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# Township wins TIFA battle, loses war

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A primer on TIFAs, A2.

Plymouth Township is among nine Wayne County communities and their tax-increment financing authorities — mostly downtown development authorities and brownfield authorities — that were handed both a court victory and a legislative defeat last week in a fight over “recaptured” tax money.

Judge Dan Ryan of Wayne County Circuit Court ruled

Wednesday for the communities in a suit against county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, plus the county’s Zoological and Art Institute authorities, over whether the tax-increment financing authorities — TIFAs — should be subject to the regional zoo and Detroit Institute of Arts millages.

But the state House of Representatives on Thursday approved legislation, already

passed by the Senate, that gives the zoo and DIA authorities the right to tap TIFAs, and with Gov. Rick Snyder prepared to sign it, state law will reverse Ryan’s opinion going forward.

**‘Kind of a draw’**

“It’s kind of a draw at this point,” said Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who voted against the legislation and defended TIFAs as effective tools for improving communities.

“The communities rightly

believed they (TIFAs) were following the law, and the judge agreed with them,” Heise said.

More than \$740,000 has been “recaptured” by TIFAs, through 2011, that Wojtowicz’s office said were due the zoo authority, which benefits from a one-10th mill tax (10 cents for every \$1,000 of a property’s taxable value) voters approved in 2008. The DIA millage — two-10ths of a mill, or 20 cents for every \$1,000 in state equalized valuation — was just approved by

voters in 2012, and revenue figures were not readily available.

The share recaptured by Plymouth’s Downtown Development Authority that Wojtowicz said should go to the zoo was about \$8,000; township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority likely collected less.

“This was never about being anti-zoo, anti-polar bear, anti-the DIA,” Reaume said Friday. “We

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Bob and Gwen Omilian with their son, Alan, who passed away in July 2010 after a long battle with muscular dystrophy.

## The bigger picture

### Father pens book about son’s journey

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Bob Omilian got to the hospital the day his son, Alan, was scheduled to undergo painful testing that would send electrical waves through his body to gauge the progression of the muscular dystrophy that would eventually claim his life, he found a seventh-grader who was scared and crying.

Omilian, who’d been helping his son through the various stages since it had first weakened him a couple of years earlier, looked at the medical staff and said, “Hook me up first.”

With Alan watching, doctors put the electrodes on Bob.

“He was crying and scared, and I wanted him to see me do it,” Omilian said. “I kept a smile on my face the whole time. When it was done, Alan asked, ‘Did it hurt?’ And I said, yes, but it allowed him to do it.”

That’s one of countless memories Omilian has of his son’s battle with muscular dystrophy. It’s a fight that claimed Alan’s life at just 23 years old in July 2010, and a relationship about which Omilian, a Plymouth Township resident, penned his first book, *No Fear, No Doubt, No Regret: Investing in Life’s Challenges Like a Warrior*, published earlier this year by Northville-based Ferne Press.



Alan Omilian with his baby sister, Lili. His dad, Bob, said the adoption of Lili helped Alan “feel part of a bigger thing.”

“I wrote about my experiences as a dad,” Omilian said. “You can’t keep it inside. You have to share it.”

**Father-son story**

*No Fear* is a father-son story the duo actually started writing together a couple of years before Alan died. The original thought, Omilian said, was “Let’s write a book together.” The collaboration didn’t last long because, Omilian said, the stark reality of the disease frightened his son.

“Alan never really got into (the

**WHERE TO GET IT**

**What:** *No Fear, No Doubt, No Regret: Investing in Life’s Challenges Like a Warrior*

**Who:** Author Robert Omilian of Plymouth Township

**Why:** The book is about how a father and son dealt with a terrible disease and how they kept their eyes on the bigger picture throughout the journey.

**How:** Find it at amazon.com; barnesandnoble.com; www.robertomilianbooks.com; and at Nicola Books in Ann Arbor.

writing),” Omilian said. “I think it scared him.”

Alan didn’t let that show very often. The disease became more prevalent in elementary school. Alan was wearing braces in fifth grade, but by the time he hit seventh grade, he was getting weaker. By the time he hit high school Alan, who went to Detroit Catholic Central, had lost the use of his arms and legs.

That’s when, his dad recalls, Alan finally accepted the reality of his disease.

“When he was in high school, he finally started coming to terms with the idea his best day was yesterday,” Omilian said.

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## Meeting set to look at ideas for community center

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

With Central Middle School expected to be replaced by a new facility in Canton Township in a little more than two years, momentum is building to redevelop the aging school near downtown Plymouth as an area community center.

Representatives from sports leagues, local governments and non-profits, plus a few people from the general public, gathered Tuesday to share visions for a community center that would offer facilities to meet a variety of needs.

“I think it would just be a great thing to bring the communities together,” said Bob Doroshewitz, a Plymouth Township Board of Trustees member, who organized the meeting of about 25 people. “I’ve dreamed about

this for years.”

Doroshewitz said the next step is to meet with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, which wants to eventually sell the property on Main near Church Street. Doroshewitz said he’s already reached out to district officials.

“We need to have a workable plan, with a plan for funding, in place pretty quickly,” he said.

**Brainstorming**

Doroshewitz described Tuesday’s meeting at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center — which is behind Central — as a brainstorming session for participants to throw out ideas, not a forum for debate. That, he said, will come later.

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## Freshening up



Contractors were out Tuesday repainting and re-sealing the decorative compass that adorns the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Main. The compass was part of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority’s \$2 million streetscape project in 2010. DDA officials said contractors, who have repainted and re-sealed it annually, believe they’ve found a sealant and a process that will eliminate the need for annual refurbishing. The repair work has been covered by warranty and has not costs the DDA any additional money. The compass project was honored in 2011 by the Michigan Concrete Association with its “decorative use of concrete” award.



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# Guy Louis launches kids concerts

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park is the place to be on Wednesdays at lunchtime for the next 10 weeks.

The 2013 Music in the Park series, concerts and variety shows that have built a big following of families, begins Wednesday with a performance by Guy Louis and his Chautauqua Express. The free shows, organized by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, start at noon in Kellogg Park.

The series, paid for through donations, particularly from the Wilcox Foundation, a longtime sponsor, is beginning its 29th year.

"These concerts are the best of what can occur

in a community — bringing people together of all ages for an hour of fun," said Deb Madonna, the PCAC president.

The shows, Madonna said, help create a sense of community. People have told her they moved to the area because they drove by the park on a summer Wednesday and saw the crowds, she said.

The acts range from Louis, a Music in the Park favorite who offers an educational show and opportunities for audience interaction and will return for a second appearance in August; to Gemini, twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits, who have an acoustic set that appeals to children and families; to magician Gordon Russ; to

magician, juggler and all-around funny man Joel Tacy.

"We're lucky enough to have 10 weeks and this is the combination that audiences respond to," Madonna said.

Newcomers to the series this year are The Kerfluffles, a group Madonna said was recommended by moms because of its appeal to young children, and Thom Jayne & The Nomads, a jazz-, world music- and Celtic-influenced group that plays digeridoos, trumpets, guitars, Native American flutes and African percussion.

Returning favorites for 2013 series include Beverly Meyer, known as The Music Lady, in addition to Louis, Gemini and Tacy.

The schedule for the 2013 Music in the Park series is as follows:

- June 19: Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express.
  - June 26: Cats & The Fiddler.
  - July 3: Thom Jayne & The Nomads.
  - July 10: Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady.
  - July 17: Harpbeat.
  - July 24: Gemini.
  - July 31: The Kerfluffles.
  - Aug. 7: Gordon Russ.
  - Aug. 14: Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express.
  - Aug. 21: Joel Tacy.
- In case of mild inclement weather, concerts will be held in The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park.



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Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express leads off the Music in the Park series in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Louis makes a return trip later in the season.

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## TIFA

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were interpreting the law that says our community's not supposed to distribute funds that cannot be distributed legally. That was our whole point."

### Suit, countersuit

Wojtowicz's office had told communities the collections were improper, and had threatened to withhold other monies to make up the difference.

The township and the other eight communities, including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, the city of Northville and Van Buren Township, responded with a lawsuit, and the defendants — Wojtowicz's office, plus the county arts and zoo authorities and the Detroit Zoo and the DIA — filed counterclaims, which Ryan dis-

## A PRIMER ON TIFAS

Tax-increment financing is an economic development tool created under state laws and intended to boost specific areas within local communities by raising tax money for physical improvements or marketing efforts or both.

A tax-increment financing authority, sometimes called a TIFA, is a separate taxing entity within a community that "recaptures" part of the taxes that property owners within its boundaries pay. A baseline valuation is set at the creation of a TIFA, and when property values rise, resulting in higher taxable values, the TIFA collects the revenue generated by applying the tax rate to the difference between the baseline and the higher value.

Plymouth Township has both a Downtown Development Authority TIFA district, made up mostly of the commercial strip along Ann Arbor Road, and a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which has the power to create individual TIFAs linked to specific redevelopment projects.

The township's DDA is currently funding a \$784,000 Ann Arbor Road streetscape improvement project between just east of Mill Street and just west of Sheldon.

missed. (The zoo and DIA had also joined the original suit as "intervening defendants.")

Reaume acknowledged that although Ryan found

in the communities' favor, the law will now change to favor the zoo and DIA when it comes to TIFA monies.

"Going forward, we'll obey the law," Reaume said.

## MEETING

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"This is a grass-roots effort," he said. "That means that were trying to reach out to the community, get as many people excited and involved as possible," and gauge the level of interest at this point. Doroshewitz has set up a Facebook page for the effort.

Ideas discussed Tuesday included a swimming pool, a gymnasium, a senior citizens center and meeting rooms, in addition to outdoor facilities, like tennis courts and the football field, already there. The Miracle League of Plymouth's Bilkie Family Field, on district property near the school, is to be preserved in any sale of the school.

Doroshewitz said he can see one constituency for an outdoor facility, another for an indoor facility, as well as plenty of senti-

ment in favor of both.

### Building 'complicated'

It's unclear, he said, whether any part of the Central building could be saved and incorporated into what Doroshewitz likes to call a park, or community complex, or whether the building would have to be razed and a completely new center built. That decision, he said, would take some study.

"The building is a much bigger, more complicated conversation," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who attended the meeting.

Doroshewitz said start-up funding ideas ranged from creating a voter-approved taxing authority similar to the one that funds the Plymouth District Library, to seeking grants, to building public-private partnerships. Sentiment was strong, he said, that a community center should be self-sustaining through user fees.

Groups represented Tuesday included the Plymouth YMCA, the Miracle League, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, which seeks gym space for its programs, the Plymouth Soccer Club, the Plymouth Cruisers (youth swimming) and the Plymouth Steelers (youth football). Doroshewitz said he wants to expand participation to include senior groups, service clubs, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Community Foundation and more.

Dwyer said he was optimistic about a community center's chances, but also sounded a note of caution.

"It was a lot of fun talking about the ideas, but it was a lot less fun when we talked about coming up with the money," Dwyer said.

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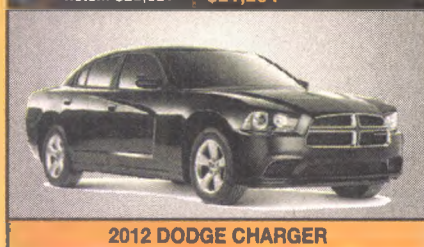


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Coming to terms with his disease, though, didn't mean giving in to it. Alan wrote for the school newspaper and played wheelchair hockey. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan just before he died, and the family was presented his diploma posthumously.

School was so important to Alan that Omilian decided to help other students in similar situations. He contributes a percentage of his book sales to a scholarship fund in Alan's name which recognizes a young man every year at Catholic Central for having a similar impact upon others that is not through sports or necessarily academics, but through a spirit to overcome adversity.

Alan loved talking politics and especially loved baseball. He knew all the players, all their statistics, all the teams. Talking about a special game in Cincinnati got them through that electric testing, after which the duo actually attended the game.

**Great passion**

It was part of a tour of major league parks the pair took (they visited 29 parks over a 10-year period).

"That was a passion of his, so every summer we'd rent a van and go," Omilian said.

Baseball was one of the passions father and son shared that made their relationship so special, according to the one woman who would know. Gwen Omilian, Alan's mom, said her son had a very open relationship with his dad.

"He was there for Alan a lot," Gwen said of her husband. "Everything



His parents said Alan Omilian rarely let his muscular dystrophy get him down.

*"When he was in high school, he finally started coming to terms with the idea his best day was yesterday."*

**BOB OMILIAN**  
Plymouth Township

they wanted, they talked about. It was a really beautiful relationship in terms of communicating."

Through it all, there were very few times Alan got down, according to his father. The worst was when the pair visited the University of Notre Dame, when it became clear Alan's physical limitations simply wouldn't allow him to attend.

Mostly, though, Alan helped others more than others helped Alan. Friends would come over to support Alan, only to leave, his father said, realizing they hadn't done anything for Alan, and were still leaving feeling better.

"That's what Alan would do for you," Bob Omilian said. "That's how he lived his life, looking at everything in the bigger context."

Never did Alan's desire for that bigger context manifest itself than the period of time leading up to the Omilians' adoption of their daughter,



Lili, who was 13 months old when she came to stay (the couple also has a son, Andy, who is now 23). Bob Omilian said there was a lot of "back and forth" about whether to do it, and it was Alan who sealed the deal.

"He said, 'You gotta do it. I want my life to be part of something bigger,'" Bob Omilian recalled. "I think (Lili) gave him more life. You could see it when she came here."

One day near the end, Alan's legs had swollen to the point where doctors wanted him hospitalized, but Alan refused to go. It was the final face-off between Alan and his disease.

**About feelings**

"Alan wouldn't go," Bob recalled. "He said, 'If I'm going to die, I'm doing it here.' He faced up to it."

It's basically what the book does — faces up to the journey father and son took together. Omilian admitted it was hard to write — "I'd write a lit-

tle bit and I'd start crying," he said — but worth the effort. His wife thinks the book was cathartic.

"He had a lot of time with Alan and (the book) gave him a chance to express his feelings about it in a way that was positive," Gwen Omilian said. "It wasn't easy, and it took him awhile to get through some of it. In my experience, it isn't easy for dads to talk about their feelings. Putting it in writing was such a beautiful way for (Bob) to express everything he thought and felt about Alan."

The life wasn't easy, and there were a lot of emotional struggles Omilian said he saw other parents run away from. He hopes the book helps them deal with the struggle, and the guilt, that comes with the journey.

"It's to show parents who are struggling they didn't do anything wrong ... If your child is sick and you lose your child, you didn't do anything wrong," Omilian said. "I hope (parents) realize no matter how hard your life might be, you can still live a full life. Be aware of the moment and look for the special people who come into your life."

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**Ford/Haggerty most perilous, SEMCOG says**

**By Brad Kadrich**  
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Canton drivers didn't need statistics from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to confirm what they already know, but they got them this week anyway.

SEMCOG's list of the worst intersections in southeast Michigan came out and, to practically no one's surprise, the Ford Road/Haggerty intersection is the area's most dangerous.

According to SEMCOG statistics, the 67 annual crashes (335 total between 2008 and 2012) made it the worst, a little more than one crash per year more dangerous than the intersection of 11 Mile and Southfield Road in Southfield (65.8 annually, 329 over five years).

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has talked to both branches of the state Legislature and even gone to the U.S. Congress trying to get help.

"It comes as absolutely no surprise," LaJoy said of the SEMCOG study. "It's been that way for many, many years. We've tried to get this thing fixed. The (state) Senate voted it was a problem, the full House said it was a problem. We've gone to Washington to try to get help solving the problem. I don't know what else we can do."

A look at the statistics demonstrates why the intersection is dangerous. Ford Road was already busy before IKEA came to town a few years ago. Now, according to MDOT

statistics, some 40,000 cars (LaJoy estimates it at more like 55,000) pass through that intersection on a daily basis. The intersection is also just west of the Ford Road/I-275 interchange, and MDOT says some 118,000 vehicles drive I-275 past Ford Road daily.

MDOT has done three public hearings in Canton to try to come up with answers to the congestion and the danger. Their proposed solution: Turn Ford Road into a boulevard from I-275 to Sheldon.

The plan calls for separating westbound and eastbound Ford Road lanes by a grassy median, prohibiting left turns at intersections, adding turnaround lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue and transforming Haggerty into a boulevard for 1,000 feet in both directions from Ford.

The plan also calls for adding a third westbound lane from I-275 to Lilley, rather than all the way to Sheldon, and adding a third eastbound lane from the Haggerty area to I-275. It suggests paving Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill, as well as extending sidewalks from west of the I-275 interchange to the Lotz area.

MDOT officials estimate the boulevard could reduce traffic crashes by 35 percent, and although they wouldn't say how long it'll take to implement, township officials hope it can be done within 5-10 years.

"It needs to be done," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.



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## NHS delivers on service projects

By Brad Kadrich  
 Staff Writer

During the 2012-13 school year, Harms Elementary School got a refurbished library, glasses were collected for OneSight, Open Door Ministry got a boost and elderly residents at Waltonwood got to see a musical.

All of those programs, and many more, were part of the National Honor Society's Independent Service Project program, in which NHS members vowed to conduct service projects that benefited the community in one way or another.

The ISP program was developed to help NHS students complete the 10-hour community service requirement that comes with membership. Plymouth High School senior Laura Murphy got involved in a book drive as an ISP last year, and this year helped spread the idea NHS-wide.

"It's such a cool concept," said Laura Murphy, who serves as NHS secretary. "I wanted seniors to have the experience I had. It's been so rewarding. I've gotten emails (from other students) saying, 'This is so awesome.' It was amazing."

NHS has nearly 500 members, including some 220 seniors. Dozens of them took part in the ISP program, no small feat considering the screening process each idea had to endure. According to Murphy, the projects, like everything NHS does, had to be grounded in the four pillars of NHS life — character, service, lead-



National Honor Society volunteers renovated the library at Harms Elementary School in Detroit as part of their independent service project.

ership and scholarship.

The projects all had to have some sort of identifiable goal set. Unlike simple community service projects, an ISP had to show long-term thinking.

Mark Grima hooked up with Keith Olsen, Jay Drennan and Josh Joy to refurbish the library at Harms Elementary School in Detroit.

"I chose this project because I saw there were children in need and I was in a position to help," Grima said. "I figured out what was needed, gathered some volunteers, made plans and executed the project over our mid-winter break."

Not everything works out. Ciarra McCarthy, for instance, spent months developing an idea to videotape veterans talking about their experiences.

The project fell through, according to Murphy, and McCarthy moved on to develop a mentoring program for young girls at NorthRidge Church.

The key to the program, according to Murphy, is for the student to find something he or she cares about.

"It means so much more when you're doing something you're passionate about," Murphy said. "I know most of us are doing this for college, but look at the opportunities having a personal interest part opened up."

Grima said the ISP program is a "great idea" because it allows NHS members to become more involved because they personally designed it.

"I gained a real sense of satisfaction and joy

knowing my team and I were able to make a difference and provide something we take for granted to children who didn't have a library."

While the program is designed to help members get their 10 hours, the reality, according to Murphy, is that nearly all of the projects take far more commitment than that.

"We start out saying you have to spend 10 hours, and kids usually say something like, 'Oh, that's a lot of hours,'" Murphy said. "The truth is, most of them spend 30, 40 and even 50 hours. We have really high standards, and if you don't you don't get much done. And the seniors really deliver."

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## ON CAMPUS

### Madonna University

Plymouth resident Jenna Cassidy Peace has received the top award in the School of Business at Madonna University.

This award was presented by the Dean of the School of Business, Dr. Stuart Arends, at the Honors Convocation held May 3.

The Meta and Bernard Landuyt Award is for high achievement and is the most prestigious honor a student may attain in the School of Business. It is awarded to the senior with a GPA of 3.7 or above.

In addition to this award, Peace was also inducted into the Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic Honor Society. In 2012 she was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society. She graduated with high honors May 5. She has been accepted in the MBA Program at the Quinlan School of Business, Loyola University in Chicago.

Jenna is the granddaughter of Howard and Jan Lippert of Plymouth.

### Grand Valley

Sarah Thomas of Canton was named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Grand Valley State University. Thomas is the daughter of Tim and Donna Thomas and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in secondary education at Grand Valley.

### Phoenix Studios

Phoenix Theatres announced that students from Livonia's Keyboard Music Works Piano School will be performing



Plymouth resident Jenna Cassidy Peace with Dr. Stuart Arends, dean of the School of Business at Madonna University.

"The Songs of Disney" live in theatre before select showings of Pixar's "Monster's University" at Phoenix Theatres Laurel Park Place during the movie's premier weekend, June 21 and 22.

Among Christine Smith's Keyboard Music Works piano students are Kaylee Yang, Aditya Suryakumar and Alyssa Yang of Canton.

"Sixteen of our students have spent many months preparing a wonderful program of timeless Disney songs that will be fun for the whole family to enjoy," said Smith.

"Having live music performed prior to a film was a major part of the overall entertainment experience when going to the movies since the inception of films," said Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres. "This is a rare opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a live performance of classic music of Disney songs inside the theatre where the movie will play, being performed by some of the brightest and most talented young musicians in our local community."

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# Chorale launches summer program

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers will launch a summer theater program later this month titled, "The History of Broadway-A Musical Revue," starting June 24.

To get the project off the ground, the chorale has enlisted Greg and Kristyn Wiklanski to act as director and choreographer for this summer offering.

Greg Wiklanski has directed a number of youth shows at the Village Theater including "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Grease," "Wizard of Oz," "Hairspray," "Disney's High School Musical" and "Disney's Camp Rock." He also directed "Footloose" at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

"This is an exciting opportunity because of the freedom of the musical revue format. It allows me to specifically craft an experience that can both challenge the student, while also putting them in their best position to succeed," said Wiklan-



Greg Wiklanski



Kristyn Wiklanski

ski, an adjunct instructor at Rochester College. "I don't buy into the school of thought that students are either born with it or not. I believe acting, singing, and dancing are skills that students can improve upon. Part of the challenge is finding out how each student learns best and communicating with them in terms that they can relate to."

Kristyn Wiklanski is a three-time member of the Radio City Rockettes. She is a teacher and instructor at St. Clair College.

"Greg and Kristyn are simply the best at bringing out talent in young people," said Michael

Gross, Artistic Director of the BeckRidge Chorale. "I have seen nearly all of Greg's work. He devotes himself to the kids and the performance. He makes it fun and educational. It's going to be thrilling to watch what Greg and

Kristyn bring to The History of Broadway."

The Summer Youth Theater program will run three times each week - Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons beginning June 24. The performances will take place Aug. 23-25 at the Village Theater in Canton.

Enrollment is limited to 30 students and spots are filling up quickly. Parents can register their middle and high school students online at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) - On Stage. Tuition for the entire summer youth theater program is \$150. For additional information, contact the BeckRidge Chorale at (734) 667-3127.

# Eatery hosts United Way fundraiser

Paul DePalma is celebrating the fifth anniversary of Nico & Vali Italian Eatery by Paying it Forward and donating a portion of the proceeds to Plymouth Community United Way.

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want to thank the community by giving back."

This is the second year that DePalma has hosted a fundraiser for Plymouth Community United Way.

"It shows Paul's dedication to local nonprofits," said Marie Morrow, PCUW President. "He has hosted similar days for several agencies and organizations. We really appreciate his generosity."

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# Starkweather grads complete their journey

Fifty-five students at the Starkweather Alternative High School joined the ranks of high school graduates Thursday following their graduation ceremony at Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium.

Ten of the students earned scholarships and awards during the commencement exercise.

Starkweather's Class of 2013 included:

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- Cody Andrus
- Curtis Bailey
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- Elise Bruce
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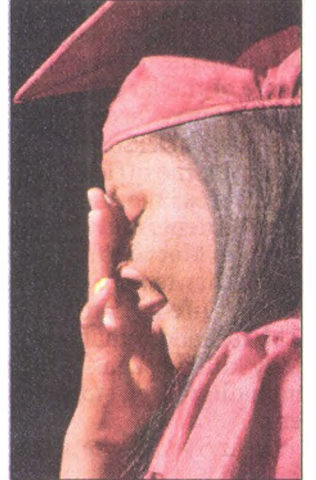


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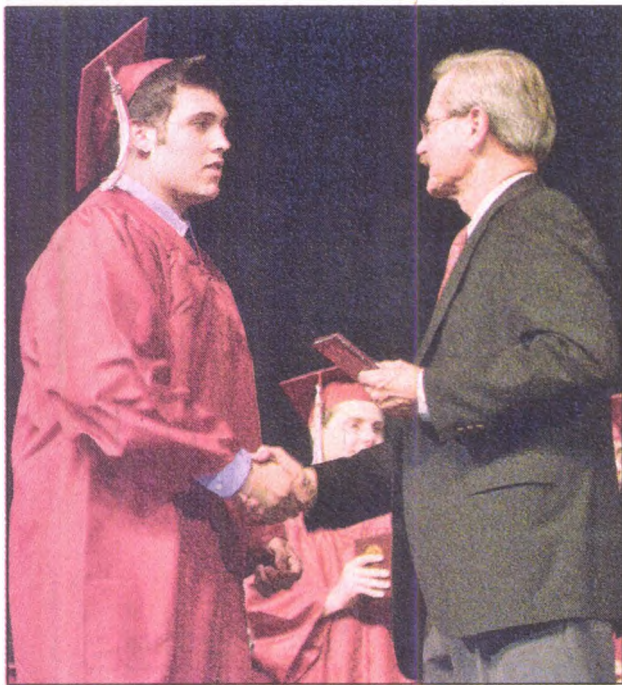
Moving the tassel of their caps from left to right signifies that students are now graduates.



Michael Conrad makes a last-minute adjustment to Paige Clayton's cap.



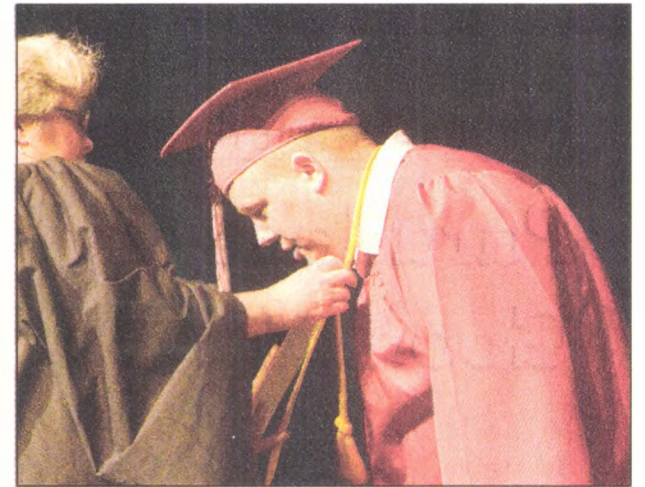
Cynkyia Long is overcome with emotion as she speaks about the Starkweather experience.



Cody James Carrier accepts his diploma from board President John Barrett.



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# Tornado damage 'tugs at your heart,' crew member says

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Bob Patterson has seen a lot of destruction during his career working for BELFOR Property Restoration, but the recent devastation from tornadoes in Oklahoma has been one of the worst.

"This compares to the (2004) tsunamis in one way: It was like the hand of God swept it with the winds and it's clean as can be," the Plymouth resident said. "Each one's different; each one tugs at your heart."

Patterson is one of 19 employees from BELFOR's Livonia office working in Oklahoma helping to clean up the damage left by some of the largest tornadoes ever recorded in U.S. history. Patterson and others from the office have traveled across the state, helping residents and businesses from Moore, Okla., to Oklahoma City to help clean up and get life back to normal. The tornadoes that hit in late May killed dozens of people, including three storm chasers.

He arrived in the state May 21, and has stayed in the area most of the time since, although he has come back home to visit his family for a weekend. Work days in the



Bob Patterson, a BELFOR employee who works in Livonia, is one of several people from his office assisting people affected by the tornadoes that went through Oklahoma last month.

wake of the tornado clean-up last 19 hours, and have involved several team members from across the world. His crew typically works with businesses, but with so much damage to homes, his team began working with homeowners to get the structures stable.

Patterson said a recent project involved helping a local tortilla factory get back up to production to help feed area residents.

"The tornado took the roof off this building. The process is to get the building watertight," he said. "(We need to keep the equipment dry so

they can get back up in production. They'll be up and running in days."

The for-profit company goes in and makes repairs, and then is reimbursed by insurance through the homeowner or business owner, Patterson said.

BELFOR sends employees

from across the globe to help out regularly, and has made a special effort with the tornadoes.

"We just try to support them, whatever they need," said Alex Gort, a spokeswoman for BELFOR.

While destruction is a routine part of the job, Patterson said he enjoys being able to help people clean up and try to repair their communities. It's not always about the money in restoration, he said.

"That last day you're working there, they give you a hug and say, 'I never would have done it without you,'" he said. "I get to help somebody every day."

The second wave of tornadoes that hit May 31 in Oklahoma City may have had a silver lining for some residents in Moore, the site of the original storm, Patterson said.

The people of Moore tend to want to fix problems on their own, and many resources were shifted to the state capital.

"They get a chance to catch their breath. Right now, they've lost everything, but they still want to help," he said. "These people are incredible."

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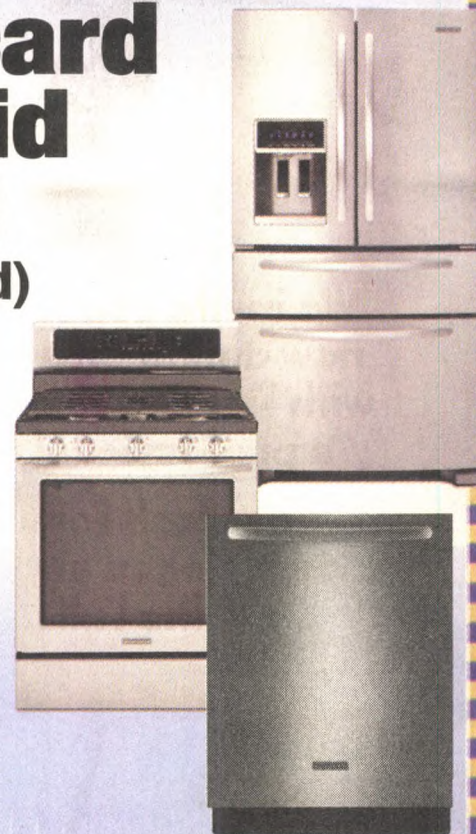


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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra brings a series of concerts to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, starting in January.

## DSO comes to Canton theater

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra announced a Canton concert series to take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (50400 Cherry Hill Road), beginning in January.

With dates on Jan. 17, March 14, May 9 and June 20, the series will bring a unique repertoire to the intimate 400-seat

venue, along with chamber music recitals and educational partnerships in and around Canton.

"The people of Canton are thrilled to welcome the DSO to our neighborhood," said Phil LaJoy, Canton Township Supervisor. "We eagerly anticipate joining in the collaborative spirit that con-

tinues to sculpt the vast and diverse cultural landscape in across southeast Michigan."

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill joins six other metro Detroit venues as the newest addition to the DSO's Neighborhood Concert Series, inaugurated in 2011 as the cornerstone product of the innovative Neighborhood Residency Initiative (NRI.) Each season, the DSO performs a total of 24 concerts at: the Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills; Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills; the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn; Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield; and the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield Township.

While programming has not yet been solidified, subscriptions are on sale now for \$100 and can be purchased at the DSO box office (3711 Woodward Ave.), by calling (313) 576-5111 or at [dso.org/neighborhood](http://dso.org/neighborhood).

## Kiwanis club partners with Walker-Winter

The Kiwanis Club of Canton announced the formation of the Walker-Winter Elementary School K-Kids Club.

The school is part of the Wayne Westland Community Schools but located in Canton. More than 70 percent of its students are Canton residents.

During the formation week, the students immediately participated in their first service activity, which was a beautification project around the school. The K-Kids Club members plus their school advisors, Adriel Ewert and Emily DeLong, and Kiwanis advisors Mark Ott, Janet Ott, and school principal, Julie Mytych (also a Kiwanian) picked up papers and litter, as well as planted flowers around the entrances and

their flag.

K-Kids clubs are part of Kiwanis International's "Service Leadership Programs" which engage students from elementary school through college level in learning leadership through service.

"They're taking on the responsibility of running a K-Kids club as they plan and participate in community service projects," Mark Ott said. "They assist the elderly with chores or organize community food drives. They can serve their schools, raising funds for sports equipment and extracurricular activities. The most exciting part of this new group is that their core values support those of Walker-Winter Elementary (doing your personal best, treating others with respect, and

setting a good example for others.)"

The Kiwanis Club of Canton is actively involved in the community with the Dictionary Project, youth mentoring, support for Salvation Army (Plymouth Corps), Christmas in Action, to name a few. The value in joining Kiwanis is working on worthwhile service projects and knowing the positive impact your service has on the local community, whether helping youth or helping seniors. The defining statement is "Changing the world, One Child, One community at a time."

The Kiwanis Club of Canton meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6 p.m. at Summit on the Park. More information is available at [www.cantonkiwanis.com](http://www.cantonkiwanis.com).

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# Area residents: Fellowship helps bridge partisan gap

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

Three area residents are among 24 participants in the 2013 Fellows of Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program which aims to bridge the bipartisan gap and train future leaders for effective policy-making.

Kathleen McIntyre of Livonia, Paul Cusick of Northville Township and Jeremy Moss of Southfield have been selected to the prestigious state-wide program. They met as a group for the first time in mid-February, getting to know each other and learning about the MPLP which is considered one of the nation's top political leadership training fellowships.

McIntyre is manager of the Ford Employee Volunteer Program. Cusick is an assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan. Moss is a member of the Southfield City Council. They represent a wide-range of talent from across the state, according to Anne Mervenne, one of MPLP's two co-directors who served 12 years in the administration of former Gov. John Engler.

"We are really excited about this group of Fellows," said Mervenne, CEO of Mervenne & Company governmental relations consulting firm. "Many of them have already served in grassroots positions. Some have been elected to local office and all are ready leaders."

Started in 1992, MPLP is a 10-month program that covers personal leadership development, public policy process and analysis, effective governance, and practical politics while exploring a variety of issues facing the state of Michigan.

Throughout the program, Fellows work with presenters from across the state representing both the private and public sector to explore public policy debates, how issues are addressed, and look at new ways of bringing people together to find workable solutions.

Each MSU MPLP fellowship is valued at \$12,000, and covers the participants' lodging, meals and program costs. Accepted Fellows, however, are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program.

**Kathleen McIntyre: Livonia**

McIntyre, 50, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School in 1981. She currently resides in the city with her husband, Brian Culliton and their two sons. She holds a bachelor's degree in business from MSU. She also earned a master's of business administration in finance and marketing from MSU's Eli Broad School of Business and was the recipient of a Broad fellowship.

After joining Ford in 1995 at the Wixom Assembly Plant finance department, she has worked in a variety of capacities for the company including state, local and international government affairs, leading to her current position with the Ford Fund.

She said she relishes the opportunity to "dig in and explore different facets of state and local government and citizen activism." McIntyre said working with local municipalities illustrated the impact of government on both citizens and businesses.

"My exposure drove home the importance of

both good government and good governance for both citizens and businesses. Good city management is crucial," McIntyre said.

An active community volunteer, McIntyre serves on the board of the Livonia Community Foundation and the Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals. She is eager for the opportunity to become more engaged in her community. The fellowship, she said, has provided her with an invaluable opportunity. Although she has no immediate plans to run for public office, she is certain that she will continue to seek opportunities to be active locally.

"I have a compelling interest in local government. This program has allowed me to see there are many opportunities to become involved politically on a variety of different levels," she said.

**Paul Cusick: Northville Township**

Growing up in Plymouth, Cusick, 32, said that his interest in politics "goes way back."

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# Shooting suspect arraigned in circuit court

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The man accused of shooting a Canton man in Livonia last month will face a jury trial later this summer.

Gregory Lawrence Ely, 21, of Livonia had a plea of not guilty entered during his arraignment Thursday in Third Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Judge Dana Hathaway set Aug. 1 as a final conference for Ely, with a jury trial scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 9 in her courtroom.

Ely is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm. The charges stem from an incident that took place May 28 in the 19300 block of St. Francis on the city's northeast side.

Police say Ely used a pistol to shoot the victim, who was seated inside a vehicle



Ely and tried to drive off as Ely approached. Police have

said the incident stemmed from an argument over a woman.

The victim was treated for his injuries, which were non-life threatening, and released from the hospital days later.

If convicted of all charges, Ely could face up to life in prison.

Hathaway also reduced the bond set at the district court level for Ely to \$200,000, 10 percent, and required him to wear a tether if released. Ely's attorney, Alvin Keel, had requested Ely have his bond reduced to \$100,000 before 16th District Court Judge Kathleen McCann, something McCann declined to do.

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**Date/Time:** Monday and Tuesday, June 17-18, 7-9 p.m.  
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**Details:** Barefoot Productions seeks actors for its summer production, "Hallelujah Girls" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. This southern-fried comedy tells the story five women who open a day spa in an abandoned church, only to face off against a catty rival and an old flame. The piece calls for eight actors total (six women, two men) in their late 40s early 60s. Prospective actors will be asked to do a cold reading; no headshots, resumes, or appointments are required.  
**Contact:** For more information and character descriptions, contact Mike Cuba at (734) 812-0102.

**JAZZ @ THE ELKS**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, June 25, 7-10 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Jazz @ The Elks brings back the Clarinet Phenomenon Dave Bennett and his quartet. Bennett is the embodiment of Benny Goodman and gives a delightful and entertaining performance with humor and great stage presence. Playing with him will be Cliff Monear on Keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on Bass, and Doug Cobb on Drums. Because of the popularity of this group, the large hall at the Elks Lodge will be used. The \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres.  
**Contact:** For more information about the June 25th performance you can call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

**CHEER CLINIC**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth High School cafeteria  
**Details:** The Plymouth High School Cheer-



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**Contact:** For more information, contact Plymouth Cheerleading or Julie Jones at jonesing05@gmail.com.

**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Dates/Times/Locations:**  
 • Sunday, June 23, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 47650 N. Territorial.  
 • Monday, June 24, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth, 1426 S. Mill.  
 • Friday, June 28, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.  
**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at various times and locations. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.  
**Contact:** Diane to set up an appointment at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org  
**SENIOR OLYMPICS**  
**Date/Time:** Aug. 12-16, 8 a.m. (opening ceremony Aug. 12)  
**Location:** Opening ceremony, Nankin Mills Field  
**Details:** Plymouth seniors age 50 and older should get ready for the ninth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Opening Day Expo will be held at the

Nankin Mills Field (Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail). The \$6 registration fee will include Olympic T-shirt, healthy breakfast sponsored by Heartland Canton, Heartland Plymouth Court, Heartland Livonia and Heartland Livonia North East. The Torch Light Ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and all programs, activities and events will officially begin and will continue the entire week concluding with an awards banquet. Registration forms and brochures are available at the PCCA Office, 201 S. Main in Plymouth. Deadline for Registrations Wednesday, July 3.

**APIA DINNER**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 27, 6-10 p.m.  
**Location:** East Lake Chinese Restaurant, 5087 Rochester Road in Troy  
**Details:** Asian-Pacific Islander American/Vote-MI hosts its third annual dinner to honor and recognize outstanding APIAs in the community. The keynote speaker will be Tuyet Le, the Executive Director of the Asian American Institute (AAI), a Midwestern Pan-Asian organization committed to empowering Asian Americans through advocacy by utilizing research, education and coalition building. Tickets are \$65 (general admission and one-year membership), \$50 general admission and \$40 for members.  
**Contact:** Sally Kim, (313) 438-8862 or email sallykim@apiavotemi.org

**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Location:** West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.  
**Contact:** Call or email Judy at (734) 347-1001 or jbstone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

**BIPOLAR SUPPORT**

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608 in Plymouth.  
**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.  
**Contact:** Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 for directions.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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 NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING**

Charter Township of Plymouth  
 Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements in the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement course. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced as necessary. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane asphalt pavement shall consist of complete and partial asphalt pavement replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of Powell Road and proceeds southward on Hillcrest Dr. for approximately 3100 feet to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project proceeds:

- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Meadow Dr. for approx. 1000 feet to Meadow Ct., and south along Meadow Ct. for approx. 600 feet to terminus
- East from Meadow Ct. along Sunbird Dr. for approx. 130 feet to terminus
- South from Meadow Dr. along Robin Ct. for approx. 250 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Plum Tree Dr. for approx. 135 feet
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 900 feet to Meadow Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. W for approx. 500 feet to terminus
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. E for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 120 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 850 feet to Normandy Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Woodway Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Normandy Dr. for approx. 1500 feet to Pine Hill Dr.
- West from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. W for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- East from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. E for approx. 500 feet to terminus
- South from Normandy Dr. along Chambury Ct. for approx. 650 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Winterset Circle for approx. 130 feet

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Hillcrest Dr., Meadow Dr., Meadow Ct., Sunbird Dr., Robin Ct., Plumtree Dr., Harvest Dr., Hillcrest Ct. W., Hillcrest Ct. E., Pinehill Dr., Normandy Dr., Woodway Dr., Normandy Ct. W., Normandy Ct. E., Chambury Ct., and Winterset Circle consists of Lots 1 through 185 of the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 1, Lot 209 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 2, and Lot 356 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 3, located in the Northwest ¼ of Section 32, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, June 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Twp., Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,192,304.60.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the requests of **Atra Plastics, Inc., and FZB Industry, Inc.** for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 45300 Polaris Court, Metro-West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The requests are available for inspection from 8-4:30 daily in the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 pm., any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

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Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or after June 11, 2013. Bid documents may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

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# Trucker marks 1.7M miles without an accident

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Over the last 25 years, trucker Ed O'Mara has driven 1.7 million miles - enough miles to make seven trips to the moon - without having a single accident.

O'Mara's achievement was recently honored by his employer Con-way Freight in Romulus.

"They (Con-way) keep track of everything, so I knew when I was close to one million miles," said O'Mara, a Westland resident. "I wasn't surprised (about being accident-free). I'm a good driver. Every day something can happen - you see it all the time."

For O'Mara, it's a matter of remembering safe driving rules like maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles.

"I stay away from other people. I have no violations. I can't remember my last ticket," said O'Mara. "It was probably 25 years ago when my daughter was born. I was picking her up at the hospital and got ticket in my car for going 5 (miles) over."

To honor his achievement, Con-way presented O'Mara with a plaque and hosted a lunch, complete with a cake decorated with his picture. As a surprise, his wife Holly, daughters Kayla and Chelsea joined his mother, who was visiting from Florida, and his co-workers for the party.

"That's very unusu-

al both the miles and a quarter of century without a preventable accident or injury. I said it's like the luck of the Irish," said Bruce Bachman, Con-way Freight service center manager. "I just don't think people understand how far that is."

Con-way calculated it would take the average driver in the motoring public (13,476 miles/year) over 126 years to drive 1.7 million miles.

For O'Mara, the miles add up quickly. His current assignment is a daily round-trip to Toronto - about 250 miles each way.

O'Mara is trainer for other drivers focusing safety for commercial haulers.

"He teaches it and takes it to heart. He does what he teaches, absolutely," said Bachman, who is hoping to recognize O'Mara again when he hits the two million-mile mark in the next six or eight months.

Employed by Con-way for 29 years, O'Mara, 52, had started driving a truck in Florida.

"You're in your own office most the of the time - we call the truck our office. You can do what you want. I like the freedom," said O'Mara. "We bring things home to people. We haul anything you can imagine. We get home every day - that makes life a lot easier."

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Con-way Freight truck driver Ed O'Mara was recently honored for driving 1.7 million miles in 25 years without having an accident. His family and co-workers were invited to celebrate at a lunch in the Romulus business.



Westland resident Ed O'Mara (left) received a plaque from Con-way Freight Service Center recognizing his 25 years driving for the company without an accident. He has driven 1.7 million miles over that time.

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# Hundreds line up to meet Roush drivers

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It was homecoming week as Motorsports fans came from far and wide Thursday to the Roush Collection Retail Store in Livonia to catch a glimpse of three of Roush Fenway Racing's drivers. And outside, Market Street was lined up on both sides with classic cars.

Even the man himself, Chairman of the Board Jack Roush, was on hand to sign autographs for the open house held prior to the weekend events at Michigan International Speedway.

Also arriving simultaneously to meet the hundreds of fans were Roush drivers Carl Edwards, Trevor Bayne and Travis Pastrana.

Jerry Bateson stood in line for nearly 2½ hours after coming all the way from Gibsonburg, Ohio, located 40 minutes south of Toledo.

He wanted to meet Pastrana, his favorite driver, who ranked 15th in the Nationwide points standings.

"The kids are huge fans," Bateson said. "I'm impressed, there's just so much to see. It's incredible. I've been to Livonia before, but never here."

### Long wait

Meanwhile, Canton's Mark Kluka waited nearly 45 minutes to meet Edwards, who ranks second in the Sprint Cup points standings.

"We've been here before," Kluka said. "I came about four years ago. He's one of my favorites (Edwards). His line was full last time, so we met Greg Biffle instead.



PHOTOS BY BRAD EMONS

Hundreds of fans lined up to meet Roush Fenway Racing drivers Carl Edwards, Trevor Bayne and Travis Pastrana during an open house Thursday at the Roush Collection Retail Store in Livonia.



Coral Rott of Commerce Township (right) got to meet car owner Jack Roush during an open house Thursday at the Roush Collection Retail store and museum in Livonia.

"Now is my chance. Besides the back flips, he's a real contender in these most seasons. And he's a very competitive driver. He doesn't wreck a lot so he finishes most of the races he starts."

Coral Rott of Commerce Township gave her dad Gary Tucker an early Father's Day gift. She waited in line to meet Roush, while her dad got to meet the drivers.

"I think it's really cool," said Rott whose favorite was former Roush driver Mark Martin. "My dad is a big NASCAR fan and Roush Racing fan, so I brought him for Father's Day. He's in the other line, but he's in heaven right now."

Bayne couldn't have timed his visit to the

Roush facility any better after capturing the last two Nationwide Series events.

### Whirlwind week

Bayne, who at age 20 shocked the NASCAR world by winning the 2011 Daytona 500, was coming off a whirlwind week earning Ford's 200th victory in the Nationwide Series and getting married in a private ceremony in Asheville, N.C.

His No. 6 Nationwide car will be sponsored this week by Roush CleanTech, a division of Livonia-based Roush Enterprises and industry leader of alternative fuel vehicle technology.

Roush CleanTech designs, engineers, manu-

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Trying to get the word out about CleanTech is just a slice of Roush Enterprises' overall marketing initiative.

"It's not as much about your average consumer, but more about the business-to-business push," Carney said. "But with that being said, many of the fleet managers of North America are fans of the sport so we know this will be a great way to reach a lot of them."

With Ford Racing approaching an historic 1,000th win this weekend, Roush's six drivers hope to bring home the bacon. Bayne recently tested at MIS in the No. 21 Wood Brothers Sprint Cup Ford Fusion.

"Michigan, being our home base, is definitely a good menu for us to do this," Carney said. "There's always a lot of excitement when the race comes to town. It's not a week-to-week thing with CleanTech, but on special occasions we get in to do something like this. This year it just happened to be in town in Michigan."

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# Roth IRA's flexibility a boon with greater longevity

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I was reading your article in the Observer and you told the person who was in his 70s to convert his traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. I'm 74 and have to take minimum required distributions each year. I was told I could not put that money into a Roth. I first had to take out the distribution money then I could take out more money and put that into a Roth IRA. In your article it sounds like I could put the distribution money into the Roth of the Roth conversion. Is that correct?

**A:** Unfortunately, you cannot take your required minimum distribution and invest it in a Roth IRA because that money is not eligible to be converted into a Roth IRA. Only the money above and beyond your minimum required distribution is eligible for a Roth conversion. Hopefully, this will clear up



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

any misunderstanding.

In the past, I've talked about the benefits of converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. The transaction allows you to take money that is growing tax deferred and convert it into tax-free money. In addition, Roth IRA money is not subject to the age 70½ rules as there are no required minimum distributions. Thus, an investor has the flexibility to leave money in a Roth IRA for as long as they choose.

In today's world with life expectancy continuing to rise, the additional flexibility that a Roth IRA provides is significant. That is why I encourage all investors,

no matter their age, to look for opportunities to invest money into a Roth IRA. Whether it's converting traditional IRA money into a Roth IRA or for those who are still working, investing new money into a Roth, it is something that more and more of us should take advantage of.

I believe that in this ever-changing world, investors need flexibility and when you compare a Roth IRA to a traditional IRA, hands down, the Roth IRA provides greater flexibility.

With regard to Roth conversions, one of the issues is when to do it. In other words, does it make sense to do it at the beginning of the year, the end of the year or does it make much of a difference? I believe it makes no difference. The key is the value of the portfolio.

When you convert existing IRA money into a Roth IRA, there is going to be a tax conse-

quence. Therefore, if you are timing when you do a Roth conversion, it is generally better to do it when the market has had a little bit of a sell off. For example, if you own shares of Apple Stock within your IRA, it would be better to convert Apple today because the result is that you would pay fewer taxes than if you converted a number of months ago when Apple was selling at its all-time high. As an investor, you would own the same number of shares of Apple before the conversion; however, the tax liability would be considerably lower because of the decline in Apple stock.

Currently the market appears to be going through an adjustment; therefore, there may be opportunities for investors to take advantage of a Roth conversion. After all, in any situation it always pays to look for the silver lining. If we have a

downturn, and I'm not saying we are going to, the silver lining may be an opportunity to do Roth conversions.

Today is Father's Day the day we set aside to honor our dads. I am extremely lucky in life that at my age I still have my mom and dad with me. I want to take this opportunity to wish all fathers and particularly my dad, Mitch, a very Happy Father's Day. My dad will be 93 this year and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and proudly served our country in the Pacific during World War II. From all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Happy Father's Day!

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please e-mail [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

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interested in politics. I can remember my mom taking me to vote with her and it was a big thing," said Cusick, who graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1999. "My family taught me that I was lucky to grow up in America."

A 2004 graduate of Notre Dame with a degree in political science and history, Cusick received a law degree from Wayne State University in 2007. After law school he began working for the Wayne County prosecutor's office and spent four years as an assistant prosecuting attorney.

Currently working in the criminal division of the State Attorney General's office, Cusick lives in Northville Township with

his wife, Fernanda.

As chair of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, a group he has been active with for the past five years, Cusick said the fellowship is a great opportunity to meet people on opposite sides of the political spectrum.

One of the strengths of the program, he said, is the opportunity to build relationships with others interested in shaping policy.

"It is important to be able to debate and find agreement with people with different political philosophies," Cusick said.

The fellowship program

is "a great opportunity to get people that are interested in public policy to speak their minds; we can all learn from each other," he said.

### Jeremy Moss: Southfield

As the youngest city council member ever elected in Southfield, Moss, 26, is no stranger to politics.

A lifelong Southfield resident, Moss marks the beginning of his interest in politics during the summer between kindergarten and first grade.

"My family took a trip to Washington, D.C., because

I was interested in what was going on. When my friends were watching the Lions or the Tigers, I was watching the news. I remember watching the 1992 presidential campaign and I was fascinated by it," he said of his deep-rooted interest.

The son of Elayne and Barry Moss of Southfield, the 2004 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School went on to attend MSU, majoring in political science and graduating with a degree in journalism.

Prior to his election to city council in 2011, he was actively involved in Southfield government work-

ing in the offices of Mayor Brenda Lawrence and former State Rep. Paul Conditino. He also served as district director for State Rep. Rudy Hobbs.

He believes that the fellowship cultivates good relationships across party lines that in turn, helps create good policy.

"If you want to go to Lansing and be a flame-thrower, then this program isn't for you," he said, "but if you want to be a peacemaker and work together to create really good policy that requires both Democratic and Republican votes, this is where you want to be. This is what the MPLP

program is all about."

Steve Tobocman, MPLP co-director and former House Majority Floor Leader agrees.

"In this time when there is such tremendous partisanship and frustration in dealing with various issues, the MPLP provides space to train bipartisan groups of folks and give them tools to tackle the issues of the day and produce the best outcomes," Tobocman said.

To learn more about the Michigan Political Leadership Program at the MSU Institute for Public Policy and Social Research go to [www.mplsppr.msu.edu](http://www.mplsppr.msu.edu).

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Ladywood's Rachel Hendrickson puts down a bunt in Division 2 tournament play. The Blazers played Tecumseh in a state semifinal game Friday in Battle Creek.

## No repeat for Blazers after Indians win, 8-0

Defending champs lose to Tecumseh in Division 2 softball semifinal game

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

As the sun began to set early Friday night at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, so did the 2013 softball season for Livonia Ladywood.

But this time the Blazers couldn't duplicate last year's MHSAA Division 2 championship run, as Tecumseh rode the right arm of senior pitcher Emily Maves to earn a decisive 8-0 state semifinal victory.

Ladywood, which started four freshmen, ends its season with a 32-10 record, while the 32-5-3 Indians moved into the championship final Saturday to play last year's state runner-up, Saginaw Swan Valley, which defeated Linden in the other semifinal, 5-2.

Maves allowed the hot-hitting Blazers just four hits while striking out 10. "She (Maves) threw well today," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "She was getting a couple of swings at the top of the strike zone, and that's what we were preaching all week. I kept saying, 'You can't swing at the top of the strike zone.' If you lay off that, whenever the ball was down, we seemed to hit the ball. But we needed to be a little more patient and disciplined, and we didn't do that as well as we should have. We knew it, but it's hard. You see it. It's right in your eye-

balls and you want to swing at it, so that was kind of the difference."

Meanwhile, Ladywood starter Rozlyn Price was roughed up for 10 hits, including a critical bases-loaded, two-out triple by Kylie Hill in the bottom of the third inning to make it 3-0.

In the sixth inning, Kelsey Rendell put the game away with a three-run homer over the center field fence to key a four-run outburst.

Price, a ninth-grader, was coming off a two-hit, 2-0 quarterfinal shutout of St. Clair, but the Indians put runners on base in every inning in the semifinal.

"She didn't look anything close to what she looked like Tuesday," Combs said of his starter. "And that's just the two out of three you get with somebody learning how to pitch at this level."

"She's a great kid. I told her afterwards, and the team agrees, there's no way in the world we get this far without Roz. So she's the person that carried us here and did a great job as a freshman."

Hill's third-inning triple eluded the outstretched grasp of Ladywood center fielder Christina Meyer.

"That was a great play to dive and make a (ESPN) Sports Center catch

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## Cougars fall short in state semi, 1-0

BC Western's sacrifice fly in bottom of the seventh inning decides game

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Garden City's softball team entered Friday afternoon's Division 1 semifinal game against No. 3-ranked Bay City Western unranked and unafraid.

Playing the same fearless brand of ball that led them to an unexpected post-season run to Battle Creek, the Cougars battled toe-to-toe with the 36-2 Warriors through six and a half innings before dropping a tension-packed, 1-0 decision.

Western scored the game's lone run when Kelsie Popp, who led off the bottom of the seventh with a line-shot double up the left-center field gap, scored on Hannah Batschke's sacrifice fly to left field.

Popp had advanced to third on the Cougars' lone error of the afternoon when a low throw on a bunt allowed speedy Ashtyn Decatur to reach

first.

Western starting pitcher Hannah Leppek blanked the Cougars on one hit while striking out eight. Ten more of the Cougars' outs didn't leave the infield.

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"We didn't put a lot of good swings on the ball today, but I give their pitcher a lot of credit for that," GC head coach Barry Patterson said. "She was moving it up and down, in and out. Her location was very good. We chased a few pitches in big situations. We had our chances, but we just didn't square up on the ball enough."

"I thought Rachel

Please see COUGARS, B4



ED WRIGHT

Garden City second baseman Kaylen Glenfield reacts to a close call after Kaylynn Carpenter stole second base.

## Scholar athletes

Four Observerland residents are among the 514 student-athletes recognized as Academic Distinguished Scholars by the The Summit League for the winter and spring collegiate seasons.

The area honorees are Brittany Prior, senior, Farmington Hills, softball, health sciences; Kaitlyn Jefferson, senior, Westland, swimming, biology; David Koponen, junior, Livonia, track and field, environmental sciences; Rebekah Hendrian, junior, Plymouth, track and field, psychology.

All but Jefferson attend Oakland University. Jefferson is a student at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D.

Prior and Jefferson are former Mercy High School students; Koponen graduated from Franklin High School, Hendrian from Salem High School.

To be named a Distinguished Scholar, student-athletes must have a 3.6 grade-point average or better in the semester in which they compete and must use a year of eligibility.

## Sting blanks Rams, 2-0

A.J. Susick threw a seven-hit, complete game shutout to lead the Michigan Sting to a 2-0 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win Wednesday over the Michigan Rams at Auburn Hills Avondale High School.

Susick struck out seven and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

He outdueled Rams starter Donnie Eaton, who gave up two runs (both unearned) on three hits and two walks in five innings.

Eaton struck out eight before giving way to Jake Balicki in the sixth.

Tyler Vaughan's two-run single in the bottom of the first inning proved to be the difference as the Sting evened its LCBL record to 4-4.

Griffin Harms went 2-for-3 the Rams (5-2-1).

## Chiefs' 2014 captains set

This season just ended, but it's never too early to look ahead.

Veteran Canton boys track and field coach Bob Richardson recently named his captains for the 2014 team. They include Jamal Dixon, Evan Dunklee, Anthony Tillman, Tom Walkinshaw, Damon Wilson and Kyle Zander.

## Gold medalist wins at lifting, life

Jeff Ellis beats cancer to win sixth Senior Olympics title

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Jeff Ellis is a champion in more ways than one.

For starters, he recently won his sixth gold medal in the sport of power lifting in the Michigan Senior Olympics.

Furthermore, he set a record in the 50-59 age group and 198-pound weight class June 3 at the Rochester Athletic Club with a bench press of 315 pounds.

But the former longtime Farm-



MICHIGAN SENIOR OLYMPICS

Jeff Ellis, 54, overcame colon cancer to win his sixth gold medal as a power lifter in the Michigan Senior Olympics.

ington Hills resident had a more important victory in the game of life when he beat colon cancer three years ago. It was one he didn't exactly celebrate but for which he could be thankful.

"I always had the mindset I never wanted any disease or anything to define me or limit me," Ellis said. "Fortunately, I've been able to overcome every setback I've had."

The 54-year-old CPA started lifting weights in his late teens, and he later became a member of the Michigan State University power lifting team. It was a club sport at the time, but Ellis won an intercollegiate championship as a senior.

As he neared age 50, he learned power lifting was one of the sports in the Michigan Senior Olympics, and he began competing again. In addition to pickle ball, it's one of two sports included in the summer and winter games. In eight competitions, Ellis has won six times.

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**Coaching jobs**

• Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pom pon and varsity swimming for the fall 2013 season, along with a girls freshman basketball coach for the 2013-13 winter season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

• Mercy High School is looking for an assistant varsity swim coach. Mail or email resumes to Nancy Malinowski at: Athletic Director, Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Coaches can call her at 248-893-3510 or email her at [nmmalinows-ki@mhsmi.org](mailto:nmmalinows-ki@mhsmi.org).

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• Farmington High School is looking for an assistant junior varsity football coach. Potential coaches should contact head coach John Bechtel at [jbech12345@aol.com](mailto:jbech12345@aol.com).

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**GOLD MEDAL**

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But he was a dealt setback in 2010 when the cancer was discovered in his colon and he faced a potentially life-threatening situation.

Ellis, who was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis at age 2, has dealt with that prospect most his life and always had annual check-ups.

Those preventive measures helped save his life and spared him from having to undergo chemotherapy or radiation treatment and a protracted battle with the disease.

Ellis hopes his story will be an inspiration and a lesson for others to heed medical advice that recommends screening for colon cancer for people over 50.

"I'm living proof, if you go for surveillance when they tell you to do it, they can catch it early," he said. "Maybe they'll find something today, but I was able to avoid a nightmare (by doing so)."

Doctors at the Cleveland Clinic removed Ellis' colon in April of 2010, taking the bottom portion of the small intestine and creating a pouch to act as a colon. The procedure eliminated the need for a colostomy bag.

Following a second surgery in July, he made a rapid recovery. He resumed weight lifting in August and won a gold medal in the Senior Olympics seven months later.

"I was fortunate to have the recovery go as well as it did," Ellis said, adding the surgery provided a complete cure. "They found the cancer in plenty of time."

**Back on his feet**

Ellis was told he would be in the hospital 10 days and off work for six weeks. He was out in three and a half days,

*"I've been lifting since I was 17 years old. It's been a big part of my life and a way of life for me."*

**JEFF ELLIS**  
Senior Olympic power lifter



and he was working from home six days after the surgery. He returned to the office on the 11th day.

"The only reason it was 11 days was my wife (Lori) refused to drive me to work any sooner," he said.

Ellis, who was working out on the elliptical machine three weeks later, said his doctor attributed his quick recovery to his obsession with exercise.

"I try to lift weights twice a week and do my cardio program four times a week, and I've been doing that pretty consistently my entire adult life," he said.

"I never gave up lifting after college. I just didn't do it as diligently as I did before. My son (Josh) wanted to lift weights for football, and he was my workout partner until he went away to college."

The return to training wasn't exactly an easy, snap-back experience for Ellis. He had to work at it.

"It was frustrating because all of my lifts had dropped considerably," he said. "They were almost half of what I was doing. For those four months, I didn't lift anything more than a gallon jug of milk."

"My goal was to get back to where I was. When I participated in the Summer Olympics the following summer, my goal was to do what I had been doing pre-surgery."

"My best was 290; this time I got 295. That was not only getting the goal, but I was very proud of

beating the pre-surgery best and what I accomplished."

**Personal records**

The 5-foot-10, 195-pound Ellis broke his own MSO record of 295 pounds with his June lift. His all-time best is 400, which he did when he was 27.

His lifting is limited to the bench press now. His personal bests are 515 for the deadlift and 420 for the squat. Both of those records were achieved in his college days.

"I've been lifting since I was 17 years old," Ellis said. "It's been a big part of my life and a way of life for me."

"At this point, my back probably couldn't take the other lifts. Those I had to give up in my mid 20s."

Ellis, who played football and was a thrower in track and field at Southfield High School, won a Michigan Intercollegiate Power Lifting championship and was named the most improved lifter as an MSU senior.

Ellis also won the trophy as the MSO's top overall lifter this year based on a point system. He plans to compete again in the winter games for a possible seventh gold medal.

"Absolutely!" he said. "It's a great group of guys who participate. Everyone encourages everyone else even if it means they're going to get second place instead of first. If I had an injury and couldn't compete, I'd still show just to spend some time with them."

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# Observerland girls earn track & field honors

## INDIVIDUAL FIRST TEAM

**Chelsea Savage, Soph., Farm. Harrison (shot put):** Savage is a repeat member of the all-area first team in the shot put. She was fourth again in that event at the state meet and seventh in the discus. Savage is the Oakland County champion in the shot put and runner-up in the discus, and she is the OAA White Division and city champion in both.

"Chelsea had an outstanding season," coach Mark Babcock said. "She won almost every meet she was in and achieved a personal best throw of 42-7 in the county meet. This is her second straight year of being all-state. She came up really big in the discus at the state meet. She was seeded in the 20s and had to throw well to get into the finals. She has a bright future ahead of her in the throws."

**Emily Norscia, Sr., Liv. Churchill (discus):** The senior performer placed third the Division 1 state finals for the second straight year with a throw of 126-5.

Her best throw (131-0) came at the Stevenson Invitational and she was runner-up at the regional.

Norscia, who scored 117 points in her career competing in just two events, is an all-state volleyball player headed to Wayne State to study physical therapy.

"Emily was another of our four-year varsity athletes we had the privilege to coach," coach Pat Daugherty said. "She was a leader in the field events and is an outstanding all-around athlete."

**Ayanna Buckley, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville (high jump):** The junior cleared an area best 5-6 in a dual meet against Redford Union and wound up fourth in the Division 2 state finals with a leap of 5-4.

At the regional, Buckley took first in the high jump (5-4) and was a state qualifier in the 100 (12.59) with a second-place finish and made it to the semifinals (12.42). She also placed third in the 200 (25.92) and helped the Trojans to runner-up finish in the 800 relay (1:48.78).

Buckley also set school records in the high jump, 100, 200 and 800 relay, while capturing Western Wayne Athletic Conference titles in all four events. She also took third in the high jump at Oakland County.

"Ayanna is a great asset to our team, and knowing she will be back next year makes the upcoming season exciting," coach Brady Gustafson said. "She was undefeated in dual meets and a conference champion in four events."

"Unfortunately for her, two of the fastest girls in the state were in our regional, but she has another year to get that elusive regional championship. She is a diligent worker on the track and in the classroom, and her attitude is one of a champion."

**Aaron Howell, Sr., Farmington (long jump):** Howell was the Division 1 runner-up in the long jump for the second year in a row. She set a school record with her jump of 19-1.25 at the Lakeland meet. Also an outstanding hurdler, she is the OAA White Division, city and regional champion in the 300 meters. Howell won the 100 hurdles and the high jump in the division and city meets, and she is the OAA White and regional winner in the long jump.

Howell, who won the New Balance outdoor national championship in the heptathlon last summer, is going to Michigan on a track and field scholarship.

"Aaron Howell has displayed a terrific work ethic over her three years in track and field," coach Charles Bridges said. "She is a team leader in subtle and obvious ways — the obvious being her diligence and effort during practice. The subtle is her ability to quietly say the right thing at the right time. She is very supportive of her teammates, and they are equally supportive of her. Aaron is a true leader."

**Jane McCurry, Sr., Plymouth (pole vault):** The senior won the Division 1 championship in the pole vault at East Kentwood High School with a mark of 11 feet, three inches — enabling her to become the first state champion in the history of Plymouth girls track and field.

McCurry, also an all-state gymnast, earlier set school and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records with a 12-0 vault, the best in the state this year.

Her success at the state finals culminated an undefeated season.

"We have been very lucky to have an athlete like Jane on our team," coach Ricky Styes said. "She has that rare combination of talent, hard work and desire that has propelled her to the top of our sport this season."

She will continue with her track and field career, vaulting at the University of Wisconsin while on full academic scholarship.

"She will be dearly missed, for she is the type of person that graces your program on rare occasions," Styes said.

**Maya Roberts, Soph., Farm. Harrison (100 hurdles):** The sophomore standout returned from a hip injury early in the season to have an outstanding finish. Roberts won the 100-meter hurdles in the Division 1 regional at North Farmington, as well as the Oakland County and city meets. She also was a member of Harrison's 400 relay team that placed first in the county.

"Maya had a very challenging season," coach Mark Babcock said, adding Roberts missed a large part of it due to the injury. "After physical therapy, she came back strong to win the (aforementioned events). She finished one place from the

## 2013 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK TEAMS

**Shot put:** 1. Chelsea Savage, Soph., Farmington Harrison; 2. Kyla Roland, Soph., Harrison; 3. Tionne Johnson, Jr., Plymouth.

**Discus:** 1. Emily Norscia, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Shara Long, Soph., Salem; Dana Blankenship, Sr., Salem.

**High jump:** 1. Ayanna Buckley, Jr., Livonia Clarenceville; 2. Ashley Cochran, Sr., Churchill; 3. Katherine Harris, Fr., Plymouth.

**Long jump:** 1. Aaron Howell, Sr., Farmington; 2. Taylor Rieckhoff, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Brianna Jed, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

**Pole vault:** 1. Jane McCurry, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Sarah Uhlman, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Nancy Krutty, Sr., Salem.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Maya Roberts, Soph., Harrison; 2. Karrington Seals, Jr., North Farmington; 3. (tie) Kelly O'Brien, Sr., Livonia Franklin; Holly Stark, Jr., Plymouth.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Molly Jarvis, Sr., Churchill; 3. Natalie Puckett, Sr., Plymouth.

**100 dash:** 1. Khyli Ray, Sr., Salem; 2. Asia Gardner, Fr., John Glenn; 2. Mycah Lewis, Fr., North Farmington.

**200:** 1. Aria Moore, Soph., Farmington; 2. Elyssa Hofmann, Jr., Churchill; 3. Shekinah Johnson, Soph., Salem.

**400:** 1. Sydney Sterling, Sr., Farmington; 2. Julie Wonch, Fr., Franklin; 3. Alexandra Davis, Soph., Salem.

**800:** 1. Sydney Anderson, Sr., Churchill; 2. Karlie Gallagher, Sr., Stevenson; 3. Karen Windle, Sr., Plymouth Christian.

**1,600:** 1. Kayla Kavulich, Jr., Salem; 2. Jenna Wisner, Fr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Michelle Azar, Sr., Churchill.

**3,200:** 1. Jenny Rogers, Jr., Farmington; 2. Anya Cho, Soph., Salem; 3. Kerigan Riley, Sr., Churchill.

**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Sr.; Chanel Gardner, Fr.; Molly Jarvis, Sr.; Elyssa Hofmann, Jr.); 2. Harrison (Deja Hunter, Soph.; Priscilla Asekome, Sr.; Jazmine Skala-Wade, Sr.; Mikel Coleman, Fr.); 3. North Farmington (Karrington Seals, Jr.; Mycah Lewis, Fr.; Ashley Phillips, Jr.; Asha Freeman, Sr.).

**800 relay:** 1. Farmington (Aria Moore, Soph.; Emma Roberts, Soph.; Aaron Howell, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.); 2. Churchill (Chanel Gardner, Fr.; Sydney Anderson, Sr.; Molly Jarvis, Sr.; Elyssa Hofmann, Jr.); 3. (tie) North Farmington (Morgan Gilliam, Sr.; Mycah Lewis, Fr.; Asha McKinney, Sr.; Ashley Phillips, Jr.); Salem (Khyli Ray, Sr.; Shekinah Johnson, Soph.; Alexandra Davis, Soph.; Kelly Whalen, Soph.).

**1,600 relay:** 1. Farmington (Kara Gurney, Sr.; Aria Moore, Soph.; Aaron Howell, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.); 2. Salem (Anya Cho, Soph.; Kayla Kavulich, Jr.; Khyli Ray, Sr.; Shekinah Johnson, Soph.); 3. Churchill (Lyndsey Terberg, Jr.; Kourtney Strong, Soph.; Natalie Spala, Soph.; Julia Szuba, Sr.).

**3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Sydney Anderson, Sr.; Julia Szuba, Sr.; Kerigan Riley, Sr.; Michelle Azar, Sr.); 2. Salem (Shannon Flynn, Sr.; Alejandra Beltran, Sr.; Kati Binsfeld, Jr.; Elizabeth Tripp, Soph.); 3. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Sr.; Emily Chapski, Soph.; Barbara Scupholm, Jr.; Karlie Gallagher, Sr.).

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Dave Gerlach, Salem

finals at the state meet. She finished the season strong and has a bright future ahead of her."

**Kirsten Smith, Sr., Westland Glenn (300 hurdles):** The senior earned all-state honors by placing third in the Division 1 finals, matching her career best with a clocking of 44.6.

Smith, headed to Michigan State, was also a state qualifier in the 100 hurdles (15.1) after winning both hurdles titles at the regional. She also won the Kensington Conference and KLA Association titles in the 300 hurdles.

Smith was also the Golden Triangle and Larry Steeb Meet of Champions winner in the 300 hurdles.

"Kirsten is an amazing student athlete and person who led our team for the past three seasons on-and-off the track," coach James Fitzgerald said. "Her dedication to track and field and academics is outstanding and has allowed her to accomplish so much. She has a passion for competing and hurdling that has allowed her to become one of the best in the state. It has been such a joy to coach Kirsten and we will truly miss her at Glenn."

**Khyli Ray, Sr., Salem (100 dash):** Nothing was about to stop Salem's senior speedster this season and she amassed plenty of outstanding accomplishments, sparking the Rocks to the KLA Central Division title. In the 100-meter dash, her personal best of 12.28 seconds earned her a Salem school record.

Ray's talents were matched by her



Chelsea Savage Harrison



Emily Norscia Churchill



Ayanna Buckley Clarenceville



Aaron Howell Farmington



Jane McCurry Plymouth



Maya Roberts Harrison



Kirsten Smith John Glenn



Khyli Ray Salem



Aria Moore Farmington



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Demi Crossman Churchill



Chanel Gardner Churchill



Molly Jarvis Churchill



Elyssa Hofmann Churchill



Kara Gurney Farmington



Emma Roberts Farmington



Julia Szuba Churchill

## TRACK & FIELD BESTS

See page B4 for a complete list of girls track and field best efforts.



Kerigan Riley Churchill



Michelle Azar Churchill



Dave Gerlach Salem coach

versatility. She was a state qualifier in the 100 dash and three relays (400, 800, 1600).

At the D1 regional and KLA Kensington Conference championships, the team captain placed first both in the 100 dash and 1,600 relay. She also was part of Salem's record 400 relay team.

Capping it all off, Ray was named the Rock Solid Most Valuable Athlete at the team awards banquet. "Khyli's senior year was nothing short of spectacular," coach Dave Gerlach said. "Khyli's leadership combined with her speed and competitiveness took this team to the next level."

**Aria Moore, Soph., Farmington (200):** The sophomore is the city and OAA White Division champion in the 200 and 100 dashes. She finished second at the regional in the 200 and was ninth in the final race at the state meet. Moore also was a key member of Farmington's sprint relay teams.

"Aria really started coming into her own this season," Bridges said. "She took part in breaking three school records (200-meter dash, 400 and 800 relays), and she placed in two events at the state finals. Aria ran very consistently during the course of the season in a variety of events. That ability allowed the team to have a very successful campaign. Aria also works very well in practice and has the potential to get faster."

**Sydney Sterling, Sr., Farmington (400):** A four-year standout for the Falcons, Sterling was instrumental in the program's success during that time, which includes an OAA White Division championship this year. In the 400 meters, she was first in the city meet, second in the division, third in the regional and 12th in the state. Sterling also was the OAA runner-up in the 200 and played a key role in Farmington's successful relays.

"By the middle of April, Sydney really started to jell with her workouts, and that led to tremendous confidence in her abilities," Bridges said. "Sydney was a rock for the Falcons this season, running everything from the 100 to the 800. Every race was a quality race and her teammates came to depend on her skill and spirit. No one can get her teammates fired up like Sydney!"

**Sydney Anderson, Sr., Liv. Churchill (800):** The senior earned four varsity letters and a total of 11 during athletic career.

Anderson was a state qualifier in both the 800 (2:23.7) and 400 (59.7), along with both the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

"Sydney had an outstanding career for us and topped it off with a great senior year," Daugherty said. "She is one of the hardest working kids I've been around and she got everything out of her talent. I'm very proud to have coached her and will miss her as she moves to Aquinas College."

**Kayla Kavulich, Jr., Salem (1,600):** Knows what this junior will do for an encore in her senior season, but the rest of the KLA is shuddering at the

very thought. Kavulich qualified for the D1 finals in three events (1600 run, 800 run and 1,600 relay) and captured all-state honors by finishing seventh in the mile run with a time of 4:56.73.

Named Salem's Rock Solid Most Valuable Athlete at the team banquet, she earned D1 regional, association and conference championships in the 800 run. She also was regional champion in the mile run and 1,600 relay.

"Kayla is the epitome of the perfect track athlete," Gerlach said. "Speed, strength, determination and a work ethic second to none make her dangerous in any event that she competes in."

**Jenny Rogers, Jr., Farmington (3,200):** Rogers was the area's best in this event during the past season. She was the OAA White runner-up to West Bloomfield star Erin Finn in the 3,200 and 1,600 runs, and she placed sixth at the regional in the 3,200. Rogers is the FPS city champion in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

"Twenty-thirteen was a breakout season for Jenny in track and field," Bridges said. "Jenny brought a determined mindset with her from cross country season. She trained very well from August to June, and it paid off with personal records in every event she entered, culminating with a school record (11:05.99) in the 3,200 run at the Oakland County championships. Jenny's success is well deserved; she is truly one of the area's best distance runners."

**FIRST-TEAM RELAYS**  
**Churchill, 400 (Demi Crossman, Sr.; Chanel Gardner, Fr.; Molly Jarvis, Sr.; Elyssa Hofmann, Jr.):** This quartet earned Division 1 regional and Kensington Conference titles highlighted by a season-best time of 49.6.

They wound up 15th overall in the state finals.

Crossman, Jarvis and Hofmann were all members of last year's state qualifying squad.

"We had a replace a 2012 all-area runner in Leah Heinzelman and Chanel, a freshman did an outstanding job doing just that with a great back stretch," Daugherty said. "Demi and Molly were four-year varsity track athletes and multiple state qualifier. Elyssa was our closer and she is the best in the area at finding a way to win coming down the stretch."

**Farmington, 800 (Aria Moore, Soph.; Emma Roberts, Soph.; Aaron Howell, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.):** Farmington's record-setting team was second in the regional at North Farmington and fifth in the D-1 state meet.

"Those four girls were able to set the school record (1:42.54) twice this season because of contributions from Tyler Bland and Kara Gurney," Bridges said. "Those six girls were virtually interchangeable during the season, creating a terrific dynamic and motivating everyone to achieve their best."

**Farmington, 1,600 (Kara Gurney,**

**Sr.; Aria Moore, Soph.; Aaron Howell, Sr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.):** The Falcons were second in the regional at North Farmington and the Oakland County meet. The Falcons were eighth in the D-1 state meet.

"They ran our fastest times this season, including 3:59 at the Oakland County championships — the second best in Falcon history," Bridges said. "The 4x400 was a source of pride for the Falcons all season with the girls knowing they had the ability to beat anyone, anytime, at any given meet. This relay also received contributions from the sprint and distance groups throughout the season."

**Churchill, 3,200 (Sydney Anderson, Sr.; Julia Szuba, Sr.; Kerigan Riley, Sr.; Michelle Azar, Sr.):** This relay, made up of four-year varsity performers, ran a season-best 9:43.4 at the state finals to finish 15th overall.

"We have been very fortunate to have nine girls come through, all earning four-year varsity letters," Daugherty said of the regional champion and Kensington Conference runner-up. "Julia was a new member from the previous year and she did an outstanding job for us. We can't say enough about Sydney, Kerigan and Michelle as well. They are great athletes who are great kids who almost always do great things and this relay team did that this year."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Dave Gerlach, Salem:** The veteran Salem girls cross country coach added the girls track and field program to his plate this year and had a sensational "rookie" year.

The Rocks just about did it all, winning the KLA Central Division title for the first time in more than a decade, taking second both in the KLA Kensington Conference and D1 regional finals.

Out of the 70 athletes on the roster, there were 14 different state qualifiers, five individual conference champions, seven regional champions, seven school records and more than 30 varsity winners.

Salem also placed third at the elite Oxford Invitational and had two first-team, All-Observerland winners.

"We had a tremendous core group of athletes that worked very hard and helped this program back to where it should be," Gerlach said. "I am proud of the direction this program has taken this year."

Gerlach added that what he did to help create "a positive, organized atmosphere where athletes' talents are maximized," could not have been possible without plenty of help.

"This can not be done alone in a sport like track & field with 17 different events," he stressed. "It takes a dedicated and passionate group of people and we had that this year with great assistant coaches and booster club."

"I was blessed this year with great assistants and a hard working bunch of athletes."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Ladywood's Rachel Hendrickson puts the bat on the ball.

## LADYWOOD

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with two outs and bases loaded," Combs said. "It just slipped a little bit by us. That was really a game-changer, I think, because if we make that catch, we come in with momentum. I thought we were putting the ball in play and maybe we can get a bunt down; then something would happen. But that's what it is — a game of inches."

Tecumseh added another run in the fifth, when Kelsea Kaliszuk led off with a single followed by a Ladywood error, a sacrifice bunt, walk and another sacrifice bunt by Morgan Monahan.

Kaliszuk then added an RBI single in the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field spoiled any dreams of a Ladywood comeback.

"That three-run triple was extremely huge," Tecumseh coach Jeff Nowak said. "It took a little pressure off Emily, and she just kind of cruised from there. Hill did that Tuesday (vs. Stevensville Lakeshore) for us in the quarters. She had three hits and three or four RBI. She's been doing that all year for us, too. It's just a great person to have in the middle of the lineup for us."

"We're strong one through seven (hitters), for sure. Eight and nine (batters) have come through for us as well."

Ladywood got only five runners on base against Maves, who used her screwball and rise pitches to get the Blazers out.

"She's been doing it like this the last three

or four weeks for us," Nowak said of his ace. "She was on fire. She only missed four or five pitches tonight, but other than that she was spot on."

"They (Blazers) have a couple of strong hitters. Four hits tonight and a couple of hard shots, but we made the plays."

Ladywood senior third baseman Celeste Fidge, bound for the University of Toledo, collected two of the Blazers' four hits and also sparkled defensively.

She is one of two graduating seniors, along with starting first baseman Andria Gietl. The two seniors helped Ladywood reach three Final Fours in four years.

"They both started for four years," Combs said. "They've both been captains for two. They're just true leaders. They're great practice kids. They're great kids, they stay out of trouble and they get good grades. They're what every parent would want. They're just tremendous role models for all these young girls."

But the future looks bright as 16 of 18 Ladywood roster players are slated to return next season.

"If you had told me a hundred days ago that we'd be able to get back here, I wouldn't have believed it," Combs said. "We had a lot to learn, a lot to cover."

"With the six and seven freshmen, we were able to teach them how we do things, and we only lose two people out of 18. So we hope the scale keeps going up."

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Ladywood pitcher Rozlyn Price delivers to the plate while first baseman Andria Gietl gets ready to make a play.

## SUMMER CAMPS

### Patriot football

The Franklin Football Future Patriots camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1, grades one-six) and 12:30-3 p.m. (Session 2, grades seven-nine) Saturday, June 15, at the high school fieldhouse and stadium, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$25 per session.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org.

### Glenn football

Westland John Glenn will stage two sessions of football camps starting with juniors and seniors from 6-9 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 17-19 for freshmen and sophomores, 5-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

For more information about registration and cost, call coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329; or email hardint@wwcsd.net.

## COUGARS

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pitched an outstanding game. She gave us a chance. The only ball they hit really well all day happened to be with nobody out in the seventh inning."

The Cougars put runners on first and second in the top of the first when, with two outs, Abby Joseph singled and Kaylen Glenfield walked. But Leppek got Gabby Quintana on a called third strike.

GC's other big threat unfolded in the sixth when they loaded the bases but failed to score. With one out in the sixth, Joseph was hit by a pitch before Quintana and Kelsie Powell walked with two outs. But Leppek came through when she needed to, striking out Julene Pummill to end the frame.

The game was loaded with brilliant defense plays. The Cougars' finest effort came in the bottom of the second when center fielder Pummill sprinted into right-center to take a hit away from Batschke with a runner on second and two outs.

Bommarito helped her own cause in the third when she speared a line drive off the bat of Western leadoff hitter Meredith Rousse.

Western's defensive

gems were turned in by right fielder Madison Brewer, who went horizontal to make a diving catch on a foul fly off the bat of Powell, and third baseman Diondra Heading, who dove head-first into the fence to snare a foul pop off the bat of Allie Lynn.

Western only advanced three runners as far as second base before Popp's pivotal two-bagger in the seventh.

"This team exceeded everyone's expectations this season," Patterson said. "Losing 1-0 in the seventh inning in the state semifinal game is not something to be upset about. But it is heart-breaking for the girls, because they knew we were just one swing away from being in the finals tomorrow."

With only two seniors on this season's roster, the Cougars should be contenders again in 2014.

"Even though we have a lot of good players coming back, we still have to make a lot of improvements to get back here next year," Patterson acknowledged. "Things fell just right for us this season and we took advantage of them. But it's not easy getting here; that's for sure."

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Garden City's Rachel Bommarito delivers the final pitch of the game — a sacrifice fly that scored Kelsie Popp (seen on third base).



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Garden City fans show their support for the Cougars at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

# Plymouth golfers 2nd after Day 1

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Forest Akers West Golf Course at Michigan State University might have been "all wet" Friday for the opening day of the Division 1 boys golf finals.

But that did not apply to the Kyle Rodes-led Plymouth Wildcats, who finished the first 18 holes in second place with a total of 302 — just three strokes behind Day 1 leader Battle Creek Lakeview, the top-ranked team in the state.

Rounding out the top five were Mona Shores (305), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (307) and (tied for fifth with 309 each) Hartland and White Lake Lakeland. In 14th with a 332 tally was Canton.

Rodes sank two birdies late in his round to finish with an even-par 72, good for the top spot headed into Saturday's Day 2 of the finals.

"We sure hope the course is in better case tomorrow," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said.

"But if it's wet again, then it's going to be wet conditions for every team in the state."

"I really liked the way our guys handled the course conditions today. It was not an easy day to play. I know they had to alter their approach to their entire short game and they did it with great composure, which is why we stand right now with a chance to win."

Also strong for the Wildcats was junior John Tatti, third overall with a 1-over 73 out of Plymouth's No. 4 spot in the lineup.

"He was outstanding today, he was so ready to play," Brandon said. "The thing I noticed most about Tatti today was he had a blast out there."

"He had a smile and he was loose. He didn't let any pressure get to him. He had his best round of the year."

Other Plymouth scorers included junior Chris Kozler (78), junior Evan Chipman (79) and senior Ryan Rieckhoff (83).

According to Brandon, the soggy course conditions forced golfers to sink long putts in order to stay close to the top of the leader board.

"His (Rodes') putter saved him today on numerous occasions and it needed to, because the course was soaking wet," Brandon noted. "They had a lot of rain go through East Lansing yesterday, and it was very difficult to chip along the greens."

"All guys had to make (long) putts today if they were going to manage their scores and stay around par."

Canton sophomore Donnie Trospen led the Chiefs with a 77. Finishing with an 83 was junior Brent Perry.

Also finishing Day 1 for the Chiefs were Noah Lindlbauer and Tyler McMahan (86 each) and senior Alex Champagne (88).

Among individual qualifiers was Livonia Churchill's Alec Kondrath, with an 86.

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## GIRLS TRACK & FIELD BESTS

<b>SHOT PUT</b>	<b>100-METER HURDLES</b>	<b>800</b>
Chelsea Savage (Harrison) 42-8	Aaron Howell (Farmington) 14.7	Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 2:15.17
Aaron Howell (Farmington) 37-1	Karrington Seals (N. Farmington) 14.9	Sydney Anderson (Churchill) 2:23.7
Kyla Roland (Harrison) 36-10	Maya Roberts (Harrison) 15.0	Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson) 2:25.0
Tionne Johnson (Plymouth) 36-8.5	Kirsten Smith (John Glenn) 15.1	Anya Cho (Salem) 2:25.14
Kaylon Brown (Harrison) 36-4	Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 15.4	Karen Windle (Ply. Christian) 2:25.98
Amber Warren (Canton) 36-3	Holly Stark (Plymouth) 15.6	Celeste White (Mercy) 2:26.35
Quay Nichols (Wayne) 36-0.1	Arielle Paris (Thurston) 15.8	Jenna Wisner (Luth. Westland) 2:26.7
Amy Lewandowski (Ladywood) 35-10.5	Mikel Coleman (Harrison) 16.0	Julia Szuba (Churchill) 2:27.39
Emily Meier (Canton) 35-9.25	Taelour Phillips (John Glenn) 16.5	Alejandra Beltran (Salem) 2:28.06
Oly Nwankwo (Stevenson) 35-1.25	Natalie Puckett (Plymouth) 16.5	Jenna Hickson (Churchill) 2:30.18
<b>DISCUS</b>	<b>300 HURDLES</b>	<b>1,600</b>
Emily Norscia (Churchill) 131-0	Aaron Howell (Farmington) 44.1	Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 4:56.73
Shara Long (Salem) 120-2	Kirsten Smith (John Glenn) 44.6	Anya Cho (Salem) 5:19.02
Tionne Johnson (Plymouth) 118-11	Molly Jarvis (Churchill) 46.6	Jenny Rogers (Farmington) 5:22.3
Dana Blakenship (Salem) 117-10	Natalie Puckett (Plymouth) 46.9	Jenna Wisner (Luth. Westland) 5:25.46
Chelsea Savage (Harrison) 117-6	Micah Willingham (C'ville) 47.01	Michelle Azar (Churchill) 5:27.3
Rebecca Falzon (Salem) 114-9	Nancy Krutty (Salem) 48.16	Kerigan Riley (Churchill) 5:28.3
Kyla Roland (Harrison) 111-6	Gabby Williams (Canton) 48.48	Olivia McIntee (Canton) 5:28.89
Emily Meier (Canton) 108-4	Holly Stark (Plymouth) 49.5	Ellary Marano (Franklin) 5:30.2
Kayln Brown (Harrison) 106-3	Karrington Seals (N. Farmington) 48.54	Alejandra Beltran (Salem) 5:31.4
Joi Johnson (Farmington) 105-5	Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 49.7	Natalie Douglas (Franklin) 5:34.0
Shelby Malone (Farmington) 105-5	<b>100 DASH</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>	Khyli Ray (Salem) 11.8	Jenny Rogers (Farmington) 11:05.99
Ayanna Buckley (Clarenceville) 5-6	Ayanna Buckley (Clarenceville) 12.1	Anya Cho (Salem) 11:15.31
Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 5-5	Shekinah Johnson (Salem) 12.1	Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 11:39.0
Katherine Harris (Plymouth) 5-4	Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill) 12.1	Kerigan Riley (Churchill) 11:56.12
Aaron Howell (Farmington) 5-4	Myciah Lewis (N. Farmington) 12.4	Natalie Douglas (Franklin) 11:58.9
Julie Wonch (Franklin) 5-1	Asia Gardner (John Glenn) 12.4	Vivien Okechukwu (Churchill) 12:03.37
Eryka Ely (Mercy) 5-1	Madison Agnew (Franklin) 12.4	Shannon Flynn (Salem) 12:05.4
Taylor Rieckhoff (Plymouth) 5-1	Aria Moore (Farmington) 12.4	Jenna Wisner (Luth. Westland) 12:08.1
Minta Whitaker (GC) 5-1	Charity Green (Mercy) 12.5	Erin Hardin (Farmington) 12:14.0
Angela Morrison (Luth. Westland) 5-0	Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 12.5	Brianna Lax (Plymouth) 12:21.2
Jamaya Dixon (RU) 5-0	<b>200</b>	<b>400 RELAY</b>
<b>LONG JUMP</b>	Aria Moore (Farmington) 25.3	Livonia Churchill 49.7
Aaron Howell (Farmington) 19-1.25	Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill) 25.4	Farmington Harrison 49.7
Taylor Rieckhoff (Plymouth) 16-8.75	Asia Gardner (John Glenn) 25.5	North Farmington 49.7
Brianna Jed (Stevenson) 16-6	Shekinah Johnson (Salem) 25.5	Farmington 49.9
Micah Willingham (C'ville) 16-3	Kirsten Smith (John Glenn) 25.5	Salem 50.0
Kayla Jones (John Glenn) 16-3	Ayanna Buckley (C'ville) 26.0	<b>800 RELAY</b>
Natalie Modes (Franklin) 16-2.75	Sydney Sterling (N. Farmington) 26.2	Farmington 1:42.54
Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 16-2	Myciah Lewis (N. Farmington) 26.4	Livonia Churchill 1:45.08
Jamaya Dixon (RU) 15-11.75	Emma Roberts (Farmington) 26.4	North Farmington 1:45.88
Karrington Seals (N. Farmington) 15-9	Kayla Jones (John Glenn) 26.43	Salem 1:45.88
Deija Collier (GC) 15-7.5	<b>400</b>	Westland John Glenn 1:46.81
<b>POLE VAULT</b>	Sydney Sterling (Farmington) 58.7	<b>1,600 RELAY</b>
Jane McCurry (Plymouth) 12-0	Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 58.8	Farmington 3:59.8
Sarah Uhlman (Plymouth) 11-3	Sydney Anderson (Churchill) 59.5	Salem 4:05.1
Nancy Krutty (Salem) 11-0	Julie Wonch (Franklin) 1:00.0	Livonia Churchill 4:09.48
Taylor Rieckhoff (Plymouth) 10-10.2	Asia Gardner (John Glenn) 1:00.5	Plymouth 4:12.99
Emily Lang (Canton) 10-9	Alexandra Davis (Salem) 1:00.52	Canton 4:13.06
Sommer Pappas (Stevenson) 10-0	Kara Gurney (Farmington) 1:01.4	<b>3,200 RELAY</b>
Sheila McKinley (Franklin) 10-0	Emily Brewer (Stevenson) 1:01.74	Churchill 9:43.68
Molly Miller (Harrison) 10-0	Aria Moore (Farmington) 1:01.8	Salem 9:49.99
Amanda Fox (Churchill) 10-0	Isis Gibbs (Thurston) 1:01.86	Stevenson 10:07.9
Megan McKeenan (Plymouth) 9-10		Plymouth 10:13.7
Vici Denison (GC) 9-6		Livonia Franklin 10:22.3

## Couple fills 'rescued' yard with old-fashioned flowers

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Patty Malcolm hopes to send a message about historic preservation with the flowers that bloom, the vines that grow and the quaint buildings — including a chicken coop — that grace the backyard at “Pumpkin Hill,” a 1834 house in Plymouth.

When she and her husband, Mark, the property owners, and her mother, Golda Walker, who lives there, agreed to participate in Trailwood Garden Club’s annual Flowers Are Forever garden walk, Malcolm recognized an opportunity to show visitors so much more than just pretty blossoms.

“It’s not so much what’s in the yard. To me it’s more like, ‘yes, you can save a house and yard and it can be garden tour worthy, it just takes imagination and hard work. Yes, you can save historic homes and make them charming and unique and not make them



Roses, planted by Jack Malcolm, bloom at Pumpkin Hill.

cookie cutter,” she said.

The couple bought the house, which was in foreclosure, and its overgrown garden in 2007 after noticing a “lot for sale” sign on the site.

### FLOWERS ARE FOREVER GARDEN WALK

**What:** Trailwood Garden Club’s 18th annual garden tour

**When:** Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25

**Where:** Plymouth

**Details:** See several gardens, enjoy refreshments; no strollers permitted

**Tickets:** \$8 for adults before the event; \$10 day of the walk. Children, 12 and under, pay \$4 in advance and \$5 at the walk. Youngsters carried in arms are admitted at no charge

**Buy tickets:** Saxtons Power Equipment, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-6250; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600; Sideways, 505 Forest, (734) 453-8312; Darlene Rinke, (734) 459-7499; or Kate Kerr, (734) 455-6867



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Sisters Patty Malcolm, Martha Lisowski, and Mom Golda Walker (center) do much of the yard work at Pumpkin Hill.

“I was horrified,” Malcolm said. “All the builders wanted that lot. We bought it to save it because I always loved that house. I’ve always loved everything old. I grew up in an old house ... I’ve always had a passion for old architecture.”

They refurbished, renovated and decorated the house over the next three years, landscaped the yard two years ago and added a garage.

Visitors to the garden, one of several on the Flowers Are For-

ever tour, Tuesday, June 25, will get a graphic reminder of just how different the site looks today.

“I blew up pictures of the ‘before’ yard,” Malcolm said. “There were lawn mowers lost in the grass, washing machines, cars on blocks, grass up to the shoulders. I look at pictures now and I know why people thought we were crazy for buying it.”

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## Ponds, hostas, flowers turn Livonia backyard into a retreat

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Bruce and Debbie Modetz have never met a home improvement project they didn’t like.

Since moving into their current residence 26 years ago, the couple has remodeled their ranch-style home — it was on the Livonia Christmas Walk last year — and slowly turned their backyard into a spectacular garden retreat, complete with two ponds, a waterfall, patio, and mix of conifers, hostas and flowers.

“There is always something going on,” said Bruce Modetz. “I’m never done. My front yard isn’t much to look at. We’re in the process of tearing shrubs out. Our backyard has been looking nice for about the last 10 years. We love our back yard.”

So does the Friends of Greenmead, which recruited the Modetzes for its annual garden walk. Janet Bennett, who coordinates the annual event, set for Saturday, June 22, describes the Modetz garden as “exquisite.”

“We had to have that on



Hostas of all sizes and hues grow in the Modetz back yard.

the walk,” she said.

Bruce Modetz kept his late father, Frank, in mind when he agreed to

open his garden to the public.

“He was a big volunteer at Greenmead. He was a

### LIVONIA GARDEN WALK

**What:** Presented by Friends of Greenmead

**When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 22

**Where:** Livonia

**Details:** Visit six gardens, including one that is a wildlife habitat, and support Greenmead, Livonia’s historical village. Proceeds from the event benefit the renovation of Hill House, an 1841 farmhouse

**Tickets:** \$9 before the walk and \$10 the day of the walk

**Buy tickets:** Greenmead Historical Village, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh; Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile; Alfred Nobel Branch Library, 32901 Plymouth Road; and Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile, in advance. On the day of the event, tickets will be available at Greenmead and at the Civic Center Library

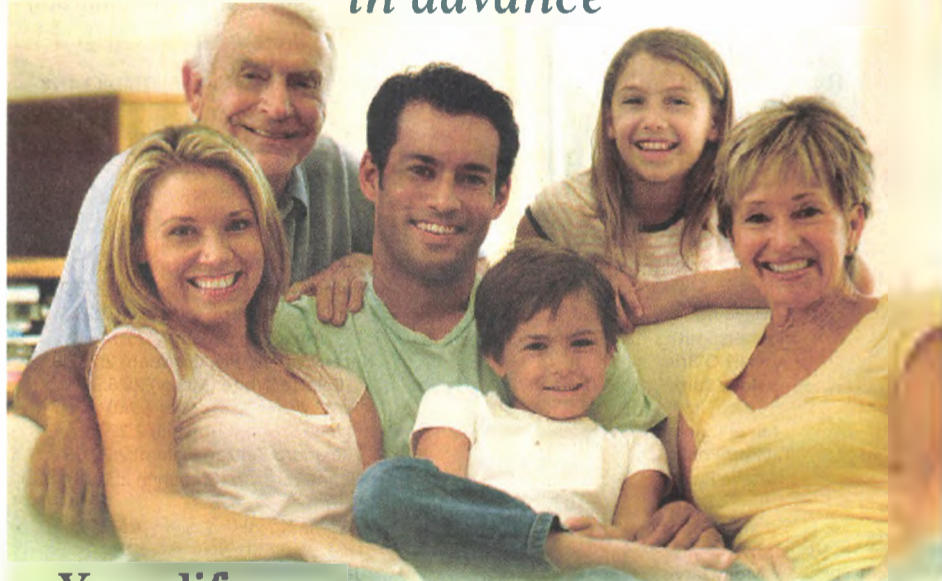
big supporter,” he said.

Modetz grew up in Livonia and he and Debbie

raised two sons in their

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The inviting patio of Pumpkin Hill in Plymouth.

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## PLYMOUTH

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### Transformation

The Malcolms replaced the blight with old-fashioned perennials for a "farmhouse look," low-maintenance landscaping, neat plant beds with rock borders, and a brick paver patio that's perfect for outdoor lounging. The shed, chicken coop and some of the objects they found in the overgrown grass six years ago, accent the plants. Antique urns from Walker's former home overflow with annuals.

The process has been a community effort, with Malcolm and her sister, Martha Lisowski, adding annuals this year, Mark Malcolm weeding, mulching and maintaining the landscape plan, and Walker removing faded blossoms. A neighbor plans to lend the Malcolms several pots of flowers to add more color to the yard during the tour; another friend has offered sweet



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Antique urn comes from Mom, Golda Walker's home in Tawas.

pea plants.

"My mom is in the family room a lot, looking out the window. What she is looking at is extremely important. It's important that where she's sitting in the house, she has a view of beautiful things ... something that my mom can enjoy."

Tour visitors can expect to see larkspur, roses, foxglove, phlox, bee balm, delphinium, sweet pea, as well as annuals like petunias. Look for a pumpkin vine near the garage.



A waterfall and statuary grace one of two ponds at the Modetz home.



The gate at the Modetz home in Livonia offers a clue about the aquatic residents in two backyard pools.

## Take a garden tour

Here's a sampling of other area garden walks:

- See eight gardens during the Wayne Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 22. Vendors and a white elephant sale will be included. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 on the day of the walk. Call (734) 721-8232 for more information.

- The Southfield Parks & Garden Club will hold its seventh annual Garden Walk from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, June 23. The walk will feature 20 yards in the Mt. Vernon Place Neighborhood, bounded by Lahser Road, Winchester (11 1/2 Mile), Virginia and Paul Revere streets. Tickets are \$10 and are available the day of the event. The garden walk starts at the Stevenson Elementary School, 27777 Lahser, Southfield. Two shuttle buses will make a continuous loop through the neighborhoods. Yards on display are clustered in eight areas.

- Garden City Garden Club's walk runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Tickets for this 19th annual event are \$8, available from Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland; gcgc.weebly.com.

## LIVONIA

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current home, which came with a "beat-up, above ground pool" in the back yard. They tore the pool down after eight years and decided to re-do the area.

"That's actually what started us re-doing the back yard," Modetz said.

After restoring the lawn that had been damaged by the pool, they added brick pavers and a retaining wall — and then one thing led to another. Modetz installed his first of two pools, a 2,800-gallon home to approximately nine koi. Four years later he installed a 6,000-gallon pond and waterfall in a corner of the yard. It holds up to 30 fish.

"They are an offspring of carp. They come in all different colors. I have one that's all white, with one red spot. He looks like the Japanese flag," Modetz said. "It's a great hobby."

He says the fish can discern the difference between footsteps of approaching strangers and his own on the ponds'

adjacent decks.

"They know from the sound and the pressure," he said, adding that they'll come to the surface with mouths open when he or Debbie approaches.

"They love watermelon. We feed them watermelon in the summer. We give them frozen peas, oranges cut in half."

Modetz, an accountant who is in "semi-retirement," and his wife, a nurse at Garden City Hospital, both also enjoy working with the plants in their back yard.

"It's a sea of flowers back there. We move them around, especially our hostas. We're into hostas," Modetz said. "We've got probably 15-20 miniatures and then some as large as two-three-foot wide."

Debbie keeps a photo album of them. Modetz said she takes it along when she shops for more plants.

The couple spends five hours weekly in the garden and with the Greenmead walk coming up, they're busy with finishing touches in the yard.

"We don't mind it," Modetz said. "It's a labor of love."

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### Butterflies

Learn why native plants are important for butterfly gardening and are among the most durable plants you can grow in your garden, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking is on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 fee for non-members. Call (734) 223-5510 or visit [www.sembabutterfly.com](http://www.sembabutterfly.com).

### In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hikes are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 21 and July 19 and 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23.

Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Hikes will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register for the hike at [rec-reg.fhgov.com](http://rec-reg.fhgov.com). You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. on Friday from June 21-Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. For more information, call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135.

### English Gardens

- Garden experts will share their list of best garden perennials and will provide tips on selecting plants and caring for them throughout the season, during "Perennial Gardening 101," a free presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 and 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29.
- Learn to keep critters at bay in the garden, at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6.
- Kids can make leaf and flower prints at a free workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9.

## Crohn's & Colitis Foundation



JULIE YOLLES

Fritzi Rott (left) of Farmington Hills; Walter Schram, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation past board president; Jodi Schram of Bloomfield Hills; and Kim Schram of West Bloomfield enjoy the sixth annual Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Michigan Chapter luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club. Style was right on par with golf at the event. Saks Fifth Avenue, an annual partner and sponsor of the benefit, presented an elaborate and enticing summer trends fashion show led by Cheryl Hall Lindsay, Saks marketing director.

## REUNIONS

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### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

#### CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at [khay@reinhartrealtors.com](mailto:khay@reinhartrealtors.com) or Dianna (Basnaw) McDaniel at [djmcandaniel45@comcast.net](mailto:djmcandaniel45@comcast.net).

#### CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to [BellevilleMI1973.40@comcast.net](mailto:BellevilleMI1973.40@comcast.net) or call Laura (Kingsley) Delsh at (734) 485-2744 or Sterling at (734) 265-6132.

### DETROIT CENTRAL

#### CLASS OF 1953

The class will celebrate its 60th reunion at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile at Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. For more information call Bernice Nedelman Betman at (248) 737-5773 or Marcia Sussman King at (248) 661-3422.

### DETROIT CODY

#### CLASS OF 1963

The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at The Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets are \$40. Contact Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, [jmarsares@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmarsares@sbcglobal.net), or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, [Pvarilone@wowway.com](mailto:Pvarilone@wowway.com).

#### CLASSES FROM 50S AND 60S

Annual picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, will include music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, tassels, and more. Special parking will be available for classic cars along with plenty of parking for non-classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register, just show up. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, [pvarilone@wowway.com](mailto:pvarilone@wowway.com) or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, [jmarsares@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmarsares@sbcglobal.net).

High School in the 50s and 60s. The event runs noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, near Farmington Road. It will include music, memorabilia, and camaraderie. Participants may bring their own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and music CDs also will be available. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at (734) 377-4009 or e-mail [mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com). Visit the website at <http://www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960>.

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#### CLASSES OF THE 50S AND 60S

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the website of party planner Celebrations To Remember at [www.celebrations2remember.com](http://www.celebrations2remember.com) click on the reunion section. Or call (734) 261-3264.

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#### CLASS OF 1963

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### GARDEN CITY

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A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135.

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**ALBERTINI, HORTENSIA**

Birmingham, October 4, 1947-June 11, 2013. Hortensia was born October 4, 1947 in Havana, Cuba. She was the daughter of Jose Barandiaran and Hortensia Meneses Diaz-Albertini. Hortensia is survived by her only daughter, Lisette (Palicio) Poletes, her son-in-law George Poletes and her grandson James Poletes of Okemos, MI. Brothers Billy (Isabel), Pepito and sister Annie (Mike) and her nieces and nephews Miriam, Raul, Alexandra, Adrian, Jason, Christopher and Jacqui. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister Maria Elena Muller. She is also survived by her soul mate, Mr. Kim Raymond, his children Blake (Jaclyn), Amy (Brady) and grandchildren Jeremiah, Skylar, Madison, Hailey and Riley. In addition, Hortensia is survived by her beloved dogs, Chloe, Karley, Kingston, Sophie and Sadie. Hortensia was an entrepreneur, an educator, and a philanthropist. In 1979 she started her own home-based company with just a phone and a filing cabinet. Her passion and dedication to teaching students Spanish, her native language, helped her business grow to international heights as one of the leading training, translations and expatriate services companies in the world for nearly 35 years. She was also a community activist in the fight against breast cancer. As a survivor herself, she supported Beaumont Hospital's Clinical Trials and volunteered in the Oncology division to educate patients and caregivers on the benefits of these treatments. She was an avid lover of animals, and supported organizations such as the Michigan Humane Society. Hortensia was a passionate and loving person whose positive energy could light up a room. She loved people and held an open heart to everyone she met. Friends, family, colleagues, clients and students may come celebrate the life of Hortensia on Thursday, June 20th at 11:00am at The Congregational Church of Birmingham with Reverend Louise R. Ott officiating, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 48304 with a reception immediately following. The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to www.HomeFunEver.com Please share your memories at <http://www.iorial.com/HortensiaAlbertini/> A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. Also view obituary and share memories at [DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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**WALKER, MARK G.**

December 2, 1953 - June 8, 2013 Mark G. Walker age 59, of Winona, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 8, 2013. He was born December 2, 1953 to Roscoe and Betty (Lyberg) Walker in Dearborn, Michigan. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1972 and from Eastern Michigan University in 1977. He married high school sweetheart, Barbara (Baumgartner) in Plymouth, Michigan. Since 1986, they have made their home in Winona, Minnesota. Mark began work at TRW in 1986. He retired in 2008 as a Supplier Development Manager. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Barb; son Jon (Allison) Walker of Maple Grove, Minnesota; daughter, Leslie Walker of Bristol, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Dylan and Morgan Walker; sister, Rita (James) Kennedy. His parents, Roscoe and Betty Walker, preceded him in death. He was passionate about family, computers, Tiger Baseball, stereos, and gadgets. He was probably the most loyal Detroit Lions fan that has ever lived. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. with visitation starting at 1:00 p.m. at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, Winona, MN. Officiating will be Rev. Michelle Rem. Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at [fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com](http://fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com). Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winona.



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

**BORTINS, AINA**

Wife of John, mother of John, Richard and Robert, and grandmother of Ian, Trevor, Robert, John, David and William died peacefully at home in Seven Lakes, North Carolina on 9 June 2013 after several months of failing health. She was born on 19 August 1925 in Jaunpiebalga, Latvia where she enjoyed a well-to-do upbringing until the beginning of World War II in 1939. She survived 3 invasions of her homeland by the armed forces of the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. After end of the war, she spent 5 years in a refugee camp in Germany where she met fellow Latvian, survivor, and the love of her life, John Bortins, and gave birth to her first son John. In 1950, the United States government granted permission to the young family to immigrate and in November of that year they arrived in America to begin this welcome adventure. The family subsequently settled in Plymouth, Michigan, earned citizenship and gained 2 new children, Richard and Robert. Aina helped increase the family's prosperity by efficient and thrifty homemaking as well as providing love and guidance to her 3 boys. While her sons were earning their college degrees, Aina became one of 2 part-time school employees in a pilot program providing student supervision during lunch time, recess and bus loading and unloading at Farrand Elementary School. This program was ultimately rolled out to more schools in the Plymouth School District in Michigan. At the time of her retirement, she was the longest serving part-time employee in the district. She greatly enjoyed working with children all those years. Thyroid cancer, the death of husband John after they moved to North Carolina and the onset of blindness due to macular degeneration after she moved to Louisville, Colorado darkened her retirement years but she drew on her experiences as a wartime survivor and strove to maintain her independence and self-reliance as long as possible. Friends and family helped when necessary and Aina moved back to North Carolina 4 years ago to be closer to family.

Online condolences may be left at: [www.bolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.bolesfuneralhome.com) Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc in Pinehurst will be assisting the family.



**EGAN, JOSEPH LAWRENCE**

Joseph [Larry] Lawrence Egan, 77, peacefully passed into the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at the home he shared together with his surviving and loving wife Rose Egan in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Father Gundry of Santa Fe was present and performed last rites just prior to his passing. Joseph and Rose were wed at the Church of the Holy Faith, on October 9, 2002 and for 11 years were joyfully and happily married in Santa Fe, New Mexico; a home he greatly cherished and enjoyed traveling. Joseph was born in Highland Park, Wayne County, Michigan on June 25, 1935 and is now joined in heaven with his parent's Ambrose and Florence Egan and wives, Shirley and Nancy; brothers Ernie and Jimmy; and two precious grandsons, Jessie and Jordan. Joseph is survived in loving remembrance by his brother Charles Egan, his wife Ellen, sister in law Patricia, and Joseph's children: Daniel, Michelle, Renee and her husband Dale, along with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; additionally by his extended family of children; Cherie, Ronnie and Liz, Tammy and Laurence and Gregg; two grandchildren and one great granddaughter. The graveside memorial service will be held at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 11:00am. Interment and notification of wake will follow the ceremony.



**SOPHIEA, MARY K.**

June 12, 2013, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Ralph. Dear sister of Penelope Majeske, Christine Strumbos, and the late Helen Mathieson, Nicholas Kantgias, and John Kantgias. Aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Sunday (today) 4-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver), 248-362-2500, with Trisagion at 6 p.m. Funeral Service Monday 10 a.m. at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 W. Wattles Rd., Troy. Visitation at church begins 9:30 a.m. Memorial Tributes to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

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**FITZNER, CONSTANCE (CONNIE)**

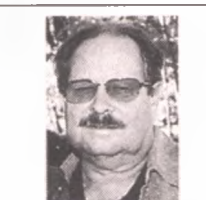
Plymouth, MI went to the Lord's home on Saturday June 1, 2013. She was born in Chicora, PA to parents William Mills and Wardie Donaldson. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School and received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. She worked at Michigan Bell Telephone Co for over 40 years, and was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, MI. She was loved by many and will be sorely missed. She was very active in her community and belonged to many organizations. She was president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, one of the founding members and president of the Mayflower Button Club, a founding member of the German Club, a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, a member of the Civil War Round Table, and recently inducted into the Daughter's of the American Revolution, and was a published poet. Connie lived a passionate and energetic life, always on the go. She was constantly off to some function, bringing food and gifts to others, preparing for an event, or figuring out how to help someone else. As a collector of friends, she often gathered and included her friends in many of her passions. Connie is survived by her daughter, Dolores Vincent, son Richard (& Tanya) Aldrich, grandchildren Scott (& Meghan) Aldrich, Wendy (& Jeff) Kuehn, Brad (& Karen) Aldrich, and Cheryl (& Sergei) Vincent and 6 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husbands, Frank B. Aldrich and Robert Fitzner, special friend Herman Wedemeyer, sisters Anita and Helen, and brother Don. Per Connie's wishes, a private family service was held June 8, 2013 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Historical Museum or to Friends of the Penn. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



**GOEBEL, LORINE**

Passed away June 11, 2013 at the age of 101. She was a resident of Venice, Florida, formerly of Plymouth. Lorine was born June 9, 1912 to Hermon and Iva (Socow) Schmidt. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Paul. She is the dear mother of Robert, Terry and Pauline. Lorine is also survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Private family services will be held. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project. Arrangements entrusted to Schradler-Howell Funeral Home.

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**GROVES, DOUGLAS ROY**

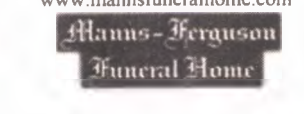
Age 69. Beloved husband of Judy. Dear father of Jody (Mark) Cooper and Keith. Loving grandfather of Spencer and Grace. Brother of Sandra Taylor, Steven (Faith), William (Mary), Barbara (Garnet) Hampton, Mary Groves and the late Beverly. Nephew of Hazel Borst. Visiting Thursday 3-8 pm with a funeral service Friday 11 am at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Between 6 & 7 Mile). Interment at Parkview Cemetery.

Charles Step Funeral Home and Cremation Services



**HOLT, AARON:**

June 6, 2013, age 85. Beloved husband of Margaret. Brother of Shirley Shandera, Dorothy Palm and the late Gloria Sterling. Dear friend of Linda and Larry Hatfield. Life member of Knights of Columbus. Family will receive friends on Saturday, June 22, 9:30 AM until time of Mass 10:00 at St. Valentine Catholic Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford, followed by Committal Service at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by: Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 734-425-1800. Share a memory: [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)



**KIRKPATRICK, CHARLES B. "CHUCK"**

Died peacefully at home, in Bloomfield Village, MI surrounded by his family, on June 10, 2013. It was his 85th birthday. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis and the late Gretchen. Dear father of Tom (Sue), Carol Kirkpatrick Jackman (Ed), David (Lynn) and Don (Katie). Loving grandfather of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Katherine Kirkpatrick Bos, Rob Kirkpatrick, Anne Kirkpatrick Breithaupt, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Emily Jackman, Patrick Jackman, William Jackman, Julia Kirkpatrick and William Kirkpatrick. Brother of Julia Kirkpatrick McKinney (Mark). Memorial service Monday 11a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., (Lone Pine west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48025 or Oakland County Crossroads for Youth, 930 E. Draher Rd., P.O. Box 9, Oxford, MI 48371.

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**LASKOSKY, DOUGLAS N.**

55, of Farmington Hills; suddenly June 12, 2013. Doug was a 1975 graduate of Farmington High School; and a Sergeant in the US Marine Corps. He was survived by Judy, his beloved wife of 31 years; his cherished children, Bradley and Amy; his loving siblings, James (Donna), David (Patricia), Donna (Gary) Short, Mark (Debra), Matthew (Christine) and Norma (Donald) Johnson. Sadly, Doug was preceded in death by his parents, George and Joyce; and his father-in-law Steve Kroetsch. Visitation Monday, June 17, 3-9 pm, with 7 pm prayers, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington 248-474-5200. Funeral Mass Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at the Servant Church of St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee btw Middlebelt/Inkster Rds., Farmington Hills. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial gifts suggested to JDRF, [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org), or the American Diabetes Association, [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)

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**MOFFITT, MATTHEW PAUL**

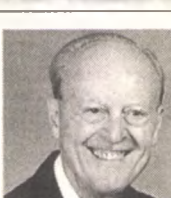
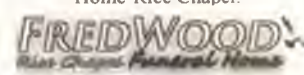
Age 35. Born in Redford Township, MI on February 20, 1978. Lived in Westland and lately in Farmington Hills. Passed away on May 26, 2013 at Gentiva Hospice in Southfield, MI. Memorial service at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI on June 22, 2013 at 10:30 am. Memorial gifts may be sent to Michigan Humane Society. We love you Matthew. May you rest in peace. Survived by Laurie Moffitt, Julie Riopelle, Kayli Massie, Hollie Archdale, Kathi Moffitt, Renee Schneider.

**SALO, RAYMOND W.**  
88, of Harvey and former Westland resident, passed away June 7, 2013. Celebration of life with veteran's honors on June 16. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.swansonlundquistfuneralhome.com](http://www.swansonlundquistfuneralhome.com)



**RAZGUNAS, LEO**

June 10, 2013, Age 86, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Mary for 62 years. Loving father of Ann (Andreas Doulamatis) Razgunas, William, Paul (Pam), and Mary (Dave Harmon) Bragg. Dear grandfather of 8, great-grandfather of 2. Leo was an electrical technician in the Navy during WWII. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 31 proud years. He enjoyed ham radio, making bread, golfing, and dancing. Leo was a member of the St. Edith Catholic Church Choir as well as the Plymouth Choir. A memorial service will take place at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI, Monday, June 17, instate 10:00 AM, Mass 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations sent to the following organizations: The Michigan Parkinson's Foundation website: [Parkinsonsmi.org](http://Parkinsonsmi.org) 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI. 48025 or Online OR Leader Dog for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills, MI, 48307. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel.



**ROTH, NORBERT C.**

Age 94, suffered an aortic aneurism and within a few hours traveled into Paradise on May 29. Norbert was born in Bay City, MI on Aug. 6, 1918, to Augusta and Herman Roth, who had six sons. Norbert was preceded in death by his brothers Harold, Arnold, Clifford, Elmer and Otto. In 1942, Norbert married Ann J. Dombrowski, and they had two children: Michael (Okemos, MI) and Darleen Flaherty (Taylor, MI). After two years of junior college, Norbert started working as an hourly employee at the Kuhlman Electric Co. in Bay City. Over the years, he became a salaried employee at Kuhlman and started climbing the ladder of success. Kuhlman Electric Co. became a corporation and moved its headquarters to the Birmingham, MI area. Norbert designed and had built a custom home in the Village of Beverly Hills, just outside the city limits of Birmingham. As the Kuhlman Corp. grew and prospered, becoming a Fortune 500 corporation, Norbert also prospered, becoming the V.P. of Human Relations until he retired in the late 1980s. Norbert's wife Ann passed away in 1984. In 1988 he got remarried to Marjorie Napper of Taylor, MI (mother of three children) and Norbert enjoyed his relationship as step-father and grandpa and great-grandpa with his new family. As a young man, Norbert attended Immanuel Lutheran Church (Bay City); as a married man, he attended Zion Lutheran Church (Bay City); after moving away from Bay City in 1957, he became a member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church (Birmingham). Norbert traveled the world for business and pleasure and visited such places as: Alaska, Australia, China, Europe, New Zealand, Scandinavia, and Hawaii. Norbert loved his gardening, the great outdoors and all things in nature: searching for morel mushrooms, hunting pheasants and whitetail deer, and his favorite, fishing on the Sturgeon River in Northern Michigan for trout. Norbert was a devout Christian and was a loving and generous man, who was respected and adored by all who knew him. His remains have been placed in the two-person vault inside the mausoleum at the White Chapel Cemetery (Troy, MI) next to his first wife, Ann. Norbert C. Roth is now in Heaven.

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**SCHENDEN, LAWRENCE W.**

83, of Farmington Hills, proud US Navy Veteran and University of Detroit 'Titan died June 13. He retired as Vice President of Plumbers Wholesale, Detroit. Lawrence is the beloved husband of Rosemary for over 55 years; devoted father of Mary Beth, Lawrence, MD, Anne (James, MD) Pape and Fr. Gregory, SJ; dear brother of John, the late Matthew, Margaret Ashburn, Vincent, Herbert, the late Alice Barahl, Jerome, Karen Quintana and Diane Adams; and loving grandfather of Joseph, Daniel and John Pape. Also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, many caring nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, June 16, 2-8pm with 7pm Rosary, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Monday, June 17, 10:00 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road, Farmington. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial gifts suggested to Right to Life, [rtl.org](http://rtl.org) or Detroit Catholic Central, [catholiccentral.net](http://catholiccentral.net) heeneys-sundquist.com HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME



**SHINN, JACK L.**

Age 83, of Logansport passed away at 10:40 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013 at his residence surrounded by his family. Born on February 25, 1930 in Logansport, he was the son of the late Vernia and Elizabeth (Berkshire) Shinn. On June 14, 1952 he married JoAnn "Jennie" Scagnoli. He preceded him in death on September 2, 2010. He was a 1948 Logansport High School graduate. Jack was also a U.S. Army veteran. He retired from Honeywell Inc. where he was employed for over 30 years. Jack was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Logansport Elks. He formerly attended St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Ft. Wayne. He enjoyed golfing, traveling and spending time with his family. Survivors include his children, Elizabeth A. Wasalaski (Larry) of Novi, Michigan, Richard A. Shinn (Janet) of Ft. Wayne, John J. Shinn of Trabuco Canyon, California and Jeffrey V. Shinn of Logansport, grandchildren, Kristen A. Wasalaski of Port Huron, Michigan, Carrie E. Jarco (Steven) of West Bloomfield, Michigan, Alan R. Shinn of Ft. Wayne, Jessica L. Shinn of Ft. Wayne, Rachel E. Shinn of Ft. Wayne, Kelly J. Wasalaski of Novi, Michigan and Madison B. Shinn of Everett, Washington, great grandchildren, Hailey E. Jarco and Sidney J. Jarco of West Bloomfield, Michigan, brother in law, Frank Scagnoli (Kay) of Logansport and sisters in laws, Martha Scagnoli, Edith Hildebrandt (Alan), Julia Baker and Josephine "JoJo" Moore (Don) all of Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2013 at Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel & Cremation Service. Graveside Services with Military Rites will be conducted at Mt. Hope Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 29, 2013. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please sign the online guestbook or to leave a condolence at [www.ransfunerahomes.com](http://www.ransfunerahomes.com).



**WELSH, ROBERT L.**

Age 81, of Milford, passed away June 3, 2013. Preceded in death by Carol, his beloved wife of 56 years. Survived by his loving children, Laurie Welsh, Vallerie (Neal) Kroezer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicolas Kroezer, Anna, Connor, Adam and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; great-grandchildren, Alyvia Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone; brother-in-law, John Edelbrock; sister-in-law, Liz Edelbrock; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and coworkers. Service & Military Honors were held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Milford, Saturday, June 8. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645 [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com).



## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June

### JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, and Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. David Mendelson, MD, will speak at the session next month and Jeffrey Mendelson, MD, is the guest speaker for the July meeting. They'll talk about St. Mary Mercy's comprehensive group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist patients through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2345.

### LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are designed to assist people with lupus, to help their family and friends to get connected with each other, and to help them get a better understanding of the disease and how to fight it. Support Group meetings are offered free of charge to anyone interested in participating. For more information visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org), or call (800) 705-6677.

### NEUROFIBROMATOSIS

"Great Steps for NF, Walk for Neurofibromatosis" is set for 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 22, at the West Bloomfield High School track, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Walkers can register online by going to [www.nfsupport.org](http://www.nfsupport.org) and then clicking on "Events" or by calling Suzanne Saikal at (248) 681-3703. The registration fee is \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for children 12 and under. The event will include a silent auction. A genetic disorder of the nervous system, neurofibromatosis affects one in 2,500 and can cause cancer, hearing loss, blindness, learning disabilities, epilepsy, bone deformities and chronic pain.



Dr. Kathleen Hannon walks with a community member at Botsford Hospital's monthly health program held at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. Hannon will talk about preventative health at the next "Walk with a Doc" on June 20.

### WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Kathleen Hannon, a family physician, and morning show radio personality Dr. Don from 99.5-FM WYCD, Detroit's country radio station, will be on hand at this monthly Botsford Hospital event, noon, Thursday, June 20, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Hannon's presentation is "Preventative Health - What Works, What Doesn't, What's New." The event includes giveaways and music and meets rain or shine. Register by calling (877) 477-Doc1, and choose option 1.

### Ongoing

#### AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

#### ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m.-noon, the first Tuesday of every month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of the month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Monday at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

#### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

## Weight loss group lists top summer drinks

Watching your weight doesn't have to sentence you to a life of water and diet drinks. You can still keep this summer sweet without a lot of extra sugar and calories. Quench your thirst with these tasty suggestions from TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization.

1. Add orange, lemon, or cucumber slices to sparkling water.

2. Cut your usual glass of lemonade in half and add sugar-free iced tea.

3. Freeze blueberries or raspberries in ice trays with water, and add them to your next summer drink.

4. Chill out by mixing seedless watermelon, cranberry juice, and ice cubes in a blender. Serve with a slice of lime.

5. Steep a peach tea bag in boiling water, chill, and serve with sliced orange.

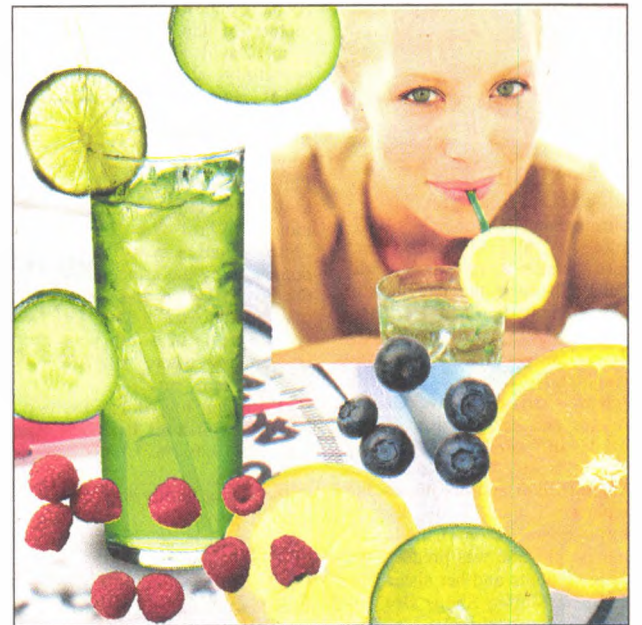
6. Add a splash of pineapple juice to sparkling water, and garnish with pineapple wedges and fresh mint leaves.

7. Make your own iced coffee by adding black coffee to ice, then a splash of skim milk plus a shot of sugar-free vanilla syrup or packet of artificial sweetener.

8. Mix one part cranberry or pomegranate juice with two parts club soda, and garnish with fresh raspberries.

9. Steep two green tea bags in boiling water. Chill and serve on ice with a tablespoon of honey and a lemon wedge.

10. Make a tasty summer "mocktail." Serve



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low-sodium tomato juice on ice and mix with a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce and a few dashes of hot sauce (depending on how spicy you want your drink). Add a celery stalk and a couple of green olives if you'd like.

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healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has approximately 150,000 members, both male and female, from age 7 and older, in nearly 9,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is \$28 per year, along with chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call 800-932-8677.

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## At a Loss

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### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Edge  
Internal Medicine

Dementia is one of the world's fastest growing diseases, and creates a number of challenges for those affected. GCH internal medicine physician, Dr. Judith Edge, is an expert on identifying and dealing with all forms of dementia, an issue affecting 34 million people worldwide.

Q: What exactly is dementia and how do you recognize it?

A: Dementia is a loss of certain mental abilities that most commonly occurs later in life. Of all persons over age 65, 5-8% are affected by dementia. This percentage increases considerably with age. At age 85 and older, 25-50% of people will be affected. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, and accounts for 50-75% of all cases, with another 20-30% due to blood vessel diseases such as "mini-strokes".

People affected by dementia will occasionally notice the first signs, but often, family or friends initially detect the problem. Typical early symptoms include memory loss and difficulty performing complex tasks. A person may mislay items, become lost while driving, get confused in the middle of a conversation, and lose prior abilities such as balancing a checkbook. As the condition progresses, the deficits become more pronounced and interfere further with daily activities. If you have a loved one who's been diagnosed with dementia it's important to learn as much as you can about their condition and develop a plan of action for dealing with it as it progresses. Secure a power of attorney with a trusted family member who can step in when needed.

Q: How can I better care for a loved one with dementia?

A: Because of the intensity of care that may be required, it is often difficult for even the most loving of families to provide all the "around the clock" care that may be needed. If friends or family wish to provide these services, it is very important for them to be aware not only of their loved one's needs, but also of their own. It is not uncommon for a spouse or children to feel they have an impossible choice between being utterly overwhelmed, if they try to provide all the care, or feeling they have betrayed their relative by placing them in an assisted living facility. This often leads to an exhausted care provider. It is important to use all the resources that are available when caring for a person with dementia. Engage family members and friends to share responsibilities and investigate local community assistance groups. Consider bringing in a professional in-home caregiver, who can help with daily routines, and is trained for handling this exact situation. For their safety, at some point you may have to move a dementia patient to a complete care facility.

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## Eight professions with surprising paychecks

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Paychecks can vary based on factors including industry, location and company, though there's generally a standard pay range for every job function. Yet, many people have a preconception of what workers in certain fields earn, such as the assumption that all doctors and lawyers have high incomes. However, not every job earns the high -- or low -- pay you may expect. Here are eight professions with annual wages that may surprise you.

### 1. Air traffic controller\*

2010 median pay: \$108,040

What they do: Air traffic controllers coordinate the movement of air traffic to ensure that planes stay safe distances apart. Why the surprise: While the excitement may be on the planes with the pilots and flight attendants, the big salaries are in the air traffic control towers. Airline and commercial pilots get paid \$92,060 annually, and flight attendants make \$37,740, though the coordination, organization and attention to detail needed by air traffic controllers give them a major pay bump.

### 2. Announcer

2010 median pay: \$27,010

What they do: Announcers present music, news and sports and may provide commentary or interview guests about these topics or other important events. Some act as a master of ceremonies or DJs at weddings, parties or clubs.

Why the surprise: Celebrity announcers and emcees may have the coveted paychecks, but theirs are usually due in part to their celebrity status. Events and parties often require announcers, no matter the size, and the paycheck tends to get bigger as your talent and notoriety grow.

### 3. Legislator

2010 median pay: \$19,260

What they do: Legislators are elected officials who develop laws for the federal government or for local or state governments. Why the surprise: Legislators and politicians often have a reputation for being wealthy, though this median pay would suggest otherwise. While each state has its own standard for paying its legislators, many lower salaries are supplemented with a per diem, meaning they are given an allowance for daily expenses.

### 4. Model

2010 median pay: \$32,920

What they do: Models pose for artists, photographers or customers to help advertise a variety of products, including clothing, cosmetics, food and appliances. Why the surprise: TV and magazines would have us believe otherwise, but working as a model doesn't necessarily come with free travel opportunities and six-figure paychecks per photo shoot. Many models work part time and most experience periods of unemployment. This role requires spending a considerable amount of time on self-promotion by putting together and maintaining portfolios, printing composite cards and traveling to meet potential clients.

Why the surprise: Celebrities and emcees may have the coveted paychecks, but theirs are usually due in part to their celebrity status. Events and parties often require announcers, no matter the size, and the paycheck tends to get bigger as your talent and notoriety grow.

### 5. Multimedia artist and animator

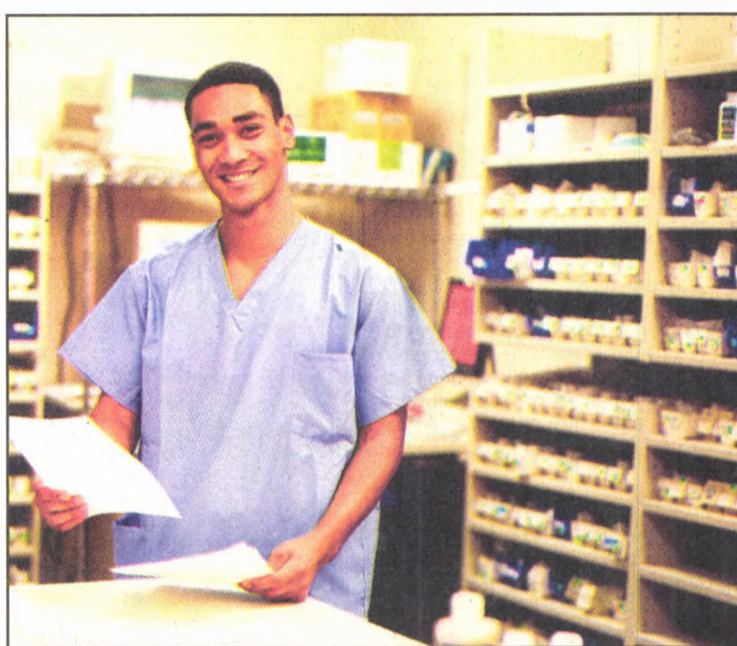
2010 median pay: \$58,510

What they do: Multimedia artists and animators create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games and other media. They create two- and three-dimensional models and animation. Why the surprise: Multimedia artists are most often hired by the motion picture and video industries, followed by software publishers, computer systems design and related services and advertising, public relations and related services industries. While these industries may be known for big budgets, the Hollywood-worthy salaries usually go to on-camera stars. Also, the pay may be a surprise considering that 59 percent of multimedia artists and animators are self-employed.

### 6. Pharmacist

2010 median pay: \$111,570

What they do: Pharmacists dispense prescription medications to patients and offer advice on their safe use. Why the surprise: Education levels often make a big difference in job responsibilities and paychecks. Pharmacists require a doctoral degree and can make six-figures, while pharmacy technicians, who help licensed



pharmacists dispense prescription medication, require a high school diploma or equivalent and make \$28,400.

### 7. Political scientist

2010 median pay: \$107,420

What they do: Political scientists study the origin, development and operation of political systems. They research political ideas and analyze the structure and operation of governments, policies, political trends and related issues. Many people with a political science background become professors and teachers. Why the surprise: While the subject matter may differ, sociologists, who study society and social behavior by examining the groups, cultures, organizations, social institutions and processes that people develop, also often become professors and teachers. Yet they don't see the six-figure paycheck of political scientists, making a notably lower \$72,360 a year.

### 8. Technical writer

2010 median pay: \$63,280

What they do: Technical

writers, also called technical communicators, produce instruction manuals and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. They also develop, gather and disseminate technical information among customers, designers and manufacturers. Why the surprise: When it comes to salaries for writing jobs, technical writers are at the top of the food chain, earning almost \$10,000 more than other writers and almost twice as much as reporters. Editors earn a median pay of \$51,470, writers and authors make \$55,420, and reporters, correspondents and broadcast news analysts make \$36,000.

\*All median annual pay figures and job descriptions are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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- Gross!
- Fiery gem
- Same here!
- Tungsten's alias
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- Look intently
- Wyo. neighbor
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- Marked with spots
- Matadors' arenas
- Attract — Hagen
- Sea, to Cousteau
- Kind of system
- Loutish fellow
- Exudes moisture
- on (fussed over)
- Wry humor
- Least tough
- Hangs around
- Mature
- Savanna ruffs
- Shakespeare's theater
- Dull
- Buy at auction
- Fishing lure
- Beauty pack
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**CANTON**  
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**Canton Sub Wide Sale**  
 Salem Manor (Canton) Haggerty/South of Cherry Hill Thursday, Friday, and Saturday June 20 to 22

**CANTON**: The Coves of Canton: 23 Homes. June 20-22, 9-4. At intersection of Warren/Lilley Rds. go N. on Warren, turn right on Green Meadow Lane.

**FARMINGTON HILLS**: Big garage sale! Furniture, misc. 27955 Copper Creek Lane, off 12 Mile & Haggerty June 20-21, 9-5 and June 22, 9-3.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Green Hills Sub. 10+ homes! 6/20-6/22, 8-4pm. S. of 9 Mile, btwn Halsted & Drake. Lots of misc. items!



## Garage/Moving Sales

**Farmington Hills - HUGE Subdivision Garage Sale!**  
 Thurs-Sat, 6/20-6/22. Rolling Oaks Sub, btwn Farmington & Drake & 13 & 14 Mile. 9-4pm. Lots of homes participating!

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Sub Sale, Colony Park West, N of 12, E of Drake. June 20-22nd. 9-4pm. Toys, kid's items, furniture, home goods, clothes, futon, and much more!

**FARMINGTON HILLS**: Timbercrest Sub-Wide Sale! Fri. June 21, 12-4; Sat. June 22, 8-3; Sun. June 23, 10-3. 12 & Middlebelt area.

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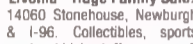
**GARDEN CITY**: Multi-family Garage sale! 29136 Alvin. 48135. Btwn Warren Ave & Ford Rd. Thurs-Sat. June 21-22, 9-6.

**LIVONIA - 36280 Curtis Rd.** between 6 & 7 Mile Rds & Wayne & Levan Rds. Sale to raise funds for Women 3 Day/60 Mile Breast Cancer Walk. Misc. home items, electronics, cd's, scrapbooking etc. Thurs./Fri. June 20 & 21, 9-4.

**LIVONIA - CONNECTICUS** (Non-profit) Will hold a garage sale on Fri, Jun 21 & Sat, Jun 22 @ 17969 Mayfield, www.connecticut-livonia.org.

**LIVONIA** Garage Sale. 35428 W. Chicago, S. of Plymouth, W. of Wayne Rd. Mon-Sat. 9-5. Furniture, household goods, sewing machines, drums.

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## Garage/Moving Sales

**LIVONIA** - Multi family, 35642 Orangelawn, W. of Wayne, S. of Plymouth. Kid's clothes, toys, furniture, exercise equip. June 20, 21, 22.

**LIVONIA: STONEHOUSE ST. BLOCK SALE**  
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**LIVONIA**: Thurs, June 20 & Fri, June 21, 9am-4pm. 16757 Levan. S of 6 Mile, E of Newburgh. 4 families. Lots of good stuff!

**MILFORD**: Barn/Garage Sale. June 20-22, 9-4pm. 127 Dipong-Rossi Dr., off S. Hill, N. of Dawson. Tools, furn., kitchen, small appl & more!

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**NOVI: Echo Valley Sub Sale.** Fri. & Sat. June 21-22, 9-4. Furniture, home goods, holiday decor, books, dishes, toys, kids stuff, clothing, different homes, different stuff each day. W. of Beck, S. off 10 Mile.

**PLYMOUTH** - 522 Leicester St., SW corner Sheldon/N. Territorial. June 20-21, 9-3pm. Furniture, clothing, games, books and much, much more!

**PLYMOUTH**: 8800-8857 Corinne, Joy & Main. June 19-21. Perennials, 90 gallon aquarium & stand, massage table, collectibles, TOOLS, tools 9-5.

**PLYMOUTH**: Trailwood Sub Wide Garage Sale. June 20, 21 & 22, 9-5pm. Btwn Sheldon & Beck, N. of Ann Arbor Rd. Housewares, Baby, & More!

## Garage/Moving Sales

**PLYMOUTH: Trailwood Sub Wide Garage Sale**  
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**REDFORD**: Church/Bsm't Sale. Kid's clothes, housewares, etc. Thurs - Fri, June 20-21, 9-4pm. Sat. June 22, 9-1. 267 41 5 Mile, The Church of Jesus Christ.

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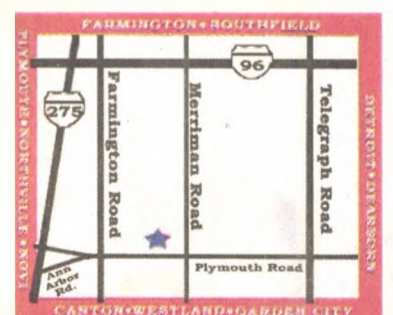
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