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Township clerk ousted by just eight votes

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday's Republican primary was good for Plymouth Township incumbents — except for the one running the election.

First-term Clerk Joe Bridgman, who has been at odds with much of the rest of the Board of Trustees over the future of the Plymouth Community Fire Department and other issues, lost the primary by eight votes to challenger Nancy Conzelman, a first-time office-seeker.

The vote was Conzelman 2,246, Bridgman 2,238, and the clerk said he will likely decide by the end of the week whether to ask for a recount.

"I'm always surprised about election results," Bridgman said at township hall shortly after Tuesday night after results

PRIMARY RESULTS

The following are unofficial vote totals on how residents of Plymouth voted.

CLERK

Joe Bridgman	2,238
✓ Nancy Conzelman	2,246

TREASURER

✓ Ron Edwards	2,466
Ed Schulz	2,066

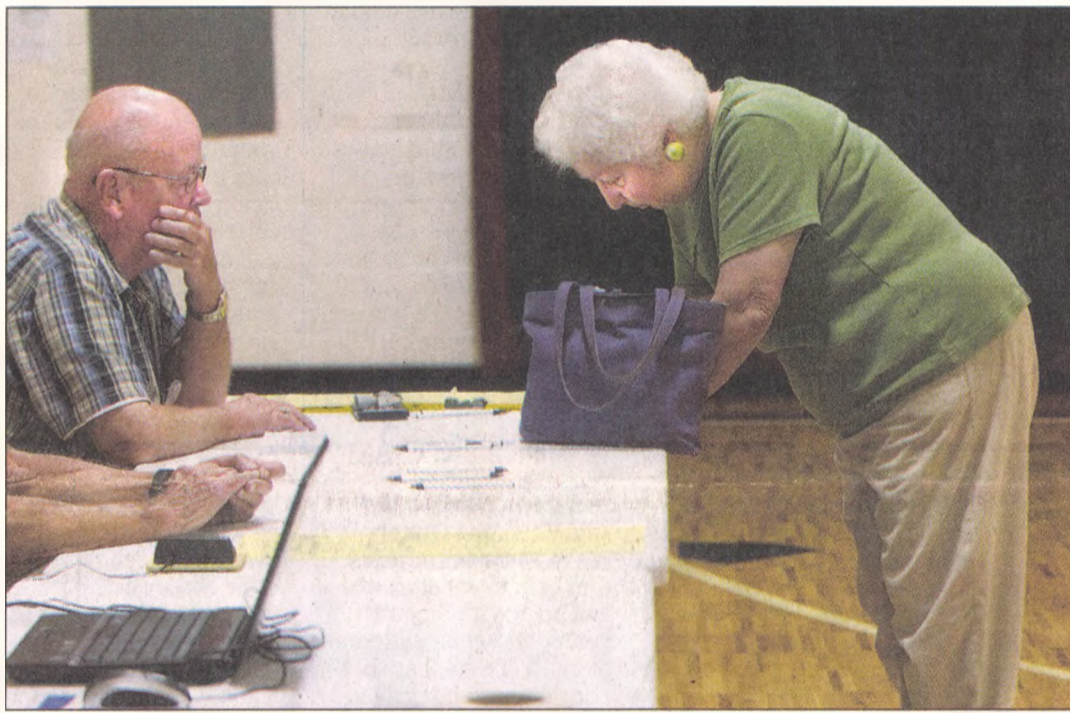
were announced.
In other township races, Treasurer Ron

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Plymouth Township Clerk Joe Bridgman lost by eight votes to challenger Nancy Conzelman.



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Rose Rogers signs in with Precinct 5 inspector Phil Burns before voting at Isbister Elementary.

Voters choose experience in township board race

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Experience won the day in the race for four Plymouth Township Board of Trustees spots Tuesday as voters stuck with incumbents, and picked a former trustee seeking to return to the board, in the township's Republican primary.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz,

Area vote totals, A4.

running for his third term, was the top finisher among Republican trustee candidates, garnering 2,368 votes in the 13-candidate race.

Trustees Kay Arnold and Mike Kelly — finishing, respectively, second and fourth — also won nominations, along with former Trustee Chuck Curmi, who

finished third. The four GOP winners will face Joanne Lamar and Alanna Maguire, the only Democratic candidates, in the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election.

Reached Wednesday, Doroshewitz said he was happy with the win, but wasn't going to take a "victory lap."

"It was really a referendum

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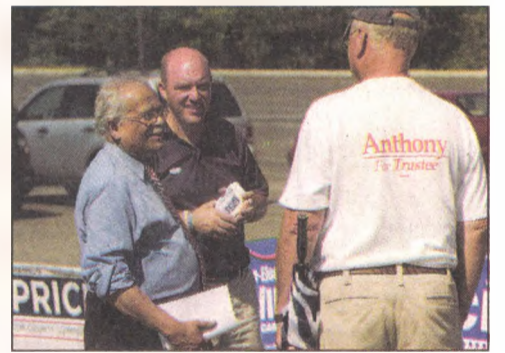
Price, Amar 8
to face off 9
for county seat

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

And then there were two. After convincing victories in their respective primary races for the newly drawn Wayne County Commission 10th District, Republican Shannon Price and Democrat James Area vote totals, A3. Amar can now prepare for November's general election.

Price, the longtime political consultant who now works for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, carried all three communities — Canton Township, the city

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Dr. Syed Taj, candidate for U.S. House, Wayne County Commission candidate Shannon Price and John Anthony, incumbent candidate for Canton Township board, waited for voters at St. John Neumann Parish. Price won the Republican nomination for the newly drawn 10th District seat.

Local Sikhs shocked by Wisconsin shooting

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Local Sikhs, shocked after a U.S. Army veteran killed six Sikhs inside a Wisconsin temple, say they are peaceful, religious people who love the United States and believe this country will stand up against domes-

tic terrorism.

"We love America as much as anybody else," said TejKiran Singh, board member of the Canton-based Gurdwara Sahib Singh Sabha of Michigan on Canton Center Road. "We will do anything for America. We love it more than our life even. Nobody can change our love and pride

for America."

Singh said Canton Police have assured the local Sikh community that patrols will be increased in the aftermath of the Wisconsin shootings by accused gunman Wade Michael Page, identified by police as a white supremacist.

On a day of worship, local

Sikh leaders tried Sunday not to frighten a crowd that typically reaches the 300 mark inside the Canton Center gurdwara.

"We were really, really shocked to hear about the shootings," Singh said. "At first we heard that people had been shot

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Local doctor puts in Olympic effort

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

His patients will have to forgive Dr. Kenneth Stopa, a Northville chiropractor, for being a little bleary-eyed the last couple of weeks.

Stopa, a Canton resident who opened his practice in downtown Northville 13 years ago, has been staying up late nights, watching NBC's tape-delayed coverage of the 2012 Olympic Games from London.

Stopa has a higher interest level than most, having worked with many of the athletes during a two-week stint serving as a medical consultant at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Stopa was invited to be part of the medical team after acquiring certification as a diplomate from the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians.

After applying for the spot through the program at his college, Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, Stopa was chosen to help treat Olympic athletes training in a variety of sports.



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Dr. Kenneth Stopa, a Canton resident who opened his chiropractic practice in Northville 13 years ago, is certified as a diplomate by the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians.

The instruction is specific to evaluating physical fitness and the assessment and treatment of injuries encountered in sports. There are also written and hands-on exams as part of the process.

While in Colorado Springs, Stopa said he worked with "all the athletes in all the sports," putting in 12- to 16-hour days as a norm. The doctors treated injuries and handled emergency situations, as well. He said most of the treatments were for injuries to joints

such as shoulders, knees and hips.

He said his background as a board-certified sports physician and a chiropractor was attractive to Olympic organizers because "the paradigm has shifted" in terms of medical treatment. In fact, according to Stopa, the last two medical directors for the Olympic training centers have been chiropractors.

That's because, he said, while treatment may have formerly consisted of surgery, with the accompanying drug therapies, athletes nowadays are looking for less-invasive ways to stay in the pool, on the mat or on the court.

Busy doctors

"(Athletes) want the least-invasive procedures," Stopa said. "They don't want surgery and drugs that might affect their eligibility. The list of banned drugs is a long one. You can't even take cough syrup. If you are a medical doctor, and your treatment includes surgeries and drugs, you're going to get the athletes in trouble."

Chiropractic care, Stopa said, is "big" with Olympic athletes, who are looking for an edge over the competition. It keeps the doctors hopping.

"You work long hours, and you're not just standing around watching the athletes," Stopa said. "You take care of everything, and you have to

DOCTOR TO THE ATHLETES

Who: Dr. Ken Stopa
Where: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, 109 W. Main in Northville
What: Spent two weeks (Jan. 25 to Feb. 8) working with Olympic athletes at the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo.
Contact: Reach Stopa by calling (248) 735-9800 or visit www.drstopa.com

be ready. I was working hard, because once they know you're doing adjustments, they're all coming around."

The diplomate certification is also helping him with his practice, which draws patients from Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and surrounding areas. Stopa, who captained the Salem High School wrestling team (he graduated with the Class of 1990), is an athlete himself, having done karate as a youngster.

He treats amateur and professional athletes now, including some mixed martial arts fighters. His passion for treating sports injuries has helped him build the practice.

More training

"Being an athlete myself, I've found non-invasive treatments worked for me," Stopa said. "If I can be a part of that shift in the paradigm, I want to do that."

His patients are beginning to notice the certification, which is posted on his website (www.drstopa.com).

"People notice it on the website, and they mention it when they call," said Christine Gutierrez of Livonia, the assistant office manager who has been with Stopa 10 years. "It helps (patients) to know (Stopa) has that additional training."

Athletes he treated have spent the last two weeks winning medals of all colors. When the Olympics close Sunday, Stopa will have watched all he can, and done so with an intimate knowledge of what those athletes have gone through to get where they are, and a pride that he helped them in whatever way he could.

"You just feel proud (of them) because you know what they went through to get there," Stopa said. "They sacrificed everything. And to have helped them ... you're proud of that."

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and there might be hostages. We were scared to death."

Sikh leaders then learned six Sikhs and the gunman had been killed. Singh and others were in contact with other metro Detroit gurdwaras.

Singh said the Canton community sends a message to Wisconsin Sikhs that "we are with them."

The reaction was nearly identical at the Plymouth-based Gurdwara Sahib, which draws some 300 people from around the area to Sunday worship.

Mandeep Singh, a member at the Plymouth Sahib since 2003, said the shooting caught local Sikhs by surprise.

"It was completely unexpected," Mandeep Singh said. "Every religion teaches us to treat everybody equally, same as ours. We respect others and others are supposed to respect other religions."

Though he's never witnessed anything on this scale, Mandeep said other, smaller and, in some ways, more personal incidents have happened to him. Most of them, he indicated, are born out of ignorance.

"People will show you a finger, or they'll say, 'Hey, Taliban,'" Mandeep said. "They totally relate terrorism to the turban. We have been misidentified by a lot of (ignorance) ... We have been identified as if, 'They wear turbans, they are Al Qaeda.'"

Sapreet Kaur, executive director of the national Sikh Coalition, issued a statement saying Sikhs "want to thank Americans of all faiths and backgrounds for standing with the Sikh community in deploring this act of violence."

Kaur also asked for support for Sikhs "who are both grieving this great loss and fearful of similar hate aimed at their family members and places of worship."

Sikhs who worship at the Canton Center gurdwara have reached out to the larger community in the past by offering open houses and by becoming involved in activities such as a multi-denominational Interfaith Community Outreach health fair that offered free medical screenings.

Yet many Sikhs say they have struggled to

be understood since they were mistakenly associated with the 9/11 terrorists. They say some people simply aren't aware of customs such as Sikh men wearing long hair, beards and turbans as religious attire.

Singh said Sikhs, though they are tolerant and peaceful, are often mistaken as members of the Taliban.

"We are entirely different," he said. "Our religion is entirely different. We have nothing in common. We have the same feeling about (the Taliban) as anyone else. We are a peaceful community."

Sikhism is a monotheistic faith founded in South Asia more than 500 years ago, and it has roughly 27 million followers worldwide. Most are in India, though an estimated 500,000 Sikhs live in the United States.

A typical service for Sikhs consists of meditation and singing in a prayer room, where worshippers remove their shoes and sit on the floor. They gather afterward for a community meal.

Numerous religious groups offered support this week for the Sikh community, including the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which issued a statement saying Muslims "condemn this senseless act of violence, pray for those who were killed or injured and offer sincere condolences to their loved ones."

Sikhs are often mistaken as Muslim because of their attire, though the two religions are different. Both have been the target of hate crimes, and one Sikh man was shot dead in Arizona not long after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Canton-based Sikhs have repeatedly reached out to the larger community in an effort to educate others about their faith. Singh said there are some people who refuse to learn because "they have their mind-set."

However, Singh said he is hopeful most people in Canton and across the country will understand that the Sikh community is peaceful and wants to live in harmony with others.

"This is not a country which will cave to terrorism," he said.

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this report.

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Sikhs at the Canton-based Gurdwara Sahib Singh Sabha were "shocked to hear" about the Wisconsin shootings.

CORRECTION

A photo included with the *Observer's* coverage of the Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township made reference to "Cadillac fins" being everywhere at the event. The caption should have pointed out the cars in the photo were all Chryslers.

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of Plymouth and Plymouth Township — that make up the new district, outdistancing Canton attorney Rick Convertino.

Price beat Convertino 4,934 to 3,501. His largest margin came in Plymouth Township, where he won by nearly 1,200 votes.

"It was a team effort, and all the hard work paid off," Price said. "We knocked on more than 2,000 doors and made over 5,000 live calls. It wasn't just me, it was a lot of volunteers, my family and a lot of friends. We worked hard."

On the Democratic side, Amar's win over Matthew Fiems, a Wayne County employee, was just as easy. Amar, a Plymouth resident, bested Canton resident Fiems in his own hometown, 1,242 to 961, while also carrying both Plymouths.

"I'm pleased with the results, being my first time running for public office," Amar said. "I'm confident I'll be able to do well in the general election. I'm running against a tough opponent, and I'm prepared to give the voters in these three communities a choice as to who they want to represent them in that capacity."

Now Price and Amar get to turn their attention to the November general election. Price said his strategy for that race will be similar: Keep pushing the message that Wayne County needs more integrity.

"We've got to continue a positive campaign about cleaning up Wayne County and restoring honesty and accountability to the county," Price said. "There is also a block of voters who didn't vote for us, and we need to unite them to move the county forward. The county has a lot of problems, and we have to continue to deliver our mes-



At 1:45 p.m., James Moore, 26, is the lone voter in Plymouth Township's Precinct 5, located at Isbister Elementary.

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sage to the voters."

Amar said he plans to "stay focused on what I want to do" to bring jobs and growth to Wayne County. He said he'd like to do something about roads and parks, and to make sure to bring transparency to the county budget process, "not just for the public, but for the commissioners, as well."

Music to the ears of Plymouth-Canton residents might be Amar's pledge to fix the Ford Road/I-275 area. He said helping to get the TIGER grant, for a project to improve that interchange

and for which Canton has been turned down three times, would be a priority. He hopes to work with Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton Democrat who Tuesday won the nomination for the 11th Congressional District, and incumbent state Rep. Dian Slavens to get it done.

"Hopefully, if I get elected, I can bring whatever influence I might have to help do something about that grant," Amar said. "If Taj can get into the House, and I get in, we can work with (Slavens, who faces a Republican challenge in the general election), and

that grant will certainly be a priority."

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Township welcomes local Olympian

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton will welcome home its own Olympic swimming star, multiple medal winner Allison Schmitt, during a celebration Tuesday in Heritage Park, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

The free event honoring Schmitt and her achievements has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Heritage Park Amphitheater next to Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Barring an unexpected snag, LaJoy said, "she's going to be there."

Specific details were still being worked out Tuesday.

"It is going to be a big deal," LaJoy said. "The public is welcome."

If bad weather forces the celebration indoors, it will be held in Summit on the Park's gymnasium, LaJoy said.

Schmitt earned five Olympic medals — three of them gold — during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

LaJoy had confirmed last week that a celebration would be scheduled.

"We're hoping to have a big celebration in the community to welcome home our Olympic star," he said.

Schmitt, a Canton High School graduate, has won accolades for her Olympic swimming skills.

PRIMARY RESULTS			
The following are unofficial vote totals on how area residents voted.			
	Canton	Plymouth	Plymouth Twp
REPUBLICANS			
√ Shannon Price	3,546	417	2,687
Rick Convertino	1,863	250	1,490
DEMOCRATS			
√ James Amar	1,940	338	728
Matt Fiems	1,667	203	562

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on the fire (department) discussion, and the voters basically told us they wanted us to move on," he said.

He was referring to the March 1 layoff of six Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters and the months of debate, plus court action and a millage proposal that was defeated at the polls, that preceded that. The restructuring of the PCFD and the closing of Station 2 on the township's northeast side, which officials said was necessitated by budget constraints, brought several people who opposed those moves into the race.

"It was a very difficult two years. At times it got very personal," Doroshewitz, who favored the layoffs, said of the debate.

He said the community needs some political healing.

"We've got to put this behind us and start to move forward," he said.

Curmi, who was at township hall when results came in Tuesday night, seemed surprised at his third-place showing.

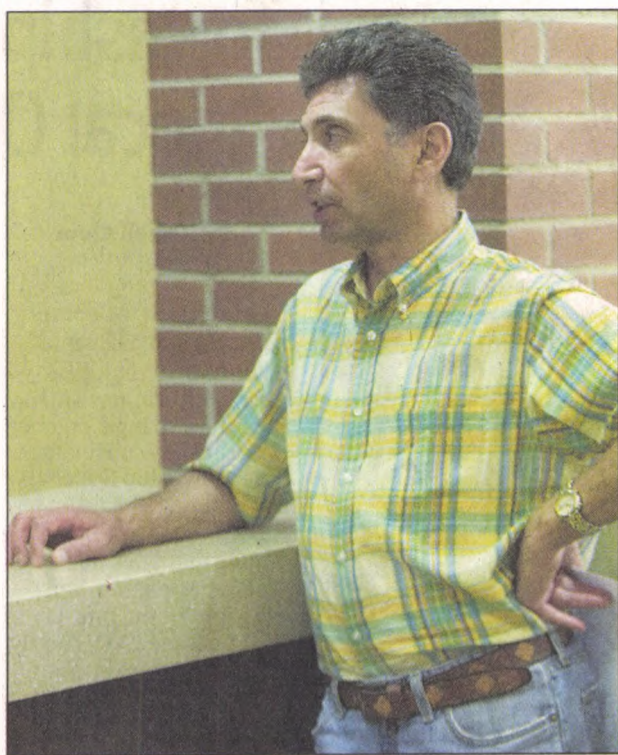
"There are a lot of candidates. ... It's tough to run that," he said. Curmi also called for the new board to unite.

"I'm elated, that's for sure," he said.

Trustee hopeful Jennifer Mann, placing fifth, was first among those candidates who had opposed the fire department layoffs, winning 1,305 votes.

"I'm proud of the hard work, and how we did," said Mann, who added that she had campaigned door to door in nearly every township neighborhood. "I met a lot of really wonderful people in our community, and I appreciate all the time they gave me."

Mann, the wife of PCFD Lt. Chuck Mann, had been active in the Citizens



Charles Curmi, waiting for results at Plymouth Township Hall, got good news: He finished third in the Republican primary for township trustee.

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PRIMARY RESULTS		
The following are unofficial vote totals on how residents of Plymouth Township voted.		
REPUBLICANS		
✓ Bob Doroshewitz	2,368	Andrew Justus 673
✓ Kay Arnold	2,053	Don Schnettler 641
✓ Charles Curmi	1,843	Christopher Hull 613
✓ Michael Kelly	1,799	Mark Christenson 580
Jennifer Mann	1,305	Janai Stepp 371
Art Butler	1,298	
Sandra Groth	999	DEMOCRATS
Paul Schulz	715	✓ Joanne Lamar 1,132
		✓ Alanna Maguire 1,082

Action Group of Plymouth Township, which had through a petition drive put on the ballot the proposal for a special assessment district to raise money for the department. The proposal was voted down in February by an overwhelming margin.

Mann said she "absolutely" agreed that candidates who wanted to revisit the fire department issue would have fared better if there had been fewer of them from

which to choose.

"We still have November that people have to get through, and you don't know what's going to happen between now and then," she said.

The other Republican trustee candidates, in order of finish, were Arthur Butler, Sandy Groth, Paul Schulz, Andrew Justus, Don Schnettler, Christopher Hull, Mark Christenson and Janai Stepp.

Trustee Steve Mann did not seek re-election.

DIA tax plan, township races motivate voters

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Fewer than a third of eligible voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township participated in Tuesday's Michigan primary, but those who did turn out had a variety of motivations for doing so.

Local voters faced a slew of federal, state and Wayne County candidates on Tuesday's ballot, helped pass two regional millage proposals, and Plymouth Township voters also weighed in on hotly contested races for the township Board of Trustees.

Several voters interviewed at area polling places Tuesday said the proposal for a 0.2-mill property tax (20 cents for every \$1,000 in taxable value) to support the Detroit Institute of Arts was the biggest issue for them as they went to vote. The tax, in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, will raise an estimated \$23 million a year for the museum.

Pro and con

"It's important to me," said Pamela May, a township resident, after voting at West Middle School. "It's a wonderful place and it should stay here for our kids."

"It's a wonderful building," said Mim Nordstrom as she left Precinct 4 at Township Hall. The museum should be supported, she said, but "we're at a bad time right now" with a slow economy.

"Something like that can't go to waste," said Al P, who voted at the Plymouth Cultural Center and said he was using an abbreviated last name. "A gem like that has to be maintained."

The millage plan's skeptics also said it was important in bringing them to the polls.

"I don't participate in it and I don't have any children that participate in it," said Steve Carson, who also voted at Township Hall. The arts are important, Carson said, but he's against raising taxes and "over time,

more things are added" and then taxes go up.

"You don't know how the money's going to be spent or whose hands are going to be in the coffee," said Terry Durkin after voting at West. Nevertheless, Durkin would not say whether he voted for or against the plan. "I don't want to lose the arts," he said.

Township battle

Among many township voters, the Board of Trustees election, with contests for clerk, treasurer and four trustee positions, was an important motivator. Republican Supervisor Richard Reaume was unopposed in the primary.

"Stop all this fighting. Just get on with running things," said Alyce Humphrey after voting at Township Hall.

"I think it's time for a change," said Jackie Novotny, also at Township Hall, of the board.

Novotny said she disapproved of the layoff in March of six Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters, and fears layoffs will also hit the township's Police Department.

"Everything seems one-sided" when it comes to board politics, she said.

Many, however, said they were satisfied with township incumbents. With Trustee Steve Mann not seeking re-election, and Clerk Joe Bridgman narrowly losing the Republican primary to challenger Nancy Conzelman, though a recount is possible, the board will undergo some change this fall.

"Cuts had to be done," said Carson of the fire department layoffs.

"The township is run pretty efficiently. I think they're doing a good job," said Pat Ruelle after voting at Township Hall.

"I like what most of them are doing," said John MacRopol, also at Township Hall.

U.S. House race

State and federal races seemed to play a lesser role Tuesday in getting voters to the polls. The

area's state representative, Kurt Heise, had no opponent in the Republican primary, and neither did the lone Democrat in the race, Tim Roraback. The two will face off in the November election.

Some voters mentioned the GOP 11th District Congressional race, in which former teacher and reindeer farmer Kerry Bentivolio, the only Republican on the ballot, defeated former state legislator Nancy Cassis, who had mounted a write-in campaign. On the Democratic side, Syed Taj, a doctor and trustee in Canton Township, defeated Bill Roberts, an activist aligned with Lyndon LaRouche.

"I wasn't feeling comfortable with him," said Carson of Bentivolio, who was backed by the Tea Party movement but not by much of the Republican establishment. "I did write in Nancy Cassis."

"I wasn't overly impressed with the candidates" in the congressional race, said Timothy Sullivan after voting at the Cultural Center.

Cassis' write-in bid came after former Republican Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, first elected to Congress in 2002, failed to gather enough valid petition signatures to qualify for the ballot. McCotter ended up resigning July 6, prompting state officials to call for a special Tuesday, Sept. 5, primary, and a special election to be held in conjunction with the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election, to fill the remainder of his term.

"I was very saddened by that," said Nordstrom of McCotter's troubles and resignation. "I thought he was a good man."

The voter participation rate in the township was just over 33 percent; in the city, it was around 25 percent. Overall, between the two communities, about 31 percent of eligible voters voted in Tuesday's election.

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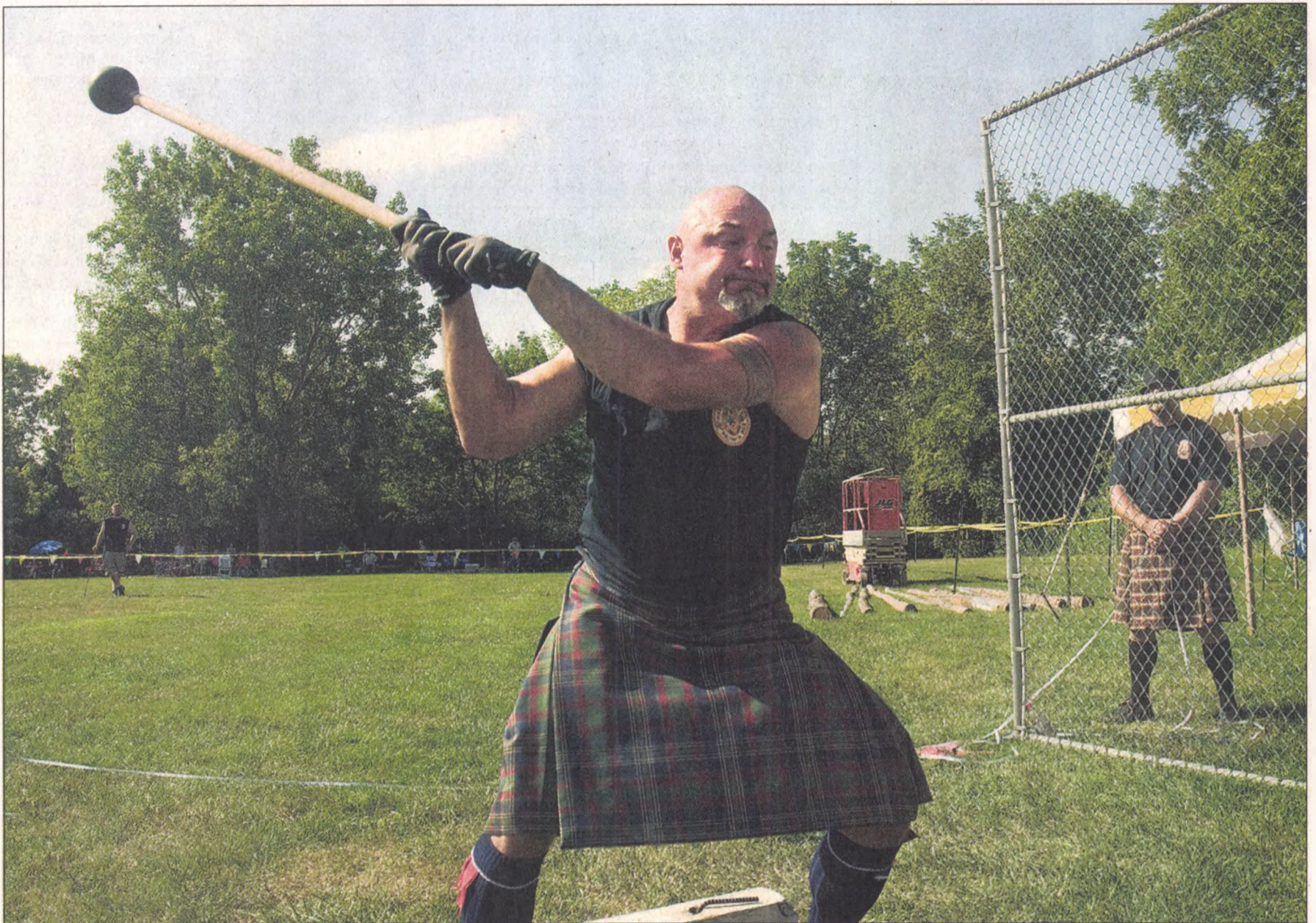
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John Tracy, of Wayne, tosses the hammer in the amateur competition.

Highland Games a hit despite heat, humidity

It was hot and humid Saturday, but that didn't stop an estimated 10,000 people from enjoying the Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

"We had a good crowd out there. We were very pleased," chair Cathy Hasse said, adding the crowd was about the same size as in past years. "Things went really well despite the heat and high humidity."

The Highland Games have been presented by St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, the oldest benevolent organization in Michigan, for 163 years, the past 13 at Greenmead. The group was founded to help Scots new to the area assimilate.

The games include a bagpipe competition, tug-of-war, Highland dancing and heavy athletic contests like the popular caber toss and stone put.

The event raises about \$20,000 annually. "It is a fund-raiser; all the money goes to charity," Hasse said, except for a small portion of seed money to fund the next year's event.

Money is given to national, Scottish and local charities. The group has a large scholarship program to promote the Scottish arts. Each month the organization takes on a special cause such as Toys for Tots, the Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital of Michigan and packing boxes for the American troops

overseas.

Hasse said the attendees came in shorts and tank tops, but the bagpipers were "out there in full wool uniforms."

"They all made it through," she said.

The winner of the solo piping competition, Jacob Mack of Dearborn, even won again for the sixth year in a row. (Other winners are expected to be posted on the group's website, www.highland-games.com)

Hasse said the Highland Games will be back in Livonia again next year. "We like our venue in Livonia; we're pleased to be back there."

— By Karen Smith



Ethan Perry is from Redford.



The Parade of Clans.



Madelyn Schanz, of West Bloomfield, and Noel Nelson, of Harbor Springs, in the sword dance competition.



The massed bands take the field.

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Graham MacMaster competes in the amateur piping competition. He is from Flint.



Mindy Albright, of Farmington Hills, chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society, adjusts the hair and headpiece of granddaughter Haylie Perry, 6 years old, of Redford.

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Edwards won his GOP primary against challenger Edwin Schulz, a certified public accountant. Incumbent Trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Kay Arnold and Mike Kelly also won for the GOP, along with Chuck Curmi, a 16-year trustee who wants to return to the board. Supervisor Richard Reaume was unopposed in the Republican primary.

Trustee candidates Alanna Maguire and Joanne Lamar, the only Democrats in the race, also made it through the primary and will challenge the incumbent trustees, plus Curmi, in November.

Barring a recount that changes the outcome, Conzelman, an attorney,



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Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, at the polls located in St. Kenneth Parish, won the Republican primary and will face Democrat Rita White in the general election.

ney, will move on to the November general election, in which she is almost guaranteed a win, as there are no other candidates yet for clerk. Conzelman was backed by Reaume and many incumbent trustees.

"I spent the summer working very hard to knock on every door in every neighborhood I could in the township," and that made the difference for her, Conzelman said Wednesday. "I tried to run on my own merits,

my own qualifications. ... and that was apparently successful."

Conzelman said she is eager to get to work for the township. "I appreciate every single person who came out on election day to vote, and every single person who took the time to vote their absentee ballot," she said.

On a possible recount, Conzelman said: "He's the clerk. How can he challenge the clerk's results? But I'll have to see what he decides."

"Voters are unpredictable," Bridgman said Wednesday. "This election kind of shows that voters are really unpredictable in what they choose to do."

He added the results tell him the majority of voters are apparently happy with the way the township is run. Bridg-

man in March voted against the layoffs of six PCFD firefighters, which officials who supported the decision said was a necessary budget-cutting move. He has also clashed with colleagues over pay — he refused to voluntarily cut his pay, calling a pay cut accepted by other board members illegal — meeting absences and other issues.

Bridgman will keep busy this summer and fall. He has two other elections to run — a Tuesday, Sept. 5, special primary in Michigan's 11th Congressional District and the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election, which is a U.S. presidential election. "We've still got some stuff we've got to do," he said.

Bridgman said he has six days from Wednes-

day, when the results were certified by the township's Board of Canvassers, to decide on a recount.

Will he stay in elected politics? "I don't know. Not sure yet," he said.

400-vote margin

Edwards, who is seeking a fifth term as treasurer, won by exactly 400 votes, with 2,466 votes to 2,066 for Schulz. He will face Democrat Rita White, a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor, in the general election; White had no primary opposition.

"I won by 400 votes and I'm moving on," Edwards said Wednesday.

Schulz could not be reached for comment.

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Northville woman fights 'good fight' against ovarian cancer

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ovarian cancer is the fifth-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. It lacks an early detection test, and fewer than 20 percent of cases are diagnosed in the important early stage.

The American Cancer Society says in 2012 about 22,280 new cases will be diagnosed, with 15,500 women in the U.S. dying of ovarian cancer. Survival rates for other cancers have improved dramatically recently, but much less so for ovarian.

Terrie Karebian of Northville Township wants to change that. The mother of a son and daughter in their 20s has been in chemotherapy for the disease four times, fighting it since 2003. She's in remission.

Karebian, 58, gets a lot of her information from www.mioca.org, established in 2011. That's the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance and its website.

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Karebian has been working with Northville business owner Margene Buckhave on a 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, event at Northville Square on Main Street in downtown Northville.

There will be a table out that evening with information, and GG Boutique will give a percentage of sales to MIOCA and a match.

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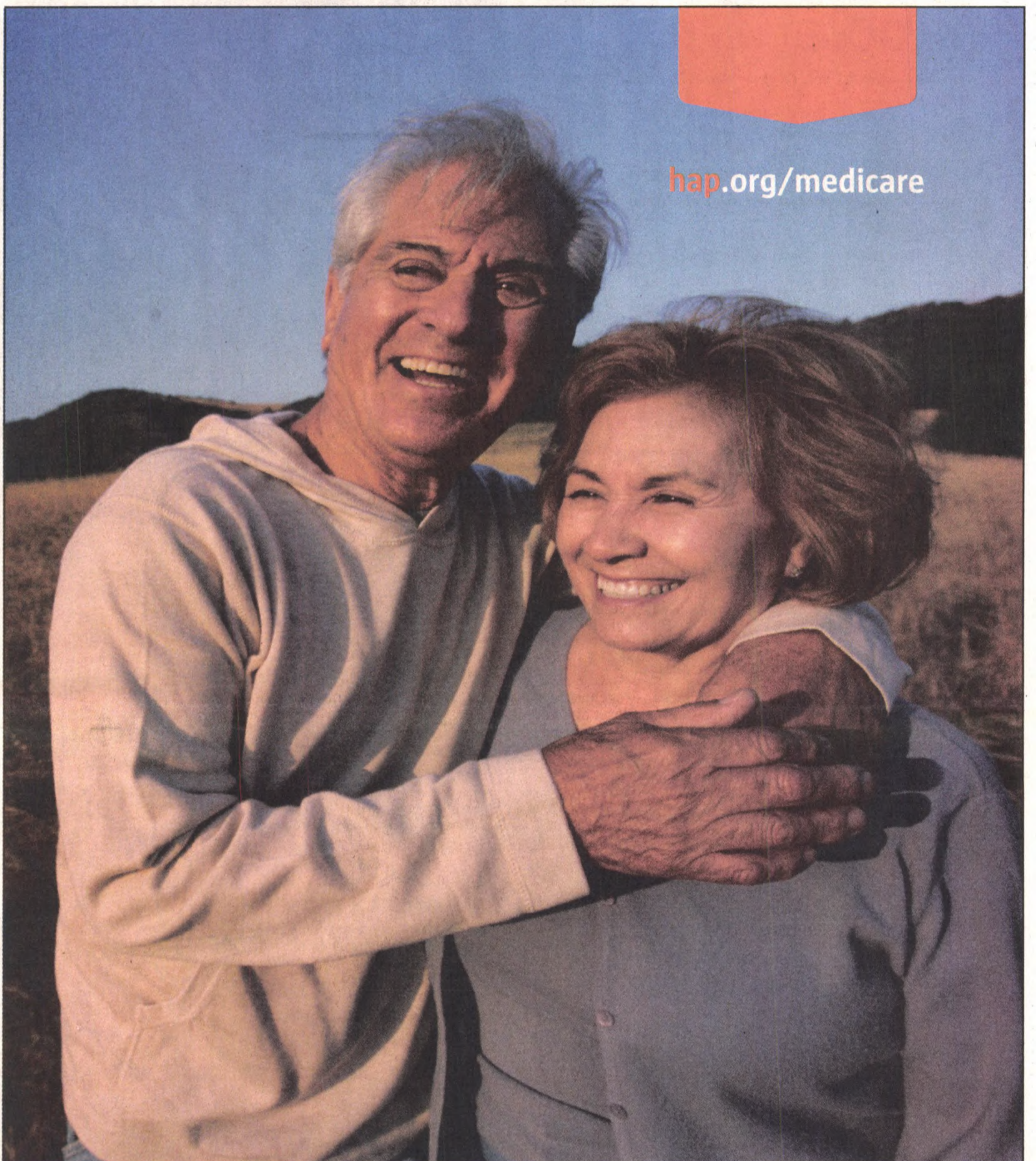
"I'm in remission so that's a good thing," Karebian said. "I just keep fighting it and hope for the best."

Her children "and a great support system of family and friends" help tremendously.

She emphasizes the importance of getting a second opinion upon diagnosis. Karebian is being treated at the University of Michigan, but has been to other facilities as well.

In addition to the Sept. 7 event, local fine artists and craftspeople will hold an "invitation only" autumn air fair Oct. 5-7 at Northville Square in downtown Northville. Fair hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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World of investing shares traits with Olympic training

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

As I was watching the Olympics and saw the incredible talents of Michael Phelps, Gabby Douglas and Canton's own Allison Schmitt, it reminded me of the incredible amount of time and energy they spent to achieve their dreams. You can only imagine how many hours Michael Phelps spent training and the sacrifices he made in order to achieve his goals. Even more incredible are the hundreds of



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

athletes from throughout the United States and thousands throughout the world that trained and made sacrifices in Olympic sports that you and I have barely heard of. In looking at these incredible athletes, there is one common thread. The investment they made in themselves did not pay off over the

short run. Their sacrifice and dedication only paid dividends over the long run.

Their dedication to their sport is somewhat analogous to investors. If Olympic athletes were like most investors, they never would have achieved their goals.

Our journey as investors, just like Olympic athletes, is not easy and has its fair share of twists, turns and rocky roads — that's just the way it is. Just as world-class athletes must not let short-term discomfort and emotions sway

them from their path, the same thing can be said about investors. Too many investors let their short-term discomfort and emotions dictate how they invest their money.

Fear and greed are the two emotions that investors need to avoid. Yes, it's always nice when the market is moving forward and it is somewhat depressing when markets are in retreat. However, for as long as there have been and will be markets, they will always be a rollercoaster ride. That's just the way it is. The sooner we,

as investors, accept that, the better we will be.

Everyone who participates in the Olympics can't win a medal and the same can be said about investing. You don't have to hit a home run to be a successful investor. Too many investors spend time trying to figure out what is the best stock or mutual fund to buy. Some people drive themselves crazy buying and selling in their attempt to hit the proverbial home run. Focusing on the overall game plan is a better strategy. Having the right game plan

will lead to greater success than trying to pick the next Google.

Just like not all athletes are going to be as successful as Michael Phelps, not all investors are going to be as successful as Warren Buffet. However, you don't have to be Buffet to be a successful investor. Good luck!

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Observer: How did you come to open your business?

Great Pilates: I asked myself, "What kind of lifestyle do I want? Do I want to leave my kids fifty hours a week, while I work at a store? Do I want to go back to school and get a job making slightly more, still away from home most of the time?" I'd picture myself walking into my studio, with clients waiting there, looking into a camera and training people around the country. My first idea was to stream live classes. After investigating, I found that would require twice as much capital with less workout availability for clients. So I thought, "Why not create a membership with new classes added weekly?"

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Great Pilates: My children are growing up here. Their activities and friends are here. Canton is a fantastic place to raise kids.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Great Pilates: It's the first ever streaming video online fitness studio. The Pilates videos are geared toward the individual's situation, not just their fitness level. For example, there are beginners who are five months pregnant, beginners who are recovering from injury, and beginners with limitations. They all need unique instruction. My four-level weight loss program is absolutely unique with cardio Pilates, meditation videos, and articles with motivation and the latest science on weight loss. All with no equipment or commercials.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Great Pilates: I added the weight loss program based on ongoing conversations with clients about their weight. Many people are going about dieting based on outdated science. My strong feelings of compassion for these people, certification in wellness coaching, and continued research gave me a good base to put it together. I am receiving venture coaching through Walsh College and the Blackstone LaunchPad program. Our coaches are successful business owners in the Metro area. I am developing my expertise with pregnancy and recovery to become nationally known for this service.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Great Pilates: My nine year old and I were in my



Judith Farmer, whose online Pilates business, Great Pilates Now, LLC, started in June 2011, films a workout on the boardwalk in Toronto.

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office. I had just finished a Skype meeting with my webmaster, Kathleen. Then Christina says, "Mom, when I grow up, I want to have an online business." This was a landmark for me. I can see the influence I've had on my older kids as well. They are proud to tell their friends about what their mom does.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your

business?

Great Pilates: It has been a plus. A difficult economy caused me to move my pilates studio out of Michigan and onto the web. Many can't afford the fitness membership they had. The cost and driving time, along with the added demands on those with good jobs make online fitness a smart new choice.

Observer: Any advice for

other business owners?

Great Pilates: Not really. But I can speak to starters: Don't borrow. It makes you become more creative. Stay in a state of feeling everything is well. Everything is. Don't worry about money. It stifles creativity. Think about where you want to be. You'll find yourself there. Read all the best business writers. You're not as smart as you think you are.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

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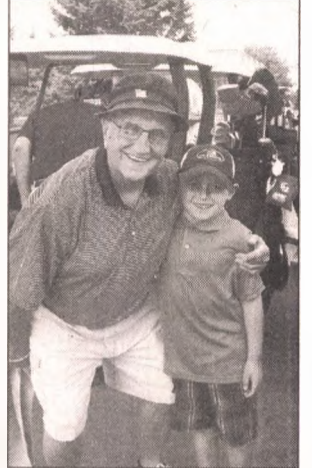
Golfer age gap

If there's a category in the Guinness Book of World Records for the greatest age span in a golf outing, Stables Bar & Grill in Livonia might win. At the bar's annual July golf outing at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth, 60 golfers participated, including 96-year-old Carlo D'Angelo and 6-year-old Tyler Sims.

While there was no report on the duo's scores, they were celebrated by fellow golfers.

"Age is relative," said Ron Abraham, Stables' owner and host, who grilled steaks for all the participants after the outing. "It's all about having a good time and great fellowship."

Stables Bar & Grill is open from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. For more information, call (734) 427-1646 or visit Stables' Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stablesbar.



Carlo D'Angelo, 96, and 6-year-old Tyler Sims were among the golfers in the outing at Plymouth's St. John's Golf Course.

Business News

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

- Sharer Design Group is having an August special to introduce its new cabinet lines. Book your kitchen or bath remodel by Aug. 31 and get a 10-percent discount on the price. For the latest information on Sharer Design Group, visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SharerDesignGroup

- Candy Trail will have story time every Wednesday in August. It all starts at 1:15 p.m.

- Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers is running its 29th annual sale through Aug. 18. All in-stock merchandise is on sale with discounts ranging between 15 and 40 percent off.

- Starbucks is undergoing remodeling and should have a new look in a few weeks. However, patrons can still get coffee or other drinks by entering the Mayflower Centre entrance off Ann Arbor Trail to get to the temporary coffee counter.

- Jill Andra Young Photography has finished moving from her Penniman studio into her new studio space at 502 Forest. Look for her new sign and a 50/50 coupon on her web site. Good for 50 percent off a studio sitting and 50 percent off a package. Good through Sept. 15.

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Parents of 'abused' preschoolers want trust restored, lost year made up

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A group of parents of special-needs preschoolers who were allegedly abused by a teacher and parapro at Webster Elementary asked the Livonia school board Monday to restore their trust by holding those responsible accountable and giving back students the instruction they missed.

Attorneys James L. Spagnuolo Jr. of Southfield and Jeffrey T. Stewart of Farmington Hills have been retained by two of the parents. They attended the school board meeting, but did not address the board.

Spagnuolo said a decision on a lawsuit has not been made. "At this point we're doing an investigation," he said.

In June, the board fired the parapro and recommended the state tenure commission terminate the employment of the teacher, Sharon Turbiak. Neither one has been charged with a crime and both deny any wrongdoing.

Parent Lauren Gohl of Plymouth asked the board when those who witnessed the alleged abuse will be terminated for not reporting it to the Michigan Department of Human Services, as required by law. "What recourse do the parents have if (Superintendent) Randy Liepa decides that only certain individuals receive a disciplinary action for their part in this absolutely unacceptable cover up?" she asked.

State law mandates that school personnel immediately report to DHS,



Parents of special-needs preschoolers allegedly abused at Webster Elementary gather for a group hug outside the Livonia school board office Monday after speaking to the board. From left are Lauren Gohl, Jim Davenport, Rosalyn Peterman and Terri Roeder.

any suspected abuse even if they have not witnessed it.

A social worker allegedly witnessed Turbiak on March 5 grab her son by the top of his head, jerk it back "quite aggressively," yell at him and continue to jerk his chin upward while pushing the top of his head back. The boy, 4, was born with hydrocephalus and has a brain shunt. Any injury to his head can be life-threatening, she said.

Reporting law violated?

Gohl said the incident wasn't reported to DHS until after April 23, when Mark Schultz, a former police officer who serves as the district's administrator of public safety, began an internal investigation into the classroom environment and called the Livonia Police Department the following day.

Several school district employees, including administrators, are identified as witnesses on a heavily redacted 75-page police report.

Parent Terri Roeder of Ypsilanti said parents of the 12 special-needs children ages 3-5 who were in the classroom have been in contact with each other. "I can assure you that there are many of us who will not rest until across-the-board justice has been administered," she told the board.

The class was part of a Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts. All of the children are cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Parent Rosalyn Peterman of Wayne told the board she has heard and read about terrible things happening to children around the country, but she never thought her son, Cameron Williams, would be in the same predicament. "I'm here to show support for my child and

the other children and to ensure that you hold yourself accountable for what has happened and to make the necessary changes and implement the necessary precautions that will help our children to feel safe so they can learn and also somehow restore our trust in the educators to do right by our children," she said.

'Lost' school year

Jim Davenport of Garden City, who said his daughter McKenna had her chair pulled out from under her and was laughed at when she fell to the floor, said McKenna spent "1,040 hours in an environment of fear and bullying at the hands of Sharon Turbiak" and the parapro.

He said the program was designed to give the children a head start so they could have a chance at a normal school life. He said he feels it is the board's responsibility to make up for that lost time.

The Livonia Police Department investigated

the abuse complaints, but the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office decided there was insufficient evidence to bring charges against anyone.

"We did not have a case that we could prove beyond a reasonable doubt in court," Maria Miller, assistant prosecuting attorney and director of communications, said in an interview July 26.

Stewart, who specializes in representing students whose rights have been violated by teachers and their supervisors, said the prosecutor's decision was "not a decision we welcomed."

However, he said, the

burden of proof in a criminal case is "exceedingly high" compared with a civil case and prosecutors have "enormous discretion" in deciding which cases to pursue.

He said if the accounts in the police report are true, he believes the children were abused.

He said child abuse, like pornography, is hard to define, but quoting U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart's famous characterization of pornography in a 1964 case, he said, "I know it when I see it."

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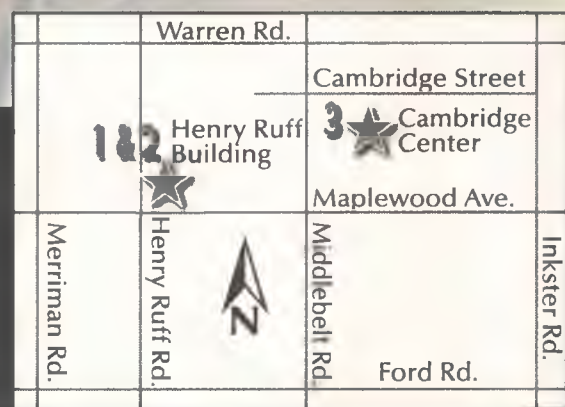
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OUR VIEWS

Dispose of hazardous waste at county collection

On Saturday, Aug. 25, the Wayne County Department of Public Service will hold the third of four annual household hazardous waste collections. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., county residents can bring household waste not suitable for disposal through their normal weekly trash pickups to the collection site in the lot behind JC Penney's at the Westland Shopping Center.

The hazardous waste collection is a responsible alternative to depositing toxic, flammable or corrosive items in landfills. It's a chance to do something good for our environment and prevent further contamination of our water supply and ground.

Years ago, little thought was given to disposing of paint and stain, pesticides and household cleaning products in the garbage, dumping used motor oil down the sewer or discarding unwanted items in vacant fields. We have since learned there's a price to clean up those messes.

A variety of incidents has taught us to be stewards of our environment. Now we have become communities that recycle and reuse, cutting down on the amount of trash we send to landfills each year, and the cardboard, plastic and paper that once went out with the trash have found new uses through recycling.

We also have been addressing past mistakes. A good example is the Friends of the Rouge, an organization that has spent 25 years cleaning up the Rouge River watershed. The annual Rouge Rescue began in 1986 with volunteers removing large quantities of trash from the river. Those efforts improved public perception of the river, shifting it away from the thought that the river was an open sewer and a place to dump trash. Today the rescue focuses on river restoration.

And the fruits of their labor became abundantly clear earlier this year when the Friends' annual spring bug hunt found two branches of the Rouge improving. The bug hunt collects information on the health of Rouge streams and one of the two streams that improved was the Middle Branch that follows Hines Drive from Northville through Westland to Ford Road in Dearborn.

What kind of world we leave our children will be dependent on what we do today to help it. Let's get started on a legacy of a clean and healthy planet by disposing of hazardous waste items the right way at the Wayne County collection Aug. 25. A complete list of acceptable items can be found on the Wayne County Department of Public Service page at www.waynecounty.com.

Webster allegations need more extensive report

The Livonia school board should conduct its own investigation regarding abuse allegations of preschoolers at Webster Elementary School.

The classroom is part of a Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts, including a number of Plymouth-Canton special education students.

The Livonia Police Department closed its case against a teacher and paraprofessional accused of physically abusing special-needs preschoolers after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office concluded there was insufficient evidence to bring charges.

However, too many questions remain unanswered. Plymouth mother Lauren Gohl, whose 4-year-old son Jayden was at the center of the incidents, is especially entitled to know all the details.

Her questions include:

- What exactly did happen?
- Who knew what happened, when did they know it and did they take the appropriate action?
- Did administrators act soon enough?
- Who needs to be held accountable?

The Livonia school board acted in June to fire the teacher and the paraprofessional, who had been on administrative leave since April. Both the teacher and the paraprofessional have denied acting unprofessionally.

The 12 preschoolers who were in the classroom, ages 3-5, are all cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Livonia Superintendent Randy Liepa has said "child abuse" means different things to different people, but there was no question the school board believed children had been mistreated.

He said the district is working with the prosecutor's office in reviewing its processes before the start of the school year.

He agreed with parents who said people need to be held accountable for what went on last school year.

A more extensive investigation would help identify who those people are.

COMMUNITY VOICE

If you could meet Allison Schmitt, the Olympic gold-medal swimmer from Canton Township, what would you tell her?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



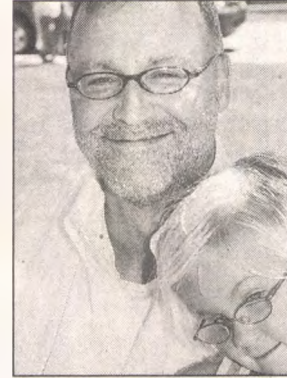
"I would just say congratulations and we appreciate your hard efforts. It's not easy."

Stacie O'Neill
Plymouth Township



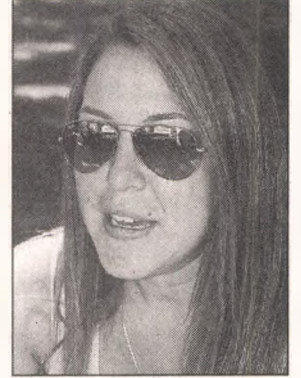
"Congratulations! Way to win the gold for the U.S. We look forward to seeing her in future Olympic games."

Katy Sondergaard
Livonia



"What an athletic community the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia area is. There are tons of great athletes that come from the area."

Sean Cooney
(with daughter Mallory)



"We used to be swimmers so we know it's hard. ... I would tell her congratulations and it's so cool to have somebody close to home in London."

Emily Sondergaard
Los Angeles

LETTERS

Context is everything

Shamefully, it seems as if the Romney folks are intent on basing much of their campaign upon using creative editing rather than presenting a case for how Gov. Romney represents a clear policy break from the disastrous Bush administration, both economically and otherwise, or has a legitimate plan going forward.

The latest adventure in editing, representing the fifth incidence of Obama blatantly being quoted out of context in an ad, involves the so-called "you didn't build that" quote. The dishonest Romney version seems to be gaining traction with many seemingly sane Republicans, although it should be clear to any "objective" observer that the quote attributed to the president was clearly lifted from context.

You be the judge. Obama's entire statement: "Somebody helped to create this unbelievable American system that we have that allowed you to thrive. Somebody invested in roads and bridges. If you've got a business — you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen. The Internet didn't get invented on its own." Now the Romney ad

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version: "If you've got a business — you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." All I can say is, "really?"

For those who enjoy the he-said-she-said reality show style of politics or are looking for "proof" of what you want to or already believe, word has it the Romney campaign

has been busy in the cut room creating another deceptive masterpiece.

This edition includes a portion of a speech where Obama in reality is regaling the accomplishments of the Clinton administration skillfully sliced and diced down to what appears to be evidence of Obama making false claims and being out of touch when evaluating his own administration.

Aside from being sophomoric and amateurish, basing weeks of a campaign on editing trying to convince voters that someone said something that they didn't in order to lend substance to a particular narrative is less than honest and should be beneath someone who piously claims to be a paragon of integrity.

Creative editing, coupled with the pattern of deceit involving how time was spent, misrepresenting facts and creating a veil of secrecy around business and financial dealings and tax returns, makes Romney as questionable as any presidential candidate in recent history. Ask yourself, "Would you buy a used car off of this guy?"

Mitch Smith
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

East staffer and my friend: A 'teacher for all ages'

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Elaine Bain was a born teacher, and I was honored to call her my friend.

Elaine lost her battle with cancer recently, dying at home with family at her side. The longtime Plymouth Township resident and East Middle School teacher was 67.



Julie Brown

Friends, family and former students gathered Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home to say goodbye and share memories of how much Elaine had meant to us. The room was packed, with more people out in the hallway, a testament to how many lives Elaine had touched with her teaching, community work and all around friendship.

Our friendship had inauspicious beginnings. I was a 20-something newly minted features editor on a mission to modernize the section. Elaine, known for her persistence, called to tell me we would cover the annual used book sale of the local American Association of University Women — and we did.

That rocky start didn't prevent us from becoming good friends. My husband and I often visited Elaine and her husband Don at their home. They were proud Penn State alumni, and often attended college football games in State College, Ann Arbor and elsewhere.

Elaine would later earn degrees from Madonna University and

Eastern Michigan University. She was focused on the couple's children, Elizabeth, Bruce and Alex, when they were younger, and found time to serve as president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

A lifelong Girl Scout, Elaine earned the Curved Bar, then the highest honor in Girl Scouting. Her mom Helen was also a Girl Scout, as was daughter Liz.

Elaine's children spoke at her memorial service, noting they have among them a juris doctorate (Liz) and two M.B.A.s, and no felonies to speak of.

Don Bain, a Ford retiree, did an admirable job delivering his late wife's eulogy. He was shaken, but still shared with us the story of her life.

Elaine, raised Catholic, didn't hesitate to challenge the teachings of the nuns at her school. The local public librarian saw Elaine's inquisitiveness and great potential, and set her on the path to lifelong learning through books.

Don told us Elaine usually had four to 10 books going at a time, having started by reading the entire religion aisle at the Plymouth District Library. Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes followed, as did parapsychology and mysteries, especially Clive Cussler.

Respect and responsibility mattered most in her classroom. If a student misbehaved, he or she was told to call a parent at work. When the parent complained of being interrupted on the job, Elaine would point out the child was interrupting her workday. There were few such calls after that.

Many fellow cast members of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW children's play attended the memorial. Elaine had been in the annual scholarship benefit for years, with such memorable roles as the Giant in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, the Wizard in *The Wizard of Oz* and a frumpy stepsister in *Cinderella*. Elaine served as an usher this year, being too ill to appear on stage. She treasured her ongoing involvement.

Several AAUW women visited Elaine at home when she was in hospice care. They declared it "Elaine Bain Day," complete with costumes and a banner. That meant so much to Elaine.

A dinner after the memorial brought together many who had been enriched by knowing Elaine. Talking to Elaine's former students made me realize her legacy will live on.

My husband and I were privileged to meet Elaine's mom, Helen Rugienius. I can see where Elaine got her spine of steel, having spoken to her former probation officer mother. Helen's loss hadn't really sunk in, and my heart goes out to her and all who've buried a child.

The eulogy passed out prior to Elaine's service was headlined "A teacher for all times, places, ages." I'm glad to have been Elaine Bain's friend. Judging from the turnout and words spoken at her service, it's evident Elaine was truly a born teacher.

Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers. She can be reached at jcbrown@hometownlife.com.

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July 4th Family Fun!



Jack of Royal Oak spent the Fourth of July with this family at their family cottage for their annual Kid's Day. The day was filled with fun, games and competition including sack races, limbo contests, eggs toss, tug of war, wheel barrel racing, water balloons and more. This year Jack won the sack race.

Jack Armstrong - Royal Oak



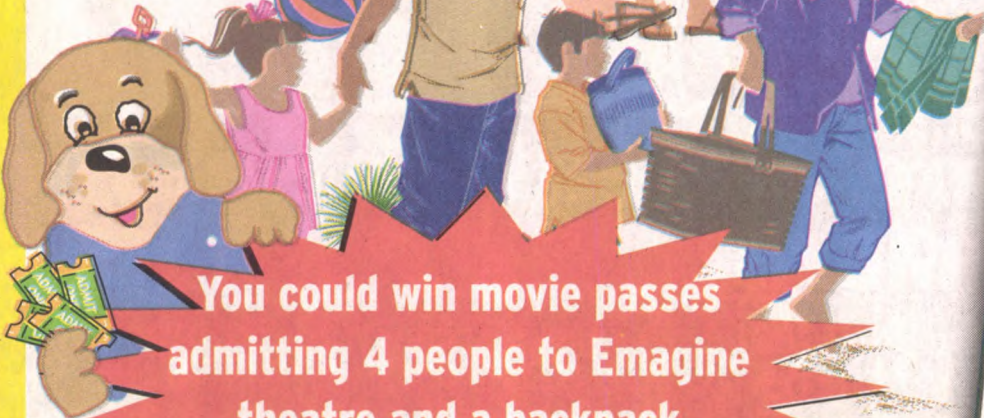
Hope enjoyed the day with her proud dad while he snapped photos of her participating in the Milford July 4th parade.

Hope Drogmiller - Novi

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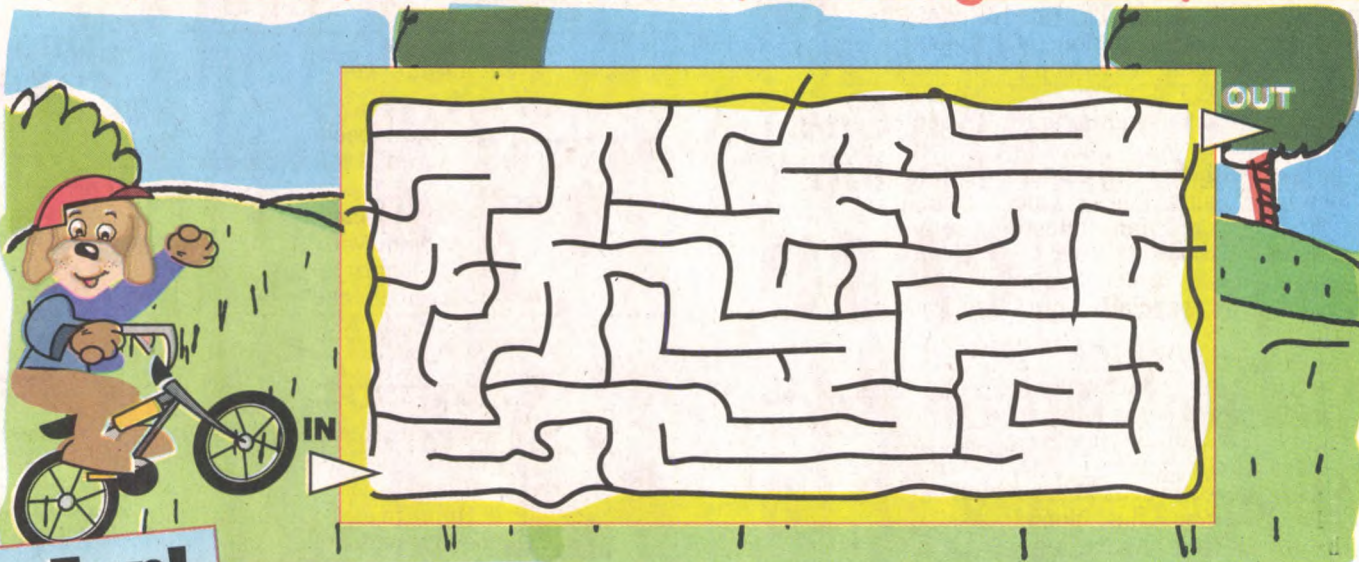
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Help Scoop find his way through the park



A day with Dad!



Meaghan from Livonia and her dad on a carousel at Greenfield Village. "We all had a fabulous time. Meaghan really liked the rides in the old cars around the village, however she always enjoys a carousel ride".

Meaghan Dick - Livonia



Elizabeth from Farmington and her dad kayaking on the a pond on the Huron River. "It's still a beautiful autumn Saturday to go kayaking with my dad: It's our own father-daughter time"

Elizabeth Ho - Farmington



Grace from Farmington and her dad at the Grand Prix. "Dad made me a pine-wood Derby car and I won first place this year. I brought home a trophy because my dad made me a terrific car. Thank you Dad and I love you!"

Grace Ho - Farmington





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Prep gridders get into shape before first day

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Priorities have changed with the times for the official start of high school football practice.

With tech classes, summer passing leagues and more emphasis on personal fitness, conditioning is no longer the focus of early drills.

It's not necessary to spend valuable time whipping athletes into playing shape anymore.

Instead, the Harrison and Farmington teams got right to the business of running their offenses and defenses Monday.

"We don't have to worry about conditioning; we're into the football stuff," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Kids today show up in pretty good shape."

"We still do conditioning at the end of practice, but it's not the emphasis. Years ago, you never thought about football until after Labor Day, and then you had to condition."

"I think most teams are (doing offense and defense right away). It's not like the old days when the three days without pads were for conditioning. Everybody has their kids in shape."

Like most schools do now, Farmington has off-season and summer conditioning programs, which enable it to begin actual practice at an advanced stage.

"Conditioning is not a factor right now," Falcons coach John Bechtel said. "We want kids going through drills at full speed, and that's our conditioning."

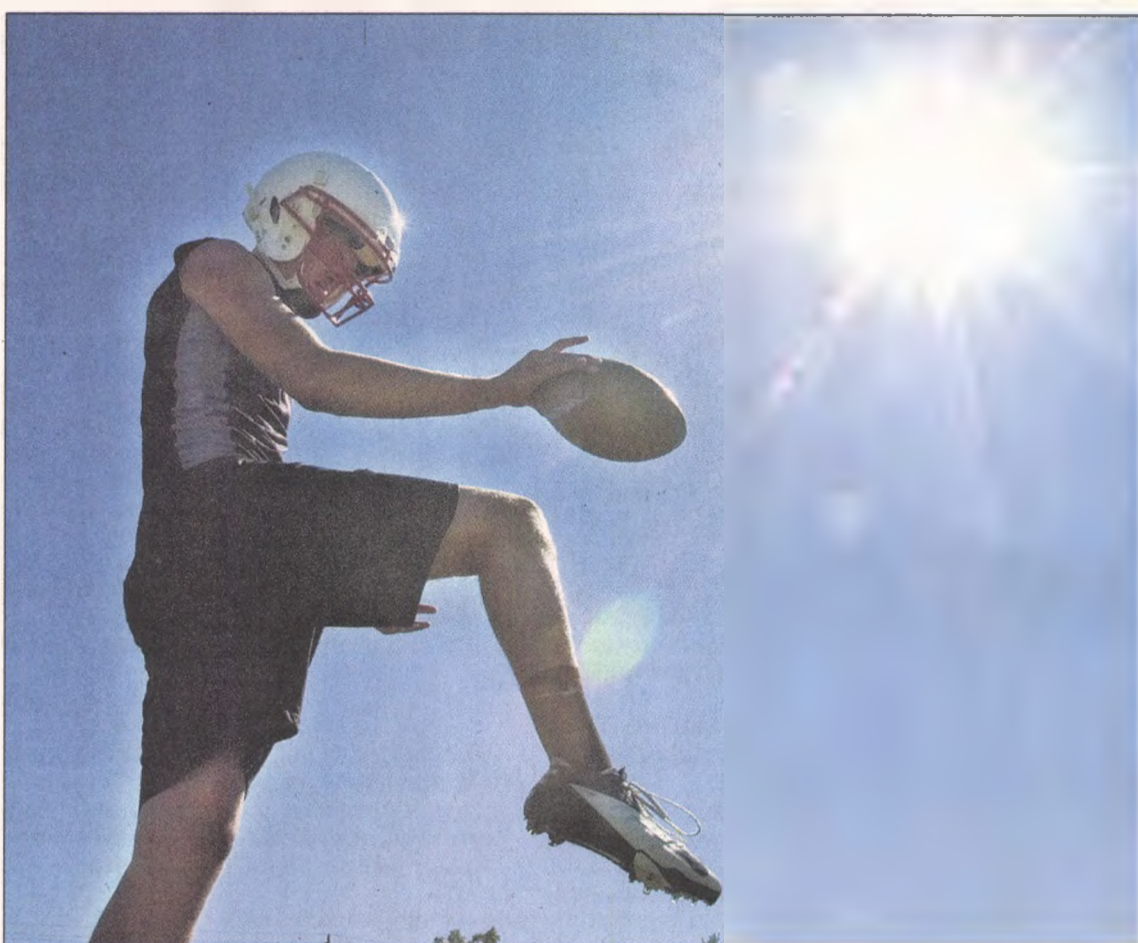
"The emphasis is on trying to perfect technique and doing it with great pace. I thought we did that; it was a really good first day for us."

Bechtel added all the Farmington drills were specific to its offensive and defensive schemes.

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
John Herrington begins his 43rd season as Harrison's only head coach.



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Canton sophomore Greg Williams practices his punting form during Monday's opening day of official team practices.

Rites of August

Opening practices signal fresh start for area football teams

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The countdown to the 2012 prep football season started Monday morning with Observerland teams participating in two-a-day sessions.

And nothing could be better as far as Canton senior offensive guard Michael Ditzler and junior center Ken Wooley were concerned — except perhaps for the start of full-contact drills today. For the first three days of practice, all Michigan high school players cannot wear shoulder pads.

Both players were enthusiastic about the arrival of football season, with Monday's perfect weather (sunshine and low humidity, anyone?) quite the bonus.

"A day like this it just shows you that God loves football," Ditzler said as he left the practice field. "Today, it felt like 75 (degrees). It's a wonderful day for football."

For Wooley, Monday was perfect for another reason. With the completion of each practice day, he is closer to realizing his goal of making the varsity. Canton opens Thursday, Aug. 23, against Midland.

"It's crazy, I've been dreaming about being varsity for a long time and it's finally coming true," said Wooley, a junior varsity player in 2011. "To be in a starting position is very amazing. It's a great feeling."

Special message

Across Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Plymouth Wildcats were starting team practices with a special visitor in tow. Somebody who can relate to how "amazing" varsity football can be — 2012 Plymouth graduate and football standout Donte Fox — stopped by.

Fox said he wanted to catch the first day there before leaving for football practice at Grand Valley State University

as well as offer encouragement to current players.

"I just wanted to say goodbye and tell everybody to cherish the moment" of playing high school football, Fox said.

He was a key player on the 2010 team that played in the Division 1 state championship game.

Meanwhile, nobody knows how the 2012 season will unfold, but that 2010 Plymouth team started the year the very same way — with two-a-days in the August sun.

"I'll take this (weather) every day," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "After it's been so hot in the summer, I was a little leery of how hot it was going to be out here."

Playing it smart

On Monday, the weather wasn't oppressively hot (which wasn't the case much of the summer).

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Cope wins PDL honor

Kevin Cope of Canton, a member of the Michigan Bucks soccer team, has been named the 2012 Defender of the Year in the Premier Development League.

Cope, a former Salem High School standout who is captain of the Michigan State team, is the third Bucks player to earn the award, following in the footsteps of Stew Givens (2011) and Kevin Taylor (2005).

Cope, who has played three seasons in the PDL, was with the Chicago Fire last year before returning to the Bucks.

"It was a hard decision for me to leave last year, and I knew it might have some negative repercussions from the Bucks organization," Cope said. "They supported my decision last year and welcomed me back this year with open arms. There aren't many clubs that would do that, given the rivalry between the two teams."

"Needless to say, I was highly motivated the three times we played the Fire, and I can't put into words what it meant to play and defeat the MLS side."

"The Bucks helped me get in a week of training with Sporting KC this summer, and now I am rewarded with this great honor. I am extremely grateful to the owners and coaches for their support."

The Bucks took four of five individual awards for the first time in league history.

Adam Grinwis was named Goalkeeper of the Year and Rookie of the Year, while Gary Parsons is the first coach in PDL history to win consecutive Coach of the Year honors.

A long shot for golf ace

It wasn't just your average hole-in-one that Westland resident Jeremy Alt recorded July 21, if such a feat is ever average.

The 37-year-old Alt had one of the most impressive aces ever recorded when he hit the ball 358 yards for a double eagle on the par-4 No. 3 hole at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township.

Hitting from the blue tees, Alt used a driver to notch his first hole-in-one in the 25 years he has played golf.

• Also recently scoring a hole-in-one was 13-year-old Jackson Sartian of Canton, who July 25 sank his tee shot at the 141-yard No. 3 hole at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. He used an 8-iron for his shot, which sparked Jackson to a nine-hole score of 39.

Schmitt wins fifth Olympic gold medal

Canton swimmer anchors U.S. victory in women's medley relay

By Jo-Ann Barnas
Gannett News Service

LONDON — When Jessica Hardy qualified for the final of the 50-meter freestyle, Allison Schmitt knew there was a chance she would be considered to swim the freestyle leg on the U.S. 400-meter medley relay.

Schmitt, the 22-year-old from Canton, though, still was surprised when she was called into duty Saturday morning on the final day of the swimming competition at the

Olympics.

"I told the girls in the relay room, 'I'm so excited to be here!'" she said.

All Schmitt managed to do was replicate what she had done the past week in London: She captured another Olympic medal, her fifth of the Summer Games, tying her with Missy Franklin for most on the U.S. women's team.

But this time, she got what she wanted: She anchored the 400 medley

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Members of the U.S. women's 400-meter relay team celebrate after winning gold on Saturday. From left are Dana Vollmer, Rebecca Soni, Canton's Allison Schmitt and Missy Franklin.

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Cougars ready to get cracking

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

For as much as Garden City varsity football players relish being back on the gridiron this week, the best is yet to come.

After three days of no-pads workouts, the Cougars will get cracking for real on Thursday — the first day full equipment can be worn by Michigan prep players.

In two weeks or so, it's game time.

"I just can't wait for the season to start," senior lineman Justin Steffen said, during a Tuesday evening practice at Garden City High School. "I'm looking forward to game time, we're ready as a team. We're faster and stronger than we were last year."

After taking a quick swig of water, Steffen smiled and summed it all up. "I can't wait to hit people."

Steffen's teammates certainly are thinking the same thing and Cougars third-year varsity coach



Garden City head football coach Scott Murray (center), shown in this file photo, says his team is "chomping at the bit" to begin full-pad workouts.

Scott Murray senses that the Cougars are more than ready to get back in the trenches.

On Tuesday, players were working on upper body tackling technique and long-snapping the football to a punter. But all of that merely is fill-

ing time until the shoulder pads make their return.

"I think we're ready for pads and that type of thing," Murray said. "Our kids are chomping at the bit to get after it and actually start playing some real football."

"We're out here and we get to tighten up our plays and that type of thing, it's just kind of a dress rehearsal if you will for pads on Thursday."

As for getting through the opening practices, Murray said players were

ready to go regardless of weather conditions (which were surprisingly comfortable).

"Our kids have been pretty much acclimated because they've been doing speed training and lifting all summer," he continued. "We've been through all the heat and humidity and that type of thing."

"Obviously, they're adjusting to helmets which is always interesting for the first couple days. But other than that, I think we're right where we need to be. As far as the heat and humidity, bring it on. I think our kids are ready for it."

Zebras' new era

Over at Wayne Memorial, the coaching regime of Lee Grizzell got off to a good start on Monday with a total of about 90 players including varsity, JV and freshmen.

Grizzell — who left his position as offensive coordinator at Dearborn Edsel Ford to take over the Zebras from Kev-

in Weber — said the first day of practice focused on a little bit of everything ahead of Thursday's full-pad sessions.

"Most of it today was about individual skills at each of the positions, making sure kids understand the systems so that when it comes time for impact no one gets hurt," Grizzell noted.

The Zebras also dabbled in group drills, "a little bit of the kicking game and just a little bit of 7-on-7s but not much," he added.

According to Grizzell, one difference for him from recent years is that he will be calling defensive plays this season. The last time he did so was about 11 years ago.

"I'm going to be doing a lot of new things this year, I guess," he said.

Wayne Memorial opens with a home game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, against Waterford Mott.

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"We want the quarterbacks doing drop drills and foot work; the backs are doing running back drills," he said. "We put in eight running plays and most of the passing game. The kids should know a lot of it. The whole idea is to get stuff in quick and, over the next two to three weeks, refine it."

A temperature in the low 80s for the first day

of practice was a welcome change "compared to what we went through this summer," Herrington said, adding the heat was not really a concern Monday. "We've been conditioning in 98-degree weather. This seems cold."

Hydration is always a matter of concern during any summer workouts, however. Unlike years ago, players are encouraged to drink water during practices and given ample access to it.

"Even on a day in the 80s, you still have to be careful," Bechtel said.

"Our kids weigh in and out of every practice. If they have more than a three-percent weight loss, they can't participate in the next practice (unless they've re-hydrated)."

"We want our kids to take 15 swallows of water every 20 minutes. That's the minimum, and it's certainly going to help our kids. The water cart is there, and they can get a drink any time."

Thursday is always a highlight of the first week of practice. It's the first day in pads and for full contact.

"We've got so many

new players," Herrington said. "We're not sure we have them in the right positions. Once the pads go on, hopefully, we can sort things out. We'll find out who steps up and who might step back a little bit."

Bechtel and his coaches also were looking forward to Thursday "from the standpoint of having some equipment on prevents injuries," he said.

"You always worry about a helmet hitting a knee, thigh or hip without those pads on. You try to control the tempo but, at the same time, you want the kids to go hard."



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Farmington coach John Bechtel is pictured with senior running back Connor Mohr.



A similar scene as this was played out on practice fields all over Observerland on Monday. Here, Canton's Jack McAllister (center) runs 3 on 1 drills with Brandon LaMontagne, Corey Folkes and Blaine Golles. In the background is coach Craig Hnatuk.

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But the importance of drinking tons of water regardless was something coaches and athletic trainers at PCEP could not stress enough. (The third campus team, Salem, was at Adrian College to open the first week of practices.)

"They're drinking lots of water, bringing their water bottles with them to practice," said Susan Butcher, athletic trainer for the Chiefs.

Butcher added that the fact players have been staying well-hydrated throughout individual workouts during the summer should pay dividends as they get acclimated to team practices.

Concurring was Joe Durocher, athletic trainer

at Plymouth High School, who formerly held that role at Redford Union.

"Just a normal athlete needs to drink about 100 ounces of water a day, and then if they work out they need to replace what they lose by weight," Durocher said. "So a lot of these kids, just doing a light workout, will need 120, 140 ounces of water during a typical day."

"And if it's a hot one, it can get to be more. That's a lot of water when you think about it."

Water for thought

But Monday's respite from recent hot weather, although a welcome one, did not mean frequent water breaks could be erased from the daily agenda.

The berm located to the south of the practice field was lined with various

water jugs. And a new-fangled drinking fountain — where six players at a time could gulp from pressurized hoses — gave them another option.

"When they're hydrated they're able to work out harder, they're able to be more efficient during their workouts," Durocher said. "Their thought processes are better, they're able to make better decisions. It's all-around better for them when they're doing that."

During the first day of practice, Durocher sat in a golf cart on the sidelines waiting for any players who might need assistance.

"The kids have been doing well," Durocher said, adding with a chuckle that for Monday's workouts at least "basically my only job is making sure the helmets fit."

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Trojans have running start in football

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry told his players last spring to be ready to run when practice started Monday. Not all heeded his warning, however.

"We started off with a mile run, which they didn't believe I was going to make them run," Fry said. "The linemen had to be under seven minutes, or they were going to run it again."

"We'll run it all the way up to when school starts. It was the same thing for the backs and receivers. Only six (of them) made the six-minute mile. We'll be back at it tomorrow.

"That's how we started practice. Instead of so much conditioning, we worked on special teams, where everybody runs and participates, and a lot of up tempo stuff."

Fry added it's essential for players to be in shape when practice starts, because teams had just three days until they donned full equipment and started hitting today.

"It gets tougher then," he said. "If you're not in condition when you come back, you really won't be until the first game or two; so you put yourself at a disadvantage."

While it wasn't as hot as recent days, the Trojans still made a priority of water breaks Monday.

"We really hydrate,"

Fry said. "We're really cautious about what we do. The trainer is always looking at me and telling me to hydrate. She's my conscience."

The first day in pads is a big event for every team, and the Trojans, who begin their third season with Fry at the helm, were looking forward to it.

"Everybody likes to see who's the tough guy," Fry said. "We have a lot of young guys coming up, so we'll be able to check them out and see who the big man on the block is, so to speak."

Much of the Clarenceville practices were devoted to offensive and defensive drills, both in position groups and as whole units.

"Basically, we walked through blocking technique and tackling," Fry said. "The kids get to hold pads and everybody gets a little excited, because they get to hit something. We have to reel 'em in a little bit. We didn't have any twisted ankles or anything on the first day, so everything is good."

Fry started with 32 varsity players and was hoping to add to that number. After nine months away, it was good to be back on the practice field, he added.

"Football is football, so it's nice to be back with the kids," Fry said. "It's been a long summer. It's nice to start doing some things."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Charity bowl

The seventh annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue will take place 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Whether you bowl or not, you can help animals in need by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, donating an auction item or by getting pledges (donations).

The event has raised nearly \$100,000, and organizers are hoping to surpass that figure this year. Participants can earn V.I.B. (Very Important Bowler) status by raising \$300.

The event includes bowling, food, music, auctions, raffles, karaoke and more. For more information, email michelle@yourbowlingcoach.com or call (248) 615-9060.

FHS girls swim

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 began Wednesday, Aug. 8. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., the race at 9. Bicentennial Park is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Mayo and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to www.ThirstForLife5k.org. World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities worldwide.

12-13U baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 13-and-under and 12-and-under Motor City Riversharks travel baseball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday at Walz Quadrplex, which is located on Forest Road (between Venoy and Hubbard) in Wayne.

The 12U tryouts will be noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The 13U tryouts are set for 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

All players are encouraged to sign in 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tryout.

Players are not required to attend all three tryouts. Players must be willing to commit to 40 to 50 games, including weekend tournament play, from April through July.

For more information and to pre-register for tryouts, send an e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

GC boys tennis

Tryouts for the Garden City High School boys tennis team will be 9-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the school's tennis courts.

For more information, contact head coach Ron Pummil at pummilr@gardencityschools.com.

RU boys soccer

Open practices for the 2012 Redford Union boys soccer teams will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 at McGowan Elementary School in Redford.

Any RU student interested in playing varsity or junior varsity soccer should attend. Players are encouraged to bring water bottles.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at onemeanamico@yahoo.com.

GC volleyball

Tryouts for the Garden City High School volleyball teams will be held Aug. 6-10 in the school gymnasium.

Sign-ups and measuring will take place on Monday (5 p.m. for varsity and 6 p.m. for junior varsity); conditioning will be Tuesday and official tryouts Wednesday through Friday (JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.)

For more information, contact head coach John Pace at gardencityVB@yahoo.com.

Bulldogs tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs will have tryouts for their 9U, 10U and 11U travel baseball teams 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and Sunday, Aug. 12, at Bicentennial Park, Field No. 2.

The park is at 7 Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia. For more information, contact Mike Heard at (734) 834-6950 or mikeheard34@yahoo.com.

Meet the teams

- Livonia Stevenson High School will have a Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches involved in a fall sport 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the school auditorium.
- Freshman and sophomore athletes and their parents should attend an introductory meeting 7-7:45 p.m. Junior and senior athletes and parents should attend 7:45-9 p.m. The introductory meeting at 7 p.m. in the auditorium is optional for junior and senior athletes and parents, but their attendance is encouraged.
- Livonia Churchill High athletics will stage a Meet the Team Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Carli Auditorium.

All Churchill athletes from all three seasons, along with their parents, are urged to attend. For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

12-U baseball

- Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be 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 information, call coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or email bebben1.att.net.

Hockey camp

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a mini-camp 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Canton Arctic Edge Arena.

The mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks. For more information, call coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394 or visit the team website: www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com.

Hawks girls hoops

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 23, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2). Tryouts are open to anyone who reside in the Livonia Public School district regardless of school.

For more information, contact coach Jennifer Sopko at jennifer_sopko@hotmail.com; or call (248) 854-4207; or coach Doug Freed at um24osu12@hotmail.com; or call (734) 634-5134.

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relay to a world record — and gave the Americans their first team gold in the event since the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

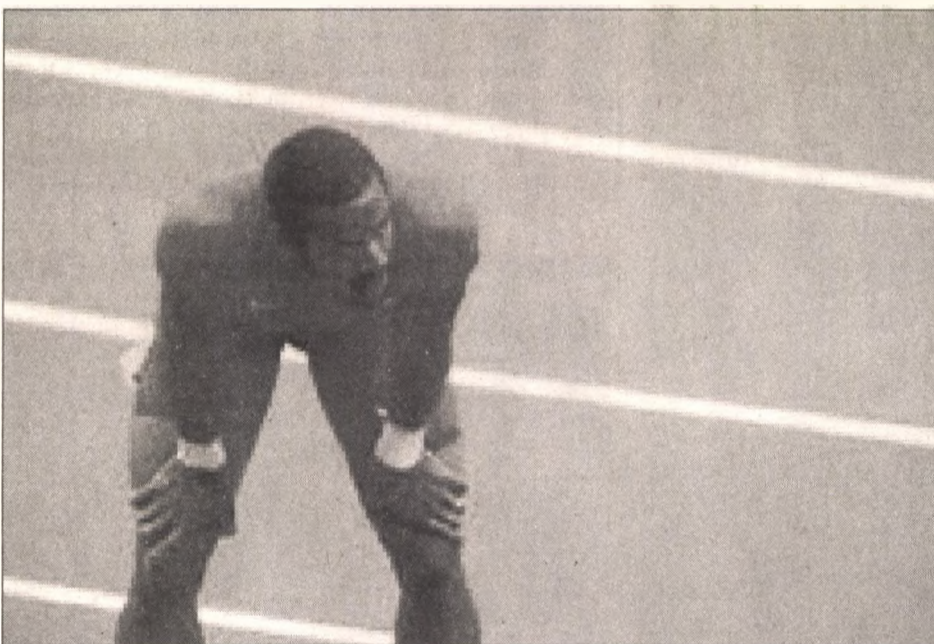
The Americans won handily, beating silver medalists Australia by nearly 2 seconds, with a time of 3:52.05. Japan took the bronze.

"Diving in with the lead, I'm speechless right now to get a world record tonight," Schmitt said. "I knew the three other girls (Franklin, Rebecca Soni and Dana Vollmer) already had their world records, and I wanted to join the club."

"On the last 50, I was actually thinking about it. I could see it in my head."

Bob Bowman, her coach at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, was impressed with Schmitt's 53.25 closing effort, particularly her 25.68 opening 50.

"Fantastic split," Bowman said. "I'm so proud of her. She came through and did exactly what we wanted. And what more can you ask of somebody? Three gold medals, a silver and a bronze — that's a big improvement in four years."



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Allison Schmitt isn't the only Olympian from Canton making noise at the London Summer Olympics. On Tuesday, Jeff Porter (above) advanced to Wednesday's semifinals in the men's 110-meter hurdles by finishing third in his heat with a time of 13.53 seconds. Porter, an athlete at the University of Michigan, was among 24 hurdlers in the event to make the cut. Meanwhile, Porter's wife Tiffany also was competing in the Olympics in the women's 100-meter hurdles, but did not advance — finishing in 12.79.

Schmitt's medal haul: Gold in the 200 free, 800 free relay and 400 medley relay; silver in the 400 free; and bronze in the 400 free relay. She swam anchor in all three relays.

"I have never had so much confidence in

someone as I do with Allison being on the end of the relay," Vollmer said. "There's nobody that I would want on the end of the relay more than her, knowing that she fights so hard."

The U.S. women's team

finished with an impressive Olympics overall: 13 medals, including eight gold. The eight golds were the most they had won the past two Olympics combined. The 13 overall is the most they had won since 16 in Sydney.

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Rams start 2-0 in national tourney

The Michigan Rams had a terrific start earlier this week in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

They defeated a pair of perennial powers in their first two games, including a come-from-behind, 12-7 win Tuesday over heavily favored Baltimore.

The Rams had the lead until the seventh inning when Baltimore pushed across four runs and moved in front, 7-6.

Coach Rick Berryman's Michigan team also staged a four-run rally in the eighth and added two insurance runs in the ninth to win the game.

Rams closer Justin Hicks held the mighty Baltimore lineup scoreless over the final two innings.

Rams right fielder Zack Zott provided a pair of defensive highlights during the game, throwing two runners out at the plate.

Garrett Gordon and Trent Drumheller sparked the Rams offensively with three hits apiece.

Gordon went 3-for-5, drove in five runs and scored twice; Drumheller had a 3-for-6 game and accounted for three runs.

JP Maracani was 2-for-2 with one RBI and two runs scored, and Miles Sorise and Dominic

Jamett were 1-for-3 with three RBI each.

Baltimore was considered the tournament favorite, having won eight of the last nine national titles.

Livonia's Evan Piechota pitched seven-plus solid innings Monday as the Rams opened with a 6-1 victory over New Orleans.

Piechota, a Stevenson High School product who plays for Madonna University, allowed one run on just three hits.

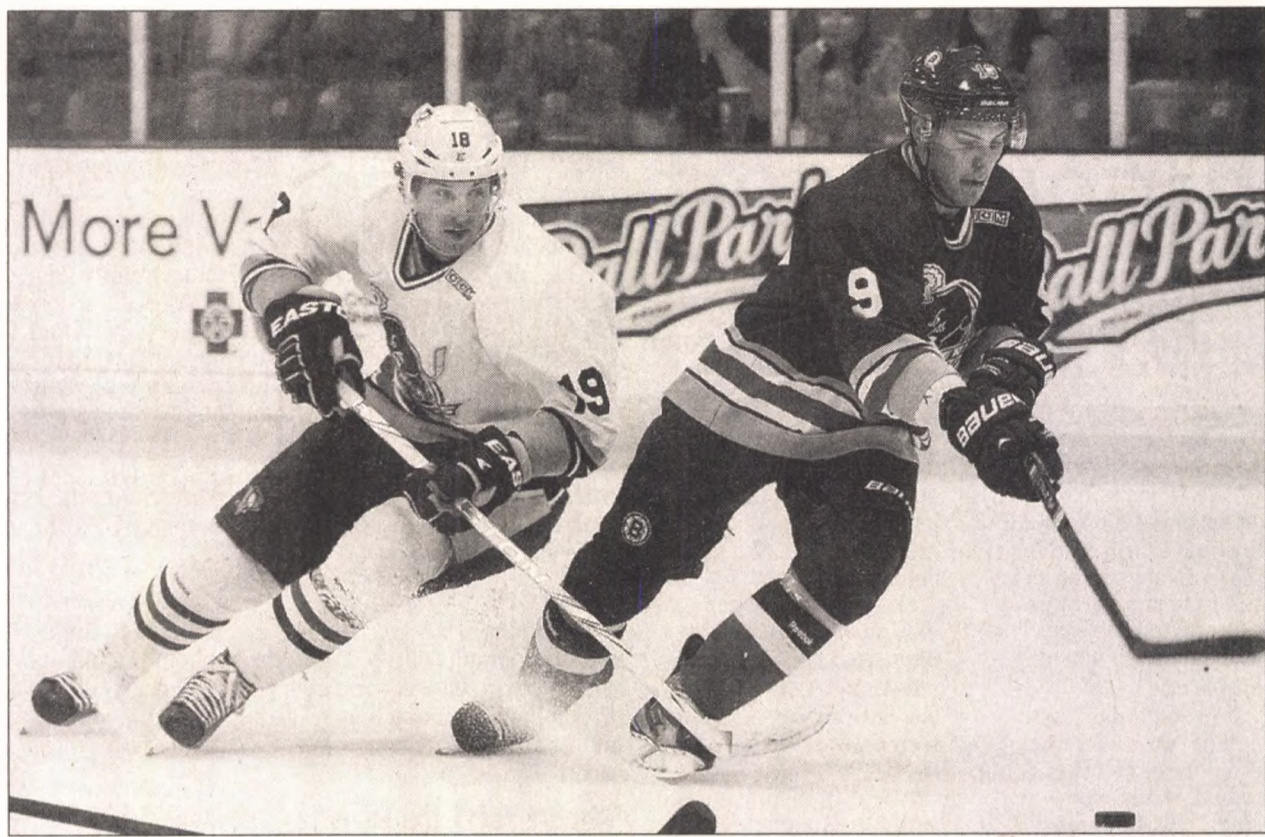
He posted nine strikeouts and walked two batters in 7.1 innings before giving way to reliever Donnie Eaton, who struck out four in the final 1.2 innings.

In addition to the outstanding pitching, the Rams also played strong defense (two double plays and no errors) and had timely hitting, according to Berryman.

The Rams scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning for a 2-0 lead. New Orleans got its only run in the fifth. The Michiganders added a pair in both the seventh and eighth innings to clinch the victory.

Zott went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Matt Priebe hit a two-run homer, and Maracani also knocked in two runs with a hit.

Sorise was 2-for-4 and scored twice; Brandon Katta and Eaton accounted for the other runs.



During Saturday's Plymouth Whalers alumni game for Gleaners, James Neal (left) chases puck-carrying Tyler Seguin (No. 9), a current star with the NHL's Boston Bruins.

PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY

Whaler alums score to fight hunger

There were a lot of goals scored during Saturday's Plymouth Whalers Alumni Game, played at Compuware Arena for the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

But there were more smiles than goals in the event — from the players who put on a fun show, to the fans who appreciated the efforts of the players. After the game, the fans gave the players a standing ovation. In return, the players stood as a group at center ice and saluted

the fans.

During a special event billed as the "Champions for a Hunger Free Summer," Team White defeated Team Blue, 11-8. The scrimmage ran two, 25-minute periods while the Blues came back to win 4-2 in the subsequent shootout.

Hockey is back in business in Plymouth for 2012-13 and hungry people benefited.

Jesse Boulerice — a late addition to the game after finding a flight Friday from North Carolina — scored the hat trick to lead the Whites. James Neal and Mark Cadotte scored two each as the Whites raced to an 8-2 lead after the first period.

Chris Terry scored the hat trick to the Blues, who stormed back in the second period to make the game interesting.

Duane Harmer, James Sheehan, Chris Terry and J.D. Eaton lit the lamp in the shootout for the Blues. Mike Morrone and Mark Cadotte replied in the shootout for the Whites.

Autograph session

The players partic-



Members of the Plymouth Whalers' alumni Blue Team share a moment waiting for their next turn on the ice Saturday. From left are Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin.

ipated with fans in an autograph session before the game. Jason Carriere of Cleveland, Ohio drove with his son to see the game and mix with the players in the session.

"My son is six years old and just started playing hockey last year," Carriere said. "He likes Tyler Seguin and the Bruins. My parents live in Plymouth, so we catch three or four games a year."

"This is the first time we've ever come to an

alumni game. We love hockey and this (the Whalers) is a great organization. A lot of players here get drafted, the team makes the playoffs and it's very exciting hockey."

Plymouth starts the 2012-13 season with training camp in late August, with the first preseason game set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 against Windsor at Yack Arena in Wyandotte.

— Pete Krupsky, Plymouth Whalers



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Plymouth Whaler alums — who squared off against each other during a benefit game for Gleaners — pose for this group shot Saturday at Compuware Arena.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hoops program

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running 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.

Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at tcoleman@tttsports.net for more details.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Beal at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Can-

ton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

Franklin cheers

The Livonia Franklin varsity cheerleaders will host a pair of skills clinics 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, in the school's cheer room.

The camp is for ages 4-13. The fee is \$30 and includes a T-shirt, pizza party and game performance. Participants will cheer at the home football game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Registration will be 5:30-6 p.m. Aug. 27. For more information, send an email to bizzlybizzy@yahoo.com.

GCYBSA tryouts

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks.

All of the tryouts will be held on Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field and a \$10 fee will be required.

The tryout schedule is as follows: Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a make-up session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at www.gcybsa.com. For more information contact dankraft@hotmail.com or cott@cantonmi.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

August

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, Canton. Details: Free clothing available to anyone in need. Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

MASS, CARDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Location: St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford. Details: After Mass, participants will enjoy light refreshments in the school meeting room, along with cards and socializing. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. Drop off your dish by 4 p.m. at the school meeting room. RSVP by Aug. 10. Contact: Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12. Location: St. Sabina Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Details: Includes craft and bake sale. Donate items at gym door #10. Craft

table rental costs \$20 for parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners. Sponsor tables are \$50. Contact: maryloujaniga@yahoo.com

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6. Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia. Details: An 8-by-10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be hand-made; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community. Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 13-17. Location: Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Details: Classes are aimed at children, age 4-6th grade, and will include Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, recreation and prizes. Contact: (734) 453-1525

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday-Thursdays, Aug. 19-23. Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. Details: "Adventures on Promise Island," is designed for children, 4 years-5th grade and will include Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, music, skits, and more. Registration on or before Aug. 12 is \$5 per child or \$10 maximum per family; after Aug. 12 is \$8 per child or \$15 maximum per family. Contact: (734) 495-0035

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Details: "Rocky Point Lighthouse" is designed for children, 5-11 or in K-5th grade. It will include stories about Jesus, crafts, music, games, snacks, lunch and more. \$5 donation per child. Sponsorships are available to families in need. Contact: Register at (734) 427-3660

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13. Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under. Contact: (248) 348-7600

September

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Details: Scripture study. Contact: (313) 534-9000. Our Lady of Loretto. Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. Location: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation. Contact: (734) 261-1455.

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study. Time/Date: Breakfast at 7

a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township. Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville. Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday. Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township. Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer. Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto. Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation. Contact: (734) 261-1455.

Ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays. Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Details: Learner's Bible study is held. Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship. Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday. Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty.

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need. Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church. Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only. Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton. Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

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KUYKENDALL, MARTHA

Age 76 of Livonia. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of Beth (Steve) Carlson, and Joan (Jeff) Tryon. Cherished grandmother of Chelsey Carlson. Dear sister of Kay Fluckey, Linda Nicholson, Dorothy Stuart, and Nancy Carreon. A memorial service will take place at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard in Livonia, Thursday August 9th 10:00AM gathering, 11:00AM service. Memorial Donations may be made to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia.



McWATT, CHRISTINE H.

Age 61 of Plymouth, passed away on August 5, 2012. Born in Baltimore, Maryland to parents Frederick and Ruth Hoepich. Survived by her loving and devoted husband Robert. Dearest step-mother of Stephanie Smith, Maggie McWatt and Derek (Cammi) McWatt. Proud grandmother of Madison, Aubrey and Abigail. Also, survived by her mother in law Ruth McWatt. Dear sister of Susan (Lawrence) McGee and F. Michael (Carolyn J.) Hoepich Jr. Christine received her B.S. from Western Michigan University and Masters of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Christine was devoted to her faith and had a passion for teaching. She was a longtime Art Teacher for the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools. She also had the opportunity to teach in Japan. Chris was a member of the Great Lakes Beadworker's Guild, and she enjoyed traveling around the world. She was extremely devoted to her family. A memorial gathering will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home this Friday August 10th from 2 - 9pm. The Funeral Service will be held (also at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home) on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 3:00pm, located at 280 South Main St, Plymouth, MI. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Share memories at Schrader-Howell.com.

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Church to welcome new music minister

Andrew Lenhart has accepted a position as music minister at Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Lenhart, who holds a Doctor of Music degree from The Julliard School in New York, will begin serving the church on Aug. 28.

He and his wife, Sarah, along with their two children, Rachel and Jonathon, plan to move to Plymouth from New York, where Lenhart was the music minister at Ridgeway Alliance Church in White Plains for the past seven years. He studied piano per-

formance and accompanying at The Cleveland Institute of Music and The University of Michigan, in addition to Julliard. His D.M.A. degree is in collaborative piano.

Lenhart has performed at Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, N.Y., the Chicago Cultural Center and on the Music in the Loft Concert Series in Chicago, among other venues. He has taught in the school of music at Wheaton College and Nyack College.

Praise Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial Road.



Andrew and Sarah Lenhart and their children, Rachel and Jonathon, this month will become members of Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth. Lenhart has accepted a minister of music position at the church.

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Civic groups in Redford, Plymouth bring circus to towns

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Doreen Arwood loves the circus, but it's the show just outside the "big top" that never fails to entertain her.

"My favorite thing is watching the big rigs come down Five Mile and watching them come in and set up," said Arwood, president of the Redford Jaycees, one of several Metro Detroit civic groups that will sponsor circus shows next week. "Monday morning between 6-7 a.m. they'll be in. They start setting up as soon as they have everything in. At about 8:30 a.m., the elephants raise the tent.

"I'm amazed how the circus people work together to raise it."

Arwood said the public may watch the set up between 8:30-9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13. She hopes families will return later that day to watch the Kelly Miller Circus perform in the tent at Bell Creek Park, located at Five Mile and Inkster. Shows are set for 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 2-11; Pre-sale tickets are available for cash only at Keg & Wine Party Store, 15590 Beech Daly; Cardinal Barbers, 27309 Five Mile; and the Redford Chamber of Commerce, 26050 Five Mile and with PayPal online through the Jaycees website, www.redfordjaycees.org. Circus day admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children



Delayna Fusco of the Kelly Miller circus rides an elephant.

at the circus box office.

The organization will get a percentage of ticket sales.

"We'd love to make a lot of money," said Arwood, adding that the event is designed to "help make people smile" no matter how much the Jaycees raise. "The money we raise goes back to the community projects we run, like Angels Night and Christmas Shopping Tour."

Youngsters trick or treat at local businesses on Angels Night and residents in need of a helping hand are treated to shopping during the Christmas Tour.

In Plymouth

Proceeds from performances on Tuesday, Aug. 14 in Plymouth also will fund local projects in that community.



Steve Copeland and Ryan Combs will present new comedy routines when the Kelly Miller Circus visits Redford and Plymouth next week.

"The Lions in general, their focus is on Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Michigan Eye Bank, Paws with a Cause," said Ross Taksony, a board member of the Plymouth Lions

Club. "We also do community work, scholarships for Plymouth and Canton students. We've donated money to youth groups, the Miracle League. The money from the circus gener-



Fridman Torales performs his Rola Bola act with the Kelly Miller Circus.

ally helps on a local level."

The Plymouth Lions Club will bring the Kelly Miller Circus to Central Middle School, 650 Church. Shows are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 14. Admission price is the same as the Redford show and advance tickets are available in Plymouth at Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road; Dairy King, 232 S. Main; and Wiltse's Community Pharmacy, 330 S. Main.

"We do really well. We usually almost fill both shows," Taksony said. "We draw basically from Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Some from Livonia."

The circus is a biennial fundraiser for the Plymouth Lions Club, which also solicits donations through annual White Cane Day and Candy Cane

Day collections.

"The circus is probably one of the most effective ways to draw people in. It's a win win because they get something they enjoy and the money goes to a good cause."

Taksony said the public also may watch the circus set up in Plymouth. As the main poles are raised bystanders are directed to watch from inside the tent.

"It's free and they will give you a tour to see what is going on at 8 or 8:30 in the morning," he said. "The kids who see that are really pumped up."

New acts

The circus, based in Oklahoma, tours 38 weeks every year and will make other stops in Michigan. Shows are set for Saturday, Aug. 11 at Atwood Park in Wayne, and Friday, Aug. 17 at Atchison Park in South Lyon, among other communities.

Jim Royal, Kelly Miller general manager, said new circus acts this year include the Duo Delara, a thrilling aerial performance; camels in routines with a zebra; a revamped tiger show; and a pirate-themed production with aerial ballet, performing dogs and knife juggling.

Rebecca Ostroff, who did stunt work on the movie, *Water for Elephants*, performs on trapeze.

"She does an iron jaw act ... she hangs by her teeth and spins," Royal said. "We have all new clown routines this year. We try to freshen it up each year."

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How to store: Refrigerate fresh blueberries as soon as you get them home, in their original plastic pack or in a covered bowl or storage container. Wash berries just before use. Use within 10 days of purchase.

How to freeze: The secret to successful freezing is to use berries that are unwashed and completely dry.

Discard berries that look bruised or shriveled. Place the berries, still in their original plastic pack, in a resealable plastic bag. Or, transfer berries to freezer containers or resealable freezer bags. The berries will freeze individually and you can remove just the portion you need. Remember to rinse them before using.

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On more leisurely mornings, blueberries add their color and flavor to stacks of homemade pancakes or waffles. Here's a tip: Stir up a topping in minutes by heating fresh or frozen blueberries in maple syrup.

The USDA's MyPlate recommends that adults 19-30 years eat 2 cups of fruit every day. Blueberries first thing in the morning help you get a head start on achieving that goal. A 1-cup serving of fresh or frozen blueberries has 80 calories and provides vitamin C, manganese and fiber.

Today, nutrition researchers are pursuing four tracks to better understand the role that blueberries may play in promoting good health — cardiovascular health, insulin response, brain health and cancer risk reduction. Learn more about blueberries and health research visit www.littlebluedynamos.com



Blueberry-Topped Rice Cakes

Yield: 4 portions

- ½ cup ricotta or cottage cheese
- 2 teaspoons apricot preserves
- 4 apple-cinnamon flavored rice cakes
- 1 cup thinly-sliced fresh fruit (such as apple, pear, nectarine or peach)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

In a small bowl, stir together ricotta and preserves. Spoon an equal amount on each of the rice cakes almost to the edge. Arrange fruit slices in circles on top of the ricotta mixture. Top each with ¼ cup of the blueberries; serve immediately.

Per Portion: 149 calories, 5 g protein, 24 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 39 mg sodium, 16 mg cholesterol



Blueberry-stuffed French Toast

Yield: 4 to 6 portions

- Cooking spray
- 6 eggs
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- ¾ cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar, divide
- Pinch salt, optional
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (thawed and drained, if frozen)
- 8 slices (1-¼ inches thick) Italian bread
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- Blueberry Orange Sauce (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a large baking sheet with cooking spray. In a medium bowl beat eggs, peel, juice, 2 tablespoons of the sugar and the salt until well blended. Pour into a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan; set aside. In a small bowl combine blueberries and the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar; set aside. With the tip of a sharp knife, cut a 1-½-inch wide pocket in the side of each bread slice. Fill pockets with reserved blueberry mixture, dividing evenly. Place filled slices in egg mixture. Let stand, turning once, until egg mixture is absorbed, about 5 minutes on each side. Arrange bread on prepared baking sheet; sprinkle with almonds. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, turning slices after 10 minutes. Serve with Blueberry Orange Sauce.

Blueberry Orange Sauce

Yield: 2 cups

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon salt, optional
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 cup orange sections (about 2 oranges)

In a cup combine sugar, cornstarch and salt. Set aside. In a small saucepan bring orange juice and ¼ cup water to a boil. Add blueberries and orange sections. Return to a boil. Cook until liquid is released from fruit, about 2 minutes. Stir in sugar mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

Blueberry Mini-Muffins

Yield: 24 mini-muffins

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1½ cups fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly grease 24 (1-inch) mini-muffin pan cups. In a medium-sized bowl, combine flour and sugar. Make a well in the center; add milk, egg and butter. Stir gently until mixture begins to form a soft dough; fold in berries; spoon into mini-muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake until tops are golden, 12 to 15 minutes. Serve warm.

Per muffin: 83 calories, 13 g carbohydrate, 2.6 g total fat, 1.5 g saturated fat

Blueberry Breakfast Bake

Yield: 9 portions

- 1 loaf (14 ounces) sliced, firm textured white bread, crusts removed, divided
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided
- 4 ounces light cream cheese (from an 8-ounce package), cut in ¼-inch cubes
- 8 eggs, beaten
- 1½ cups lowfat milk
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- ¼ cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove crusts from bread. Cut in 1-inch cubes (makes about 10 cups). Cut cream cheese in small cubes (makes about 1 cup). Grease a 9-by 9-by 2-inch baking dish. Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Scatter cream cheese cubes and 1 cup of blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, maple syrup and butter. Carefully pour over bread mixture. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour, covering with aluminum foil if edges brown too much. To serve, cut in squares. Accompany with additional maple syrup, if desired.



Blueberry Pumpkin Bread

Serves 8

- 1 cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, not thawed
- White icing, optional (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter an 8½- by 4½-inch loaf pan. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat pumpkin, sugar, orange juice, eggs and oil until smooth, about 1 minute. In small bowl, stir flour, baking powder, salt and pumpkin pie spice; add to pumpkin mixture; stir just until combined. Spoon ½ of batter into pan; spread evenly. Stir blueberries into remaining batter in bowl and spoon over batter in pan, spread evenly. Bake until a wooden skewer or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 60 to 65 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack for 10 minutes; turn out onto rack; cool completely. May be wrapped and refrigerated for up to 4 days, or frozen for up to 1 month. If desired, drizzle with icing.

White Icing

Yield: ½ cup

- 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 2 tablespoons softened butter.
- 1½ to 2 tablespoons milk
- ½-teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the milk and vanilla and beat until smooth. Drizzle over cake.



Blueberry Breakfast Salad

Serves 8

- 2 pounds mixed, torn salad greens
- Blueberry Vinaigrette (recipe follows)
- 4 cups fresh blueberries
- 4 cups fresh orange sections or canned mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 cups granola

Toss salad greens with 1½ cups of the Blueberry Vinaigrette. Divide the dressed greens among eight large plates. Arrange ½ cup orange sections and ½ cup blueberries on top of each salad. Sprinkle each salad with ¼ cup granola. Drizzle remaining dressing on top. Serve immediately.

Blueberry Vinaigrette

Yield: 2 cups

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 cup frozen thawed blueberries
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons minced shallot
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground white pepper
- ½ teaspoon-paprika

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