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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."

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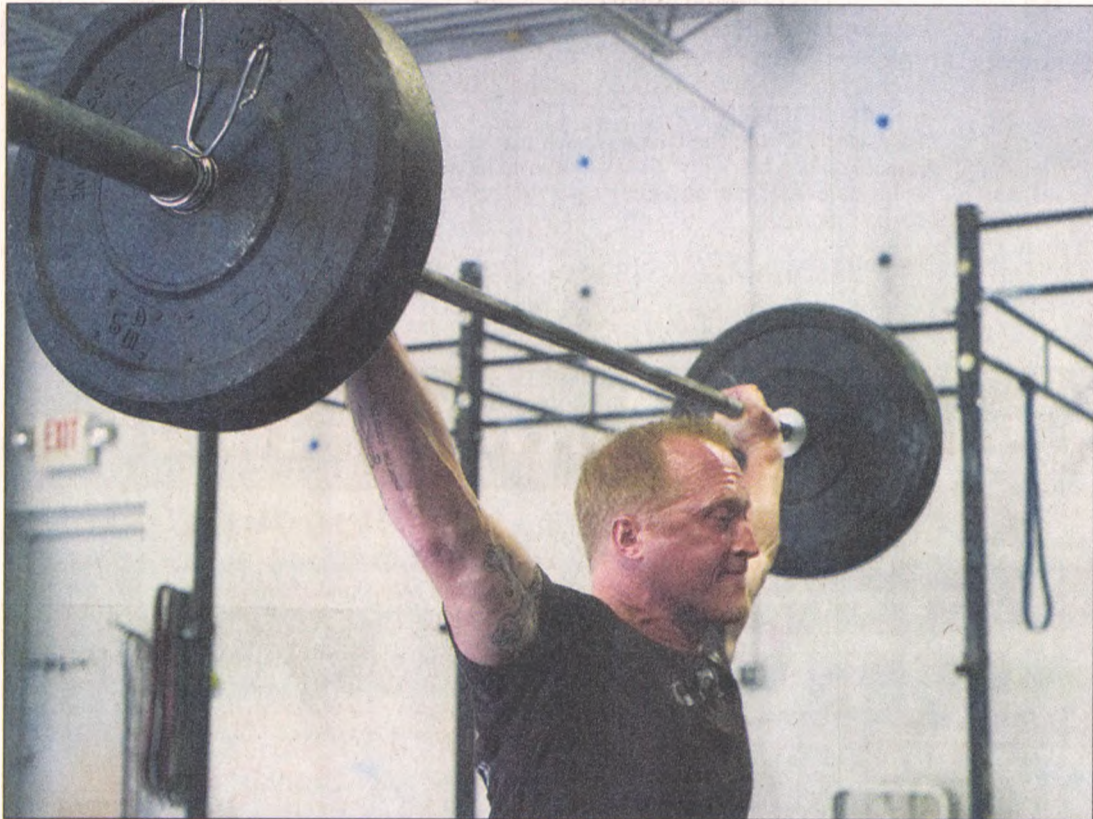
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Snatch-lifts are part of Eric Bartlett's routine workout.

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**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 right.

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 performance anyway.

"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 happened."

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



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

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**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 overall.

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

"(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 toes-to-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 vote-getters 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.

**Summer read**



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 Resources.

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 reimbursement.

"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 CrossFit 15 months ago, said the gym has some 130 members.

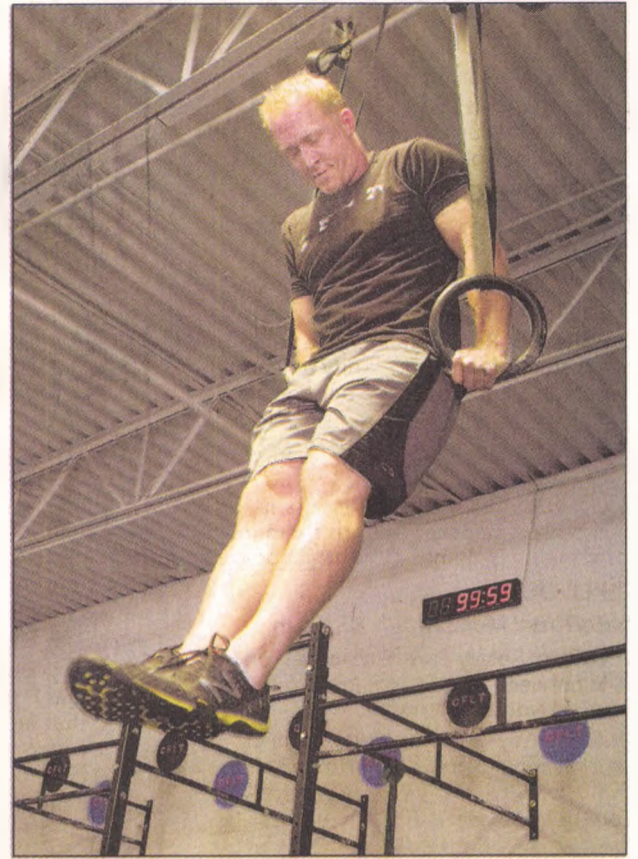
He said "everything we do" transfers into the "real world," because CrossFit workouts are all about building confidence and self-esteem.

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

**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](mailto: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 Merri-man 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, Livonia

**Details:** Combined 1982 Plymouth Canton/ Plymouth Salem 30-year reunion. Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 1. Tickets can be ordered thru: <https://sites.google.com/site/cantonsalem1982>, or [www.facebook.com/groups/cantonsalem1982](http://www.facebook.com/groups/cantonsalem1982) or [cantonsalem1982@gmail.com](mailto: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 seminar.

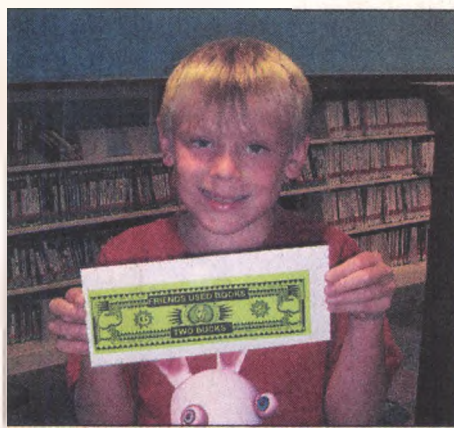
**Contact:** Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115.

**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



**Ticket time**

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.canton-chiefettes.com](http://www.canton-chiefettes.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@cchcnet.net](mailto:achristensen@cchcnet.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](mailto: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](http://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 minutes 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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### ON CAMPUS

#### Hershey scholar

Alexandra Bryden of Canton has been awarded a scholarship under The Hershey Company Scholars Program. Bryden is a graduate of Canton High School.

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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.

#### 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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### PAVILION

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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 county 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 Walker.

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 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 Livonia.



Brown

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

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around the country combined for a record 92.5 million members.

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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 Avenue.

"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 Cinema and Antonio's Cucina Italiana; and a one-night stay in a jacuzzi suite at Canton's Holiday Inn Express, among numerous other gifts.

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Brook Boggs of Arctic Edge has organized a fundraiser to benefit Open Door Ministry.

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## More advice for those taking GM buyout

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: After attending your seminar last week, my wife and I decided that it would be best to accept the lump-sum payment from General Motors. We've already sent our paperwork in, including our IRA information, so money can be directly transferred. Our buyout amount was approximately \$400,000. I estimate that because of our other sources of income, we won't need this money for at least 10 years. Should we convert some of the money into a Roth IRA? We were told that there would be tax advantages to invest this money within municipal bonds inside the IRA; is that true? If you name beneficiaries on your IRA, does that still go through probate?

**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

tax-free and it is not subject to the 70½ rule. My general rules to make a Roth conversion viable are the following:

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 money into a Roth IRA makes sense.

Remember, you do not

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 tax-free 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.

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## 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 19-year-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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# 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.



Trilogy is featured at Canton's Thursday concert performance Aug. 2.

# Canton hosts picnic, concert

In celebration of the DIA Inside/Out masterpiece, *The Merry-makers*, currently on display at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, Canton Leisure Services hosts a special family picnic night in the park 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2.

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 masterpiece. All who attend are invited to enter special drawings that are scheduled to take place throughout the evening.

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Cruisin' Custom Cones will also be onsite with dining options for those who don't want to pack a picnic. Other DIA replicas will be on display near the Summit on the Park, Canton Administration Building, and Canton Public Library.

DIA Inside/Out, 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 exhibitions.

For more information or to learn more DIA Inside/Out details, call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or [www.cantonpl.org/dia-inside-out](http://www.cantonpl.org/dia-inside-out).

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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

appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5' x 5' x 6' and 200 pounds in weight.

Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required.

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This year's juror will be Richard Rubinfeld, who currently teaches at Eastern Michigan University's Art Department. Hail-

ing from New York, N.Y., Rubinfeld 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. Rubinfeld 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.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For additional information, call (734) 394-5300.



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 week-

end 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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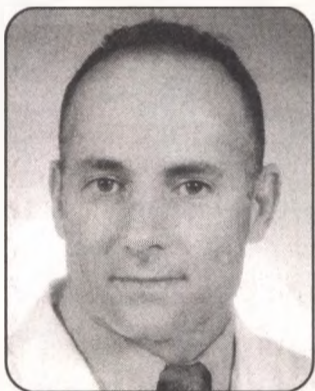
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3. All specifications are stated as minimum specifications. Any deviation from the specifications as listed must be submitted in writing.
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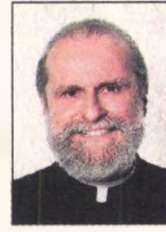
## Livonia priest takes Santa Claus mission to new level

"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. Nicholas.

"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



Marquis

Christmas television special *Music in Motion*, featuring Motown's legendary Four

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 fourth-century 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](http://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 Qdoba, which has hired 20 people, is also involved in the Taste of Novi event, as well as the Northville Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl.

"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 Qdoba about five and a half years. She's pleased so many locals could be hired, with a few staffers coming from nearby restaurants 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,



Northville Township Qdoba invited local merchants to stop by for a free lunch so they could test their kitchen.

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

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 Qdoba officials aren't concerned about competing.

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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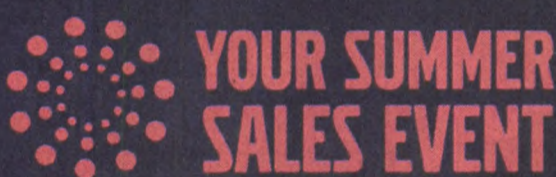
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## Grodzicki new soccer coach

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

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

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.

In his 12 seasons as the Churchill boys coach, Friedrichs went 151-85-29 including one Kensington Lakes Activities Association, two Kensington Conference, four division and two Division 1 district 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 principal 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 Friedrichs.

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.

"Matt has been a dedicated substitute 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-

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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 Huron.

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 boat *Pirate*.

"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 half."

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 added.

"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

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## Smith named grid assistant

Gannon University (Pa.) head football coach Brad Rzyzyczki 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 scores.

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



JOHN KEMSKI

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 Fame-worthy 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

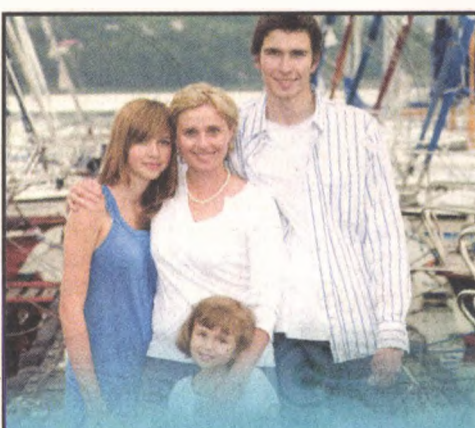
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## Wilson signs with Caps

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.

Wilson was selected 16th overall in last month's NHL draft. He is expected to play the coming season with the Whalers.



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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 senior-to-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.

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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 yardages, help read greens, replace divots and repair ball marks.

"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 14-year-old to the time they leave four or five years later, they're totally different kids. They're more vocal, more confident."

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. First-year workers carry the beginner label. Through hard work and dedication, they can advance to the ranks of intermediate, captain and honors.

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 4½ hours of work. Invitations 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, depend-

ing 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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# 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](http://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 Char-

ter 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/PageServer>.

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## 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 Cres-

cent 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 first-class 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!

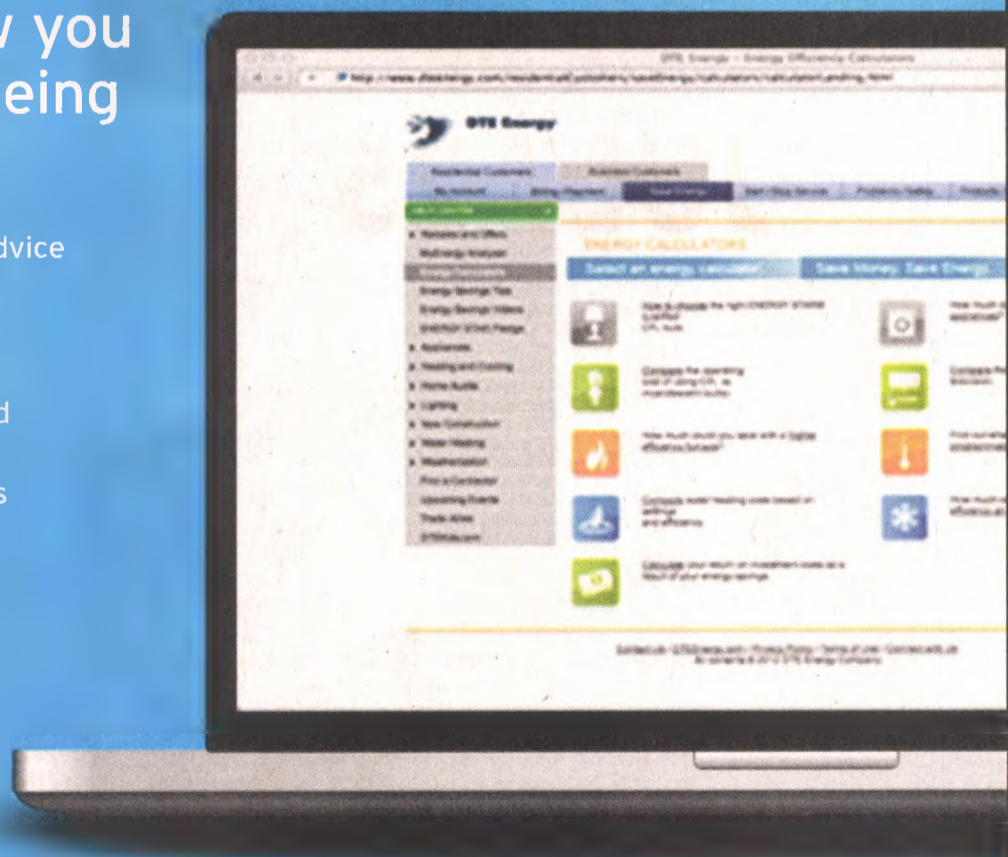
The Michigan Bulldogs 12U travel baseball team recently wrapped up first place in the KVBSA Travel League South Division (of the Community Conference) with a record of 11-5-2 in division play. The team is comprised mostly of players from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Westland. Players include: (front 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 Mastroianni, 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, six-lane Pinewood Derby



The 'Red Phoenix' is on display at Dearborn's Automotive Hall of Fame.

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 forget 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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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.

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

## 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're 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."



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 Pelicans.

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

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.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hawk golf outing

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 foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing.

A registration form is available at [www.gohawks.org](http://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.



## 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 Mahkmetass, Calin Crawford, (middle row from left) Alex Centofanti, Tyler Kelly, Brady Spehar, Dakota Darocha, Joey Morton, (back row from left) coaches Doug Morton, Brian Spehar, Weylin Mahkmetass 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.

## 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 possible. "We get a lot of donations," Ellis said.



She appreciates all the great 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 tax-deductible 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 help.

"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.

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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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## 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 Markel.

"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 complete 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 wheelchair-accessible home in 2006 with the help of Funk and others.

"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," Hurshe said.

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  - 5 Mac rivals
  - 8 Amo, amas, —
  - 12 Budget item
  - 13 Puffin kin
  - 14 Viaud's nom de plume
  - 15 Funny Martha
  - 16 Lose some (2 wds.)
  - 18 Breathes hard
  - 20 Large artery
  - 21 "Tum! Tum! Tum!" composer
  - 24 Rose-red dye
  - 27 Trigger's rider
  - 28 Mai — (rum drink)
  - 31 Lunch or brunch
  - 32 Horse color
  - 33 Benz or Malone
  - 34 40-cup brewer
  - 35 Lib. section
  - 36 Sweater style (hyph.)
- #### DOWN
- 37 Blot out
  - 39 Yawning
  - 43 Draw, in a way
  - 46 Skydiver's start (2 wds.)
  - 49 Zip
  - 51 Scarce
  - 52 Continent divider
  - 53 Jazzy James
  - 54 Nose stimulus
  - 55 Some bout enders
  - 56 Be footloose

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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DOTE LAVA AYE
TEHEE REDFLAG
     TRAY LING
TUBE ULTRA
SHARDS EATSIN
POD IT AC ADE
SHELVE BESTOW
     PANDA EELS
KING O GEE
USUALLY ESTEE
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8		7						
	3		6					5
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	6			3			9	
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scotch Neapolitan  
Cake batter Orange  
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Chocolate Praline  
Cinnamon Pumpkin  
Coconut Raspberry  
Cotton candy Rum raisin  
Cookie Rocky road  
Cream Sherbet  
Custard Sprinkles  
Eggnog Strawberry  
Fudge Toffee  
Green tea Vanilla

#### Sudoku

6	3		8	9	4	2	1	7	5
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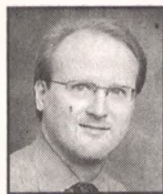
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**CHEVY INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATES 'CONFIDENCE' IN ITS PRODUCTS**

By Dale Buss

Chevrolet has come up with a two-pronged new program, "Chevy Confidence," to meet a double late-summer objective. Under the program, the brand will offer no-haggle pricing on 2012 model-year closeouts, as well as the no-hassle 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.

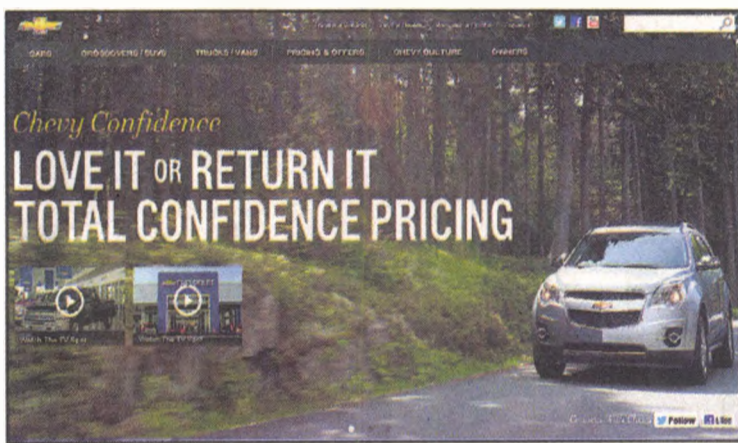
"We'll see how it goes" from the end of the Chevy Confidence program, he said. "With Saturn, [no-haggle pricing] was ingrained in the franchise when it started."

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 fires.

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 77-day supply, whereas 55 to 60 days is considered ideal by the industry.



The "Chevy Confidence" pitch.

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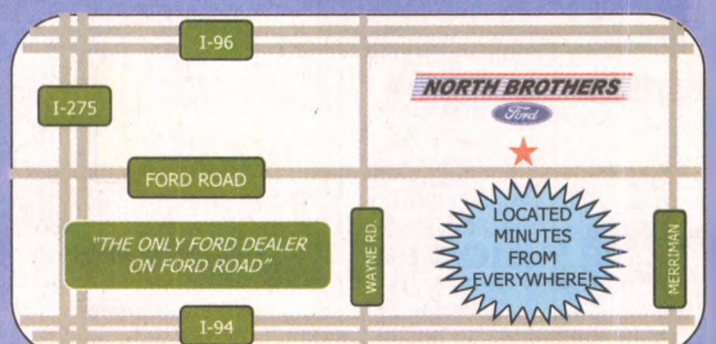
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