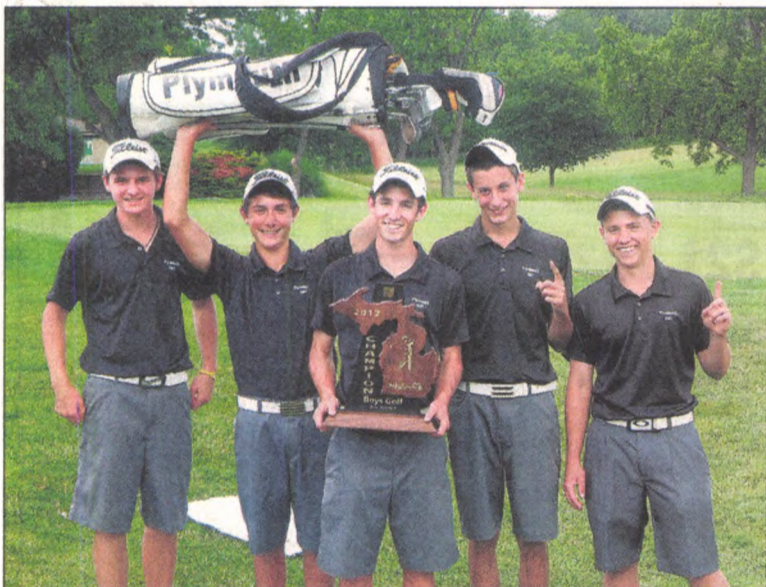
"Our second half was really good," said Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy, whose team played tentatively during a scoreless first half. "I think they put more passes together the last 15 minutes than they did the rest of the game."

#### Insurance helps

As for the way Krause fashioned the winner, Reddy smiled.

"She's a great player, a great kid, she's a great captain," Reddy said. "We don't put all the pressure on her, but

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The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate Thursday's Division 1 regional championship at West Shore Golf and Country Club in Grosse Ile. Holding the team trophy is senior Josh Heinze, second overall at the tourney with a 69. Also shown are (in alphabetical order) Chris Kozler, Ryan Rieckhoff, Kyle Rodes and John Tatti.

## 'Cats win 1st regional

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

### BOYS GOLF DIVISION 1 REGIONALS

Plymouth's varsity boys golf team won the Division 1 Region 5 tournament Thursday in Grosse Ile and will fulfill its preseason goal of once again reaching the state finals.

After winning their first ever regional with a four-player total of 296 strokes, the Wildcats accomplished that goal to make it to the D1 finals for a third consecutive season.

But the Wildcats will have some company from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park at the D1 finals (for Lower Peninsula schools) thanks to Canton placing third with a school record 18-hole total of 299.

"I don't think that we have had two teams qualify the same year from the Park," Plymouth head coach Chris Moore said.

The top three teams automatically qualify. Also going to Grand Valley State University's the Meadows for the Friday-Saturday finals will be Saline, placing second with a 298 tally.

Moore added that Plymouth's golfers "had a good practice round on Tuesday, and were very confident with their game and their familiarity of the course."

"We peaked at the right time," Canton head coach Tom Alles said. "The boys want-

ed very much to show that they can compete with the best teams in our area.

"I look for our team to make a strong showing at the state finals. The boys are very excited about the opportunity to compete at the Meadows course."

#### On par

Earning individual medalist honors was Canton freshman sensation Donnie Trosper. He scored 67 at West Shore Golf & Country Club.

"Donnie was definitely on his game," Alles said. "He made seven birdies and three bogeys. On the front nine, he made four

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Shown in a regular season game is Canton senior forward Ally Krause (No. 3) who scored the winner in Friday's regional final. At right is Plymouth's Alyssa Dillon (No. 2).

# Team effort crucial to OK of MHSAA age waiver

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

They're going to let 'em play after all. The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently approved an amendment to waive the organization's age limit for prep participants under certain circumstances.

All member schools were asked to vote in favor of the amendment, capping a two-year drive by the parents of 19-year-old Ishpeming junior Eric Dompierre — who has Down syndrome.

Eric's father, Dean Dompierre, and the Ishpeming district worked with the MHSAA since July 2010 to craft a strict waiver policy, enabling student-athletes "with certain combinations of both intellectual and physical disabilities to play one year past the current maximum age."

Students who turn 19 prior to Sept. 1 of a school year are not eligible for interscholastic athletics, unless they now have a waiver application approved.

"There are several other states that have already

passed that and I think it's appropriate for that population," said Sue Heinzman, co-athletic director for the Plymouth-Canton district. "The kids that can actually play, the Down syndrome student-athlete that has an opportunity, I have no problem with that whatsoever."

"Not where we've had that situation where a Down syndrome student wants to play, but they'd be welcome to."

Heinzman also called the decision "a very positive step" even though "it's for a narrow population."

Candidates for the age waiver must submit a request to local school districts. "Really, it starts with us and then we would have to apply to the state," she continued.

### Plenty of support

Crucial to the campaign was Let 'Em Play, a supportive group of citizens who through a comprehensive Web site primed the pipeline of communication with the public, legislators and school district representatives across Michigan.

Count Canton school board member Mark Horvath among them.

"I only became aware of this early this year when a friend from Boston saw a story online about it and let me know," noted Horvath in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "I called and e-mailed the Ishpeming schools to see what I could do to help. They connected me with Dean and I asked him what I could do to help. We discussed various things that were going on and a few others in Southeast Michigan that were interested in helping."

"Through e-mail, Facebook and conference calls with folks around the state we developed a strategy that was designed to get the issue in front of member MHSAA reps to vote on this rule change."

It all snowballed from there. "During the MHSAA meeting in May, they agreed to call for the vote, and the rest is history," Horvath continued. "There were many people who helped to make this happen and I was a small part of a truly team effort."

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## SOCCER

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she knows she's a key player."

So is Trapp, who finished off a Rachel Winters corner kick with 7:06 remaining for the team's insurance goal. She headed the ball in with a determined downward thrust of the head.

"We only had two (corner kicks) the whole game and I don't feel I did anything on them," Trapp said. "Normally I'm the one that gets to the ball and goes to it the hardest."

"It was the end of the game and I was like, 'I got to do this, got to win it.'"

Earning the shutout was senior Danielle Schendel, back in goal after missing the regional semifinal win over Dearborn due to a concussion (junior Kaitlyn Jatzczak was in goal for Tuesday's 4-0 win).

Leading the all-around effort was Canton's stellar senior group of Krause, Trapp, defenders Robyn Mack, Alex Bryden, Schendel, plus Gabby Malec, Kalya Berti and Kerstyn Hall in the midfield and forward.

Meanwhile, Saline finished the season with a 15-6-3 record, and the Hornets did not do much buzzing in Canton territory.

Whenever there was a 50/50 ball to pursue, particularly in the second half, a Canton player got there.

Strong play in the back to boot the ball out of trouble and stay on the attack also were key factors after intermission.

Krause admitted being "really nervous" before the game and she and her teammates heeded Reddy's halftime message to relax and go to work.

"Making it into the final four, my team's never done that throughout my entire high school career," Krause said, explaining her nervousness. "So I wanted to do that for my team."

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## GOLF

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birdies in a row, all par-4s."

Plymouth senior Josh Heinze and Dearborn's Evan Bowser tied for second with 69 each.

"I was very pleased with the way that Josh played his round," Moore said. "He knew when he could be aggressive, and he understood that he had to play conservative on some of the holes."

"He also made several par-saving putts throughout the round. He had a great game plan and executed throughout his round."

Plymouth had two others finishing in the top 20 — junior Kyle Rodes (seventh, 73) and sophomore Chris Kozler (12th, 75) — with junior Ryan Rieckhoff (24th, 79) and sophomore John Tatti (43rd, 84) rounding out the card.

"Kyle had back-to-back double-bogeys on 11 and 12, but he kept his composure, and finished the last six holes under par," Moore added. "Chris had his best round of the year on Thursday. Chris plays the game with such a positive attitude, he does not allow mistakes to bring him down."

"Ryan played another solid round. His improved mental approach to the game this year is allowing him to save his round when he may be getting some bad breaks or having a bad hole."

Tatti "stayed focused and made some good putts throughout the round," the coach noted.



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Two of Plymouth's top performers all season, Josh Heinze (left) and Kyle Rodes, work on their putting recently. They finished in the top-10 on Thursday, spearheading the regional champion Wildcats.

### MHSAA BOYS GOLF REGIONAL RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGION 5

**June 7 at West Shore G&CC TEAM STANDINGS (Top three qualify for state finals):** 1. Plymouth, 296; 2. Saline, 298; 3. Canton, 299; 4. Ann Arbor Skyline, 307; 5. Livonia Churchill, 308; 6. Salem, 314; 7. Woodhaven, 316; 8. Bedford, 328; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 345; 10. Garden City, 348; 11. Dearborn, 349; 12. Monroe, 356.

**Additional qualifiers:** 1. Evan Bowser, Dearborn, 69; 2. Connor Lang, Skyline, 71; 3. Nick Margolis, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 72.

**Medalist:** Donnie Trospier, Canton, 67.

**Plymouth:** 2. Josh Heinze, 69; 7. Kyle Rodes, 73; 12. Chris Kozler, 75; 24. Ryan Rieckhoff, 79; 43. John Tatti, 84.

**Canton:** 1. Donnie Trospier, 67; 10. Josh Maxam, 74; 18. Tyler McMahan, 78; 29. (tie) Brent Perry, Alex Champagne, 80 each.

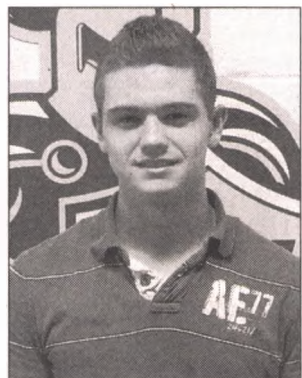
**Salem:** 10. Brian Patterson, 74; 24. Eric Duprey, 79; 29. Brandon Duprey, 80; 36. Nick Danis, 81; 38. Connor Cole, 82.

# PCA's Bock signs with Crusaders

Madonna University head men's soccer coach Eric Scott announced Thursday that he has added another piece to his recruiting class with the signing of Andrew Bock (Plymouth Christian Academy) to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

"Andrew brings a lot of versatility to our program," Scott said. "I've seen him play center back, holding mid and forward. He comes from a good environment under Steve Seargeant with the Michigan Jaguars club side. Soccer stuff aside, he comes from a great family and will be a tremendous contributor to our program."

Bock, who resides in Novi, spent the first three years of his high school



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Signing last week to play men's soccer at Madonna University was Plymouth Christian Academy senior Andrew Bock. He did not play his senior season at PCA, after transferring from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

career at Detroit Catholic

Central, earning All-Catholic and All-District honors as a junior. He transferred to Plymouth Christian Academy as a senior, but did not play soccer this past fall.

Bock becomes the fifth recruit for the Crusaders during off-season joining Doug Beason (Schoolcraft College), Phil Strachan (Livonia Clarenceville/Schoolcraft), Aaron Schapman, and Keith Swistock as newcomers in the fall.

The Crusaders (7-9-5) are coming off of their third NAIA National Tournament appearance in the last five seasons in 2011 after capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff title 1-0 against Aquinas.

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## SHOT PUT

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is another of his favorite pastimes since graduating from Western Oregon University, where he threw the shot a personal-best distance (for a 16-pounder) of 47 feet, six inches. (In high school, where 12-pounders are used, Barrett reached the 53-6 mark.)

Getting it done at Western Oregon wasn't quite enough for Barrett's competitive juices. He signed up for the 2008 and 2009 Oregon State Games and won the shot put event in his age group each time.

After moving in July 2011 to suburban Detroit (he is a strength and conditioning trainer at Dynamic Athlete Performance located at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton), he wanted to find out if Michigan held a similar event.

"One of the first things I did after I moved here was find out when the Michigan state games were," Barrett stressed. "I just went straight in for that."

Barrett said he just relishes the "whole 'State Games of America' concept, it's like a miniature Olympics. You get to compete with so many different people.

"I've competed in Oregon against national record holders in the Masters ranks. You get to talk to them, find out what they're doing at 50-60 years old."

The top three finishers per age group will qualify for the 2013 State Games of America, the national meet held in Pennsylvania.

"I've always used the state games, even when I was in Oregon, as my last meet of the season, the last hurrah," he said. "So I just plan my whole workout from August to peak for this meet."

There will be 31 sports (pickleball anyone?) and more than 5,000 athletes performing at various venues in and around Grand Rapids June 22-24 at the Olympic-style games.

Sponsoring the festival is the West Michigan Sports Commission.

"It is not a formal connection to the USOC (United States Olympics Committee) or the Olympics," said event spokesman Kurt Kosmowski. "But obviously the sports are largely Olympic sports. There are some



Giving it all he's got while practicing the shot put last week is Canton resident Robert Barrett.

### ABOUT THE GAMES

**What:** 2012 Meijer State Games of Michigan, an Olympic-style event featuring 31 events and more than 5,000 athletes of all ages.

**When:** Friday, June 22 (featuring opening ceremonies) through Sunday, June 24.

**Where:** A number of venues in the Grand Rapids area.

**Offerings:** Highly competitive team sports such as ice hockey are on the docket. But so are "participatory" sports such as pickleball, dodgeball, disc golf and mountain biking.

**Sign up:** Registration is still open in some events. Go to [www.stategame-sof-michigan.com](http://www.stategame-sof-michigan.com) for more information.

**Barrett:** Robert Barrett of Canton, 25, will compete in the track and field games on June 23, taking part in the shot put event. A prep and college athlete in Oregon, he and his family (wife, Kristin; children Lauralynn, 4 and Jonathan, 1 1/2) moved to Michigan in 2011. He attends Eastern Michigan University and is strength and conditioning trainer at Dynamic Athlete Performance in Canton.

a win-win opportunity on several fronts.

"I'm not an elite athlete, I'm never going to go to the Olympic trials," he noted. "So it's getting to go to a meet where there's a lot of people there, it's highly publicized, you hear about it or you can read about it in newspapers.

"... It's a great way to keep doing what you enjoy, and in a very competitive atmosphere."

Whether Barrett had such an event to compete in or not, he'd still be training hard and spinning on his hard-rubber-soled shoes to propel the shot long distances.

But as a student of the sport, he also enjoys the challenge of tweaking his skill set, fine-tuning his approach.

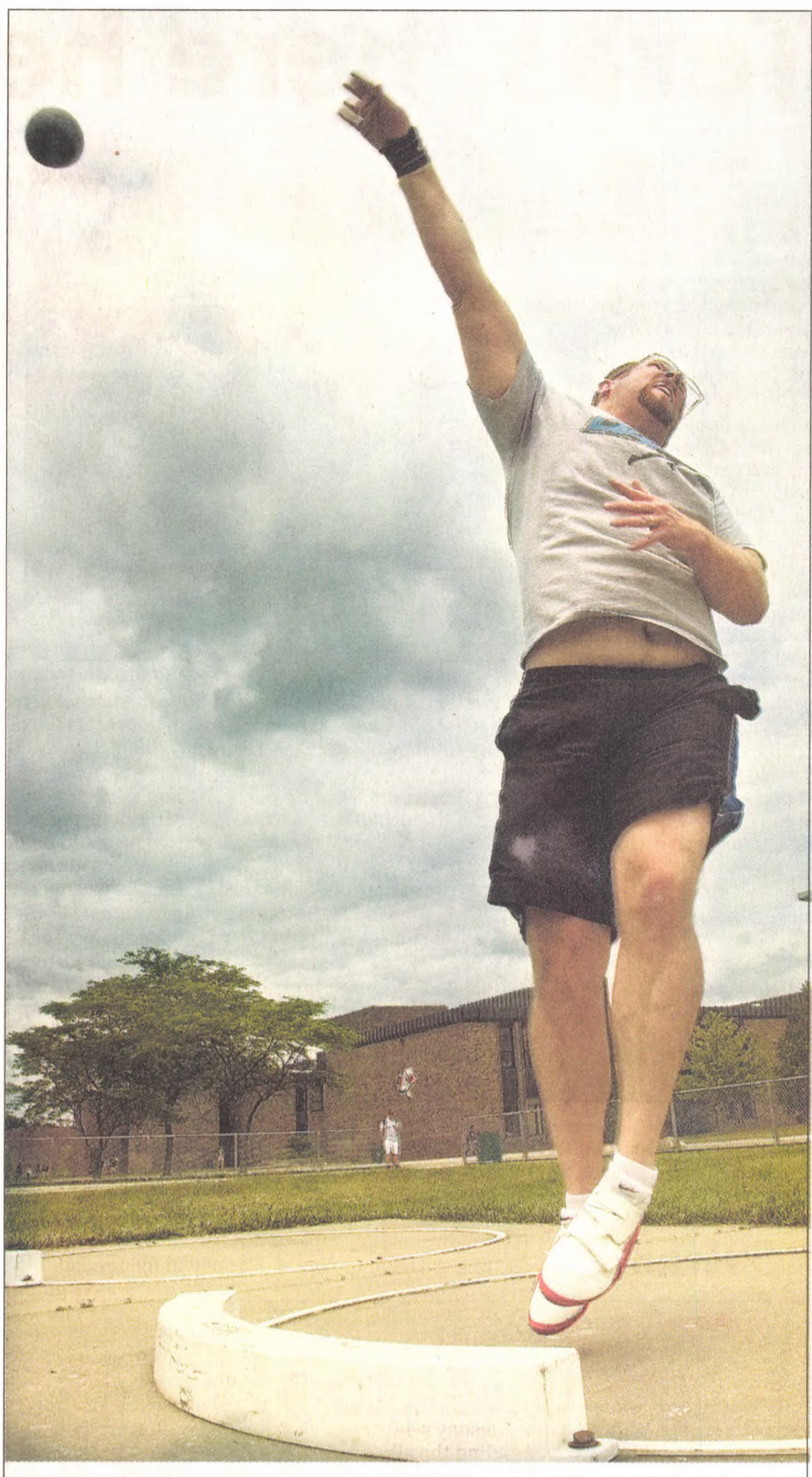
"I liken it to golf, it's a very complicated activity," Barrett continued. "You can be as strong as you want. But if you're not flexible, if you're not quick, if you don't have technique it's not going to go anywhere.

"... There's still things I'm working on. This is my 11th year and I'm still working on things, every year, so it's a challenge. I like the ability to come up to an obstacle and overcome it."

Meanwhile, his choice of favorite physical activity is something he intends to stick with for decades. The melding of health and happiness drives his passion.

"I just love the sport, I couldn't imagine myself doing anything different," he summed up. "But even if I couldn't go compete in the (state) games I'd still be out here throwing. It's just something I do."

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Releasing the shot is Robert Barrett, making sure not to step on top of the stopboard located at the front of the circle. Making contact with it during track and field competition results in a throw being voided. It is legal for arms and legs to hover in the air above the stopboard at any point during a throw, however.

that aren't, like pickleball.

"But a lot of the participants train in Olympic sports and have goals of pursuing other competition levels."

### Not about power

According to Barrett, the Meijer State Games of Michigan scenario is

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Wildcats baseball clinic

The annual Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is slated for 12:30-3:30 p.m. both Tuesday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 18 at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The clinic is for "young aspiring athletes" looking to "improve their baseball fundamentals by receiving age-appropriate instructions from the 2012 Plymouth Wildcats baseball coaching staff and varsity players."

There will be individual stations for pitching, hitting, catching, infield and outfield play and radar gun readings.

Boys and girls entering grades 2-5 are invited to register. The camp is limited to the first 100 to sign up. Register ASAP at [www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com).

Camp cost is \$20 if pre-registered and \$25 the day of the clinic. Cost includes a snack. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the clinic.

### Fox Hills hole-in-ones

Several hole-in-ones were recorded recently at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

• On May 28, Plymouth resident Tim Baechler, 44, used a wedge to ace the 126-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills

course. He sank a Titleist Pro VI.

• Andrew Schubert, 18 of Northville, scored an ace on May 14 at the 124-yard No. 5 hole of the Woodlands course. He also used a wedge to earn his hole-in-one.

• Another ace was scored May 3, when Livonia resident Dave Stevens, 63, sank his tee shot on the 199-yard No. 3 hole at the Hills course. Stevens smacked a Titleist Pro VI with a 4 iron.

• Bob Durand, 62, of Brighton, aced the 192-yard No. 6 hole at the Golden Course on April 10. He used a 5 iron and Pro V Titleist.

### Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom pon coaches for the fall of 2012.

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### Divine Child jobs

Dearborn Divine Child High School has head coaching vacancies for girls golf and boys ice hockey.

Resumes and letters of interest should be sent by June 10 to: Tony DeMare, athletic director, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128; or e-mail [demare@divinechildhighschool.org](mailto:demare@divinechildhighschool.org).

### Boys hoop coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis is seeking a varsity boys basketball coach.

Those interested should send a letter of interest and resume by May 15 to: Scott Wiemer, Annapolis High School, 4650 Clippert, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125; or e-mail [wiemersc@d7.k12.mi.us](mailto:wiemersc@d7.k12.mi.us).

### Archery range

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# Texas, here he comes

# Gerish lifts Rams to win

**By Brad Emons**  
Observer Staff Writer

Keshawn Martin may have to get accustomed to wearing cowboy boots or a 10-gallon hat, but the Westland John Glenn High grad hopes to become a great fit in a Houston Texans uniform.

The 5-foot-11, 188-pound receiver and kicker returned from Michigan State got the call early one recent Saturday afternoon as the 121st pick overall during the fourth round of the NFL Draft.

Martin, an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection last season, ran a 4.45 40-yard dash and had a 39.5-inch vertical jump at the NFL Scouting Combine.

"I really can't remember, but I don't think that I talked to the Texans at all," Martin told HoustonTexans.com. "I don't think I talked to them at the Combine, and I haven't talked to them at all. It's such a surprise that the team that I haven't really talked to just picked me up like that. I'm just so happy, I'm lost for words right now."

The speedy Martin, a converted high school quarterback at John Glenn who caught the eye of NCAA Division I college coaches mid-way through his senior year, capped a highly productive four-year career at MSU with 66 catches and 776 receiving yards in 2011, including 445 yards after the catch.



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Westland John Glenn grad and Michigan State wide receiver Keshawn Martin was taken in the fourth round (121st overall) in the NFL Draft by the Houston Texans.

"He's an outstanding player with the ball in his arms," Texans wide receivers coach Larry Kirksey told HoustonTexans.com. "We like the way that he plays the game. He has route-running skills where he can escape the line of scrimmage and elude defenders, and I like his playing strength. He's a dynamic player that we think will come in and compete and hopefully run after the catch, which has been down in the last couple of years, and improve that and make us a better football team."

Martin's versatility made

him attractive to NFL scouts after demonstrating at MSU that he could play both the slot and wide receiver position, as well as return kicks and punts.

He ranks second in Michigan State history in punt return yards (659), eighth in kick return yards (1,100) and 10th in all-purpose yards (4,013).

He added 64 carries for 540 rushing yards (8.4 average) and scored a touchdown rushing, receiving, passing and as a punt returner and kick returner.

"I'm just a fast, quick type

of receiver, also can do punt and kick returns," Martin told the Texans web site. "I feel like I got good route-running ability. When I was in college, I liked to compare myself to a Percy Harvin-type of player that could make those big plays for the team and really help the team out."

Martin will also get the chance to perform along side one of the NFL's premier receivers in Andre Johnson.

"It'll be great just playing with a guy of his caliber, just going in there and learning from him and being hopeful that one day, I'll get my chance to be the type of player that he is," Martin said.

Martin, who figured to go somewhere between the third to fifth rounds, was among six MSU players drafted including Jerel Worthly (Green Bay), Kirk Cousins (Redskins), B.J. Cunningham (Dolphins), Trenton Robinson (49ers) and Edwin Baker (Chargers).

"The first thing I feel I've got to work is just getting used to the system, playbook, everything like that, and just getting my hands, not looking up the field too early, just really concentrating and focusing on the ball," Martin said. "Then, once I get the ball in my hands, I'll feel like I'll already have the ability to play in the NFL."

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The Michigan Rams received a complete-game three-hitter from right-hander Colin Gerish as they improved to 2-1 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with a 2-1 triumph over the Red Sox last week at Ford Field.

Gerish, a Northville High grad who will be a junior at Hillsdale College, allowed just three singles, walked four and struck out nine while going all seven innings.

The 6-foot-6 Gerish outdueled Red Sox starter Michael Burgher, who also pitched all seven innings allowing three runs on five hits and five walks. Burgher struck out three.

J.P. Maracani (Spring Arbor) went 3-for-4 and knocked in all three runs to pace the Rams' offensive attack.

James Moore, Andrew Grabowski and Ben Matigian collected the lone hits for the Red Sox (0-3).

**PRIDE 4-1, RAMS 3-4:** The Michigan Rams (1-1) opened their LCLB season May 27 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park splitting a double-header with the Motor City Pride (1-1).

Mike Milligan went 2-for-3 with an RBI as the Pride took the opener, 4-3. Trent Drummheller went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Justin Sherman and Zach Zott also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Rams starter Sean Koeber, who gave up three runs on four hits and four runs in five innings, suffered the loss. He struck out four and walked four.

The Rams rebounded to win the nightcap, 4-1, as winning pitcher Josh Payzant went six strong innings, allowing just one run on three hits. He struck out three and walked four before giving way to Donnie Eaton, who earned the save.

Maracani went 2-for-4, including pair of doubles and RBI. Garrett Gordon added a 2-run homer, while Miles Sorise also chipped in with two hits.

Garrett Green went 2-for-4 and Sean Bennett knocked in the lone run for the Pride.

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## Churches gear up for Vacation Bible School

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

Members of Livonia Church of Christ will pitch so many tents in their church sanctuary next weekend, they'll have no room for indoor worship services.

"We're going to be setting up folding chairs under our awing for worship service," explained Diane Stephens, office manager at the church.

The inconvenience is all for an educational cause. Like many other local congregations, Livonia Church of Christ starts Vacation Bible School the following day. Summer JAM (Jesus and Me), couples an outdoor camping adventure theme with a focus on the Lord's Prayer, to keep kids busy with crafts, singing, Bible lessons, games, snacks and pretend tent camping 10 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, June 18-21 at the church, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. A family picnic will wrap up classes noon to 1 p.m. June 21. Register by calling (734) 427-8743.

Church members wrote the program that is aimed at ages 5-sixth grade.

"There's a lot of excitement right now," Stephens said. "I think it will be good. A lot of churches do Vacation Bible School at night. We're having a daytime Summer Jam. It's a nice thing for parents who are looking for something for their children to do."

She said the church hasn't offered Vacation Bible School the last few years.

"Some of the parents said 'these are important memories for our



children and we've got to make this happen.' There are times you take a break from Vacation Bible School and rethink it."

### Faith and arts

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills revamped its summer programming nearly 10 years ago, dropping Vacation Bible School in favor of a faith-oriented arts camp.

"We extended it to include 7th and 8th graders this year," said Denise Schulte, camp coordinator. "The theme is the Armor of God."

The reference to God's armor is from Ephesians,

Schulte said. Its purpose in a camp setting is to encourage youngsters to "turn to the equipment that God has given them" when coping with such difficulties as bullying or peer pressure. Schulte said God's protective armor is especially relevant at a time when some teens are using K2 and other synthetic drugs.

Campers will get a taste of visual art, drama, and music each day from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, June 25-29 at the church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills. They also can study dance during daily "specialty" time that culminates in a recital on June

29. The program is aimed at youngsters who have completed first-sixth grades. Cost is \$40 per child for the week and \$30 for each additional child. Register at poplms.org.

A rock concert by the church's praise band will kick off camp week from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June 23. The event includes a

barbecue buffet that will benefit New Directions Lutheran Child and Family Services of Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth, ages 4-10 and free for children, 3 and under. A family ticket for two adults and two children is available for \$24. Call (248) 553-3380.

A separate Bible study period and snack time will keep the campers focused on the Armor of God theme.

"The first day is the Belt of Truth. The person in charge of snacks is making fruit roll-ups look just like a belt," Schulte said. "For Helmet of Salvation we have cookie cutters that look like a helmet."

### Plants and animals

Snack time also will become a part of the learning process at the "Animal Crackers" themed Vacation Bible School program 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 13-17 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Youngsters will forego treats the first day as they discuss hunger around the world. They'll learn about "people and their needs," animals, plants, and the environment and will bake their own cookies, make crafts, play games and become involved with a mission

project during the week-long series. Animals will visit the summer school, youngsters will make Christmas ornaments out of sheep's wool and they will learn to play *Circle of Life* and *It's a Small World After All* with bells.

The Rev. Karen Poole said the program is loosely connected with Heifer International, an organization that enables supporters to donate goats, pigs, fish and other animals to individuals around the world.

"At Easter, instead of giving objects to the children, we had \$1 bills they could put in a basket to contribute," she said. "I want the same to happen with Vacation Bible School."

Participants in Animal Crackers Vacation Bible School will get a chance to donate toward an outreach project that deals with plants or animals.

Poole said the church will kick off Vacation Bible School week with a Blessing of the Animals at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at the church. The blessing is open to all. Youngsters in pre-K-6th grade may register for Animal Crackers at nardinpark.org. The summer session is free.

Here's a sampling of other local Vacation Bible School programs:

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# What goes around: The old becomes new

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

In my beginning years of fixing appliances I spent some time in England staying in a flat in downtown London. I was impressed by an AGA kitchen range which provided constant heat using oil as a fuel and venting to the outside. In the past 80 years it still proves to be a popular product used by thousands of the Queen's subjects.

Joe Henderson, a voice of many years in the appliance industry tells me they were also a high end range sold in this country some 50 years ago. My darling Valorie also tells

me she has seen them in magazines on kitchen designs etc.

The concept of this range makes me just slightly curious but not enough to purchase one. Even though this range can now be programmed by your cell phone I still can't picture myself explaining to our neighbors why black smoke is coming out of a pipe on the side of our house. Sometimes I think I am such an old-fashioned guy who loves the way things once were. On my recent yearly fishing trip to the wilds of Northern Canada such became the case.

My friends and I left early in the morning knowing full well that the largest forest fire in Canada was burning in close proximity to our fishing cabin. The fire was 100 miles long and three miles wide and was being fueled by 40 mph winds with no rain or calm weather in sight. All main highways were closed

and would be for 10-14 days leaving just a bush road open to those either crazy enough or with plain old courage, to make the journey.

We arrived at the fishing lodge and set up in our cabin which had no electricity because the power lines had been consumed by the forest fire. The portable generators were only big enough to supply the water pumps so we had running water and we used propane gas lanterns and candles just like the old days. We were now set for seven days of fishing and adventure and hopefully would not be evacuated from our warm and heavenly spot.

My responsibility on these fishing trips is to wake up the guys at 5:30 and make a pot of coffee with modern coffee maker — which needs electricity to work properly. That was a problem until I opened a cup-

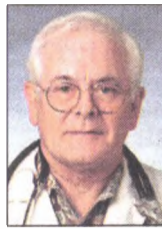
board and spied this old beat-up tin pot with a glass bubble on top sitting on the shelf. My memory clicked on and I figured out how to use it. You pull out this long rod which holds a round screen affair which you fill with coffee. You then fill the tin pot with water and place it on the burner of the gas range which is connected to a propane tank outside. You turn the burner on high until the coffee begins to percolate and then to low heat for five minutes.

I poured four cups of coffee and placed them on the kitchen table and my three coffee drinking fishing buddies had nothing but compliments about the taste of their cups of coffee. And so, after three days of living without electricity, the power supply was restored and for the remainder of the trip I was asked to use the tin pot and forget

about the modern coffee maker sitting on the kitchen counter.

On a very personal level, one of the guys had a constipation problem and I used an old Indian method of curing the ailment. I stripped a small section of a Birch tree, removed the bark, cut out a quarter-size chunk of the tree and had this guy chew on it for 15 minutes. It tastes like turpentine, but he said it worked better than the drug-store product. Such is the verbiage that old can become new — and 50 years from now homeowners will seek out old major home appliances because they were made better than today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twm1.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twm1.rr.com)



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon



The Rev. Karen Poole makes a presentation at Vacation Bible School at Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

## GEAR UP

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- God's Good Green Earth, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, June 25-29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia: Aimed at ages 3-sixth grade, the sessions will include bible stories, upbeat music, earth-friendly crafts, fun games, yummy snacks, and hands-on service. No cost to participate. Register at [www.newburgumc.org](http://www.newburgumc.org) or call (734) 422-0149

- SKY — Imagine kids trusting God forever ... the sky's the limit! runs Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: Music, bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and science and mission projects. Call (734) 427-1414 or register online at [holycrosslivonia.org/vbepage.htm](http://holycrosslivonia.org/vbepage.htm).

- SonQuest Rainforest, 9:15 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at

Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, east of Levan, Livonia: Based on five parables, SonQuest Rainforest includes Bible lessons, songs, skits, lessons from a Taiwan missionary, crafts, games and snacks. No cost. For reservations visit [www.smilechurch.org](http://www.smilechurch.org)

- Operation Overboard, 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, July 15-19 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth: Aimed at ages 3 years-fourth grade. Optional dinner, 5-6 p.m. Fee is \$10 per child with a maximum \$25 per family. Visit [www.pfumc.org](http://www.pfumc.org) to register.

- Babylon - Daniel's Courage in Captivity, 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton: Kids, ages 4-fifth grade, meet Daniel and hear what it's like for him to adapt to life in the king's service—surrounded by false gods, strange customs, and life-threatening situations. Register at [www.stmichael-church.org](http://www.stmichael-church.org).



Ethan Kain works on a project at a previous Vacation Bible School class at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

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If you're heading to Liberty Fest in Canton next weekend be sure to visit Better Life Canine Center's booth featuring rescue dogs, cotton candy, T-shirts, the group's mascot and other goodies.

Liberty Fest runs Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16 at Heritage Park, located off Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Leave Fido at home. No pets are allowed at the festival.

Better Life Canine Center is a Redford-based rescue that fosters and

trains its adoptable dogs before sending them to their "forever" homes.

### Save the date

The 7th Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Saturday, Aug. 11 will benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network. The event will include bowling, food, music, an auction, raffles, karaoke and more and will run from 7-10 p.m. at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills. Fee is \$30 per bowler; \$35 after Friday, Aug. 10.



For more information, call Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or e-mail to michelle@your-bowlingcoach.com.

### Calendar deadline

Entries for the Michigan Humane Society's (MHS) annual pet calendar must be post-marked by June 15. A tax-deductible \$20 entry fee per photo guarantees inclusion in MHS' 15th annual calendar.

The top photo entries will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement. Check www.michiganhumane.org for entry details and a form you can download.

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

yard art, plants, pottery and glass. Refreshments will be available. No strollers or wagons.

### Bugs and butterflies

Learn which bugs help your garden and which are big trouble at "Good Bug, Bad Bug," 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association presents the program. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembutterfly.com.

### Milford walk

The 17th annual Garden Walk and Market Sale is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rain or shine. The event features six garden sites, as well as a collection of vendors and artisans in Central Park offering Michigan-hardy plants and garden-related items for sale. Tickets are \$10 and available from The Clothing Cove, Village Florists and Acorn Farm, all in downtown Milford; Milford Gardens, 1666 South Milford Road, Milford Township; and Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road, (M-59). Milford; online at www.themilfordgardenclub.org and at the event in Central Park.

### Livonia walk

The Friends of the Development of Greenmead present the 23rd Annual Friends of Greenmead Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Five gardens at homes located throughout Livonia, as well as the Hill House Gardens at Greenmead, will be open for viewing. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event and are available from committee members, the Livonia Public Library, Alfred Nobel Branch Library, Carl Sandburg Library, Greenmead, and the Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (248) 477-7375.

### Northville walk

Tickets are available for The Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Walk, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16. They are \$10 each and may be purchased at Gardenviews, 117 East Main, Northville; Northville Art House, 215 Cady; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 Seven Mile, Northville; Custard Time Plaza, on Seven Mile, west of Main, in Northville; Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand River Ave., Novi; and Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, Plymouth. The self-guided walk will include four gardens in Northville and four in Novi. Vendors at the Northville Art House will sell garden and

### Trailwood walk

Mark Tuesday, June 26 on your calendar for the annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, presented by the Trailwood Garden Club, Plymouth. The group is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. The walk will run noon-8 p.m., rain or shine. Pre-sale tickets are \$8; \$10 the day of the walk. Children, 12 and under pay \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the walk. Babes in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Several gardens will be featured. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A raffle and perennial sale will be included. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions. Tickets will be available after June 1 at Saxon's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-6250; and at Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main Street, (734) 416-0600. For more information call 459-7499 or Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625.

### English Gardens

• See free in-store presentations about growing perennials at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at all stores except Ann Arbor and Brighton locations and 10 a.m., Saturday, June 30, at all stores.

## REUNIONS

### CENTERLINE

#### CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to clhs1977@hotmail.com.

#### DEARBORN FORDSON

#### CLASS OF 1949

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

#### DEARBORN HEIGHTS

#### ANNAPOLIS

#### CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

#### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD

#### CLASS OF 1962

A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Send names, contact info and questions to robichaud62@yahoo.com. Invitations will be sent soon.

#### DETROIT CODY

#### CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

#### 1950S, 1960S

Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie, memo-

rabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

#### DETROIT MACKENZIE

#### CLASS OF 1952

60th — and possibly last— class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday June 29, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Dinner, music, and cash bar included. Reservations required. Price is \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. Call Marilyn (LaBonte) Foley for information at (248) 661-2068 or e-mail: marifol@aol.com. Deadline for reservations is June 1. Hotel rooms must be reserved by June 8. The hotel phone number is (734) 462-3100.

#### DETROIT MUMFORD

#### CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

#### DETROIT WESTERN

#### CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

#### FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with

dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

#### CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelsbach) Whittaker at S\_whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

#### GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Classes of 1968-1973 Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on Facebook.

Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

#### LINCOLN PARK HIGH

#### CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@Marilyn-Snyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

#### CLASSES OF 1971-73

A "40ish" class reunion hosted by the class of 1972 is planned for 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Holiday Inn Laurel Park, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Friends from junior high may also attend the gathering. Tickets are \$65 per person. Go to www.churchillalumni.com for a registration form. Contact Susan Burke at susanmyburke@gmail.com if you want

to help organize this party.

#### NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1987

25th reunion, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, July 28, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

#### NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

#### PONTIAC CENTRAL

#### CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

#### CLASS OF 1972

40th class reunion Sept. 22 at The Lafayette Grand of Pontiac. A "Meet & Greet" also will be held Friday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined. E-mail Tina Johnson tinastribe@charter.net.

#### REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

#### ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE ALL CLASSES

7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 6, at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy. \$45 per person. For more information contact Rose Ann Filar (Novik) at rfilar@yahoo.com or (248) 770-1271.

#### ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL

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# Plymouth couple celebrates 70th anniversary

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Thomas and Mary Waling of Plymouth have had only one argument during their 70 years together.

"But it's a never-ending one," joked Waling, 92, on Thursday as he reflected on the couple's milestone anniversary.

"She is out golfing right now. She has been golfing with these ladies every Thursday for 30 years. Right now I'm retired and not doing too much, just helping her around the house. I vacuum and mop all the floors when she is gone. I get that all done."

Waling said their secret to a long lasting, happy marriage is to resolve differences quickly and "just get along."

"We have our differences. But it's not that serious, it's not bad," he said, adding that "having faith in God" is an important part of married life, too.

"We go to Mass every week. We never miss. She goes to church and is really involved there."

The couple included Mass at St. Colette's in Livonia as a part of a low-key celebration on their anniversary, Wednesday, June 6. Bigger plans are in the works for Sunday,



Thomas A. and Mary E. Waling (seated) of Plymouth mark their 70th anniversary this month. Standing behind them are their children, Dr. Richard Waling, (left) Dr. Joseph Waling, Dennis Waling, Mary Beth (Waling) Palmer, and Dr. Ronald Waling.

June 10, when the family will gather for dinner.

"Sunday is going to be the celebration at my daughter's in Northville. My wife and my daughter are cooking and planning things. I stay on the sidelines and let them do what they want," he said,

adding that homemade pasta is sure to be part of the menu.

### Italian wedding

Their reception in 1942, following a wedding at Church of the Madonna in Highland Park, lasted three days.

"We got married on a Saturday and it carried on to Sunday and Monday," Waling said. "It was more of an Italian-type wedding. Her people are Italian and my people are Maltese."

The couple initially met at church where

Mary took catechism classes taught by Waling's sister.

"She was probably 12-13 years old," Waling recalled. "I lived in Highland Park and she lived in Detroit, but Highland park was just a few blocks away. Lat-

er we went to a dance at church."

During World War II, they lived in Santa Fe, N. M. Waling, who served in the Army Corps of Engineers, worked on the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. Mary, now 89, worked in a bank before she married and afterward raised their family as a stay-at-home mom.

The couple moved back to Detroit in 1946. Waling, a tool and die engineer, owned Waling Tool & Die from 1952-1988. He worked as a consultant for the new owners until 1993 and got involved in the RV recreational accessory business with Waling Enterprises in the 1970s-early 80s.

"I would work now if there was something around. I had resumes on the Internet. I got calls," he said, adding that unfortunately the job openings were at out-of-state companies.

While his wife enjoys golfing and volunteering at church, Waling likes to read and watch Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wing games.

They have six children: the late Tom Jr., Rick, Joe; Dennis, Ron and Mary Beth, along with 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the email.

### June

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** Free clothing to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10

**Location:** Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** "O, America" patriotic concert features a variety of patriotic music, show tunes, and a stirring tribute to honor veterans who have served in all branches of the military. No ticket is needed and childcare is available through four years of age. O, America will be Carole Halmekangas' last concert as director of music for the church. She steps down as director after 45 years of music ministry.

**Contact:** (248) 374-4740

#### COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES

**Time/Date:** June 10, 17 and 24

**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** A screening of the movie, "Courageous" kicked off the series on June 3. It also will be shown at 6 p.m. on June 10 and 24. Series topics are "Courageous Versus Complacent," June 3; "Warriors Versus Wimps," June 10; "Fighters Versus Flyers," June 17 and "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers," June 24

**Contact:** (248) 476-8222

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 21 and 28

**Location:** Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

**Details:** The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement

organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.

**Contact:** The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.org

#### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 28-30

**Location:** In the thrift store at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** All items, except those marked firm, priced over \$1 are 50 percent off the price marked; bake sale

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

#### WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13

**Location:** Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by June 6

**Contact:** Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

## ONGOING

### CLASSES/STUDY

#### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

#### Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

#### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

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**ALTAFFER, RONALD S.**

Age 82, June 7, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn M. for 52 years. Loving father of Sharon Altaffer, Steven (Karen Darnell) Rhode. Cherished grandfather of Zachary, Brandon and Hannah. Dear brother of Shirley (Edward) Barrick. Funeral Service Wed., 11AM (In-state 10 AM) at Salem United Church of Christ 33424 Oakland, Farmington, MI 48335. Visitation Tuesday 2-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. West of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to the Church. www.thayer-rock.com



**CLELAND, GERALDINE "GERRY" MARIE**

86 years old, of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away on Friday, June 1st, 2012 of natural causes. Born in 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, to Herbert and Marguerite Bierwirth, Gerry was a devoted wife to George Miley Cleland for over 63 years, as well as a devout churchgoer and tireless volunteer. Mrs. Cleland, an avid interior designer, was also a great lover of animals. A beloved mother and grandmother, Gerry is survived by daughters Lynda (wife of Michael Kritsch) and Kimberly (wife of Michael Graham), as well as four grandchildren (Colby, Jordan, Kendall and Chelsea) and one great-grandchild (Campbell). Memorial service was held June 7th at the Birmingham Community House. View obituary and share memories at: DesmondFuneralHome.com

### DONOVAN, PFC JOHN A.

Age 22, of Plymouth, died during World War II on April 23, 1945 in the South Pacific. He was born Nov. 21, 1923 in Ann Arbor to John S. & Nora (Fitzgerald) Donovan and enlisted in the US Marine Corp after graduation from Plymouth High School in 1942. He served as a radio operator on a Mitchell bomber when he was killed in an airplane crash on April 22, 1944 (declared dead April 23, 1945). His remains were found last year on Espiritu Santo Island. He is survived by his sister Josephine Demianenko and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Patricia and three brothers: Joseph, Phillip and William. Mass of the Christian Burial with full military honors will be 10AM Friday at Old St. Patricks Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home Dillingham-Liverance Chapel. www.niblackfuneralhome.com

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**HEORODT, LORETTA**

Age 87, died peacefully on May 29, 2012. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Gustave and Frida Lindemann on December 17, 1924. In 1947, she married Edward Heorodt. Most of her early years were spent in Ann Arbor and Birmingham, Michigan. In 1981, Loretta and Ed moved to Bermuda Dunes, California. She loved the desert and enjoyed golfing and bicycling. She is survived by her husband, Ed; son, Mark Heorodt (Pauline) of South Carolina; and daughter, Lindy Iltch of Michigan. Grandsons Ryan Iltch and Michael Iltch, both of Michigan, Bryan Heorodt of South Carolina, and granddaughter Melissa Lee of South Carolina; and great-grandson Aaron Smith and great-granddaughter Zoey Lee; sister-in-law Ernestine Wark of New Jersey and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her sister Norma Stadel. Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date at the family plot at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



**PAGE, ROBERT W.**

Age 91, of Frankfort, Michigan, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away February 9, 2012, in Melbourne, Florida. Bob was a World War II veteran, who served as a Major in the U.S. Air Force, and, after release from active duty, as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He was a member of American Legion Post 221. He worked as an executive at Ford Motor Company for 24 years and then as a vice-president of Lang Heenan and Company. For more than 36 years Bob devoted himself to civic affairs in the Birmingham, Michigan area, serving on the Planning Board and then as a City Commissioner for 13 years. He served 3 terms as Mayor of Birmingham and seven terms as an Oakland County Commissioner. Because the dining room table was always covered with stacks of agendas, meeting minutes, reports, and proposals, Bob's children fondly recall years of meals in the kitchen. Bob loved his civic duties and worked tirelessly in his various positions, his efforts always focused on the betterment of the community. Bob was a good husband, a good father, a good man. Bob is survived by his children: David, Beverly (Ron), and Gregory (Marjorie) Page, and Janice (Charles) Duggan; his grandson Matthew (Lisa) Duggan; his great-grandchildren Audrey and Gavin Duggan; and his brother Jerry (Barbara) Page. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Donna and his parents, Helene and Leon Page. A family memorial service will be held this summer in the Frankfort area. Those wishing to make memorial donations can send them to: The Benzie Conservation District, for: the Herring Lake Watershed, 280 S. Benzie Blvd., Beulah, Michigan 49617.

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**RING, ALICE M.**

June 5, 2012, Age 79 of Westland. Dear wife of Fred. Loving mother of Martha Ann, Myrtle Darlene (Mike) Rorabacher, Shirley Jean Ring-Poling & Russell J. (Shorrie). Dear sister of Mary Ann Beachum & Margaret Pinion. Grandmother of 8 & Great Grandmother of 8. Predeceased by her parents Roy and Sallie McMullen and brothers Dale and Paul McMullen. Long time member of the Wallace Street Full Gospel Church. Visitation was held Fri. at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Funeral service was held Sat. at Wallace St. Full Gospel Church, Westland. Donations to the church appreciated, 35245 Wallace St., Westland, MI 48186. Please view memorial and post tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



**ROBINSON, HUGH L.**

Age 88, passed away June 6, 2012. He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth. Hugh was a loving father to Arline Carreyn (Steve), Jacqueline (Michael) Batke, Terri (Keith) Gault and beloved grandfather of Garrett Hugh Gault. Family will receive friends at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (btw Merriman and Middlebelt) on Monday 2-9 pm. A funeral service will be held Tuesday 10:00 am at the funeral home. Charitable donations can be made in his name to the Livonia Goodfellows at P.O. Box 51982 Livonia, MI 48151. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. www.neely-turowski.com

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**In Remembrance Of SHERRY J. SEIGNEURIE**

Who passed away on May 27, 2012 at Henry Ford Hospital. Sherry was 79 years old. She was the wife of the late Donald J. Seigneurie. Sherry is survived by her loving daughter Pamela Trotter and her husband Jon Trotter and her grandson D.J. Draper. Sherry battled severe COPD for eight years. She was cremated and layed to rest on June 1, 2012 at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia. We will miss her dearly.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June

### ALZHEIMER'S CAMP FOR KIDS

The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter offers Camp Connections, a free, three-day education and recreational program for school age children who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Kids will learn basic information on dementia and ways to cope with the illness through interactive activities and games. The camp runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, 21 and 26 at the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

### GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Here's a sampling of offerings. For more, visit [gchosp.org](http://gchosp.org):

- Diabetes Self-Management Education is 9 a.m. June 12 and 19 and 6 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 and teaches self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.
- Focus on Living Cancer Support is at 7 p.m. June 14 and is designed to bring together cancer patients with a nurse facilitator who helps all share their mutual concerns. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.



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### PELVIC HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, medical director of gynecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will present a seminar, "Women and Pelvic Health," from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 28 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth and from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Makela will discuss pelvic health, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided. The seminar is free but registration is required. Call (734) 655-1980.

### LYMPHEDEMA SCREENING

The Botsford Cancer Center will offer free lymphedema screening 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 for any breast cancer patient. Botsford physical and occupational therapists certified in lymphedema treatment will check participants for signs of arm swelling and how this interferes with a person's function;

they will assess the swollen arm's movement and strength; as well as conduct a detailed interview. All breast cancer patients, including those treated at other hospitals for breast cancer, may attend the event. Register by calling (248) 471-8648. The Botsford Cancer Center is located at 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington.

### SPIRITUAL CARE

The Spiritual Care Department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia seeks volunteers for a new program that assists patients' families with emotional and spiritual needs, such as providing prayer, scripture reading and companionship. An informational meeting about the training is set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 in the auditorium at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Training lasts three to six weeks depending on volunteer's experience and patients' needs. For more information, call Mary Mercy Chaplain Margaret Dutka at (734) 655-2977 or e-mail [dutkam@trinity-health.org](mailto:dutkam@trinity-health.org)

### WALK WITH A DOC

Rhonda Thompson, EMT, RN, trauma injury and outreach coordinator, will discuss "Pedestrian Safety" at the next "Walk with a Doc" session, noon, Thursday, June 21 at the Farmington Hills Nature Center, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. She'll offer tips for walking at night, choosing a safe route for biking or walking, and how to keep kids safe. The free monthly health and wellness discussion is presented by Botsford Hospital and includes refreshments, a blood pressure screening and casual walk along a trail. Other upcoming

topics are stress management on July 19, healthy feet on Aug. 23 and memory loss and dementia on Sept. 20. Call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135 or visit [www.walkwithadoc.org](http://www.walkwithadoc.org) for more information. Register for Walk with a Doc and other Nature Center Programs at <https://rec-reg.fhgov.com>.

## Ongoing

### AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

### ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

# Mott Children's Hospital rated among the best

U.S. News & World Report ranked The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital fourth in the nation for heart care and heart specialty in its 2012-13 Best Children's Hospitals rankings.

C.S. Mott is nationally ranked in all 10 of the evaluated categories. It's 14th in orthopedics, 17th in endocrinology and is among the country's best in cancer, gastroenterology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, neonatology, pulmonology and urology.

The new rankings recognize the top 50 children's hospitals in each of 10 pediatric specialties: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology. Eighty hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty.

Dr. Chris Dickinson, interim executive director of C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, said he's glad that U.S. News and World Report recognized the hospital.

"These top rankings in a variety of specialties illustrate the broad spectrum of strengths and skills among our C. S. Mott faculty and staff. It's that expertise that makes it possible for us to provide exemplary care for patients and families from Michigan and around the world," stated Dickinson, in a press release.

C.S. Mott's Congenital Heart Center performs more than 850 cardiac operations each year — from the most common to the most complex. As an international referral center for children with complex congenital heart problems, U-M has the second largest congenital heart program in the United States.

"In our congenital heart program and all of our programs, we offer excellent clinical care to the sickest of children," stated Dr. John Park, surgeon-in-chief for Mott Children's Hospital. "It is especially gratifying to be ranked in all clinical categories. We are proud of the breadth of expertise of our physicians, nurses and clinical support staff."

Since the 2007 debut of Best Children's Hospitals, the U.S. News and World Report rankings has put an increasing emphasis on data that directly reflect hospitals' performance over the opinions of physicians.

This year, U.S. News surveyed 178 pediatric centers to obtain hard data such as availability of key resources and ability to prevent complications and infections. The hospital survey made up 75 percent of the rankings. A separate reputational survey in which 1,500 pediatric specialists — 150 in each specialty — were asked where they would send the sickest children in their specialty made up the remaining 25 percent.

The full rankings and methodology are available at [www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals](http://www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals).

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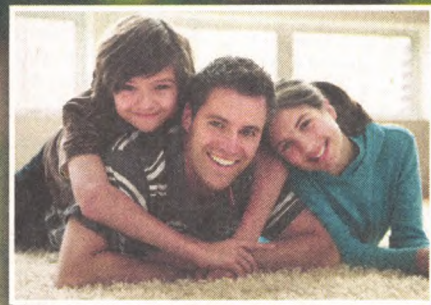
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**Scoop's Craft Corner**

Let dad know how much you love and appreciate him by giving him a one of a kind trophy decorated with love. It's super simple to make and a lot of fun too.

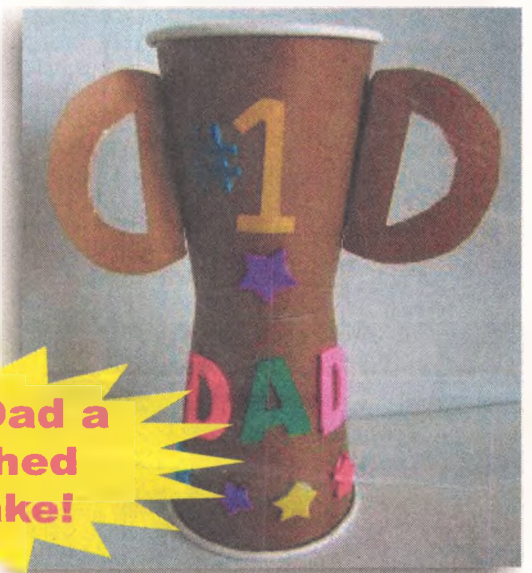
**Items needed:**

- 2 paper cups
- Masking tape
- Construction paper or card stock paper
- Gold paint (or any color of your chose)
- Scissors
- small box(optional)

**Directions:**

- 1 Tape 2 paper cups together at the bottom with masking tape to create the body of the trophy.
- 2 Paint both cups with gold paint (or other color).
- 3 To make handles cut out two D shapes from the construction paper making sure to make the flat part of the D a little thicker so you can fold it against the trophy.
- 4 Paint the D shapes the same color as the trophy.
- 5 Once paint dries, glue the handles to the trophy.
- 6 Decorate your trophy with personalized message, to Dad.

**Create Dad a cherished keepsake!**



**Optional:**

To really make your trophy stand out, paint a small box gold for a base and glue the trophy on top. Add a personal message on box.

Source: easypreschoolcraft.blogspot.com

School is almost out for the summer making it a good time to talk about safety. Scoop wants all of his friends to be safe at all times.

**TIPS TO REMEMBER**

- 1 If you are on the computer, never give out your personal information or send pictures of yourself without your parent's permission. Remember some people on-line may not be who they say that they are.
- 2 Make sure that your parents know where you are at all times.
- 3 Stay away from strangers.
- 4 If you become lost from your parents in a store, ask someone who works there to help you.
- 5 If you do ever need to defend yourself from a stranger, run for help and yell out "Help, this is not my parent!"
- 6 Stay away from weapons like guns and knives in the home. Don't even touch it!
- 7 By all means, say NO to all drugs, alcohol, chemicals, or activities that you know your parents would not approve of.
- 8 If someone is hurting you or making you do things that make you feel uncomfortable or ashamed, tell someone right away or even call the Police by dialing 911.

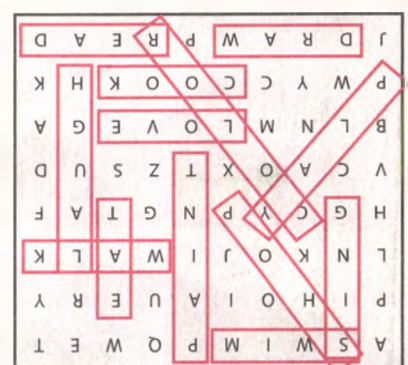
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## Qualifications Versus Duties: Why Knowing The Difference Matters

**Justin Thompson,**  
CareerBuilder Writer

Some job seekers have problems selling their skills. They list their basic duties, which most job seekers have in common. You can stand out in a job search by positioning those skills so they set you apart.

Think of how a salesperson sells a car. He doesn't tout the fact that the car has four wheels, windows and functioning lights, because you'd expect that from every car. Instead, he sells the unique points of the car -- design, safety, mileage -- all of which make the car appealing to a potential buyer.

Job seekers need to do the same when selling their qualifications. Instead of saying you've used Microsoft Excel, tell the employer how you've solved problems or increased efficiency by creating a basic accounting process through Microsoft Excel.

Kyra Mancine, a professional copywriter with a career development background, says a list of job responsibilities is her biggest resume pet peeve. "The key is to take a simple job duty and expand it to match the [job posting] with quantitative evidence of accomplishments," Mancine says. "It may take some thought and creativity, but it can be done for any job, no matter what the level. I don't care if you're a sanitation

worker, CEO or seamstress; anyone can do this."

By adding numbers, statistics and adjectives applicable to the posting, job seekers can set themselves apart from others who have submitted more generic resumes.

### How to quantify accomplishments

To give an example, here's a real job posting from a bank looking for a call-center representative:

- Serves as first-line response for incoming customer calls?
- Accurately and expeditiously answers inquiries from customers on all types of new and existing products and services, drawing on a detailed knowledge base of bank products, services, policies and procedures.?
- Sells and cross-sells bank products and services to new and existing customers who have contacted the bank by telephone.?
- Efficiently performs routine follow-up work and initiates requests for detailed follow-up work.?
- Relies on excellent verbal and written communication skills to fulfill customer requests and to ensure customer satisfaction.?

If you're applying for this job and all you've listed on your resume is that you answered phone calls in a call center, you probably won't get an interview, Mancine says.



Instead, she suggests rewriting your resume to match the bullets listed in the job posting, quantifying your successes. Mancine shares this example of how an applicant could restructure her resume to address the posting above:

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Here's another test that can help determine if you've listed qualifications or just duties: Look at each bullet point on your resume and ask yourself, "So what?" If you're not impressed, why would a recruiter be?

### Don't neglect the cover letter

"Cover letters are most often left out or even sent as generic notes with resumes," says

Tiffani Murray, a resume writer and career coach. She says that the cover letter is a great place to sell your personality and breathe life into your application.

"If a job posting specifically asks for a cover letter, this is a great opportunity to match up your skills and experiences with the requirements of the job," Murray says. "Make sure to detail how you can perform the tasks of the job you are applying for, but also add to the company, team or overall business with your knowledge and success in similar roles."

Justin Thompson is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. He researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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9068 Hanlon, 48150  
Open house Sun 1-4pm.  
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## LIVONIA:

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## Homes For Rent

**WESTLAND**  
3 bdrm ranch, open concept house - Hardwood floors, appliances included, washer/dryer. \$825/month plus security deposit due at signing. Contact Rich or Amanda 616-292-9410

## WESTLAND:

Exc. area! New carpet & paint. Clean 3 bdrm ranch, bsmt, 1.5 bath, c/a. No pets! \$885. 734-591-9163

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## Homes For Rent

**WESTLAND:** New 2 or 3 bdrm duplex, new carpet & paint, some with appli. Fenced. 313-418-9905

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## Rooms For Rent

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**Estate Sales**

**LIVONIA: Massive Estate Sale** Quality Antiques Wed-Sun June 13-17, 9-5. 17460 Loveland, 6 Mile/Farmington Rd. Photos & info go to [www.estatesales.net](http://www.estatesales.net) By Joseph/Andrew Estate Sales. #s at 8:30am Wed. only.

**MILFORD: 6/14-6/17, 9-6pm** Estate sale. Antiques and vintage items. 7 rooms of furniture, household items, tools, & much more! 814 Abey Lane, off Milford Rd bwn 59 and Commerce

**Garage/Moving Sales**

**LIVONIA - 9TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE:** Over 40 homegrown varieties of annuals, perennials, raspberries, tomatoes (incl Heirlooms), vines, veggies, shade, native plants. Welcome signs & blooming baskets 18600 Doris St. S. of 7 Mile W of Middlebelt. June 14-16. Thurs, 10-6 & Fri-Sat, 10-4.

**LIVONIA Moving Sale** Everything Must Go! Tools, Games, Holiday Decorations, Jewelry, Books, Furniture, T.V.'s, Golf Clubs w/bags, Snow Blowers (2), Kitchen items and much much more! You will want to stop by! June 14th, 15th & 16th, starting at 8:00am each day. 17251 Fairfield St. Livonia.

**LIVONIA Wide Variety!** Antiques, records, collectibles, furniture, toys, clothes, misc household, games/game systems. June 13-16, 9am-5pm. 9126 Newburgh, North of Joy

**LIVONIA - 2 Family Sale!** Antiques, bikes, Christmas & home decor, & misc. June 14-16th, 9-5pm. 18263 Wayne Rd., 7 Mile & Farmington.

**LIVONIA: 8661 Utah, 1 blk E of Farmington, 5 houses N of Joy Rd., 2 Miles S of I-96 Freeway. June 14-16, 10am-6pm. Everything imaginable!**

**LIVONIA Nottingham West Subdivision Garage Sale.** N. of 6 Mile, btwn Wayne & Country Club. June 14, 15 & 16, 9-5pm.

**NORTHVILLE: June 14-16** Thur-Fri, 9-6 & Sat, 9-3. 49710 8 Mile, 1 Mile W. of Beck. Across from Maybury Park. Men's, women's, plus size & kid's clothing, toys, household, decor, computer, furniture & Longaberger.

**PLYMOUTH TWP:** Huntington Park Subwide Garage Sale on Powell (btwn Ridge & Napier). Thurs-Sat, June 14-16, 9am-5pm daily.

**PLYMOUTH: WE'RE BACK!** Garage-Estate Sale. Furniture, household items, men's, children's & women's quality clothing, 9am, Wed-Thurs., June 13 & 14. 9275 McClumpha Rd.

**REDFORD** 17701 Denby, btwn 6 & 7 Mile. E. of Inker. Thurs-Mon, June 7th-June 11th, 9am-5pm. Lots of good stuff

**ROCHESTER HILLS** HUGE GARAGE SALE! Multi-Family 40 years accumulation must go! Collectibles, kitchen furniture, clothing, books, toys, jewelry, a bit of everything! June 14-16, 9am-4pm. 2424 Bevington Dr., 48309

**SOUTH LYON Multi-Family GARAGE SALE!** June 14, 15, 16th, 9-5pm. Furniture & More! 9676 Wall Gene, 8 Mile /Pontiac Trail.

**SOUTHFIELD: Sat., June 16, 9-4.** 15610 Pennsylvania Greenfield & Mt. Vernon. Electronics, women's & men's clothing and shoes, Books, Games, Children's clothes & toys, athletic equipment, China, Furniture

**Garage/Moving Sales**

**WESTLAND ESTATE SALE** June 14, 15, 16 & 17, 9-5pm. Lots of woodworking & other tools, household items. 5826 N Globe 48185. NE of Ford & Newburgh.

**WESTLAND MOVING SALE!** 32701 Bertram Contemporary Furniture, Office, Sectional, Kitchen Table, Bedroom, collectibles, tools, clothing, antiques, household items, etc. June 8-10, 15-17. EVERYTHING MUST GO! MAKE OFFER! 734-674-0941

**WESTLAND - Partial Estate/ Moving sale!** Thurs-Sat 6/14-6/16, 9-5pm. 34310 Shawnee, Warren btwn Wayne Rd & Venoy. 1/2 off on Saturday!

**Household Goods**

**BEEDROOM SET:** Full dresser with hutch, mirror and night stand. Call after 5pm. 734-266-0453

**CURIO CABINET,** pine, lighted w/key, collectibles incl Gone with the Wind, Wizard of Oz, Red Wings & many others. exc. cond. \$650/best. Westland: 734-467-6352

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**DINING TABLE & CHINA CABINET:** Cherry wood, 6 chairs, table pads, like new. \$1,500/best. (248) 473-6488

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**SHIH POO Puppies.** Small females, non shed, shots, wormed, \$375. 248-675-7413

**Lost - Pets**

**LOST: Cockatiel,** gray w/white face and orange cheeks. Metal band on 1 leg. Name is Patch. Call: 734-354-3249 and have them contact Joanne.

**Personals**

**ATTN: Did You See Anything?** If you have any information pertaining to an incident that occurred on June 19, 2011 at approx. 3:30am on Robrich at Ridgeway, please contact Statewide Investigation Services at: 313.982.3557 ask for Jerry. Refer to case #143

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**CANTON SUB-WIDE YARD SALE- COLLEGE PARK ESTATES** June 21st -24th 11am-6pm. Mott Rd, just N. of Michigan Ave. between Denton and Ridge Road

**CANTON-MULTI FAMILY SALE** Thurs.-Sat. June 14-16, 9am-4pm S. off Warren, btwn Haggerty & Lilley. Lots of kid's stuff!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Household goods, women's clothing, toys, bikes, books. June 15-16, 9-4. 30062 White Hall Dr. N/13 Mile, W/Drake

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**FARMINGTON HILLS:** June 14-16, 9-5 31774 Trellain S. of 11 Mile, W. of Orchard Lake. Women's clothes, misc. household, toddlers' toys, camping gear & books

**LAKE ORION METHODIST CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** June 14 & 15, 9am-5pm & June 16, 8am-10am only. 140 E. Flint St., 3 blocks E. of M-24

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