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Township hopefuls pile on current board at forum

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Candidates for Plymouth Township offices were nearly united Tuesday in painting the current Board of Trustees as a discourteous, unresponsive legislative body that makes decisions without public input or public discussion of the facts behind them. At a forum for candidates for township trustee, clerk and treasurer, six challengers — no

incumbents were present — and one stand-in spoke to about 20 people, and complaints of rude treatment by the board and what some called a lack of information about its decisions formed a common theme. The event, at the Plymouth District Library, was sponsored by Plymouth Township Concerned Citizens, a watchdog group. "There's no transparency, there's no communication ... It's just a group doing their own

thing," said Rita White, a Democrat running for township treasurer. White, an attorney, has no primary challenger and in November will face the winner of the August Republican primary — either Treasurer Ron Edwards or challenger Edwin Schulz. "No respect" "There's no respect for our citizens," said Jennifer Mann, one of 13 Republican trustee candi-

dates. "Our board does not treat the people as a priority." "As you've seen in meetings, they pretty much do what they want," said Don Schnettler, a Republican trustee candidate who challenged Supervisor Richard Reaume in the 2008 race for supervisor. Many of the participants' complaints centered on the board's recent decisions surrounding

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Music director/conductor Nan Wasburn leads the Michigan Philharmonic in Saturday's American Salute performance in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

American salute

The Michigan Philharmonic is performing An American Salute on Saturday, June 30, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and sponsored in part by the O&E and Hometown Newspapers in partnership with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, The Wilcox Foundation, Atsalis Dental Excellence and the Grand Traverse Pie Company. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and hear the orchestra perform.



The P-CEP Marching Band will once again be a big presence in the annual Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parade help

Parade organizers are looking for middle school students and other youngsters at least 9 years of age to carry banners in Wednesday's Fourth of July parade. Volunteers get a free parade T-shirt. The parade starts at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in carrying a banner in front of a parade float should contact Fran Toney via e-mail at frantaztoney@hotmail.com or by calling (734) 453-0731.

'Variety show in motion' marks Plymouth's 4th

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

With fanfares from marching bands and Scottish pipers, rock-n-rollers and a Frank Sinatra tribute band, Plymouth's "variety show in motion" will hit Main Street at 9 a.m. on Wednesday. The city's annual Fourth

of July holiday parade, dubbed the Good Morning U.S.A. Parade, is a long-time Independence Day tradition that mixes entertainment with performers and local — and national — celebrities. "You just don't know what you're going to see in the parade, and adding variety to it all the time is

the goal," said Fred Hill, who is organizing his 16th Fourth of July parade under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. Hill calls the parade "a variety show in motion." "We're not heavy on floats at all," he said on

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District inks custodian contract

By Brad Kadrach
Observer Staff Writer

They have to take 17 furlough days. They don't have dental care, or vision protection. But the 73 custodians who are members of the Plymouth-Canton Custodial/Maintenance Association have something they didn't think they'd have a couple of weeks ago. Jobs. After negotiating until the proverbial 11th hour, the union and negotiators for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reached an agreement on a new contract that will keep the union's members working for the district. Union members ratified the deal Tuesday afternoon; the district is expected to sign it at a meeting July 9. "We took a big hit," said Kathy Ladenberger, president of the custodians' local. "We're part of a family, and we weren't willing to give that up." Once the union ratified the deal, the Board of Education Tuesday night voted to suspend any talks with potential contractors for custodial services. The district won't pursue privatization of the union. Union concessions amounted to some \$1 million. According to Ladenberger, it's the second straight year the union has given that amount in concessions.

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Plymouth's Shy leaves legacy of giving at SJMHS

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Camille Shy never intended to have a career in development. Although always interested in volunteering and community service while growing up in Dearborn and attending Fordson High, the 1979 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in public relations intended instead to go into advertising. She landed a job right out of college with a well-known local firm.

However, as the saying goes, "Somewhere along the way, life happened." Twenty-two years later, Shy looks back with fondness and gratitude and says it is she who "is blessed" because of a remarkable career. And when Shy, a longtime Plymouth Township resident, retires at the end of the month as vice president for development with the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, most will agree that "life" happened in

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Before joining St. Joe's, Camille Shy worked for six years in the development department at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, doing everything from answering phones to learning about the importance of donors and giving along the way. "It was a labor of love," she said.



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 4, 6 a.m.
Location: The Gathering, downtown Plymouth, next to the Penn Theater on Peniman Ave.

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band (PCMB), will be the beneficiary of the third annual "Good Morning USA" Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Tickets are available at the door for \$7 per person, children under five are free. In addition to pancakes and sausage, patrons can enjoy juice and coffee as they watch the annual Independence Day parade. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band for the upcoming

marching band season.

HEISE COFFEE

Date/Time: Friday, July 20, 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. **No appointment is necessary.** 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-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 25, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: Canton High School North (Phase 3)

Details: The Canton Chieftettes host their pom clinic for potential cheerleaders ages 5-14. Students will learn pom

techniques and a short dance routine. Parents will be treated to a performance at 11:30 a.m. Participants will also perform at the Canton High School varsity football game Aug. 30. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration, \$50 at the door.

Contact: Pre-register at www.cantonchieftettes.com; call (734) 397-1782 for more information.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734)

437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

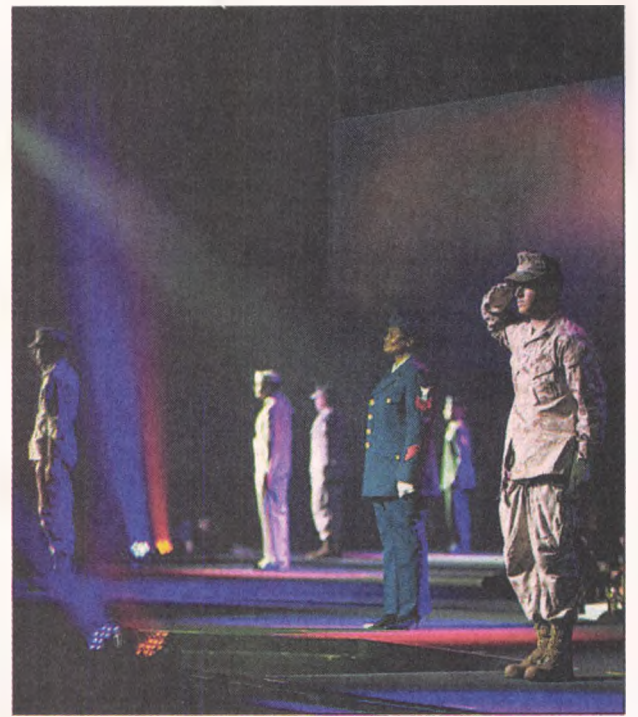
POLISH DANCE

Date/Time: July 21-28

Location: Orchard Lake Schools campus

Details: The Polish Centennial Dancers from the Plymouth, Canton, Livonia (Western Wayne County and Oakland County) area hosts a Polish Youth Course at Orchard Lake Schools where students between the ages of 10 through 14 study from a curriculum that includes Polish language, history, song and dance. Study about the Polish culture from Polish instructors and make friends from all over the United States. The \$300 includes lessons, swimming, sports, room and board for the entire week.

Contact: For information and application, call or email Ron or Barb Martin



Freedom weekend

NorthRidge Church hosts a special "Freedom Weekend" Saturday and Sunday, featuring a full production including an orchestra, a choir, live-action elements and more. Freedom Weekend will be a celebration of "our armed forces, our freedom as Americans and our freedom found in Christ." "We believe it will be a wonderful journey from celebrating our freedom that the soldiers bought into the freedom we ultimately find in Christ alone," church officials said. NorthRidge, located at 49555 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township, meets Saturdays at 5 and 7 p.m., and Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call (734) 414-7777.

at (734) 634-7780 or email PNA53Martin@hotmail.com.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: 2nd Thursday of the month (first meeting March 8), 2-3:30 p.m.

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

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a

new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. **Contact:** Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.



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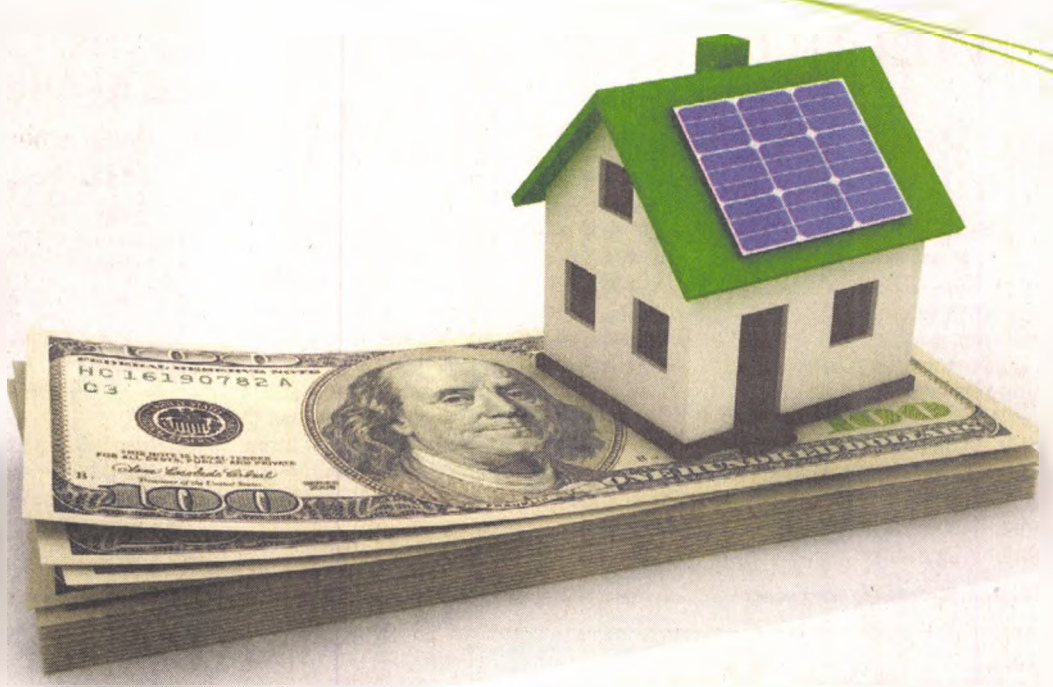
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the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which lost six firefighters to layoffs three months ago. A drive to put a tax question before voters that, if approved, could've avoided layoffs led to a court battle between its proponents, the Citizens Action Group, and the township, and the overwhelming defeat in February's election of a plan to form a special assessment district with a millage rate subject only to a board decision. Mann is a CAG founder and the wife of PCFD Lt. Chuck Mann.

Republican trustee candidate Sandy Groth, a former township deputy clerk, said the public has "never been given all of the facts" about changes in the fire department. For example, she said, guaranteeing the presence of Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics who can respond to medical emergencies will require a contract of perhaps \$1.6 million a year, an added cost when officials say they need to save money. "They're not telling you that," said Groth.

Township officials say HVA has increased its presence in the township since the PCFD layoffs without such a contract; Groth said Tuesday that the service is not always present in the community.

Pensions blasted

Groth joined Chuck Curmi, another Republican trustee candidate and a board member from 1992 to 2008, in criticizing the move away from a defined contribution retirement plan for police officers and firefighters, about seven years ago, to a guaranteed pension system. That, they said, is to blame for legacy costs that have hurt the township's overall economic picture.

"They voted to put in place the most expensive pension plan you can imagine," said Curmi, who as a trustee voted against the defined benefit plans.

The township's golf course was another point of criticism for several candidates. The township has made investments in the course over the past year, and has changed the management structure there, in hopes of making a profit. Officials say those steps are starting to pay off, but sev-



Plymouth Township Board of Trustee Candidates Don Schnettler (from left) Charles Curmi, Gary Schlack (standing in for candidate Alanna Maguire) and Sandy Groth take part in the Plymouth Township Concerned Citizens forum Tuesday.

eral forum participants suggested that's not the township's business.

"We need to look at the overall picture," said White. "We have a golf course. It is totally being wasted."

"It should be a turnkey" operation, said Curmi. "Let the operator figure out how to make a profit."

Also present Tuesday was Democratic trustee candidate Joanne Lamar, a former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education member, and Gary Schlack, who was standing in for Democratic trustee candidate Alanna Maguire.

Lamar touted her experience on the school board, saying she was always willing to listen to a variety of viewpoints and suggesting the current township board doesn't do that.

Schlack said Maguire has a master's degree in public policy, owns her own business and has set public safety, public trust and economic development as her township priorities.

As the only two Democrats in the trustee race, both Maguire and Lamar will move to the November general election. Among Republicans, the top four vote-getters in the Tuesday, Aug. 7 primary, will also move on to the general election.

Clerk Joe Bridgman faces challenger Nancy Conzelman in the Republican primary, but the winner of that race will not have a Democratic opponent in the fall. Neither were there on Tuesday.

Supervisor Reaume is unopposed in seeking his third term.

Officials respond

Reaume responded Wednesday to criticisms made at the forum, saying officials make public information readily available.

"They complain about transparency, and it's like almost every docu-

ment we can make public is available on the (township) website, and if it's not, it's available for viewing at the clerk's office," Reaume said. That includes expenditures, budgets, salaries and benefits and board packets, he said.

Reaume acknowledged discussions at board meetings "might've been a little heated," but that the board was confronted by catcalls from the audience and speakers who immediately adopted an adversarial tone.

"My own position is I've always tried to keep it civil," he said.

Said Trustee Bob Doroshewitz in an e-mail: "I try to never be rude to people that are respectful when they approach the board, even if I don't agree with them. I am human too and sometimes get emotionally worked up but I try to not shoot back at someone that keeps things on a professional level."

But part of the problem, Doroshewitz continued, is that some board critics don't accept the answers they are given by the board on some issues and keep repeating the same questions.

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With no formal invitations, forum lacked candidates

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

There are 21 candidates for Plymouth Township offices on the ballot in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary, but only a third of them — and none of the incumbents — were represented at a candidates forum Tuesday evening.

The event at the Plymouth District Library was sponsored by the Plymouth Township Concerned Citizens, a watchdog group that has been harshly critical of many on the current Board of Trustees. But that doesn't mean the incumbents wouldn't have been welcome to participate, said Carol Leroue, one of the group's founders.

"All the electeds are invited," Leroue said before the forum began in a basement meeting room at the library.

But no individual invitations to any candidates, friendly or unfriendly to her group, were made, Leroue stressed.

The event was also a regular meeting of the Concerned Citizens — meetings are typically held on a Tuesday evening near the end of every month — and candidates could have found out about it either through word of mouth, a bulletin-board feature on a local news website, or by being on the Concerned Citizens e-mail list, organizers said.

"We don't know who's going to show up tonight," Leroue said.

Republican trustee candidate Don Schnettler agreed. He arrived a few minutes late and said he thought he was simply attending a Concerned Citizens meeting when he was told to take the dais with other candidates.

"I wasn't invited," Schnettler said. Also participating Tuesday were

Rita White and Joanne Lamar, Democrats running, respectively, for treasurer and trustee, Gary Schlack, who was standing in for Democratic trustee hopeful Alanna Maguire, and Republican trustee candidates Jennifer Mann, Sandy Groth, and Chuck Curmi, a past board member.

Not present were the Republican incumbents seeking re-election: Supervisor Richard Reaume (who has no opposition in his bid for a third term), Clerk Joe Bridgman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustees Kay Arnold, Mike Kelly and Bob Doroshewitz. Also not present were Republican trustee candidates Jenai Stepp, Art Butler, Andrew Justus, Christopher Hull and Mark Christenson, plus Republican Nancy Conzelman, who is challenging Bridgman in the clerk's race, and Republican Edwin Schulz, who is challenging Edwards for treasurer.

Reaume said even though the Concerned Citizens group has been critical of him, he likely would've gone had he been invited.

"If it was an actual discourse and an actual panel discussion, probably," Reaume said Wednesday. He has been to every such forum to which he's been invited since he began running for office, Reaume said.

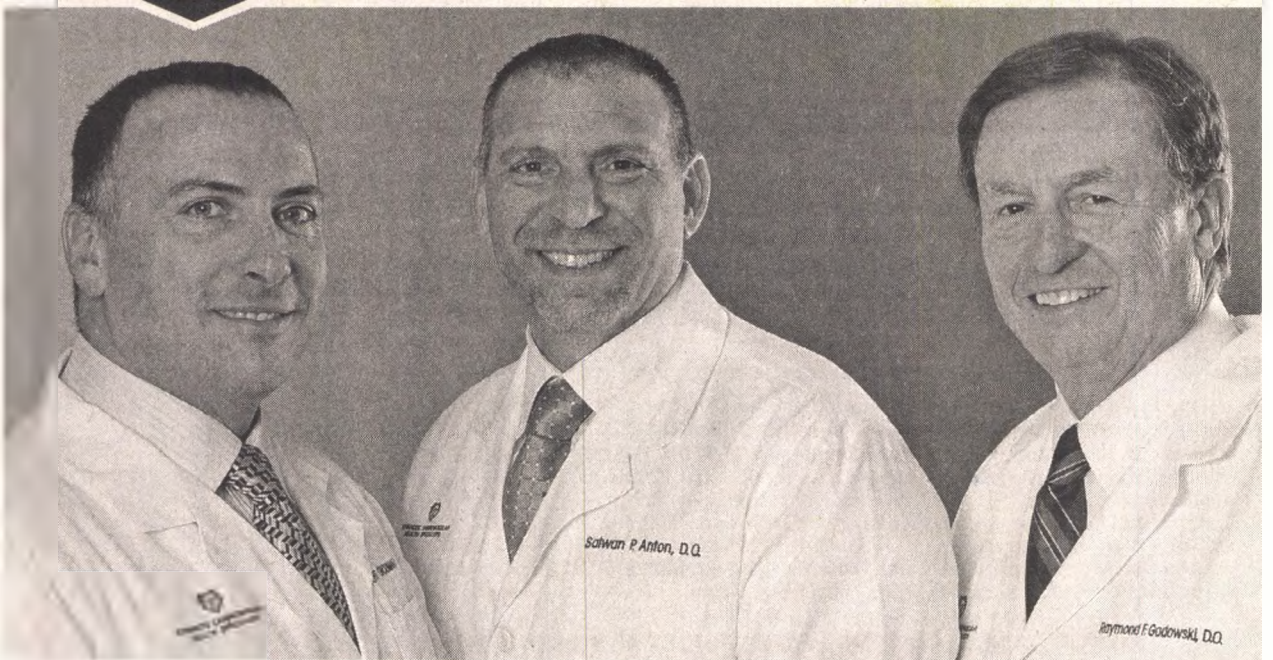
Doroshewitz, who is seeking a third trustee term, had a different take, suggesting he wouldn't have participated.

"I was not disappointed," at not being formally invited, he wrote in an e-mail. "There is no point in walking into a hostile crowd where people are so against you that your answers will be rejected regardless of what you say."

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PARADE

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Monday. "Originality, that's what we crave." Hill, a Plymouth Realtor, is also the founder and leader of the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill team, which has made appearances in parades all over the country. The team has been invited to New York City this fall to take part in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade for the second time. Hill's drill team will bring up the rear of Plymouth's parade; his primary job Wednesday is to organize and direct the many bands and entries that will go before. They will include Steve King and the Dittilies, a popular local rock band that will be performing on a moving stage, plus a "Sounds of Sinatra" tribute band. The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, the Martin Luther King High School Marching Band, the Cabar Feidh Pipe Band and period groups Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps (Revolutionary War era) and the 5th Michigan Regiment (Civil War) are among the other musical acts. Other entries include local and Wayne County politicians, baseball players from the Miracle League of Plymouth, walkers on spring-loaded stilts, the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the Northville Fire Department, which now serves Plymouth, and military veterans from the World War II



The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps is always a popular part of the Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade in downtown Plymouth.

and Vietnam eras. A fly-over of military aircraft is scheduled.

"It's like a bigger-town parade," he said. "It's unexpected to a lot of people."

Hill said the World War II veterans always draw the biggest crowd response.

"It's just a wave of people standing and applauding," he said. The six or seven veterans will each be riding in a military Jeep, he said.

The parade kicks off from the area of Main Street and Theodore and moves down Main to Hartsough.

The parade used to begin at 7:30 a.m. — Hill claimed it was the earliest in the country — but the time was changed last year. That increased attendance by about 20 percent, he said.

A childrens bicycle parade will lead off the event shortly before 9 a.m.; the bicycle fleet is organized by Plymouth Township officials, who are trying to recruit 185 bicyclists this year to represent the 185th anniversary of the community's founding.

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Fire forces seniors to evacuate

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

John Bourne, 82, was asleep in his third-floor residence when fire erupted late Tuesday night in a second-story unit of Waltonwood at Carriage Park, forcing the evacuation of some 85 residents and sending four to hospitals from the senior housing complex southeast of Ford and Canton Center roads.

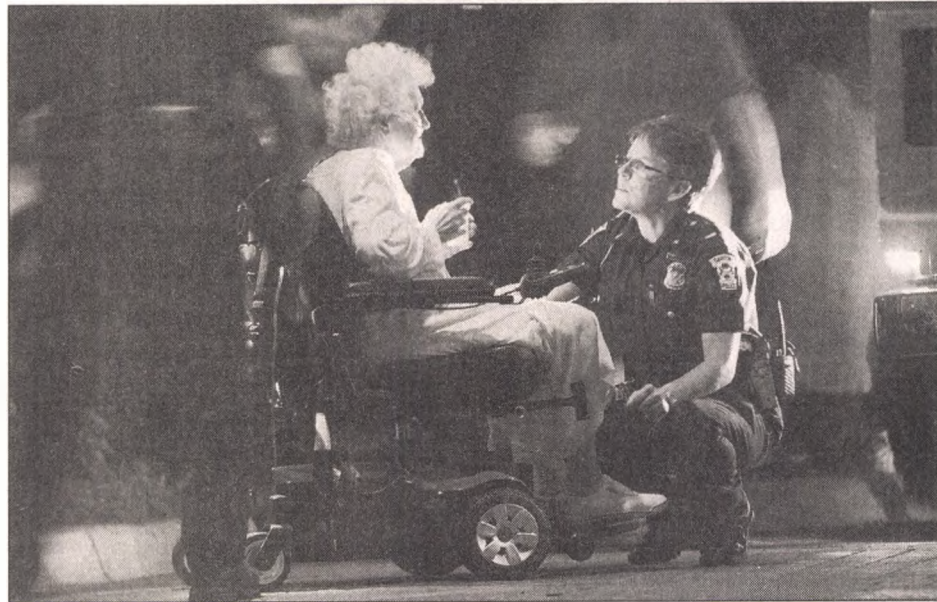
"I was asleep and the fire alarm went off," Bourne said early Wednesday morning, waiting his turn for a shuttle bus that was taking seniors to other locations. "I got up to see what was going on."

Within moments, Canton firefighters and police arrived on the scene of a second-floor kitchen fire and ushered seniors outside, where they waited until shuttle buses took them to places such as Summit on the Park.

Canton Fire Battalion Chief Ken Arble said a 9-1-1 call came in about 11:40 p.m. Tuesday after a fire started in a residence on the north side of the building.

"There was smoke visible on the first floor when we got here," Arble said.

Canton firefighters and police got an estimated 85 seniors to safety as firefighters made their way to a burning residence to douse a fire that started inside a residence where Arble said a woman lived



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Lt. Debra Newsome helps a resident who will be moved to the Summit for the night.

alone. Fire Chief Tim Dunn said four residents, including the woman who lived in the fire-damaged unit, were taken to area hospitals for smoke inhalation.

"We completely evacuated the building," Dunn said, as shuttle buses took seniors, some of them in wheelchairs, to Summit on the Park.

Firefighters quickly learned the fire had started in the kitchen of the woman's residence.

"The stove was on," Dunn said.

Arble said firefighters from all three Canton fire stations rushed to the scene and received mutual aid from the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the Westland Fire Department. He said seniors were taken to at least two hospitals, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Arble said firefighters doused the blaze within 15-20 minutes. He said fire damage appeared to

be contained to one unit, though smoke had spread through other parts of the building.

Arble said the fire started in an end unit on the north side of the building. "That helped us" in battling the fire, he said.

"We got a good hit" in knocking out the fire, Arble said. "It could have been far, far worse."

Firefighters, police officers, Waltonwood employees and Canton Leisure Services employees remained on the scene after the fire had been extinguished to tend to seniors and get them into shuttle buses.

Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries for The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, was at Summit on the Park where she and others cared for seniors and brought food to them.

Some officials on the scene indicated some seniors might be taken to Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, another senior complex in Canton. Relatives picked up some seniors.

Larry DeKarske, 62, said he was asleep when the fire started. He said he was sleeping soundly after getting 12 shots earlier in the day for what he described as degenerative joint disease.

Most seniors appeared calm as they waited outside a sister senior complex across from Waltonwood at Carriage Park, a complex that provides an array of senior services.

Arble said firefighters made repeated sweeps through the building after the fire had been doused to make sure all seniors had gotten out and to ensure there was no longer a threat. The investigation was continuing, but he said it appeared the fire was started accidentally when a stove was left on.

Bourne, waiting for his turn on a shuttle bus, said he and other seniors were handling the situation as best they could.

"I'm doing fine," he said.

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a wonderful way. "I have been so blessed in so many ways," said Shy. "Being able to work in such a tremendous facility with so many great people, serving the community and working for something I truly believe in has been very rewarding."

Garry Faja, president and CEO of the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital System, said that it has been rewarding for the hospital as well. Since Shy began in 1988 with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, it has grown from one hospital to a much larger entity — the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a member of Trinity Health, includes seven hospitals across southeastern Michigan.

"The significant increase in philanthropic support from our communities speaks highly of Camille's leadership, planning and implementation skills," Faja said, crediting her with implementing a variety of innovative initiatives for the hospital system.

Fundraising milestones

Under her tenure, the Renewal Campaign, the organization's first system-wide fundraising effort, raised over \$80 million to

date. The St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Holiday Ball grew to host some 1,000 guests and raised more than \$1 million in 2011.

She has also been responsible for a variety of other improvements within the hospital including advancing the ongoing integration of the Office of Development system-wide, building a strong volunteer leadership presence and working to unite employees, physicians and the community around a common goal.

Not too bad for someone who decided that the world of commercial advertising was not for her and struggled briefly to find the right career path.

It was a tough time to be looking for a job, she recalls, even for a recent college graduate.

"It was a tough economy. It seemed like everyone had a bumper sticker on their car that said, 'the last one in Michigan turn the lights out,'" she said, looking back. "I can really sympathize with the kids coming out of college now."

After working briefly on a political campaign for a friend of a friend, she spent a year commuting from Plymouth to Lansing every day only to have him lose the election. She found herself once again looking for employment. Despite the setback, it was a good learning experience, she said. One that led her to working

for non-profit organizations. "I knew that this was my opportunity to focus on what I loved most," Shy said.

Before joining St. Joe's, she worked for six years in the development department at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, doing everything from answering phones to learning about the importance of donors and giving along the way. "It was a labor of love," she said.

"It was quite by accident. I did not have much experience in the non-profit sector but once I did, it quickly became clear that this was my career path. I never looked or thought about a job in the profit sector again," she said.

When a co-worker left the DSO for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Shy left, too, joining the hospital as director of development in 1988. She felt instantly at home.

'Doing the right thing'

"For me, it is more gratifying and satisfying for everyone involved if you know you are doing the right thing," Shy said.

Helping generous donors and volunteers find projects that they are well suited for is one of her proudest professional accomplishments.

"There are so many gen-

erous people out there that want to help and be supportive. When you can connect with them and help be a part of giving, it is very rewarding," Shy said.

Shy has also been an active volunteer in her personal life, and recently retired from board positions with Ann Arbor's Cancer Support Community and Food Gatherers, a Washtenaw area food bank.

The mother of two grown daughters, ages 25 and 28, she spent many active years volunteering with Plymouth Canton Educational Park's Marching Band, where her daughter was a member of the color guard.

"Like most things, when your children are involved in an activity, so are you," said Shy.

After her daughter Malory's first year with the band, Shy said she was so impressed with the commitment of both the students and parent volunteers that she took on the role of volunteer PR director.

"I made up a press kit up and got to work," she said.

Band project

One of her biggest projects involved the band bus and former Domino's Pizza CEO David Brandon, now athletic director at the University of Michigan, who Shy knew through professional circles.

After spotting the poor

condition of the band's equipment transportation trailer, so large it is towed by a semi, and aware of the operation's shoestring budget, Shy put her contacts to work and approached Brandon, known to be a generous donor in the community.

She asked him if he knew of anyone who could help get the trailer painted without incurring any extra costs.

"I told him I had been inspired to ask him after seeing the gorgeous Domino's trucks that I would see in the area and thought he might be able to help us out. I hung up the phone and the next thing I knew there was a call from someone asking if we could bring the trailer to the shop for painting," Shy said.

Not only did the trailer end up repainted in the band's signature yellow color, it also came home to the PCEP band with new tires, doors and a rehabbed interior.

"The students were out practicing when the new truck pulled up and they were watching it so intently that the band director had to shout at them from the podium to 'stop watching the truck,' and get back to practicing. It gets me teary eyed thinking about how generous they were," she said.

It just illustrates that no matter what the cause, fundraising is all about peo-

ple and relationships, she said.

"People want to be helpful, it is so rewarding to know that you have made a difference," she said.

Shy gets high marks from local leaders that she has worked with to raise money and awareness of the hospital system.

"Camille is very skilled at building relationships; she is so effective and she isn't afraid to dream big," said Canton resident Bryan Amann, currently serving as vice chairman of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Development Council. Both Amann and his wife, Mary have worked with Camille on several fundraisers throughout the Canton area. "Camille raised the bar for philanthropy in the Canton area. She is a tremendous asset to this community," he added.

William Holmes, chairman of the council added: "Camille Shy has always represented the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System with grace and dignity. She is as smart as they come and a fast thinker on her feet. It has been a pleasure to work with her."

Although she retires at the end of June, she is set on remaining active as a volunteer and keeping SJMHS and other causes close to her. She also plans to spend some time golfing with her husband, Steve, one of their favorite activities.

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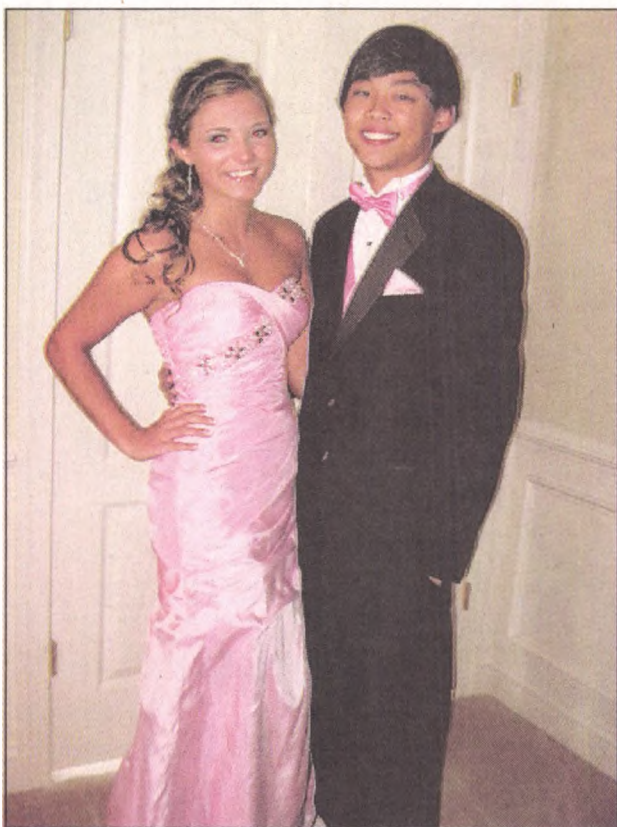
Irene Pool (from left), Josh McGowan, Michael Pool, Drew Gissendaner and Rebecca Perry, all Plymouth High School students.



Adam Stankiewicz and Tara Sadek at the Plymouth Senior Prom, 2012.



Derek O'Flynn of Canton High School and Sydni Sheathelm of Davison High School on June 2.



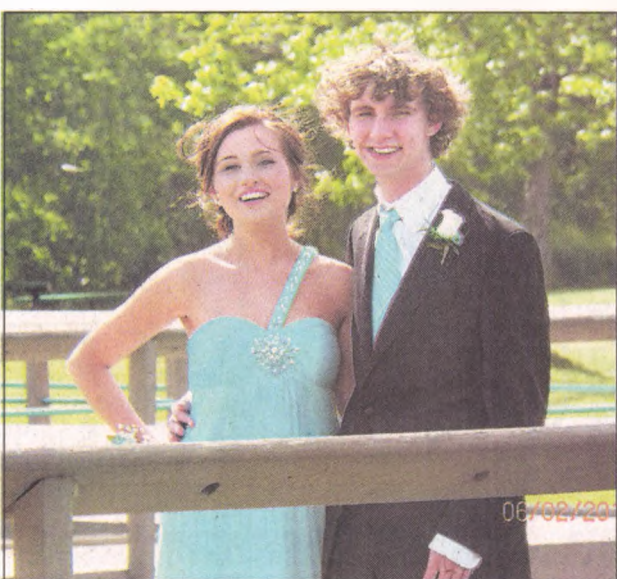
Alex Chapman and his date, Anna Fanelli, before Plymouth Christian Academy's prom.



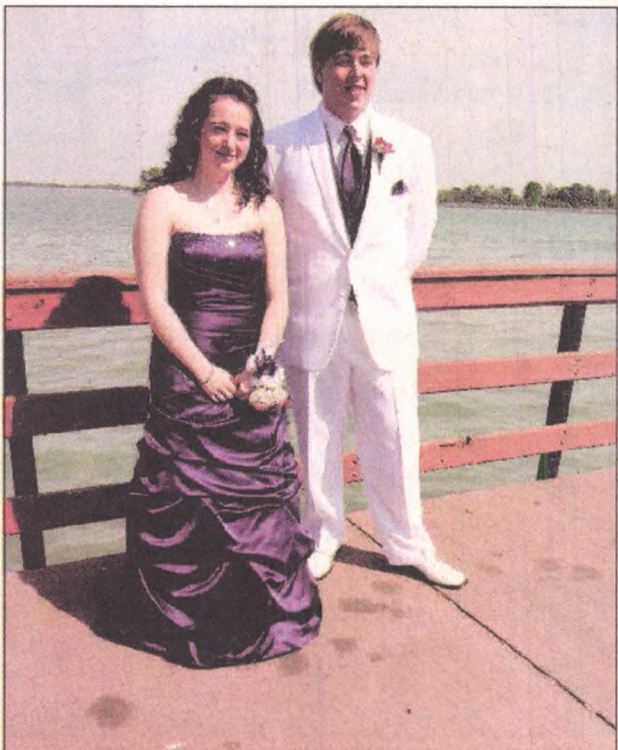
Plymouth High School graduates (from left) Ellie Anderson, Katie Bartek and Erin MacKenzie attend their 2012 prom.



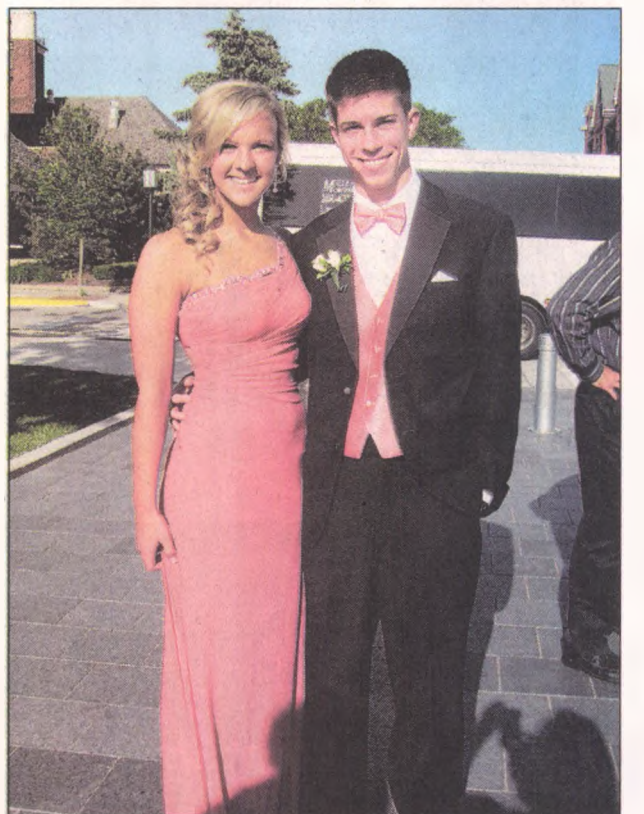
Twin sisters Mrianna and Sonia Werda connected at the PCEP prom.



Plymouth High School students Jared Ooms and his date, Lindsey Magaldi, ready for prom.



Frankie Porth and his date, Kaitie Kildow, attended the prom at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.



Makenzie Williams of Plymouth and Greg Genette of Farmington Hills attended the Mercy High School prom.

Democrats battle in 11th congressional race

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Much media attention was focused recently on the Republican side of the ballot in the 11th congressional race.

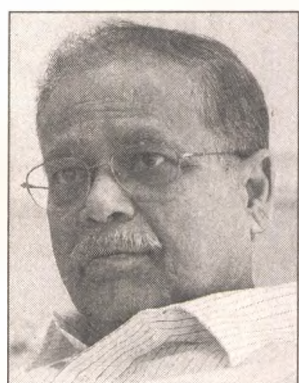
U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia and Kerry Bentivolio of Milford turned in petitions with signatures to declare their candidacies. McCotter's petitions were found to have duplicate signatures, a finding that invalidated them. He declared a write-in candidacy, then withdrew, and announced he was not seeking re-election. A group of prominent Detroit-area Republicans threw their support behind Nancy Cassis of Novi, who is now a write-in candidate.

On the Democrats' side of the ballot, two candidates, Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and Bill Roberts of Redford, are also vying for their party's nomination.

Taj recently retired as chief of medicine of Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where he worked more than 29 years as a doctor. He still sees patients in his private practice.

Taj is ending a four-year term on the Canton Board of Trustees, deciding not to seek re-election to that board and instead run for Congress.

Roberts has been supporting Lyndon Larouche since 2001, after having been "completely disgusted" with the choices for president in 2000, and "having also witnessed firsthand the complete



Dr. Syed Taj

political impotence of my own generation."

Endorsements, loyalty

Taj has received endorsements from the 11th District Democrats, Oakland County Democrats and every local Democratic Club in the district. Taj calls Roberts an "imposter" running as a Democrat who wants to impeach President Barack Obama, "Don't be fooled by fake Democrats," reads Taj's campaign literature.

Roberts responds that Taj's comments are "cultish."

"The idea that you have to take a loyalty oath to a president no matter what happens and what heinous crimes he commits, it's cultish," Roberts said. He added: "The idea that you have to be an Obama supporter to be a Democrat is ridiculous."

Roberts believes Obama should be impeached for what Roberts called Obama's assassination of Samir Khan and others who were alleged to be connected to Al Qaida and



Bill Roberts

for the National Defense Authorization Act, which allows the detention of American citizens indefinitely.

"You have a complete suspension of due process," Roberts said.

Taj ran because he wants changes in Congress.

"Things aren't looking so great in Congress," Taj said. "There's complete gridlock and nothing is being done. Congress needs professionals and not career politicians."

Roberts said he is running because he loves this country. "We're seeing it destroyed under the last three presidential terms," Roberts said.

Policies of Obama and former President George W. Bush and the bank loans have "choked off credit for private investments" and created continued joblessness. "There's been a collapse of the physical economy in this country," Roberts said.

Health care act

Taj supports the Affordable Health Care Act.

"The bill itself is a path to provide health care to everybody," Taj said. "People just don't realize the good it provides."

Taj points to insurance coverage now provided for children, who are attending school, out of work or cannot get health insurance, up to the age of 26 under their parents' policies.

Before, many Americans with pre-existing conditions were locked or priced out of the health insurance market, getting a bill for cancer treatments or transplants, Taj said.

Insurers are now required to cover a number of recommended preventive services, such as cancer, diabetes and blood pressure screenings, without additional cost sharing such as copays or deductibles.

In January 2013, the law provides new funding to state Medicaid programs that choose to cover preventive services for patients at little or no cost, so that more Americans can receive preventive care.

"They want people to have annual physicals," Taj said.

Attorneys general from several states are challenging the Affordable Health Care Act. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on it in late June.

Taj believes increased employment can help save Social Security. "Social Security is not in trouble," Taj said. "We have enough money up through 2037." With more workers contrib-

uting to the system, the money will continue to grow to fund Social Security and keep it solvent.

Glass-Steagall Act

Roberts supports the reinstatement of the original Glass-Steagall Act of 1933. "The Federal Reserve System is bankrupt, rotten all the way through with the gambling debts of the last 20 years; the attempt to pay this debt is ruining people's lives. Glass-Steagall must be adopted to remove this debt from the books of the U.S. government, ending the bailout of 'too big to fail' by separating investment, insurance, and commercial banking activities into wholly separate institutions," according to Roberts' website.

Taj points to his work on the Canton board as proof he can work with Republicans. Trustees reviewed a proposed 22-percent water rate hike or using money in a general fund, reserved for repairs and maintenance. "We had money in our water and sewer general fund," Taj said. "We looked at whether we go with 22 percent or do we help these people, some who were losing their jobs."

The board looked at various figures, but settled on a compromise amount of \$1 million and a smaller, more affordable hike, Taj said.

Roberts called Larouche "a guy who does not pull his punches."

"He says what's true whether or not it's polit-

ically pragmatic," Roberts said.

"If you have a connection to our Constitution, you recognize and see a sense of history, and you recognize the dangers of compromise of principles," Roberts said, explaining his support of Larouche.

Taj has a good working relationship with the other six trustees, all Republicans. Most of the time, votes are 7-0, Taj said.

"(The board) could have passed a bill, 6-1, but that never happened. We always have a discussion," Taj said.

Taj said 40 percent of the new 11th District is Gary Peters' old district, in which Peters won in 2008 and 2010, formerly a Republican stronghold and Joe Knollenberg's old district, Taj points out.

Taj believes his experience in day-to-day dealings with patients and familiarity with health policy issues can help the district.

"It is a very professional, well-educated district," Taj said. "It is the most affluent district in the state. It is also a great chance for the Democrats."

Taj said his role as a congressman is to help everyone in the district, regardless of party affiliation or support.

"If we can get more money to fix our roads, that will help every single person who uses those roads," Taj said.

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Kiwanis Club ready for golf outing

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth is preparing for the club's largest annual fundraiser, the 30th annual Charity Golf Outing, to be held Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Fox Classic Golf Course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with a pre-golf breakfast and shotgun start at 9 a.m. Contact Dan Herriman, Golf Outing Chair, (734) 459-5440 or email dherriman@herriman.net for more information on the outing, sponsorships and registration.

Organizers said it is not your "everyday" golf outing. It's golf, music, food, contests, surprises between the holes, and an after-golf dinner program. The Charity Outing is open to the general public and the general public is encouraged to participate in this high-spirited, entertaining golfing experience.

The outing includes a return to its past by celebrating with a barbecue chicken and ribs dinner following 18 holes of golf, food and fun.

The event is a great way to have local businesses get their name in front of over 250 volunteers and golfers, with signs on the course, mention in the Keepsake Program and mention on the club's website. Most importantly, 100 percent of the proceeds go to help fund the on-going community service projects the club supports such as the Plymouth Salvation Army, Mott Children's Hospital, Growth Works, First Step, YMCA of Plymouth, Plymouth's Tonquish Manor, Plymouth Coun-



The Lee's Chicken mascot got some love at last year's Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth golf outing, the club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

cil on Aging, Habitat for Humanity, United Way of Plymouth, Special Olympics, Plymouth Clothing Bank, Plymouth Canton Schools and many more.

This year the outing cost is only \$150 per golfer or only \$600 for a foursome. Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth also offers many sponsorship opportunities. Again, the general public is welcome to participate as golfers. Individuals and local businesses can still be sponsors of this event and assist the Kiwanis Club in con-

tinuing the club's mission.

More than 90 members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, founded in 1967, take great pride in assisting the community in a number of programs, anything from building a wheelchair ramp for a resident's home, to replacing a roof for a family in need, to hosting Plymouth's annual Good Morning USA Parade on July 4.

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth continues to lead the way in Michigan with an orga-

nization called Kids Against Hunger. As a group they have assisted in the purchase and packaging of over 1,000,000 meals for food banks, disaster relief and malnourished areas throughout the world since getting involved in 2005. The goal is to have one school in each level (elementary, middle, high school) in each district nationwide package food one time a year. If this goal is achieved Kids Against Hunger can nearly wipe out death due to starvation internationally.

Beware of investment risks, diversify

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Last week, the Federal Reserve concluded a two-day meeting and one of the results was the statement that interest rates are going to remain low until at least 2014. What that means is that U.S. treasuries, certificates of deposit (CDs) and fixed annuities similarly are going to have low rates of return for a period of time.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Ever since the financial crisis arrived, interest rates have been kept artificially low. The theory being is that low interest rates will help spur growth in the economy. And although that may be true, it is important to realize that it comes with a cost.

One group of people that are paying for the financial crisis is senior who typically will invest in CDs, U.S. treasuries and annuities for income purposes. Seniors have found that their income has been slashed over the last few years. The Federal Reserve's recent comment certainly doesn't give hope to those individuals who need income. The question is what are seniors to do?

In the search for income, some seniors have made some very expensive mistakes. In order to receive higher income, investors have sought out higher yielding investments. Unfortunately, with higher yielding investments come greater risks. Some senior have invested in foreign CDs thinking that they were as safe as federally insured CDs. Unfortunately, they found that they were not. Other seniors have invested in low-rated bonds — junk bonds — thinking they were safe but they were not. The problem is that people are so desperate to get higher rates of return on their money they're ignoring the risks that are associated with these types of investments.

Another strategy that some seniors are implementing is turning to dividend-paying stocks as, once again, a way to produce higher income. Dividend-paying stocks are a good investment and

they make sense for an income investor, however, it should only be one piece of the puzzle. Just like growth investors need to be diversified, the same thing with income investors. Income investors cannot afford to put all their money in stocks because they're assuming too great of a risk. Income investors need fixed-income investments like high grade corporate and government bonds. Even though the yield is low on these investments, there is a different risk associated with them vs. dividend-paying stocks.

One of the reasons I'm constantly reminding people to keep their costs under control is so they don't run into the trap where they feel desperate to produce higher returns. When that happens they get involved in low quality and questionable investments. There have been lots of stories recently of seniors who have taken substantial losses in their quest to receive higher yields. Don't fall for the slick sales talk; use common sense. If someone tells you you're going to get 7 or 8 percent without talking to you about the substantial increase in risk, you know you're dealing with the wrong person.

I would love to tell you of an investment that would substantially increase your yield without correspondingly increasing your risk but I can't. The reality is that low rates of return are going to be with us for at least another year and a half to two years. The bottom line in these challenging economic times you cannot afford to abandon common sense. With one-year CD rates below 1 percent and a 10-year U.S. treasury paying approximately 1.6 percent, you cannot get substantially higher returns without increasing your risk.

That doesn't mean that you can't have a portion of your portfolio in items such as high-yield bonds or emerging market debt, what it means is that you can't have the majority of your income portfolio in high-risk investments. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

New book introduced at Schoolcraft Thursday

For many years, Ed Draugelis practiced law in Plymouth representing, among other clients, the City of Plymouth, the Plymouth Community School District, Northville Downs and Livonia's Schoolcraft College.

"As the years wore me down, increasingly I turned to my first love, writing. My regional play was produced at Northville's Marquis Theater in approximately 1985. After that, I wrote a series of children's books. My first adult novel, 'The God Symposium', was published in 2005."

Draugelis' second pub-

lished novel, "COLD WATER," a mystery thriller, is being introduced to the public in the DiPonio Room of Schoolcraft College from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 28 by publisher Oak Tree Press.

Schoolcraft, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, is mentioned through one of the characters in the novel as having one of the best two-year culinary arts programs in the country.

The event will include appetizers and a cash bar, and the opportunity to meet the author and learn about his writing process.

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Sky Zone job fair hopes to fill jobs

Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, creator of the world's first all-trampoline, walled playing court, will open its newest facility in Canton this summer at 42550 Executive Drive.

Sky Zone bills itself as the "ultimate 3-D play experience for teens, parents and kids to jump, leap and defy gravity on the patented all-trampoline walled playing court."

Sky Zone provides guests with activities fit for all ages and fitness levels. Filled with wall-to-wall trampolines, Sky Zone provides a brand new way to move and sets the stage for a variety of activities such as 3-D Dodgeball and SkyRobics - an invigorating and fun, yet highly effective, fitness class that can burn up to 1,000 calories in an hour.

Participants can also partake in "Open Jump," where they can bounce for fun, freestyle their latest moves, or jump into a giant foam pit. In addition, the facility is also the perfect venue for a unique and memorable group outing, offering birthday party packages, corporate team building programs and other group events such as churches, schools and camps.

And while not yet open, the new Sky Zone Canton is already making a positive economic impact by bringing more than 100 new jobs to the commu-



COURTESY SKY ZONE
Filled with wall-to-wall trampolines, Sky Zone provides a way to move and sets the stage for a variety of activities such as 3-D Dodgeball and SkyRobics.

nity. To fill these open positions, a three-day Job Fair takes place at the new indoor trampoline park on Thursday, June 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, June 29, from noon to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Interested persons should download and complete an application that can be found online at www.skyzone-sports.com/canton or on Sky Zone Canton's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/skyzonecanton) and bring with them to the Job Fair. More information and updates about the Job Fair can be found on those online resources and by calling (734) 981-0007.

"In 2004 when the first Sky Zone opened its doors, we knew we wanted to spread our concept throughout the United States and allow as many people to experience a new kind of activity and entertainment," said Jeff Platt, President of Sky Zone LLC. "Thus far, our facilities have been a big hit in other parts of the country and we are looking forward to introducing Metro Detroit residents to the perfect combination of fun and fitness with Sky Zone's ultimate high-flying experience."

For more information on Sky Zone, including class and event details, visit www.skyzonesports.com.



Dancing delight

Students from the Metro Dance Company took the stage for photos before taking the stage for real in the studio's recent dance recital. The annual dance recital took place last week at Walled Lake Western High School. Metro Dance is located at 541 S. Mill (Lilley) in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-8970 for more information.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business News

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Nico & Vali is partnering with the Plymouth Community United Way with a donation drive. Paul DePalma is celebrating the fourth anniversary of Nico & Vali Italian Eatery by donating a portion of the proceeds to Plymouth Community United Way on Tuesday, July 3.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitway.org.

- Salon Awesome is having a party on Thursday, June 28, from 5-8 p.m. It's a girl's night out of body wraps, hair and nail consultations and a personal fashion consultant. Shop, save, snack and have some fun.

- Bring a friend or two.
- Sharer Cabinetry samples have arrived at Sharer Design Group. Come see which style would look great for your kitchen or bathroom. This original line of cabinetry has been designed by

Justin Sharer. The finish options are endless. See photos on Sharer's Facebook page.

- Stop by Progressive Family Eye Care on Forest Ave., to check out the newest addition to the store's eyewear collection - Earth Conscious Optics (eco). They are made of 95-percent recycled products, and come in adult and children sizes.

For every frame sold, eco plants a tree along with offering a program where you can donate your old eyewear to people in need around the world. For more information or to see some of the frames, stop in and check out the window display full of eco products, at the store located at 831 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 455-1453.

- Forest Computer Solutions has summer computer classes. On Thursday, June 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. it's Shutterfly. Let's create memories! Let us show you how to create your very own

photo book. We will take you through the steps to create a personal photo book, a fun way to capture all your memories.

The first session is Shutterfly I. Setup a free account using Shutterfly, learn how to upload pictures, crop and frame them, and add your pictures to items such as mugs, coasters, blankets, and so much more. Great gift ideas. The cost per session is \$20. To reserve a seat call (734) 259-8611.

Concours sponsors

- There are a number of sponsorship opportunities at all price levels for Concours d'Elegance on July 29. Those who participate will be able to be front and center for the nearly 15,000 people who attend the event, including hundreds of car owners and their families who are in Plymouth for at least three days.

Anyone interested can call the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority office, (734) 455-1453.

New digs



B. E. Unique full-service salon cut the ribbon June 15 at their new location at 385 N. Mill St., just east of Main Street. Pictured are owners Gina Cejmer, Brittney Mayotte and Ellie Sultana. Also pictured are stylists Kristie Freed, Megan Murthy, Linda Luna and Stacy Favaro along with family, friends and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador Committee. The salon staff are all experienced stylists who have worked in the area for many years.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber golf

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf outing July 9 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

While the event is sold out for golfers, chamber officials are looking for silent auction items. With a full field of 144 golfers and 20 volunteers there is a great opportunity to showcase your business at the silent auction.

Anyone interested in donating an item or gift certificate, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or wes@plymouthmich.org. Items must be received by July 3. The event's major sponsor is Victory Honda.

Business workshop

The chamber hosts the July Business Development Workshop, "How to capture the attention of the hard to reach," Tuesday, July 24, from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The workshop takes place at the chamber office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Summer camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a wide selection of summer camps for kids of all ages and interests. Included are classic art camps, music camps, theater camps and more.

For more information, visit www.plymoutharts.com.

Free seminar on pension buyouts

Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper are co-sponsoring a free educational seminar on the lump-sum

buyouts offered to salaried retirees of General Motors and Ford Motor Co. at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 12, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. For more

information or to register, call (248) 932-5200 or email seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com. A continental breakfast will be served. Participants must pre-register.

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OUR VIEWS

Self-evident truth

Remember sacrifices as we celebrate a proud nation

As with many holidays born out of patriotic impulses, the true meaning of Independence Day can be easily lost amid the parades and the barbecues, among the sparklers and the games.

And it's easy to forget, because the brave sacrifices of our military men and women today come in faraway lands like Afghanistan and Iraq, that the very first sacrifices on the road to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness came right here on home soil.

Some 25,000 Americans perished, and another 25,000 were injured as the colonies fought — and died — for the right to determine their own destiny as a country, one of the truths leaders of the Second Continental Congress decided were self-evident.

Though it holds no legal authority, The Declaration of Independence, as Jefferson wrote in a letter years after penning it, was "intended to be an expression of the American mind, and to give to that expression the proper tone and spirit called for by the occasion."

Thus, Thomas Jefferson and the rest of the Founding Fathers laid the foundation for what has stood — for 236 years and counting — as the bedrock principle of our nation. Fifty-six men, representing colonies from north and south, signed it, each of them risking death as revolutionaries.

The leaders of the revolution — Hancock and Franklin, Washington and Jefferson — are household names. But let's not forget the 50,000 dead and wounded, whose names we've never known and never will. It was their deeds, and their sacrifices, that became synonymous with freedom.

As you line the streets for local parades, celebrate with fireworks, and grill burgers and hot dogs for the holiday picnic, remember them and honor their accomplishment.

The truth of their sacrifice, and the magnitude of its meaning, should be self-evident.

Play it safe with fireworks

A new state law removes the ban on most fireworks that shoot into the air so pyrotechnic-lovers no longer need to smuggle Roman candles, bottle rockets, sky lanterns or anything else from neighboring states. We urge consumers to use caution.

The wider variety of fireworks for sale in Michigan is expected to translate into \$8-\$10 million annually for the state, according to state Rep. Harold Haugh, D-Roseville, one of the bill's sponsors. Under the law, fireworks cannot be sold to anyone younger than 18. The law also prohibits using fireworks while under the influences of alcohol or drugs. Consumer-grade fireworks may not be used on public, school or private property of another person unless permission is obtained to use fireworks at that location.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, three Americans died and 8,600 were taken to the hospital with injuries as a result of fireworks in 2010. Children younger than 15 accounted for 40 percent of those injuries.

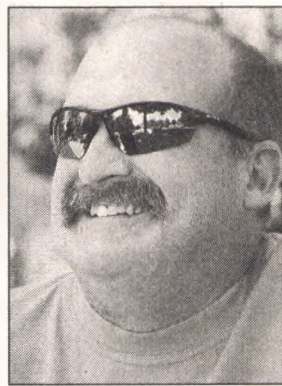
The Michigan Department of Community Health said there were three fireworks-related fatalities in the state in 2006-10, one in 2006 and two in 2007. Read and practice these tips courtesy of the state fire marshal.

- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities, including sparklers
 - Light fireworks one at a time
 - Keep a bucket of water or hose on hand
 - Never stand over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse
 - Never re-light "dud" fireworks that have not fully functioned
 - Never point or throw fireworks at other people
 - Only use fireworks on designated days
- Make it a safe July 4th holiday.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your idea of a perfect Fourth of July?

We asked this question in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



"I guess a parade in the morning and barbecuing with family in the middle of the afternoon."

Jim Bigelow
Moulton, Ala. (formerly of Plymouth)



"I would have to say the same thing: A good parade and a good barbecue with family."

Kay Bigelow
Moulton, Ala.



"I don't know. This (sitting in park with dog). ... It just seems like a natural thing."

David Nadeau
Plymouth Township



"Getting together with your family. Barbecuing. Usually we go to a party."

Kelly Petcou
South Lyon

LETTERS

Dirty politics

Last week, my fellow residents in Plymouth received what I believe is the first example in our community at the local level of the nastiness, incivility and all-around foolishness that has festered in politics over the last dozen or so years.

Our current supervisor is certainly entitled to express his views; however, his approach was not what I expect from our local community leaders. Let the spirit of meanness that seems to encompass every state and federal election not occur in Plymouth in any form.

Where is the gentlemanly behavior that I learned as a young man? His discontent with our elected clerk centered on Mr. Bridgman's willingness and, in my view, right to disagree with the supervisor and his cronies. This attitude should not be used to endorse another individual. We voters have no way to conveniently determine whether the supervisor's accusations are true or not. I am willing to bet that the accusations are an exaggeration of facts twisted to demean his colleague — another decidedly ungentlemanly way to argue his point.

It has been clear for some time that the supervisor has a management style that is old-fashioned in the worst sense, "I was elected Boss, therefore I have all the answers. No one may disagree with me." And some of his colleagues are willing to literally (fist) fight and shout down those who disagree with their "boss."

He even suggests that unanimity is expected on the township board. This conjures up reminders of a banana republic dictatorship. I would much prefer the expressions of

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opinion that are expected of able and thinking officials.

The supervisor has no opposition in his quest for re-election, but I hope he will learn that the other trustees are there to debate, argue, suggest ideas, and ultimately to develop better ways to solve problems than can one person alone.

Doug Koch
Plymouth Township

Tolerating bullying

Richard Reaume states in his letter to the township residents that, "This behavior by an elected official cannot be tolerated."

Yet, he tolerates, and accepts, Ron Edwards' daily bullying, obnoxious behavior at every board meeting. I thought we had "anti-bullying" laws in place in our schools, yet not our township government meetings?

Come on now folks, look at YouTube "Ron Edwards, 9-1-1" or "Ron Edwards Meltedown." Look at the facts.

Richard Reaume is unbelievable in his support of Ron Edwards and not Joe Bridgman.

Tom Kelly
Citizens Action Group

Keep the secretaries

As a member of the community for over 30 years and a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools retired elementary secretary with nearly 28 years of service, I would like to address the issue of privatization of a school secretary.

I know full well the demands that are made of the secretary's position — building finances (petty cash, budgets), maintaining confidential student records (educational and medical), distribution of student medications, medical emergencies, principal's confidential correspondence, staff payroll, maintaining staff confidential records, staff and building purchase orders, (and my favorite) "holding down the fort" in the principal's absence, and countless other responsibilities.

And speaking of "holding down the fort" ... Would the district be absolved of any legal responsibilities regarding any issues that arise due to a nondistrict employee's incompetence and/or error? ... Staff come and go, administrators sometimes come and go. The one stabilizing factor in a building is its secretary.

I care because I know how important a secretary is to her administrator, staff and the children and parents she services. ... To outsource this position is to do an egregious disservice to the entire community. I truly believe that should the board make the decision June 26 to outsource this position, it will only lead to devastating consequences from which the district will be slow to recover.

Sonia S. Culver
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Letters drag race back to 'politics as usual'

We had hoped (naively, we admit) for a calm, issue-oriented political season.

Apparently, very few in Plymouth Township got the memo.

The first indication it wasn't going to be peaceful came before the campaign even officially started, when a rumor was floated that Kay Arnold, the township's longest serving trustee, was simply running to get elected, then resign so the board could appoint Carl Berry in her place.

That smelled fishy from the start. Frankly, I was surprised when Arnold, first elected in 1992, decided to run again. But when she said she was running again, and was in it for the long haul, there was no reason to doubt her. Not that Arnold isn't capable of a good political ploy, but she's generally said what she's meant and meant what she's said.

The laughable part was Berry's inclusion. The former — and first — police chief for the township, Berry chuckled just as much as I did when he heard the rumor. First of all, he's busy with his security work. Secondly, he's too involved with regional politics to be tied down to one board.

And there were also the barbs being tossed toward some of the 13 Republican candidates for the

four trustee positions. The idea was spread that some of them were Democrats cloaked in Republican garb, running outside their true party to gain a seat on the board.

It's not like that hasn't happened before. It's pretty tough to get elected in Plymouth Township if you're a Democrat. In fact, it's hard enough that, in the three elections I've covered in this town, there hasn't been a single Democrat (that I recall) on the ballot (I'm sure someone will point it out if I'm wrong).

But the most surprising development — and perhaps biggest political faux pas — came when Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume sent out a letter supporting Nancy Conzelman, whom he helped recruit to run against incumbent clerk Joe Bridgman.

Reaume's letter, mailed to some 3,000 likely voters, takes issue with Bridgman over the fire department issue and Bridgman's decision not to give back part of his pay. He also accused Bridgman of, among other things, missing more Board of Trustee meetings than the others.

Naturally, Bridgman felt compelled to fire off a letter of his own, defending his positions and laying out the case for his re-election.

Reaume brushed off the political aspects of the ploy. Bridgman said Reaume's endorsement of Conzelman didn't surprise him, but the accusatory nature of the piece was unexpected. I agree with him.

Aside from the fact Conzelman is certainly capable of fighting her own battles, Reaume is generally more politically savvy than that. Issuing an attack piece (my words, not his) could backfire in a town that dislikes attack-style politics. Two opposing groups tried late-campaign attack ads against Township Treasurer Ron Edwards in 2000 and 2004, and he won easily both times. In neighboring Northville Township, negative campaign attacks against Beth Stewart in the state rep primary a few years ago by Supervisor Mark Abbo didn't win him any fans; he lost the general election to Democrat Mark Corriveau.

Aside from the distastefully negative nature of it, the timing was wrong. A letter like that nearly two months before the primary isn't likely to sway many. It likely won't have much effect at all, unless the negativity turns some people off. The political relationship between Reaume and Bridgman is already known among supporters of both men, and neither Reaume's letter nor Bridgman's response is likely to change anyone's mind. Most people will shrug it off, and rightly so, as "politics as usual."

That's the sad part. They shouldn't have to.

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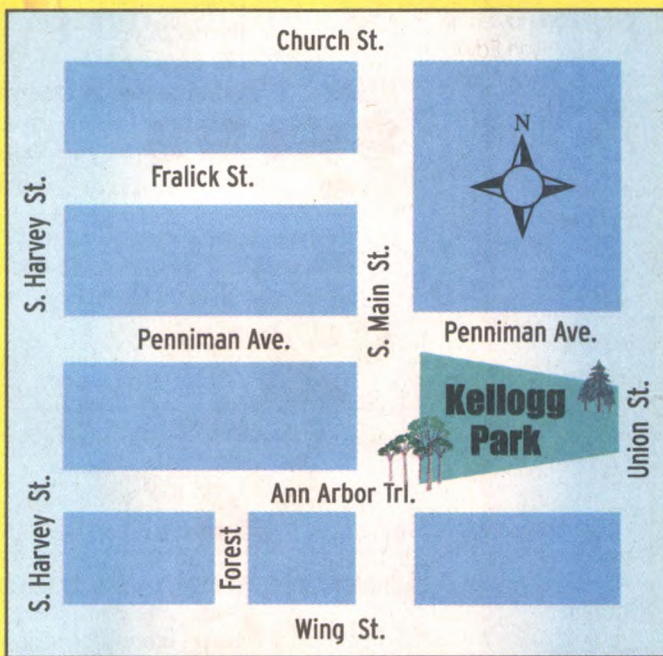
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Canton's Schmitt books London flight



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Canton swimmer Allison Schmitt is heading to her second Summer Olympic Games after winning the 400-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials Tuesday night in Omaha.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt punched her ticket to her second straight Summer Olympic Games by winning the 400-meter freestyle Tuesday night in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team Trials held at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

The 22-year-old, who trains at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club under coach Bob Bowman, flirted with world record pace through the 200-meter mark and just missed Katie Hoff's American record of 4:02.20 with a clocking of 4:02.84.

Chloe Sutton of the Mission Viejo (Calif.) Nadadores finished second and also earned a trip next month to London with a time of 4:04.18.

Kathleen Ledecy, a 15-year-old representing the Curl Burke Swim Club (Md.), just missed out of an Olympic Team berth in third with a clocking of 4:05.0.

Schmitt, who led wire-to-wire, recorded the third-fastest time in the 400 freestyle this year. Earlier in the day she recorded the top time in the prelim heats among 113 Trials qualifiers with a 4:05.60.

"I heard the crowd going at it about the 100 and 200, and I fell off (pace) a lit-

tle bit, but I'm still happy with that race," Schmitt told the *USA Swimming.org* website. "I've had a great year of training, and I'm just excited to see where I am right now."

The 2008 Canton High grad, a four-time NCAA champion, took a year off from swimming from the University of Georgia to train in Baltimore under Bowman, who is also Michael Phelps' coach.

"I definitely heard the crowd going, and just got excited, and hoping for that wall to come faster than it did," Schmitt told NBC Sports' Andrea Kremer after the race.

She captured a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing

Olympic Games in the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay and took ninth in her strongest event, the 200 freestyle.

In a meet earlier this month in Austin, Texas, Schmitt recorded the world's second fastest time (1:55.04) in the 200 freestyle where she is seeded first going into Wednesday's prelims followed by the finals scheduled for Thursday night.

Schmitt, a 2011 FINA World Championship gold medalist in the 800 freestyle relay and 2009 silver medalist in the 200 freestyle and 800 freestyle relay, is also a contender

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Grid All-Stars play at Alma

North Farmington tailback Kevin Miller and Garden City quarterback Tyler Steele will be representing the East squad in the 32nd annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday at Alma College's Bahlke Field.

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound Miller and the 6-2, 200-pound Steele are among 44 players on the East team, which will be coached by Macomb Dakota's Mike Giannone.

The game will be aired live on FoxSports Detroit with Matt Shepard doing the play-by-play and Rob Rubick the color commentary.

All Star game tickets are \$5 pre-sale, per ticket, and \$10 per ticket at the gate on game day. Tickets are also available through www.mhsfca.com.

Barrett wins Meijer crown

Canton's Robert Barrett placed first in the men's 25-29 shot put with a toss of 46 feet, 5 inches in Saturday's the Meijer State Games held East Kentwood High School.

Barrett was coming off a lifetime best throw of 47-7 the previous week in the 16-pound shot in an Dynamo Last Chance held June 16 in Mount Pleasant.

"I am very happy with the last two weeks of competition especially since I sprained my ankle two days ago and couldn't put all my weight on the my right ankle yesterday," said Barrett, a coach at Sports Performance.

Former Livonia Churchill and Kent State University Nia Henderson won the women's open shot put with a throw of 16.88 meters and was third in the women's invitational shot put with a toss of 15.64.

Former Churchill and Central Michigan University standout Craig Kielty took the men's 45 open javelin with a throw of 47.33 meters.

Hole-in-one

Redford's Jeremy Byrnes, 34, used an 8-iron, to ace the 161-yard No. 9 hole, June 21, at Glenhurst Golf Course on June 21.

Byrnes, who posted his second ace in 20 years, carded a 9-hole round of 41.

Ultimate Trial

Heptathlete Wade eyes U.S. track spot

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Just hours away from the most important competition of her track-and-field career, Bettie Wade is confident she's ready and prepared for it.

The former Farmington High School and University of Michigan athlete will participate in the U.S. Olympic Trials in the women's heptathlon Friday and Saturday in Eugene, Ore.

"I try not to think of it as the biggest meet of my life," the 25-year-old Wade said. "I try to think of it as just another track meet. But this one is definitely going to be very special, and I'm very excited for it."

This will be Wade's second attempt to make the Olympic team. She



Bettie Wade

competed in the 2008 Trials and finished ninth with a score of 5,723 points.

To make the team and the trip to London for the July 27 through Aug. 12 Games, Wade needs to hit the Olympic heptathlon standard of 6,150 and finish in the top three.

She has yet to hit that

mark, but she's very close. Wade scored a personal best of 6,143 at the end of March to win the Jim Click Combined Events heptathlon in Arizona.

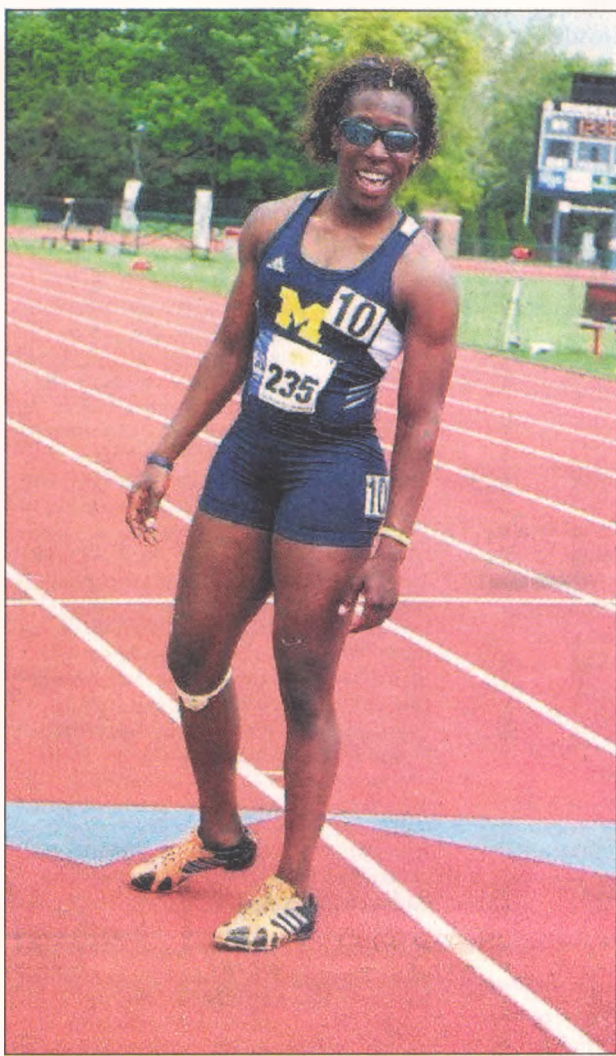
"I was seven points off that day," Wade said. "From where I was and the shape I was in three months ago, I'm light years ahead of that"

"If I stay focused, stay relaxed and have fun, I know my training will put me over the Olympic standard. My next goal is to get in the top three."

Wade, who hasn't competed since May 5, said her training has been going amazingly well in recent weeks.

"I've worked really hard on the track," she said. "I'm further along

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Former Big Ten champion Bettie Wade's goal is to make the U.S. Olympic team in the heptathlon.

Livonia's Barber goes to Capitals

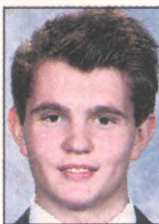
By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Riley Barber grew up a Pittsburgh Penguins fan and is not afraid to admit that Sidney Crosby is his favorite player — even after living in the Livonia the past five years.

The 18-year-old Barber, however, will have to quickly switch allegiances after going in the sixth-round (167th overall) to the Washington Capitals on Saturday during the second day of the National Hockey League Draft.

Ironically, the NHL Draft was held in Pittsburgh where Barber grew up before moving to Livonia as a seventh-grader.

"It was awesome, pretty surreal seeing your name up there with an NHL team next to it," said Barber, who spent the past season with the Ann Arbor-based U.S. Under-18 National Development Team. "I've had a lot of family watching it at my house and it was really cool."



Barber

Barber entered the NHL Draft ranked No. 86 among North American skaters.

"Actually I thought I was going to go higher," said Barber, a 6-foot, 194-pound right winger. "I was projected pretty high, like third round or so. Things didn't work out as high as I wanted to, but I landed in a good spot. It really doesn't matter where you go, it's what you do next."

That next move is to play for Miami of Ohio where he becomes the 56th RedHawk in program history to be drafted in the NHL and the second by Washington. Miami will now have five NHL draft picks on its 2012-13 roster.

"I just visited Miami and just fell in love with it," said Barber, who also entertained offers from Michigan and Michigan State. "As soon as I visited Miami, it was dead-on and that's where I wanted to go."

Barber, who spent his initial youth in suburban Pittsburgh, grew up in a hockey family.

His father, Don, a native of Victoria, British Columbia, played four seasons

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Livonia's Riley Barber, a member of the USA Hockey Under-18 National team this past season, was selected in the sixth round Saturday by the NHL's Washington Capitals.

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All-area team boasts elite talent

FIRST TEAM

Alexis Smith, GK, Franklin: The senior, a four-year starter, led the Patriots to their first-ever district title while allowing just three goals and saving four consecutive shots in a shootout win over Garden City in the final.

The all-district and all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection is headed in the fall to play for Schoolcraft College.

"Alexis is a complete player," coach Dean Kowalski said. "She was able to challenge her teammates throughout the season to help prepare them for the play-off run. Alexis always competes at a high level and always gives her team a chance to win."

Catherine Garber, D, Ladywood: The junior center back earned Division 2 third-team all-state honors and first-team all-Catholic League for a team that finished 21-3-2 and allowed just 17 goals all season.

"Catherine is the heart and soul of our back line," coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She is a three-year starter and is a major reason we were able to cut our goals-against back this year. So many times this year there would be that moment when you thought the other team was going to have a dangerous chance and Catherine would step up huge with a big tackle. I'm excited to see her grow into a leadership role heading into her senior year."

Robyn Mack, D, Canton: The senior demonstrated that basketball isn't the only sport she is superb in, providing leadership and skill in the back while helping the Chiefs on offense when necessary.

Despite playing with a wrist injury much of the season, she had a big impact on Canton's march to the Division 1 state semifinals.

Her penalty kick goal in the district final against Northville evened the contest. She scored Canton's lone marker in the 2-1 semifinal loss to Troy.

"Robyn is one of the best defenders in the state and can stop almost anyone," Reddy said. "She is a defender but is also a great offensive player with speed and a great shot."

"She is a dominant force up top in the air and can make her way to the goal."

Mack, a third-year starter and co-captain, tallied eight goals and five assists. For her efforts, she was named to first-team all-state as well as the all-conference, district and region squads.

She will attend Grand Valley State University, but probably only play women's soccer.

Paige Brennan, MF, Ladywood: The senior captain earned first-team all-state and all-Catholic League honors for the third straight year.

The Dream Team selection finished this season with three goals and 27 assists for the Catholic League and district championships.

"Paige had a tremendous season for us," Shingledecker said. "She located herself a little deeper in our midfield and concentrated more on defending and getting everyone involved. It translated into us scoring 27 more goals than last year and giving up six less."

"Paige is completing the most accomplished career that anyone has ever had at Ladywood. She led us to a state final last year, and to the school's first-ever Catholic League championship this year. It will be hard to think about Ladywood soccer without Paige running our midfield, but she has left the program in a great spot moving forward."

Sami Roumayah, MF, N. Farmington: The senior midfielder was a four-year standout for the Raiders and will play NCAA Division I soccer at Eastern Illinois University. Roumayah, who made the coaches all-state third team, scored seven goals and had 10 assists for the Raiders, who were 10-7-2 and public-school city champs for the fourth year in a row.

"Sami is the most complete offensive player I've had the pleasure of coaching at NFHS," coach Tim Russell said. "For four years, she was the key cog in our offense, and she only got better as the years passed."

"In the last couple years, she added some key components to her game. She became a much better defender, helping to clog the field for our opponents. Her passing and field vision went off the charts. Not only could she see her teammates' runs to open space, but she enhanced her ability to get the ball to those spaces with finely textured passes."

"And, finally, she became a much more physical player. Whereas, people were able to push her around a little bit more her sophomore year, this season, she did most of the pushing. On top of all of that, she was a terrific team leader."

Mackenzie Williams, MF, Mercy: The senior midfielder made the all-area team for the second year in a row after scoring six goals and assisting on nine others. Williams was a four-year starter and was instrumental in the Marlins having their best season in recent memory. She also plays for the Michigan Rush club team. "Mackenzie has been special since day one," Babler said. "From the time she got here, it took a half hour to find out she was bypassing other freshmen and jayvees in tryouts. She said, 'You're not watching me very much.' I said: 'You're right; we're not paying attention, because we know where we're putting you. We're putting you on varsity.'

2012 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER FIRST TEAM

Alexis Smith, GK, Liv. Franklin, Sr. Catherine Garber, Def., Ladywood, Jr. Robyn Mack, Def., Canton, Sr. Paige Brennan, MF, Ladywood, Sr. Sami Roumayah, MF, N. Farmington, Sr. Mackenzie Williams, MF, Mercy, Sr. Melissa Kucukarslan, MF, Farm., Sr. Katelynn Krause, MF, Salem, Sr. Megan Trapp, MF, Canton, Sr. Dayna Stevens, MF, Liv. Stevenson, Sr. Rachel Blackney, MF, Liv. Churchill, Sr. Stephanie Dillon, MF, Plymouth, Jr.

Madi Lewis, F, Plymouth, Jr. Allyson Krause, F, Canton, Sr. Kelly Capoccia, F, Ladywood, Sr. Mackenzie Higgins, F, Mercy, Jr. Justice Dean, F, Garden City, Jr. Shannon Melvin, F, Garden City, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

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"You could tell she was outclassing everybody. Her footwork has always been phenomenal. She's a natural midfielder. The thing she had to work on was learning it's okay to shoot. If you're 30 yards out and got the corner, let it go. If she plays somewhere in college, they'll do well getting her."

"I thought she was one of the better midfielders in the Catholic League. She was a good leader for us and, with the other captains, expanded the off-season program at Mercy."

Melissa Kucukarslan, MF, Farmington: The senior midfielder is another four-year, varsity standout who served as the primary catalyst for the Farmington offense. Kucukarslan scored 13 goals and had 11 assists in leading the Falcons to a 10-5-4 season and runner-up finish in the OAA Blue Division. She is a member of the Michigan Rush club team and will be a preferred walk-on at Michigan next season.

"Melissa is one of those very special players who combines good soccer skills and good people skills," coach Matt Gasparrutto said. "She knows how to talk to teammates; she knows how to talk to coaches. She's just a very special player and is very deserving of this honor. She is one of the best players in our league. I enjoyed coaching her for four years, and I hope she can go on and continue to play at Michigan."

Katelynn Krause, MF, Salem: The senior co-captain was everything coach Joe Nora could have expected for his team and then some.

And Krause collected a lot of hardware to go with the praise.

She was named this year's Salem High School Female Athlete of the Year, made the all-conference and all-district teams and earned an all-state honorable mention selection.

In addition, with her 4.0 grade point average, she won an all-state academic award from the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

"Katelynn is a player without fear," Nora said. "She runs forever, wins about every ball in the air, and has been a great team leader."

"A player like Katelynn doesn't come along very often. She plays with every ounce of her heart and uses her positive team-first attitude to inspire everyone around her."

The four-year starter will be playing women's soccer at Grand Valley State University.



Alexis Smith Franklin



Catherine Garber Ladywood



Robyn Mack Canton



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Shannon Melvin Garden City



Jeannine Reddy Canton coach

Megan Trapp, MF, Canton: One of the KLAA's top, physical players, the senior's fourth year on the varsity was outstanding.

Trapp, a co-captain, scored 11 goals, added 11 assists and always wreaked havoc in the box at the end of corner kicks.

Those leaping headers resulted in key goals in the district final against Northville and regional semifinal against Dearborn.

"Megan is a very strong, dominating player who is can beat anyone in the air," Reddy said. "She helped the team by playing in the center midfield and offense this year."

"She has a great shot and can take anyone on if her heart desires. She is a smart teammate who has a desire to win."

Slated to play women's soccer at Eastern Michigan University, Trapp was rewarded for her season with selection as a third-team all-stater along with being picked to the conference, district and regional teams.

Dayna Stevens, MF, Stevenson: The four-year varsity performer earned all-KLAA, all-district and honorable mention all-state honors in 2012 after scoring 10 goals and added three assists.

Headed for Saginaw Valley State, Stevens also earned all-conference honors as a juniors and was named team MVP this season.

"Dayna was a two-year captain and a great leader on the soccer field," coach Chris Grodzicki said. "Her drive and confidence on game day made her a tough mark for opposing defenses. From the wide midfield position, Dayna was a threat with either foot every time she was within 35 yards of the goal. When she got the ball in the box, there was no better player with possession playing back-to-goal."

Rachel Blackney, MF, Churchill: The senior was a three-year varsity performer who served as captain her senior year.

She finished her career with 10 goals and 14 assists and will play next season at Schoolcraft College.

"Rachel is the fittest girl that I have ever coached," coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She spent a lot of time in the off season each year preparing herself for high school. She was the physical, spiritual, and emotional leader of this year's team, someone the players looked to for guidance and support, both on the field and off. I could always trust her to support team goals before individual goals and even when she was playing out of position and I spoke to her about it she stopped me and said, 'Hebes, I will do it for my team.' She is caring, selfless, and a tenacious competitor."

Stephanie Dillon, MF, Plymouth: As a sophomore, Dillon garnered all-state honorable mention status and she followed that up with a very impressive junior season for the Wildcats.

Dillon scored 11 goals and chipped in with nine assists while excelling in the midfield — whether supporting the back line or sparking the offense.

"Stephanie was our most consistent player this year," Neschich said. "She took charge and control of the midfield."

"Her ability to create and attack as well as balance the field and defend was outstanding."

Her strong and confident play on the pitch earned her selection to the all-state third team. Other accolades included being named to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-regional squads.

Madi Lewis, F, Plymouth: All it takes is one step for Lewis to be off and running into the opposing team's offensive zone.

More often than not, the junior made something happen, scoring 24 goals and adding 25 assists for a Plymouth High record.

Her offense was instrumental in the Wildcats winning the KLAA South Division, going 14-3-3 overall and 9-0-1 in the South.

To cap it all off, she won the Gatorade Player of the Year Award for Michigan girls soccer and was a first-team all-stater. She also earned selection to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-regional squads.

"Madi is a one-of-a-kind player," coach Jeff Neschich said. "Her pace of play really separates her from other players."

"Her decision making in the attacking one-third is at another level. Her work rate in the games as well as at the practice field marks her as one of the most determined players around."

Allyson Krause, F, Canton: The three-year varsity player was a catalyst for the Chiefs, scoring 25 goals and contributing 10 assists to a team that went 17-3-3.

Canton's first regional championship in a decade had a lot to do with Krause's tough-to-defend style of play.

Krause found a way to save her best for top opponents. For example, she scored a highlight-reel goal against Saline in the regional final — the only goal in Canton's 1-0 victory.

"Ally has tremendous speed, skills and can run her way through a team," coach Jeannine Reddy said. "She mentally understands the game better than anyone I have ever coached."

"She helped our team get to the final four this season with her great skills and love for the game."

The co-captain earned selection to the all-KLAA, district and region teams and was a first-team, all-state pick.

Kelly Capoccia, F, Ladywood: The first-team all-state and all-Catholic League pick ended her senior year with 24 goals and 11 assists.

Capoccia, a four-year varsity player and school's all-time leading scorer, also served as team captain.

"Kelly got herself into great shape before the season and that helped propel her into one of the top players in Division 2," Shingledecker said. "Kelly scored two of the biggest goals of the season in the second half of the Catholic League semifinals against Notre Dame Prep to lead us to a 2-1 win. Without those clutch goals, we would have never even had a chance to win the Catholic League championship. She will always be known for her leadership and high work rate. Those two traits have helped set the tone of what we want Ladywood Soccer to be known for."

Mackenzie Higgins, F, Mercy: The junior forward scored 12 goals and had four assists for the Marlins, who were 14-5-4 and won a Division 1 district championship. A three-year starter and all-state honorable mention, Higgins uses her exceptional speed to press the attack and pressure opposing defenses. She also plays for the Michigan Hawks club team.

"Mackenzie is one of the best true forwards we've had at Mercy since I've been here," coach Butch Babler said. "It didn't matter who we played — Ladywood or Marian — other teams had to account for her. In the district meeting, all I had to say was 'No. 14' — 'Oh, yeah!'"

"Mackenzie has a great scoring mentality. She's learning as she gets older when to give the ball up. She knows when to really explode and put on the speed and when to back off a little. She's going to be a real good asset for us next year. More and more, she's learning what it takes to lead a team."

Justice Dean, F, Garden City: After missing her entire junior season with a knee injury, Dean returned with a vengeance this season, registering 28 goals and 16 assists while leading the Cougars to an outstanding 17-2 campaign. A stellar two-sport athlete, Dean has earned a scholarship to play basketball at Madonna University. She earned honorable mention all-state accolades in addition to first-team all-WWAC, all-district and all-region honors.

"Justice's skill set is impressive in so many different ways," said Garden City coach Jason Dean. "She scores goals in different ways and sometimes goes under the radar. She is great with her ball facing away from the goal and possessing while having a defender on her back. She has the ability to face a defender up and penetrate by them. She wins the ball out of the air on all of our set pieces. She is composed when finishing the ball and has a tremendous ability of ignoring the pressure."

Glen Gators top Breakers in swim dual

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By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

On a laid-back summer evening, there was drama and excitement in the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club pool when the Gators met rival Beechview in a rare dual competition Monday.

The up-and-coming Gators pulled over a 291-284 victory over the three-time defending Farmington city champions in a Northwest Suburban Swim League meet.

The teams were tied at 164 during the individual events, but Glen had pulled ahead at the end, 255-248, with only the six relays remaining.

"That's where we came out, because they won three and we won three," Beechview coach Driska McCullough said of the seven-point difference. "I thought we could get the fourth relay, but we didn't and I knew we were done then."

"(The Gators) had some really good swims. I'm glad for them on their 50th (anniversary of the club)." The teams split the 40-and-under mixed relays with eight points awarded to the winning relay and four for the runner-up.

The Gators boosted their lead to 283-268 and clinched the team victory by winning the 52-and-under girls and boys medley relays. The Breakers won both 66-and-under freestyle races to make the final tally closer.

"Going into the relays, I was pretty confident on two of our younger relays, and we just had to make sure we



ARLEEN DUARTE

Members of the Farmington Glen team were in a celebratory mood after their win over rival Beechview. Pictured (from left) are assistant coach Molly Tyler, Bella Feenstra, Abbey Rush, Brody Jamieson, Jenna Hazeltine and Charlie Jones.

won one other along the line," Glen coach Drew Hansz said.

"It was nice; it's exciting for the kids. A large percentage of our team is the younger children. We're predominantly a 12-and-under team."

"It was the first time in four years the teams had met in a dual meet. Scheduling is based on team finishes at the previous year's NSSL meet, and the Breakers have consistently placed higher than the Gators, who are beginning to catch up."

"It was fun swimming a team we haven't swum in a while," Hansz said. "I used to coach there before I came over here, and I know Driska very well. She's a great coach and has been in the community forever. I'm just excited that we had a great night like this."

"These dual meets are to see what kids can do. I was never that worried about winning or losing it. As it turns out, it's nice that we won; it makes everyone happier."

McCullough said the Gators performed as expected. Their strong

showing was not a surprise to her.

"No, they've been doing really well," she said. "Drew has been working them really hard; they have a lot of new swimmers. It's been good for them."

McCullough, who coaches the Farmington High School girls and is an assistant coach for the Harrison-Farmington unified boys team, has coached many of the swimmers on both sides. That added to the rivalry and the level of competition.

"(Beechview's main rival) used to be Kendallwood, but now it's the Glen," McCullough said. "The kids had fun today. Whoever won it was going to be a great meet."

"Hopefully, we'll get the Glen at the city meet (Saturday at Kendallwood). If they take it, they take it, but we're going to give it our best."

Hansz, who also coaches the year-round Great Lakes Aquatics Akitas, has helped to build up the Glen program from 80 swimmers a couple years ago to 180.

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Ashley Turak (B), 11-12 50 back, 42.02; Julia Borri (B), 13-14 100 IM, 1:21.32; Marina Borri (B), 15-18 50 breast, 37.51; Madeline Greaves (G), 8-U 25 back, 22.36; Emma Inch (G), 9-10 50 fly, 39.91; Analiese Schneemann (G), 11-12 50 free, 35.14; Emily Brunett (B), 13-14 50 fly, 31.34; Olivia Rath (B), 15-18 50 back, 33.51; Ella D'Errico (B), 8-U 25 free, 21.64; Julia Zink (B), 9-10 50 breast, 48.63; McKenna Greaves (G), 11-12 100 IM, 1:24.59; Julia Borri (B), 13-14 50 breast, 40.98; Miranda Doecker (B), 15-18 100 free, 1:05.76; Ella D'Errico (B), 8-U 25 fly, 29.31; Danielle Mykanen (B), 9-10 50 back, 44.15; Ashley Turak (B), 11-12 50 fly, 43.16; Madison Ruffin (B), 13-14 50 back, 35.38; Marina Borri (B), 15-18 100 IM, 1:15.89; Madeline Greaves (G), 8-U 25 breast, 22.29; Lia Munson (G), 9-10 50 free, 36.70; McKenna Greaves (G), 11-12 50 breast, 43.18; Emily Brunett (B), 13-14 50 free, 29.61; Miranda Shelly (B), 15-18 50 fly, 31.97.

BOYS WINNERS

Seth Fleming (G), 11-12 50 back, 35.99; Charlie Zink (B), 13-14 100 IM, 1:14.50; David Olson (B), 15-18 breast, 36.49; Jared Visser (G), 8-U 25 back, 23.47; Andrew Ludden (B), 9-10 50 fly, 51.14; Charlie Jones (G), 11-12 50 free, 34.08; David Ratze (B), 13-14 50 fly, 36.01; Grant Borregard (B), 15-18 50 back, 29.78; Jared Visser (G), 8-U 25 free, 19.87; Matt Lane (G), 9-10 50 breast, 50.45; Seth Fleming (G), 11-12 100 IM, 1:21.04; Charlie Zink (B), 13-14 50 breast, 38.43; Eric Gensheimer (G), 15-18 100 free, 56.79; Danny Groechel (G), 8-U 25 fly, 26.49; Trevor Jones (G), 9-10 50 back, 44.43; Tanner Neill (G), 11-12 50 fly, 39.71; Trevor Franklin (G), 13-14 50 back, 35.64; Grant Borregard (B), 15-18 100 IM, 1:04.34; Bo Hahn (G), 8-U 25 breast, 28.57; Trevor Jones (G), 9-10 50 free, 37.94; Tanner Neill (G), 11-12 50 breast, 45.76; Trevor Franklin (G), 13-14 50 free, 29.04; Eric Gensheimer (G), 15-18 50 fly, 27.27.

RELAY WINNERS

40-and-under mixed 200 freestyle, Glenn (Lia Munson, Bella Feenstra, Charlie Jones, Madeline Greaves), 2:26.02; 40-and-under mixed 200 medley, Beechview (Meghan Roshak, Kellie Flynn, Alyson Podwoiski, Michelle Ledermann), 2:34.72; 52-and-under girls 200 medley, Glenn (Sydney Balk, Bev Kowaleski, Analiese Schneemann, Jacqueline Welayd), 2:22.82; 52-and-under boys 200 medley, Glen (Seth Fleming, Riley Balk, Nur Duarte, Tanner Neill), 2:22.82; 66-and-under girls 200 freestyle, Beechview (Marina Borri, Mikayla Doecker, Miranda Shelly, Olivia Rath), 2:03.26; 66-and-under boys 200 freestyle, Beechview (Peter Romero, David Olson, Grant Borregard, Tyler Roshak), 1:44.51.

"A lot of these (Glen) kids have come over and taken that jump from just summer recreational swimming, and it's a whole different animal," Hansz said.

"It's never easy but the kids who come every day — vast improvement! It becomes fun because they begin to see the results, how much faster and stronger they are moving through the water."

While the dual-meet win provided a feel-good moment for the Gators, they have to maintain a long-term outlook, according to Hansz.

"It's one step and we're getting better as we go," he said. "If you put too much emphasis on wins and losses, kids start to look at the wrong side of why this sport is so special."

"It's a journey. You can't just say, 'I won first place in the NSSL meet and I'm done; I can't get any better than this.' Kids do start thinking like that if you place too much emphasis on wins and losses, what color the ribbons are."

"If you keep kids enjoying themselves, having fun doing hard work, it will just naturally build, and this team has grown."

in the 100 freestyle, which will be held Friday (prelims) and Saturday (finals) in Omaha.

Tucker shines

Miranda Tucker, 15, of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers made a strong showing in Thursday's preliminary heat in the 100 breaststroke with a 31st place finish in 1:10.45, bettering her 106th seeding time of 1:11.75.

Tucker, from Plymouth Township, is home schooled and will be entering her 10th-grade year.

Coached by Josh and Alexandra Morgan, Tucker will appear in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials again on Friday where she is seeded 93rd in the 200 breaststroke with an entry time of 2:35.0.

Arakelian update

Livonia Stevenson High incoming junior Nick Arakelian, 16, finished 59th overall Monday in the 400 individual medley in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Omaha.

Arakelian, a member of Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford, was clocked in 4:29.23, well off his 51st seeding time of 4:26.25.

He will swim again Friday in the 200 IM where he is seeded 103rd (2:06.12).

Meanwhile, sister Caroline Arakelian, 17, a recent Stevenson grad, swims Wednesday in the 200 IM where she is seeded 85th (2:18.68).

The Queens (N.C.) University signee, also a member of Kingfish and coached by Brad Brockway, has also qualified for Saturday's prelims of the 200 backstroke where she is ranked 55th overall (2:15.73).

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ALL-AREA

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Shannon Melvin, F. Garden City: Melvin teamed up with Dean to give the Cougars a potent one-two punch, scoring 20 goals to go along with seven assists. Her talent caught the eye of the Marygrove College coaching staff, who offered her a scholarship to play at the next level beginning in the fall. Melvin earned honorable mention all-state honors in addition to first team all-WWAC, all district and all region accolades. "Shannon has so much opportunity when she has a ball at her feet," said Dean. "She can run past players, she has an arsenal of moves, and knows when to lay the ball back to another player when she cannot attack. Her natural left

foot gives her the opportunity to deceptively create chances when it looks like no chances could be made out of the play. Her knowledge of the game makes her even more effective in the clutch situations."

COACH OF THE YEAR Jeannine Reddy, Canton: The regular season did not garner a KLAA South Division crown, but the Chiefs made up for that with a long, successful postseason run to cap off the year for Reddy.

Canton finished with a 17-3-3 record, capturing the D1 district with a 3-2 upset win over No. 1-ranked Northville thanks to a free-kick goal by sophomore Gabby Epelman.

The Chiefs went on to win their first regional title in a decade before falling 2-1 to Troy in a hard-fought semifinal. Reddy, in her second

year with Canton's varsity after a stint coaching the JV, helped calm the waters whenever the players were nervous to start contests.

Her steady demeanor on the sidelines helped steer the team toward success more often than not.

"We had some great wins and the most memorable and exciting was beating Northville and Plymouth in districts," Reddy said. "I knew we had a great team but I don't know if they realized how much potential they had and how good they were."

"We proved to everyone that we were one of the best in the state this season. Making the state semis is a huge accomplishment and the team should be very proud of themselves. I look forward to the 2013 season and what it has ahead for us."

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WADE

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than where I thought I would be at this time. My coach (Cliff Rovelto) and I are very excited to see everything come together and to see what I do this weekend."

Wade was not so optimistic about her prospects a year ago. She had some so-so results by her standards in 2011, and she even considered giving up on her Olympic dream.

"A lot of the times and scores I put up were significantly less than anything I've done," Wade said. "After the season ended, I didn't know if I wanted to do this 2012 season."

"My family was so incredibly supportive. They helped me realize everything is a process and some times you're going to be down. You have to keep pushing and believe in yourself. God has a bigger plan for me, so I had to push through it and see what can happen."

"I don't think I would've worked as hard as I have if last season hadn't happened. Hopefully, everything is going to fall into place this week."

Serious training

Wade rededicated herself to the sport and her goal, and the results have raised her stock among the experts in track and field. One website lists her as one of the favorites to make the U.S. team.

"I do not look at rankings," Wade said. "I don't look at what people are saying at all. I'm confident in my training and

confident in myself. At the end of Saturday night, I hope to be in the top three and make the team."

Wade has been training at Kansas State University in Rovelto's post-NCAA program. She had been a full-time assistant with the KSU women's team, but she decided she couldn't do that and train for the Olympics, too.

"My main focus needed to be on full-time training," Wade said. "Last year was very, very busy, trying to balance a 40-hour job while trying to train at an elite level. Some people can do it; I learned I cannot."

"I've been able to focus on my training this year, not just go through the motions. I'm doing all the right things with my body and mind to have great performances and, hopefully, great competitions."

Getting better

Wade still owns the Farmington High record in the high jump, and the long jump is one of her best events, too. She has made advances on the track and with the shot put.

"My speed has increased significantly this year, and that has helped with the (100-meter) hurdles," Wade said. "I think the hurdles will be one of my strong events this week."

"My speed is probably the biggest (improvement). The shot put is coming around. In the last month, I've had the best shot put practices of my life, so I'm eager to see what's going to happen."

Wade credits a don't-hold-back attitude for her recent gains.

"The reason I think I'm improving so much is I don't try to be cautious any more," she said. "When I get out of the blocks, I'm either going to go down or run the race of my life. But it's not going to be anything in between. I haven't gone down yet, so I keep on doing it."

Wade's personal records in the seven events that comprise the heptathlon are 13.41 seconds in the hurdles, 24.42, 200 dash; 46 feet, shot put; 6-0.75, high jump; 20-11, long jump; 40-44 meters, javelin; 2:16.87, 800 run.

"The 800 is the event I have to break through a mental barrier the most," she said. "I'm not used to continuing to run when I hurt, so my coach says to just gut it out."

Ultimate goal

In other meets this year, Wade won the high jump at the Nebraska Invitational and the 60-meter hurdles at the Iowa State Cyclone Classic and the Manhattan KSU Open. She also was third in the USA Indoor Combined Championships.

The crowning achievement for Wade, who holds a degree in financial mathematics from U-M, would be an Olympic berth on the U.S. team.

"Ever since I resumed training last October, I made sure every day leading up to the Trials I accomplished something and gave it my all," Wade said. "I've done that and I feel prepared, and I'm excited to see what's going to happen. "I'm just hoping to have the meet of my life that will put me in the top three."

Wilson leads Whaler NHL draft trio

Plymouth Whalers right wing Tom Wilson was selected by the Washington Capitals in the first round (16th overall) of the 2012 National Hockey League Entry Draft held Friday in Pittsburgh.

On Saturday, the Colorado Avalanche selected Whalers center Mitchell Heard in the second round (41st overall), while right wing Cody Payne went to the Boston Bruins in the fifth round (145th overall).

Wilson, 18, was ranked 15th overall among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting.

He collected 27 points (nine goals, 18 assists) and 141 penalty minutes in 49 games with Plymouth of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) and added 13 points (seven goals, six assists) in 13 OHL playoff games.

The Toronto native was voted as the "Best Body Checker" in the OHL's 2012 Western Conference Coaches Poll and was a runner-up for the "Har-

est Worker" category.

The 6-foot-4, 203-pound forward won a gold medal with Team Canada at the 2011 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament, posting three goals in five games. He also captured gold with Team Ontario at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, recording one assist and six penalty minutes in four games.

Heard was Colorado's first pick of the 2012 draft and taken 41st overall in the second round. The 20-year-old averaged a point-per-game during the 2011-12 OHL season, collecting 57 (29 goals, 28 assists) with 111 penalty minutes in 57 games for the Whalers.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound center finished third on the team in goals, was sixth in points and ranked second in PIM.

Heard, who was a teammate of 2011 Avalanche draft pick Garrett Meurs, also finished second on Plymouth in power-play

goals with 10.

The Bowmanville, Ontario native added 11 points (four goals, seven assists) in 13 playoff games.

Payne, a 6-2, 201-pound forward from Weston, Fla., recorded two goals in 10 games with the Oshawa Generals of the OHL in 2011-12 before being traded to the Whalers.

With Plymouth, he tallied three goals and 11 assists in 50 games, and skated in nine OHL playoff games, recording an assist.

The 18-year-old played a full season with the Oshawa Generals in 2010-11, where he tallied 13 points and a career-high of plus-7. He scored one goal in the 2011 OHL Playoffs against the Kingston Frontenacs.

In the 2009-10 season, Payne played for the Mississauga Reps in the Greater Toronto Hockey League, where he netted 39 goals and tallied 26 assists.

Winter Festival awaits prep icers at Comerica

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Yes, the Red Wings and Maple Leafs will be playing at the Big House next New Year's Day.

But for the Canton and Plymouth varsity boys hockey teams, nothing will be bigger than participating in one of four outdoor prep contests in mid-December at Comerica Park in Detroit.

Coaches for both teams were thrilled about getting in on the highly anticipated Winter Festival — which will also feature a game including the Plymouth Whalers of the OHL.

Final details are still to be firmed up, but the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and KLAA South Division puck rivals will square off against each other either Dec. 18 or 19.

"It will be an amazing experience for all the players and coaches involved, and the fact that it is a rivalry game only adds to the excitement," Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento noted. "Both schools are

thrilled to have the opportunity, and we are working together to make it an event that will be remembered for years to come."

Concurring was Chiefs head coach Jeremy Majszak.

Had to try

"As soon as we heard about this event we knew Canton had to get involved and what a better opponent than our rink-sharing neighbor Plymouth," Majszak said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Majszak said more than 100 teams applied to make the cut for the four games.

That two relatively fledgling programs (13 years or less) will get to take the Comerica ice is something both coaches vow they won't take lightly.

They said it's going to be a big deal for the teams — undoubtedly making it more attractive for players to tryout for the teams this fall — and hope the community feels the same way.

"We're very excited about this and are work-

ing very hard to make this a community event," Majszak said. "We are hoping this really helps out high school hockey in the area (by) putting it on a such a grand stage."

"We're now in our 13th season and these programs have come a long way — being ranked top 10 in the state, winning division and conference titles."

Vento said each school will receive 500 tickets as part of the entry fee. "We are asking if we can get more, if not, they will be for sale at Comerica on the day of the game."

He urged community members, students from both high schools and alumni to "be a part of what should be a memorable event."

Added Majszak, "What's more fun than tailgating outside of Comerica grilling and preparing for a great high school hockey rivalry?"

Final details of the Canton-Plymouth event will be announced to the public as soon as available.

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BARBER

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at Bowling Green and was also selected in the sixth round (120th overall) of the 1983 Draft by the Edmonton Oilers.

Don Barber played a total of 115 NHL games and parts of six seasons with four different teams including the Minnesota North Stars, Winnipeg Jets, Quebec Nordiques and San Jose Sharks (scoring 25 goals and adding 32 assists).

Riley got his start locally playing for Little Caesars while living with Tomei family in Livonia as a seventh-grader.

The next three seasons he played in the Compuware youth program where he showed great promise.

"I basically moved up here for better hockey," said Riley, who attended both Holmes Middle School and Stevenson High. "My whole family, my mom, my dad and two brothers, moved up here ninth grade and now we call it home."

During his junior year of high school, Riley was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2010 USHL Future's Draft and played for the Dubuque (Iowa) Fighting Saints in 2010-11, helping lead them to the Clark Cup title for winning the

USHL Playoffs, as he scored a pair of goals in 11 games.

In his lone season with Dubuque, Barber played in 57 regular-season games, totaling 28 points on 14 goals and assists each. He also represented Team USA in international play as well.

Barber then earned a roster spot with the prestigious U-18 National Development team in Ann Arbor, which also spawned Livonia native and NHL All-Star Ryan Kessel (now with the Vancouver Canucks).

Barber recorded 35 points (20 goals, 15 assists) in 56 games while earning a gold medal this past April in the U-18 World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic after compiling one goal and two assists in six games (capped by a 7-0 victory over Sweden in the finals).

"I've been fortunate to be on the last two years on two winning teams," said Barber, who recently graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. "I've been real lucky the past two years, but this year was fun. I got to play with kids my own age instead of some who were older guys. We were all the same age. It was pretty cool, especially winning the World Championship. They put a lot of pressure on us to

win it. We've won it four years in a row and it was a pretty big milestone. We played an unbelievable tournament. We gave up less than one goal a game the whole tournament. We were pretty good defensively. It was a blast."

Known for his speed, Barber's skills can translate on about any level.

"Last year, my role (in Dubuque) was to get ice time because I was the youngest kid on the team, and one of the youngest in the league being a rookie," he said. "Last year, it was more just trying to do whatever to get on the ice. This year I took over more of a scoring role, more power play and a scoring role, you could say."

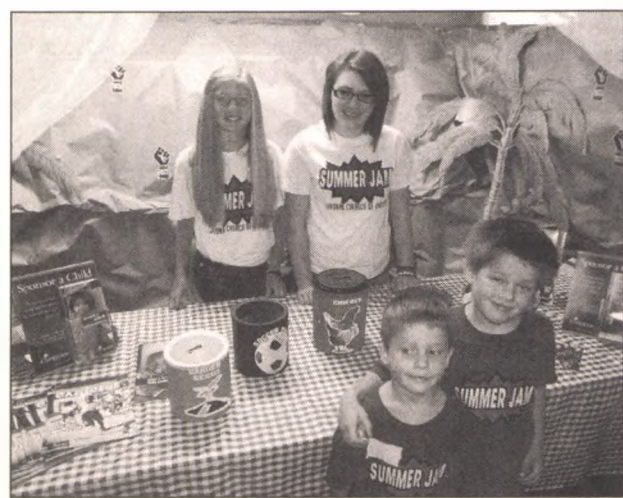
With two Miami of Ohio recruits opting to go to the Ontario Hockey League and forfeiting their college eligibility, Barber should get plenty of opportunities to thrive with the RedHawks, one of the nation's top NCAA programs.

And eventually he may get the chance to line up against his favorite player in Crosby.

"What you do after the Draft is really what matters now," he said. "I'm not really worried about where I went. The next step is huge."

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Summer Bible school students help others



Youngsters involved in Summer Jam, the Vacation Bible School at Livonia Church of Christ, show off the Compassion International booth.

Chickens or mosquito nets? Seeds, soccer balls or drought supplies? Youngsters involved in Livonia Church of Christ's annual Vacation Bible School got a chance to decide last week where their church will donate funds for mission projects.

"In years past, we have had a program where kids could earn tickets

and redeem at our 'store' for fun prizes during VBS," Dave Blanchard, youth minister, wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "This year, we wanted to do something that would benefit others."

Children who attended the "Summer Jam" Vacation Bible School last week placed their tickets into their choice of five cans, each representing a specific fundraising ini-

tiative from Compassion International.

The church plans to donate to those initiatives based on the amount of tickets each canister received. Mosquito nets, for example, each cost \$10. Chickens cost \$16 and soccer balls are \$16.

"Each of these things is donated, by way of Compassion, to kids in impoverished countries. Part of our Summer Jam pro-

gram includes education about children in impoverished areas, as a means of helping our kids develop a better understanding of their place in, and responsibility to the world around us," Blanchard wrote.

"The kids seem to love this program."

He said youngsters didn't miss the "goodie" store and were excited to help others.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

June

DANCE
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, June 30

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: Presented by Bethany singles group; admission \$13

Contact: Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0282

DEDICATION
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 1

Location: St. Genevieve-St. Maurice parish, 29015 Jamison, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, in Livonia
Details: Archdiocese of Detroit Bishop Francis Reiss will dedicate the new parish of St. Genevieve-St. Maurice at the first Mass of the combined parishes

Contact: (734) 427-5220

GRIEF SUPPORT
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Drive, 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. to 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

SUMMER RETREAT
Time/Date: 8:30-11 a.m. June 27, July 11 and Aug. 1

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: The retreat is aimed at moms and will begin with Mass at each session, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme for the series this year is "Whole and Holy: The total Catholic Woman." Participants may sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 classes to fit busy schedules. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per meeting. The first session will highlight the mind and will use the teachings of Pope John Paul II to illustrate the connection between faith and reason. The second session will focus on body and will include a spa morning. The last session will discuss spirit, looking to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness. The series is open to all and registration is required

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Ext. 207 or www.livoniastmichael.org

July

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 19
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Details: Spoke Folk Christian music concert; free will donation
Contact: (734) 728-3315

FREE LUNCH
Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m., July 14

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, (northbound Southfield service drive), north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

Details: This is a free luncheon and all are welcome
Contact: (248) 569-2972

MOVIE NIGHT
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "The Way" will be screen. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served

Coming up: See "Monsignor Quixote" at Summer Movie Night, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 at the church
Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-5950

THEOLOGY DISCUSSION
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 11

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills

Details: "Wine, Cheese and Theology" brings folks together for conversation over light refreshments. It is led by First Presbyterian's Transitional Associate pastor, the Rev. Jim Faile. Discussion topic is forgiveness

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 Of Waterford, MI, June 21, 2012, age 49. Simple Funerals 248-227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

DEKROUB, JOSEPH CASSEM

Passed away June 17th surrounded by his large, loving family. Born June 25th 1918 in Highland Park, Michigan. Joe graduated from Plymouth high school in 1936 and received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Texas Chiropractic College in 1938. He served in the United States Air Force during WWII, as a pilot trainer. After the war he worked for Ford Motor Company until 1976 when he retired and resumed his chiropractic practice. A generous and devoted family man, Joe was also a terrific dancer, an enthusiastic golfer and an avid hunter and fisherman. Preceded in death by his parents Cassem Solomon DeKroub and Agnes Mandry DeKroub, sister Dorothy Sala, and first wife, Francis Dunn, he is survived by his wife Sheila DeKroub, daughters Paula Marie (Smith), Michele Ann (Monson), Linda June (Darwish), Lori Ann (Karides), and son Joseph Cassem DeKroub, Jr., as well as nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Donations to Henry Ford Hospice would be gratefully accepted. Services will be private.

MARTIN, Bernard T.
 Of Macomb, MI, June 19, 2012, age 81. Arrangements by Simple Funerals 586-777-0555 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



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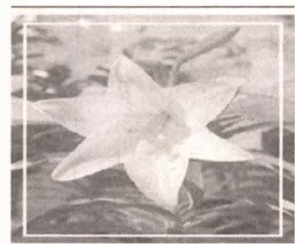
Age 81, June 24, 2012. Loving wife of Chick DiDomenico. Beloved mother of Mary Medley, Joseph (Lisa) DiDomenico, GERALANN "Keke" (Phil) Lester and Robert "Sundance" (Jennifer) DiDomenico. Dear grandmother of Lauren; Joey, Joshua, Alyssa, Jon, Zachary, Solair and Morla. Sister of Dayton Kennedy. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home and burial was at Parkview Memorial. Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation or to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.



WEBSTER, GERALD W.

Passed away Friday June 22nd in Novi, Michigan at the age of 92. Beloved husband of the late Ethel for 61 years. Dear father of Linda (Tim) Smith & Brian (Cathy) Webster. Loving grandfather of Ryan, Christopher, Michael, Kyle, Blake, Hailey, Rachel & Sarah and greatgrandfather of Willa. Longtime Redford Resident, President of Redford Union High School class of 1938 and a WWII Army Veteran. Visitation Sunday, July 1st 1:00 pm until Funeral Service at 4:00 pm. Interment Monday, July 2nd at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

WESTBERG, Charles R.
 Of Rochester, MI, 2012; Age 80. Arrangements by Simple Funerals, 248-227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY M.

Age 82. June 26, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Carl. Dear mother of Michael (Gail) and Deborah (Thomas) Dubois. Grandmother of Robert (Andrea), Aimee (Thomas) Lawrence, Lauren and Anne Dubois. Great grandmother of Colin & Guy. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Funeral service Friday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Civitan of Plymouth, Farmington Community Library or Odyssey Hospice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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Canton summer jazz series returns along Ford Road

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Penny Wells will kick off eight weeks of jazz along Ford Road in Canton next week.

The singer-songwriter and Detroit native is a crowd favorite at the Canton Color Tour Jazz Series, the summer music program that turns retail parking lots into performance spaces every July and August.

The series' seventh season will start Friday, July 6, at Kohl's in the New Towne Plaza, located in the "purple block," at Ford and Sheldon, and then move to other retail locations that are identified by different "color blocks" along Ford Road the following weeks. All concerts are free and run from 7-9 p.m.

"It's a great way to end the work week and transition into the weekend," said Kathleen Salla, Downtown Development Authority director. "It's our little niche. No one else in our immediate vicinity does jazz. People who love jazz follow our concerts."

"It's relaxing. I think the people who come enjoy it. We have people who get up and dance. That makes it fun."

Salla said the concert series began after participants at a discussion on promoting the arts in Canton suggested using parking lots along Ford Road as performance venues. The DDA, Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Leisure Services initially worked with a radio station to produce the events. Three years ago the organizations took on the task together.

Salla said the concerts help acquaint audience members with the businesses along Ford Road, and familiarizes them with the retail area's color-coding system. She estimates the summer series draws between 500-1,000 jazz lovers weekly.

"Because we have big parking lots, people come early in their SUVs and tailgate at the concerts," Salla added.

Concert-goers can bring their own food or buy from area merchants. Several local eateries offer carry out specials each week and Jimmy Johns will deliver directly to a patron's concert seat.

"We encourage people to bring chairs," Salla said. "We do have about 50 chairs set up ahead of time."

In addition to Wells, these other performers will jazz up Ford Road this summer:



Penny Wells performs 7 p.m. Friday, July 6 at the Canton Color Tour Jazz Series.

July 13 — Nate Harasim, Sam's Club in the orange block, Ford and Lotz. Harasim, a keyboard artist, will make his first appearance at Canton Color Tour Jazz Series.

July 20 — Flutist Alexander Zonjic, Centre Village at Kroger, in the yellow block, Ford and Canton Center.

July 27 — Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors, Lowe's in the green block, Ford between Sheldon and Morton Taylor. The jazz keyboard artist will make his first appearance at the Canton series.

Aug. 3 — Jazz guitarist John E. Lawrence, Willow Creek Shopping Center, in the blue block, Ford between Lilley and Haggerty.

Aug. 10 — Kimmie Horne, Super Bowl in the purple block, Ford between Canton Center and Sheldon. Horne is a regular at the Canton Color Tour Jazz Series.

Aug. 17 — Randy Scott, professional musician, record producer and composer, will be at IKEA located in the blue block, Ford and Haggerty.

Aug. 24 — Lin Rountree, known for his performance of "soul jazz," will make his first appearance at the series. He'll be at Home Depot, located in the orange block, Ford and Lotz.

For more information, visit shopcanton.org.

Concerts are held indoors at the Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road during rain.



Nan Washburn directs the Michigan Philharmonic.

Michigan Philharmonic salutes America

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The Michigan Philharmonic will return to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth this Saturday — and this time musicians hope to finish what they start.

The symphony's Kellogg Park debut was cut short last year because of lightning and the thunderstorm that followed.

"We got through only four songs before police came through," said Beth Stewart, Philharmonic executive director, in an interview earlier this month. "The park was packed. It was shoulder to shoulder. We're hoping for that kind of crowd again."

Tony Bruscato, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) operations director, hopes Mother Nature cooperates for the concert. "An American Salute" will include patriotic music and will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30.

"This is something Beth and I talked about last year and said wouldn't that be a great concert to have," Bruscato said. "It's not

unlike the experience people have when they go to Greenfield Village. You can hear one of the best orchestras around and listen to great music for the holiday."

Bruscato said visitors may bring blankets, chairs and picnic coolers.

"The nice thing about the park is even when it's full it's not like being on top of each other," he said. "It's a fun place to be. A lot of places have a downtown. Very few have a Kellogg Park in the middle."

The Michigan Philharmonic concert is free and sponsored in part by the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers in partnership with the Plymouth DDA, The Wilcox Foundation, Grand Traverse Pie Company and Atsalis Dental Excellence.

Scoop the Newshound will make an appearance on behalf of Grand Traverse Pie Company and the Observer & Eccentric. He'll give coupons to guests for pizza, movie tickets and discounted pie slices.

For more information about the Michigan Philharmonic and its upcoming concerts, visit www.michiganphil.org.

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Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City
Contact: (734) 416-4267

Comedy

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 4

Location: The Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: Song parodies and sketches by political satirists, The Capitol Steps. Tickets are \$30-\$50

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Mike Merryfield, through June 30; Matt McLowery, July 5-7; Nate Fridson, July 11-14; Mike Dambra, July 18-21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Bobby Tessel, June 28-30; Michael McDaniel, July 5-7; Kevin McCaffrey, July 12-14; Mike Baldwin, July 19-21; Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Dance

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

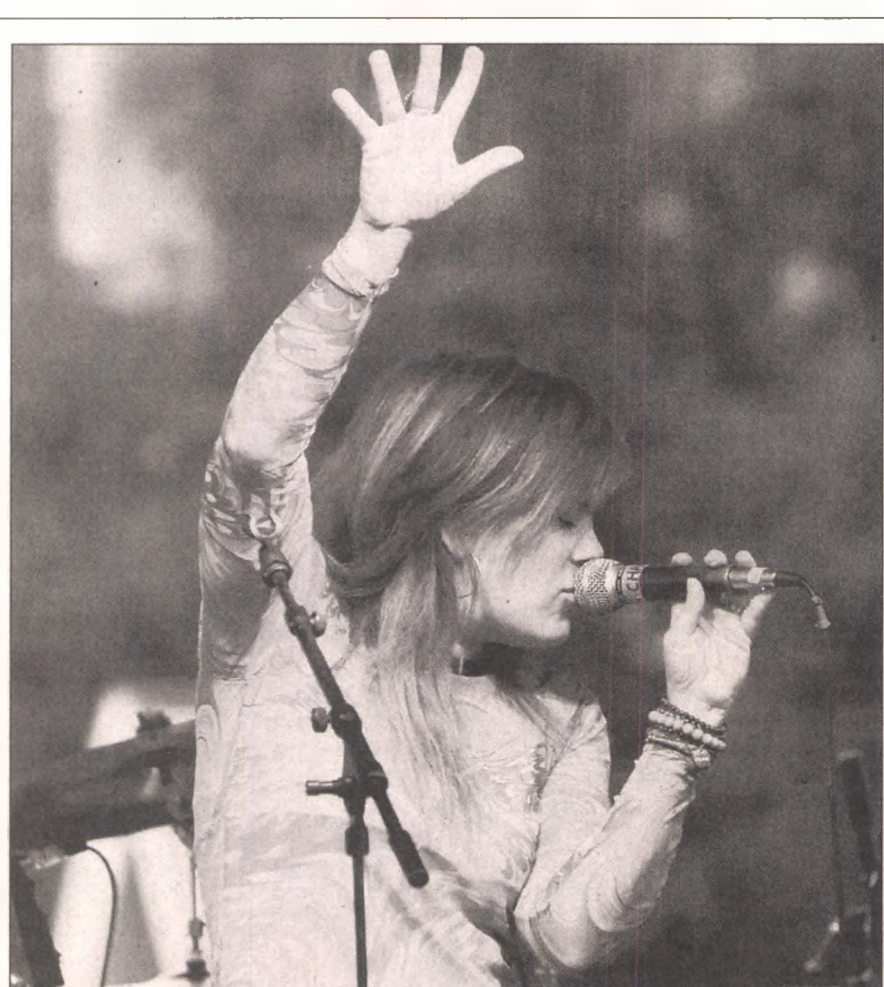
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Location: Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: Pilobolus performs styles ranging from playful to intense to gravity-defying. Tickets \$30-\$50; kids, \$10

Coming up: Circa performs a fusion of acrobatics, aerial stunts, tumbling and contemporary dance, 8 p.m. July 6-7 at the Power Center; tickets \$25-\$45 for adults, \$10 for children

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or



Music in Motown

Vocalist Jill Jack is among the entertainers, including jazz ensemble Straight Ahead, who will perform Saturday, June 30, at In Seventh Heaven — Magic and Music in Motown at the Roostertail in Detroit. The fundraiser benefits For The Seventh Generation, a Wayne County organization that matches foster children with donations of goods and services. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will include a raffle featuring sheet music and other items signed by Motown legend Abdul "Duke" Fakir of the Four Tops. Kelly Ramsey Photography, Kid Rock and Park West Galleries also donated items. Tickets are \$100 and available at www.fortheseventhgeneration.org.

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FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Details: Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments
Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members
Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 5

Location: Michigan Theater, located on E. Liberty, just west of S. State, in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: "Cintematic Titanic" features the original cast and creators of "Mystery Science Theater 3000 riffing on some of the cheesiest movies ever made; \$25 general admission
Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Listen to the film

through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7 Sunday-Thursday

Contact: (734) 453-8300

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 29-30 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 1

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Three Stooges," \$3
Coming up: "The Lucky One," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 8; "Bernie," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 13-14 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 15

Summer Cinema: All

and 7 p.m. "The Incredible Shrinking Woman," Thursday, June 28; "Harry & The Hendersons," Thursday, July 5; "Shrek," Thursday, July 12; "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," Thursday, July 19; "The Rookie," Thursday, July 26; "Raiders of the Lost Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 29 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 30

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Casablanca," tickets \$4

Coming up: "The Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. July 13 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 14, \$4; "Cool Hand Luke," 8 p.m. July 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 21, \$4; Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and "Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11, \$5; "North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25
Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

Exhibits: "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9
Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; new exhibit opens June 28 and runs through Nov. 7

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

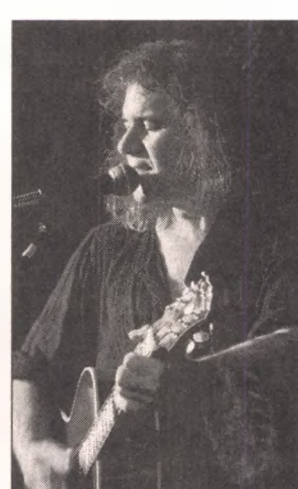
Details: "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" is the new exhibit, featuring 14 reproduction inaugural gowns. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940

Music

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows



Michael on Fire performs Saturday, June 30 at Trinity House Theater in Livonia.

start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines, June 29; Michael on Fire, June 30; The 77's Unplugged, July 7; Malcolm Holcombe, July 13; Zak Morgan and Duke Otherwise Family Show, July 14; Kelsey Rottiers and the Rising Tide, July 20; Dave Carter Tribute featuring Potter's Field, Aug. 3; Beth Wood, Aug. 17. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted
Contact: (734) 464-6302

THE ARK

Time/Date: The BoDeans & Michael McDermott, June 28; The Pines, June 29; The RFD Boys & Friends, June 30; Becca Stevens, July 1; Victor Wooten, July 2; Bill Frisell explores the music of John Lennon, July 3; Gandalf Murphy & the Slambobian Circus of Dreams, July 5; Detour, July 6; Janiva Magness, July 7; Diana Lawrence & Phoebe Hunt, July 8; Adrian Legg, July 9; Johnny Clegg, July 10; James Vincent McMorrow, July 11; Edwin McCain, July 12; Sister Sparrow & the Dirty Birds, July 13; The Good Lovelies, July 14; Corey Harris & The Rasta Blues Experience, July 15

Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

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"It's an easy party to pull off," says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. "Our celebration experts have created a patriotic-themed spread of sweet and savory treats to provide star-spangled fun for everyone."

Start the festivities off with a bang using festive tableware and decorations like 4th of July party pics — a simple way to add spark to any celebration. Play up the Independence Day theme throughout — from beverage to dessert.

"Serve an easy-to-eat meal dressed up with holiday colors," says Siler. "All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns are a delicious spin on the classic burger. The cornbread buns are baked using the Wilton Star Whoopie Pie Pan to add a festive twist to the traditional bun. Patriot's Peanut Butter Popcorn — a yummy mix of popcorn, peanut butter and colored candies — is an ideal salty-sweet treat. Packed in star-studded gift bags, this easy-to-make goodie is a party favorite and a perfect take-home for guests."

Cool down when the temperature rises with refreshing, fruity Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade. Have a blast decking out the glasses with stripes, stars and swirls using edible Blue Sparkle Gel.

What's more fun than the fireworks finale? Dessert! Guests will ooh and aah over Banana Split Surprise Cake — a decadent dessert with a surprise strawberry ice cream center. It's a new take on cake and ice cream, great for serving a crowd.

Visit www.wilton.com for more celebration ideas.

All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns

Makes 12 buns and 12 sliders

Cornbread Buns
¾ cup all-purpose flour
¾ cup yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
¾ cup sour cream
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 eggs, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray Star Whoopie Pie Pan with vegetable cooking spray. In medium bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt and pepper. Add sour cream, oil and eggs, stirring just until smooth. Fill cavities ¾ full, spreading batter to edges of star.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until center of bun springs back when touched. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove to cooling grid. Repeat with remaining batter.

Sliders
¾ pound ground chuck
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ small yellow onion, minced (about ½ cup)
½ cup shredded pepper-jack cheese
1 teaspoon garlic powder
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon chili powder
5 to 6 dashes hot sauce, or to taste

Preheat grill or broiler to medium high heat. In large bowl, combine all ingredients until well incorporated. Form into twelve 2-½-inch patties. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side.

Serve with star buns and your favorite condiments.

Patriot's Peanut Butter Popcorn

Makes about 8 cups

1 bag (3.2 ounces) butter flavored microwave popcorn
½ cup peanut butter
¼ cup firmly-packed brown sugar
1 bottle (3 ounces) Patriotic Nonpareils or other patriotic sprinkles

1 package (12 ounces) Red Candy Melts Candy
Make popcorn according to package directions. In large bowl, microwave peanut butter and brown sugar for 1 minute; stir to combine. Add popcorn and stir until well coated. Sprinkle liberally with non-



Patriot's Peanut Butter Popcorn (left), All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns, Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade.

pareils, stirring to distribute. Spread onto parchment-lined sheet pan.

Melt Candy Melts Candy according to package directions. Drizzle over popcorn. Let set at least 10 minutes before serving.

Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade

Makes about 8 servings

1 ½ cups (about 6 ounces) fresh raspberries, divided
1 can (12 ounces) frozen lemonade concentrate
Water
Blue Sparkle Gel

Place one raspberry in each cavity of the Star Ice Cube Silicone Mold. Cover with water; freeze several hours to set.

Reserve remaining raspberries.

In large pitcher, mix lemonade according to package instructions. In food processor or blender, pulse remaining raspberries until smooth; strain through sieve to remove seeds. Stir raspberry puree into lemonade. Serve with raspberry ice cubes in glasses decorated with Blue Sparkle Gel.



Banana Split Surprise Cake

Banana Split Surprise Cake

Makes 8 to 10 servings

2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 ¾ cups granulated sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 ripe bananas, mashed (about 1 ¼ cups)
1 cup sour cream
1 cup (about 8 ounces) hot fudge sauce
1 pint (about 2 cups) strawberry ice cream, softened
1 box (10 ounces) Vanilla Whipped Icing Mix
Fresh strawberries, halved
Star Pics

Preheat oven 350°F. Spray Fancy Fill pans from set with vegetable cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat butter

and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and mashed banana; mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream; blend thoroughly but do not overmix. Pour into prepared pans.

Bake 33 to 38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pan on rack; remove from pan and cool completely.

Divide fudge sauce and spread evenly into cavities of cake; freeze 10 minutes. At same time, remove strawberry ice cream to soften. Fill cake cavities with ice cream. Assemble cake by inverting top layer onto bottom layer.

Prepare icing mix according to package directions. Ice top and sides of cake; freeze at least 2 hours or until ready to serve. Garnish with strawberries and star pics.

Courtesy of Family Features

Local building initiative puts Michiganders back to work

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced that on Tuesday, June 5, in New Hudson, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for the first home being constructed for the Made in America/Built in Michigan initiative. The home is being built by Rick Elkow of Elkow Homes, a building company based in Wixom, and member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA).

Several other BIA members are also involved in the program, including Todd Hallett, AIA, of TK Design & Architecture in Howell, who designed the home and DTE Energy's Builder-Developer Liaison, Robert Veresan, AIA, who is working toward making the home net-zero in terms of energy consumption and emissions. The group was joined by Lyon Township officials, including Supervisor Lannie Young and Treasurer Patty Carcone, along with other guests from within the residential construction industry. Community residents, from the Twin Pines neighborhood where this home will be built, also joined the festivities.

Michael Stoskopf, BIA's CEO, and one of three originators of the program, remarked, "This groundbreaking marks a 'Back to the Future' moment as Rick and his team help bring new home construction back to its roots as a local and state-focused endeavor. By committing to use American-made materials and supplies — with a particular emphasis on Michigan-made products — means that jobs will be created and sustained here, thus strengthening our economy."

Supervisor Young echoed these sentiments, adding, "This is a terrific day for BIA, Elkow Homes and Lyon Township!"

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Indus-



Cutting the ribbon to launch the Made in America/Built in Michigan initiative in Howell are, Michael Stoskopf (left), CEO of BIA; Rick Elkow, Elkow Homes; Todd Hallett, AIA, TK Design & Architecture; Patricia Carcone, Lyon Township treasurer; and Lannie Young, Lyon Township supervisor.

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try Association of SE Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



Builder Rick Elkow officially breaks ground to begin construction for the first home in the Made in America/Built in Michigan initiative in Howell.

Equal standard usually avoids litigation

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have a situation where we had valet parking services for some of our residents, but then we decided to cut out the service. One of our residents, who is an African American over the age of 40, is threatening to sue the association alleging that the new parking system violates the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against him on the basis of race and age. What do you think we should do?

A: It is unlawful to discriminate against any buyer or renter because of race, age or disability as it violates to the Federal Fair Housing Act, among other statutes. It is also unlawful to refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services when such accommodation is necessary for a person with a disability to have an equal opportunity to enjoy a dwelling. When, however, the parking or other regulations

apply equally to all residents, the decision to rescind valet parking services affects African American residents exactly the same way in which it affects Caucasian residents, it is proper, and a federal court recently made such a ruling. Nor would depriving residents of valet parking lead to segregated housing or place a burden on African Americans seeking fair housing. However, some sort of accommodation may have to be made if the person is disabled, but you should check with your community association attorney with respect to that matter.

Q: Does the board have a right to reject the resignation of a board member?

A: I do not think that for the resignation to be effective it is dependent upon the board accepting it unless there is such a provision in the bylaws. Once the director resigns, it is effective at the time of the resignation, if it is done in accordance with the requirements of the association bylaws to the extent that there is any procedure for same. Of course this depends on the specific state statute and governing documents. For example, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition requires acceptance of someone asking to be excused from a duty or position. In fact, there is language that the duties of the office must not be abandoned until the resignation has been accepted and becomes effective. However, most new nonprofit statutes provide that a resignation is effective upon communication to the board president or other officers. It is the communication of resignation that fulfills the requirement. Again, you should discuss this matter with your legal counsel.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit brmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 20-23, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
50153 Grant St	\$266,000
50185 Grant St	\$246,000
48299 Greenwich Ln	\$222,000
44280 Harsdale Dr	\$150,000
47934 Pavillon Rd	\$327,000
47611 Royal Pointe Dr	\$285,000
42350 Saratoga Cir	\$128,000
4527 Shoreview Dr	\$202,000
4218 Timberline Dr	\$205,000
8303 Trafford Ct	\$85,000

47121 Yarmouth Dr	\$315,000
GARDEN CITY	
33269 Alvin St	\$86,000
784 Arcola St	\$34,000
6555 Henry Ruff Rd	\$75,000
29851 John Hauk St	\$20,000
29009 Krauter St	\$35,000
32660 Marquette St	\$70,000
31783 Rosslyn Ave	\$21,000
29655 Winter Ct	\$34,000
LIVONIA	
15537 Deering St	\$55,000
18261 Deering St	\$33,000
37956 Donald St	\$135,000
16725 Fairfield St	\$220,000
11722 Farmington Rd	\$75,000
15114 Golfview Dr	\$175,000
14055 Golfview St	\$142,000
29814 Grandon St	\$44,000
8993 Melvin St	\$98,000

33412 Myrna St	\$115,000
8862 Oporto St	\$84,000
33796 Trillium Ct	\$211,000
NORTHVILLE	
390 First St	\$94,000
16967 Abby Cir	\$350,000
438 Eaton Dr	\$190,000
47609 Pine Creek Ct	\$465,000
41633 Sunnydale Ln	\$230,000
39516 Village Run Dr	\$225,000
47010 W Main St	\$650,000
PLYMOUTH	
46964 Burning Tree Ln	\$224,000
1654 Cassidy Place Dr	\$128,000
46718 Darwood Ct	\$415,000
821 Deer Ct	\$100,000
940 Fairground St	\$170,000
9059 Quail Run Dr N	\$366,000
14295 Shadywood Dr	\$132,000
45620 Trillium Ct E	\$262,000

REDFORD	
19424 Dalby	\$40,000
9911 Farley	\$36,000
18530 Fox	\$21,000
17244 Inkster Rd	\$17,000
24307 Lyndon	\$41,000
14393 Mercedes	\$40,000
17745 Norborne	\$27,000
WESTLAND	
753 Ethan Dr	\$156,000
32081 Hazelwood St	\$29,000
420 Lansdowne Dr	\$146,000
32639 Mackenzie Dr	\$79,000
29854 Malvern St	\$66,000
38595 Monmouth St	\$76,000
7430 N Farmington Rd	\$131,000
7809 Rivergate Dr	\$55,000
32132 Sandra Ln	\$87,000
1138 Sharon St	\$35,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 5-9, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
15753 Buckingham Ave	\$189,000
BIRMINGHAM	
359 Ferndale Ave	\$211,000
463 Golf View Blvd	\$233,000
1936 Haynes St	\$345,000
724 Hidden Ravines Dr	\$360,000
1798 Pembroke Rd	\$147,000
588 Pierce St	\$1,650,000
1759 Washington Blvd	\$235,000
1978 Webster St	\$475,000
2092 Yorkshire Rd	\$200,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

4091 Willoway Place Dr	\$230,000
2658 Brady Dr	\$175,000
4248 Lakeridge Ct	\$325,000
4240 Wabek Lake Dr S	\$205,000
3431 Westchester Rd	\$300,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
6508 Cathedral Dr	\$225,000
1594 Dell Rose Dr	\$204,000
560 Fox Pointe Ct	\$505,000
1290 Greenglen Ct	\$164,000
739 Hawthorne Dr	\$377,000
6330 Hills Dr	\$355,000
3753 Lane Lake Rd	\$560,000
5430 Longmeadow Rd	\$1,250,000
1742 S Hill Blvd	\$133,000
43344 Woodward Ave	\$625,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3636 Sandbar Dr	\$165,000
4709 Winewood Ln	\$168,000
FARMINGTON	
34225 Conroy Ct	\$180,000
23206 Hawthorne St	\$45,000

35523 Heritage Ln	\$120,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
27343 Arden Park Cir	\$100,000
27502 Bridle Hills Dr	\$174,000
22303 Cass St	\$175,000
24474 Cote Dnel Dr	\$153,000
28092 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$210,000
29805 Hemlock Ave	\$104,000
35106 Red Pine Dr	\$160,000
FRANKLIN	
31420 Lucerne Dr	\$305,000
MILFORD	
309 W Washington St	\$67,000
NOVI	
45191 Bartlett Dr	\$341,000
50793 Calvert Isle Dr	\$526,000
28346 Carlton Way Dr	\$132,000
28514 Carlton Way Dr	\$142,000
23166 Heatherwoode	\$94,000
23655 N Rockledge	\$52,000
24966 Portsmouth Ave	\$211,000
41801 Primrose Dr	\$110,000

SOUTH LYON	
58689 Castle Ct	\$40,000
58734 Castle Ct	\$40,000
57837 International Dr	\$60,000
59591 Mary Ln	\$50,000
61131 Saddlecreek Dr	\$271,000
61150 Saddlecreek Dr	\$294,000
61181 Saddlecreek Dr	\$320,000
26373 Shumans Way	\$50,000
SOUTHFIELD	
19815 Butternut Ln	\$125,000
17627 Cornell Rd	\$35,000
16911 Crescent Dr	\$103,000
29760 Red Leaf Dr	\$93,000
29422 Rock Creek Dr	\$71,000
24371 Tamarack Cir	\$46,000
WHITE LAKE	
1869 Crystal Ln	\$164,000
9512 Marina Dr	\$55,000
8111 Vanden Dr	\$88,000
8079 Wildwood Ln	\$218,000

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Investors

Michael Jeffreys will speak Thursday, July 14. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30

p.m./ 9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 non-members. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Career Seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, July 19, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@kw.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

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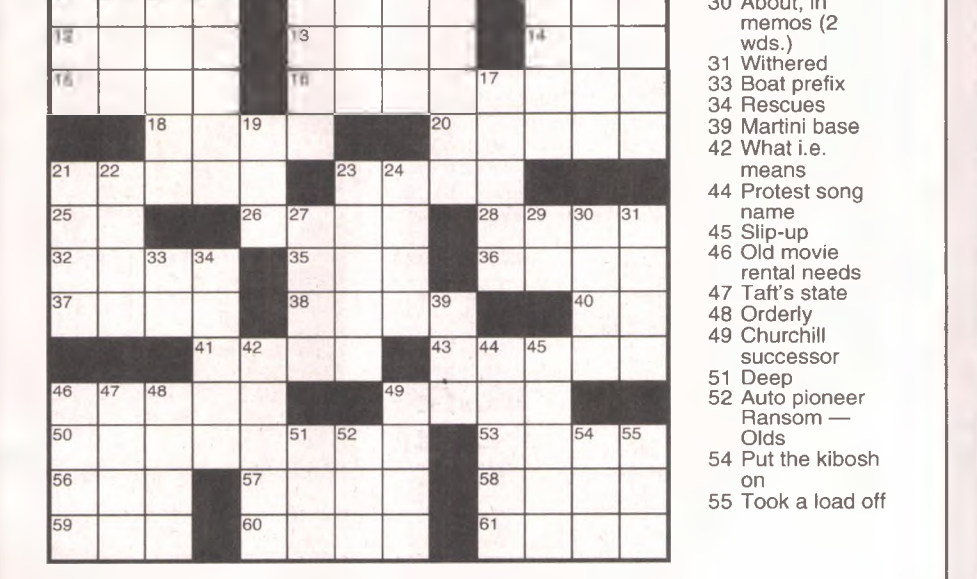
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10 Wax makers
11 Info request encl.
17 Gymnast's stickum
19 Family mem.

21 Dice
22 Eurasian range
23 Opposite of "supra"
24 Intertwine
27 Terminates
29 "10" actress
30 About, in memos (2 wds.)
31 Withered
33 Boat prefix
34 Rescues
39 Martini base
42 What i.e. means
44 Protest song name
45 Slip-up
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	6	1		3	2	4		
		5		1		3		
	3	2						
9	1	8		7		5	2	
7		6						
			9		5	8		
			2	5				6

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C	L	V	T	O	O	R	E	M	W	R	P	L	F	T
N	X	N	I	C	I	Y	E	H	A	R	Y	D	L	E
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T	M	I	F	O	C	R	A	S	I	I	G	R	V	P
S	D	S	Y	W	I	A	C	X	W	R	H	L	A	O
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S	C	D	T	W	I	X	Y	N	D	L	C	D	T	O
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A	Z	I	E	M	B	S	E	N	I	O	R	S	B	S
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7	4	1	1	7	4		
8	3	6	7	2	2	5	8
3	8	6	4	1	5	7	9
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