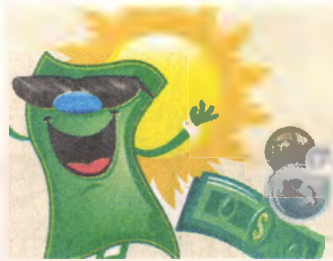


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Fourth frivolity

The Plymouths will once again be jumping with holiday activity as annual Fourth of July traditions return.

It starts with the fireworks display at Plymouth Township Park (located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha) Tuesday night.

Wednesday, of course, marks the return of the annual Good Morning USA parade along Main Street through the heart of downtown Plymouth. The parade runs from about Theodore south to about Hartsough, and starts at 9 a.m.

Holiday revelers can then round out their Fourth of July fun right back at Plymouth Township Park, with the annual Good Old Fashion Picnic, which runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The picnic features hot dogs, pop, chips, ice cream and a variety of activities.



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Canton Salvation Army thrift store hosts the annual Fourth of July sale Wednesday.

Thrift time

The Salvation Army's annual Fourth of July Sale is set for Wednesday, July 4, at its 33 metro Detroit thrift store locations, including the one located at 43403 Joy Road in Canton.

Along with 50 percent off on clothing, bonus sales and savings will be announced throughout the day. The Fourth of July sale is one-day only.

Proceeds from all stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults.

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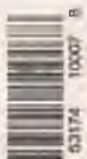
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"I have been a lawyer for 35 years and consider myself a student of constitutional law ... (Roberts) did the right thing by upholding the mandate."

JOHN STEWART, Plymouth

Reaction mixed to high court's health care ruling

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Kristen Grube of Plymouth Township thinks President Barack Obama's health care bill got "picked apart" through the legislative process, and she's glad the U.S. Supreme Court upheld it.

Mary Gizicki of Canton is a nurse who said she's "against Obamacare," and is disappointed in the court's decision.

The two local reactions mirrored the national debate over the Affordable Care Act, Obama's health care bill which requires most Americans to have health insurance beginning in 2014 or pay a penalty.

In a 5-4 ruling in which conservative Chief Justice John Roberts helped form the majority, the court said the insurance requirement is constitutional under Congress's power to tax. It also let

stand a major expansion of the Medicaid program, though the court said the federal government could not penalize states that chose not to expand by withholding existing Medicaid funds from those states. The extension could add a half-million uninsured people in Michigan who might meet expanded eligibility criteria.

Grube is happy with the court's decision because of what happened to her mother. After suf-

fering a broken hip, Grube's mother was limited in her care when her insurance company cut off funding. She doesn't think anyone should face such a consequence.

"My mother got kicked out of a rehab facility after three weeks," Grube said. "They said she wasn't making enough progress."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Denny Wheeler and grandson Trysten Wheeler take a look under the hood of the Volt.

Owners happy as Chevy Volt sales power up

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Some early buyers of the Chevrolet Volt from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet are giving the car rave reviews, and the Plymouth Township dealership is on pace this year to double its Volt sales.

The Volt is a General Motors Corp. plug-in electric hybrid that relies on both battery and gasoline power and has a listed range of over 350 miles. The gas engine kicks in when the battery charge drops to a certain level, but instead of powering the car through a transmission, the engine turns a generator that runs the elec-

tricity motor, taking over for the battery. The Volt also features regenerative braking, which recaptures the energy used in braking to further recharge the battery.

"After doing the math, it paid for itself," said Dave Brown of Redford Township, who bought his Volt from LaRiche in April 2011.

A gauge on the dashboard of Brown's Volt shows the car has more than 17,500 miles and has used just 54 gallons of gas.

'It's the technology'

"I love it. You have power when you need it," said Victoria Wheeler of Canton Town-

ship, who took delivery of a Volt last August. Wheeler used to drive a Chevrolet Suburban that got 13 to 15 miles per gallon; the Volt's gas mileage for her has been about 185 miles per gallon, she said, and electricity costs are minimal.

"It's the technology," said Wheeler's husband Dennis. "This is where, I believe, everybody will be" with cars in the near future.

"He's been watching it ever since it came out as a concept car," Victoria Wheeler said.

The Wheelers own Denny's Service, an automobile repair shop on Starkweather in Plym-

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Test scores are up in Plymouth-Canton

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are taking a "there's more work to do" approach even while celebrating increases in all areas of the state Michigan Merit Exam and ACT scores released Thursday.

Most of the increases were slight, particularly in the ACT scores, but they were increases administrators say show the district's curriculum is effective and has students headed in the right direction.

"To show any kind of an increase is a great thing," said Jeannie Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction services. "We have increases in all areas. I think that speaks very highly for the district. We're looking at (results) and analyzing them to see how we can use them to make even more improvements."

With nearly 1,500 students taking the ACT, administered each spring to high school juniors, Plymouth-Canton's composite score of 22 is up from 21.4 the last two years, and above the state average of 19.

The percentages of college-ready students also jumped in all four areas — English, math, science and reading — included in the test. The composite score showing percentage of college-ready students jumped from 33.1 in 2011 to 33.5 this year.

Likewise on the Michigan Merit Exam, Plymouth-Canton students fared better than the state average in all five areas — reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

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Records contradict Reaume on absences

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A recent allegation that Plymouth Township Clerk Joe Bridgman has missed more meetings in the last four years than any elected official is inaccurate.

The charge was among the criticisms leveled by Supervisor Richard Reaume in a campaign piece in which Reaume endorsed Bridgman's

challenger, Nancy Conzelman. Bridgman, who is seeking a second term, faces Conzelman in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, Republican primary in the race for clerk.

The flier, paid for by the Conzelman campaign, took the form of a letter from Reaume and was mailed to about 3,000 likely primary voters. Bridgman quickly sent out a mailer of his own,

to about 4,000 likely voters, disputing Reaume's claims.

A check of Board of Trustees minutes, available on the township's website, of the 74 board meetings held since Bridgman took office in November 2008 showed he was absent from 13 meetings while Trustee Steve Mann topped the list at 16 absences.

"I'm not surprised,"

Bridgman said Friday of the inaccuracy. "In talking with voters, I find they're tired of the dirty politics. They hear and see enough of that coming from Washington, and they don't need to hear and see it at the local level."

Five of Bridgman's 13 absences occurred between December 2011 and January 2012, when the board held sev-

eral special meetings to discuss an ongoing court battle over a petition drive that sought a township-wide vote on a tax proposal. Bridgman's father, who lives in Arkansas, had just been diagnosed with a serious illness, and the clerk was away helping to care for him.

Fifty-five of the board

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SCORES

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The Michigan Department of Education adopted a tougher standard for passing the MME this year, with students forced to score higher to receive a proficient score.

According to the MDE, statewide student achievement on the MME showed positive one-year gains and even larger four-year gains in mathematics, reading, writing, and science, the Michigan Department of Education reported.

The overall composite scores for Michigan high school juniors on the ACT college-entrance exam also increased for the fourth consecutive year, as did the percentage of Michigan students who are career- and college-ready, the MDE said.

Still, Plymouth-Canton officials, while happy, weren't "throwing a party," according to Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations.

"The key here is, we can be happy, but we can always improve," Ruggirello said. "There's a lot more work to do. Our curriculum people are adding rigor to the curriculum. The key with the (score

Plymouth-Canton ACT		
All Buildings	2011	2012
Composite		
Average ACT Score	22	22.3
Percent college ready	33.1	33.5
English		
Average ACT Score	21.2	21.4
Percent college ready	71.4	71.5
Math		
Average ACT Score	22.7	23
Percent college ready	57.6	59.3
Reading		
Average ACT Score	21.4	22
Percent college ready	54.4	57.1
Science		
Average ACT Score	22.2	22.4
Percent college ready	38.5	40.7

Number of students tested 1,489
SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

Plymouth-Canton MME Scores					
	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	S.Studies
Plymouth	72	68	60	45	62
Canton	74	68	58	46	66
Salem	73	68	55	44	67
Starkweather*	53	20	10	13	40
Michigan	56	49	29	26	41

*Percentage of students who met proficiency
SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

increases) is keeping kids on grade level all the way through their career. We're adding rigor and we're adding intervention to keep the kids on course." Farina said both the ACT

and MME scores "provide a snapshot" of how students are performing. She said the scores help teachers determine if students are falling behind, and help create intervention strategies if that is the case.

She said data for students in various subgroups will also help determine how best to help the students.

"We're watching not only those scores, but our other common assessment scores," Farina said. "We need to pull apart the data and determine how best to help our subgroups. There is always room for improvement. We can't sit back and say, 'We can relax now.' There are still kids failing."

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Grants fund bus for senior transportation

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging and Senior Transportation have received funding through grants from The Wilcox Foundation and The Plymouth Community United Way to purchase a new bus to add to the current fleet.

The Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Program is a transportation service available through the City of Plymouth, Charter Township of Plymouth and in partnership with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and the Plymouth Community United Way.

"It's a vital service provided to seniors to help and insure that they maintain their independence while being able to socialize and interact with other people," said the council's Bobbie Pummil. "In a 12-month period the transportation provides approximately 15,000-plus rides to over 400 registered riders."

The Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Service has provided more than 34 years of local, dependable transportation service to seniors in the Plymouth Community. The local Transportation Program provides seniors with access to any location or service within the City or Township of Plymouth. The Medical Appointment Van Service enables older members of the

community to reach medical appointments outside of Plymouth.

The Senior Transportation now offers "Day Trips" such as the going to a Detroit Tigers Game (24 tickets were donated from the Tiger Foundation), Detroit Zoo, Toledo Zoo, The Ford Rouge Factory Tour, and Domino's Petting Farm, Color Tour of Plymouth and Plymouth Orchards, Peteet's Famous Cheese-cake Tour and more.

"Jack Wilcox would be very happy to know that his foundation helped to fund the purchase of a new senior bus," said Wilcox Foundation spokesman Dan Heriman. "Apart from a short period preceding his death in 2000, Jack was very independent and was fortunate to be able to either walk or drive wherever he wanted to go. He would be pleased to know that this Wilcox Foundation grant will enable seniors to enjoy similar independence."

The Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Transportation is available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, questions or to make a reservation call (734) 459-8888.



JULIE YOLLES

Rooftop party

Plymouth residents Nick (from left), Maddy and Lucas Mollison clowned around with Nifty while enjoying perfect weather Monday night at the VIP Detroit Rooftop Party to benefit The Parade Company. The event, aptly themed "We Love Detroit," sold out far in advance this year. Held on top of the Miller Parking Garage, adjacent to the Renaissance Center, guests had prime dining and viewing for the 54th Annual Target Fireworks, which was created and produced by The Parade Company. The Hob Nobble Gobble and the VIP Rooftop Party are the two major fundraisers each year to support the Parade Company and America's Thanksgiving Parade.

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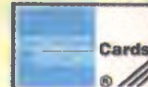
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Staffers take technology boot camp

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Even in this age of high technology, not everyone knows how to use tools such as iPads.

That's why a small band of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools staffers gave up a morning during the first week of their summer break to learn how to use the iPads that will be new to each school building when they reconvene for class in the fall.

More than 100 teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, nurses, media specialists, administrators and psychologists were in the "iPad boot camp," which gave them an opportunity to take an online introductory course and check out an iPad for the summer in order to get familiar with this new technology.

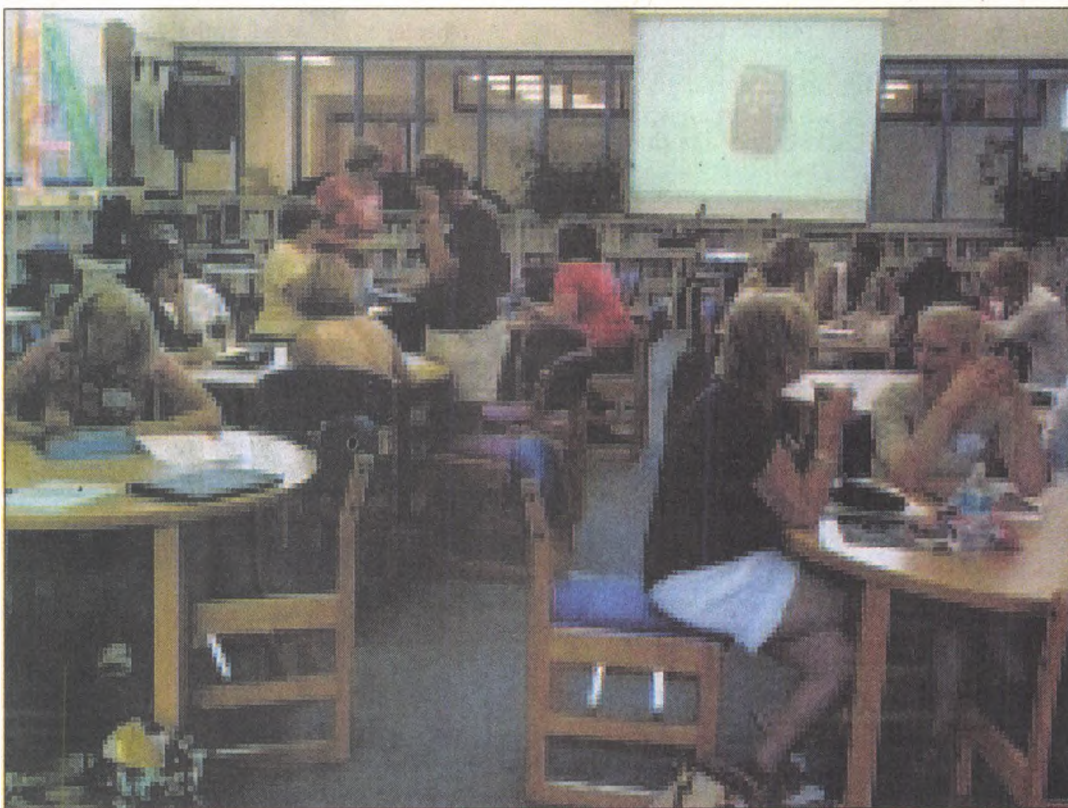
"A small group of P-CCS educators have been providing grassroots shared learning opportunities for the district all year," said Dana Jones, the district's director of academic and assessment services. "They collaborated with the district's adaptive and instructional technology department in order to pull the boot camp together."

Participants could choose from sessions about apps, how to use the basic functions of a tablet, how to use iPads to help students who are differently abled, and how to connect professionally with educators around the world using Twitter. There was also a "genius bar" set up in the media center where people could go to get their individual questions answered.

Local businesses provided door prizes, Absopure donated water, Evernote donated free memberships for all participants.



More than 100 Plymouth-Canton staffers took part in a "boot camp" to learn about iPad technology.



A "genius bar" in the media center allowed people to get their individual questions answered during the district's iPad boot camp.

ON CAMPUS

Wagner College

Last month, at Wagner College's annual commencement program, **Tyler Seling** of Plymouth graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree. Seling also made the Dean's List for the Spring 2012 semester, which requires a minimum 3.70 GPA.

Montessori Center

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center honored 16 graduates of its middle school program during the school's 23rd graduating class ceremonies.

Beginning in the fall, graduates will attend high schools of their choice throughout the metropolitan Detroit area, including Academy of the Sacred Heart, Cranbrook Kingswood High School, Dearborn High School, Catholic Central, Divine Child, Greenhills School, Henry Ford Academy, Mercy High School, South Lyon East High School, and University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

"Many of our graduates have been with us since preschool," said Kay Neff, DHMC's founder. "We are extremely proud of their achievements. Schools readily accept our students because of the strong foundation they've received in academics, the arts, and community service."

Northwood University

• **Stacey Klonowski** of Canton and **Shannon Corby** of Plymouth have been named to the President's List for spring semester at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Keith A. Pretty, president of the university.

To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

• Four students from Canton have been named to the Dean's List for spring semester at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. Lance B. Lewis, academic dean of the university.

• The Canton students included juniors **Joseph Bellino** and **Amanda McManus**, sophomore **Lindsey Lipa** and freshman **Garrett Bryden**.

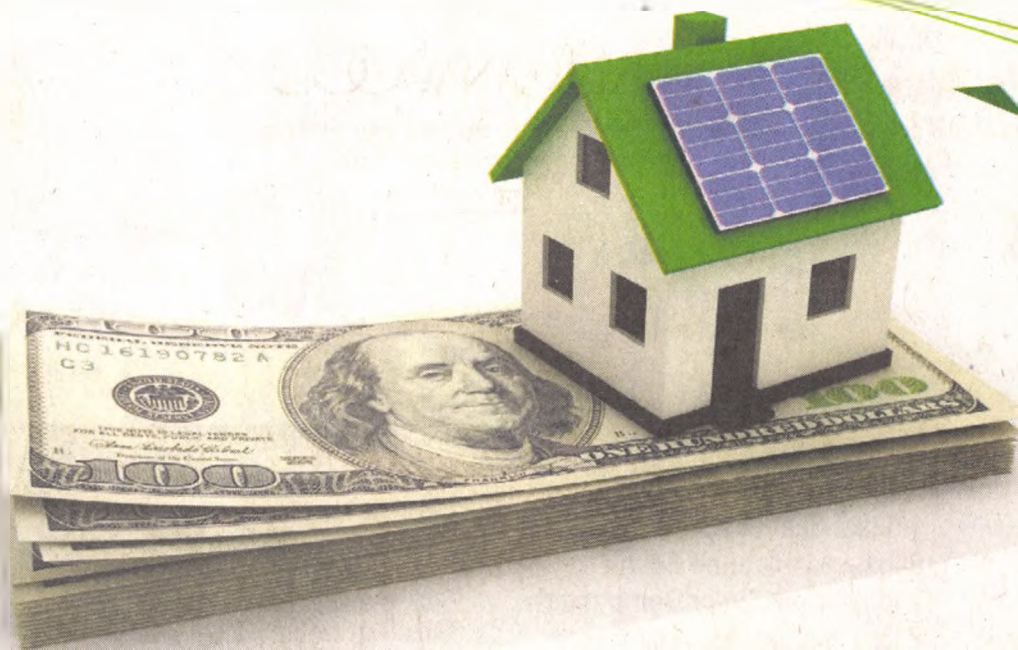
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VOLT

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outh, and Dennis Wheeler said he wants to see the Volt over time in order to understand it. Victoria Wheeler, who does office work at the shop, is the car's primary driver. "The idea is to find out what goes wrong and learn how to fix it," Dennis Wheeler said. But so far the car has needed no maintenance and can even go many thousands of miles between oil changes, although GM recommends the oil be changed every two years no matter the mileage.

The Wheelers said the Volt would make a good commuter car or small family car for anyone. Charging it hasn't been a problem, as the Volt can accommodate 110- and 220-volt systems. So far, they said, the electricity at public charging stations has been free, including the stations at Schoolcraft College, where Victoria Wheeler takes a class in American Sign Language. (The Wheelers paid a small fee for a card to access public charging stations, and expect that card to be debited for electricity at some point.)

Price vs. efficiency
Like Dennis Wheeler,



Dave Brown of Redford Township, who owns a metal-fabricating company in Canton Township, with his 2011 Chevrolet Volt, purchased in April 2011 from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet. Brown has put more than 17,000 miles on the car while using only 54 gallons of gasoline.

Brown, who owns a metal-fabricating business in Canton, has followed the Volt for some time. He had also followed the EV1, a GM electric car from the 1990s that had limited availability, and had told himself that if there was ever another electric, he would get one.

His Volt is his first new car. "The car is ideal for me," he said.

The Volt isn't cheap; LaRiche general manager Scott LaRiche said they start at just under

\$40,000 (a \$7,500 federal tax incentive is available).

However, Brown said that when he compared the Volt to the Chevrolet Cruze, a traditional gasoline compact, the Volt's fuel economy would make up the cost difference in about two years. "I'm way ahead of that right now," he said.

LaRiche said despite slower-than-expected sales, which caused GM to temporarily halt Volt production at its Detroit/Hamtramck Assembly



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Denny Wheeler and grandson Trysten Wheeler with Denny's Volt. Denny's wife Victoria is keeping cool in the back seat.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trysten Wheeler at the wheel of the Volt. He's 10, so he has a few years before he can take it for a spin.

Plant, interest in the car is picking up.

Nationwide, GM sold 7,620 Volts in 2011, LaRiche said, and in the first six months of this year is on pace to double that. The same is true at LaRiche: The dealership has

delivered 12 Volts this year, he said, compared to 12 in all of 2011.

"It's a unique vehicle that gives them excellent gas mileage," he said.

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ABSENCES

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meetings since Bridgman was sworn in were regular meetings and 19 were special meetings.

Reaume said the records had been double-checked and he thought the information was solid.

"I'm sorry about it. It is an oversight," Reaume said. "I don't want to ever say anything that wasn't true." Reaume suggested perhaps not all meeting minutes were compiled on the township website, but didn't point to any specific meeting dates for which there weren't posted minutes.

Mann, who is in his second term as a trustee and is a former township police officer and supervisor, could not be reached for comment. He is the only board incumbent not seeking re-election.

For the record, Trustee Bob Doroshewitz was absent for seven meetings during the same time period, and Trustees Kay Arnold and Mike Kelly were absent five times each, according to the minutes. Treasurer Ron Edwards was absent twice, and Reaume had no absences, the minutes say.

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Fire flap makes for crowded race

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

As next month's primary for Plymouth Township offices approaches, the years-long controversy surrounding the future of the Plymouth Community Fire Department looms as the biggest campaign issue. Six firefighter-paramedics were laid off from the PCFD in March after months of contract negotiations, often acrimonious public debate and a petition drive and court battle that led to a ballot proposal for a special assessment district, which was sound-

ly defeated by voters in February. The department now has 15 firefighters (plus the chief and a fire inspector) working out of two fire stations; the station in the Lake Pointe neighborhood was closed. The private Huron Valley Ambulance has stationed a paramedic crew in the northeast part of the township to better respond to medical emergencies there. While the department and residents adjust to this new normal, and township officials say residents are no less safe, a host of board challengers say the fire department issue brought them into the

race. **'Can't sit back'** "I can't sit back and do nothing," said Sandy Groth, a Republican running for trustee and a former township deputy clerk. Groth contends the township is less safe than it was before the layoffs of firefighters, and she wants to revisit the issue. "It's too little, too late when somebody dies because you made a bad decision," said Groth, echoing the characterization township officials made — "too little, too late" — when they rejected concessions worth more than

\$300,000 annually that had been offered by unionized firefighters. "I think the voice of the people has been heard in the vote," said Republican trustee hopeful Art Butler of the defeat at the polls of the plan for a special assessment district that would have raised property taxes to support the department. Butler said he wouldn't personally raise the fire department issue if elected, but would consider a colleague's plan. But the contentious debate caught his attention and brought him into the race, he said. Republican trustee candidates Andrew Justus and Jenai Stepp also said the fire department issue caught their attention. "I saw the community divided over this firefighter issue last year," Butler said.

percent and 30 percent. "We didn't treat them like a customer, I don't think, and we didn't treat them like a partner," said Republican trustee candidate Chuck Curmi, a board member from 1992 to 2008, of the partnership with Plymouth. **Personal ties** Several challengers have a personal connection to the PCFD or the firefighting profession: Groth is the wife of Larry Groth, a retired fire chief, and Jennifer Mann is the wife of Fire Lt. Chuck Mann. Republican trustee candidate Christopher Hull (who hadn't responded to requests for an interview) is a firefighter in another Detroit-area community. Rita White, a Democratic candidate for township treasurer who has no primary opposition, said at a candidates forum last week that she personally knows the victims of a recent fire on Dogwood Court. There were no injuries in the house fire, which is believed to have started as an electric fire. Republican trustee candidate Paul Schulz stated flat-out that he would want to reverse the layoffs.

"Police and fire comes first in any community," said Paul Schulz, a Republican trustee candidate. "I think you should hire everybody back." Other's don't advocate a complete reversal, but suggested they would continue talks with firefighters, and take them up on the concessions that were offered. "If they were going to offer that up, why wouldn't you take it?" said Don Schnettler, who has twice run for supervisor unsuccessfully. "It's stupid not to." Schnettler said he would also favor allowing firefighters to do more patient transports as a way of generating revenue, unless that became a money-loser. Mann, who was active in the petition drive that led to the special assessment ballot proposal, pointed out that nine firefighters have been laid off since early 2010. "Do I think we can bring nine guys back? No I do not," she said. "This is something that's got to be fixed and it's going to take work," said Curmi.

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The Six Foot Poles will headline a charity car show at Showroom of Elegance in Canton July 19. Organizers hope to raise money for the Autism Society of Michigan.

Band headlines car show

Summer is full of car shows sprinkled throughout the Motor City, but organizers are promising one car show will offer more than just muscle cars.

On July 19, the Power and Platinum Car Show sponsored by a local jewelry store, Showroom of Elegance, located at 6018 N. Canton Center in Canton, hopes to raise money for the Autism Society of Michigan. Headlining this free admission event is a local band called Six Foot Poles, providing a live concert for patrons in the Showroom parking lot.

From 5:30-8:30 p.m., people attending this event can enjoy classic cars from America's Most Wanted Car Club, food vendors, exclusive discounted jewelry and the Six Foot Poles classic rock sound with a Motown twist.

"This live band will bring an extremely special feel to this event," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Ele-

gance. "What better way to enjoy Mustangs than while listening to a rendition of Mustang Sally?"

Six Foot Poles is a five-piece band that has been performing for Michigan audiences for 15 years. The band consists of three brothers, Dave, Mark, and Mat Brzezinski who grew up in the suburbs of Detroit. Rounding out by Theo Smith and Joelene Brzezinski, the band plays a variety of classic rock and roll covers throughout the 60's, 70's, and 80's.

The name Six Foot Poles comes from the height of the three brothers in the band. To learn more about Six Foot Poles, visit their website at www.sixfootpoles.com. Donate directly to the Autism Society of Michigan through their website www.autism-mi.org

For more information regarding the car show visit www.showroomofelegance.com or contact Showroom of Elegance at (734) 207-1906.

Local artists named Kresge fellows

Two dozen Metropolitan Detroit literary and performing artists have been awarded Kresge Artist Fellowships for 2012. Each of the 24 fellowships includes an unrestricted prize of \$25,000, rewarding creative vision and commitment to excellence within a wide range of artistic disciplines.

Earning literary fellowships were Heidi Kaloustian of Canton and Mark Stryker of Plymouth.

The fellowships represent The Kresge Foundation's desire to advance the artistic careers of Detroit artists living and working in its hometown, as well as elevate the profile of the area's artistic community. Artists are selected from the Metropolitan Detroit tri-county area, comprised of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Detroit's College for Creative Studies administers the fellowships. ArtServe Michigan provides professional practice opportunities for the fellows.

"Each of these extraordinary literary and performing artists help us see what we haven't seen before, to make connections and quite often to challenge us," said Rip Rapson, president of The Kresge Foundation. "The breadth of their pursuits is incredible - from poetry to hip-hop and Middle Eastern harp. It illustrates the rich environment that we find in Metropolitan Detroit. We're



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The list of 2012 Kresge Fellows included (from left, front) Lolita Hernandez, Xiao Dong Wei and Maria Costa; (second row) Ken Meisel, Kim Hunter, Blaksmith (Passalacqua), Terry Peake, Kathleen Pfeiffer, Mark Stryker, Heidi Kaloustian of Canton and Marsha Music; (third row) Kris Johnson, Natasha "T" Miller, Mister (Passalacqua), Peter Markus, Chris Pottinger, Stephen Jones, Don "Doop" Duprie, Mary Jo Firth Gillett, Cheryl A. Alston, Michael Hurt, Ara Topouzian, Bryce Harding "Mr. Chips." Fellows not pictured are Laurie Eisenhower and Shara Worden.

delighted to support and encourage their work and to watch as their efforts shine a light on the artistic talent in southeast Michigan."

Kaloustian, at the age of 17, was first recognized for her writing in a national competition. She was awarded a Davidson Fellowship by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development. She was the first Laureate of Literature to receive the top prize, a \$50,000 scholarship at Davidson. At the University of Michigan, she pursued degrees

in English and Creative Writing. A lifelong metro Detroiter, Kaloustian primarily writes fiction, but also works in poetry, screenwriting and the visual arts.

Stryker has been an arts reporter and critic at the *Detroit Free Press* since 1995, covering classical music, jazz and visual arts. His many awards for reporting and music criticism include two ASCAP Deems Taylor Awards.

Born in Bloomington, Ind., he holds a bachelor's degree in histo-

ry from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in journalism from Indiana University.

Nearly 450 applications for fellowships were reviewed through a competitive process by independent panels of national and local artists and arts professionals. The panelists provided a balance of artistic perspectives and an understanding of the local artistic environment, as well as extensive knowledge of the art forms being reviewed.

Museum invites kids to 'Tea & Toy Thyme'

Kids and their dolls are invited to a tea party at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Friday, July 20 at noon. Children will learn all about Toy Glass and Victorian Toys and can dress up, choosing from an assortment of lovely outfits with fancy boas or beautiful hats.

Tickets for the tea are \$15 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$20 for non-members and can be purchased at the museum. Add \$5 to the ticket price after July 6.

Ticket holders can stay after the tea that day to enjoy touring the Museum's special exhibit "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies."

The Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

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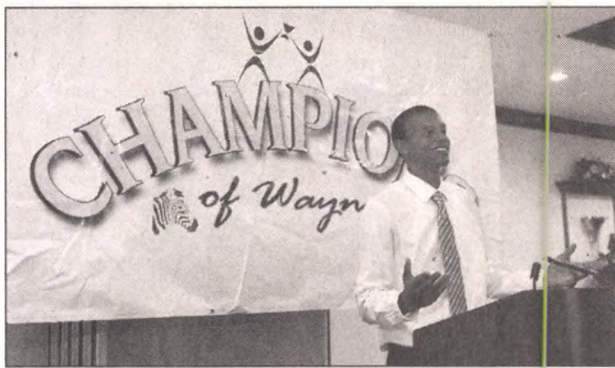
By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

More than 500 people filled Wayne Tree Manor Tuesday evening to celebrate the academic success of a group of Wayne Memorial High School students.

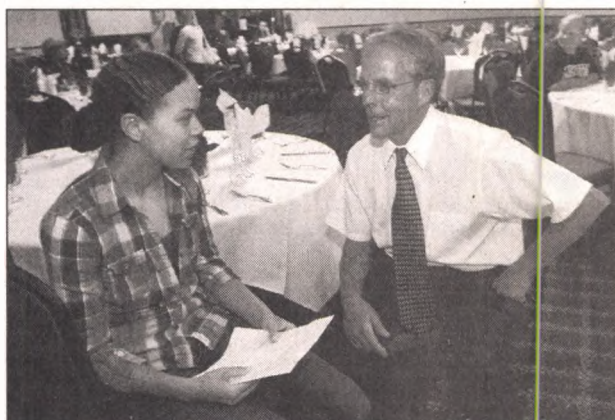
Parents, teachers and Wayne-Westland school officials applauded as the students collected checks for \$200 for meeting the goals they set as part of the Champions of Wayne program.

Funded by businessman Richard Helppie, the program has grown by leaps and bounds since it was started in 2009 by school psychologist William Gray and Principal Valerie Orr. "Last year, we were at the Wayne Recreation Center and celebrated 44 students who met their goals," said Champions of Wayne Director Sean Gavin. "We have 153 students tonight. For those who want the math, that's more than triple last year's numbers."

The focus of the program is to improve student achievement. Students set a goal of improving the grade point average and are partnered with a mentor "who help them make that possible," Gavin said. "Each student tonight has a unique story of triumph," said Gavin. "They've all responded to



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Student Edward Saunders tells the crowd how he was able to bring his grade point average up from a 2.3 to a 4.0, thanks to Champions of Wayne.



Wayne Memorial High School student Crystal Fletcher talks with school psychologist William Gray about her success in the Champions of Wayne program.

significant challenges." Teacher Lindsey Rousseau has been with the Champions program "since day one" and mentored nine students during the second semester, a feat that had her colleagues asking if she was crazy. "As a teacher, they come

to me for help or to be a mentor," said Rousseau. "It's important to embrace these kids and give them the tools to reach their goals. When I took on my first champion, I could see that my student was very capable and knew he had a goal. He went from 1.0



Proud mom Drema Stockman joins daughter Kristen at the Champions of Wayne celebration.



Champions of Wayne Director Sean Gavin greets students and their parents at Wayne Tree Manor where the Champions of Wayne celebration was held.

his freshman year to a 3.0. He went through this with hard work, determination and support."

For students who spoke to the crowd, the message was clear — they were proud of reaching their goals and glad they had the mentor to help them along the way.

"They made learning easy," said Joseph Porter. "My sophomore year and I had a 4.0. In middle school, I averaged a 1.8."

Crystal Fletcher has

facd her own struggles. Her father has struggled with kidney failure for 12 years, and her grandmother has been a big influence in her life after her mother left.

"I want to thank my dad for supporting me, he's the strongest man I know," she said. "And my grandmother has been a big influence in my life. This year has had its ups and downs, but it's been worth it. I look forward to next year."

Edward Saunders,

who graduated earlier this month, spent the second semester of his senior year in the program. His junior year, his grade point average had dropped to a 2.3 and "my mom was not happy," he said.

"The goal I was given was a 3.5, but with the help of Champions I was able to get a 4.0," he said. "This taught me not to let any excuses get in the way and that I can accomplish what I want."

Helppie who has been at every celebration to congratulate students told the crowd he wanted to hear the stories of all 153 students.

"I love to hear about their backgrounds," he said. "And it's nice to see the people here. The numbers growing and it's a testimony to the people who do the work day in and day out — the faculty, family friends and most of all, the champions."

Helppie told the crowd that what he liked about the program is that it's like the "real world." There's no guarantee that a student is a champion once and will be it again.

"I look at this as a stepping stone for life," he said. "It's about choices. You can choose to have an excuse or choose to make the effort."

Rousseau praised the efforts of Gavin and those involved in Champions of Wayne.

"With the Champions program, we have the ability to change lives," said Rousseau. "Thank you for a great job running the program and, students, thank you for trusting us. All of us are extremely proud of you."

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers. Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides. The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments. Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents. Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 2012 SUMMER TAXES

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Teresa Cischke, CPFA/MiCPT
City Treasurer

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, July 17, 2012 Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for cost of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks, Plymouth Oaks Business Park Sub, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday July 17, 2012, will be held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

Close of Registration For the State Primary Election August 7, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: that July 9, 2012, is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the August 7, 2012 State Primary Election.

Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N Haggerty Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk at (734) 354-3224, can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Below is a listing of the offices that will be on the August 7, 2012 State Primary Election. Sections are the Republican Party, Democratic Party, Non-Partisan, and Proposal.

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Non-Partisan Section:

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Proposal Section:

Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage

The Wayne County Art Institute Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2010 and formed to allow for continuing support of art institute services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real and personal property to provide revenue to an art institute services provider for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing art institute services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2012 through 2021? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage would generate approximately \$8,284,722 in 2012.

Proposition J - Jails Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2002, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2011 rollback rate of .9381 mills (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2012 through 2021) for any of the following previously authorized uses:

To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor, or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities, and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution; with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$38,859,493 in property tax revenue in 2012.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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Tyler Davis, 13, of Detroit raises his hand to answer a question during a class on writing a college entrance essay at Madonna University's Bridge Camp. Tyler says he would like to go to college to become an archeologist.

Bridge Camp works to inspire youngsters to go to college

Three years ago at Madonna University's Bridge Camp, 10-year-old Manuel Sahagun had a chance to talk with camp counselor Cassie Yarnall about her studies in sign language at the Livonia university.

That encounter, he says, altered his life in a very positive and big way.

"Cassie taught me a few basic things and since then I have known that sign language is something I want to learn and do for a living," Sahagun said during his most recent stint in Bridge Camp, which started Monday and concluded Friday.

Now, in his third visit to the Pre-College Bridge Camp, Sahagun is eager to show off how well he can fingerspell the alphabet.

The camp, by design, is intended to do exactly what it did for Sahagun - to inspire youngsters to seek out a college education. Those working at the camp, all of whom are Madonna University staff or student volunteers, do this by providing the middle school students a glimpse of what college life is about. The camp counselors share their own college experiences and engage the students in activities that expose them to a wide

range of careers so that they might find something they are interested in pursuing.

"I've learned you have to do a lot of stuff to get into college," Luis Hernandez, 12, of Detroit said. "There are college entrance essays, scholarship essays, they consider grades, you have to fill out forms ... this is good to know because my mom wants me to get scholarships because she has three of us to put through college," Hernandez said.

Olga Martinez, director of the Office of Service-Learning at Madonna, said they try to expose them to a lot of what college has to offer while helping them to understand that going to college is a goal well within their reach. "We give them some tips on what they can start doing, even at a young age, to make sure they are on track to attain the goal of a college education and we make sure they have fun while they are here," she said.

Throughout the week at Bridge Camp, the 20 students participated in more than 25 interactive learning sessions designed to introduce them to the social, academic, spiritual and wellness components of college life, Martinez said.



During Bridge Camp at Madonna University, Jonathan Vazquez of Detroit works on a group painting that represents the path into and out of college.

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Area attorney newest member of Schoolcraft College board

The Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft College welcomed Eric Stempien as its newest member Wednesday when he was sworn in as a trustee by his mother, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempien.

Eric Stempien was appointed to the board earlier this month to complete the final year of a six-year term, ending Dec. 31, 2012, of board member Patricia Watson who recently retired from the board. He has indicated he will run for a full term in the November general election, which would begin Jan. 1, 2013.

Stempien is general counsel for Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service. Before working at Superior, he was employed at Strategic Public Affairs, a government relations and public policy firm in Novi. Prior to his time at SPA, he was the managing partner in a law firm in Northville, focusing his practice in the areas of employment litigation, real estate, zoning and land use.

Stempien earned his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1994 and a law degree, cum laude, from



Wayne County 3rd Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempien administers the oath of office to Eric Stempien. They are mother and son.

Wayne State University in 1998. He serves as a case evaluator for U.S. District Court and the Wayne County Circuit Court. He was also selected to serve on the American Arbitration Association's Employment Advisory Panel. He is a former member of the Representative Assembly for

the State Bar of Michigan and is a past president of the Livonia Jaycees. He lives in Livonia with his wife Mary and two daughters.

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Fans and critics

Gizicki's reaction was similar to that of many critics of the plan.

"I'm not in favor of socialized medicine," she said simply.

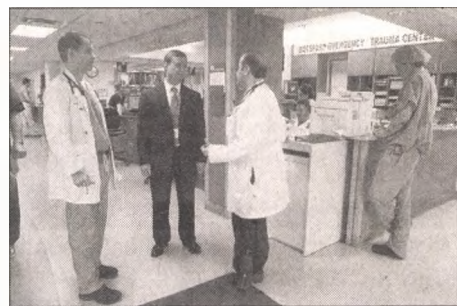
The vote by Roberts seemed to catch most conservatives by surprise. John Stewart, a former state representative and a longtime Plymouth attorney, said the chief justice acted appropriately.

"I have been a lawyer for 35 years and consider myself a student of constitutional law," Stewart said. (Roberts) did the right thing by upholding the mandate."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, said he was "disappointed" with the decision, but said Roberts' opinion has "identified an element of law" many people had believed was "the case all along."

"Obamacare is, in reality, a massive tax increase on all Americans," Heise said. "It especially impacts middle class and working class families who are now going to have to pay for this mandate."

Heise also thinks Roberts' opinion



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Medical professionals at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills are glad the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act, so they can continue their compliance efforts and initiatives.

is an indication the "proper way" to address the issue isn't through the judicial process, but through the ballot box. He said Obamacare now becomes, other than the economy, the dominant issue in the November election.

"This decision has really made this a very stark choice between moving forward with Obamacare reinvigorated by the Supreme Court, or do we repeal Obamacare as Mitt Romney has suggested," Heise said. "It's a stark choice between do you want Obamacare or do

you want (what Romney promised)."

Local health care officials seemed pleased with the decision, and vowed their patients would receive quality care regardless.

Big government

Brian Connolly, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare, which operates a facility in Canton, said the decision will not change Oakwood's approach to providing health care.

"We will continue to push forward with major innovations in quality and value, and our credo, 'Patients Come First,' will always drive our business decisions and actions," he said. "We've been developing and adopting the best methods for providing improved quality, greater value and compassionate care for several years now. We plan to move forward with those initiatives regardless of today's decision not only because it's who we are as a health care provider, but because it's the right thing to do."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, called the decision "disappointing."

"It is an unfortunate decision for Michigan's middle class families; they are the ones who are going to be

forced to spend more of their money for worse health care," Colbeck said. "By affirming the individual mandate, the free market principles this country was founded on were abandoned in favor of socialist ideas."

Heise believes the decision could ratchet up the involvement of the Tea Party movement.

"I think you'll see a real resurgence in the Tea Party movement, and in the people who are fed up with big government and want more liberty in their lives."

Colbeck, a Tea Party-backed candidate who surged into office on the Tea Party movement in 2010, drew the same comparison. He said the court's ruling that the mandate could be continued as a tax, it ignored the constraints put on Congress "via the enumerated powers of Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution."

"We the People' relinquished enumerated powers to our federal government, not unlimited powers," Colbeck said. "Since everything Congress could dream of could be subject to a tax, this ruling continues the erosion of the principle of limited government."

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McCotter, candidates weigh in on Supreme Court ruling

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

The Supreme Court's ruling upholding a central part of the Affordable Care Act, mandating that everyone must purchase medical insurance by 2014, drew expected mixed reactions, many along political lines, from the incumbent congressman and the congressional candidates in the 11th District.

The ruling drew an expected sharp rebuke from Republicans and praise from Democrats. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, a longtime opponent of the Affordable Care Act, criticized the decision. "This errant decision is the bitter fruit of an inverted jurisprudence



Bill Roberts



Nancy Cassis

that no longer inquires what the government can do, but what the government can't do," McCotter said. "Fortunately, this fall the Supreme Court's error can and will be reversed by the ultimate power in America — her sovereign citizens," said McCotter, who represents the 11th District which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia,



Dr. Syed Taj



Kerry Bentivolio

nia, Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Milford. Candidates who are running for the 11th District seat had strong opinions on the ruling. McCotter is not running because he failed to file enough signatures in his paperwork to the Secretary of State office. Duplicate signatures that were turned in are

being investigated by the state attorney general's office.

Kerry Bentivolio, Republican candidate in the 11th Congressional District, said the decision was "outrageous." "I am extremely disappointed in the decision to allow the federal government to force individuals to purchase health insurance," Bentivolio said.

Bentivolio added that he would "fight tooth and nail to repeal Obamacare and other overreaching big-government programs."

Nancy Cassis, also a Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in the 11th District, called the decision a travesty.

"I am outraged; the Constitution does not

give the government authority to force this mandate on the American people," Cassis said. Cassis added that she will fight to repeal the law, making it a top priority. "We are a nation of laws and must continue to be such. Obamacare is in direct violation of the Constitution and we will get it repealed," Cassis said.

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj applauded the Supreme Court's decision. "While not perfect, the Affordable Care Act will result in a stronger, healthier America," Taj said. "As a medical doctor, I have dedicated my life to saving lives.

"The Affordable Care Act is a step in the right direction. I am the only candidate running in

the 11th District who will stand with President Obama to improve and expand health care access for all Americans."

Bill Roberts, a supporter of Lyndon LaRouche, who is opposing Taj in the Democratic primary, said he believed the ruling "could have gone either way."

"I know the opposition has a strong rugged individualistic approach to the constitutionality of the Health Care Act," Roberts said. "With the health care act, my opposition is much more a question of austerity and the independent payment advisory board."

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Catholic leaders react to ruling

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

For Beverly Hills resident Sarah Davis, Thursday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate as constitutional points the nation in the wrong direction.

"As a Catholic, I think it is a very sad day for America," Davis said. "I think our country will never be the same after today. It's a move toward socialism."

Yet the ruling drew a reaction on the other end of the spectrum from fellow Catholic Ron Anderson, pastor of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Milford.

"It's very favorable. It means 30 million people are going to be covered (by health insurance)," he said. "That's what we are here for, what the government is supposed to do."

Anderson said the Catholic Church is clearly in support of a federal health care program, which goes along with the conviction of "I am my brother's keeper" — regardless of the tax burden it could create.

Using Luxembourg as an example, Anderson said the people there "made a fundamental decision (resulting in) astronomical taxes" for its national health care plan. "They are secure as a peo-

ple, happy as a people," he said.

What isn't yet clear, however, is how the U.S. Supreme Court's decision will affect the 40-some lawsuits filed in federal court in May by the Michigan Catholic Conference and others. The lawsuits challenge a portion of the health care act requiring contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs to be offered in employee health care plans — including those offered by religious institutions. The requirement goes against the church's teachings and is therefore considered an assault on religious freedom, church leaders say.

Joe Kohn, director of public relations for the Archdiocese of Detroit, said his initial assumption is "nothing's changed on our end," regarding the church's efforts in the courts.

In reaction to the decision, the Michigan Catholic Conference released the following statement: "We are studying the Supreme Court's decision to determine if it impacts our case. A more detailed statement will be released once we have had sufficient time to review the Court's decision and its full impact on the Michigan Catholic Conference lawsuit against the HHS mandate."



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Paper plane lessons teach flying concepts

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Some 90 people got together at the Canton Public Library Friday to learn how to build airplanes, and they got advice from professionals to do it.

The planes won't be flying very far, because they're the paper variety, but that didn't stop the 90 people from having a blast with it.

"It was very successful," said Nichole Welz, program specialist for the library's Children, Tween and Teen Department.

Two instructors from the Michigan Institute of

Aviation Technology in Canton were on hand to provide advice on how to construct a good plane. While they were at it, they taught the participants, mostly kids, about lift and thrust and other concepts connected to flying. They also brought along a helicopter engine to display.

It was all part of the library's Connect Your Summer reading program, which kicked off June 18.

"Everyone was throwing their airplanes around," Welz said. "It was really cool."

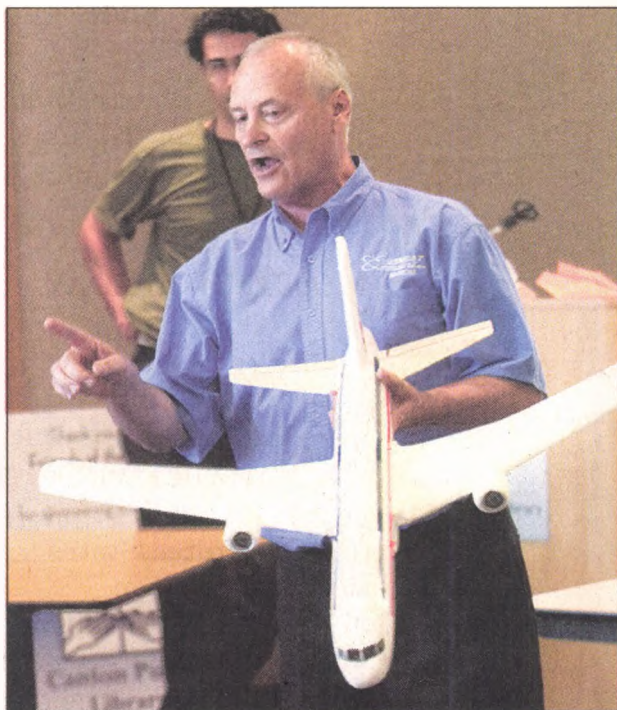
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Craig Halliday works on a fancier plane after making the first, simpler design.



Library staffer Brad Bachelor helps kids fold airplanes.



Tim LaBute, an instructor at Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, teaches basic aeronautics to the kids.




Six-year-old Sean Peck flies his airplane.

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


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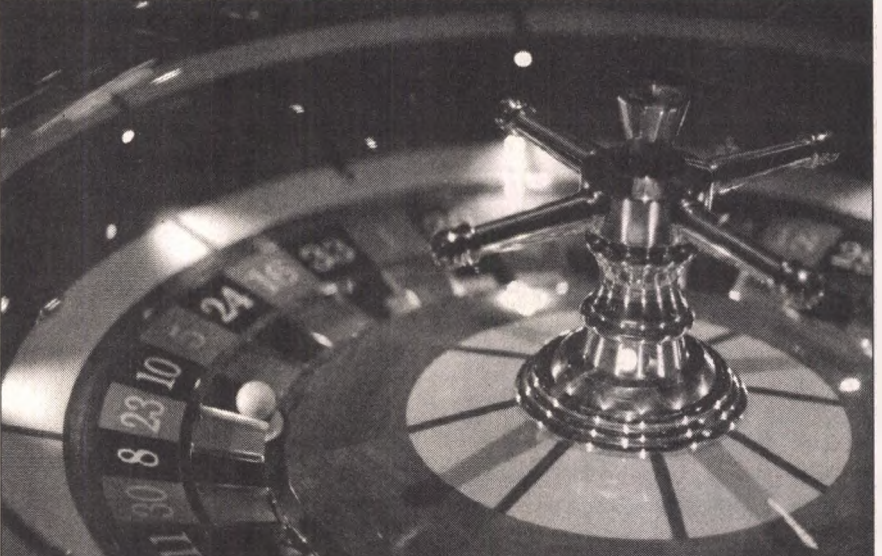
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Emergency fund important when rainy day comes

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am recently divorced and handling money is new to me. In my marriage, my husband handled all the finances. In the divorce settlement, I received our home which is free and clear and my car which also is free and clear. In addition, I received about \$250,000 — \$100,000 of that is in an IRA while the rest of the money is in cash. The IRA is currently invested in a variety of mutual funds. I hope that you can give me some advice as to what I should do with the \$150,000. I have a job and my wages cover my living expenses. My main goal is to save for my retirement. I consider myself a moderate risk investor and I want to retire in about 15 years.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: The first thing do is establish an emergency fund of money. I cannot stress enough how important it is that you have a fund of money that you can tap into in case of emergencies. I recommend an emergency

fund to cover three to six months of living expenses. Therefore, if it cost you \$5,000 a month to cover all your expenses, your emergency fund should be anywhere between \$15,000 and \$30,000. This is money that you can tap into it immediately. Therefore, it should not be invested in stocks, annuities or any investment that you can't access immediately. Your emergency fund should be kept in money market accounts, short-term CDs or other similar investments.

I recognize these investments don't pay much, however, remember an emergency fund is meant to protect the rest of your assets. You can't focus on the return with this money but rather the liquidity of the investment.

Since your goals are long-term, I recommend a portfolio of stocks and bonds with the remaining money. The allocation I recommend would be 65 percent in stocks and 35 percent in fixed income investments such as government and corporate bonds. I also recommend that as opposed to using

individual stocks and bonds, you use no-load mutual funds to build your portfolio.

In today's world, it is more and more difficult to handle your portfolio on your own. When I first got involved in this business, there were probably only 500-600 mutual funds. Today there are tens of thousands of them. Just like everything else in our

world has gotten more complex, the same can be said about the investment world.

It makes sense to have a professional on your side, not a salesperson. I recommend you visit a fee-only advisor or consider the services of companies such as Vanguard, Fidelity or TD Ameritrade. They can also assist you in

implementing your portfolio.

It is important for everyone before they begin to invest, to make sure and they have an emergency fund of money. We live in an ever-changing world and things happen. An emergency fund of money is a great tool.

If you don't have an emergency fund of

money, it's time to begin one. It may take a period of time to fully fund it, however, remember that every journey starts with the first step. 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.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

Notice is hereby given that registration of Qualified Electors for the August Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours as enumerated below. The office is located at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on the first floor.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - Until 4:30 P.M.

Registration will close on Monday, July 9, 2012, and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said Election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registering to vote are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of Age
3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
4. Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the day of the election.

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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
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Date/Time: Wednesday, July 4, 6 a.m.

Location: The Gathering, downtown Plymouth, next to the Penn Theater on Penniman 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.

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Schmitt continues to shine at U.S. Trials

Canton swimmer breaks own American record in 200 free



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Canton's Allison Schmitt broke her own American record in the 200-meter freestyle Thursday night at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. She also won both her heats Friday in the 100 freestyle and was seeded third going into Saturday night's final.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Allison Schmitt did it again.

The 22-year-old from Canton High broke her own American record in the 200-meter freestyle Thursday night at the U.S. Olympic Trials held at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

Schmitt was clocked in 1:54.40 — the fastest in the world this year — eclipsing her mark of 1:54.96 set in the 2009 FINA World Championships in Rome when she won a silver medal.

Schmitt, who took the Olympic year off from the University of Georgia to train under coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, now has qualified for the Summer Olympic Games in London (July 27-Aug. 12) in both the 200 and 400

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U.S. Olympic swim update

Three area swimmers continued their U.S. Olympic Swim Trials quest Friday in Omaha, Neb., with Livonia Stevenson High incoming junior Nick Arakelian, 16, placing 63rd in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:05.79.

Arakelian, a member of the Kingfish Aquatic Club of Waterford, improved upon his seeding of 103rd seeding time of 2:06.12.

Sister Caroline Arakelian, a recent Stevenson grad, took 106th overall in the 200 IM 2:24.02, but was well off her 85th-place seeding time of 2:18.68. Also representing Kingfish, the Queens University (N.C.) signee, 17, was also scheduled to swim in the 200 backstroke prelims where she is seeded 55th with an entry time of 2:15.73.

Plymouth Township's Amanda Tucker, 15, took 94th Friday in the 200 breaststroke prelims with a time of 2:38.77. She was seeded 93rd going in with a time of 2:35.0.

Earlier in the week, Tucker took 31st in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.45), eclipsing her seeding time of 1:11.75 (106th overall).

Martin finds success with Minnesota State

Farmington, ex-CMU pitcher named 2012 Newcomer of the Year in NSIC

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Harvey Martin was eager for a fresh start and a new opportunity in college baseball. He found that and more at Minnesota State University.

The former Farmington High School star's decision to transfer after four years at Central Michigan could not have worked out better in Mankato, Minn.



Harvey Martin

The right-handed pitcher was 10-0 and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Newcomer of the Year. Martin also did his part to help the Mavericks get within a game of the NCAA Division II College World Series final.

"I got some All-American honors, and we almost won the national championship; so it was a pretty good year," Martin said.

While playing for the Eau Claire (Wis.) Express last summer, he was teammates with two players from Minnesota State, and he thought about heading west to join them.

Martin wasn't content with the way things were going at CMU as he entered his fifth year, so he requested and was given his release.

Martin, who earned his undergrad degree in sports management from CMU in December, was accepted into graduate school at MSU and given a baseball scholarship.

"Minnesota State had a good record and fell short in the regional last year," Martin said. "Ben Kincaid kept telling me they were going to have a lot

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan, who will be a sophomore this fall at Stevenson High, won the Girls 16s singles crown last week at the USTA Level 1 Midwest Closed Tournament in Indianapolis.

Moldovan captures USTA-Midwest title

Livonia girl adds to her tennis resume

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia's Bianca Moldovan took another signature step in her burgeoning tennis career by winning the Girls 16s singles title at the USTA/Midwest Section Level 1 Closed Junior Outdoor Championship last week in Indianapolis.

The 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore at Stevenson High in the fall, lived up to her top-seeded status by winning seven straight matches capped by a 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2 victory Thursday in the finals over 16th seed Francesca Dilorenzo of New Albany, Ohio.

"It's a big win because last year I didn't do so well in Indy," said

Moldovan, who has moved up to No. 3 in the Midwest rankings. "I promised myself after last year I'd do better this year and train a lot because this is one of the biggest tournaments. Every good player in the midwest plays this tournament, so I was just really happy that I won."

Moldovan avenged a 6-0, 6-1 semifinal loss to Dilorenzo at the Midwest Level 3 Memorial in late May in Okemos.

"She is also a very good tennis player," Moldovan said of Dilorenzo. "I won the first set easily, then she picked it up. She found a way to get under my skin. She hit some winners here and there. She played a lot bet-

Please see MOLDOVAN, B3

Senior stars

Lindsey Lerg of Farmington Hills and Mercy High School has accepted an invitation to play in the 2012 All-State Senior All-Star Volleyball Classic on Friday, July 27, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Other Observerland players who have been invited to participate are: Miss Volleyball Maddy Doyle, Mercy; Alaina Turner and Kristen Muir, Canton; Kelly Vellucci, Livonia Stevenson; Kenzie Kettner and Alex Hines, Livonia Ladywood; and Kristin Malcolm, Plymouth Christian Academy.

The event is intended to showcase the top senior players in the state and give them a final opportunity to play with and against the best.

All seniors who made either the Class A, B, C or D all-state first, second or third teams were invited to participate.

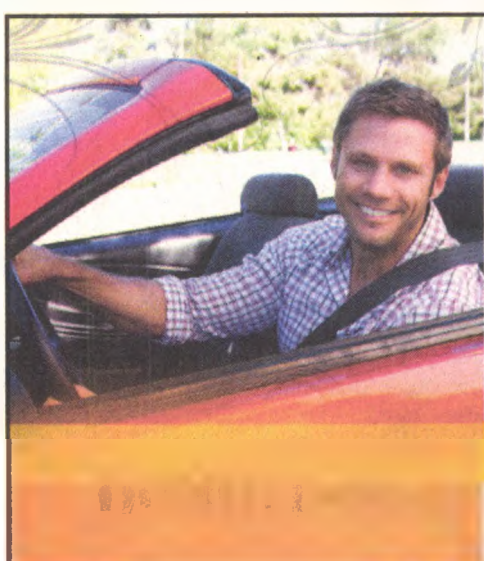
The coaches are those who led their teams to the quarterfinals or beyond in the 2011 state tournaments in each class.

There will be an awards program from 1-3:15 p.m. July 27 and two semifinal matches at 5:30 p.m. The consolation and final matches will be played at 7:30 p.m.



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Area's top golfers earn All-Observer honors

FIRST TEAM

Max Kollin, N. Farmington: Kollin had an outstanding four-year varsity career for the Raiders and holds every school record. As a senior, he averaged 72.2 strokes in tournament play and 34.8 in nine-hole dual matches. Kollin, who has a golf scholarship to Indiana University, won the Azure Dynamics Invite at Oakland Hills (66), the second OAA White Division tournament (69) and the district at Lyon Oaks (67). He also shot a 3-under-par 32 in a dual match at Farmington Hills Golf Club. Kollin was the Division 1 state champion in 2011.

"He has tremendous talent and love for the game," coach Bruce Sutton said. "I haven't seen a player like him who has such a desire to win in the 20-some years I've coached. I'm sure his college coach will really enjoy having him on the team, and he will benefit that team with the desire he has to win."

"I think the records he's put down will stand for a long time. He's helped us put North Farmington on the map. It's amazing what one kid will do for your team. He just elevated everybody's game."

Josh Heinze, Plymouth: The senior captain finished an outstanding high school career shooting 69 at the Division 1 regional tournament at Grosse Ile (a career best), followed by a 78-80-158 line at the finals.

Heinze also averaged 74.5 for the season, including two tough rounds at the state of the season at Indianwood under windy conditions.

His superb play sparked the Wildcats to the KLAAs South Division title (10-0 record) as well as the team's first-ever regional team championship.

Among many honors was selection to the All-KLAA, district and regional teams. He will play collegiately, either at Oakland University or Eastern Michigan University.

"Josh is a true leader and great captain," coach Chris Moore said. "He's definitely going to be missed. He'll do well (at college). He's such a great worker."

Heinze was named Plymouth High School Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was a finalist for MHSAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Kyle Rodes, Plymouth: To be the Wildcats' MVP ahead of Heinze underscores what the junior brought to the golf course this spring.

For starters, Rodes registered an 18-hole average of 74.1, the lowest on the team.

He tallied two rounds of 69, finished with a 73 at regionals (held at West Shore) and a two-day line of 78-76-154 at finals — the best showing by a Wildcat.

"Just an unbelievably talented kid, and he hasn't even reached his potential yet," Moore said. "I think next year is going to be a breakout season for him."

"He's just scratching the surface of how good he can be."

Donnie Trosper, Canton: Breaking onto the scene with a bang, Trosper already is one of the best golfers in the state and he has three years to go in his career with the Chiefs.

He averaged 37.2 for nine holes and 74 for 18, while medaling in six of 10 dual matches. At the Huron Valley Invitational, he medaled with

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FIRST TEAM

Max Kollin, Sr., N. Farmington
 Josh Heinze, Sr., Plymouth
 Kyle Rodes, Jr., Plymouth
 Donnie Trosper, Fr., Canton
 Ben Proben, Sr., Liv. Churchill
 Dante Cicchelli, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

SECOND TEAM

Ryan Rieckhoff, Jr., Plymouth
 Chris Kozler, Soph., Plymouth
 Eric Duprey, Sr., Salem
 Matt Goldi, Soph., Farmington
 Austin Alexander, Fr., N. Farmington
 Andrew Ioanou, Sr., Liv. Churchill
 Mike Maiden, Jr., Garden City
 Eric Attard, Soph., Liv. Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

Chris Moore, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Nick Proben, Eric Hill; **Franklin:** Brian Roulier, Brian Bekkala; **Stevenson:** Nick Marsh, Austin Harris, Connor Humitz, Mike Blaesser; **John Glenn:** Mitch Dean, Nick Doupe; **Wayne Memorial:** Zachary Williamson, Jarret Williamson; **Huron Valley Lutheran:** Chase Beerbower; **Canton:** Josh Maxam, Tyler McMahan, Alex Champagne, Brent Perry; **Plymouth:** John Tatti, Alex Decker, Evan Chipman; **Salem:** Brian Patterson; **Farmington:** Nick Heffron; **North Farmington:** Ryan Masell; **Garden City:** Phil Miskulin, Sean Hackman, Joe Pummill, Justin Swisher; **Redford Thurston:** Alex Williams, Andrew Lapins; **Redford Union:** Kevin Caloia, Kyle Gross.

a 69.

Other highlights included tying for second at the KLAAs meet (71), finishing fourth at Division 1 districts (73) and medaling at regionals with a 67. He then shot 79 and 76 for a two-day total of 155 at the state finals held at The Meadows in Grand Rapids.

"Donnie is a very talented and dedicated golfer," coach Tom Alles said. "His game is solid from tee to green. He has a tremendous amount of competitive experience for a freshman."

"Donnie was consistently our best player throughout the season. He has a very positive attitude and is a pleasure to coach."

Ben Proben, Churchill: The senior co-captain and four-year letter winner earned team MVP honors for the third straight year.

Proben earned medalist honors in six dual matches and led the Chargers with a 37.9 average per nine holes and 77.1 per 18.

Proben shot a 73 to place sixth in the Kensington Conference tourney and added another 73 for a sixth at the Temperance Bedford Invitational. He also placed 10th in the Birmingham Seaholm Invitational with a 76.

Proben placed 16th at the regional (76) and 12th in the district tourney (77).

"Ben was an excellent co-captain on a senior-laden team," coach Paul Worley said, "and I expect his score to drop even more in college where he plans on attending or playing for Oakland Community College or Schoolcraft College."

Dante Cicchelli, Stevenson: The senior was the Spartans' MVP and earned an individual qualifying berth in the Division 1 state finals after placing fourth at the Timber Trace regional with a 75.

Cicchelli averaged 38.5 per nine and 79 per 18 holes. He was dual match medalist twice and was also first in medal play at the Livonia City Championship.

Other top finishes included runner-up at the district, fifth at the Dearborn Invitational, 10th at the Brighton Invitational and 15th in the Kensington Conference tourney.

"Dante is a very dedicated golfer, but also is an excellent student and helpful teammate," coach Brian Gulick said. "He is one of the best golfers I have ever coached. It was an honor to coach him this year."

SECOND TEAM

Ryan Rieckhoff, Plymouth: The future continues to be very bright for the Wildcats thanks to having golfers such as Rieckhoff back for another season.

He set a team record with a five-under par 67 at the Bedford Invitational. Other highlights included a 79 at regionals as well as a second-day score of 77 in the finals, held at the challenging Meadows.

"Ryan just made tremendous strides in his game, his attitude on the course and he started to realize his potential," Moore said. "I think next year is going to be a great year for him as well."

Chris Kozler, Plymouth: The sophomore is showing he has no trouble in big-time tournaments, serving notice he will be heard from the next two seasons with the Wildcats.

Just a few examples, Kozler shot a 77 at districts, 75 at regionals and finished with a 77 on Day 1 of the finals at The Meadows in Grand Rapids — where he finished with a two-day tally of 158, matching Heinze's total.

"Chris is very consistent and has just a great attitude on the course," Moore said. "He does really well."

Eric Duprey, Salem: The list of Duprey's achievements this season is pretty impressive, as the senior averaged 37.8 for nine and 78.3 for 18 — the best turned in by Salem golfers.

Duprey was a four-time medalist at dual meets, including a 36 at Fox Hills Golf Club against Livonia Stevenson.

At the KLAAs meet, his even-par 72 earned him fourth place and he followed up with a sixth-place score of 75 at the D1 districts at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

"Eric has been an intricate member on the Salem golf team for the last four years,"

coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "I was very proud of the leader Eric became this year as he was a great role model to the younger players on the team."

"He works extremely hard at improving his game and has spent his entire career at the varsity level. He has a love for the game and will look to continue his career in college at Grand Valley State University."

Matt Goldi, Farmington: The sophomore and second-year varsity player lowered his average score by 10 strokes from his first year. Goldi averaged 79.8 in tournaments and 38 for nine holes. His best 18-hole round was 72, and he had four top-10 finishes. He was the team medalist in 10 events and was voted team MVP. Goldi also won the Junior Optimist tournament in Farmington Hills and qualified for the state tournament.

"He really has worked on his game over the past year," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "As the season progressed, he got better and better. The strength of his game is practice. He's relentless in his practicing; he always strives to do better. We look for great things from him in the next two years."

Austin Alexander, N. Farmington: Alexander had a fine freshman season that culminated in him qualifying for the Division 1 state tournament with a score of 75 in the regional. He averaged 79 in tournament play and 39.8 in dual matches. Alexander's best tournament score was 74, which he shot twice, at the Azure Dynamics and Milford invitationals. He shot sub-80 scores in seven of 10 events.

"He's a very methodical player," Sutton said. "His drawback at this point in time is he doesn't hit the ball as far. But he probably hits more accurately than most of the kids do. He has a great short game. On the first day at the state finals, he was sinking long, long putts."

"Hopefully, he gets on a strength program in the off season gets some more muscle behind him. With time I know he's going to get the length he wants in his game, and he's going to be playing very well. He has a great attitude. I think he's going to usher us into a new era."

Andrew Ioanou, Churchill: The senior tied for 12th at the regional with a 75 and added a 17th at the district with a 79. He shot 77s to place fifth at the Dearborn Elite Invitational, 10th at the Brighton Invitational and 15th in the Kensington Conference tourney.

Ioanou, who averaged 77.8 per 18 holes and 41 per nine, plans to attend and play golf at Schoolcraft College.

"Andrew played some really consistent golf for the Chargers this season," Worley said. "He posted some solid numbers with his superb short game."

Mike Maiden, Garden City: The smooth-swinging junior enjoyed an outstanding season, leading the Cougars to an unbeaten dual-meet record in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. Maiden averaged a stellar 37.4 strokes for nine-hole rounds and 81.2 for 18-hole rounds. He earned medalist honors in all but a few WWAC dual meets.



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Chris Moore
Plymouth coach

"Mike played number one all year and did an awesome job of leading our team with his great play," coach Ron Pummill said. "Mike finished the year as the top player in our division, which speaks to his consistency throughout this season. Mike is a pleasure to coach and I look forward to him having an outstanding senior season. He has a quiet demeanor, but his game speaks volumes with his ability to hit fairways and greens."

Eric Attard, Stevenson: The sophomore and second-year varsity player averaged 38.8 per nine holes and 80.0 for 18. Attard also earned a top-10 finish in the Brighton Invitational and a 14th at the Dearborn Invitational. He also added a 30th in the district, 18th in the Timber Trace regional and shot a 79 at the Kensington Conference tournament.

"Eric worked very hard this year and always came ready to compete," Gulick said. "His score counted in all 10 nine-hole dual matches and in three 18-hole tournaments."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Chris Moore, Plymouth: Under Moore's watch, the Plymouth varsity boys golf program continues to roll at a

high level. This spring, the Wildcats went undefeated in dual meets (10-0), winning the KLAAs South Division and qualified for the Division 1 team finals for a third consecutive season.

They reached the finals again by winning the regionals with a four-player total of 296 in Grosse Ile.

At The Meadows in Grand Rapids for the finals, Plymouth rallied in the second day to sneak into 10th place for the third time in a row.

"Still not where we wanted, but we made improvements," said Moore, following the finals. "That was good. That's three straight years in the top 10 in the state."

"I think we can be very proud of that. We had higher expectations, but it is what it is."

Although Moore will lose senior captain Heinze to graduation, he will oversee a group of highly talented returnees.

Juniors Rodes and Rieckhoff will pace the team, joined by promising sophomores such as Kozler, John Tatti and Evan Chipman.

"My sophomores played awesome," Moore said. "It was a really good experience for them as they move on."

Bronco champs



The Livonia Junior Athletic League 12-and-under Cardinals recently capped off a 12-0 season with a first-place finish in the Bronco Division. Team members include (front row, from left): Colin Tracy, Riley Squire, Ryan Snyder, Brett Smart, and Mitchell Rice; (second row, from left) Jack Yardley, Jackson Fryer, Ryan Ozog, Ben Herter, and Nathan Rice; (back row, from left) assistant coach Matt Yardley, Tyler Makowski, Ryan Calmer, Caleb Boyd, head coach Matt Metzler, Collin Metzler and assistant coach Dave Rice. (Not pictured is assistant coach Tom Hicks and Colin Hicks.)



The members of the Mud Hens baseball team are (left to right) coach Doug Knedgen, Dylan Parsons, manager Roger Parsons, Will McLellan, Victor Mencotti, Blake Bean (front), Kyle Lockhart (back), Dominic Lanni, Shane Saxton, Kevin Korte, Mitchell Knedgen, Mike Dennis, Jack Budde, coach Mike Korte, Jon Montie and coach Joe Mencotti.

Mud Hens romp to tourney title

The Farmington Hills Mud Hens won the 12-and-under division of the Blues Invitational June 17 at Founders Sports Park, defeating the South Farmington Blues in the championship game, 16-5.

The Mud Hens went 3-0 in pool play with victories over the Detroit Metro Stars, 16-4; Michigan Bulldogs, 9-2; and Oakland Reds, 16-4.

The Mud Hens had good pitching from Jack Budde and Jon Montie in the final game. Other pitchers who contributed to the pool-play victories were Mitchell Knedgen, Victor Mencotti, Dylan Parsons, Shane Saxton, Kevin Korte, Blake Bean and Mike Dennis.

The Mud Hens also hit the ball well, racking up 55 runs during the weekend on 55 hits. They had a team batting average of .500 and were led by Will McLellan (6-for-9), Dominic Lanni (5-for-8) and Knedgen (7-for-11).

Budde, Parsons, Montie and Dennis each batted over .500 and added 19 hits. McLellan and Mencotti contributed home runs. Key defensive plays were made by Kyle Lockhart, Saxton, Korte and Bean.

"The Mud Hens came ready to play, and all the players did a great job," manager Roger Parsons said. "Every player contributed to our success. It was great team work by everyone."

SCHMITT

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freestyles, as well as locking up a spot in the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay.

Just like she did Tuesday night in the 400 freestyle (4:02.84), Schmitt took control of the 200 freestyle from the start of the race.

She was out ahead of world-record pace at the first turn and only built her lead on the field with each lap, finishing more than two seconds ahead of runner-up Missy Franklin, who touched in 1:56.79.

Buoyed by a great dolphin kick off the wall, Schmitt's time was the fastest in the world this year and it was the fourth fastest swim in history.

"I knew it was going to be a tight field, so I was just going for it and trying to hold on," Schmitt told the USAswimming.org web site. "I didn't feel like I was on record pace, but I could hear the crowd, and when I touched I saw the flames go off (at poolside). I was pretty excited before I even looked up and saw the time."

Dana Vollmer took third

in 1:57.47, followed by Lauren Perdue in 1:57.75, while Shannon Vreeland and Alyssa Anderson placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in 1:57.90 and 1:58.40.

Schmitt was seeded first overall (1:55.04) going into the Trials and posted the top prelim time in Wednesday's semifinal heat (1:55.59).

On Friday, Schmitt won both her heats in the 100 freestyle to qualify for Saturday night's finals. In the first round, Schmitt was clocked in 54.49 and added a time of 54.23 in the semifinal where she is seeded third behind Amanda Weir (54.14) and Missy Franklin (54.19).

"I've been having a great training year, and I've been preparing for this," Schmitt said.

The 2008 Canton High grad is a four-time NCAA champion at Georgia, who won a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics in the 800 freestyle and placed ninth in the 200 freestyle.

Schmitt's performance also earned kudos from NBAC teammate and training partner Michael Phelps, a 14-time Olympic gold medalist.

"She's awesome," Phelps



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Canton's Allison Schmitt (right) has qualified for the Olympic Games in the 200- and 400-meter freestyle and a freestyle relay.

told USA Today after he won the men's 200-meter butterfly Thursday. "I love being around her. She always makes you smile. Very outgoing per-

son, very hard worker. "I've been able to see her transform into the person she is today as a swimmer and as a person. ... She's not afraid

of anything, and it's showing."

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Whalers acquire Storm defenseman

Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci announced Wednesday the acquisition of 18-year-old defenseman Connor Carrick from the Guelph Storm in exchange for a sixth-round draft choice in the 2013 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

Carrick was originally selected by Guelph in the 11th round (212th overall) of the 2010 OHL Priority Selection.

The 5-foot-11, 187-pound Carrick, who hails from Orland Park, Ill., was selected by the Washington Capitals in the fifth round (137th overall) of the recent 2012 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

He has played over the last two seasons with National Team Development Program in Ann Arbor. Last season, Car-

rick scored eight goals with 13 assists for 21 points in 57 games for the NTDP U-18s.

In 2010-11, Carrick tallied four goals with 16 assists for 20 points in 55 games for the NTDP U-17s.

In August, Carrick will be joining Plymouth teammates Ryan Hartman, J.T. Miller and Stefan Noesen as they participate in the USA Hockey National Junior Evaluation Camp.

The camp is an audition for a spot on the U.S. National Junior Team that will play in the 2013 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship Dec. 26-Jan. 5 in Russia.

Also on Wednesday, the Whalers participated in the annual Canadian Hockey League Import Draft and selected two defensemen from Sweden.

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ter than she did the first set and managed to win in the tiebreaker (7-3)."

Moldovan then was able to regroup in the third and decisive set.

"I was just more focused," she said. "I knew what I had to do and what I did wrong that second set. I managed to pull it through and get it together."

There were also some anxious moments in her semifinal match as well as Moldovan had to rally after being one set down and 5-2 in the second set to oust third seed Kennedy Shaffer of Rossford, Ohio, 2-6, 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-5).

"She (Shaffer) was doing great and I was just making mistakes here and there," Moldovan said. "She was hitting winners on me and being confident. I just decided I had nothing to lose, so I just tried to play my game, taking less risks. She started making some mistakes and giving me some confidence. I just had it in my mind that it was not over and I came back and won that set. We had a 10-minute break in-between (second and third sets), so I talked to my coach (Phil Eagleson) and he was just telling me what to do - keeping the same attitude and being positive. And I managed to pull it through."

Prior to the Midwest Closed, Moldovan went 5-0 to capture the Southeast Michigan District Muthig Junior Girls Qualifier (June 6-11 at Canton) capped by a 6-4, 6-0 win over Mollie Fox of Bloomfield Hills.

Moldovan then won her first four matches at the Midwest Closed all in straight sets against Molly Fletchall (Carmel, Ind.), Danielle Vasiliev (Buffalo Grove, Ill.), Caitlyn Merzbacher (Dublin, Ohio) and Tiffany Huber (Fort Wayne, Ind.) to reach the semifinals.

"It was very hot, especially the last three days," Moldovan said of the Midwest Closed. "The last day it reached 100 degrees. I played at 8 a.m. and it was around 90 degrees, so it was a little better, but still tough to get through. You just focus."

Moldovan's breakthrough tournament win came last month (May 12-14) in Grand Rapids when she got in as last-minute alternate and pulled off a string of upsets to capture the USTA Level 2 National Open in the Girls 18s.

That win qualified Moldovan for a trip to Memphis, Tenn. later this month for the USTA Girls 18s Clay Courts, but she is also considering playing a \$10,000 International Tennis Federation pro circuit event, July 16-22, in Evansville, Ind.

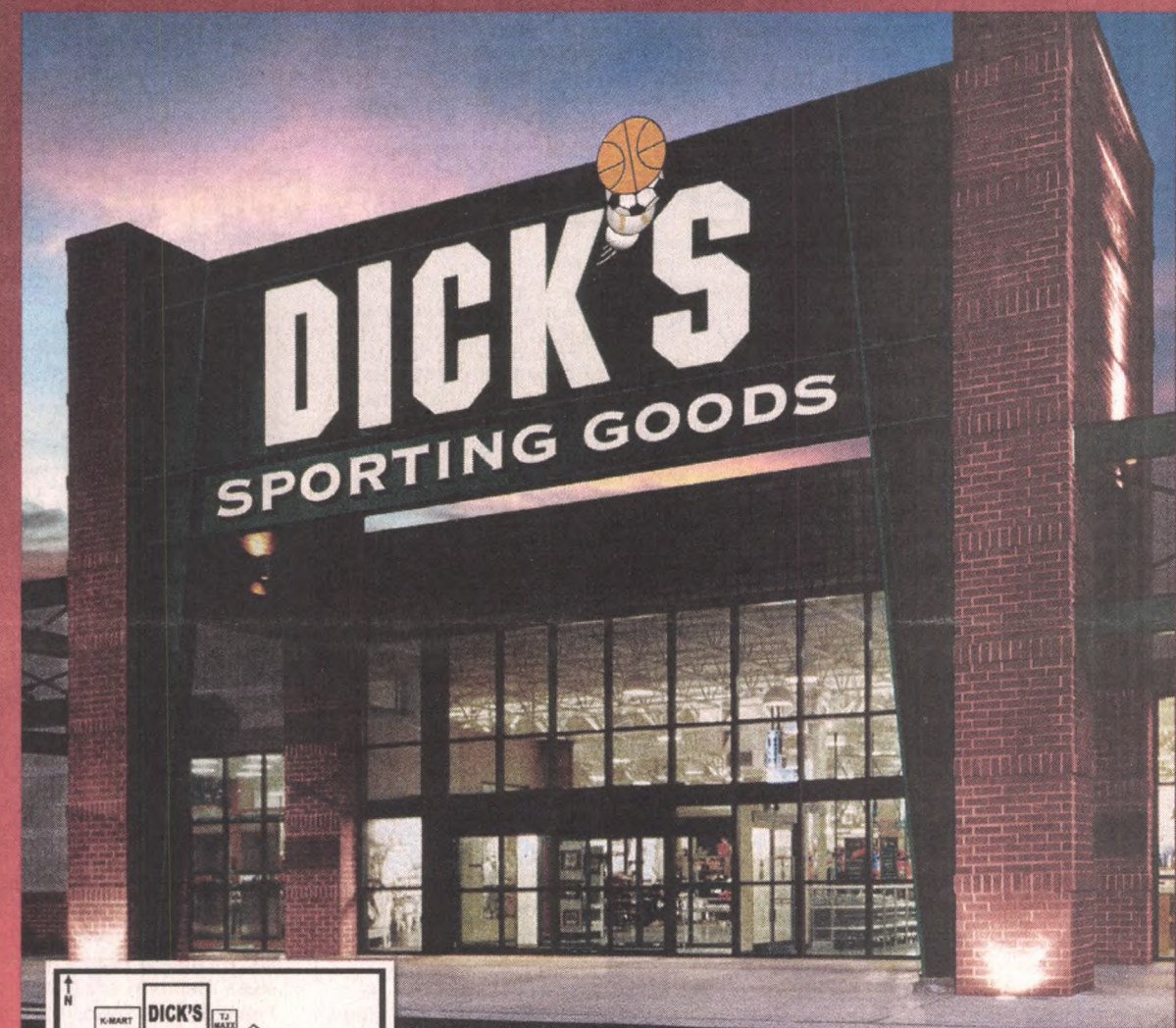
And despite the heavy summer tournament schedule, which includes a trip this weekend to Mason, Ohio for a first-of-three stage section qualifier for the U.S. Open, Moldovan is holding up well.

"I doing good because I said I'd do a lot of fitness when I'm off the court," Moldovan said. "I'm not really tired physically, but a little tired mentally to be honest with the three-setters, but physically I'm doing fine."

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Back in the throws

Ex-Charger Henderson competes in U.S. Trials

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

After almost a three-year hiatus, Nia Henderson is glad she's back in the shot put circle.

The Westland native, who competed Thursday night in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Ore., was a stand-out thrower during her days at Livonia Churchill High and Kent State University.

But she left the sport after pursuing her master's degree for two years in sport management at Eastern Michigan University.

And it was only six months ago that Henderson got the bug again.

"One of my former teammates (at Kent State) pushed me back into training," said Henderson, who was a former NCAA Indoor All-American. "In January I wasn't

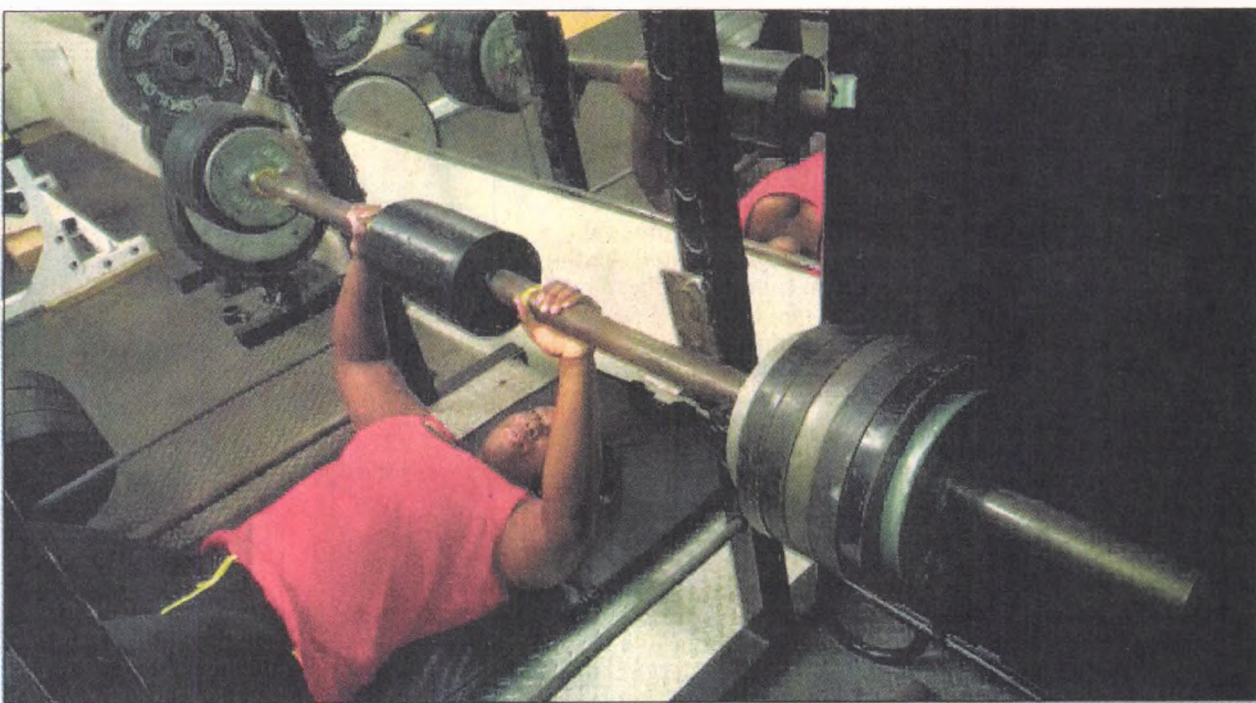
sure if I wanted to do it or not. I prayed about it and everything, and finally I got the answers, started training and going for the goals I wanted to reach, which is of course, the Olympics."

Henderson didn't quite get the result she was looking for Thursday evening. In less than ideal throwing conditions because of the cool air and drizzle of Eugene, she wound up 22nd overall among 23 qualifiers with her best throw 51 feet, 3.5 inches. (Her other two throws were 50-9.25 and 49-50.)

It was well off her best Trials qualifying mark of 16.92 meters (55-6) set in a meet earlier this month in Toledo, but Henderson wasn't deterred.

"Overall, I take it as a good experience," said the former two-time Mid-American Conference indoor and outdoor shot put champion. "My plan was to get the experience. And if I made it to the finals it, would be even better, but I didn't."

"After just starting training back in March, I was thankful I was able to



Westland native and Churchill High grad Nia Henderson had just three months training before earning a spot in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in the shot put held Thursday in Eugene, Ore.

make it this far."

Henderson, in fact, surprised herself after connecting with two coaches in northern Ohio - Jim Wetenhall and Justin Carvalho (an assistant at the University of Findlay).

"I'd go and see him (Wetenhall) twice a week, then see Justin once every other week," Henderson said. "I'm thinking about moving to get closer to that way so I'll be able to train more. If I get closer to them, I'll be able to train more than I am right now."

Henderson works part-time at a print service company and plans to continue training into the 2013 season.

"I definitely be train-

ing for the USA Nationals and all the meets coming up," said Henderson, who was a three-time Division 1 All-State thrower at Churchill with third and second-place finishes in 2003 and 2004. "According to my coaches, I should be at the (2013) USA Indoor Nationals in New Mexico in February."

"I'll continue to train and hopefully by the indoor (season), I'll have a sponsor, then I won't have to work as much and have time to train."

The three Olympic berths in Friday's finals were garnered by Jillian Camarena-Williams (Nike/NYAC) had the top finals throw with a toss

of 62-10.5 followed by Michelle Carter (Nike) and Tia Brooks (Oklahoma) with throws of 60-11.25 and 60-2, respectively.

"The top girls are at 60 (feet) and 63," Henderson said. "After three months at being at 55, within a year, definitely I could be up to 59 and 60 feet for sure. By then I'll be training more and have more experience. I'll have my new form down because I had to rework everything from what I already knew. Since March I'm still learning my new form with my new coaches

Henderson's coaches were unable to attend the Trials, but her num-

ber one fan, Nia's mother Tina, was able to soak in the experience.

"I was very thankful I was able to make it this far," said Nia, who served as an graduate assistant coach at EMU and this spring at Salem High. "People dream this. I was thankful I was able to compete and I'll feel much more normal when I'm training more. I'm going to do it next year, I'm not going to stop. It was a short amount of training considering ... because I didn't qualify in college and now it's been three years. There's definitely something there."

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18-and-under Spartans win Brighton tournament

The 18-and-under Michigan Spartans won the Brighton Baseball Tournament June 24 when they whipped the Novi Elite in the championship game, 14-1.

The Spartans went 4-1 in the tournament, winning their final four games, including three on the final day. The Spartans are based in Farmington Hills, and their team is composed mostly of Farmington-area high school players.

Spartans starting pitcher Sterling Sharp threw a two-hit, complete game in the four-inning, shortened final game.

Sharp's three strikeout-and-no walk performance was supported by a 15-hit attack. Six players had multiple hits, and Brooks Reno and Brandon Jurczyns drove in four runs each.

Jurczyns led the Spartans with two singles and a double; Reno pounded two doubles, and Mark Gossett had a double and a single. Also chipping in two hits each were Nick Kipper, David Lett and Ross Williams.

The Spartans' championship-game win avenged an earlier loss to the Elite in the first tournament game Thursday night, 8-2.

In his two tournament starts covering eight innings, Sharp gave up only four

hits and one earned run.

In a semifinal game Sunday, the Spartans defeated the Commerce Warriors, 3-0, behind the shutout pitching of starter Thomas Colvin for five innings and stellar relief from Bobby Lett.

All the scoring was in the fifth inning; Reno had an RBI double and Perry an RBI single.

In the first game Sunday, the Spartans downed the Rochester Red Sox in five innings, 10-2, as Davis Vandercook pitched a complete game.

The 6-foot-6 right-hander was supported by a 10-hit attack, led by Perry's three-RBI performance. Gossett had two doubles and a single, and Michael Carty lined two singles. Gossett and Carty also knocked in two runs each.

On Saturday, the Spartans defeated the Michigan Mustangs, 12-1, behind the two-hit pitching of Sharp, who went four innings and was followed by Brad King.

Gossett drove in four runs with two hits, and David Lett also had a pair of hits.

The Spartans, who are coached by Kurt Yockey, are playing today in the Black Swamp Classic in Bowling Green, Ohio.



The 18-and-under Michigan Spartans won the 2012 Brighton Baseball Tournament June 24. The majority of players are from North Farmington and Farmington high schools. The team members are (front row, from left) Michael Carty, Bobby Lett, Mark Gossett, Jon Perry, Brooks Reno, (back row, from left) assistant coach Matthew Kipper, Sterling Sharp, Brandon Jurczyns, David Lett, Davis Vandercook, Nick Kipper, Brad King, Ross Williams and head coach Kurt Yockey. Not pictured are McCoy Sloan, T.J. Zak and Thomas Colvin.

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of seniors back; they had a great group of guys and a good coaching staff. It just sounded like a good fit.

"I wanted to go somewhere that was a powerhouse school. I had to go somewhere that was Division II with the transfer rules, and I didn't want to go somewhere I didn't know anybody.

"Our goal from the first day was to get to Cary, N.C., and play in the College World Series. It sounded a lot more intriguing than saying, 'We want to win our conference.' Being a Midwest team, we knocked out teams from California and Florida. It was exciting just being part of that.

"It was one of the best decisions I made in my baseball career. We were two wins away from winning the College World Series. That's a pretty good thing, I'd say."

Starting pitcher

Martin, who had been a relief pitcher his entire time at CMU, was given the opportunity to be a starter and pitch more innings at MSU.

He started 12 games and posted a 2.95 earned run average in 76.1 innings,

which was double the number of career innings he had at CMU. Martin also had 53 strikeouts compared to 16 walks.

"I never knew what role I was going to have going into the season (at CMU)," Martin said. At MSU, the coaches said: 'Hey, you're going to get the ball; you're going to be one of the starters.' I was going to pitch my way in or out of the lineup. It was going to be a challenge.

"I felt I had a lot to prove. That was a motivational factor. My goal was to do exactly what I did. At the same time, it was a little different to have friends call me and say, 'Hey, you're having a great year.' That was pretty fun to have that support system and people following my career."

The 6-foot-1, 195 pound Martin has another year of college eligibility and plans a return to MSU. He played only two seasons for the Chippewas; he was redshirted in 2008 and missed all of 2010 with an injury to his throwing arm. Consequently, the NCAA granted him a medical redshirt and a sixth year.

Comeback Kid

Martin's fantastic 2012 season is all the more impressive since he had Tommy John surgery two



Harvey Martin of Farmington was 10-0 this year for the Minnesota State University Mavericks.

years ago. He appeared in 16 games as a reliever and was 3-3 with a 2.96 ERA for CMU in 2011.

"It took me a year and a half to get my velocity back," Martin said. "Tommy John was the best thing for my career. The rehab taught me how to take care of my body and arm. I know a lot more."

"I started pitching 11 months after surgery, but I wouldn't say I was back to normal for another two years. You're learning to throw with a completely new arm, so it was tough.

"I throw about 3-4 mph harder than I did, so I defi-

nately came back stronger. I think I'm definitely a better pitcher than was I two and a half years ago when I had it."

Not just a pitcher

In high school, Martin and Burny Mitchem were a one-two pitching combination that took Farmington to the final game of the state tournament in 2007.

Martin was not always a pitcher exclusively, however. He also was a stand-out shortstop and started his college career as a field player.

"Halfway through my

sophomore season, I started throwing in games and doing really well," Martin said. "I was throwing about 90 miles per hour, and I wasn't hitting the ball like I was."

"I became our closer my redshirt freshman year before I had surgery. The coach said: 'If you want to play at the next level, it has to be as a pitcher.' That's what I wanted to do, and I pretty much put the bat down."

Draft prospect

Martin had hoped to be drafted by a Major League team, "but I have

another year to chase that dream," he said, adding he had some interest from the Tigers, Cardinals and Twins after the season.

"What I have to do is keep working hard at that dream and, hopefully, I'll be the next guy from Farmington to get that opportunity. Hopefully, they'll see something they like and want to take a run at me.

"I was kinda under the radar for a couple years (because of the surgery). The past year was an eye-opener for everybody, and it got my name back out there. If I can keep doing what I've been doing, I believe I should get the chance next year."

In the meantime, Martin will focus on having another season like he had. The Mavericks, who were 51-12 overall, were NSIC regular-season and tournament champions, and they also won the D-II Central Region title.

"It was fun to be a part of it," Martin said. "I made a lot of great friends and I'm excited to go back. We know we'll have a target on our backs after the season we just had, so we'll see how it goes."

If 2013 goes as well as 2012 did for Martin and the Mavericks, it's sure to be another winner.

Animal welfare group moves from garage to better new offices

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

The new office at 28402 Five Mile, Livonia measures only 1,000 square feet, but houses enough food to feed hundreds of hungry dogs and cats.

"We're picking up nine pallets of food tomorrow and each pallet has 45-50 bags. Within 24 hours another 450 bags of food are coming into our facility," said Laura Zain, founder and CEO of Tail Wagger's 1990, a unique animal welfare organization dedicated to helping animal rescues and pet owners.

Until late last year, the nonprofit's "facility" was Zain's garage, where Tail Wagger's 1990 ran its Pantry 4 Paws, distributing food to both rescues and pet owners in need. Her kitchen table sometimes served as a planning area for the nonprofit's other programs, including low-cost vaccination clinics, low-cost spay and neuter surgeries, and a youth education club known as Pet Cadet.

"I live two blocks away. I drive by here all the time," Zain said. "There was a for rent sign here. I called the number. The landlord comes in and shows me this empty space. Completely empty, not even a floor."

But when the landlord offered to give the nonprofit six months free rent, with discounts for subsequent years, Zain was ready to close her



Laura Zain (left), the founder and CEO of Tail Wagger's 1990, and board members Felicia Arnold, Jaclyn Winkel and Judy Marinetti, show off the organization's new office.

eyes "and leap" at the offer. She and her vice president, Felicia Arnold, talked it over and presented the idea to other board members.

After 23 years, Tail Wagger's would get its own office space.

"Opportunity was knocking and we all said, sometimes you have to take that risk," Zain said. "We didn't know financially how we were going to do it, but we had nothing to lose."

"If it didn't work, all we were out would be moving," added Arnold, a Westland resident.

Creating offices

The all-volunteer organization began working on the space in June 2011. Zain hired professionals to put up interior walls, build shelves and paint. A supporter, who donated a

filing cabinet to the new office, also convinced her employer, the University of Phoenix, to help out with a major gift. The university donated gently-used office furniture, including desks, cabinets, and chairs.

"It was like hitting pay dirt. All of a sudden, it felt real," said Zain, who quit her job last year to work as Tail Wagger's 1990's full time and unpaid CEO.

The group moved into its new headquarters late last year and with the finishing touches completed on the pantry just this week, they held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting on Thursday, June 28.

The office contains a spacious lobby, two "exam" rooms — perfect for Tail Wagger's 1990's visiting veterinarian,



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Susan Krajenke and Newbie, her rescued Chihuahua, check out Tail Wagger's 1990's new office.

Cerie Couture — a vet tech office, Zain's office, a storage room, kitchen space, restroom and large space, with access to a drop-off and pick-up area, for the Pantry for Paws program.

Needed services

"These are clients right now that we service," said Zain, opening a file cabinet filled with folders and applications for the pantry. "They tend to call us when they run low. They know they can come back and get help. Just last week alone I had nine families come through here for food. And they aren't walking out with one bag. They are walking out with 100 maybe 200 pounds of food."

The organization recently gave 500 pounds



Cory Routen collected more than 2,000 pounds of food and cat litter for Tail Wagger's 1990's Paws 4 Pets pantry.

of food to Better Life Canine Center, an animal rescue in Redford. Arnold said pet owners come from throughout Detroit

Metro to obtain food. "No one else does what we do," she noted.

The group's low-cost shot clinics have expanded from four cities to nine, including Southfield, Beverly Hills, Sterling Heights, Utica, Ypsilanti, Livonia, Plymouth, Howell and Inkster, this year.

The organization also assists with emergency medical payments. When Zain agreed to buy ear medication for a dog in need, the grateful owner offered to help her write grant proposals.

"She came in here and she is pushing me to the limits," Zain said.

Their hard work has paid off. Petco Foundation awarded Tail

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A fanciful creature looks out from the greenery in a Northville garden.

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proceeds from the event will support First Step, the local non-profit organization that provides education, advocacy and intervention for victims of domestic and sexual violence. First Step's mission is to reduce the incidents of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes.

Tickets are \$50 per person and will include appetizers, entertainment and drink tickets. For more information or to buy tickets, visit SipOfMichigan.com.

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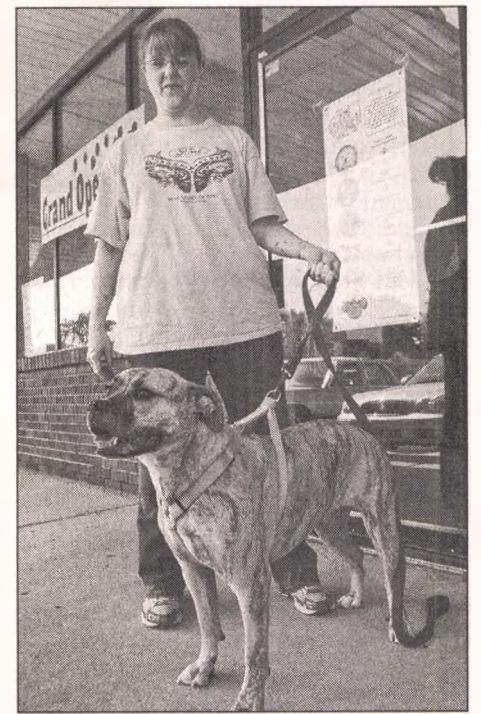
Wagger's 1990 with a \$20,000 capital grant in May. It came on the heels of a \$16,360 grant from PetSmart Charities.

The Petco grant bought the sign on Tail Wagger's new office, a computer and other items. The PetSmart grant will fund an intensive spay and neuter program in Redford Township.

"That is an area I know for a fact that no one is paying attention to. They are our neighbors. With the help of animal control and people in Redford, we pounded this down and sent in our grant," Zain said. "It's usually not the rookies coming in the door that get the grants."

Tail Wagger's 1990 had never appealed for grants in the past, but it's by no means a "new" animal welfare organization.

Zain started it in 1990 as a promise to her aunt, Jean Polka, a major animal lover who had died the previous year. For the first several years, Tail Wagger's held an annual bowling event and simply passed the thousands of dollars it raised to the Michigan Humane Society, and eventually to other animal rescues. In 2005 it began creating its own programs and slowly became a nonprofit.



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Debbie Groves and Zena, a rescue dog, stop by the grand opening of Tail Wagger's 1990 office in Livonia.

For a schedule of shot clinics, spay and neuter program information, and details about obtaining help from the pantry, visit www.tailwaggers1990.org.

Visit a 'secret garden' in Northville during July 11 garden walk

"Blossoms, Bees & Butterflies," the 19th Annual Northville Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Club of Northville, will feature six gardens, including a two-acre area with 20 separate flower beds, on Wednesday, July 11.

Judie and Robert Braun have nurtured the 'secret garden' behind their condo for years. The low-lying area includes a stream and plants in every shape, color and species imaginable. The

20 flower beds are planted according to themes and contain ornaments and large decorative pieces

The Brauns' garden is just one highlight of the tour that also will feature a garden market with live plants, garden books, and handmade items for sale.

A raffle also will be held for a pagoda statue from Gardenviews. Guests will receive one raffle entry.

The garden walk will

run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Homemade cookies will be served at Cady Inn in Historic Mill Race Village, at the end of the tour.

Tickets are \$10 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, in downtown Northville.

Tickets will be available the day of the walk at Mill Race Village, located on Griswold, one block north of Main in downtown Northville.

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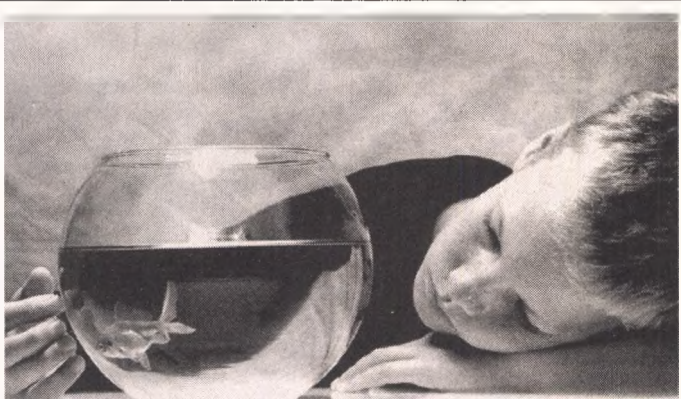
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Livonia woman's award-winning show airs on Catholic television

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Audrey Sommers has made a career out of kindness. When the Livonia woman found a tattered monarch butterfly at a beach, she took it home in a shoebox, nursed it with sugar water and gave it shelter in her garden. And, with the help of a heat lamp and fresh flowers, she extended "Howie" the butterfly's life some three months. She recently turned the experience into a children's book and is working with a publisher toward an autumn release.

When Sommers, a lifelong Catholic, noticed several years ago that some lectors spoke in monotone at Mass, she created a training program to help laypersons improve their lackluster delivery.

Today, as the volunteer lector trainer for the Archdiocese of Detroit, she speaks at churches across the country and is a lector at St. Colette in Livonia. Her DVD, *Lector and Gospel Reader's Workshop: A Resource for Bringing God's Word to Life*, won a Telly award and is sold worldwide.

When Sommers, a former Channel 50 anchorwoman, heard about the Salter family of Dearborn, she knew their story would inspire others. She and a video crew spent hours with Mike and Ellen Salter and their children — including daughter, Meghan, who requires 24-hour care. The show forms the pilot of what Som-



The Salter family of Dearborn is the subject of "Stories of Faith-Meghan's Miracle." They are Michael, (left) and his dad, Mike, Meghan — dressed for her first communion — with sisters Shannon, Lauren, and mom, Ellen.

mers hopes will become a television series about maintaining faith through trials and tribulations.

Stories of Faith - Meghan's Miracle, was broadcast on CTND — the Archdiocese cable station — and EWTN earlier this year. Sommers also earned an Emmy Award from the National Chapter of Television Arts and Sciences - Michigan Chapter, for the show. The 34th Annual Michigan Emmy Awards was held last month at the Motor City Casino Soundboard Theatre.

"Tears came to my eyes," Sommers recalled, adding that while accepting the award she also said, "Thank you God. This one is for you."

"Looking at this huge audience of peers I said,

'I've got to thank him first. After all, this is the religion category.'"

Making a difference

Sommers, a former writer for the Michigan Catholic and Catholic Television, said she didn't start winning awards until she traded secular work for faith-based reporting.

She worked in secular broadcast news in both Michigan and Massachusetts, sometimes reporting what she calls "crime and slime" stories.

"I think I got tired of covering crime stories. I wanted to make a difference in people's lives."

She won two bronze Telly awards for *Angels in the Caribbean*, a television special that generated thousands of dollars for Food for the Poor. Her two-part print

series, *Angels in the Caribbean*, also received honors from the Society of Professional Journalists and earned a Herald Award.

The Redford Thurston High School graduate has taught broadcast classes at Madonna University and is a long-time volunteer model for Redford Suburban League's annual fashion show. She and her husband keep ducks at home as pets and Sommers enjoys thinking up new projects while riding her bike through the neighborhood.

She's seeking a sponsor for *Stories of Faith* and also hopes to find a secular network to run the series that would focus on "people of all faiths and religious denominations" telling their stories.

Although *Meghan's*

Miracle, the pilot for the show, focuses on a Catholic family, Sommers said it's not aimed at a Catholic-only audience.

"When you look at it, you might say, if a family can stick together through something like this, anything is possible."

Loving, living

Meghan was just a few months old when she experienced a series of life-threatening seizures. At one point, the parish priest was called to administer Last Rites, but when he did, the seizures stopped. For the subsequent eight years, Meghan has remained mostly unresponsive and in need of 24-hour care.

"I was amazed at the family's joy. The mom is always smiling. There is so much love from this family. They paint her (Meghan's) fingernails. They fight to be with her. A lot of times she is just lying there. She might have a little smile now and then, but the whole family exhibits joy."

"At one point the medical profession told them maybe they should pull the plug . . . they followed the teaching of the Catholic Church to do what is right," Sommers said. "The family



Audrey Sommers wins an Emmy for her television show, "Stories of Faith — Meghan's Miracle."

is a shining example of togetherness and love."

Sommers will accept story ideas for her television faith series at sommersproductions@yahoo.com. Or visit www.lector-training.com.

"I'm open to ideas. But you can't be something that's not shootable. You have to think of video."

See the pilot show at 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 2; 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 and Monday, July 9; 11 a.m., Thursday, July 5; 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 10; and 10 a.m. Thursday, July 12 on CTND.

Stories of Faith-Meghan's Miracle has been added to CTND's Ustream channel, [www.Ustream.tv/CTND](http://www.ustream.tv/CTND) and can be directly accessed at: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/17162548>. Or view the show at www.meghansmiracles.com.

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Invariably rheumatologists become acquainted with orthopedists. The time comes when pain medication and joint injection of an osteoarthritic knee no longer suffices. The patient needs knee replacement; with good reason the patient will turn to the rheumatologist and ask: "whom do you suggest I see?" In turn, the rheumatologist will try to match the patient with an orthopedist best suited to the patient's technical and temperamental needs.
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REUNIONS

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CENTERLINE
CLASS OF 1977
35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to dhs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON
CLASS OF 1948
The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
ANNAPOLIS
CLASS OF 1982
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD
CLASS OF 1962
50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD
CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates from

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

1950S, 1960S
Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

DETROIT MUMFORD
CLASS OF 1962
50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

DETROIT WESTERN
ALL CLASSES
Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1962
The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22

at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

CLASS OF 1967
Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at S_whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion packet.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973
Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook.

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

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1972
6:30 p.m. Oct. 27. For more information e-mail to Janine (Alioto) Brown at jbrown@psm.inc.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962
50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

CLASSES OF 1971-73

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

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1987
25th reunion, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, July 28, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1971-75
The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information. **PONTIAC CENTRAL**

CLASS OF 1962
Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

CLASS OF 1972
40th class reunion Sept. 22 at The Lafayette Grand of Pontiac. A "Meet & Greet" also will be held Friday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined. E-mail Tina Johnson tinastribe@charter.net.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

Milestones



Betty and Ron Westerfield

60th anniversary

Ron and Betty Westerfield of Plymouth celebrated their 60th anniversary June 28. The couple met through a friend in school — both attended Wilson Middle School in Detroit — in 1947. They dated for five years and were married at Gilliad Baptist Church in downtown Detroit just a few weeks after Betty graduated from Southwestern High School in 1952. Ron had been discharged from the U.S. Army that same year.



Before retirement in 1993, Ron was self-employed with his brother and father in Westerfield & Sons Commercial Refrigeration in Detroit. Betty worked as a secretary for Livonia Public Schools for 21 years and retired in 1994.

The couple has three married daughters, Deborah (David) Alexander, of Reno, Nev., Sandra (Marty) Dodes of West Bloomfield and Karen (Terrance) Miller of Livonia. Their grandchildren are Ryan Alexander, Aaron Geddes, Terry Miller, Tyler Miller and Alicia Verardi. Great-grandchildren are Siannah Alexander, Sloan Alexander and Liam Miller.

They enjoy being with family and friends and are involved with the Plymouth Elks and its activities. The Westerfields also belong to a very active senior group that takes trips, goes on outings and organizes dinner and theater days. Ron and Betty volunteer for veterans and usher at the Fisher and other theaters.

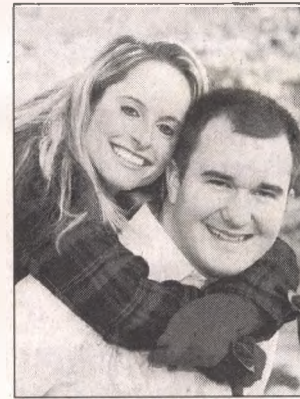
The couple celebrated their big day with family.

Best-Kloman

Kelly Best and Ryan Kloman are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Chris and Laurie Best of Farmington Hills. Her fiancé is the son of Karl and Carol Kloman of Columbus, Ohio.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at St. Fabian Catholic Church.



Kevra-Gierak

Kristyn Kevra and Brett Gierak announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Karl and Cathy Kevra of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern Michigan University and teaches special education in Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Mark Gierak of Farmington Hills and the late Sandy Sound, is a 1999 graduate of Clarenceville High School in Livonia. He



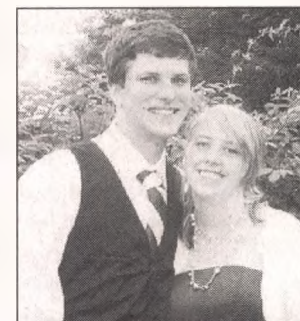
earned a degree from Lake Superior State and works in construction as a bricklayer. An August 2012 wedding is planned in Detroit.

Sabada-Streicher

Katelyn Marie Sabada and William Michael Streicher announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Joanie Sabada of Canton and the late Jeff Sabada, graduated in 2009 from Salem High School and is a student at Eastern Michigan University with plans to graduate in 2013. She is employed by Genuine Toy Co. in downtown Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Michelle Streicher of Northville, graduated in 2007 from Catholic Central



High School and is a student at Moody Bible Institute. He is employed by Marketplace Homes. A May 2013 wedding is planned at Mystic Creek in Milford.

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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.



DiDOMENICO, PATRICIA "PATSY"

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.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

HAMMOND, ROBERT L.

Age 79, of Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of Marian (nee Bunn) for 59 years. Dear father of Cheri L. (Chris) Noble and Barbara K. (Donald) Tyler. Loving grandfather of Christopher, Casey, Carly, Christina and Gregory. Robert was a 1952 graduate of Farmington High School and a Navy Veteran. He was a retired Die Designer for General Motors. His funeral service was Saturday, June 30th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan or St. John's Hospice. www.thayer-rock.com



LECKIE, DAVID M.

Age 63, June 23, 2012, died at home with his family by his side of a long battle with ALS. Beloved husband of Yvonne. Proud father of Alex and step father of Cory and Andy. Dearest son of his late parents, William and Maurine. Dear brother of Linda (Paul) and special companion to his dog, Willie. Born in Palo Alto, Ca., graduate of Stanford and USC. David spent his career in the automotive industry, working for Detroit Diesel and Leckie & Associates that his father founded. He was a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church, President of the Village of Bingham Farms since 2009 and trustee on the Bingham Farms Village Council since 1995. In his capacity on Council he was the Village liaison to both the Franklin/Bingham Police and Fire Depts., was a supporter of the Neighborhood Mobile Watch, an avid golfer and loved the Village of Bingham Farms. Private cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service is planned for the fall in California. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

MARTIN, Bernard T.

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

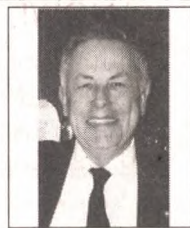


SEPTRION-SMITH, DOROTHY

Age 104, peacefully June 24, 2012. A long time Birmingham resident, Dorothy graduated from the University of Michigan with a Masters Degree in Social Work. She had an international assignment with the American Red Cross during World War II, followed by a lengthy career with the Birmingham School system as a social worker. Dorothy was a member of Embury United Methodist Church and is survived by her nieces and nephews. A family memorial service will be held at a later date in the Scottville, MI area where she was born. Memorial tributes in her memory may be sent to Embury United Methodist Church. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.

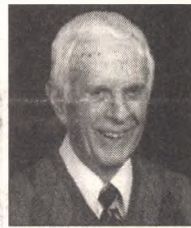
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WATSON, NORMAN R.

Age 90; June 24, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie. Dear father of Susan M. Creeth and David N. (Suzanne) Watson. Grandfather of Bradley and Mallory Watson. Brother of James T. (Jane) Watson and Irene (the late Keith) Miller. Past president of Michigan Insurance Executives Assn. (1961); Retired V.P. of Mason-McBride, Inc.; past President of USS WASP CV-7 Stinger Club and survivor of the sinking of the Aircraft Carrier USS WASP CV-7 in the Battle of Guadal Canal 9/15/42. Many retirement years proudly spent as Editor of the USS WASP CV-7 Magazine; member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home and inurnment at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. There will be no memorial service by Norman's request. Tributes suggested to St. Matthew's UMC. 30900 Six Mile, Livonia 48152.



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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Don't let your feet ruin a beach day

If you're heading to the beach this summer, be aware of the hidden dangers to your feet under the sand and in the water.

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons offer these safety tips to help prevent injuries that can ruin fun in the sun:

- Wear shoes to protect your feet from puncture wounds and cuts. Sea shells, broken glass and other sharp objects when stepped on can ruin your day at the beach. Avoid the water if your skin gets cut — bacteria in oceans and lakes can cause infection. If you do suffer from a puncture wound, have it treated by a foot and ankle surgeon within 24 hours to avoid complications.

- Feet get sunburned, too. Rare but deadly skin cancers, such as melanoma, can occur on the foot. Prevent skin cancer on your feet by lathering up with sunscreen. Don't forget to apply to both the tops and bottoms of your feet.

- Wear shoes to protect your soles from getting burned as you walk on blistering-hot sand, sidewalks and pavement. Take extra precaution if you have diabetes.

- Be careful with your footing while playing beach sports



such as Frisbee or volleyball — walking, jogging and playing sports on soft, uneven surfaces frequently leads to arch pain, heel pain, ankle sprains and other injuries. It's best to

wear supportive shoes while playing beach sports. If injuries occur, use rest, ice, compression and elevation to ease pain and swelling. Any injury that does not resolve within a few

days should be examined by a foot and ankle surgeon.

- Remember jellyfish stings can still occur even if it's washed up on the beach. Remove any tentacles that may stick to the foot or ankle, and protect your hands. Vinegar, meat tenderizer or baking soda reduce pain and swelling. Most jellyfish stings heal within days, but if they don't, see a doctor.

- Diabetes Risks: People who have diabetes face serious foot safety risks at the beach. The disease causes poor blood circulation and numbness in the feet. A person with diabetes may not feel pain from a cut, puncture wound or burn. Any type of skin break on a diabetic foot has the potential to get infected and ulcerate if it isn't noticed right away. People with diabetes should always wear shoes to the beach, and remove them regularly to check for foreign objects like sand and shells that can cause sores, ulcers and infections.

For more information on foot and ankle health, visit the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon's patient education page at FootHealthFacts.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

July

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Here's a sampling of offerings:

- Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 18 and 25.
- Alzheimer's Support meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11
- "Focus on Living" Cancer Support is a monthly self-help group facilitated by a nurse. Next session is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12.
- Diabetes Summer School is a two-hour class with a speaker presentation and discussion each month during the summer. The session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 is "A Look Backward and Forward at Diabetes Medications."
- Breastfeeding class runs 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 23 and is aimed at expectant mother. There is a fee for this one-time session. The Diabetes Summer School will be held in the community room at Westland Mall, located at Central City Parkway and N. Wayne Road. Other classes are held at the hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City; (734) 458-4330.

NEW FACES

Three doctors recently joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington:



Plymel

Dr. Karen Plymel earned a M.D. degree from Ross University School of Medicine and performed her clinical training at Oakwood Hospital in Dear-

born. Plymel is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology. A board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist, Plymel sees patients at Michigan Perinatal Associates, P.C., 18181 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 302, Dearborn, (313) 593-5957.



Yeamans

town University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.. Yeamans remained at Georgetown for a general surgical

Jeffrey C. Yeamans, is a board-certified urologist who earned his M.D. degree from Georgetown

University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.. Yeamans remained at Georgetown for a general surgical internship and the urologic residency. He has been the lead researcher in several medical studies, has given many lectures and presentations, and is an assistant professor at Oakland University's Medical School where he developed, and is the course director for, the Male Reproductive Basic Science Unit taught to medical students. Yeamans is a member-at-large on the Medical Executive Com-



Telang

mittee of the Michigan Urologic Society. He sees patients at Comprehensive Urology in Rose-

ville, Warren and Clinton Township. Dr. Dinesh J. Telang, a board-certified urologist, earned a M.D.

degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. He did post-doctoral clinical training in urology and surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and has taken additional training in laser applications and safety, Urolase laser prostatectomy, laparoscopy and da Vinci robotic surgery. He sees patients at Comprehensive Urology in Roseville and Warren.

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- Ribbon - red, white or blue or (combination)
- Yellow and Orange gift tissue wrapping
- Cardboard base - example - top of shoe box
- Decorative trimmings - stars, glitter, confetti (optional)

Instructions

- 1. Cut the 3 tissue tubes into 3 different heights.
- 2. Paint one tube red, one white, and one blue.
- 3. Paint your cardboard base the color of your choice. Allow paint to dry. When tubes and base are dry, glue bottom of each tube to the cardboard base. Allow the glue to dry.
- 4. Add ribbon and decorative trimming (i.e. stars, glitter, confetti). Use your creativity.
- 5. For the look of flames, tuck in yellow and orange tissue wrapping in each tube. Take the scissors and snip into stripes. Fluff and style tissue paper to create flame fullness.



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Don't give these answers during your interview

Justin Thompson,
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After receiving a call from an employer inviting you in for an interview, it's common to feel simultaneously ecstatic, relieved and nervous. One of the best ways to calm those nerves is to be prepared for the interview. To do so, try and anticipate what questions the employer might ask. While at times questions can get tricky, for the most part employers ask straightforward questions that help them get to know your personality as well as your ability to think on your feet.

Yet even if a job seeker is prepared, nerves can still cause stumbles. To help, here are four of the most common interview questions and tips on how you should -- and shouldn't -- answer them.

1. "So, tell me a little about yourself."

When answering this question, don't go off on a tangent. Prepare your two to three minute career summary and rehearse it out loud. "Make sure that whatever you share is relevant and makes sense given the job you're interviewing for," says career counselor and author Roy Cohen. "Too much information will be lost in translation and your interviewer will tune you out."



2. "Why do you want to leave your current job?"

This question can be a double-edged sword. On one hand, if you say you're looking for a new opportunity, the interviewer may take that to mean you were bored at your current job and wanted out. Instead, you could be more specific: There were changes in management; the company's direction didn't align with your personal goals; or recent changes made you concerned about the stability of the company and your role. "It's better to have more reasons for making a move

than just one. It suggests that the decision is multi-layered and, hopefully, some of what you say will resonate with the interviewer," Cohen says.

3. "What are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?"

Stop saying, "I'm a perfectionist." It's trite and overdone. Name a strength that makes you stand out for the position to which you are applying. When naming a weakness, pick something that's realistic, and acknowledge that you're constantly working on

improving in that area. Ensure that your weakness isn't directly associated with one of the prospective job responsibilities, but do be honest.

4. "Let's talk about salary. What are your expectations?"

If possible, avoid addressing compensation until toward the end of the hiring process. When it comes time to discuss, provide a range with which you're comfortable. Going into the conversation, decide what the lowest acceptable salary is that will allow you to enjoy the

lifestyle with which you're most comfortable. From there, incrementally increase that salary by 5, 10 or 15 percent. Once you get to the negotiation process, you'll be in a better position to give and take on salary and other benefits.

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