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Concours tickets

In partnership with the Concours d' Elegance of America, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth and Panache 447 will have pre-sale tickets available for the event, set for the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township. The tickets will be available up until the July 29 event or while supplies lasts. Each ticket is \$25 and cash is the preferred method of payment.

Dearborn Jewelers is located at 805 W. Ann Arbor Trail and Panache 447 is located at 447 Forest, both in downtown Plymouth.

Aurora reaction

News of the movie theater massacre in Aurora, Colo., left residents shocked and saddened on Friday morning.

'This story is tragic," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, during a Friday morning coffee hour at Plymouth Panera's. "It's obviously still unfolding. I just think it's too soon to tell. I think we need to wait and let law enforcement figure the story out."

Win shopping spree!

Christmas in July is back this year inside Hometownlife INSPIRE published last Thursday.

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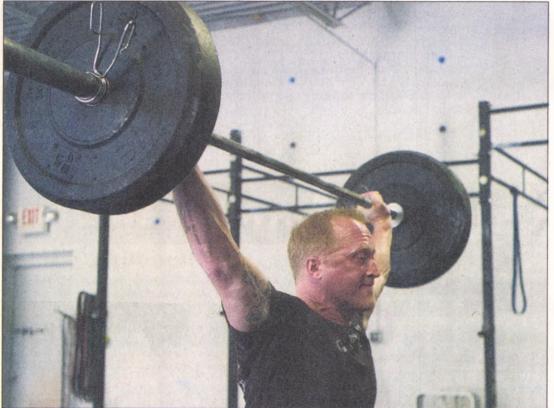
hometownlife.com. All entries must be received by midnight July 31. Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries.

You could win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to go on a Christmas in July shopping spree.

Trail work

Join the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail for a trail work day 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26. Meet on the trail or in the parking lot of Oasis Golf Center on the north side of Five Mile east of Haggerty (39500 Five Mile). For more information, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074.

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Snatch-lifts are part of Eric Bartlett's routine workout.

Being 'bronzed'

Plymouth man third at world CrossFit Games

By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer**

Going into last weekend's Cross Fit Games in California, Eric Bartlett thought he was in the best shape of his life. Turns out, he's probably

Bartlett, a Plymouth resident who trains at the Cross Fit in Plymouth, finished fourth overall in the "masters" competition for competitors ages 45-49. He missed out on the \$5,000 grand prize. but was happy with his perfor-

"My original goal was to make the top 12," Bartlett said. "It was pretty unbelievable. I would have been happy to finish top 12. It's still kind of hard to believe it hap-

mance anyway.

pened." Bartlett said he was one of 70,000 competitors worldwide trying to get to California for the Cross Fit Games, Each contestant posted the results of one workout per week online, and the top 20 are invit-



Eric Bartlett of Plymouth earned the bronze medal in the masters division at the CrossFit Games in California.

ed to the Games. Bartlett, 45, competed in the "masters' bracket.

Fit fest

Sponsored by Reebok and CrossFit, it's a competition to crown the "fittest people on earth."

Bartlett was third going into the final day, and finished third in the last qualifying

competition before the final. He earned the bronze medal

His trainer, CrossFit of Plymouth owner C.J.Gustitus, couldn't have been surprised. Before Bartlett left for California Gustitus said Cross-Fit, a training program used by many police academies and tactical operations teams, had helped develop Bartlett phys-

"(Bartlett) has definitely gotten a lot stronger," Gustitus said. "He's always had a crazy gas tank in terms of endurance. His whole capacity has gone up a ton."

Bartlett's advancement through CrossFit has been marked. He said he was working out in his garage until discovering CrossFit four or five years ago. His typical workout consists of something he calls "burpees," along with "snatch lifts" (Olympic-style weightlifting), push presses and toesto-bar exercises.

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County hopefuls square off at League forum

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Candidates battling for the Wayne County Commission's 10th District seat pointed to political corruption, wasteful spending, deepening budget deficits and public distrust as troubling issues they hope to tackle if elected.

Republicans Richard Convertino and Shannon Price and Democrats James Amar and Matthew Fiems made their pitch for votes at the Canton Township Administration Building during a Thursday night forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The top GOP and Democratic votegetters in the Aug. 7 primary will compete in the Nov. 6 general election for a two-year term. A crowd of nearly 100 people who attended the Canton Township trustee portion of Thursday's forum dwindled slightly as county commission hopefuls fielded questions as they seek a job that pays about \$61,000 a year plus certain stipends and benefits.

Price, a Canton resident and constituent relations staffer for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, said the first step to return Wayne County to fiscal responsibility should be an independent audit. The county has been embroiled in scandals involving allegations of wasteful spending and political payouts — much of it aimed at the top executive, Robert Ficano.

Wasting money

Price said too much money has been wasted on "golden parachutes" when it should have paid for services such as better roads.

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County Commission candidates Shannon Price, Matthew Fiems, Richard Convertino and James Amar were on the same stage Thursday for a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

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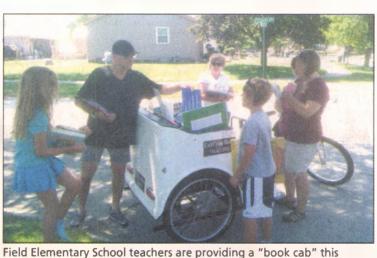


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Field Elementary School teachers are providing a "book cab" this summer, a mobile library that takes books into Field neighborhoods to encourage kids to read over the summer. For more on the effort, please turn to page A4

State grant to fund park pavilion

By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer**

Plymouth Township Park will get another pavilion if the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees decides to use the federal grant they've received from the

Michigan Department of Natural The \$100,000 grant, which comes from the DNR's Land and Water Conservation Fund, the board voted 5-1 to accept (Clerk Joe Bridgman voted against

it, trustee Michael Kelly was

absent), would help pay for construction of a pavilion at the north end of the park, near the baseball diamonds.

The grant is a reimbursable grant, meaning the township would have to incur the expense of building the project first and submit to the state for reim-

"The pavilion would serve the baseball fields, and it would serve as a warming center for the sledding areas in the win-

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Eric Bartlett, one of some 130 members of CrossFit Plymouth, does some dips.

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Family atmosphere

"It looked fun and challenging," Bartlett said of CrossFit. "I found out there was a gym (in Plymouth), so I came in. It's competitive, and there's good camaraderie. The community of people here is like family. It's our friends, it's who we hang out with "

Gustitus, who worked at another gym for more than three years before opening Plymouth's Cross-Fit 15 months ago, said the gym has some 130 members.

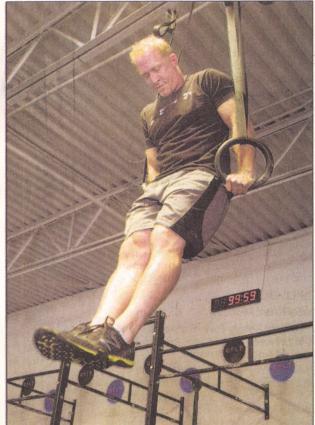
He said "everything we do" transfers into the "real world," because CrossFit workouts are all about building confidence and self-esteem.

"CrossFit is good because you push yourself to limits you didn't know you had," Gustitus said. "When you sacrifice that much with someone, you build relationships. It translates to life because you build confidence. It's pretty cool to watch that happen. It's something I love to do. I have a passion for it. I like helping people reach their (fitness) goals."

Back from California, Bartlett said he'll keep up the workouts.

"Physically I'm in the best shape of my life," he said. "(Cross Fit) has helped with my self-confidence and my self-esteem. I can still keep up with the young guys here, so that's fun."

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Eric Bartlett of Plymouth muscles up while training for the world CrossFit games.



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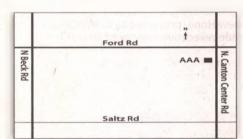
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JUMP ROPE CAMP

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 31 - Thursday, August 2 from 1:00 - 3:00

Location: Jazzercise Center 250 N. Main Street, Plymouth, MI

Details: Hot Ropes - Jump Rope Camp offers students an opportunity to learn double dutch, single rope, long rope skills and more. Beginners are welcome. Recommended for jumpers entering grades 2-7. Cost is \$45.

Contact: Register at http://www.jumpinplymouth.com/ or contact Kris for more information jumpinplymouth@yahoo.com

CHILL OUT

Date/Time: Monday, July 30, 7 p.m. Location: Rotary Park, Pavilion #1, on Six Mile between Farmington Road and Merriman in Livonia

Details: Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts an outdoor town hall to discuss current issues affecting Wayne County taxpayers and take questions from the audience. Free root-beer floats and Boston Coolers will be served.

CLASS REUNION

Date/Time: Friday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. to midnight

Location: Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft,

Details: Combined 1982 Plymouth Canton/ Plymouth Salem 30-year reunion. Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 1. Tickets can be ordered thru: https://sitesgoogle.com/site/ cantonsalem1982, or www.facebook. com/groups/cantonsalem1982 or cantonsalem1982@gmail.com for \$45 per person. Dinner, dancing, D.J. provided.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Date/Time: Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon Location: Room C-319 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville

Details: Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, founder/executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of "Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?" All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the

Contact: Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 25, 9-11:30 a.m. **Location:** Canton High School North (Phase 3) **Details:** The Canton Chiefettes host their pom pon clinic for potential cheerleaders

ages 5-14. Students will learn pom pon



LOCAL NEWS

Josh Aldis joins hundreds of other area kids coming to the Plymouth District Library each week this summer. A third-grader at Allen Elementary School, Josh recently won 4 movie tickets in the Penn Theatre ticket scavenger hunt. He also won a \$2 Books Buck, that he can use at the Friends of the Library used book sale.

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

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

HOSPICE SUPPORT

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

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

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

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

TINY TOTS

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registration for its Tiny Tots Preschool and Young 5s program. Classes range from 2-4 days a week, depending on the child's age. A four-day Young 5s program is new for 2012/13.

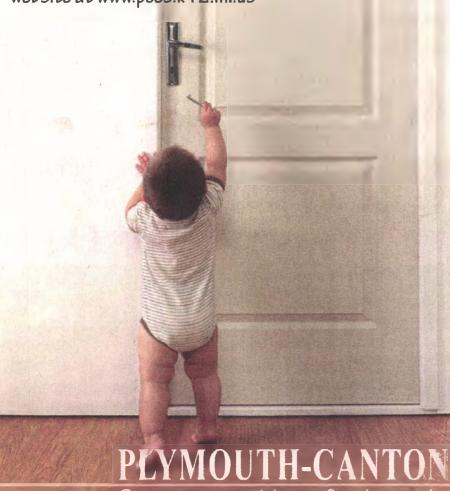
Contact: Sheila Johnson, preschool director, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27, or email sheila_ johnson@usc.salvationarmy.org

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is opening its doors to students in Wayne County

P-CCS will be accepting nonresident students who live in Wayne County in the following programs:

- Afternoon, half-day Kindergarten (limited to 12 students) at Hoben Elementary
- Talented and Gifted, Third Grade (limited to 20 students and testing is required) at Dodson Elementary
- International Academy, Ninth Grade (limited to 10 students) at Plymouth High School

Accepting applications beginning July 16. The deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on July 31. Applications can be completed on the District website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us



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Book cab delivers summer reading

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Pete Pizzuoli has had a pedal-cab for years, and mostly used it to give people rides and raise money for charitable causes such as the fight against cancer.

This summer, though, Pizzuoli is putting the cab to a much bigger use.

Pizzuoli, a third-grade teacher at Field Elementary, is using the bike to deliver books to children at five neighborhood locations throughout the Field boundaries, helping them keep up with their reading during summer vacation.

"One day I guess I just had a light bulb go on," Pizzuoli said. "We have the problem, probably all schools do, of kids not having books in the summer. They don't always read over the summer, maybe lose a little of their academic progress. Why not use the bike and come to their neighbor-



The "book cab" was the brainstorm of Field Elementary School teacher Pete Pizzuoli as a means for getting books into the hands of students over the summer.

hood?"

Pizzuoli has five designated stops, and hits each one every Monday and Thursday. He stops for 20 minute at each point, starting with Meadowood Towne Homes at 10 a.m., followed by Canton Club East, Westfield Estates, Wynde Chase and Century Farms.

He's not alone, either. Field teachers have supported the program and are among the volunteers helping get the books out.

"We get a lot of support from the parents, the teachers are helping me out," said Pizzuoli. "It's totally green, no cost except the energy from my legs. We've given out more than 100 books. That might be 100 more books than those kids might have read during the summer. We're happy



Students can grab a book off the bike one day, and trade it in for another the next time around.

to do it."

Students can borrow a book one day, then return it and get another on another visit.

"The beauty is you get a book, you read the book, and you come back and get another book," Pizzuoli said. "No book reports, no assignments ..., We just want to get

kids reading over the summer."

Field Elementary
School principal Denise
Lilly called it a "fantastic example of how dedicated our teachers are to the students."

"Literacy may be the most important skill students learn in school," Lilly said. "If you can "We get a lot of support from the parents, the teachers are helping me out." PETE PIZZUOLI Field Elementary teacher

read well, you do better in other subject areas. Our teachers know this and are willing to dedicate their summer vacation to helping our students read better."

Pizzuoli said the response has been "great" from parents, and the kids are actually "chasing me down if, we miss their stop."

"The first day, the very first kid came up to me and said, 'I've been waiting for you for three hours," Pizzuoli said. "He got up at 7 a.m. and was waiting. That's the reward in and of itself. That's the benefit."

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Hershey scholar

Alexandra Bryden of Canton has been awarded a scholarship under The Hershey Company



Bryden

Scholars Program. Bryden is a graduate of Canton High School.
Scholarship

recipients are children of Hershey employees and are selected on the basis

of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and par-

ticipation in school and community activities, honors, work experience and educational and career goals.

Scholarships are given for study at two- or four-year colleges or universities.

Bryden, who plans to attend Lawrence Tech University in Southfield, is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Bryden. She works for Hershey's field sales division.

Northwood University

Shannon Corby and Blaine
Paden, both seniors from Plym-

outh, each recently received a bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University.

ON CAMPUS

Grand Valley

Grand Valley State University announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2012 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Students honored for the winter semester include:

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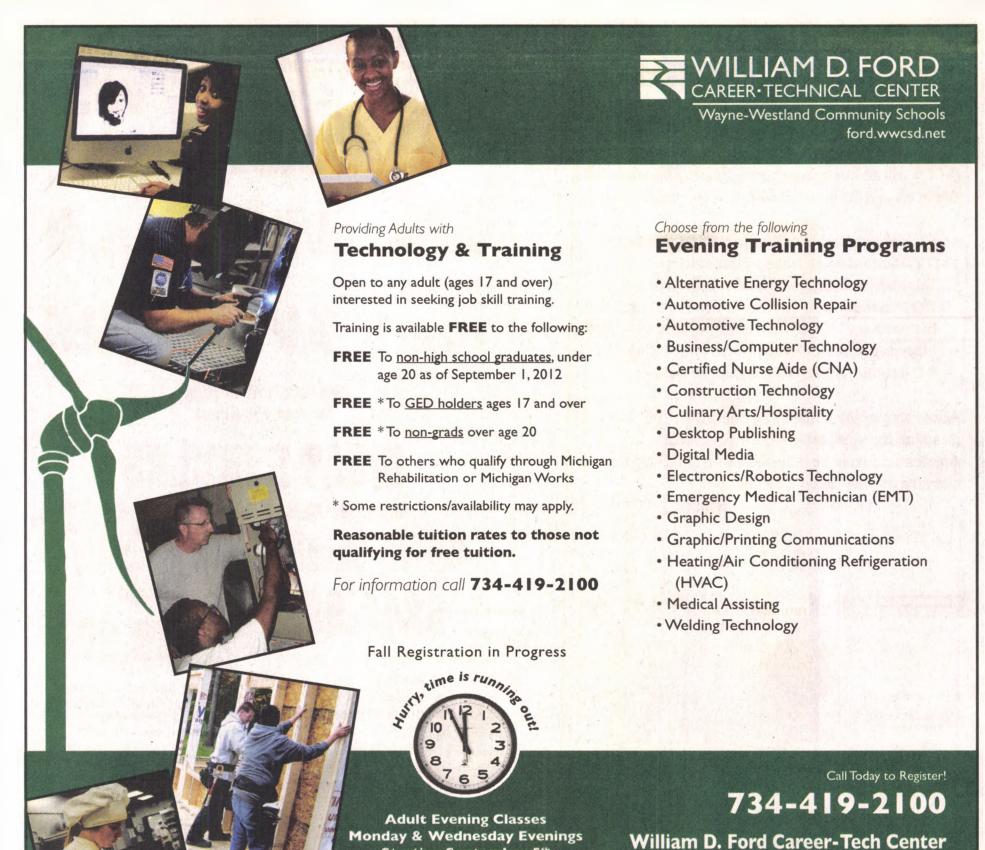
• From Plymouth: Amanda M. Busha; Brittany L. Callegari; Leah N. Campau; Carissa S. Coon; Emily R. Donahue; Sarah M. Farley; Anne R. Giocondini; Riley J. Groenewoud; Casey L. O'Guinn; Meghan B. Polera; Monica M. Thibodeau; Jessica A. Thoe; Paige B. Wagner.

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ter," township supervisor Richard Reaume said.

The grant is similar to one the township used several years ago to make improvements at Miller Family Park on Ann Arbor Trail.

It does not, however, cover the entire cost of the project, one of seven approved statewide by the DNR. Reaume pointed out that the project will actually cost some \$350,000, but he hopes other grants and donations will eventually cover the cost.

He said that, in addition to the DNR grant, the township has already received additional funding in the form of a county grant of \$41,000, a \$25,000 grant from Johnson Controls Foundation that is being held by the Plymouth Community Foundation, and another \$20,000 grant from the Bosch Corp. Foundation.

"We're not fully funded, we hope to get other grants," Reaume said. "We think this shows our corporate citizens want to be part of the community."

Jana Radtke, the township's Community Development Director, said the township faces an Aug. 1 deadline to accept the grant. Under terms of the grant, she said, the project must be built between June 2012 and June 30, 2014.

Bridgman voted against accepting the grant because of the up-front nature of the township's expense and the more than \$160,000 for which the township would be on the hook if no further funding is found.

But trustee Steve Mann said he wasn't worried about finding the money.

"It's a great project and it'll be a great addition to the park," said Mann, who was supervisor when Miller Family Park was improved. "I have no doubt we'll be able to find the funding for it."

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"We need to start with an external audit of every department," he said.

Convertino, a Canton resident and Plymouth attorney, said Ficano and the commission have become too cozy, and he too called for an audit that is "truly independent."

Fiems, a Canton resident and Wayne County real property appraiser, said the county could become more fiscally responsible by combining certain departments, such as the clerk's office and the registrar of deeds, to streamline services.

Amar, a Plymouth resident and retired labor mediation supervisor, suggested a fiscal approach that strongly identifies priorities, examines potential payroll cuts and strives to market Wayne County and its amenities, such as its waterways, to new businesses.

"Let's start advertising and promoting the strengths we've got," Amar said.

Responding to a question about eliminating budget deficits, Convertino said the problem has grown to the \$200 million range, and he said the county is drowning in legacy costs and other expenses. He suggested slashing wasteful spending, trimming county commission salaries by half and tackling issues involving pensions, which "have to be looked at freshly."

What they pay for Fiems cited a need

for an investigation into



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Shannon Price, Matthew Fiems, Richard Convertino and James Amar all hope to be elected to the newly drawn 10th Wayne County Commission district, which covers Plymouth and Canton.



League member Susan Rowe asks questions.

what happened to money that was supposed to go toward pensions. Moreover, he said the county needs to ensure it is putting money toward services for residents.

"Let's make sure everybody is getting what they pay for," he said.

Price said the number of political appointees, especially for the county executive, should be slashed dramatically to save money. He also reiterated his support for a ballot measure that, if approved, would give the coun-

ty commission powers to impeach the top official.

Amar said the coun-

ty may need to delay filling positions that become vacant as a money-saving measure, and he said the county should sell unused property and assets it owns.

Fiems and Amar said they favor a jail millage renewal that looms for county voters, saying it would simply continue to pay for jail services without a tax increase. Fiems said rejection of the millage would create a \$35 million hole.

"It's a public safety issue," he said.

Convertino and Price said they oppose the jail millage. Price said 10th District residents pay millions of dollars every year toward the tax yet hardly benefit from it because prisoners are typically housed in places such as Isabella County, where costs are cheaper.

Convertino went so far as to say the building of a new county jail shouldn't have gone forward.

When asked about the county's emergency preparedness plan, Convertino called it "massive" and said, "It is such a bloated plan with too much bureaucracy."

Price said the county and local municipalities all need to move toward an 800 MHz system for better communication.

Lacking focus

Fiems said the emergency preparedness plan has lacked focus, much like other county projects, while Amar said the county should try to better coordinate its emer-

gency plans with local communities.

All candidates vowed to fight for more funding, such as road dollars, for the 10th District.

Price specifically said he would fight to get all county spending online so taxpayers can better see how their money is spent. Moreover, he said the county's deficit-elimination plan should be enforced.

Convertino, who has launched a recall effort against Ficano, said the commission hasn't lived up to its role as watchdog because of close ties to the county executive. He said campaign contributions by the administration to county commissioners "should be outlawed."

Amar said county employees already have taken concessions, but to further reduce costs he suggested the county examine all budget items and look for ways to slash spending "from the top down."

Fiems said county officials need to slash travel expenses and "expensive getaways."

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Great expectations

TPE Founder and Publisher Trish Brown will be awarded the NAACP Great Expectations Award Oct. 7 at the Western Wayne County Chapter Dinner, according to WW NAACP President Aaron Sims. Past recipients in Detroit include Kid Rock and WDIV news anchor Rhonda

Brown, an advocate for education and minorities, has spent the last 20 years fighting for education in the K-12 arena and higher education with her work with Wayne County Community College District.

In 1993, she was elected to the Wayne-Westland School District Board Brown of Trustees at the age of 29.

"I am so honored and humbled by this news, and thankful to still be a part of our great and changing society," Brown said.

Brown, a resident of Canton, is the owner of the PR firm, Communication Concepts, and the founder of the national education foundation TippingPointEducation. com and the TPEPost.com.

The awards will be handed out Oct. 7 at the Annual Western Wayne NAACP dinner at Burton Manor in

Success leads to credit union jobs

Credit Unions across the country have seen record-breaking membership and asset growth recently, leading to more hiring in the industry, including Community Financial Credit Union.

Since January, Community Financial — which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi has hired 21 new team members, including Tom Tuckey, a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth.

Tuckey has 11 years of mortgage experi-

ence and holds a Master of Science degree from Walsh College and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State Univer-

"Community Financial is growing and committed to doing the very best for its members and com-munities," Tuckey said, "I am glad to be a part of this team."

According to a recent National Credit Union Administration report, through the first quarter of 2012, credit unions

around the country combined for a record 92.5 million members.

As part of its inaugural Community Matters Annual Community Report, Community Financial reported that 2011 was a record year regarding membership, growing by over 10-percent, as well as its overall member satisfaction rankings.

"We are thrilled to be growing, because not only do we continue to provide great service and sound financial advice to our members, but we also have the opportunities to hire more people and give back to the communities we serve," said Bill Lawton, president/CEO of Community Financial.

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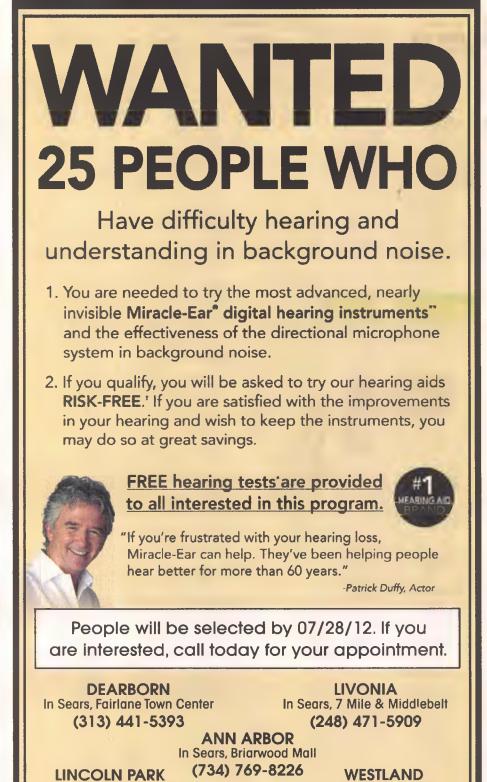
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Arctic Edge does Open Door fundraiser

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

When she was unemployed and struggling to pay her mortgage and other bills, Canton resident Brook Boggs almost had to turn to Open Door Ministry, a local food pantry, for help.

Now she is using her part-time job as marketing and event specialist for Arctic Arenas, with facilities in Canton and Plymouth, as a springboard to help Open Door, which distributes food to 460 metro Detroit families every week from a warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Ave-

"It does pull at my heartstrings," Boggs said, "because I know there are so many families in the area that are still hurting and out of work."

To help Open Door Ministry, she and a team of employees from Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena are spearheading Family Fun Fest, a free-admission event 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the arena, 46615 Michigan Ave.

"I think it's fantastic," Open Door Ministry Director Steve Darr said. "We've seen such an outpouring of support from the community.'

Open Door already has raised \$60,600 toward

its \$290,000 goal — money it needs to pay for the 48,600-square-foot warehouse it has leased since 2003. The building's owner had put the property up for sale, but offered the ministry a good deal, amid estimates by bank representatives that it could cost \$1.6 million to find a suitable facility

elsewhere. Open Door leaders have closed the deal to buy the warehouse and remain confident they can generate the income they need to pay it off.

Boggs, with a history of fundraising and event planning, has announced an Arctic Edge team effort — the Family Fun Fest — to help Open Door, one of the arena's neighbors along the Michigan Avenue corridor.

Boggs said many families and residents continue to struggle. Even with a master's degree in administration with an emphasis in marketing, she has struggled to survive tough economic times.

Family Fun Fest, a three-hour event, has a two-pronged approach by rolling out numerous family-oriented activities while raising money through a sports-related silent auction and by raffling off prizes.

Moreover, Arctic Edge's

new mascot, Artie Edge, plans to skate with youngsters who can play on the ice for free.

"He will be available for photos and skating," Boggs said.

Activities include music by DJ Roman, face-painting, children's games on the ice and renowned balloon sculptor Tim Thurmond, who is expected to bring a six-foot tall penguin made of twisted balloons, Boggs said.

Organizers plan to raise money with the silent auction of sports memorabilia and by selling raffle tickets for prizes such as a Summit on the Park birthday party package; a gift certificate for Practice Makes Perfect, where figure skating costumes are custom-made; an academic evaluation by Huntington Learning Center; a birthday party for 10 at Arctic Edge; sports equipment gift baskets; \$50 gift cards to Holiday Market, Meijer, Palermo Pizza, Canton Cinemas and Antonio's Cucina Italiana; and a one-night stay in a jacuzzi suite at Canton's Holiday Inn Express, among

numerous other gifts. For more information, call Arctic Edge Ice Arena at (734) 487-7777.

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By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

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A: Thanks for coming to the seminar. As to your questions, I love the idea of converting money into a Roth IRA because it grows



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Rick Bloom

ing: 1) You must have the money to pay the tax from the conversion without touching any of the money converted.

2) By converting the money, it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

3) You can have the money invested within the Roth IRA for at least a five- to seven-year period. If you meet these criteria, I believe converting

makes sense. Remember, you do not

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have to convert all the money at once; you can do a little bit each year. The key is to convert enough each year so it doesn't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

With regards to investing in municipal bonds within an IRA, it makes no sense. Municipal bonds are tax-free. That is one of the reasons they do not pay as much as a normal bond. However, within an IRA, it doesn't make a difference whether you invest in a municipal bond or not. In a traditional IRA, when money is withdrawn, it is taxed to you. Therefore, a municipal bond loses its tax-free advantage when it's invested in an IRA. Therefore, an investor would be much better served to invest within a taxable bond within an IRA. After all, with a traditional IRA, whatever

comes out, no matter how it's invested, is subject to income taxes. Therefore, it makes no sense whatsoever to invest in a taxfree bond within an IRA -Roth or traditional.

It is very simple to avoid probate for an IRA by just naming a beneficiary. That way the money will avoid probate and upon death will go directly to the person that you choose. In addition, you can name secondary beneficiaries so that if the primary individual is not living upon your death, the money will go to the secondary beneficiary.

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.

Police: Driver inhaled computer screen cleaner before rollover crash

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Two teenagers remained hospitalized Friday after their convertible struck another vehicle, then rolled over at Plymouth and Middlebelt.

Police believe the 19year-old driver of the convertible inhaled Dust-Off, a computer cleaner spray, just prior to the impact, according to Sgt. John Gibbs.

The driver of the convertible, a 1996 Chrysler Sebring, drove southbound on Middlebelt at 4:30 a.m. with a 16-year-old passenger. The driver, who lives in Canton, apparently used the inhalant just prior to approaching Plymouth Road or at the point of impact, Gibbs said.

"The vehicle was approaching 90 miles per hour, hit the right curb, bounced off that, ran the red light, then rear-ended a Ford Taurus just south of Plymouth Road," Gibbs said. The Sebring began to roll up the back of the Taurus, then rolled over, Gibbs said.

Gibbs estimated the Taurus was traveling at about 30 mph, but because the Sebring was traveling at such a high rate of speed, it was as if the Taurus were stopped.

"Both vehicles were totaled," Gibbs said.

The two occupants from Detroit in the Taurus were treated and released from the hospital, Gibbs said. The two occupants in the Sebring remained hospitalized Friday afternoon.

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Residents can bring your family, friends and a picnic blanket and enjoy the final free Thursday Night Concert of the season, featuring Trilogy, a Canton favorite who specializes in popular music that spans multiple genres and generations.

Families are encouraged to come eat, drink, and be merry, just like the family featured in the Carolus-Duran masterwork. All who attend are invited to enter special drawings that are scheduled to take place

throughout the evening. Nearly a dozen prizes will be given away, including: Detroit Institute of Arts passes, Canton Leisure Services gift cards, T-Shirts, and picnic/summer-themed prize

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DIA InsidelOut, an outreach project which places replicas of some of the Detroit Institute of Arts' most famous works in unique settings, is sponsored by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for the purpose of weaving the arts into the fabric of communities to inspire visitors of these locations. Canton is among 13 communities that have been chosen for 2012 summer exhibi-

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Five Republicans, one Democrat file in special election for McCotter's seat

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Five Republicans, including a former school board member in Livonia, and one Democrat have filed to run in a special election Sept. 5 to fill the unexpired term of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, former Livonia school board member Steve King, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia and Kenneth Crider of Livonia filed Friday to run on the Republican ballot in the 11th Congressional District.

Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford also filed petitions with 1,075 signatures July 16. Totals included Cassis, 2,000 signatures; Crider, 1,100; King, 1,200; and Kavanagh, 1,276.

On Thursday, Democrat David Curson of Belleville filed petitions with 2,000 signatures.

Democratic and Republican candidates had until 4 p.m. Friday to file. The signatures will be reviewed by the Secretary of State's office to ensure the paperwork is filled out properly and all petitions are originals, according to Gisgie Gendreau, spokeswoman for the Secretary of State's office.

List will be certified

"We will do that before the state Board of Canvassers meets on Monday," Gendreau said. That board meets at 2 p.m. to certify the list of candidates.

The candidates have until 4 p.m. Monday to withdraw. Candidates without party affiliation have until Aug. 7 to file. Minor parties that hold a caucus to nominate candidates face a deadline of Aug. 8.

Residents in the current 11th District will be voting in a special election Wednesday, Sept. 5, and again Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. All of Livonia is included in both the former 11th District and the redistricted 11th District.

State election officials estimate the cost of the special election to local communities will be \$650,000. Livonia's cost is estimated at \$50,000. Redford's cost is expected to be \$30,000.

McCotter resigned July 6, ending his term six months early after what he called a "nightmarish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney

General Bill Schuette. The duplicate signatures were invalidated, so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.

On July 13, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, acting in Gov. Rick Snyder's absence, called for a special election in the 11th Congressional District to fill the vacancy created by McCotter's resignation.

In the Aug. 7 primary election, voters in the redrawn 11th District will decide between a Republican candidate listed on the ballot (Bentivolio), two write-in Republican candidates (Cassis and Drexel Morton of Canton) and two Democrats (Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and Bill Roberts of Redford). The top finishers from each party will square off in the general election Nov. 6. The election winner will begin a two-year term Jan. 3.

Cassis released a statement Friday after she filed her petitions for the special election.

"I deeply regret the cost, confusion and extra burden on the local clerks which will occur due to the special election the governor has called,' Cassis said. "But we cannot allow this seat to be represented by a Democrat who supports Obamacare, or a Republican who believes President

Bush and Vice President Cheney were responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attack on America."

The Democrat she referenced is Taj, who believes that the Affordable Health Care Act "does not go far enough," and the Republican is Bentivolio, who appeared in The President Goes to Heaven, a film released last year that pokes fun at a fictional character based on former President George W. Bush.

Bentivolio said in a recent interview that he appeared in the film to investigate the state's film subsidies and "do a little acting.'

King said Friday he decided to run because he wants to serve. "If I am lucky enough, I will serve those 45 days and I will work harder than anybody in those 45 days," he said.

King said he would work in the district to help constituents. "I want to bring the service back to public service," he said.

King was in the process of collecting signatures to run a write-in campaign for the two-year term that begins Jan. 3, but decided to end that campaign when he fell short of the 3,000 signatures he needed.

Instead, King collected 1,200 signatures to declare his candidacy in the special election.



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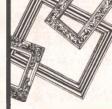
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The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents the 20th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition from Oct. 2-29. Entries for this distinguished exhibition are currently being accepted through Aug. 22. Michigan artists are encouraged to enter online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Interested artists may also request an entry form hard copy by calling The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at (734) 394-5300, Ext. 8.

All media is accepted for this exhibition. Only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed five feet wide or six feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and

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Richard Rubenfeld, who currently teaches at Eastern Michigan University's Art Department. Hail-

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ing from New York, N.Y., Rubenfeld received a BA in Fine Arts from Hofstra University, and both a MA and Ph.D. in History of Art from The Ohio State University. Rubenfeld previously juried the Canton Fine Arts Exhibition in 2007.

A reception will be held for the selected artists on Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m., with a special program starting at 7:30 p.m. The Village Theater has exhibition hours throughout the year: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except for major holidays), by appointment, and during all public performances. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, received a Kresge Artist Fellowship. The Farmington Hills resident plays Armenian and Middle Eastern music, in keeping with his heritage.

Economic development director garners fellowship for his music

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, has \$25,000 to work with - and it's not for a city project.

Topouzian recently learned he received a Kresge Artist Fellowship, from Kresge Arts of Detroit, a program of the Kresge Foundation.

"That seems to be the million dollar question," the Farmington Hills resident said when asked about spending the fellowship money. He'll use it to advance his music.

"I don't know what shape or form that will take," he said.

He's 42 and began playing the cornet some 25 years ago in public school. Topouzian plays Armenian and Middle Eastern music, starting in earnest after college.

"I'd always loved lis-

tening to it," he said. He recalled playing tambourine as a grade schooler with a band in Atlantic City.

"I got my exposure to it quite young." He'd often record live performances, as there wasn't a lot available commercially.

"I would play them over and over again. That's how I learned to play the music," he said.

His parents are both Armenian and U.S. born, with his grandparents having survived the Armenian genocide of 1915 and coming here via Ellis Island.

"They were able to escape the Armenian genocide," he said of his grandparents, noting some other family members died.

Topouzian's dad was in upstate New York, his mom from Detroit. The couple met at a local Armenian athletic weekend Labor Day, which included music.

Ara Topouzian is married to Della and they're the parents of daughter Aline, 3, and son Alec, 11 months.

The fellowship was announced June 28. "I knew a couple of weeks before that," he said.

"I knew it was very competitive," said Topouzian, who didn't have to compete live for the fellowship. "I really went into it without any expectations."

He sent audio and video, along with a biography and other detailed information. He appreciates the funding, but also especially the recognition of world music.

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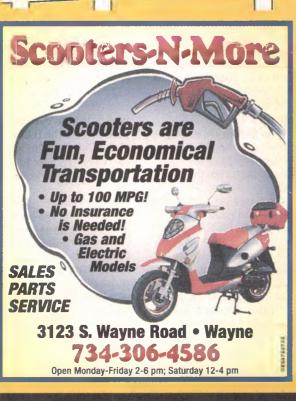
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Livonia priest takes Santa Claus mission to new level

"Christmas in July" is much more than an event promotion or store sale gimmick this year to Fr. Joseph Marquis. The pastor at Livonia's Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church is busy this summer taking his passion, research, experiences and Hall of Fame credentials as a veteran Santa Claus to create the St. Nicholas Institute, a new four-day program Marquis will lead in October. Numerous men from across the country are expected to gather at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit for unique seminars that focus on the history and characteristics of both Santa Claus and St. Nich-

"In this increasingly impersonal world, Santa Claus represents something basic that every human being desires: to know we have inherent value; to know we are loved unconditionally," Fr. Marquis said.

As a young artist, Fr. Marquis joined the parade crew of Detroit's famed J.L. Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade for three years and later became the official Santa for the downtown Detroit parade from 1977-1989. He later followed a call into ordained ministry and clinical chaplaincy at area hospitals, including Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Overall, Fr. Marquis has served as a professional Santa Claus for 40 years and received a number of awards, including an Emmy Award for his portrayal as Santa Claus in a



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Tops. Also, he was selected for the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame last year. The 3-year-old Hall is dedicated to St. Nicholas of Myra, the fourthcentury bishop known for his great deeds of generosity. Fr. Marquis was formally inducted in April during a ceremony in Santa Claus, Ind. He is one of 24 individuals from North America (and one of three from Michigan) to receive the honor so far, which includes a plaque displayed in the historic Candy Castle.

His vision of a professional Santa Claus is near and dear to Fr. Marquis. He hopes participants will gain a deeper insight into the real-life, historical person upon whom the Santa Claus legend is based.

In addition to the person of St. Nicholas, areas of study will include psychology, stage presence, use of voice, improvisational techniques, health, interpersonal dynamics, developing the Santa character, make-up and costuming. The Institute, a non-profit ministry of Sacred Heart Church, is focused on four core values: Nicholas as our Model, Openness to the Christmas Spirit, Exercising Compassion, and Love for Children (NOEL).

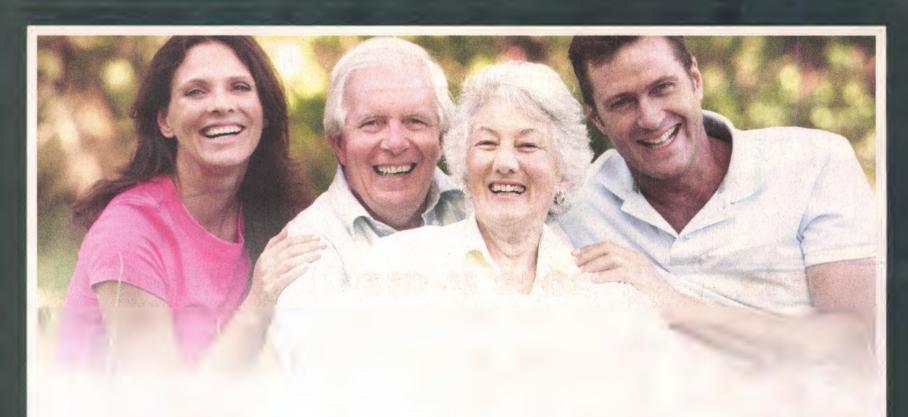
"Institute participants," he added, "will gain a

deeper appreciation for the vocation of portraying 'jolly old St. Nick,' and will be equipped with the practical tools needed to bring the person of Santa Claus to life."

The program will culminate with the St. Nicholas Institute Award Banquet on Oct. 3 at Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, located on Six Mile east of Middlebelt. The dinner program will be open to the general public and those who complete the Institute. The awards banquet will honor dedicated individuals from a variety of backgrounds who embody the spirit of Christmas 365 days a year. Those honorees will be announced next month.

"All aspects of the St. Nicholas Institute could give Livonia a unique new attraction to celebrate the Christmas season and celebrate extraordinary people who strive to uplift the spirits of others," said Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West. "We are blessed to have Fr. Joe and his distinguished expertise in our community and his initiative to celebrate community service through the legend of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas, which connects to people of all ages."

For individuals who are serious about serving as a professional Santa Claus, there is still time to register for this year's inaugural program. For more details, visit www. stnicholasinstitute.org, or call Sacred Heart Church at (734) 522-3166.



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Qdoba eatery complements restaurant scene

By Julie Brown Observer Staff Writer

A new Qdoba restaurant, featuring fresh Mexican fare, is coming to 8 Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Jessica Waugh, regional marketing specialist for Qdoba, said the grand opening Tuesday, July 10, with doors opening at 10:30 a.m. allowed the first 50 guests to enjoy a free entree. WYCD 99.5 radio was on site.

Qdoba has another restaurant at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

"We think there's a big enough distance between Livonia and the Northville area," Waugh said. "We are very excited to be in the Northville community."

Getting involved

They're already involved in such events as the Northville High School all-night party for graduating seniors, as well as the Jingle Bell Run at Northville Downs. for which they've provided tortilla soup for four years.

The local Odoba, which has hired 20 people, is also involved in the Taste of Novi event, as well as the Northville Chamber of Commerce Grub

"It just depends on



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Qdoba employee Jennifer Hathorne smiles as she wraps up a burrito order for a customer during the restaurant's

recent trial-run day. what the needs are," said Waugh, who's been with Odoba about five and a half years. She's pleased so many locals could be hired, with a few staffers coming from nearby res-

taurants for training. On Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, the first 15 guests each day at the Northville Township Qdoba will receive a free

entree. Waugh noted theirs isn't fast food, with chips, guacamole and other products often made locally using fresh ingredients. "We take a lot of pride in the food we serve," she said, adding the average entree runs \$7-9.

Room for 72

The restaurant seats 72,



could test their kitchen.

said Lauren Preston, who handles Nontraditional Marketing and PR for **Qdoba** Restaurant Corp. Qdoba doesn't serve alco-

The Northville location will be the 23rd Qdoba in greater Detroit, including Ann Arbor, according to Preston. There is a nearby On the Border but Odoba officials aren't concerned about compet-

The two competing restaurants are different, Preston said. At Qdoba, guests walk through the line and watch while

entrees are crafted to fit their taste, preference and dietary needs.

They choose from such options as tacos, burritos, taco salads, quesadillas, nachos and others. Guests then select their toppings such as vegetarian black or pinto beans, meats or veggies, five salsas, guacamole smashed by hand, and signature sauces such as 3-Cheese Queso.

The marketing/PR representatives describe their model as fast-casual dining. Qdoba has takeout (as does On the Border).

"We feel there's plenty of room in the market for both of us and we both offer a different experience for our guests," Preston said in an email

She added culinary team representatives for Qdoba visit the U.S. and Mexico to research new flavors and offerings.

The restaurant is in the southwest corner of 8 Mile and Haggerty, in the new strip plaza in the Meijer parking lot.

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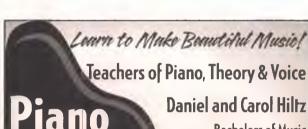
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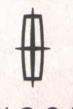
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Grodzicki new soccer coach

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

It's been a whirlwind summer for hiring new coaches for Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc

The latest move came Wednesday when 38-year-old Matt Grodzicki was named to replace Reid Friedrichs, who resigned last month to take the varsity boys soccer position at Warren DeLaSalle.



Grodzicki

boys coach, Friedrichs went 151-85-29 including one Kensington Lakes Activities Association, two Kensington Conference, four division and two Division 1 dis-

In his 12 seasons

as the Churchill

trict titles. Ironically, Friedrichs was hired last month to coach the Churchill girls varsity soccer team replacing Dave Hebestreit, who resigned in early June. Hage also tabbed Plymouth assistant Jason Reynolds recently to be the new varsity hockey coach after Pete Mazzoni was named the new assistant prin-

cipal at Livonia Stevenson. Grodzicki, who has taught physical education and health at Churchill for 14 years, spent all 12 seasons serving as both an assistant and JV coach under Fried-

He also coached the Churchill JV girls for eight years before moving last spring to his alma mater Livonia Stevenson to serve as JV coach under his brother Chris Grodzicki.

hatt has been a dedicated sub varsity coach for us for over 10 years and is ready to assume the responsibilities of a head varsity coach," Hage said. "During our interview, I liked some of his ideas, energy and also his direc-

Please see NEW COACH, B4



The crew of the Limerick receives its victory flag at a post-race ceremony on Mackinac Island. The crew members are (front row, from left) Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, Kerri Pearce, McKenzie Pearce, (back row, from left) Kevin Pearce, Darrell Cope, Dan Holley, Mark Yuhn, Steve Van Hoof and Brian Sullivan.

Close call at Mackinac

Plymouth skipper guides boat to narrow victory

By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

Darrell Cope's 33rd Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Race was one of the most memorable and special in his lengthy sailing career.

For starters, the Plymouth resident and co-owner of the Limerick with Kevin Pearce of Grosse Pointe, was a winner in the Cruising B Class.

Cope, 49, will long remember this year's race for that reason and the fact the margin of victory was so unbelievably close.

Competing in the Shore Course Division III, the Limerick reached Mackinac island just past 3 p.m. Monday after nearly 51 hours on Lake

The boat was first in its class to finish and tops in elapsed time (50:59:32). However, when corrected time was factored in the handicapping system, Cope and his crew won by just 19 seconds over Jeff Henderson of Clarkston and his

"Initially, we made up a lot of time and thought we had pulled far enough ahead that we had a nice margin of victo-



The Limerick (second from left) sets sail on Lake Huron at the start of the annual Port Huron to Mackinac Race.

ry," Cope said. "We knew we had to finish about an hour and a half ahead (based on corrected time).

"We were a good hour ahead coming into the island. We were really pumped up; things were looking good - and the wind died. It became a giant parking lot near the finish line

"When the wind came up, it came in from behind, so all the boats behind us got the wind and started catching up. You could see them coming, and we were still sitting there, going very slow, about a knot and a

During those anxious moments, Cope and his crew prayed for the wind to catch their boat, too, and push it across the finish line, he add-

"The Pirate and (third-place boat) Momentum were still behind us, but we couldn't tell how much time and distance they had made up," Cope said. "We didn't know if we had first place or not."

The Limerick did get to the finish line first, but that didn't resolve the issue. Cope and his

Please see MACKINAC, B3

Smith named grid assistant

Gannon University
(Pa.) head football coach Brad Rzyczycki recently announced that Jerry Smith (Westland John Glenn) has been named to the 2012 staff.

Smith, who will coach wide receivers, was four-year letterwinner for the Golden Knights (2008-11) where he was a three-year starter at wide receiver while competing in 41 career games.

The former wide-out finished his career with 51 receptions, 624 yards, 12.2 yards per reception and four touchdowns.

Smith's senior campaign was arguably his best. He was the team's third-leading receiver, hauling in 22 passes for 257 yards and two

Smith set career-highs in receptions (6), yards (127) and touchdowns (2) last season at Clarion (Pa.).

Smith graduated from Gannon in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Business and will continue his studies pursuing his Masters.

Rams win big

The Michigan Rams defeated the Adrian Outlaws 9-0 on Wednesday at Ford Field in Livonia in a Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League contest.

Triggering the rout for the Rams (16-15-1) were Garrett Gordon and Brandon Katta, each going 2-for-3 with a run scored. Katta also drove in two while Gordon collected one RBI.

Zach Zott singled in two runs and scored a run while J.P. Maracani also tallied two RBI.

Going the distance for the shutout victory was Jeff Sorenson, who only faced 24 batters. He gave up just two hits and struck out 11 while not walking a batter.

The Outlaws (5-26-1) received one hit each from PT Gunn and Kyle Johnson.

Scout carves out winning niche with Pinewood Derby



Some of Tom Cousino's Pinewood Derby entries are patterned after Perry the Platypus, Landspeeder, Super Mario and a Wii remote control.

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's Tom Cousino dubbed his championship Pinewood Derby car "Red Phoenix" — an appropriate choice because it rose to prominence from a small block of wood.

The 11-year-old's sleek, aerodynamic red racer with gold stripes did more than blow past the competition June 2 at the Boy Scouts of America's Great Lakes Council Race, held at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

It was selected for a year-long exhibit at the Hall of Fame, located next to the Henry Ford Museum.

Several weeks later, the achievement is starting to soak in, although the youngster isn't one to gloat.

"It's fun to be in Pinewood Derby," said Tom, during a recent interview at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "I mean, when you come up with cool designs everyone's going to say 'Nice design."

Tom's Hall of Fameworthy victory followed top prizes won in his age group at the Isbister Cub Scout Pack 1540 and Sunset District races, respectively held in March and April at Redford Thurston. More than 27,000 scouts in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties are

represented by the Great Lakes Council.

Fast and sleek

This year's Pinewood Derby competition was the fifth in a row for Tom, who in past years entered cars featuring a wide array of designs: those included a "Wiimote" (Wii remote control), Super Mario, Landspeeder from Star Wars and Perry the Platypus (from the Phineas and Ferb animated TV series).

Tom said each year's entry started with a five-ounce block of wood (the standard size in the Pinewood Derby kit as provided by the

Please see PINEWOOD, B4

Wilson signs with Caps

Tom Wilson of the Plymouth Whalers signed a three-year, entry-level contract last week with the NHL's Washington Capitals.

The 18-year-old Wilson, a forward who tallied 27 points and 141 penalty minutes in 49 games for the Whalers in 2011-12, inked a contract worth \$832,500 per year at the NHL level and \$70,000 annually if he plays in the AHL

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Golfers' best friends

Caddying at Western is a rewarding gig for area teens

By Ed Wright Observer Staff Writer

There have been several weekend mornings this summer when Livonia Stevenson seniorto-be Jake Colley has returned home from work before many of his peers have even pushed themselves out of bed.

In addition to having a full day still ahead of him, Colley will often have a pocket full of hard-earned cash.

Yes, life as a caddy at Redford Township's Western Golf and Country Club has more than its share of perks.

"I can't think of a better way to make money than working at a beautiful golf course, getting a good four-mile walk in and getting a chance to meet successful businessmen, entrepreneurs, lawyers and doctors every day," said Colley, who competes in cross country and track and field at Stevenson. "Basically, this job is getting me ready for the real world."

Colley is one of close to 100 area teens who are employed as caddies at Western — a sprawling, picturesque private club situated west of Beech Daly and south of Five Mile in Redford.

While the money is good - experienced caddies usually earn around \$50 to \$60 for an 18-hole round; beginners bring in around \$20 to \$30 per loop the responsibilities that go with the position are plentiful.

Multi-tiered tasks Along with the obvi-



Western Golf and **Country Club golf** services manager Scott Coleman (left) oversees a caddy program that employs close to 100 area teenagers, including (from Coleman's left) Alex Ryktarsyk, Michael McComb and Jake Colley.

ous job of carry the clubs, many three- and four-year Western caddies offer golfers vardages, help read greens, replace divots and repair ball marks.

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"One of the best things about this job is watching the kids mature over the years," golf services manager Scott Coleman said. "From the time they start as a 14year-old to the time they leave four or five years later, they're totally different kids. They're more vocal, more confi-

One of the keys to becoming a stellar caddy is knowing when to converse with the golfers, Coleman said.

"I read an excellent article in Golf Digest a couple years ago that said, in so many words, in order to be a good caddy, you have to keep up and shut up," Coleman said, smiling. "It's a little harsh, but in a lot of ways it's true. You want to be up in front or alongside the guys you're caddying for, but you can't be telling them about your sister's graduation party and everything that's going

on in your life.

"The nice thing about this club is that a lot of the members have kids who are friends with our caddies, so they know them on a personal level. Our membership-employee relationships are awesome here."

While a good percentage of the job demands a serious approach, there are plenty of light-hearted moments, Coleman said.

"You can tell the producers of the movie Caddyshack interviewed a lot of caddies because it is spot-on as far as some of the funny things that really happen," Coleman said. "We can watch some of the scenes in that movie and really relate to them."

Tons of incentive

Western's caddies are ranked, depending on their years of service and the results of members' evaluations. Firstyear workers carry the beginner label. Through hard work and dedication, they can advance to the ranks of intermediate, captain and hon-

Among the club's highest-ranking caddies is recent Livonia Churchill graduate Alex Ryktarsyk, who will be a freshman at Michigan State University in the fall.

Ryktarsyk is a 2012 recipient of the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholarship — a full-ride award earned by a select few caddies each year.

Awardees are selected based on a number of factors, including service to their club, academics and extracurricular activities.

A four-year caddy, Ryktarsyk knows Western's layout almost as well as he knows his own backyard.

"It just comes down to practice makes perfect," he said. "At this point, after having worked here for four years and being able to play the course on Mondays, I know the yardages, the way the greens roll, how fast you need to hit putts - things like that," he said. "It's just an experience thing. The more you do something, the better you're going to



PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

Recent Livonia Churchill graduate Alex Ryktarsyk is the recipient of the prestigious Western Golf Association Evans Scholarship.

be at it."

The most-dedicated caddies are rewarded handsomely for their unyielding commitment.

"The honor and captain level caddies can make as much as \$70 to \$80 for a loop," he said. "That's not bad for 41/2 hours of work. Invitationals are generally the best-paying weeks for the caddy season. You can make a couple hundred bucks in three days; some guys make \$400 to \$500, depending on how their golfers do."

First-year caddy Michael McComb is still a few years away from the big paydays, but he's not complaining.

"I love golf and I love being able to go out on the course and get paid for it," said McComb, a freshman-to-be at Detroit Catholic Central. "It's an awesome job."

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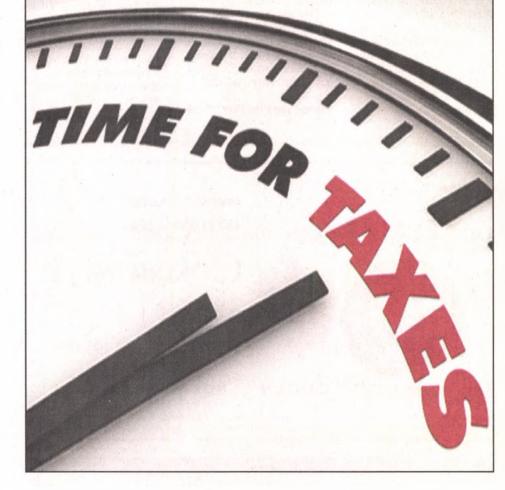
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Whalers' alumni game will benefit Gleaners

Tyler Seguin and the boys are coming back to Plymouth.

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers have announced the team's third annual Alumni Game - known as the "Champions for a Hunger Free Summer" — will be played 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Compuware Arena.

Whalers alums, led by current Boston Bruins star forward Seguin, will play in the game with proceeds going to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

While Whaler fans reconnect with former players, a winner of the game will be Gleaners and their corporate partners in the company's **Hunger Free Summer** campaign.

The Whalers are asking fans for a donation of 10 canned goods for admission. Tickets for \$10 can be also purchased by calling the Compuware Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going online to www.plymouthwhalers. com.

Included in the admission is an autograph session with the alumni, which will run from 2-3:30 p.m.

In addition to Seguin, former Whalers scheduled to skate include NHL players Chad LaRose (Carolina), James Neal (Pittsburgh), Jared Boll (Columbus) and goaltender Matt Hackett (Minnesota) as well as retired Washington Capitals' forward Pat Peake the only Whaler to have his jersey retired by the franchise.

Other Plymouth alumni tentatively scheduled to



Former Plymouth Whaler and current Boston Bruin star Tyler Seguin is among players slated to participate in the OHL team's Aug. 4 alumni game for Gleaners.

play in the game include former captains Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), AJ Jenks (2006-10) and Mike Morrone (1994-97); Tyler G. Brown (2007-11), Ryan Hayes (2007-10), Robbie Czarnik (2009-11), Jamie Devane (2008-12), Damian Surma (1998-02), Joe Byrne (1996-98), Mark Cadotte (1995-97), Scott Fletcher (2008-09), Dan Pawlaczyk (1993-97), Jason Lawmaster (1996-98), J.D. Eaton (1990-93), Jeff Gardiner (1990-92), James Sheehan (1990-92), Ryan Stephenson (2004-06) and Larry Sterling (2000-01).

Ryan McGinnis (2003-07) will attend the game, but will not play.

More alumni will confirm closer to Aug. 4.

Any donation brought to the game will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Charter One Foundation, Ford Motor Company Fund, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Epoch Restaurant Group, American Specialty Oil Company and Joshua (Jim) and Eunice Stone Foundation providing six meals per dollar for children who are at risk of hunger and malnutrition while school is out.

The Whalers' participation in Gleaners' Hunger Free Summer campaign extends the initiative that goes from July 17-29 and will now run through the Alumni Game. Thirty-five corporations and organizations throughout Oakland County are participating in the effort this year.

For more information about Gleaners Hunger Free Summer campaign, please go online to http:// www.gcfb.org/site/Page-Server.

MACKINAC

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crew had to wait another hour or more before results were posted and the *Limerick's* victory was official.

"I've been doing this race quite a while, and we've never had a finish that close," Cope said. "The last time we won was five or six years ago, and the difference was about a minute and a half, which is still pretty darn close. But 19 seconds is real close!"

Furthermore, the runner-up skipper, Henderson, is the commodore of the Bayview Yacht Club, which is the host club for the annual race.

"He was very nice about it," Cope said. "He shook our hands and said: 'Man, was that a close race?' Yep, 19 seconds! It could have gone either way."

'Good sailors'

What made the race and victory special was the unique makeup of



Steve Van Hoof of Plymouth (rear, right) is at the helm of the Limerick. Other crew members are Kerri Pearce (foreground), Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, Brian Yuhn and Dan Holley (rear, left).

the Limerick crew, which included three teenage girls. Kerri and McKenzie Pearce and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan are the daughters of Kevin Pearce and crew member Brian Sullivan.

"They're all good sailors," Cope said. "Even though it was their first Mack, they've been on the boat and done other races with us.

"We told them, 'If you really want to do the

Mack, you have to do the Windsor Overnight with us.' That gave them the experience of sailing through the night. We knew it would be fine to take them with us on the Mack."

And the girls had the same duties and expectations of them as any other crew member, and they performed admirably, according to Cope. The crew works in two shifts, rotating every four hours.



A summer sunrise over Lake Huron as seen by members of the Limerick crew during the Port Huron to Mackinac Race.

"Ten minutes before the 2 a.m. shift, we'd tell them, 'You guys are on," Cope said. "They never batted an eye; they got right up on deck. They really did a good job. They did what we asked them to do."

The girls being lighter in weight than adult males afforded the *Limerick* a real advantage to having them as part of the crew.

"If you can keep the boat going in light air, that's the key," Cope said. "After Thunder Bay (when the wind died), we were real fortunate we kept the boat moving as well as we did.

"It was great to have them on the boat. When we needed stuff done, we could have the girls move around and do it and keep our weight in one place. I can think of a million places we could have lost 19 seconds."

First victory

The Limerick has been in the Mackinac Race since 1984 when Cope's father, Art, was the owner. Cope, who belongs to the Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe, and Pearce bought it from him in 1996. The *Limerick* won its first Mackinac Race in 1991 when it was the overall winner.

"There were about 140 boats, and we beat them all that year," Cope said. "They were all big boats we beat. (Some of the other sailors) were so mad they lost to one of those little 30-footers

they changed the rules." The *Limerick* has had several more Mackinac victories since then, and the afterglow from this year's success is certain

to last a good while.

For the first time, the post-race party took place at the Grand Hotel, which put on a grand event for the sailors and their families, according to Cope.

"It was really a firstclass job this year," he said. "We had a great time at the party. It was well, well done."

And so was the racing performance of the *Limerick* and its crew.



Clearing the fence

Daniel Jipping (No. 2) of the Michigan Bulls 16U travel baseball team follows through after clubbing another home run June 29 at the 18U Black Swamp Home Run Derby at Carter Park in Bowling Green, Ohio. Jipping, entering his junior year at Plymouth Christian Academy, won the contest.



Bulldogs have bite!

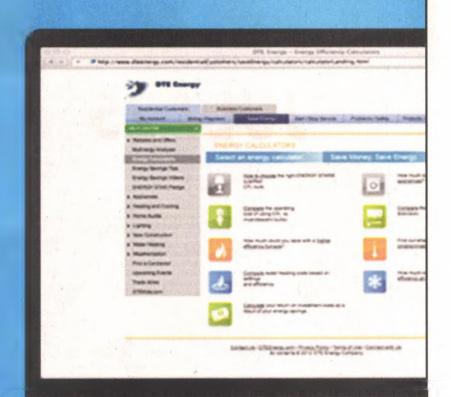
The Michigan Bulldogs 12U travel baseball team recently wrapped up first place in the KVBSA Travel League South Division (of the Community Conference) with a record of 11-5-2 in division play. The team is comprised mostly of players from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Westland. Players include: (front row, from left) David Orlando, Shane Aigner, Jacob Russell, Tyler Hodges; (middle row, from left) Mike Jaafar, Maxx Brown, Zack Dickson, Bobby Mason; (back row, from left) Hunter Mastroionni, Davis Coughlin, Davey Farhat and Mitchell White. Not shown are head coach Scott Coughlin and assistant coaches Jim Aigner, Ron Hodges and Dave Russell.

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PINEWOOD

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Boy Scouts of America) and notebook pages of design ideas.

He noted that he made a determined effort to make the 2012 model as sleek as possible in order to help it zoom down the race track with nothing going for it but gravity and engineering.

"All of my cars from the past years ... have all these different parts that might catch the wind," Tom explained. "So this year is really aerodynamic."

Although he added that there "might be a car that looks like it (Red Phoenix), but probably not. I just wanted to go for an aerodynamic design this year."

Brainstorming sessions with his dad, Jeff Cousino, jumpstarted the process. Tom's mom, Sheila Cousino, and his sisters (Claire, 15; Kate, 13) also contributed ideas to the mix.

Just like in previous years, original drawings and sketches were taken down to the workshop. That's where Jeff's power tools began recasting



JOHN KEMSKI

Tom Cousino (front) and his parents (Jeff and Sheila) proudly pose with Tom's Pinewood Derby entries from first through fourth grade. Not shown is the Plymouth Township 11-year-old's recent winner, on display at the Michigan Automotive Hall of Fame.

the block. Tom followed up by tweaking, decorating and painting it into contest-ready shape.

Of course, Jeff downplays his involvement. "The ideas have been his," Jeff said. "And for me that's the biggest part of it." Something tangible

Meanwhile, in the virtual world of 2012, the Cousinos relish the process of an idea jumping off a notebook page and — as a finished product — ultimately landing onto the sloping, sixlane Pinewood Derby



track. The Hall of Fame exhibit is icing on the cake.

"That's where I think it's the most fun for me," Jeff continued, "is to see their ideas come to life, actually turn into something that ends up going down the track.

"It's one thing to build something on a computer. But to actually build it out of wood and nails and turn it into an actual car, and when you see the boys walk around with the cars, they're

very proud."

Tom's run of success at official Pinewood Derby events certainly topped the bill for the Cousinos.

The 'Red Phoe-

at Dearborn's

of Fame.

nix' is on display

Automotive Hall

But Sheila noted how the entire family enjoyed making cars for a recent "sibling" race.

"It's nice that our pack allows this special sibling race," Sheila said. "They've done it four the last four or five years when all the scouts are done racing. All the other people

can bring their cars and have them race.

"It's a lot of fun to watch all the crazy cars go down the track because the boys are really creative in their cars, but with the siblings there aren't as many rules."

Bottom line

One rule they'll have to pay attention to is eligibility. Because Tom now is in a Boy Scout troop (1537 in Plymouth) he cannot enter the 2013 Pinewood Derby competition.

With more time on his hands as he enters sixth grade at Pioneer Middle School, Tom said he will look into activities such as soccer, swimming and basketball.

But he won't soon forgot Pinewood Derby.

"I just thought this was a really good experience to do," Tom added. "Because if I hadn't done this we wouldn't have all these cool cars.

"Plus, I learned a lot of regular engineering things, like aerodynamics. And having a good paint job always is good."

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NEW COACH

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tion for the program. He is a respected teacher in our building who has a solid rapport with our kids and this will prove beneficial for the soccer program as well."

Grodzicki is a 1992 Stevenson grad who played both basketball and soccer. In 1991, the senior forward scored the game-winning goal for the Spartans in the Class A state finals to beat Saginaw Heritage, 2-1.

Grodzicki owns a B.S. degree in Education at Central Michigan University along with a Masters from Marygrove College. His wife Kelly is the Livonia Red girls gymnastics coach.

"I consider myself a defensive-minded coach first and counter-attack when we can," Grodzicki said. "I like to think that I have a pretty open style as far as play. I want to control the play and put pressure on the other teams' backs.

"It should be a smooth transition. I know all the guys and I'm comfortable with them. I know the parents and the administration, and I know the expectations.

"Working with Reid was great. A lot of the things we set, I'm just going to continue on doing and add my own flavor to as we go."

Churchill finished 11-7-3 in Friedrichs' final season as boys coach losing to the University of Detroit Jesuit in the district finals, 1-0.

"I think we're going to be young in spots," Grodzicki said. "My captains, my leaders will be my seniors. And I'm going to rely on them a lot. We're not going to outscore people. We going to play defense first, and like I said, see where we go from there. We're not going to have a 20-goal scorer I can tell you that."

Grodzicki said he hopes to have a JV coach in place for the first scheduled practice under MHSAA rules, which is Wednesday, Aug. 8.

"I am looking forward to getting started immediately with Matt and I know he is motivated to begin as well," Hage said. "I look forward to Matt carrying on the fine tradition of soccer at Churchill High School."

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Three players who helped Livonia Concealed Security reach the gold bracket at the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series in Cincinnati, Ohio were (from left) Alex Deyonker (Franklin), Kevin Nisun (Franklin) and Austin Stevens (Stevenson).

Concealed 16U in gold bracket

Livonia Concealed Security went 3-0 in pool play at the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series in Cincinnati and advanced to Saturday's single-elimination gold bracket (results were not available as of press time).

Three players with Livonia ties were instrumental in Wednesday's 7-4 win over Top Prospects Illinois, Thursday's 11-9 victory over Dayton Heat and Friday's 10-2 trouncing of the Cleveland Pel-

In the latter win, Concealed's Kevin Nisun (Livonia Franklin) went 2-for-2 and drove in a run as the team made it to the 16-team gold bracket (the World Series started with 48 teams). Dearborn Divine Child's Zack Schmidtke gave up two runs in five innings for

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the win.
Concealed's victory
over Top Prospects featured strong relief pitching by Alex Deyonker (Franklin), who went
3 2/3 innings for the victory. Deyonker gave up
one run and struck out six
and helped his own cause
at the plate. He tallied a
single, run and RBI.

Also coming up with a hit and a run in the game was Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson).

The win over Dayton saw Concealed rally from an early 8-3 deficit, taking the lead with four runs in the sixth. Nisun, Deyonker and Dee Jawad walked with one out and all scored on a two-out triple by Zach Tallman. Going 3-for-3 with two runs and four RBI was Schmidtke while John Slater (Southfield) went 2-for-4.

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Sting zones in on title

The 13-and-under Garden City Sting baseball team won the North Zone Pony Regional championship recently and will represent Michigan in a zone tournament held this week in Evansville, Ind. If successful in Indiana, the Sting will advance to the Pony League World Series in Fullerton, Calif. Pictured are (front row from left) Adam Crunk, River Turek, Timmy Leighton, Dakota Mahkimetass, Calin Crawford, (middle row from left Alex Centofanti, Tyler Kelly, Brady Spehar, Dakoda Darocha, Joey Morton, (back row from left) coaches Doug Morton, Brian Spehar, Weylin Mahkitmetass and Shawn Kelly.



Stars come out

Celebrating their appearance June 23 at the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association 14U All-Star Game are: (back row, from left) Bailey Allen, Lauren Manor, Maigan Byers, Allyson Champagne, Kasey Anthony, Anna Coleman, Morgan Reno, Christina Christensen, Katie Waxer, Mia Phillips, Allison Hodge, Lily Alonso; (front row, from left) Madison Kulik, Paige Lohman, Emily Caragay, Rachel Auer, Alexa Ebeling, Marissa Templeton, Hayley Stump, Taylor Berean, Jenna Taylor, Kaitlyn Zech and Jessica Lentine.



Walking tall

Joseph Drazga, 88, of Livonia, pictured with his proud daughter Nancy Drazga, also of Livonia, completed his first 1-mile walk during the 2012 Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run. The annual event also included a 1-mile run, 5- and 10-kilometer races.

SPORTS ROUNDUP Hawk golf outing

The Formington Hour

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The event will be a Texas Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per four-some. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing.

A registration form is available at www. gohawks.org, or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

New members welcome at FHS

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

GCHA signups

The Garden City Hockey Association will begin accepting walk-in registrations for the upcoming 2012-13 season at the Garden City Civic Arena 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Future of Jazz: Schoolcraft will take on fest with Ellis as adviser

Midge Ellis has certainly earned the title of "Ma Jazz." The 88-year-old Livonia resident was busy Sunday, July 15, keeping things running smoothly at the 18th annual Michigan Jazz Festival.

"You see the fruits of your labor right away," Ellis said during a break. "It makes it all worth it."

She and other key "players" do fundraisers all year to make the free summer festival possi-



of donations," Ellis said. She appreciates all the great

ble. "We get a lot

music. including the "Future of Jazz" stage at Schoolcraft College for young student musicians. "It does my heart good to see all those young people

playing jazz," she said. The festival has its roots at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, and draws people from out of state as well as nearby. At this year's event, many praised the indefatigable Ellis.

"I've enjoyed it immensely, because it's what I love to do," she said of her work organizing jazz concerts since 1968. She brought big names to the Clarenceville schools complex.

Musicians are paid for the Michigan Jazz Festival, so donations are always appreciated.

Contributions are taxdeductible and used primarily for educational



Craig Strain plays the trumpet with the Craig Strain Orchestra.

clinics and workshops for middle school and high school jazz musicians.

In addition to Ellis, many had praise for this year's festival sponsors: Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, Inmart Group Limited, the late Morry Cohen, the Myron P. Leven Foundation, Nancy Salden, Schoolcraft College Music Department and the Steinway Piano Gallery.

Next year, Schoolcraft College will take over the jazz event, with Ellis in an advisory role. "Hopefully, it'll be transparent," Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said of the transition. He was at the July 15 event enjoying the sounds.

Jeffress noted the event has many logistics, and that many musicians play based on their longtime ties to Ellis.

"You have to work on



Jazz legend and saxman, George Benson receives a lifetime achievement award at the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College from his friend and fellow jazz great Johnny Trudell.

transitioning those relationships," he said. Jeffress agreed Schoolcraft offering jazz studies will

"These are folks who typically know each other," he said, adding people always want to save the date early on their calendars. "After that,

it's a done deal. This is a unique American art form," said Jeffress, agreeing jazz must continue and offering abundant praise to Ellis, other key organizers, volunteers and the college.

To make a donation to the Michigan Jazz Festival, send



Sarah Barnes D'Angelo was the special guest singer for the Craig Strain Orchestra.



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There was plenty to toot your horn about at the Michigan Jazz Festival July 15. The closing band for the day's event was jazz legend Johnny Trudell and his band.

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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 informa-tion call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

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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

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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. **DETROIT CODY**

CLASS OF 1962

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

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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.

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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 Mer-riman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Familystyle 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.

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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.

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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 jeffreyfordell@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@



A baby wildlife animal, such as a bunny, may appear abandoned, but may simply be left unattended temporarily by

Michigan Humane Society urges care with wildlife

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is asking residents to exercise caution before intervening with what may appear to be an abandoned baby animal. The MHS Wildlife Department has reported a high number of young wildlife animals being brought in for care.

Although it may appear

that baby animals such as birds, ducks, rabbits or fawns are abandoned. most of the time the mother is nearby. It is normal for many species to leave their young unattended for hours at a time. For example, mother deer leave their fawns for up to eight hours before returning to nurse. Fawns do not carry a scent, so by watching her young from a distance, a mother deer helps keep her scent from attracting predators to them.

Another example are baby birds, who typically do not fly as soon as they leave the nest, and require a few days on the ground to build up their flight muscles.

When baby animals are removed from their mother and their habitat, they often cannot survive. In general, MHS recommends only moving animals if they are

in immediate peril. Before intervening or for more information, contact either your local Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office, or the DNR's Wildlife Department at (517) 373-1263. You also can contact the MHS Wildlife Department at (248) 852-7420, ext. 224. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Greek physicians in 400 B.C. provided a description and treatment for gout that has prevailed to the present day. Ancient manuscripts describe the sudden onset and intense pain of gou' and its predilection for the great toe, ankle, and knee. Furthermore, these writings noted that colchicine was the drug of choice to stop these

AN OLD CONDITION

For the last 2500 years what medical students learned about the treatment of gout was to take colchicine, one tablet an hour until 12 tablets are taken, the attack ends, or gout ensues. To prevent further attacks the patient should take colchicine or two tablets a day

Now that classical regimen is to be used no more. In 2009, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) announced hat any pharmaceutical company that wanted to market colchicine had to submit reports of investigations providing the efficacy of the drug. No such studies had ever been done before. The investigations showed that the best outcomes resulted when patients took two colchicine tablets when a gout attack came on, and one tablet an houl later if the attack had not resolved. Then the patient stopped using colchicine completely. The only exception was to take colchicine, one tablet two times a day, when starting long term therapy with Allopurinol or

The new approach has taken many physicians by su prise. The medical community is still adapting to these guidelines that seem contrary to tradition, training, and the experience of physicians practicing today.

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Refrigerators can suffer heat stroke

By Joe Gagnon **Guest Columnist**

ou can ask an appliance retailer if the sale of refrigerators and freezers increases during the summer and you will receive a positive answer. Ask an air conditioning company how busy they are during 95 degree days and they will tell you they are going nuts. The simple fact that there is nothing harder on these types of products than heat creates a boom in sales and service. There are things that homeowners can do to help save the life of a product and extend it for years to come.

I've always had the picture in my mind of growing up in Timmins, Ontario, where the temperatures would drop to below 40 degrees and people would take their cars, put them on blocks and leave them parked for the winter. Car owners would drive theirs for 20 years



Doctor

Joe Gagnon

in a family was a cause for a lot of attention by the neighbors. Is it any wonder how an automobile could last that long way up there? You might say there

and more, and

let me tell you

that a new car

was little heat factor affecting the internal

components.

Think of the temperatures that this country went through in the early part of July and what it did to many farmers' crops and to your grocery bill in the months ahead. We all had to feel as sorry as we watched the nightly news reporting the suffering going on by those less fortunate. Then we had the resulting thunderstorms and power failures affecting many millions of homes and

I'm sure that lead some people to pray for survival. The companies that produce those automatic generators for homes are predicting they will become as popular as colored televisions in the near future and our weather may make that possible. The essence is that heat is in our minds like never before and each one of you can add your own twist to the subject. I'm here to try and save your refrigerator.

Condenser coil

Heat is the enemy of your refrigerator. It is removed from the very products you put inside both the freezer and refrigerator sections and through the principals of refrigeration this heat is dispersed into what we call the condenser coil.

Now, believe it or not I talk to people every week who do not even know what a condenser coil is or worse yet, they

don't have a clue as to where it is located. And even more serious, they have never cleaned it. Let me say, if you don't want to spend your vacation money on a new refrigerator you had better learn right now why cleaning your refrigerator condenser is so important. Every day service technicians by the thousands visit a home and make the following statement to a customer. "I'm sorry but your compressor has had a stroke, it is finished. Replacement cost can be over \$600 or you may decide to purchase a new refrigerator." It's not funny in the least when the technician says that condenser is plugged up solid and this could have all been prevented if he or she had cleaned the condenser on a regular basis. So here now I will repeat the most important maintenance tip that you can perform on your expensive refrigerator.

1. Unplug the refrigerator! 2. Purchase a refrigerator

condenser brush from your local appliance store or hardware store.

3. Pull the refrigerator out away from the wall and place something like a throw rug under the front rollers or you may scratch the surface of the kitchen floor.

4. Remove the cardboard cover at the bottom of the back wall of the refrigerator and make sure you put it back on when you are all done. It is there for directing air movement around the compressor.

5. Use the brush and your vacuum cleaner and remove all dust, animal hair etc. and clean the fan blade on the motor. Do this at least twice a year to prevent heat stroke. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM-AM (1600). Joe's consumer tips can be seen on WADL Television. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.

Farmington Hills accounting firm raises donations for animals

UHY LLP, certified public accountants in Farmington Hills, finished first out of 86 teams as top donor for the Michigan Humane Society 2012 Mutt March last month.

Company members formed a team and raised more than \$2,800 for the cause. UHY Cares, the firm's nonprofit organization, also contributed \$480 through donations from the firm's Jean Day that took place the Friday prior to the event. This is UHY's fourth consecutive year participating in the annual Mutt March.

"A good time was had by all walking around the beautiful grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores and the weather was perfect," said UHY

team captain Alissa Jurek. "Most importantly, every dollar raised will help the Michigan Humane Society care for more than 100,000 animals each year through its lifesaving programs, including adoption, cruelty investigation, emergency

rescue, reuniting lost animals with their families, humane education, and legislative advocacy."

UHY Cares is a nonprofit organization that gives donations to a variety of charities including the Michigan Humane Soci-

ety, March of Dimes, Ronald McDonald Foundation, victims due to natural disasters among many more. The concept of giving back to the community was sparked by employees and UHY Cares was founded in 2008.



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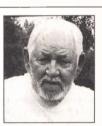
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FARMER, JAMES D.

July 17, 2012, age 79, of Westland, MI. Beloved husband of Martha. Dear father of Bruce (Carla), Debbie & Beth Farmer. Brother of Jerry, Jack, the late Kenneth, Ralph & Robert. Grandfather of Todd (Theresa) Farmer & Amie (Craig) Krzeminski. Great-Grandfather of Justin, Evan, Kendal & Colin. James worked for Delta Airlines for 38 years. He retired at 59 to enjoy his garden & flowers. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please watch the funeral home website for an update of the memorial service. Family the memorial service. Family requests memorials to Michigan Humane Society. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



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July 18, 2012, age 60, of Canton. Beloved and loving wife of Michael Straub. Precious mother of James C. Dixon Ill and Kelly L. Dixon. Step-mother of Michael B. Straub, Kyle Sarach, Carol Burkhart and Heather Shoeneman. Proud grandmother of Carly and Jayden. Dear sister of Wanda, Homer, Sandra, Rayburn and Elizabeth. Visitation Sunday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor, Pd. Abbur, Sheldon, & Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, (at Ridge) Plymouth. Memorials be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GILBERT, CHARLES D. Of Bloomfield Hills, MI and La

Quinta, CA, passed away suddenly, July 16, 2012. Chuck graduated from the University of Michigan and received a BBA and MBA degree. Chuck was a devoted husband to his wife Nancy and father to his daughter Jeannie. He and Nancy went to great lengths to attend all of his daughter's athletic events and matches regardless of the distance they had to travel. He was an avid duck hunter. golfer, photographer and gardener He was an incredibly kind and generous man who would help anyone in need. He was a contributor and member of the University of Michigan Alumni Society. Sigma Nu, Crossroads for Youth (Camp Oakland) in Oxford, MI and the Elks Club and many other nonprofit organizations. He is survived by his wife whom he was married to for 56 years, Nancy, daughter Jeannie of La Quinta, CA, Jim and Helen Holmes of Bloomfield Hills, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. There will be no funeral or memorial service at this time. Donations are welcome to be made in his honor to the any youth athletic programs or the organization of the donor's choice.

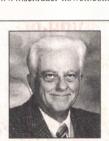
HENDZELL, ELEANORE M.

Age 87, at peace with our Lord on July 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Tom (Mary), Bob (Lynne) and Gary (Phyllis). Proud grandma of eight and Cherished great-grandma of two. Family and friends will gather together on Monday July 23rd for an 11:00am graveside service at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. Arrangements entrusted to Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, IL. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

HOISINGTON, RUSSELL F.

July 14, 2012, age 85. Beloved husband of Marlene. Dear father of Lesley Castle, Peter (Susan) Hoisington, Joseph (Josefina) Heather (Jay) Hoisington, Brittingham, Linda Gowans and Lisa Shott. Grandfath Benjamin, Raymond, Grandfather of Christopher, Dayton, Brittany, Jesse, Tyler, Daniel, Daniel and Cassie and greatgrandaughter of Kirra. Memorial gathering Thursday from 4pm until time of special remembrances at 6pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Memorial service Friday, 11am at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile Road, Northville. Contributions suggested to St. John's Hospice, the Salvation of or Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Share your special thoughts and memories at:

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JENNINGS, WILLIAM HARRY

Passed away Sunday, July 15, 2012 peacefully in his home. He leaves behind his children, William Harry Jennings Jr, and his wife, Karen and two grand-children, Bill and Lynn and 5 great grandchildren, Candace Jennings, her husband and daughter, Steve Crowe and Samantha, Gary Jennings and his wife, Sin Ling and youngest daughter, Jill Dotterrer, and her husband Jim. Bill was a dedicated teacher for the Livonia School District for 38 years. His wife, Patricia, who passed away in 2002, was also a teacher in Livonia. Residents in the Livonia community for over 50 years, they enjoyed volunteering as Friends of the Library They had a passion for traveling the United States in their Avion trailer, but most of all, loved spending time camping and touring around Michigan. An avid golfer, he never passed up the opportunity to golf with his family or friends. He had a passion for painting and loved working with watercolors. Mr. Jennings will be cremated and there will be a celebration of his life set at a later date. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.



JONES, V. JEAN (DEARTH)

Age 68 of Naples, FI formerly of Westland, MI. Passed away on July 11, 2012. Beloved mother of Rhonda (Jason) Moore. Survived by her brother, Ronald (Diana) Dearth, Nancy Henry, Debra (Robert) DeMoisey Patricia (William) Engle and grandmother of Zoe Moore and her pet Sophie. A private service was held.

LEADFORD, **CENA MAE**

Was born on November 22, 1920 in DeKalb, Texas and passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on July 14, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Leven H. Leadford. Loving mother of Sue (Bill) Fuss, Gayle (Jim) Tabeling, Gary (Sue), Lary (Ginny) and Dara (Marcia) Leadford. She will also be missed by 11 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be held at 11:00am July 24, 2012 at Oak Chapel at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi, MI Oakland Hills Burial will follow. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We continue to love her and will miss her dearly.

METTETAL, ELI

July 18, 2012, Age 88 of Redford Beloved husband of Elma. Dear father of Terry (Jim)MaGraw, Ron Mettetal and Vickie Gary) Hulbert. Owner of Mettetal Greenhouse. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth. Services will be private. Donations may be made to Homeward Bound Pet Rescue,

Westland or Humane Society.
To share a memory, please visit:
vermeulenfuneralhome.com

PASSAGE, MARION F.

July 15, 2012, age 96; member of Saint Andrew Episcopal Church of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Carolyn Kleinsmith and Rita Passage. Dear grandmother of Douglas (Astrid), Jeffrey (Emily) and Erik (Susan) Kleinsmith Great grandmother of Christian, Alexander, Ethan, Olivia, John and Grant. Memorial service Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers contributions suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675; or the Secret Service Uniform Division Benefit Fund, Attention Rosie Manning, 2057 Stargrass Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192 Share your special thoughts and

memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

SMITH, **DENNIS JAMES**

July 14, 2012. Age 54. Beloved husband of Janet M. Dear father of Dale (Erin) and Denise. Brother of Dianna (Danny) McComas; Dorothy (Al) Mumy; Daniel, Dean (Sara) and Kelly (Romeo) Suryono. Loving grandfather of Devon and Travis. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home (734) 981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

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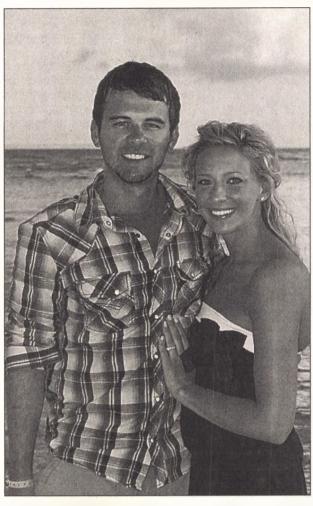
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Her fiance, son of Lori and Mark Sasena of Plymouth, earned a bachelor of business administration degree with an accounting major from Eastern Michigan University. He works in Livonia at Sasena's Account-

An October 2012 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Wyandotte, with a reception to follow at Burton Manor.

GARDEN & NATURE

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

Belleville Walk

The Belleville Area District Library will present its seventh annual Garden Walk, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, July 22. The theme is "The Decorated Garden" with an emphasis on using art and other objects as focal points in the garden. Each of the five gardens on the tour artfully incorporates manmade objects. The Garden Market Place returns to the library lawn this year. A Garden Walk ticket is not necessary to shop the Market Place. On the day of the Garden Walk, tickets are \$12 and available only at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Addresses with maps are available at the library on the day of the walk. Call (734) 699-3291 for additional information or visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us for a copy of the brochure. All proceeds from the garden walk benefit the library.

English Gardens

• Get tips on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at / p.m. Wednesday, July 25 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

· Learn to arrange flowers in a vase at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. This stepby-step demonstration features lots of inspirations and design basics to get your started.

• Get tips on attracting butterflies and birds to the garden at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11.

• Find out how to preserve the harvest at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 18.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

Master Gardener

Become a Master Gardener volunteer by taking a 13-week series of classes, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Aug. 14 at the Venoy Annex building, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. The application fee is \$25 and registration and materials fee is \$300. Contact Anita Callender at callen12@anr.msu. edu or call (734) 729-3632 ext. 103 for

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com.

July **ADULT ACADEMY**

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile,

Details: The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation?' and Other Conversations"

Contact: (734) 422-1470 **BIBLE TALK**

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, July 22 Location: Plymouth His-

torical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth **Details:** These one-hour

meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Christ. No collections will be taken. Ministers are Matthew Jensen and Jason McInally Contact: (515) 851-2939

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

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

shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480. **COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 28 Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031

Cherry Hill, Westland Details: Free food, bouncy houses, Westland Fire Truck, face painting, games, silent auction and more

Contact: (734) 536-1210

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "Monsignor Quixote" will be screened. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 27 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28 **Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road,

Contact: timothylivonia@ yahoo.com; (734) 427-2290

SEEKING CRAFTERS Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: An 8- by 10-feet space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. July 23-27

Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 3885 Venoy, Westland Details: The theme is "IncrediWorld Amazement Park." Kids will experience the wonder of God's creation made in six days. As they travel back to the beginning, they will put on their "Bible glasses" and get a closer look at God's design features in animals. Kids will make crafts, play water games, relays and more. Aimed at age 3 to 6th grade.

Contact: (734) 425-0261 **VACATION BIBLE**

SCHOOL Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2 **Location:** Rosedale Gardens

Presbyterian Church, 9601

Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Sky - Everything is Possible with God" is the theme. Aimed at children, age 3-5th grade. Preschoolers must be potty-trained. Free CD of music from the week. Cost is \$10 per child, \$25 for families with three or more children. Registration forms are available in the church office. Church office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call ahead to assure someone can help

Contact: Pam Gunderson at (734) 422-0494, Ext. 14, or visit rgpc.children@yahoo.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-Aug. 3

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia Details: "VBS Olympics" is aimed at children, age 3

through 5th grade and will

include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. Cost is \$5 per child and registration is available now Contact: (734) 422-1470,

ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.org

WORSHIP IN THE PARK Time/Date: 11 a.m., July 22 and 29

Location: at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road

in Canton Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church hosts the

service. Bring a lawn chair to the event Contact: (734) 459-3333

Golf, health talk

Pro golfer Fred Funk visits Providence Park Hospital

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Pro golfer Fred Funk is well paid to worry about his golf game - but he doesn't want you to worry unduly about yours.

"Drink more," the Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., resident advised light-heartedly during a July 10 visit to Novi's Providence Park Hospital. He wants weekend golfers to enjoy the game.

Funk, 56, was in town for the U.S. Senior Open and came to the hospital to meet patients and staff. One of his sponsors is the Stryker firm, which makes the knee used in Funk's right knee 2009 replacement surgery.

He was at Providence both to share golf tips and to encourage orthopedic patients.

"I see 'em every day," Funk said of everyday golfers on the course. "It doesn't matter what you tell them, they don't do it anyway" when it comes to the sport.

His FedExCup rank is 214th and FedExCup points 47, with a scoring average of 72.08. He's 32nd in career earnings on the PGA Tour, and served as men's golf coach at the University of Maryland, his alma mater, 1982-88.

'I thought it was a really nice opportunity for Providence," said Dr. David Markel, M.D., orthopedic surgeon with a subspecialty of hip and knee replacement. He's also chair of the program at Providence.

Markel golfs "occasionally," and noted significant changes in joint replacement surgery over the last 20-30 years. The devices used are more durable and longer lasting.

"More people are doing better longer, which is good," Markel said.

'Living longer'

That's changed the questions health care folks now ask after the surgery. Questions now are often can a patient golf nine or even 18 holes without a cart, or bicycle. "People are living longer," Markel said, and his specialty is predicted to be the fastest growing medical area.

Several of his patients came to the Novi hospital that day, including Gary and Cathy Latendresse of Grosse Ile, both golfers.

"We're Dr. Markel fans and we're Fred Funk fans," said Gary. "We're always looking for a road trip.'

The couple, both 69, have had three knees done between them, both of his and one of hers. "This one's coming next," Cathy said of her second.

He had his done in November 2007 and October 2011, she in November 2011. Both Cathy and Gary noted the speed of recovery. "You walk out of the hospital," he said.

"Our bedroom's on the second floor," she added. After surgery, patients quickly begin to work on stair climbing and other essential areas.

Patient Karen Harris of Lathrup Village is also



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Senior PGA golfer Fred Funk, right, compares his knee-replacement scar with Cathy Latendresse, left, and Karen Harris at Novi's Providence Park Hospital on July 11. All three have had their knees replaced and Funk was able to resume his golfing career after having his done a few years ago. Funk, who was in the area for a weekend tournament, visited Providence Park to promote the company that made his knee replacement part.

a registered nurse at the hospital. She had knee surgeries in December 2011 and March 2012 with

"I am trying to get back into it," Harris said of her golf game. Her work at the hospital takes physical strength and agility, which she has.

"Very good," Harris said.

"My knees don't give me any trouble at all. A com-

plete turnaround." The patients enjoyed chatting with Funk, who touted knee replacement

surgery. "You're going to make your own decisions," he said. "I've had enough of this lifestyle" was what motivated him, along with professional considerations. "I got to bone on bone. I just decided I'd had enough."

He's required as a pro to walk the course. "There's no way I would be playing now if I didn't" have the surgery, Funk said.

He got on the course not too long after surgery, with Markel interjecting humorously "Less than was advised" during the Providence appearance.

Funk, whose favorite course is Pebble Beach, turned pro in 1981. The

former newspaper circulation supervisor is splitting his time this year between the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour.

He has eight PGA Tour victories and became the fifth oldest player to win on the PGA Tour with victory at the 2007 Mayakoba Classic.

Funk, who is married with kids, entered the University of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007, and is also in the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

Community work

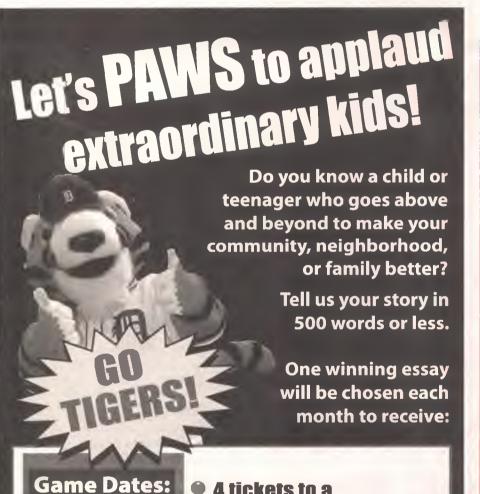
He's active in Jacksonville raising money for a young man who was paralyzed and is a quadriplegic as a result of a high school football injury in 2004. The young man, with a spinal cord injury, and his family moved into a wheelchairaccessible home in 2006 with the help of Funk and

"He's doing great," Funk said of the young man, who's finishing college. "His attitude is unbelievable. He's always looked at the positive side.

Joe Hurshe, vice president of operations at the Novi hospital, and a golfer, said the facility does over 3,300 combined orthopedic procedures a year. Providence has about 30 percent of the region's market share, added Hurshe, whose dad had knee replacement.

He and other staffers looked forward to meeting a pro golfer, a different kind of work day.

"Absolutely. We don't get to do that every day," Hur-





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Finding a great job if you're over 50

Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 16 percent of today's workforce is age 55 and older, and that number is expected to reach 21 percent by 2014 -- an increase of more than 11 million workers. As the American population ages, companies are realizing older Americans are a vital part of their workforce, and are starting to put programs into place to attract and retain these workers.

Companies are increasingly focusing on this segment of the American workforce and are offering older workers more flexible work options and helping them better balance work and family issues, says Deborah Russell, director of economic security for the AARP, a nonprofit organization for people over

And in the face of impending labor shortages, many companies are turning to their own retirees to fill open spots. Bringing a former employee back on board provides a wide range of benefits to the company, as retired workers need less training and are already familiar with company policies and standards as well as business protocol.

Every year, the AARP releases its list of the "Best Employers for Workers Over 50." They look at companies in a variety of industries and evaluate businesses in the areas of

recruitment practices, continuing opportunities for advancement, flexible work schedules and benefits. The AARP found that while many companies still have a long way to go when it comes to attracting and retaining older workers, there are a number of businesses that have put innovative programs in place that benefit workers over 50.

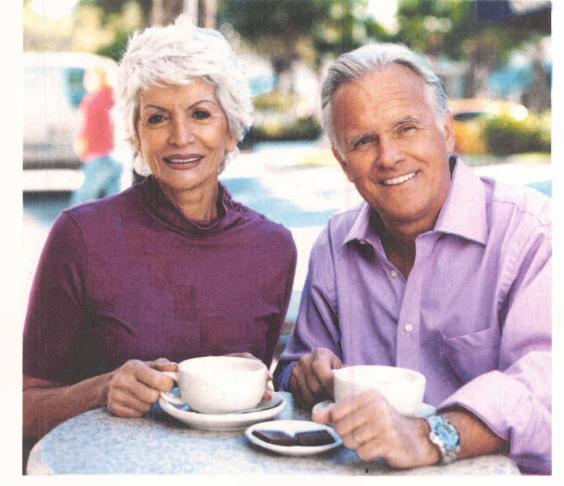
If you are an older professional and want to find an employer who is open to workers of all ages, Russell offers the following tips for evaluating a company.

1. Examine the company's recruitment practices.

Russell notes you can learn a lot about a company by how and where it recruits employees, as well as what its recruitment materials look like. Is the company recruiting at a variety of job fairs? Is it open to applications from all workers? Does it have a formal program to offer positions to retired workers? Can you see a variety of ages represented in company brochures and other branded materials?

2. Ask about advancement opportunities and training.

The AARP found that many of the best companies for older workers have special programs in place to provide employees with advanced and ongoing training, help employees move positions within the company and offer career counseling. These programs help older workers keep important skills up-to-



date. Some companies even offer online courses for employees, which enable older workers to take courses at their own pace.

3. Research the company's benefits.

While you might not be able to find out everything about a company's benefits in the early interview process, you can research the company's Web site and other materials to find out what benefits it offers. Many of the companies on the AARP's list have benefits that are particularly attractive to older workers, such as allowing 401(k) "catch-up"

contributions and time off to care for dependents beyond what is required by law. Some also offer phased retirement programs, and several hospitals on the list offer healthcare services either at a discount or at no cost to employees covered under company health plans.

4. Examine the overall company image.

Take a look at all company collateral and its Web site. What is the image the company is portraying? Also, look around the company when you are interviewing. Do you see other older workers? Ask about the

company's mission and goals. Russell says it is important to determine if the company "values its workforce, or just its bottom line."

For more information about the AARP and its list of the "Best Employers for Workers Over 50," visit the organization's Web site at www.aarp.org/bestemployers.

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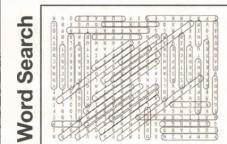
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CHEVY INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATES 'CONFIDENCE' IN ITS PRODUCTS

By Dale Buss

Chevrolet has come up with a two-pronged new program, "Chevy Confidence," to meet a

double latesummer objective. Under the program, the brand will offer no-haggle pricing on 2012 model-year

closeouts, as well as the nohassle return of a just-purchased 2012 or 2013 vehicle.

That way, executives of the biggest division of General Motors figure, they've got a unique hook to help clear away year-end inventory as well as a reason for new-car buyers to come into Chevrolet showrooms without worrying about making an irreversible commitment. After a record 2011 in sales, Chevy sales this year have been increasing at less than half the pace of the industry's overall 15-

percent gain, and its inventories are getting a bit ungainly.

The initiative reflects influences from both GM's defunct Saturn brand, which built fierce consumer loyalty when it launched in the mid-Eighties with no-haggle pricing, as well as from Hyundai, which introduced its "Assurance" incentive program at the height of the recession in 2009, promising to pick up loan or lease payments for any Hyundai purchasers who subsequently lost their jobs.

Chris Perry, Chevrolet global vice president of marketing, and GM Global CMO Joel Ewanick launched "Assurance" when they were Hyundai's top marketers.

Under "Total" Confidence Pricing," Chevy will offer all 2012 vehicles at "special preferred prices" in addition to all current vehicle-specific incentives, and the sticker price is what customers will pay. The "Love It or Return It" part of the initiative



The 2012 Chevrolet Cruze has been running into some sales headwinds lately.

means that Chevrolet customers will be able to return vehicles bought during the program with less than 4,000 miles driven and no physical damage, 30 to 60 days from the purchase date. The offers end September 4.

But Perry told me that the fate of Love It or Return It "depends on consumer reaction. We reserve the right to extend it." He said that, "from our research, we know that consumers appreciate the opportunity to come in and have a risk-free buying process."

The program goes beyond limited test-drive or quick-return programs extant at other brands, Perry said. "They can actually build sort of a long-term relationship with a car," he explained. "In a couple of days or an overnight test drive, you don't get the chance to live with a vehicle and make sure it meets all your needs. This gives people a chance to do just that."

And from Chevy's standpoint, he said, "It shows the confidence we have in our products. Consumers appreciate that.' Across its lineup now, he said, Chevrolet is happy with the appeal and quality of its products. With every bit of increased traffic as well, dealers get the chance to show off to more consumers the physical and process improvements many of them have been making in concert with Chevrolet's brand-makeover program.

Perry said that Hyundai's Assurance program was similar in that "it took risk away from consumers and provided a benefit to them. This is another consumer-oriented, risk-free buying opportunity."

In regard to no-haggle pricing, Perry emphasized that for now it's limited to 2012 models and isn't considered a precursor to a new pricing philosophy at Chevy.

"We'll see how it goes" from the end of the Chevy Confidence program, he said. "With Saturn, [no-haggle pricing] was ingrained in the franchise when it started."

Perry said that the launch of Chevy Confidence wasn't aimed at bolstering any specific vehicle. U.S. sales of the once-hot new compact, Cruze, cooled off in June, falling by 24 percent compared with a year earlier, and are down by 7 percent for the year to date. GM announced a major recall of nearly a half-million 2011 and 2012 Cruze models last month for a fuel-tank strap problem that could lead to engine

He doesn't think the recall significantly hurt sales last month, Perry said. Instead, "there were a couple of things" impacting Cruze sales. Competitors offered much heavier incentives on their competing small cars than Chevy did, Perry said. And Chevrolet itself was offering "great deals" on 2012 Chevrolet Malibu models as it aggressively clears out the old version to make way for the significantly overhauled new 2013 Malibu later this year.

"We had our best June selling Malibus in 30 years," he noted. Malibu sales in June were up by 32 percent over a year ago.

For the year to date through June, Chevrolet sold 6 percent more vehicles than a year earlier, the best year-to-year relative performance of any GM brand. But its inventories reached a 77day supply, whereas 55 to 60 days is considered ideal by the industry.

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