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Going Greek
 Downtown Plymouth has a new eatery. George and Terrie Stefanakis have opened Greek Islands Coney Restaurant in the old bank building on the corner of Main and Penniman. It's the latest in a line of restaurants for the Stefanakis, who have restaurants in Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills. Downtown Development Authority operations director Tony Bruscato welcomed the new business. "The old bank building was once an empty eyesore," Bruscato said. "It's once again a beautiful addition to downtown Plymouth."

OV crawl
 The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 14th annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. This year, the Crawl features five eateries — Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, JoJo's Treats & Sweets, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and Station 885. Since last year's event was sold out, chamber officials are encouraging people to buy tickets now. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth and participating businesses. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling (734) 453-1540. Call the chamber at (734) 453-1540 for more information.

School supply golf
 The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township announced a promotion to support school supply collection efforts of the Plymouth Community United Way. From Aug. 5-11, patrons who donate a new backpack with at least four school supply items inside will be given a voucher for free golf to be used at a later date. Backpacks and supplies should be brought to the St. John's Pro Shop, where golf vouchers will be distributed.

Local leaders, volunteers smooth road for Concours

ON DISPLAY
What: 34th annual Concours d'Elegance of America, an exhibition of more than 300 rare, unique and collectible vehicles.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29.
Where: The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth Township.
Cost: \$25 a person, includes brochure, parking and shuttle service. Children 12 and under admitted free.
Parking: The ACH (formerly Visteon and Ford) plant, 14425 N. Sheldon, at M-14, Plymouth Township. A shuttle will drop visitors off at the exhibition and return them to the lot. Shuttle service is also available in downtown Plymouth, in the Old Village neighborhood and at the Hilton Garden Inn.
More information: Call (248) 643-8645 or go to www.concoursusa.org.

By Matt Jachman
 Observer Staff Writer

Long before car collectors from across the country began arriving last week for today's Concours d'Elegance of America, an army of officials, business leaders and volunteers was working behind the scenes to make sure the visitors were welcomed.

More than 400 local volunteers are helping out for the 34th annual Concours, an exhibition of more than 300 classic, antique and collectible vehicles scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Inn at St. John's. The show is returning to the township for a second year; it had been at Mead-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Collector Mark Sassak of Plymouth will display his 1966 Bizzarrini 5300 Spyder, a prototype and one of just three such cars in the world, at today's Concours d'Elegance of America at the Inn at St. John's.

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Lauren Gohl of Plymouth wants answers about the handling of an incident involving her son, Jayden, at Webster Elementary School in Livonia.

Unanswered questions
 Plymouth mom wants accountability in Livonia school case

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

Lauren Gohl just wants answers. Gohl, the Plymouth woman whose son, Jayden, is at the epicenter of an incident that could cost one Livonia Public Schools teacher her job, is glad the teacher, Sharon Turbiak, has been removed from the special-needs classroom she taught at Webster Elementary School in Livonia.

Turbiak, who has denied any wrongdoing, won't be charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office in the wake of accusations of slapping, grabbing and force feeding students. She still awaits a state tenure commission hearing to

decide whether she'll lose her job. Maria Miller, spokesperson for Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, said charges weren't filed against Turbiak because there was insufficient evidence to support them.

"We did not have a case that we could prove beyond a reasonable doubt in court," said Maria Miller, assistant prosecuting attorney and director of communications.

Miller said the evidence presented by Livonia Police Department was insufficient for misdemeanor or felony charges, and no new evidence has surfaced to reopen the case at this time, despite rumors to the contrary.

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Board-watcher challenges township supervisor

By Matt Jachman
 Observer Staff Writer

A last-minute ballot entry has made it a race after all for Plymouth Township's top elected office.

Richard L. Sharland, a regular Board of Trustees meeting attendee and sometimes board critic, filed petitions to run for supervisor without party affiliation shortly before the July 19 deadline. His petition signatures have been verified and Sharland will be on the November general election ballot, according to township Clerk Joe Bridgman.

Sharland, who ran unsuccessfully for treasurer in 2008, also as an independent, is challenging Supervisor Richard Reaume, who is seeking a third four-year term. Reaume, a Republican, is unopposed in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary election, and there are no Democratic candidates for supervisor.

Sharland declined to talk about his candidacy

when reached on Friday. "I don't have any comment," he said. But he said he we likely be willing to discuss his platform further into the campaign season.

Sharland filed petitions in the spring to challenge Treasurer Ron Edwards in the Republican primary, but ended up dropping out before the withdrawal deadline. Edwards faces Edwin Schulz, a certified public accountant, in the primary.

Two other challengers, Abe Munfakh, a two-term former Plymouth Township Board of Trustees member, and John Werth, the public safety director in Northville Township, filed petitions to run against Reaume in the GOP primary, but dropped out before the mid-May deadline for party-affiliated candidates.

Reaume said he wasn't surprised that Sharland had entered the race. "He had make overtures about it to the oth-

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School board considers search process

By Brad Kadrich
 Observer Staff Writer

With the end of Jeremy Hughes' tenure as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools less than a year away, the district's Board of Education has begun the process of finding his replacement.

The board Tuesday reviewed a proposed timeline put together by trustees Mark Horvath, Barry



Hughes

Hughes' contract expires at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Under the timeline, the board would hire a search firm by mid-October,

screen initial candidates in December, begin interviews in January and select finalists by early February. The successful candidate would be chosen by mid-May.

The board took no action on the plan, though consensus seemed to be it was a good timeline.

"The key point is that, by March or April, if anyone is going to move to another district, that's when they're going to

make that decision," said board Secretary Judy Mardigian, who was the board president the last time the district conducted a search.

Board President John Barrett is taking volunteers and will likely appoint a three-person subcommittee to get the process started, though it will not have decision-making power. Those decisions will be made by the full board.

Among decisions to be made:

- The budget. Horvath said conversations with Brodie Killian, the district's executive director of finance, indicate the budget for a search is generally \$25,000 to \$30,000. If that money isn't already in the 2012-13 budget, it will have to be found.
- Hire a search firm. The last time the board hired a

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Paralyzed vets get chance to play ball

By Jaclyn Kochis
Correspondent

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America-Novi annual membership picnic Saturday was no ordinary picnic.

This year's picnic came with an added bonus as members were able to utilize the completely wheelchair accessible Miracle League of Plymouth baseball field.

Nearly 75 MPVA members come out ready to "play ball." The event was free and it is just one of the many functions that the MPVA offers its membership, individuals with spinal cord injuries or disease, to gather together and build fellowship.

"We always look for-



Michigan's Paralyzed Veterans got to play some baseball Saturday, using the Miracle League of Plymouth's Bilkie Field for their annual picnic.

ward to our summer picnic with our members, but this year we had the special opportunity to play baseball," said Michael Harris,

MPVA executive director. "Many of our members are typically not able to do so because we do not always have the ability to access baseball fields



Miracle League of Plymouth President Deb Madonna accepted a \$250 donation from Michigan's Paralyzed Veterans, who used the MLP field for their picnic Saturday.

from our wheelchairs. Thanks to the Miracle League of Plymouth, we were able to get out and share one of America's favorite pastimes." The MPVA and the Miracle League of Plymouth both hope that this event will inspire further use from veterans with disabilities.

"We would be delighted to see a future veteran's baseball league play

right here on this field on a regular basis," said Debra Madonna, president of the Plymouth Miracle League. "Part of our mission is to maintain a facility that will meet the unique needs of players and their families and we are happy to see our local service men and women do just that."

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans made a generous donation of \$250 to the

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The Miracle League of Plymouth's mission is to: provide opportunities to all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of their abilities, promote community awareness and support, and construct and maintain special facilities that meet the unique needs of players and their families.

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All entries must be received by midnight July 31.

Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries.

W-W seeks line of credit

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school officials have been given the go-ahead to open a line of credit not to exceed \$6 million.

The Wayne-Westland board voted 7-0 to allow Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, to begin the process for securing the line of credit. The money, if needed, will be used to cover school operations during the 2012-13 budget year.

"We didn't have to use the line of credit last year, but with a deficit of \$8 million going forward, we may have to this year," Larson-

Shidler told the school board.

The district expects to receive \$99.8 million in revenue for 2012-13 and spend \$108.2 million. It will use a majority of its more than \$10 million fund equity to cover the shortfall, leaving it with just \$2 million in the bank. The line of credit will help the district handle any cash flow problems it may experience in its general fund.

Part of the problem is the three-month gap between the start of the school district's and state's budget years. Wayne-Westland's starts on July 1 and the state's on Oct. 1. The district doesn't receive its first school aid payment until mid-October.

The line of credit also will be less costly for the district which will be able to use what it needs and pay interest only on that amount, something that's not possible if Wayne-Westland were to get the funds from the State of Michigan.

"If we borrow from the state we have to take the entire amount for the entire year, with this, we only take what we need," Larson-Shidler said.

Wayne-Westland, however, must have to get prior approval of the line of credit from the State Treasury Department.

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Five kids, a dress and a mission

They are five kids represented by The Dress of Many Colors. Their mission is to raise money to meet the needs of individuals and families struggling with cancer.

Two families — the Bonacorsi and Morelli families — came together. The Bonacorsi family of Plymouth includes Kenna, 13, Roman, 10, and Mario, 6. The Morelli family of Bloomfield Hills includes Gianni, 13, and Mia, 12. Together, they are "5 Kids 4 A Cure."

In 2006, their lives were impacted by cancer when their mother/aunt had been diagnosed with breast cancer. As a survivor, she is their inspiration for the dress of many colors.

The Dress of Many Colors was introduced at the 2011 Livonia Relay for Life. Made up of colored ribbons to represent each color of cancer.

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Youth no impediment for entrepreneurs

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Being young certainly doesn't mean you can't succeed in business. Just ask Bill Gates — or Sergio Troiani, Eric Wierszewski and John Govan. Troiani, 17, lives in Plymouth Township and just graduated from Catholic Central High School, as did Wierszewski, 18. Govan, 17, is a recent Divine Child graduate.

The three young men just started PIN (Personal Incentives Network), with a website of www.joinpin.com. Visitors to such places as Fiamma Restaurant in downtown Plymouth

can upload discount offers to a mobile app. So far, they have mostly Plymouth businesses, as well as Westland, Canton and Dearborn, Troiani said. Wierszewski and Govan live in Dearborn. Troiani and Govan will head to Grand Valley State University this fall, Wierszewski to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, including an international program in China.

"The three of us came up with the idea this December," said Troiani. They've been visiting businesses to arrange discounts. "We take that deal and we advertise it,"



John Govan (left), Eric Wierszewski (center) and Sergio Troiani have started a discount deal businesses including restaurants and services, using a distinctive keychain.

Troiani said. They offer two styles of keychain, each good for life at \$20. There's no clipping of coupons

involved. The men set up several categories online of food, drink, entertainment, shopping and

services. They're hiring a sales force to assist when they leave for college. The two at Grand Valley State will also reach out to the Grand Rapids market. "The company will continue to prosper while we go to college," Troiani said. "It's helping the local community."

He touts their service over those like Groupon, noting no cost now to businesses and a low one later in the business's growth. "We're helping them to grow," Troiani said. "They keep the profits."

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direct mail businesses. "We're trying to get our foot in the door," said Troiani, who emphasized social media as being important to their business. "We're making this user-friendly to both generations," he said of baby boomers and their kids. The participating business needs only to use the distinctive keychain for verification.

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Candidates don't like special election costs

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Most of the five Republican candidates are angry about the cost of the special election to fill Thaddeus McCotter's vacated seat, but they are also adamant that the old 11th Congressional District deserves representation over the last few weeks of the year.

Five Republicans, including a former school board member in Livonia, and one Democrat have filed to run in the special election Sept. 5.

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 District to fill the vacancy created by McCot-

ter's resignation.

Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, former Livonia school board member Steve King, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia and Kenneth Crider of Livonia filed last week to run on the Republican ballot in the 11th Congressional District. David Curson of Belleville filed as a Democrat.

The candidates had until 4 p.m. Monday to withdraw, but none of them did.

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.

'Thad ought to pay'

Robert Dindoffer, campaign manager for Kerry Bentivolio, said Thaddeus McCotter is to blame for the \$650,000 estimated cost of the special election to local communities. Livonia's cost is estimated at \$50,000.

"It's no one's fault but Thad McCotter's, and he ought to pay," Dindoffer said. McCotter could not be reached for comment.

Since Bentivolio filed

first, he asked others not to file, Dindoffer said. If only one candidate had filed in each party, the governor would have canceled the special primary election.

Dindoffer also said another candidate had run as a Democrat in a previous state election. Steve King ran as a Democrat in the race against John Walsh in 2008. "It appears that someone is trying to manipulate the system," Dindoffer said.

Dindoffer believes residents in the 11th District should have representation, especially in a lame duck session he expects toward the end of the year. "There is all kinds of absurd legislation that is proposed in a lame duck session," Dindoffer said.

Should Bentivolio win the special primary and special general election in the old 11th District and win the general election in the new 11th District, it will help Bentivolio better represent the district, Dindoffer said. "He will get a couple of months seniority, which will help him get better committees," Dindoffer said.

Cost a 'travesty'

Nancy Cassis, former state senator from Novi, said the cost of the special election was a travesty. She said she "sincerely regrets the cost and confusion" created by the special election.

"We have to explain to people why the special election is necessary and that is because Congressman McCotter resigned and created this vacancy," Cassis said. "The real key here, though, is the prevention of about six weeks that the people of the 11th District would not have representation during a lame duck session, when they will be dealing with important pieces of legislation."

"It brings about confusion and costs, but it is still a democracy and an all-important six-week session."

Crider is a steel metal worker in the heating and air conditioning field. Crider has never sought elective office before.

When McCotter didn't qualify and then quit his write-in campaign, Crider didn't like Bentivolio's views. "The only choice I had didn't represent my views," Crider said. "I haven't voted for anyone

but a Republican."

Crider believes residents also deserve the right to vote, even at the \$650,000 cost. "Government wastes a lot of money, but it's never a waste of money for people to have a vote," Crider said. "It's what democracy is all about."

'Law of the land'

The U.S. Constitution also requires the representation, Crider said. "It's the law. It's the law of the land."

Crider said he was contacted by some Republicans, whom he didn't identify, who wanted him to withdraw his candidacy. "I don't agree with that," Crider said. "People need to have a choice. Besides, it's the law."

Crider calls himself a "common man who can bring common sense to government."

"People are fed up with the status quo, and the professional politicians in government," Crider said.

Kavanagh, the daughter of 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh, could not be reached for comment.

King said the election was part of the process in selecting the Republican

candidates. "If they didn't like the process, the governor, state Senate and state House, where there is a Republican majority, could have changed it," King said. "They could have changed the process."

King said Bentivolio and Cassis had already filed, so for King to withdraw at that point would not make sense for King since the election would already be scheduled.

King said "nobody said anything" about the \$10 million the state spent on Michigan's presidential primary, when the primary date was moved up to Feb. 28. "Nobody cared about that (election cost)," King said.

King also reiterated his stance on the Livonia school board that he opposed scheduling special elections in August and May, but rather scheduling them along with city or state elections to cut the costs to the district.

Since McCotter's resignation, the special election "is now a mess."

"It is confusing," King said. "I've had to educate every voter, and that's why it took so long to get signatures."

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Close of Registration For the Special Primary Election September 5, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: that August 6, 2012, is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the September 5, 2012 Special Primary Election.

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

Below is a listing of the offices that will be on the September 5, 2012 Special Primary Election. Sections are the Republican Party, and Democratic Party.

Partisan Section:

Representative in Congress – 11th District – Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR THE

SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that August 6, 2012, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations postmarked by August 6, 2012 will also be accepted.

Terry G. Bennett
Canton Township Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 2:00 p.m., July 31, 2012. The bid opening will be at 2:00 p.m., July 31, 2012 for the following:

2012 Central Parking Deck Restoration Project

City of Plymouth
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c/o City Clerk
Plymouth City Hall
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 2:00pm EDT on July 24, 2012 in the office of the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority located at 831 Penniman Ave. Plymouth, MI 48170

Electronic Bid Documents can be obtained by contacting Mark Sampson of Carl Walker, Inc. (269) 381-2222 and requesting a set of Bid Documents for the Central Parking Deck restoration project in Plymouth, MI. Basic bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a "State Primary Election" will be held in the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012**, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Non-Partisan Candidates along with two county proposals will be voted upon:

UNITED STATES SENATOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – 11TH DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVES IN STATE LEGISLATURE – 20th DISTRICT
WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF
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WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER
WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 10th DISTRICT

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JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT – 3rd CIRCUIT, NON-INCUMBENT
POSITIONS Vote for note more than 3

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 27, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 2, 2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	September, 2004	18 mills	2014 (non-homestead only)
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The following Wayne County Proposals will appear on the Primary Ballot:

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY MILLAGE

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

YES

NO

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL PROPOSITION J JAILS MILLAGE RENEWAL

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

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

YES

NO

Polling Locations for the City of Plymouth are as follows:

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Applications for Absent Voter Ballots for the City of Plymouth registered voters may be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Absentee Ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 4, 2012. On Monday, August 6, 2012, qualified register voters can apply for a ballot and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

Publish: July 29, 2012

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O&E, Hometown crew spruces up I-275

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Staff members from the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weeklies* did their part to keep a stretch of I-275 in Livonia a little more tidy.

The company joined the Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program last week, where people and groups can volunteer to collect trash alongside the state's highways.

The project was something Mark Warren, circulation manager for the newspaper group, had been thinking about for some time.

"I pass by the roadside signs all the time and thought that could be us," he said. "I thought it was a great way to get involved with the community."

The company adopted the stretch of I-275 between Six Mile Road and I-96 in Livonia.

The debris alongside I-275 was about what one would expect near a busy highway. There were plenty of random car parts, likely from the various fender benders seemingly on a daily basis. An entire car hood and plenty of tire fragments were among the vehicular highlights.

Fast food bags, beer cans and water bottles were other common finds, all scooped up and tossed into trash bags for MDOT to pick up later.

Among the more unusual finds were a cell phone, plastic frogs, golf balls, a credit card and even a \$20 bill.

"That was a big surprise," admitted Warren, who apparently had karma on his side for organizing the endeavor. "There was a lot of trash to pick up. That was a bit of a surprise."

In all, the group collected more than two dozen garbage bags filled of trash.

"I drive that stretch all the time, and the nicer it looks the better I feel about my hometown," said Diane Andreassi, a Livonia resident and *South Lyon Herald* reporter who was among the dozen or so volunteers last week.

Volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway program clean up litter along more than 7,200 miles of highway. Cleanups take place in April, July and September.

"Volunteers in the Adopt-A-Highway program perform a tremendous public service," stated State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "They take great pride in their communities, and help MDOT concentrate its limited resources on repairing roads and bridges."

In 2011, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers collected more than 75,000 bags of trash, saving taxpayers \$1.5 million in cleanup costs, according to Steudle. The volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families.

Highway sections are still available. Learn more about the program online at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway.

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MICHELLE PALMERI

The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weeklies cleanup crew included (from left): Linda Rigdon (sales), Tom Carron-Smith (circulation), Deb Conner (administration), Diane Andreassi (editorial), Frank Cibor (sales), Jenna Smith (Tom's daughter), Lisa Walker (sales), Troy Gibson (circulation), Mark Warren (circulation), Gail Smalley (sales) and Philip Allmen (editorial).



PHILIP ALLMEN

Frank Cibor and Deb Conner have some fun out of the office while participating in the Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program last week.



PHILIP ALLMEN

Mark Warren has his eye on another piece of trash on the northbound side of I-275 near Six Mile Road.

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Paying off mortgage with lump-sum withdraw may have tax consequences

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I have a dilemma that we hope you can help us with. We are in our early 60s and are both retired. At this point we are not taking Social Security and plan to delay that a couple of years. Currently, my pension and my wife's severance more than cover our living expenses. We have a \$150,000 mortgage on our home. The interest rate is 4.5 percent and we have approximately 15 years left. For many reasons we cannot refinance. My wife is more conservative than me and she would like to take the money out of our IRA and pay off the mortgage. I think with interest rates so low it doesn't make sense to pay the mortgage off. What do you recommend?

A: I don't want to come between you and your wife, however, I think it would be a mistake to withdraw the money in one lump sum from your retirement account. My



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the money in one lump sum would also throw you into a higher tax bracket.

I believe that money should be used to increase the quality of your life. If having the mortgage paid off would do that, I would recommend to do it over a five-year period. Based upon the number you provided and upon current tax laws,

reasoning is based on when you withdraw the money, it is subject to ordinary income tax; which means you will lose a significant amount of money toward taxes. Withdrawing

you could make a lump-sum payment of approximately \$25,000 per year for the next five years. Coupled with your current payment, you would have the house paid off in five years. Doing it this way would not throw you into a higher tax bracket.

One question I'm frequently asked is whether it makes sense to pay off mortgages. As far as I'm concerned, there are two ways to think about this issue. The first is purely from a financial standpoint. Look at what the mortgage is costing after tax, versus money earned after taxes, if invested. If, for example, the mortgage, after taxes is costing 2 percent and after taxes that money was earning you 4 percent, from a financial standpoint, it

would make sense to keep the mortgage. On the other hand, if the after tax cost of the mortgage was 4 percent and you were earning only 2 percent on your money, paying off the mortgage would make sense.

Some people sleep better at night when their homes are paid off. In that regard, it's not a financial decision, but a peace of mind decision. In those cases where people will feel more comfortable by having their house paid off, it does make sense to work on a program to accelerate the mortgage payments.

Never forget that money is a tool that is used to increase the quality of your life. The goal is not to accumulate as much money as you can but to live a

fulfilled life. Money is a tool that can assist you. That doesn't mean we don't have to watch our money and be vigilant with it; but rather, it should never be the end withal.

One of the challenges in life is to balance quality of life versus the reality of our finances. If you let the scales tip too far in either direction that is where problems will develop. I wish I had an easy answer, but I don't; what I do know is that it is possible to have that balance. Good luck!

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

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"Just like you see oil falling from \$115 to \$80 - we will see the same thing with gold and it's already underway. It appears that the market has decided on gold's fate. And it's not looking pretty. It looks like gold is about to see prices collapse"

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Pride and joy

Canton will have collective eye on Schmitt at London Olympics

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

All of Canton will be crowding their television sets or computer screens in the coming days to keep up with Allison Schmitt at the Summer Olympic Games in London.

One of her former coaches with the Canton girls swim team certainly will.

"We're very proud that Canton High School has an Olympian," said Ed Weber Thursday, who along with Molly Raines coached Schmitt in the mid-2000s when she began to show all-world skills. "... We are very excited. We followed her since Allison took the year off from Georgia to train for the Olympics."

Schmitt, a 22-year-old who graduated from Canton in 2008, is with the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team where she will go for the gold in the 200- and 400-meter freestyles and as part of the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200-meter freestyle relays. At the U.S. Olympic Trials late



Canton's Allison Schmitt pumps her fist to celebrate her win in the 200-meter freestyle at last month's U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. She broke her own American record in the event with a time of 1:54.40.

Please see SCHMITT, B4

Ilitch hockey scholarships

Vaughn Birchler of Plymouth and Joseph Kristofik of Farmington Hills were among eight players from the Little Caesars AAA Hockey Club and Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League to receive a portion of \$20,000 in scholarships from Ilitch Charities.

On the air

The new 88.1 FM WSDP will air the Plymouth Whalers Hunger Free Summer Alumni Game beginning 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, from Compuware Arena.

Whalers play-by-play voice Pete Krupsky and analyst Sean Baligian will have the call of the game. Long-distance listeners can hear the game online at www.881theescape.com.

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.

Holes-in-one

Several golfers scored aces recently at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center near Plymouth.

On Wednesday, 13-year-old Jackson Sartain of Canton used an 8-iron to ace the 141-yard No. 3 hole of the Woodlands course. He carded a 9-hole round of 39.

Canton's Steve Matera, 53, sank a hole-in-one on July 22. He used a 9-iron to ace the 102-yard No. 6 hole of the Hills course and finished with a score of 37 for nine holes.

And on July 21, 63-year-old Dave Young of Monroe aced the No. 6 hole of the Hills course. He used a 5-iron to sink his 126-yard shot and scored a 9-hole round of 33.

MU athletic teams lauded

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced Thursday its 2011-12 NAIA Scholar Teams with school record nine Madonna University squads (out of 11 sports) being honored.

Led by women's golf with a 3.50 grade-point average and women's basketball at 3.48, MU breaks its own previous mark of eight set in 2009-10.

"The importance of academics that our coaches have stressed to the student-athletes speaks volumes to the sustained success we have had," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said.

Stevenson alum heads Class of 2012 for Schoolcraft men

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry wants to build upon last year's 19-12 season record and Friday he took a step in the right direction by signing Livonia Stevenson guard Jonathon Campbell.

The 6-foot Campbell earned first-team All-Observer honors as a junior on the Spartans' 19-4 Class A district and KLAAC Central Division championship teams where he averaged 14.5 points and 4.5 assists per game.

"I like the idea of having a local kid on the team, and at the same time he's going to make contribution for you because we only have one guy return-

ing," Henry said. "There's a great chance that he'll be able to fit into a starting role. And he's going to be a little more mature because he's 19. It's not like a young guy coming in as an 18-year-old and wide-eyed excited about coming to college."

During his senior year, Campbell was eligible for only nine games after the Michigan High School Athletic Association declared he could only play first semester. The MHSAA declared that he had used up eight semesters after being home schooled prior to enrolling at Stevenson.

During his abbreviated eight-game stint his senior year, the three-point

Please see CAMPBELL, B3



PHOTO BY MAT SCHWEDT

Schoolcraft College coach Randy Henry (left) signed Livonia Stevenson guard Jonathon Campbell to an NJCAA basketball letter-of-intent on Friday.

Clack is ageless wonder on the links

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If age is a handicap, then Dil Clack is an exception to the rule.

The 88-year-old, who resides in Canton, appears to be getting better despite his advanced years after carding a 70 during his Red Fox Saturday League at the Links of Whitmore Lake.

For Clack, who has been the league director for 35 years, it is believed to be the lowest 18-hole round in a Fox Hills League by any senior player over 65.

His front nine score was 32 and back nine 38 with five birdies in total.

Clack played from the senior (gold) tees, which

were 4,185 yards.

There was an ironic twist to his round because Clack and his Red Fox Saturday League members had to play at Links of Whitmore Lake due to a golf outing at Fox Hills that day.

"It's the best I've ever shot," said Clack, who is currently in first place in his Saturday Red Fox League and is gunning for his 15th league title. "I have shot a 71 at Fox Hills, but that was over 20 years ago."

Clack has been a starter at Fox Hills for 23 years ever since retiring from the Garden City Schools in 1989 where he worked for the building and grounds department.

Clack normally works

Sunday through Tuesday at Fox Hills, and then plays golf Wednesday through Saturday.

He also plays in a Friday league at the Fox Classic Course.

"I really don't keep a handicap," he said. "But we have a secretary and we keep all the score sheets in the Saturday league and mine is 17."

Going long

Clack, who has been a league director for 35 years, credits his recent success to a newly purchased Taylor Made driver and 3-wood. He plays with a senior-flexed set of Wilson fat shafts.

Please see CLACK, B3



Dil Clack, 88, is still going strong after firing a 70 at the Links of Whitmore Lake in the Fox Hills Red Fox 65-and-over Saturday league for seniors 65-and-over. He is originally from Garden City and now resides in Canton.



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In the same boat

Outboard racers eager to compete at Grass Lake

By **Tim Smith**
Observer Staff Writer

There's no huge pile of cash and ESPN coverage for Plymouth's Sam Pilato and other hydroplane racers who will be competing Tuesday through Saturday at Grass Lake, Michigan.

But Pilato said that's no deterrent from taking part in the 2012 Stock/Junior Outboard Nationals, hosted by the Michigan Hydroplane Racing Association. About 100 racers from across the United States and Canada will make the trek to the Jackson-area event.

"These are all amateur racers, and as competitive as it is we're all pretty much friends," said Pilato, 56, in his fifth year racing his 87-M boat in the C-Stock runabout class. "So it's really more kind of

bragging rights.

"There's no money to be made or anything like that. But it's just a bunch of us guys and gals who enjoy the sport and this is kind of the best of the best."

Others who are ready for the race include Andrew Tate of Canton (B Stock Hydro, C Stock Hydro) and Livonia's Josh Toccalino (AX Hydroplane, AX Runabout).

Recently, Tate won a divisional championship in BSH in Akron, Ohio and could be a contender at Grass Lake.

Toccalino will go for the gusto in two very competitive junior racing classes, looking to reach speeds of 50 miles-per-hour. He also is a fifth-year racer.

According to Pilato, anybody can sign up for the Grass Lake race, from 10-year-olds to those in their

70s. But to have a chance at winning, which he does, entails surviving elimination heats.

"Let's say there are 15 entries in a particular class," he explained. "They'll run an elimination and eliminate certain people by the way they place and wind up with a final group of racers.

"Out of those racers you will have a winner."

Everybody will race the same course, albeit in different classes.

"Each class represents a specific set of criteria," Pilato said. "It's based on weight, your age, and the type of power and boat that you use."

For more information on the Grass Lake Outboard Nationals, go to www.michiganhydroplane.com.

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Members of the North Farmington-West Bloomfield 16-and-under Cobras include (front row, from left) bat boy John Wierimaa, Patrick Wierimaa, Bobby Williams, Connor Jeffries, Eric Stanis, Patrick Williams, Ian Gillis; (back row, from left) coach Mike Bjerke, Austin Krus, Corey Williams, Brennan Williams, Danny Sanders, Mitch Sykes, Tyler Davis, Alex Shimmons, coaches Andrew Stanis and Bill Davis.

Cobras win Triple Crown tourney

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield 16-and-under Cobras put the pedal to the metal by winning seven straight games and the Great Lakes Spectacular Triple Crown baseball tournament, July 12-15, in Mount Pleasant.

Despite falling behind 2-0 after the top of the second inning, the Cobras answered with six runs of their own and never looked back in a 10-6 championship final victory over the Oakland Whitecaps of Waterford.

"This was an entire team effort with contributions from all team members," Cobras coach Bill Davis said. "Everyone stepped up at different times over the seven games to seal the victories. Pitching and defense was solid and the

offense came up with some key hits. I am very proud of the boys."

The Cobras reached the finals with a come-from-behind 6-5 semifinal victory over the Central Michigan Stars.

Trailing by three runs with one out heading into the bottom of the seventh, the Cobras strung together four hits to tie the score. With runners at second and third, the Stars issued an intentional walk to load the bases followed by a Cobras walk-off sacrifice fly to complete the rally.

The Cobras' run started with a 3-0 record in pool play to earn the top seed in the 24-team bracket followed by elimination round victories over Slezak Baseball of Davison, 11-2, and the Northville Broncos, 1-0.



Sam Pilato of Plymouth races in his 87-M hydroplane during a recent event. He is competing at this week's outboard nationals near Jackson.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Wayne football

Wayne Memorial High will be staging summer football camps.

For more information, call new varsity football coach Lee Grizzell at (313) 408-8765.

MU boys hoops

Madonna University will stage a series of summer boys basketball camps including:

All-Star - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, (cost \$200); Post/Perimeter, 4:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3 (cost \$150).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Plymouth High hockey camp

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a summer mini-camp that begins Tuesday, Aug. 7, with a 90-minute skate at the Canton Arctic Edge Arena starting at 7:30 p.m.

A second skating session will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

The Plymouth varsity hockey mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks.

For more information, call Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394, or visit the team's website: www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com.

Triple Threat hoop program

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running from Sept. 9 through Oct. 22. The six-week club is for boys and girls of all ages.

The club (\$250) is designed for those entering grades 3-8 who are interested in taking their game to the next level. Training will focus on improving individual skills, basketball IQ, strength, conditioning, speed and agility.

In addition to age-appropriate workouts will be instructional scrimmages with referees on Sundays from 3-6 p.m. A jersey will be included.

High Velocity is located south of Michigan Ave. west of Canton Center/Belleville Road in Canton. Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at tcoleman@tttsports.net for more details.

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With their June 26 victory, the 12-Under Mets Little League baseball team of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association won the championship and finished undefeated with a 15-0 record. Coached by Jerry Dorman, the Mets knocked off the pesky Red Sox — who reached the title tilt thanks to defeating the league's No. 2 and No. 3 teams (Blue Jays, Cubs, respectively). Pictured are the victorious Mets. In the front row (from left) are head coach Dorman, Jared Dorman, Andrew Beaudoin, Nick Arbanas, Gary Calhoun and Josh Kline. In the back row (from left) are assistant coach Kevin Swope Sr., Kevin Swope, Gage Bitzer, Marcus McNutt, Mathieu Mondro, Brad Byars, Carter Kahl and assistant coach Josh Utley. Not pictured is Jacob Kalinowski, described by coach Dorman as an "awesome catcher and fine young man."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Need cheer coach

Livonia Clarenceville High School is currently accepting applications for its varsity girls cheerleading coach position.

To apply, send a resume, letter of recommendation and references to Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Golf classes

Late summer youth and adult golf

classes are available during the month of August at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Also, the next Golf Enhancement Session, "How to Dial in Your Irons," is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, July 30 at the Hickory Creek practice range. The \$20 cost includes range balls and swing tips. (Golf after 6:30 p.m. is an additional \$10 with cart).

For more information or to book a lesson, contact PGA professional Tami Bealert at TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238.

Winning return to Willows for Shepler, Ioanou

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Both Jordyn Shepler and Andrew Ioanou know Whispering Willows Golf Course like the back of their hands.

It was their home course for four years for the two graduating seniors from Livonia Churchill High, who won their respective 16-17 age divisions Wednesday in the 2012 Motor City Junior Championship at Willows.

Ioanou, who will attend Schoolcraft College and try out for the Ocelot

men's team, captured the Boys 16-17 title for the third straight year with 79 to beat Churchill teammate Brian Sexton, who will be a senior this fall, by two strokes.

Ironically, it wasn't the best of days for Ioanou.

"It was pretty bad actually," the second-team All-Observer selection said. "I just wasn't feeling it yesterday I guess. I really couldn't get around on the ball and just kind of made it tough on myself."

"Surprisingly my putter was working pretty good. It felt good. I had one three-putt, but it was from 80 feet."

Ioanou admitted he hasn't played much summer tournament golf since the high school season ended in early June.

"The long game is kind of hurting me right now, but hopefully it will get a little better," he said. "I've been working (a job) and playing beach volleyball. I just got started with my friends (in volleyball) and it's been a lot of fun. We go around a lot of different places and play pick-up."

Shepler, meanwhile, has been a first-team All-Observer player for the Chargers and will play this fall on a scholarship to Madonna University.

She gave herself mixed reviews after shooting a 79.

"It was a pretty good round for me," said Shepler, who turns 18 on Sunday. "I played well and just tried to have fun. It's a decent score, but I think I can do better."

"I started with a birdie on the first hole, and then I had two eagle putts on



Canton's Jack Boczar captured the 13-and-under division at the Motor City Junior Golf Championship Wednesday at Whispering Willows with a 73.

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number eight and 16, but both lipped out."

Shepler said she plans on playing Tuesday in Livonia's Tournament of Champions event - also at Whispering Willows.

"I'm trying to get ready for Madonna golf (Aug. 1)," Shepler said. "I'm trying to keep more consistency. I've been working and practicing."

The most impressive score was turned in by Boys 13-and-under division winner Jack Boczar, who shot an impressive 73 from the 5,200-yard forward tees to beat fellow Canton native Justin Kapke by five strokes.

Both will be eighth-graders and are eventually headed to Plymouth High.

Boczar, who attends Discovery Middle School, posted two birdies with only one bogey and one double-bogey.

Despite standing only 5-foot-1 and weighing 87 pounds, Boczar hits 220 yards regularly off the tee. He takes lessons from Jeff Goble at a driving range and dome in Auburn Hills. Boczar also competes during the summer for Colony Swim Club, but prefers golf.

"My long game was working, but my putting wasn't the best," said Boczar, who has played 15 Meijer Junior Tour events this year including a third-place finish recently at Edgewood Country Club.

Meanwhile, Edgar Lewis IV, of Livonia, took the Boys 14-15 crown with an 83, two strokes better than Justice Graves of Canton.

The Girls 15-and-under victor was Northville's Julia Shaw with a 118.

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JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

2012 MOTOR CITY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP July 25 at Whisp. Willows

BOYS RESULTS

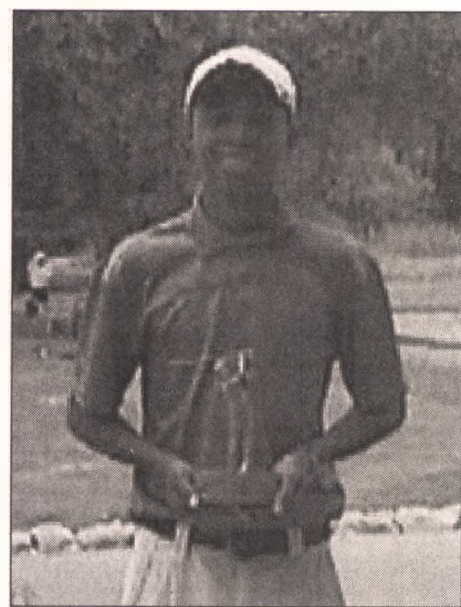
Ages 16-17: 1. Andrew Ioanou (Livonia), 79; 2. Brian Sexton (Livonia), 81; 3. Austin Harris, 82; 4. (tie) Chad Macorkindale and Hayden Sackey, 89 each; 6. Herbie Taylor, 96; 7. Ryan Gliwa, 99; 8. Jason Wysocki, 113; 9. Justin Legel (withdrew). **Long drive:** Ioanou; **closest-to-pin:** Sackey.

14-15: 1. Edgar Lewis IV (Livonia), 83; 2. Justice Graves (Canton), 85; 3. Alex Cleaver, 89; 4. T.J. Kulfan, 95; 5. Alex Westphal, 102; 6. Nicklas Beers, 103; 7. Ryan Bohr, 106; 8. Alec Moore, 113; 9. Matthew Flood, 118; 10. Colin Burford, 125; 11. Brent Wilkerson (withdrew). **Long drive:** Moore; **closest-to-pin:** Kulfan.

13-and-under: 1. Jack Boczar (Canton), 73; 2. Justin Kapke (Canton), 78; 3. Dominic Marsalese, 86; 4. Saahith Mummadi, 90; 5. Carson Graves, 96; 6. Logan Welch, 102; 7. Jacob Karwowski, 119; 8. Rob Gulick, 120. **Long drive:** Kapke; **closest-to-pin:** Boczar.

GIRLS RESULTS

16-17: 1. Jordyn Shepler (Livonia), 79; 2. Kayla Whatley (Canton), 82; 3. Christina Briden, 93; 4. Maggie McGowan, 95; 5. Kristin Swad, 97. **Long drive:** Whatley; **closest-to-pin:** Shepler. **15-and-under:** 1. Julia Shaw (Northville), 118; 2. Kendall Payne (Livonia), 127; 3. Marin McGowan, 128. **Long drive:** Shaw.



Edgar Lewis IV, of Livonia, shot an 83 to capture the Boys 14-15 age division Wednesday at the Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Whispering Willows.

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Mercy to host Mary Angela Run

The 10th annual Mary Angela Run is slated to take place 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

For the fourth year, the event will benefit Angels' Place, a non-profit which provides housing and services for people with developmental disabilities.

This will be the first year the run takes place at Mercy, the school that Mary Angela DiGiovanni graduated from.

The Mary Angela Run is dedicated to the memory of DiGiovanni, who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003.

She was a University of Michigan Public Health student with a desire to improve health care and

help people in need, and her family has pledged that her life will continue to reach out and help others.

"Mary Angela was a caring and dedicated person who wanted to help many different people and we believe that Angels Place has the same ideals," said race coordinator Sue Vincent who is also Mary Angela's aunt. "We have had a great turn out every year with nearly 500 people attending, and we're hoping to have another great event this year."

The event has raised approximately \$40,000 each year for the past nine years.

"Whenever I think of the Mary Angela Run, I see in my mind's eye

the image of Mary Angela with blue angel wings embracing and protecting the people we serve," said Cheryl Loveday, Angels' Place executive director.

Registration is now open with a standard entry fee of \$25 or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage.

Participants may register in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

There will be chip timed 5K and 10K runs, plus a 1-mile fitness walk and children's run.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run, or to register, please visit www.angelsplace.com.

CLACK

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"I'm getting more distance," Clack said. "About 15-to-20 years, more than I've been hitting. Normally I'll hit the ball out there maybe about 185-190 off the tee. I get it mostly down the middle all the time because the shorter you hit the ball. The better control you have on it."

He managed baseball in Garden City for 28 years, including six years of little league before moving up to Babe Ruth (with his son Rick, who is currently the Livonia Franklin girls tennis coach).

He also coached Connie Mack baseball (ages 16-18) and he organized the Garden City Class A Invitational league where he directed that league for 15 years.

"Anybody could play in that league," Clack said. "I myself started playing in that particular league when I was 49 years-old and played until I was 63."

At the age of 62, Clack proved he was the Satchel Paige of the Garden City Class A circuit once pitching all nine innings and winning against an all-star team from

Detroit that featured five ex-Major Leaguers.

On Thursday, Clack proved his round of 70 was no fluke as he carded a 76 on the same Links of Whitmore Lake.

Clack said he has never taken a golf lesson and basically learned the game on his own. He's had five hole-in-ones in the "last six or seven years," but only two came when he had witnesses.

"I've playing since World War II," he said. "I'm playing pretty good golf right now. I'm in excellent health. I weigh about 165 pounds and I go about 5-foot-9. I don't smoke and do a lot of exercise working outside of Fox Hills. I go to the Summit (Parkway) and walk in that indoor track. I walk every day and walk a mile, so I keep myself in pretty good shape."

He's taken a page from Paige's book when it comes to golf and living when he was quoted saying: "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Dil Clack apparently isn't looking back.

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CAMPBELL

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sharpshooter switched to the point-guard position where he averaged 15.5 points and 5.5 assists per game as Stevenson went 6-2. Ironically in his final game against Novi, Campbell went down with a season-ending ankle injury in the first minute of play.

"What I also liked about him when he came and worked out for me was that he has great quickness," Henry said. "He can get up and down the floor quickly, so he's going to add a dimension where he can handle it and put the ball in the hole. He's a good push man. He can dish it, handle it and shoot the 'three.'"

Henry also announced he has signed nine other players including area products Grant Bettner, a 6-foot guard from Salem's KLAA championship team; Terrell Sewell, a 6-6 forward from Canton; Kyle Bambach, a 6-0 guard from Stevenson who played for the Ocelots two years ago; and Redford's Joniero Bry-

ant, a 6-4 forward via Grayson H.S. in Loganville, Ga.

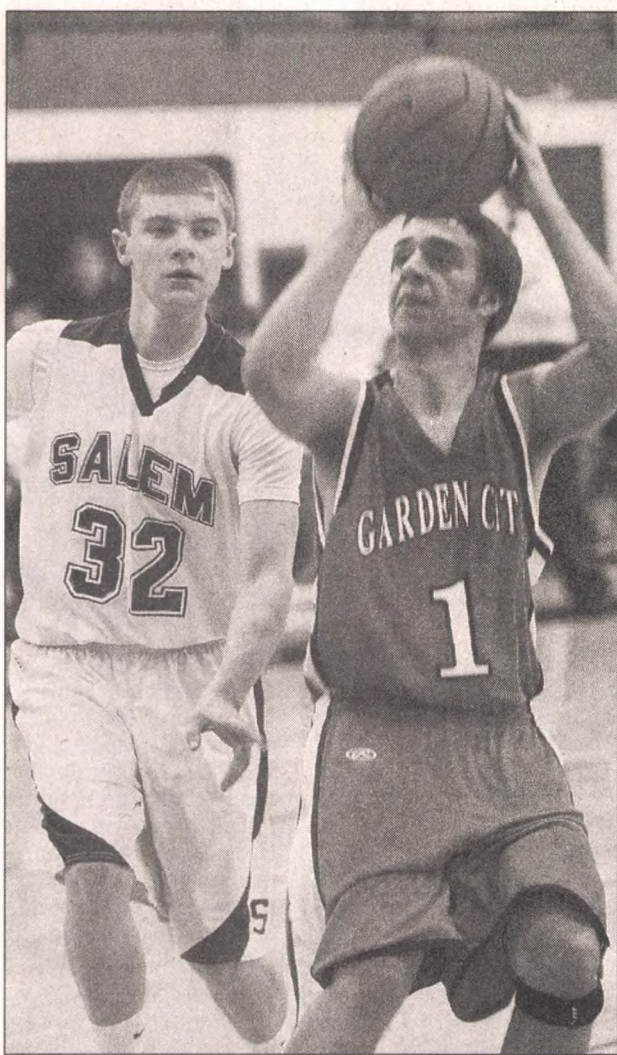
Also in the fold are 6-4 small forward Nicholas Redmond and 5-11 guard Keith Sykes, both from Detroit Plymouth Educational Center Prep; Salah Alawgari, a 6-3 guard from Hamtramck Frontier International; Marcus Williams, a 6-4 forward who played two years ago at Henry Ford CC; and Chris Brown, a 6-1 guard and 2010 grad from Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Henry also said 6-4 forward Adonis Bryant (Lahser) will join the Ocelots' 2012-13 squad as a walk-on.

Meanwhile, Richmond Jackson, a 6-5 forward from Detroit, is the only returning player off last year's squad for Henry.

"He's a kid that went to (Detroit) Cass Tech, dropped out of (Detroit) Mumford and then came back and got his G.E.D.," Henry said. "He's been a real success story for us and pulled a 3.8 (grade-point average) his last semester."

Henry added that he hopes to sign two more players by Tuesday.



Schoolcraft also signed Salem's Grant Bettner (No. 32), shown in this 2010-11 photo with Garden City's Brandon Kennedy.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

U-9 baseball

Tryouts for the Livonia Bats, an under-9 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Livonia Franklin H.S.

For more information, call coach Bill Schaffer at (734) 891-3896.

Salem Rockettes set golf outing

The 12th annual Salem Rockettes Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes of golf (scramble format) on the Premium Classic Fox course, followed by a buffet dinner and silent auction.

Also on tap will be contests with prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and much more.

Register on-line at www.golfoutingpro.com/event/salemrockettes.



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Carving her way through the water en route to a record-breaking finish in the 200-meter freestyle at the recent U.S. Olympic Trials is Allison Schmitt of Canton.

SCHMITT

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last month in Omaha, Neb., she broke her own American record in the 200 free with a mark of 1:54.40.

Still the same

Weber said Schmitt seems to still be the same fun-loving girl who enjoyed joking with her teammates almost as much as coming from behind in a relay to drench the competition.

"The respect factor that we hear other coaches and other athletes talk about Allison really go right in line from our experiences," Weber noted. "So she hasn't changed a bit. When you hear the interviews with other athletes, you hear how Allison is fun to have at practice.

"She's always in with the jokes, excited to be there. We had that day in and day out for four years."

Looking back on when Schmitt started her Canton career as a high school freshman, the veteran coach recalled how much potential she had.

"She came in as a freshman very excited about swimming," Weber said. "She still hadn't had the big breakthrough."

Others saw it, too.

"Chuck Olson, the Salem coach, he came up to me as she was a freshman," Weber continued. "And he said after one of the first times he got to see her swim was 'She can do things in the water that I have never seen before.'



After completing her heat in the 200-meter freestyle at the recent U.S. Olympic Trials, Allison Schmitt glances at the scoreboard to see how she finished.

"And what he meant by that is the way she can grab the water, (get) her elbow up underwater and pull herself up and over."

While Schmitt was a sophomore, Weber and Raines kept working with her on breakouts and turns.

"You could see her finding that niche after her sophomore year," Weber said.

"She started to make her Junior Olympic team and it proceeded on to winning state meet her junior year, winning state meet her senior year.

"She was second place in the 50 and 100 (free) her sophomore year and right after that some magical switch happened. She went from being an excellent swimmer to being the swimmer we know now."

Gold's the goal

As great as she swam for the Chiefs, Schmitt really took off after she graduated. She nabbed a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in the women's 4 x 200 relay.

From there she went to the University of Georgia, where she became a four-time NCAA champion.

But in the next two weeks at the London Olympics, Schmitt will be focused on bettering 2008 by winning a gold medal or two.

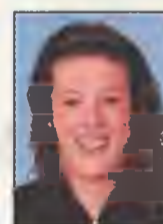
That could be next for a supreme athlete who Weber recalled having an absolute disdain of defeat.

"There are just tons of stories about how she would come back on a relay," from a length or more, Weber said. "We often put her fourth, because Allison hated to lose."

With Schmitt's talent and fierce mindset, it's no surprise she's on the world stage once again — and that those in her hometown who had a part in her career also feel like a winner.

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ALL ABOUT SCHMITTY



Schmitt

Who: Allison Schmitt, nicknamed "Schmitty," member of the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team who will compete in four events at the London Olympics (200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 4 x 100 freestyle relay, 4 x 200 freestyle relay).

When: Check local

TV listings and USA Swimming's Web site, www.usaswimming.org for more details.

Olympics: The opening ceremonies were Friday and the games continue until Aug. 12.

Local ties: Schmitt, 22, is a 2008 graduate of Canton High School, where she was a state champion. She went on to earn the bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and followed up with NCAA championships at the University of Georgia. She trained for the Olympics under the watch of coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club.

Family: Her parents are Ralph and Gail Schmitt of Canton. Allison is one of the family's five successful student-athletes, all who swam at Canton. Those include Kirsten, Derek and twin sisters Kari and Sara (currently playing Division 1 women's hockey at Ohio State University).

Suburban Ice ready to give thanks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

While the weather on Saturday, Aug. 4 figures to be sizzling, a day-long celebration of hockey is just around the corner at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

The arena's seventh annual "Open House" is slated from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and should draw plenty of Livonia left-wingers, Garden City goalies and Pee Wees from Plymouth.

Everything that is on the agenda won't cost participants a dime. Inside the arena will be men's drop-in hockey (10-11 a.m.), women's drop-in (11 a.m. to 12 noon), back-to-back sticks and pucks sessions (12 noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m.) and open skating from 2-3 p.m.

All hockey and skating sessions will take place at the arena's Pepsi Rink.

But there will be plenty of fun outside, too. There will be street hockey, face painting, slide boards and plenty more — not to mention free popcorn,



Youngsters battle it out in a game of street hockey during last year's Open House at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills. A bevy of free activities will be on tap at the arena on Saturday, Aug. 4.

soft drinks and hot dogs.

"We're always looking for ways to give back to old customers and generate new customers," said Geoff Bennetts, general manager of Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

Bennetts estimated that anywhere from 300-400 hockey-loving people will come out for the event. Those who do want to come out should pre-reg-

ister by calling (248) 888-1400 as soon as possible.

Bringing in newbies to the SIFH fold is always part of the plan, he continued. But the open house is a "thank you" to the regulars more than anything else.

"This is really an opportunity to give back to our customers who spend money with us all year," Bennett said.

To gear up for the event, Bennetts said more than 1,000 index-card-sized orange fliers were handed out during the Farmington Founders Parade on July 21.

For more on SIFH programs, go to www.suburbanicefarmingtonhills.com. Suburban Ice Farmington Hills is located at 23996 Freeway Park Drive.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

13-U baseball

• The Michigan Bulldogs will be holding tryouts for their 13-and-under baseball team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 5 at Bicentennial Park's (Field No. 8), located off Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Players are asked to show up by 1:45 p.m. to get warmed up and fill out a tryout form.

Email Scott Coughlin at scott.coughlin@yahoo.com for more information.

• Tryouts for the 2013 Northville Cubs, a 13-and-under baseball team in the KVBSA travel league, will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, July 29; and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Maybury State Park, located off Eight Mile Road (one mile west of Beck Road).

For more information, e-mail Jim Marshall at jim@northvillebaseball.com.

12-U baseball

• Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Canfield Arena/Central Park, located south of Ford between Beech Daly and Inkster

Roads.

Interested players must be 12-years-old prior to May 1, 2013 and only need to attend one of the two tryout sessions.

For more registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail beben1.att.net.

• Tryouts for the Livonia Longhorns, an under-12 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 at Livonia Franklin High School.

For more information, call coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

U-11 baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 Motor City Chiefs under-11 travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Massey Field, 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Castle Gardens, 14501 Hix Road, Livonia.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to tryout time to register and warm up. (If unable to attend, a player evaluation can be scheduled upon request.)

For more information, call Dan Sheahan at (734) 377-3123; or Ken Gaffney at (734) 395-4058.

You can also e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

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Twenty years later, Livonia band continues to entertain

By Joanne Maliszewski
Correspondent

Five hometown boys and Bentley High School pals are proof you don't have to be Hollywood or New York City to be successful musicians with a considerable following.

"We don't have any grand illusions. We are just having fun," said Greg Panaretos, one of five original members of the popular The Major Woody Band.

Graduation, marriages, children and jobs kept the friends busy over the years; some staying in touch and playing music together. But in 1992, Glen Dickson decided it was time to make their continuing love of music official and organize a new band.

One element, however, was missing for the five friends who gathered now as adults to venture into a professional world of music. The new band needed a name.

The name

Founding member Carl Gerhard one day just said it: "The Major Woody Band."

The name has stuck. "Back in the day, we were just throwing names around. It really doesn't mean anything. It's just a silly phrase," Dickson said.

Still, the name is interesting enough to draw the requisite attention from fans in the region. Of course, good music is what keeps the fans coming back for more.

The Bentley High School grads just took down the house at the Livonia Spree Festival and continue to be



The Major Woody includes Mark Lutzo, (back, left) Tim McPherson, Carl Gerhard, Duran Grisa, Glenn Dickson, (front, left) Carrie Firth, and Greg Panaretos.



The band rocks out.

booked throughout the year at the region's favorite clubs.

Now in their late 40s and early 50s, band members are celebrating The Major Woody Band's 20th anniversary. A milestone to be sure, but members

also recognize the length and depth of friendships and a commitment to playing good music.

Right out of the gate, original Major Woody members Michael Wigand, Dickson, Carl Gerhard, Chris McCro-

ry and Panaretos agreed they wanted to be known for being different.

"We like all music but we wanted to play alternative music," Panaretos said.

When the decision was made to include the Motown landmark, *I Heard It Through The Grapevine*, it wasn't the popular Marvin Gaye version, but a more soulful rendition by Gladys Knight & the Pips.

Heavy rock-and-roll and some punk also captured the band's interest. But as Dickson said, "we knew that if we wanted to be successful and make money we would have to play dance music and some of the classics." When band members

say classics, however, they aren't necessarily talking about imitating music on mainstream radio. It's not exactly "oldies but goodies." They sing classic artists, but not necessarily the songs that made them famous.

"We really do off-the-wall classic. We don't do the usual," Dickson said. "We really try to stay new."

Staying true

The band does their homework, searching for new music that will be a hit with their fans. "We try to stay true to the recordings and the artists because we also want the music to be recognizable," said Tim McPherson.

son who joined the band six years ago.

If the musicians' wives like dancing to their selections, the songs stay in the repertoire. "Our wives have good taste in music," Panaretos added.

Twenty years later, Major Woody has remained true to its roots. Friendship, family and a love of good music continue to sustain the band and the relationships forged long ago as teenagers. It is also a part-time gig for the band. Each member has a day job and each works on their own for practice and for searching new music.

Along the way new members have joined the band, bringing what Panaretos calls a new kind of professionalism.

Joining the original five members is Tim McPherson, Mark Lutzo, Duran Grisa and Carrie Firth, the lead vocal and a special education teacher for the Livonia Public Schools. McCrory of the original group has left as has Susan Harwell, who sang with the group for a while.

Each of the members gives credit for their musical success to their alma mater. "Dr. (Jerry) Smith (music teacher) and Bentley High School — there's a lot of talent in that school," Dickson said.

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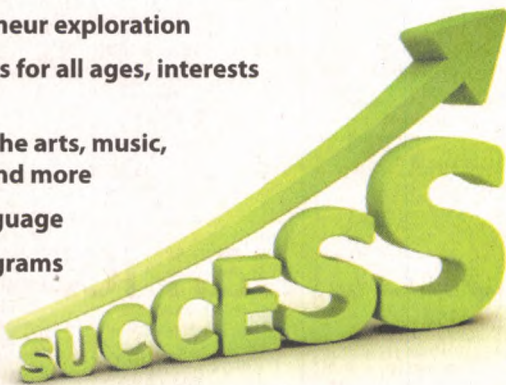


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It's one thing to make good music, it's another to play and present it in a way that keeps people coming back for more. The show has to be entertaining.

"You can get sucked into the vortex," said McPherson, who followed the band before he joined it. "The crowds have a good time because they watch and see us having a good time."

That means constant change and searching for music that can be universally appealing to the 25 to 65 age group. It is the reason The Major Woody Band plays a wide variety that includes David Bowie, some Motown and even Lady Gaga.

"We try to stay on the edge," Panaretos said. "But maybe not exactly the way people have heard it before. We will have people say to us, 'who did that music or I haven't heard that in so long.'"

The music is an art, but so is finding the right venues. McPherson tends to handle that task. But it's more than just scheduling a gig. He prefers to create partnerships with clubs and owners. It creates longevity and trust.

Weddings and other functions remain a part of the band's venues. Members try to personalize the music program for the guests of honor. At one wedding, band members invited the groom to bring along his trumpet and play with them.

Despite its success, the band was floored with the reception it received at the latest Spree in Livonia. "Between sets, I couldn't say hello fast enough to all the people I knew who were coming in," Panaretos said.

It's been 20 years and nothing has dampened band members' spirits. "We are very loyal to Livonia. We will still be doing this when we are all 97," McPherson said.

For more information about The Major Woody Band, visit the band on Facebook.



Budget-friendly road trip tips

With warm weather season in full swing, now is the time to start planning your fun family getaways. If you are concerned about affording it all, author and financial expert Farnoosh Torabi offers the following tips to help you have fun and save money on your next vacation.

Bank on gas-saving apps
Look to budget-friendly websites, such as www.GasBuddy.com, which also offers an app that helps you find the closest gas station with the best prices near you. Another gas-saving app is Gas Hog. It costs 99 cents and calculates your car's fuel economy, then provides tips on ways to make your car more fuel-efficient.

Rent a car
It turns out that, contrary to popular belief, it can actually be cheaper to rent a car for weekend getaways than it is to drive your own. According to a study by Brett Smith, co-director, manufacturing, engineering and technology for the Center for Automotive Research, when renting a compact car from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, for example, at its weekend rate, the savings can come to 12 cents per mile. If your getaway is a 300-mile round trip, the fuel savings could be more than \$20.

"By renting a car, you reduce the stress and mileage placed on your own vehicle, and you can upgrade or

downgrade depending on the size of your family and fuel economy needs," explains Torabi.

Pack and save
On road trips, most people grab a few snacks every time they stop for gas. Over time, those candy bars and sodas can really add up. A family of four can easily spend \$15 for drinks and snacks at just one stop. "One easy way to lower the cost of your trip is to pack your own food. Pack a cooler full of bread, peanut butter, string cheese, water, juice and plenty of fruit. You'll be less likely to splurge while filling up the tank, make healthier choices, and save a bundle over all," says Torabi.

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Aikins was one of 51 artists from around the world whose work was selected for the show, which runs through Sept. 8.

His works, titled *Showtime* and *Target Toyama* depict both the beauty and horror of aviation history.

Aikins retired from Ford Motor Company as chief designer, Ford Trucks, in 2000.

"I wanted to return to my love of aviation and try something new, which turned out to be oil painting," he said. "Since then, I have completed over 100 paintings and my work covers all phases of aviation history."

Last year, he was accepted as an Artist Member of the American Society of Aviation Artists with work exhibited at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla.

Showtime, one of the two paintings chosen for exhibit at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, shows a WACO — a 1930s type biplane now manufactured in Battle Creek — as it appeared in September 2007 at the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends Air Show in Columbus, Ohio.

The painting won Second Place in the General Aviation Category of the Aviation Week-sponsored American Society of Aviation Artists Exhibit 2012.

Target Toyama shows the devastation of a 1945 B-29 attack on the chemical and textile manufacturing center of Toyama, Japan in which 95



Robert Aikins of Farmington Hills is an aviation artist.



"Showtime" by Robert Aikins.



Target Toyama by Robert Aikins.

percent of the city was destroyed. The piece won the Four Feathers Enterprises award for the most creative approach to telling an aviation story or depicting an aviation event.

The American Society of Aviation Artist was formed in 1986 to bring together, in one professional body, artists who are leaders in the field, for the purpose of recognizing and promoting interest in aviation art as a fine art form.

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How did you first decide to open your own business in Livonia?
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Do you have a story to share with our readers?
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Advanced Recycling is at 12240 Merriman, Livonia. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (734) 266-2700 or visit www.advrecycling.com.

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