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Works of this award-winning photographer will be on display Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillage-theater.org.



The Village Theater hosts the photographs of Bruce Giffin through July 30.

Master plan

A draft copy of Canton's Comprehensive Master Plan is now available for review at www.canton-mi.org. The CMP is a general, long-range "blueprint" for development which promotes high-quality orderly growth for Canton.

The draft copy is a required five-year update to the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. The plan is in a 65-day comment period and all comments or questions should be directed to Canton's Community Planner Jeff Goulet at jgoulet@canton-mi.org by Aug. 24.

A public hearing on the plan will be set by the Planning Commission in September.

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## McCotter resigns position, cites 'nightmarish month and a half'

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has resigned.

The five-term Congressman from Livonia has ended his term six months early after what he called a "nightmarish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schutte. The duplicate signatures were invalidated, so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.



McCotter

On Thursday, *The Detroit News* reported that McCotter also wrote a TV pilot, described by *The News* as a "crude variety show," last year as it appeared his presidential campaign was failing.

Late Friday afternoon, McCotter issued the following statement:

"Today I have resigned from the office of United States Representative for Michigan's 11th

Congressional District. After nearly 26 years in elected office, this past nightmarish month and a half have, for the first time, severed the necessary harmony between the needs of my constituency and of my family. As this harmony is required to serve, its absence requires I leave.

"The recent event's totality of calamities, indignities and deceptions have weighed most heavily upon my family. Thus, acutely aware one cannot rebuild their hearth of home amongst the ruins of their U.S. House office, for the sake of my loved ones I must 'strike another match, go

start anew' by embracing the promotion back from public servant to sovereign citizen.

"I do not leave for an existing job and face diminishing prospects (and am both unwilling and ill-suited to lobby), my priorities are twofold: find gainful employment to help provide for my family; and continue to assist, in any way they see fit, the Michigan Attorney General's earnest and thorough investigation, which I requested, into the 2012 petition filing.

"While our family takes

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## Fun on the fourth



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It was downtown Plymouth's annual Good Morning USA parade Wednesday, but Canton Township also had a presence. In addition to the township's elected official and the Canton Young Marines, among others, Canton's contribution to the parade included this giant flag, carried by a crowd of Canton folks.

## Nonprofit celebrates 30 years of special-needs help

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer



Owen takes a seat in the waiting area at Community Work Opportunities, the Canton-based nonprofit that has worked with special-needs clients for 30 years.

When Norman and Cindy MacKay's daughter, Jessica, graduated from Cooke School, the special-needs school in Northville, back in 2006, her parents wanted to make sure she had more to do than just sitting around all day.

Jessica, diagnosed with chronic encephalopathy, a disorder that causes her to have seizures and has left her developmentally delayed and unable to walk or talk, needed a transition plan, and the specialist at Cooke School found her one.

With the help of the folks at Canton's Community Work Opportunities,

a transition plan was developed for Jessica that has the 32-year-old volunteering in the community for a half-day five days a week doing things like sorting cans at a food bank.

"We didn't want Jessica just to be sitting around the house all the time ... Getting up and going to work-shop would be the best for her," Cindy MacKay said. "(CWO) really gives her someplace to go. They help her to feel useful and included, as part of the community. They respect her as a person first, and her disability comes second. They give her some purpose every single day."

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## Salvation Army gets 'major' changes

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

The Salvation Army has moved Maj. Keith and Colette Bailey around more than perhaps the couple would have liked over the last few years.

But it's tough for the couple to complain about the assignments. After all, their last assignment took them home to the Owosso corps, a stone's throw from where they grew up in Flint.

And their latest assignment, as the new corps officers for the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, brought them to what

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After three years in Owosso, Maj. Keith and Colette Bailey take over the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, replacing Maj. Dan and Jolene Hull.

## Factory obtained, arts group turns to future

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

The idea of a regional arts center went from pipe dream to possibility last week when the owners of the factory/creamery property at Ridge and Cherry Hill in Canton accepted the auction offer from the Canton Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Executive Director Jill Engel, who declined to disclose the amount of the bid, was surprised

and pleased with the unexpected development.

"We're so excited," she said. "It's one of those things ... when you work on it for 19 months and you finally get it, it's exciting and it's overwhelming at the same time. We're looking forward to having another cornerstone in Cherry Hill Village."

### Cinderella story

The Partnership getting the property seemed like a long shot, but Engel said that didn't dis-

suaude them from pursuing it. She noted other "long shots" — Summit on the Park, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and even the renovation of the Bartlett House — have been accomplished in Canton.

Now that they've obtained the property, Engel said she's already had feelers from people who might want to help. They've already extended feelers to various arts groups.

"We are committed to expanding the arts in western Wayne

and eastern Washtenaw counties," Engel said. "We've done our homework and know this project will take a lot of hard work and fundraising. This has an opportunity to be a Cinderella story, just like many other projects here in Canton that started as dreams."

The property, built by Ford to provide jobs for veterans, includes a creamery building that used to be a dorm for

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# Job fair to fill thrift store spots

The Salvation Army Southeast Adult Rehabilitation Center will host a job fair in an effort to fill a wide variety of open positions at its 33 Salvation Army Thrift Stores and three warehouses throughout southeast Michigan. The job fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, and 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 18.

"As we continue to grow and open new thrift stores, the need for staff continues to increase," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, which operates the thrift stores, including the one in Canton. "Given the tight job market, we are pleased to be able to provide employment opportunities throughout the community that we serve." The ARC will be con-

ducting on-site interviews and hiring for the full and part-time positions available at the ARC's 33 thrift stores and 3 warehouses in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Available positions include dock workers, merchandise processors, cashiers and sales clerks, truck drivers and store managers.

Individuals interested in retail management positions must have two-five years of supervisory experience to qualify, while truck driving candidates need a valid chauffeur's licenses and DOT card to apply. The job fair will take place at the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, 1627 W. Fort Street in Detroit, in the space known as Mother Pearl's Place at the corner of 10th Street and Fort Street.

## 30 YEARS

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It's a service CWO has been providing for 30 years. A nonprofit agency, CWO provides services to people with developmental disabilities, such as autism, Down syndrome and other conditions. CWO provides job development, coaching and placement, sensory integration, community skill building, and micro-business development and marketing.

"It's a full community program where we start them off learning how to access their community, get involved," said CWO director Elaine Lamontagne, who has been with the company 26 years. "They learn how to shop, how to make change for purchases, how to use different services (police, fire department, etc.). Those are the skills they're learning out there."

There's a very large Meals on Wheels program for which CWO offers a micro-business service, and a sensory integration program, overseen by CWO's occupational therapists, in which everyone who participates has a sensory processing disorder.

CWO also expanded into a children's center.

"We were seeing a bigger and bigger need, especially with kids being diagnosed with autism," Lamontagne said. "It seems to go hand-in-hand with sensory processing disorders. More and more people were coming to us with younger kids, and we decided to open a children's center."



CWO Director Elaine Lamontagne works with Calvin on iPad communication at the CWO 30-year celebration open house.



Sensory perception therapy is a big part of what Community Work Opportunities provides.

CWO has occupational therapists evaluating clients, and also offers psychologists certified in Americans With Disabilities Act therapy, who work hand-in-hand with the OTs to provide a dual service.

Lamontagne said when

she started 26 years ago, wheelchair-bound clients "never had any hope" of getting involved in their community.

CWO, she said, has helped change that. "What our parents tell us is that we listen to the needs, we treat everyone

as an individual," Lamontagne said. "We want to hear what they want from us. I think that makes us real unique. We aren't trying to fit people into the program; we're trying to see what their needs are."

They've sold Jessica's parents, Norman and Cindy MacKay, Canton residents since 1996, are now parent advocates for CWO.

"We participate in fundraising activities, we help out volunteering whenever we're asked," Cindy MacKay said. "There are not a whole lot of parents and/or advocates who do that, so we try to do as much as we can."

CWO is located at 5900 N. Lilley, Suite 108, in Canton. They can be reached at (734) 981-3709.

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# Art in the Park returns to Plymouth

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

The best-established and perhaps biggest of its many festivals returns to downtown Plymouth next weekend.

Art in the Park, which will bring together more than 400 artists and crafters from around the U.S. for three days, opens at 11 a.m. Friday in Kellogg Park and on surrounding streets. Artists will be on hand, and their works in many media, including painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, woodwork, photography, glass and fiber, will be for sale.

"A lot of fun things coming together," said

festival founder Dianne Quinn, who now runs the Quinn with daughter, Raychel Kork. "I'm looking forward to a really spectacular show."

Art in the Park was launched in 1980; this year's festival will be the 33rd.

In addition to the artists and their displays, this year's Art in the Park will include daily shows by the reggae band One Love; the family friendly My Adventure Theater, with actors chosen from the spot and audience participation encouraged; an assortment of food booths; Surpree samples from 7-Eleven; and favorite displays from past years,

including the Living Art Mural (incorporating canvases, paint and human figures); George Tai's Living Statue; and a chalk mural at Main and Penniman (a reproduction of an Edouard Manet painting).

The Living Mural is done by Kristen Dillenbeck-Anderson of New York, formerly of Canton Township, and the chalk murals are by her sister Erin Dillenbeck, who lives in Canton.

For details on Art in the Park, including festival hours, show times for One Love and shuttle details, visit the website [www.artinthepark.com](http://www.artinthepark.com).

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## ARMY

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both acknowledge is "the jewel" assignment in the state.

They replace Maj. Dan and Jolene Hull, who were reassigned to the Salvation Army's Divisional headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind.

"We have heard absolutely nothing negative about Plymouth," Colette Bailey said. "There's so much cooperation around here, and the support for the Salvation Army (from the community) is amazing." The Baileys were ordained in 1985, coming a little later to the calling than many ministers. They were the third-oldest couple in their session.

"We had our oldest son with us when we went to training," Keith Bailey said. "We worked out our ministry with our family while we were there."

### Landing spot

After bouncing around from places like Oshkosh, Wis., and Grand Forks, N.D., the Baileys were in Terre Haute, Ind., when they got word that they were returning home, to the Owosso Corps. Keith said he didn't even tell Colette — "I wanted to be absolutely sure, because I know she'd be excited," he said — until they had orders in hand.

The couple had to rebuild the Owosso corps, which had been closed for years. They re-established the corps and got it up and running — then got orders for Plymouth.

"We were there just

long enough to get it going," Colette said. "You were just beginning to see the congregation growing, just getting a taste of what it was going to be like, and then you got moved."

And now they're in Plymouth.

It's the latest stop on an unexpected journey. Keith Bailey had never had much interest in ministering. Working for AC Spark Plug in Flint and attending church with Colette, he finally gave his life to the Lord.

He'd been having "long conversations" with his father about his faith, and "I was losing the argument," Keith says now.

He finally told Colette he felt the calling to enter the Salvation Army. Colette, who grew up around it — her dad was the sergeant major in Flint — was stunned.

"I thought he was nuts," she admitted, laughing. "I told him, 'You have no idea what you're getting yourself into.'"

### Small world

He does now, and the couple — married for 35 years — has been ministering for the Salvation Army for some 27 years.

It's not the Baileys' first connection with the Plymouth Corps. They are friends with former corps officers Steve and Jackie Hull. Jackie Hull's dad grew up with Colette's dad.

Keith Bailey said he



Colette Bailey



Keith Bailey

used to bounce Steve and Jackie's son, Phil, the son of Steve and Jackie Hull, on his knee.

"Now (Phil Hull) is the worship leader here," Keith Hull said, shaking his head with a smile. "It's a small world."

They'll attack it the way they always have. Keith is more the preacher, using his guitar and music skills to help get his message across. Colette is the "kid person," which means the youth ministry in Plymouth will get her attention.

"The youth is the key thing," Colette said. "Hopefully, it'll reflect in the growth of the congregation here."

That'll be a bit of a switch in Plymouth, where the congregation is made up of older folks.

"You have no idea what getting (older congregations) to accept young people will be like," Colette said. "That's going to be a challenge."

"They've looked at the staff — 'We couldn't be blessed with better people,'" Keith said — and the programs, and can already tell how the Salvation Army is perceived in the community.

"You have just want to continue that."

"(Programs) show the Salvation Army is valued in the community," Colette said. "That doesn't always happen."

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this step into the rest of our lives, we do so with the ultimate confidence in our country's future. True, as at other times in the life of our nation, we live in an Age of Extremes that prizes intensity over sanity; rhetoric over reality; destruction over creation. But this too shall pass, thanks to the infinite, inspired wisdom of the sovereign people who, with God's continued blessings, will again affirm for the generations American Exceptionalism. Truly, it is a challenging and fortunate time to live in our blessed sanctuary of liberty.

"In closing, to the people of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, I can but say this: Thank you for the privilege of having worked for you."

In the statement, McCotter's press spokesperson Daniel Thompson indicated that the Washington, D.C., Milford and Livonia offices will continue to operate under the direction of the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives. "Staff will still be available to serve the citizens of the 11th Congressional District for any constituent needs," the statement reads.

McCotter also reaf-

firmed that he will not conduct any interviews until the findings of the Michigan Attorney General's investigation have been made public. "As a private citizen, Mr. McCotter will reserve comments until this time," the statement reads.

Contacted late Friday, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he was shocked and surprised by McCotter's resignation.

"I thought he'd at least finish up his term, but at the same time I realize the importance of keeping your family foremost in your thoughts,"

Kirksey said. "I hope his wife will work out well for him."

Michigan Republican Party Chairman Bob by Schostak issued the following statement:

"We wish Congressman McCotter and his family the best and thank him for his time serving our state. The Michigan Republican Party remains concentrated and focused on ensuring the 11th Congressional District receives common-sense Republican representation this fall."

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Board of Education President John Barrett talks about Leola Gee's work with *The Perspective*, the student newspaper of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.



Board of Education President John Barrett, Leola Gee and retired Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Principal Bill Zolkowski after Gee was honored with the Extra Miler Award.

# Gee a whiz at Extra Miler

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Bill Zolkowski noticed something in the halls of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this past year he hadn't seen in his previous years as the park principal.

Students were walking the hallways, reading the school newspaper, *The Perspective*, as they moved along from class to class.

Seeing students reading the paper wasn't so unusual; it was more seeing them occasionally bump into each other while they walked and read that impressed Zolkowski.

That kind of renewed respect for the student paper is an indication of the effect journalism advisor Leola Gee had in her first year

leading both the newspaper and the yearbook staffs.

And that's why Gee was recently awarded with the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award.

"Speaking on behalf of Leola Gee is a daunting task," said Zolkowski, who recently retired as the park's first, and only, principal. "What I see are the tangible products she leads students to produce. They say a great deal about who she is."

Gee, an English teacher at Plymouth High School, was nominated for the award by Zolkowski's secretary, Barb Zdrodowski. The Extra Miler award is presented by the Board of Education for "demonstrating qualities of which the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools could and should be justly proud." Zdrodowski, in her nomination,

called Gee the "epitome of an educator."

In addition to the award-winning school paper, Gee advises students on the Park's yearbook, which Board of Education President John Barrett called "a work of art."

"They call her a park treasure," Barrett said of Gee. "I think everyone agrees."

While Gee called the award "touching" and said it was "an honor" to receive it, she quickly pointed to the efforts of everyone else involved.

"Nobody walks that second mile alone," Gee said. "This room is filled with people who walk it every day. I so much appreciate their support."

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# School receives flag flown in Afghanistan

There's now a special American flag flying over Plymouth-Canton Montessori School. The flag previously flew over the U.S. Army's base camp at Kandahar's Valhalla Compound in Afghanistan.

Students recently received the flag with a certificate of recognition from the Department of the Army after they sent 90 personalized, hand-written cards and gifts over the Christmas holidays last year to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.

Carolyn Pelli, who serves on the school's staff, learned from family friend and U.S. serviceman, Jake Harrison, how much mail means to soldiers. Harrison, a former Marine who will be returning in November from a tour in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army, told Pelli that receiving mail can mean all the difference between having a good day or a bad day.

The students and teachers quickly responded by collecting wipes, Chapstick, candy and baked goods, and making cards for delivery to the soldiers overseas.

"We feel very honored and proud to have received this flag," said Linda Myers, administrator for Plymouth-Canton Montessori.

The school's nine-week summer camp began in under way. For additional information, call (734) 459-1550 or visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org).



Students and staff of Plymouth-Canton's Montessori's three classes are pictured outside the school.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Math all-stars

The Michigan All-Star team of 45 high school mathematics students fielded three teams in the 23rd American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) Competition earlier this month on the campuses of the Univer-

sity of Iowa, Pennsylvania State University, University of Georgia, and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

The Michigan team competed in Iowa. A total of 140 teams of 15 students each represented various regions of the

United States and Canada. International teams competed in the International Regions Mathematics League (IRML).

Plymouth-Canton students taking part included Natasha Consul of Salem High School and Plymouth High School

students Kevin Shi and Nitin Ram.

Members of the Michigan team were selected from the top 100 students out of about 10,000 who participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition (MMPC) last fall,

an activity of the Mathematical Association of America-Michigan Section.

The competition consists of several events, which include a team round, a power question (in which a team solves proof-oriented

questions), an individual round, two relay rounds (in which a contestant solves a problem and passes his/her answer to another team member, who uses this answer to solve another problem), and a super relay.

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# Quality of life, roads key to Anthony

Canton resident and first-term township trustee John Anthony is seeking to retain his seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees. He recently offered opinions on a variety of questions:

**Observer: Why are you running for a township board seat?**

Anthony: To ensure that Canton Township continues to remain the best community to live, work and raise a family.

**Observer: What are the three biggest issues facing Canton? How would you address them?**

Anthony: 1) Canton's finances touch every department, every employee and every function of the township. In 2010 Canton Township faced a \$14 million deficit. There was across the

## THE ANTHONY FILE

**Name:** John Anthony  
**Hometown:** Canton  
**Family:** Married for 42 years, with two sons and three grandsons  
**Profession:** Retired FBI special agent  
**Education:** LB, University of Baltimore, 1968  
**Previous experience:** Current Canton Township Trustee  
**Community involvement:** Canton Lions Club; Canton Chamber of Commerce; Friends of the Canton Public Library; T-Ball & High School Baseball Coach; Cub Scout Leader; St. John Neumann Church Parishioner; Canton Township Golf, Transportation and Mettetal Airport committees; Neighborhood Advisory Council; Past President & Treasurer of the Willow Homes Association.



Anthony

board cost cutting and realignment of departments to operate more efficiently. Salaries were reduced by 5 percent and health care costs were

addressed. In addition a 1.75 millage increase was approved to address the shortfall in the Public Safety Budget of \$12 million.

2) Quality of Life: It is important we keep Canton Canton. Our citizens expect the Board to do what is necessary to ensure that Canton remains the best community to live, work and play. The choice is for Canton to be a place to sleep or a place to live. Our citizens have chosen to retain those things that make Canton stand out.

3) Roads: I have served on the Canton Intersection Action Committee. This committee identified 53 intersections in Canton that needed improvement for safety reasons. Working with Wayne County and the federal government we were able to fix these intersections. I-275 and Haggerty remain the highest accident intersection in the entire state. I intend to push Lansing,

the federal government and MDOT to fix this problem.

**Observer: What strengths would you bring to the board that set you apart from the other candidates?**

Anthony: Experience, community involvement and passion for Canton Township.

**Observer: Much has been said about the need for communities to consolidate services to save money. What areas should Canton explore that aren't already in place?**  
 Anthony: Public Safety dispatch service. Expand our Mutual Aid Pact's with other police & fire departments. Continue to explore other opportunities for consolidation of services. I would oppose consolidation unless it improves Canton Township.

**Observer: Canton has**

taken steps — a public safety tax increase, employee concessions, budget cuts — to avert financial problems. Going forward, what steps are needed to guarantee Canton maintains the financial stability it needs to provide the level of services residents have come to expect?

Anthony: There are no guarantees. Control of costs, i.e., expenses, wages and benefits. Address the legacy costs. Review every department to ensure that they are operating as efficiently as possible. Continue our three-year budget to get a handle on projected revenue and expenses. Annual survey of all Canton residents to determine what their priorities are. Support Economic Development. Work on attracting new businesses and jobs to Canton.

# Williams: Get handle on long-term costs

Canton resident and first-term township trustee Pat Williams is seeking to retain his seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

He recently offered opinions on a variety of questions:

**Observer: Why are you running for a township board seat?**

Williams: I am absolutely passionate about maintaining Canton Township as a great place to live and do business.

We have made tremendous progress; however, we have not completed getting all of our long-term costs in line with our revenues.

**Observer: What are the biggest issues facing Canton? How would you address them?**

Williams: 1) I will continue to ensure police and fire departments continue to protect our citizens in an efficient manner. I will ensure funding is in place to maintain the best teams and employ the latest pro-

## THE WILLIAMS FILE

**Name:** Pat Williams  
**Hometown:** Canton  
**Family:** Married 30 years, with three adult children  
**Profession:** Commercial account manager for a Tier 1 automotive supplier and a partner in EZ-Groom, a Michigan-based manufacturer of pet cleaning products  
**Education:** Material Science Associate of Applied Science, Schoolcraft College; Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Business Administration, Lawrence Technological University.



Williams

**Previous experience:** Current Canton Township Trustee; Monroe/Wayne County Work Force Development board member; Canton Citizens Tax Board of Review.  
**Community involvement:** Canton Lions Club; Partnership for the Arts and Humanities; Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage; Canton Goodfellows; Recipient of the Canton Township Community Supporter Award in 2006; Canton Chamber of Commerce; PCEP-Field of Dreams Soccer Project; Canton Rotary Club and Goodfellows; Booster clubs for Football, Lacrosse, Soccer and Wrestling and Growth Works.

**Contact:** (734) 358-4280 or http://patrickjohnwilliams.com/  
 en technologies. 2) I will continue to only support budget and expenditure decisions that are fiscal-

dollars are put to best use. I will promote viable long term plans that will not require tax increases. 3) I will continue to only support township Board actions that are taken on behalf of our citizens that will preserve or improve our property values, quality of life and the attractiveness of Canton as a place to work and live. 4) I will continue to promote working with our state, county and neighboring city, township governments, and local school districts to produce positive results for Canton.

**Observer: What strengths would you bring to the board that set you apart from the other candidates?**

Williams: My experience as a business professional and dedicated community service leader sets me apart from all other candidates. I can successfully navigate the issues that Canton Township is encountering today and will face in the coming years. I have

a proven track record as a leader in the both private and public sectors. I also have a history of bringing diverse groups of individuals together to plan and create positive outcomes. My personal strengths include negotiation skills, perseverance and ability to understand and resolve complex issues.

**Observer: Much has been said about the need for communities to consolidate services to save money. What areas should Canton explore that aren't already in place?**

Williams: We have already joined forces with surrounding communities in a several areas such as storm water management with Westland and Canton has several other inter-governmental agreements for HAZMAT, Public Safety Mutual Aid, SWAT, Western Townships Utilities Authority, to name a few. The next major collaboration will most likely be 911 Ser-

vices. Each deal reached will be proven to be financially beneficial to Canton Township before engagement.

**Observer: Canton has taken steps — a public safety tax increase, employee concessions, budget cuts — to avert financial problems. Going forward, what steps are needed to guarantee Canton maintains the financial stability it needs to provide the level of services residents have come to expect?**

Williams: We strive to achieve many things through continuing enterprise wide cost reductions. The first priorities are to restore fund balances, address long-term legacy costs, keep pushing back against the escalating water-sewer rates and continue to spur economic development. We need to achieve all these things while balancing to maintain the level of service and quality of life our residents and business community have come to expect in Canton.

## FACTORY

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those veterans, according to Engel. The 14-acre property (fewer than three are usable) and the 50,000-square-foot factory were last used by De-Sta-Co of Auburn Hills as a cylinder factory, she said.

Having acquired the property, Engel knows developing it is going to be expensive. She said she met with township officials last year to

determine how much it might cost to bring the building up to occupancy standards. Township officials told her, she said, the cost could exceed \$800,000.

"We know it's more than a \$1 million cost, and we don't want to spend our funding," Engel said. "We'd like to find a partner to purchase it and then donate it."

### Lots of uses

Engel and others in the art community have several ideas of what could

be done with the property, including:

- Creation of an "arts cooperative," providing inexpensive space for arts groups to create and sell their wares.
- Provide space for current and future users of the Village Theater,

including storage, set construction and rehearsal space.

- Provide an after-school art magnet school or academy such as the academies Plymouth-Canton schools will offer in the fall.
- Provide office space

to art organizations such as the Detroit Institute for Arts.

• A restaurant would be located at the south end of the facility overlooking the wetland area.

"It could become one of the most significant additions not only to the Cher-

ry Hill area, but to Canton Township as a whole," said Liz Carlson of the Canton Historical Society. "It's one more historic building it would be great to add to the district."

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# Taj gets local Dems' nod; Roberts wants Obama impeached

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

The 11th Congressional District race for the Democratic Party nomination is between an Asian-born doctor and a longtime supporter of Lyndon LaRouche who wants to see President Barack Obama impeached.

Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton resident who recently retired as chief of medicine at Oakwood Hospital, has received support from the 11th Congressional Democrats and local Democratic clubs throughout the district.

Bill Roberts, 31, has worked for 11 years with Lyndon LaRouche on what Roberts said was restoring the "FDR legacy of policy making," but he also worked recently to impeach Obama. Several LaRouche support-

ers, including Roberts, stood outside local post offices in the area and on street corners holding up photos of Obama with a Hitler-style mustache, asking residents to sign petitions.

Taj, 65, a Canton trustee since 2008, has decided not to seek re-election to the Canton board, and now is campaigning to win a seat in U.S. Congress. Taj came to the United States in 1982 when he was 35 after practicing medicine in India and the United Kingdom. Taj is running because he believes the United States should provide quality health care for every individual.

Taj spoke with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow about his support for a single billing system, instead of billing several insurance companies, when the health insurance issue

was being discussed in Congress in 2009, but that amendment fell short of votes. "The single biller is a better system," Taj said.

### AHCA a 'good foundation'

"It is a good foundation," Taj said about the Affordable Health Care Act. "We have to do preventive care, with early diagnosis; it doesn't cost that much."

For example, prostate and colon cancers are treatable when caught early.

Taj wants to keep Medicare and Social Security intact. "It is difficult for seniors to understand the Medicare system," Taj said. "Social Security is not a Ponzi scheme. It is something that really helped the senior population."

"Seniors are doing OK. They aren't rich, but they survive. Otherwise 50 percent of them would be living in poverty."

Education was important in his family, Taj said. "We have to improve our system and our schools," Taj said. Federal government loans are important for students to obtain low interest, along with grants to hire more teachers.

"You can't survive just by going to high school," Taj said. He wants vocational training for those who don't attend college so they can become more employable.

Roberts, who works as a full-time political organizer for the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee, decided to run on a national slate for Congress. What prompted that is a num-

ber of Democrats didn't stand up to what Roberts called the wrong policies of Obama. "Our motto has been principle over party," Roberts said.

"This administration has continued the pro-dictatorship, Fascist policies of the Bush-Cheney administration and to even greater extremes," Roberts said. "The illegal wiretapping under the Patriot's Act has been massively expanded. The National Defense Act is a complete suspension of due process. Any citizen can be picked up off the street and detained indefinitely by simply being labeled a terrorist and no court process has to occur."

### Wall Street bailout 'almost treason'

Roberts also disagrees with the Wall Street bailout Obama continued, now to the tune of \$30 trillion. "It is a complete attack on the American population, to dump worthless obligations on the taxpayers to bail out Wall Street. It is almost treason in my mind," Roberts said. The president had another option in the Glass-Steagall Act, which is the full separation of commercial banking from private investment banking, Roberts said.

"That is the only way to initiate real economic recovery and to begin to start a process to get people back to work," Roberts said.

Roberts was asked about the appropriateness of comparing Obama to Hitler and working to obtain signatures on petitions with a photo of Obama with a Hitler-like mustache. "Yes, I've done that," Roberts said about collecting the signatures.

"It's a very honest assessment of the president's personality," Roberts said of the photos of Obama with the Hitler mustache. "Fascism starts somewhere, in the commitment to saying that there are certain lives that are unworthy of life and that it's more important to have a policy of austerity and propping up the banking cartel."

"Clearly no one is setting up gas chambers, but it is the idea that in this period you have the president who has this policy of approving millions of cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, and at the same time putting in trillions of dollars to bail out financial institutions."

When elected, Obama said he would emulate FDR, Roberts said. "It was clear (Obama's pres-

idency) would be modeled after fascism," Roberts said. "I don't pull my punches, I say what I think is true."

Glass-Steagall is supported by 70 Democrats in Congress, Roberts said, but opposed by Obama. Roberts was asked about Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who Roberts called "unacceptable." Romney "would not be able to stand up to another Democrat" if Obama were ousted from the presidency.

### Opponent an 'imposter'

Taj recently called Roberts an "imposter" running as a Democrat and told voters "not to be fooled by a fake Democrat." Roberts responded: "The idea that you have to take a loyalty oath to a president no matter what happens and what heinous crimes he commits, it's cultish," Roberts said. He added: "The idea that you have to be an Obama supporter to be a Democrat is ridiculous."

R. Karl Burnett, vice chair of the 11th District Democrats and president of the Livonia Democrat Club, called Taj a "remarkable, wonderful guy."

"He's very approachable," Burnett said. "His desire to serve in Congress is deeply seated, and he has a strong desire to work for others."

Burnett said Taj has shown his knowledge of the health care issues in news articles and that his experience in India and England will assist him in improving health care in the United States.

Burnett said Taj has been active with the 11th District Democrats for years.

Burnett said the Obama characterization with a Hitler mustache was "an outrage" and that the supporters of LaRouche had extremist views.

"You don't have to be a member of a political party to file as a candidate for either party," Burnett said. "Dr. Taj is sincere, and he deserves support for being sincere and genuine in that endeavor."

The candidates highlight their platforms at their respective Web sites: Roberts' Web site is billrobertsforcongress.com; Taj's Web site is at tajforcongress.com.

The Observer will highlight the Republican candidates on Thursday.

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WILLIAM F. "BILL" ROBERTS

Age: 31
Family info: Single
City of residence: Red-
ford
Occupation: Political
Organization
Education: High School,
one year of studies at
Temple University, Phila-
delphia
Previous elected offices
held: None
Community service:



Bill Roberts

cataphoric economic
breakdown, it will be
because a handful of
people fought like
patriots to bring the
hyper-inflationary
bailout of Wall Street
and London to an end,
by restoring Glass
Steagall. The legislation
for doing so exists and
could be passed
immediately if Barack
Obama were impeached
now.

What are your thoughts
on the recent immigration
ruling made by the
Supreme Court?
How should immigration
be addressed in the
United States?

Most of the public
concern about
immigration policy
is about illegal
immigration across
the Mexican border.
This has been largely
caused by a collapse
in Mexico's economy
after the implementation
of pro-globalization
policies like NAFTA,
especially a collapse
in agricultural output.
The implementation
of a program called
NAWAPA XXI, as
detailed on my website,
would address this
problem.

What are your thoughts
on the Affordable Health
Care Act?
The Act should be
repealed. It explicitly
calls for cutting
the cost of medical
care by denying
services or penalizing
over-utilization of
certain services,
and establishes an
independent payment
advisory board to
do so, especially targeting
the elderly and poor
who are enrolled in
Medicare and
Medicaid.

The oath of office says
you will defend and protect
the U.S. Constitution. Do
you consider the
Constitution relevant today?
Or is the Constitution an
18th century
document that's no longer
relevant in the 21st century?
The United States
Constitution has been
severely abused
under the three most
recent presidential
administrations. Many
of the most
heinous violations
of the Constitution
committed under the
Bush Administration
have been expanded
under the Obama
Administration, from
illegal wiretapping
to extrajudicial
assassinations,
including against U.S.
citizens. Members of
Congress who don't
take the Congress' role
seriously as a check
against abuses by the
executive branch do not
deserve to be members
of Congress.

Do you favor the bridge
to Canada? If so, is there
anything you would do to
ensure its construction?

Better yet, the United
States should cooperate
with Russia to build
a bridge across the
Bering Strait to connect
North America with
Asia by rail, expanding
cooperation with the
rapidly developing
nations of the Asia
and the Pacific region.
We need to move way
beyond a localist idea
of our economic self-
interest and consider
the potential, for
example, of cooperation
around Arctic
development.

Do you favor greater
federal
expenditures to create
jobs here and nationally?
I support the

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SYED TAJ

Age: 65
Family info: Wife Sofia
and son Asad
City of residence: Canton
Occupation: Physician
Education: Medical
School, India; post-graduate
work, Great Britain
and the U.S.

Previous elected offices
held: Canton Township
Trustee (2008-12)
Community service:
Canton Community Founda-
tion-Board, Senior
Alliance, AFPA Advisory
Board (Asian Pacific
Islander Association)

If elected, what committee
assignment do you hope to
get and how would that
assignment benefit the 11th
Congressional district?

Members of
Congress are assigned
committees according
to their seniority and
area of interest. As a
physician with 40 years
experience and coming
from a Great Lake
State, I believe I can be
most effective on the
Energy and Commerce
or the Transportation
Committee.

What will determine your
vote on legislation? Your
knowledge of the issue, the
voters in your district or
your party leader?

Knowledge of the
issue, gathering
information from
my constituents and
advice from my party
leadership will all be
taken into consideration
before casting a vote.

The oath of office says
you will defend and protect
the U.S. Constitution. Do
you consider the
Constitution relevant today?
Or is the Constitution an
18th century
document that's no
longer relevant in the 21st
century?

Of course my duty as
a member of Congress
will be to uphold the
Constitution, but I
believe it is a living
document. All laws
should accurately reflect
the society in which
they serve.

What would you bring to
U.S. Congress? In two
years, what would you
look at as success?
What legislation would
you like to introduce or
what action would you
like to take as a
member of Congress?

As a physician,
I understand how
the financial and
the medical sides of
our health system
work. My legislative
priorities are aiding
our economic recovery,
supporting growing
industries in Michigan,
improving our health
care system and the
ACA, supporting our
veterans, and reducing
hyperpartisanship in
Washington. These
are my benchmarks
for success as a
Representative from
Michigan's 11th District.

What are your thoughts
on the recent immigration
ruling made by the
Supreme Court?
How should immigration
be addressed in the
United States?



Dr. Syed Taj

We need a coherent
federal immigration
policy that ends
disjointed state action
on this issue. This
includes retaining
highly skilled
immigrants, creating a
path to citizenship by
passing the DREAM
Act, securing our
borders and better
funding our border
agents, and preserving
the family unit in the
immigration process.
Streamlining our
immigration policies is
both an economic and
moral imperative and
cutting the red tape
at the level where the
process begins.

What are your thoughts
on the Affordable Health
Care Act?

As a physician
with 40 years in the
medical field, I am very
passionate about health
care reform. I support
the individual mandate,
treatment of pre-
existing conditions, state

exchanges and how
it lowers overhead costs.
The ACA is not without
flaws and in Congress
I will advocate a patient-
outcome model based
on patient outcomes and
quality care to improve
the law.

Do you favor the bridge
to Canada? If so, is there
anything you would do
to ensure its construction?

I support the
construction of the New
International Trade
Crossing proposed
by Governor Snyder.
Nearly 25 percent of
all merchandise trade
between the U.S. and
Canada crosses the
Ambassador Bridge,
making it the busiest
crossing by trade
volume. I oppose
private ownership and
development of this
project and applaud the
Governor's partnership
with Canada without
costing taxpayers a
dime.

Do you favor greater
federal
expenditures to create
jobs here and
nationally?

While federal
expenditures play an
important role during
recessions - keeping
local teachers,
firefighters and safety
workers employed -
we should be aiding
the current recovery
with an eye on our
growing public deficit.

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# The sooner you start saving for retirement, the better

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: After being unemployed for a few years, I finally got a job. There are a few different options and I hope you can assist me. I am 35, single and no dependents. I have very little savings and I am renting an apartment. With my new job, I will be able to save some money every paycheck. Through my new employer, my first option is whether I take advantage of the 401(k) Plan. They do some matching but not the whole amount. Should I take advantage of the 401(k) and if so, should I use the Roth or the traditional option? My employer also provides me, at no cost, life insurance equal to one year's worth of salary. I do have an option to purchase more life insurance. Should I take advantage of it?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: The job market is still very difficult so congratulations for finding a new job in this environment. With regards to your finances, take advantage of the 401(k) Plan. As far as I'm concerned, the day you start working is the day you start saving for your retirement. After all, someone like you can be retired for more years than they worked. Therefore, the sooner you start saving, the better. I also recommend the

Roth option. The downside of the Roth option is that you're investing money that you've already paid taxes on. However, the upside is that when you withdraw the money it is totally tax free. I believe taking a short-term hit now for a long-term gain is certainly worth it. In fact, in most situations I recommend that people take advantage of Roth 401(k)s.

As to the amount you should contribute, at a minimum contribute up to the match. The question is should you contribute above and beyond the match. Since you have little savings, it makes sense that after you have taken advantage of the match begin to build an emergency fund.

I believe everyone needs an emergency fund that covers three to six months of living expenses. Once you build your emergency fund then I totally fund your Roth 401(k).

For those in their 20s, 30s and 40s I cannot stress enough the importance of saving for retirement as soon as possible. I recognize that it is difficult at that age to think about retirement but you must. After all, I'm not sure people in that age group can depend upon Social Security for their future.

Generally, if someone is in their 50s or above I will factor Social Security into the equation. For someone who is under that

age, I generally do not. This coupled with the fact that pensions are a thing of the past means that you have to do it on your own. The sooner you start saving for your retirement, the easier it will be.

In regards to the life insurance, obviously there's no downside to take advantage of the free insurance that your employer is providing. The question is why do you need more?

I do not look at life insurance as an investment but rather as risk management. The question is if you pass away is there anyone that loses financially. Since you are single and you have no dependents, there is no reason to have additional life insurance. Save your money no matter how inexpensive the life insurance may be and use the extra money to build your emergency and retirement funds.

One last note regarding life insurance, for the majority of people, I recommend term insurance. I think it is the best and the most affordable type of life insurance. Good luck!

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creation of a Credit Fund, similar to Franklin Roosevelt's Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to finance very large scale infrastructure projects, with credit backed by the sovereign powers of the federal government. The point is to increase productivity long-term, not just to create temporary "jobs" that later disappear.

Congress seems to be sharply divided between the two political parties. How do you propose to reach across the aisle to work together on issues benefiting all residents and businesses? If Americans were presented real solutions to the collapse of the economy, which included the creation of

millions of good paying jobs, and the end of bailouts for too-big-to-fail banks, most would unify around those proposals. The program for doing so has been presented on the policy page of my website.

What are your thoughts on the war on terrorism?

I agree with both Lyndon LaRouche and current Russian "anti-drug czar" Viktor Ivanov that wiping out the financing of the international drug trade would go a long way toward wiping out terrorism internationally and an international coalition to stop narcotics production and trafficking should be formed. Terrorism is generally financed by drug money.

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Infrastructure projects, the Small Business Tax Credit Initiative, lowering college costs, incentives to hire new workers, and tax reform will have important impacts on Michigan's economy and the nation.

values, not persuade others to one viewpoint.

This is the standard our constituents should hold us to and that both parties have neglected for years.

What are your thoughts on the war on terrorism?

Preserving our national security means protecting our interests at home and overseas without inflaming hatred toward America or the West. I highly support a comprehensive approach involving counterintelligence, international diplomacy, securing our borders, and utilizing smart power. This means coordinating with regional sources in Yemen, Somalia, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan to thwart plots on our soil and against our allies.

Congress seems to be sharply divided between the two political parties. How do you propose to reach across the aisle to work together on issues benefiting all residents and businesses?

Congress' fundamental duty is compromise. Leadership is not about receiving credit for sponsoring legislation but bringing people together to move things forward. My objective is to engage in a healthy discussion of public policy and

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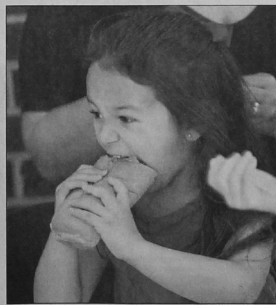
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Youngsters and their parents celebrate the end of the school year with a picnic in the play yard at McKinley Cooperative Preschool in Westland.



Sienna Ruel of Wayne takes big bite out of her sandwich at the picnic.

# Preschool like family for teacher, parents, students

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The playspaces and classrooms are quiet, a sure sign that it's summer vacation for the youngsters who attend McKinley Co-Op Preschool.

For teacher Carol Miles, it means 29 of her students have moved on to kindergarten or a Young Five program and that in a few months a new group will be sitting at her feet, listening to her read stories.

"It's hard to say good-bye, some of them I've had since they were two years old," said Miles, who's been with the program for 30 years. "I get to know them, I've seen them grow up. I know their families, we become part of a family."

The preschool got its start at McKinley School in Livonia in 1975 and,

when the space was needed by the Livonia Public Schools, it moved to the former Good Shepherd Reformed Church in Westland. The preschool recently moved to St. John's Episcopal Church at Bayview and Wayne Road in Westland when Good Shepherd closed and the building sold.

Parents' role in McKinley goes beyond dropping and picking up their children. Because it is a cooperative preschool, they spend twice a month helping in their child's classroom. They are assigned jobs like house-keeping and tending to the library. They also serve on the board and are expected to attend general membership meetings once a month.

Stephanie Flaherty's daughter McKenzie attended McKinley and now her three-year-old son Aiden is

studying with Miles. She describes herself as the "party mom" because she handles the class parties.

"I like the co-op because I can work with the kids," she said. "It's sad that some parents don't like it because they have to work in the room or do fund raising, but they don't realize that they get to see how their children grow and what they get to learn. I like that."

McKinley didn't have a website when Flaherty was looking for a preschool. She went and saw it. She liked its open layout and the fact that it had a parent and tot class starting with two-year-olds. She also liked the structure.

Now she can't say enough about Miles. She not only has taught her children a lot, she's has taught her a lot as well. She uses her lessons at home and still goes

to her for advice. Aiden likes her as well. He gets up every morning and wants to go to school.

"She's a wonderful person and a wonderful teacher," she said. "He has learned a lot and I love that. He told me he wants to be a teacher so he can get hugs and kisses as the kids come in the door."

"I have a daughter who's 4 1/2 months. If Mrs. Miles is still here, she's definitely coming to McKinley," she added.

Like Flaherty, Becky Heffner has her second child enrolled at McKinley. Son Brendan was the first graduate and daughter Aubrey is following in his footsteps. She had searched online and found McKinley for her son. He learned a lot of different things that helped him and now her daughter Aubrey is learning them.

"I like the fact that Mrs. Miles used to be a teacher. I think it helps," Heffner said. "He's in first-grade and this program helped him to be student of the month and a better student."

"It's a great school, a very good school, it's awesome," she added. "This was the best decision I every made."

Miles smiles when she hears their comments. She relates her longevity as a teacher to that.

"You don't stay on the job as long as I have without a wonderful family like this," she said.

The families come from Westland, Livonia, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and even South Lyon "because they had a connection," said Miles. Many times it'd be another sister about the preschool.

"I've had three families that were my former students who came back with their kids," said Miles. "I've just gotten invitations to graduation parties for two of my former students."

The preschool will hold a Meet and Greet Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, for families. It'll give new parents an opportunity to meet the members, the teacher and preschool board and for children to meet their classmates. More information about the program registration information and enrollment forms is available on the preschool's website, mckinleypreschool.org.

"The best kept secret is a cooperative preschool," said Miles. "No one knows what it is, but it's the best."

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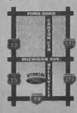
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## Officer continues diabetes mission with 'Dominic's Dream Ride'

Classic cars will join motorcycles in Dominic's Dream Ride through the western suburbs on Saturday, Aug. 4, a second-annual event that benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

In the inaugural event last September, more than 40 people rode and more than 50 people gathered at a post-ride picnic along Hines Drive to raise more than \$5,000. Organizer Jim Green said "it is not unrealistic" the second annual event will double its performance this year.

Green, a sergeant and veteran officer for the Livonia Police Department, created the local event with his wife Kelly in honor of their 8-year-old son who suffers with Type One Diabetes, an autoimmune disease that struck him suddenly at age 3 and has no cure.

Dominic presses ahead to live a normal life as he prepares for third grade this fall, but he will be dependent on insulin for the rest of his life. He constantly wears an insulin pump to keep him alive. His finger is poked six times a day for a blood-sugar check. He needs multiple doses of insulin each day—either by his insulin pump or injection. And anyone who cares for Dominic must know how to handle these tests and injections, along with other diabetic needs.

With the thousands of finger pokes and shots he has taken already in his short life, "it is a constant challenge to maintain correct glucose levels for him and is overwhelming for anyone—let alone a child," Jim Green said.

According to the national research, 1 in 400 young-



Dominic Green, shown with his dog, constantly wears an insulin pump to keep him alive. His finger is poked six times a day for a blood-sugar check.

sters under the age of 20 has diabetes, which elevates other health risks such as heart and kidney disease, stroke, blindness and nervous system issues.

In addition to raising money to support those dealing with diabetic patients, the Livonia couple hopes Dominic's Dream Ride boosts community awareness of the disease, particularly the intensity required to treat diabetics.

Last year's event was gratifying for Green because there was so much support from people who were not directly impacted by diabetes.

"It was just nice to see something so positive," he said. "In the media, we see so much bad news and negative things going on in the world, so it was really nice to see this event come

together last year. Now, we hope to make it even better this year."

Dominic's Dream Ride was initially created as a motorcycle poker run, but organizers are adding cars to the ride as some supporters want to cruise in their classic vehicles. Registration on Aug. 4 will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Motor City Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The last vehicle out will be at 12 noon.

A minimum \$20 donation is requested to participate in the event, which is also sponsored by the Superior Township Warthogs.

For those not riding, there are other ways to support the cause. People can attend the event-ending picnic at 4 p.m. which will take place at Plymouth Riverside Park on Hines Drive near Haggerty. Priz-

es will be raffled off at 5 p.m., including a separate raffle for a go-kart, sponsored by Keith's Muffler and Brakes in Westland. Tickets for the go-kart raffle can be purchased now at the shop located on Wayne Road near Marquette Road.

For more information, call Jim or Kelly Green at (734) 432-2610.

Those who cannot participate in any of the Aug. 4 festivities, but wish to make a tax-deductible donation to the cause, can visit website [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org), and click on donate at the top of the page, then select the green sneaker to donate to Dominic's Dream Team, or donations can be made out to JDRF and mailed to: Dominic's Dream Team, c/o Superior Township Warthogs, 37637 Five Mile Road No. 124, Livonia, MI 48154.

## Bug hunt shows two branches of Rouge improving

Friends of the Rouge's 2012 Spring Bug Hunt Report, released July 2, has some good news for the Rouge River.

Two branches of the Rouge River—the Middle Branch and the Main Branch—are showing an upward trend in scores.

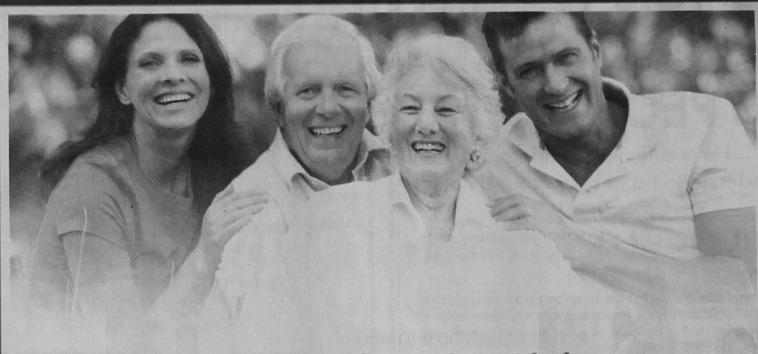
The Spring Bug Hunt is an annual event that is part of a program to collect data on the "bugs" that live in the streambed. Technically called "benthic macroinvertebrates," the type and abundance of mayfly, dragonfly and stonefly larvae can be translated into a "score" for a site, telling biologists whether a site is good, fair, poor or excellent. Friends of the Rouge have been collecting data since 2001.

The two branches that showed improvement were the Middle Branch that includes Johnson Creek and the Walled Lake Drainage and follows Hines Drive from Northville to Ford Road in Dearborn, and the Main Branch in Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Beverly Hills and Southfield.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Service Watershed Management Division and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

The Fall Bug Hunt will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, and volunteers are welcome. Registration is required. For more information or to sign up, visit [therouge.org/index.php?id=687627](http://therouge.org/index.php?id=687627).

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# Olympic swimmer

Bachrouche eager to compete in pool at London Games

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills attended the recent U.S. Olympic Trials in swimming, not to compete but to train for the upcoming games in London, England.

Bachrouche, who will represent Lebanon, was already assured of an Olympic berth, and it stirred her competitive spirit to watch other Americans strive for that goal.

"It made me really excited and eager to race," she said. "We don't have anything like the Trials in Lebanon. Seeing everybody gear up and race was really cool."

Bachrouche, a state champion at North Farmington High School and an All-American at the University of Virginia, holds dual citizenship through her father, who was born and raised in Lebanon.

With his help, Bachrouche met with members of the Lebanese Olympic Committee last year, trained with a club team in Beirut and represented that country at international swim events.

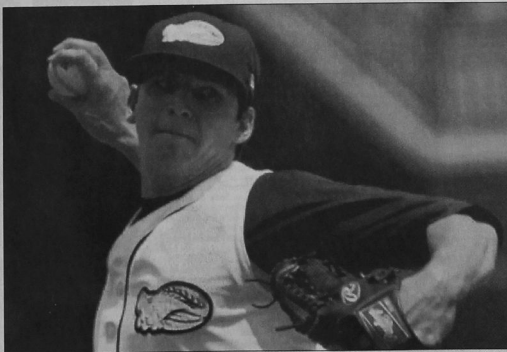
At the World University Games last summer in China, Bachrouche finished seventh in the 400-meter freestyle, becoming the first Lebanese athlete to make the finals in any sport in that competition.

She participated in the Lebanese championships in September, but that was more of a technical, something she had to do to be eligible.

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills won four gold medals in swimming at the Pan-Arab Games.



Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop finds himself back in the starting rotation with the Chicago White Sox's high-Class A affiliate Winston-Salem (N.C.) Dash.

# Back in the groove

Ex-Wayne pitcher Collop thrives in minors

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

Justin Collop isn't afraid to give you an honest assessment of his four-year minor league baseball career thus far.

"I'd say I'm a little behind—last year didn't help," said the 2006 Wayne Memorial High grad and former University of Toledo pitcher. "I was hurt for most of the year and it kind of held me back, so you just kind of build your way back. By sitting out and being hurt, you just kind of learn, but now I'm rolling and getting through it."

Collop, who was a sixth-round pick of the Chicago White Sox in the 2009 MLB Draft, was making his seventh start of the season on the mound Sunday for the Winston-Salem Dash of the Class A Advanced Carolina League.

And 24-year-old Collop is enjoying his best season statistically with a 6-2 record and 3.63 earned run average. In 62 innings, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound right-hander has struck out 41 and walked 24.

The former Zebra brand, who battled rotator cuff tendonitis last year while throwing just 53.2 innings, has found his niche during his second year with Winston-Salem.

"I'm definitely glad to be



Collop

back in the rotation," Collop said. "I'm more comfortable there. It's where I've been my whole life. I've just been doing what they want me to do lately

and it's kind of working out for me. I just like starting because you can control the game and make adjustments throughout the game instead of one or two innings. It fits my personality better doing it."

And Collop's contributions haven't gone unnoticed as the Dash captured the Southern Division first-half title with a 44-19 record.

"Collop is having a terrific year," Winston-Salem manager Tommy Thompson said. "He's been a long guy, been a setup guy and he has closed games. He has done everything he has been asked to do, and he has stepped up well with his win-loss record. He is healthy this year, which is a great sign for him and he competes and goes out there and pitches like a bulldog."

Collop is not considered a strikeout pitcher, but he is learning the tricks of the trade. He'll use a four-seam fastball, a sinker, changeup, slider and

split-finger.

"I feel I have the tools," Collop said, "but you've got to utilize them in a way to get hitters out—reading hitters, seeing where they're at in the box, their approach to a certain pitch... you try and build off of that. I've worked on a fastball, a sinker, off-speeds and just try and polish the whole repertoire."

Although there was an adjustment period of leaving the bullpen, Collop knows what it takes to go the distance. During his second minor league season with the Kannapolis (N.C.) Intimidators of the Class A Atlantic League, Collop logged a career-high 154 innings going 9-12 with a 4.26 ERA as a seventh-  
gr.

"You have to have the stamina to go out there six, seven, eight innings as opposed to being a reliever," Collop said. "In both, you have to be in shape, but starting you're more on a scheduled routine. When you're a reliever, you kind of work here-and-there and have a day off. The running is a little different. The big thing is to recover quickly and get back out there a day or two later. But when you're starting, you have four days off."

Please see COLLOP, B3

# This old stash is a Pot o' Gold

Sometimes you question yourself on why you've become a pack rack.

I'm probably Exhibit A. I'm not totally messy, but I tend to stack things instead of throwing things away.

I have just about every sports section I've ever produced at the Observer in my 33 years on the job. That's approximately a total of 3,432.

It's my own personal archive system, but it's probably a fire hazard as well. I have papers stacked in various places in my home office upstairs that total 70 inches high.

Then I have several grocery sacks, three boxes and another 42-inch stack of old sports sections stacked sitting in my basement.

So why do I keep them? Because from time to time, I get some outlandish requests such as: "You wrote a story about my daughter's softball team in 1986, where can I get a copy?"

Our electronic archives only go back to the turn of the century, while anything prior to that might—and I say might—be somewhere on microfilm at the Livonia City Library.

One of those crazy requests came earlier this spring from a lady in Tennessee who said she wrote an article about her husband calling his own shot—a Babe Ruth—for a Livonia Adray sandlot baseball team to beat the Canadian Olympic Team at Ford Field.

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She wasn't sure it was 1983 or 1984, but she was sure persistent with the e-mails because she had to have a copy of the story. That's because she wanted to frame it and give it her husband as a 25-year anniversary gift in June.

Of course, one of the former Livonia Adray coaches, Stu Rose (now an assistant at Madonna University, referred my name to her).

(Thanks, Stu, I thought you were a friend.)

Frankly, I would have remembered like it was yesterday if John DePillo (who he went back then by the spelling of DiPillo), had honored to beat the Canadian Olympians.

Please see EMONS, B3



Brad Emmons

# Hockey-playing couple ties knot at rink



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Newlyweds Laura Vogel and Michael Ellis skate a post-ceremony victory lap at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

## Suburban Ice Farmington Hills plays host to wedding party

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

This was one wedding in which everybody had cold feet, and nobody thought that the least bit unusual for the occasion.

Michael Ellis and Laura Vogel were married June 28 at center ice inside Suburban Ice Farmington Hills, so that small inconvenience was to be expected.

The couple met there during a session of the Breakfast Club, a morning instructional hockey class for adults and one of numerous offerings by Suburban Hockey.

Vogel, 49, said the plan to have the wedding on the ice sheet at Suburban Ice was the brainchild of Ellis, 54.

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It was wedded bliss on ice for Laura Vogel and Michael Ellis.



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When he wasn't pitching, McDonald also played third base and shortstop while hitting .386 with 28 RBI.

Chris pitched a big game in the districts and got a win and a save in the regional, coach Rick Berryman said.

**Sterling Sharp, P, North Farmington:** The junior pitcher was his team's MVP, posting a 7-0 record with three shutouts and one no-hitter. Coach Mike O'Connell was successful to protect Sharp's arm, limiting him to eight starts. Sharp had 50 strikeouts and just seven walks in 48 innings, and he had an impressive 1.90 ERA. Sharp, who is being recruited by numerous Division I schools, also played shortstop when he wasn't pitching. He batted .254 and had 10 RBI.

"What makes him a good pitcher is he has the speed," O'Connell said. "He can unleash the fastball, but the best thing about him is he changes arm slots and speeds. Sometimes, I wish he'd go to the fastball and blow it past them, but he's a pitcher as opposed to a thrower. I think all these college and pro scouts, when they see him, that's exactly what they see. If he continues to work hard, he has a great future ahead of him."

**Tyler Steele, P-1B, Garden City:** The senior completed a stellar high school career by going 6-2 on the mound while hitting at a .360 clip at the dish. Headed to Concordia University in Ann Arbor to play football and baseball, Steele posted a sterling 1.85 earned run average in his role as the Cougars' pitching ace. The four-year varsity letter winner was a two-time all-WVAC performer.

"Tyler has left an outstanding legacy at Garden City, helping us to win three straight league championships and two districts," coach Steve Herman said. "He's been a great leader for the young players, both on the field and off. He's an outstanding student and a great kid, he has an outstanding future ahead of him."

**Rich Guglielmi, C, Plymouth:** The senior catcher brought an all-around game that sparked Plymouth to its first KLA South Division championship and 27-9 record.

He hit .429 with nine doubles and three homers while throwing out 70 percent of baserunners trying to steal on his arm.

Guglielmi earned team MVP honors, as well as selection to all-district, all-region and all-district teams. And he was named to the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

"Rich was the best defensive catcher we saw this year," coach Bryan Boyd said. "He was a catalyst for our 27-9 season and our district division championship in school history."

"He will be missed next year behind the plate and in the middle of our defense."

Guglielmi, who also excelled his senior year as goaltender for Plymouth's hockey team, will play baseball

at Saginaw Valley State University.  
**Mike Vomastek, C, Stevenson:** The junior catcher, a three-year starter, hit .398 this season with 34 RBI and seven extra base hits after moving to first base on the third spot in the batting order.

The all-KLAA pick finished with an overall batting average of .526. His career batting average is .390.

"Mike is one of the best defensive catchers in the area," Berryman said. "He had only three strikeouts in 146 plate appearances this season."

**Tyler Goble, 1B, Plymouth:** Another key player for the Wildcats' team success this spring was the senior first baseman.

Goble batted .407, with a team-high 44 hits, along with 10 doubles, two triples and two homers and 31 RBI. His defense also was superb.

"It's not easy to put together back-to-back 40-win seasons," Boyd said. "Tyler's leadership was a big part of our success this year."

He was honored with the team's Chase Zeburk Academic Achievement Award for grade-point average (.85) and was Plymouth's male athlete of the year.

Other accolades included all-KLAA, all-district and all-district academic honors. Goble, also an outstanding linebacker at Plymouth, will play Division I football at the U.S. Naval Academy.

**Travis Harvey, Infield, Stevenson:** The first-year Division I all-star, who played primarily infield, finished his senior year with an impressive .55 RBI.

The all-KLAA selection was also among the state's leaders in homers (eight), including three grand slams and 15 RBIs. He posted a .373 batting average, high 15 doubles and with a slugging percentage of .713.

"Travis was a versatile player who could play third, second and was our back-up catcher," Berryman said.

**Ryan Bazner, 3B-P, Canton:** The senior pretty much did it all as a four-year player for the Chiefs and was rewarded with his selection to the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

Bazner, a team co-captain, hit .366 with nine extra-base hits and 15 RBI. On the mound, the hard-throwing righty went 4-3 with a 3.32 ERA while striking out 53 batters in 46.1 innings.

During his Canton career, he compiled a win-loss record of 19-3. "Ryan had an outstanding four-year career both as a pitcher and position player at Canton High School," said coach Mark Blomshield in an e-mail to the Observer. "His nomination as an all-star was primarily due to his long-term consistency as a strong high school player."

Bazner will be playing college baseball at Saginaw Valley State University.

**Rich Gorman, Infield, Franklin:** The versatile junior infielder was the Patriots' top hitter on the season with a .451 average (.37-for-82) including 10 homers, a triple and two homers to go along with a team-high 26 RBI.

The all-KLAA and all-district pick struck out only nine times and boasted a slugging percentage of .671 and an on-base percentage of .536.

"Josh had a great year for us," coach Matt Fournier said. "He hit over .300 in the state tournament this year and led in the team in almost every big offensive category."

"Although primarily a third base-

man, he was our most versatile infielder. He made all the start-ups plays at second and short when needed to pay there, and excelled in all the games he was at third. We look forward to having him next year."

**Connor Dwyer, OF, Churchill:** The senior outfielder, headed to Saginaw Valley State on a four-year President's Scholarship in the pre-med program, finished the year with a .378 with 22 runs scored and 20 RBI.

"He had only three strikeouts in 116 games while drawing 15 walks."

"Connor hit in the three-spot for us all season and was as consistent as ever," coach Ron Hargos said. "You knew that he was always going to put the ball in play, as you could see that he only struck out four times all season."

"Connor was very solid for us in the outfield where he committed only three errors while having five assists. His extra base power, along with his speed on the bases, were trouble for many teams this season."

**Connor Mohr, OF, Farmington:** Mohr was a key starter in center field for the Falcons. He batted .438 as a junior the past season, his 46 hits included four doubles, seven triples and two home runs. From the lead-off position, Mohr had 17 walks and 20 RBI; he had 18 stolen bases and scored 45 runs. His percentages were .667 for slugging and .542 for on base.

The left-handed Mohr also made six pitching starts and had three complete games with one shutout. He was 3-4 with a 2.20 ERA and team-high 41.33 innings.

"Connor is very reliable at the plate and extremely fast," coach Pete Finn said. "He's one of the best competitors I've ever had, and I'm very proud of him. I'm looking forward to having one more year with him."

"I kinda forced him into pitching, but he's doing it a lot better at that. He has a very good change-up. He's learned how to pitch over the last couple years, which I think is pretty cool."

**Nick Hazergian, OF-P, Canton:** In just his sophomore season, Hazergian proved versatile for the Chiefs and led the team in the outfield and as a left-handed batter.

He batted .404 in his second year with the varsity, clubbing a team-leading four home runs and driving in 24.

In just over 37 innings pitched, Hazergian struck out 50 batters, going 4-2 and posting a 2.25 ERA.

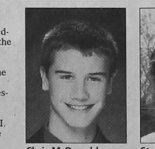
For his efforts, Hazergian was named Canton's MVP along with selection to the All-KLAA, all-district and academic all-district teams.

"Nick is a tough competitor and ultimate team player which has earned him all-conference and all-district honors as a senior sophomore (in his) first full season on the varsity squad," Blomshield said.

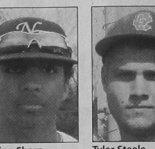
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Rich Berryman, Stevenson:** The eighth-year coach guided the Spartans to the Division I state quarterfinals and a school-best, 28-12 record this season.

The 64-year-old Berryman is 367-249 overall in 19 seasons as a varsity coach, including a 152-124 mark at Stevenson and a 215-135 record at Redford Union where he retired as an administrator in 2002.

Berryman and Steve Stevenson, a pair of Kensington Conference and KLA Lakes Division coaches in 2010 and 2011. The former Eastern Michigan Uni-



Chris McDonald Stevenson



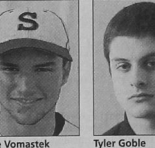
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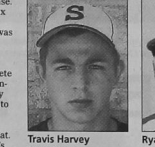
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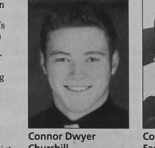
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Nick Hazergian Canton



Rich Gorman Franklin



Rick Berryman Coach of Year



Tyler Steele Garden City

## 2012 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL

### FIRST TEAM

Chris McDonald, Sr. P, Liv. Stevenson

Sterling Sharp, Jr. P-SS, N. Farmington

Tyler Steele, Sr. P-1B, Garden City

Rich Guglielmi, Sr. C, Plymouth

Mike Vomastek, Jr. C, Liv. Stevenson

Tyler Goble, Sr. 1B, Plymouth

Travis Harvey, Jr. Inf., Liv. Stevenson

Ryan Bazner, Sr. 3B-P, Canton

Josh Gorman, Jr. 3B-SS, Liv. Franklin

Austin Silletti, Sr. OF, Liv. Churchill

Connor Mohr, Jr. OF-P, Farmington

Nick Hazergian, Soph. OF-P, Canton

### SECOND TEAM

Mike Kanitra, Jr. P, Liv. Stevenson

Mike Statton, Sr. P, Redford Union

Justin Thompson, Sr. P, Plymouth

Dan Cameron, Jr. C, Liv. Churchill

Daniel Jipping, Soph. C, P. Christian

Eric Stanis, Jr. C, N. Farmington

Nick Lagerstrom, Sr. 1B, Liv. Stevenson

Brent Ochodnicki, Sr. P-1B, Churchill

Ben Gehan, Sr. 1B, Clarenceville

Tony Mitchell, Jr. 1B-OF, Farmington

Jerry Deusch, Sr. 2B, N. Farmington

Matt Janke, Jr. 2B, Plymouth

Jacob Laffer, Sr. OF, Wayne Memorial

Zack Kmet, Sr. OF, Garden City

Steven Marowski, Soph. 3B, Harrison

Daniel Ammons, Jr. 3B, Westland Glenn

Sean Fox, Sr. 3B-C, Garden City

Joe Barczuk, Sr. Inf., Liv. Franklin

Tommy Sauer, Sr. OF, Liv. Westland

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Robert Seal, Sr. OF-P, Redford Union

Casey Sudz, Jr. OF, Plymouth

Demetrius Dunlap, Jr. OF, Salem

Robert Shelton, Sr. OF, Redford Union

### HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Tyler Keeter, Derek Jakubowski, John Szymanski;

Franklin: Kevin Nisak, Alex DeYonker; Stevenson: Josh DeYonker, Jake Semak, Justin Small, John Glenn; Canton: Danny Coffey, Wayne: Jordan Louder, Lutharan Westland: Nick Flansky, Nick Andzrejczak, Huron Valley: Lutharan; Plymouth: Brian Schmid, Jamar Elford, Brendan Swanson, Nick Sandberg, Austin Ebeling; Canton: Jake Bouvier, Weston

Price, Salem: Scott Thessen, Jack Driscoll, Brett Ramirez;

St. Clair: Matt Sauer, Plymouth: Christian Daniel Slater, Mitchell Slater, Matt Read; Farmington: Jon Perry, Tyler

Tompson, Davis Vandercook, Chris Zubly; Harrison: Joe Carter, Mitchell Kramer; North Farmington: David Lett, Bobby Lett;

Eric Waldron, Mike Mackie; Garden City: Tyler Glenfield,

Austin Kiedel, Matt Sauer; Redford Union: Jon Evans, Patrick

Wiermasz; Redford Thorton: Zachary Pawloski, Damin Harris,

David Dudenas.

### COACH OF YEAR

Rick Berryman, Livonia Stevenson

## SWIMMER

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"It wasn't as intense as people might think," she said. "It was more relaxed, a lot of fun. The environment was more of a summer league meet for me in that there were a lot of kids every weekend and everybody was having fun. It was focused other nations' national championships."

It was more serious in December when Bachrouche returned to the international stage for the Pan-Arab Games in Doha, Qatar.

She won four gold medals in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle and the 200 IM, and she also earned bronze medals in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle.

"From a swimming perspective, it was the best meet I've had," Bachrouche said. "I dropped time in just about every event and earned some gold medals for Lebanon. That was a really great time."

"I had competition in every event, which helped me to go my best times. It was just a really cool experience. It was a half-way check point for the year, to get some races and to see where I was at."

Bachrouche moved from Virginia, where she had been training, to Los Angeles in February to work with the Trojan Swim Club, a post-grade team at the USC. That's how she ended up in the U.S. Trials in Omaha, Neb.

"The team has a large international contingent," she said. "There were eight of us who couldn't swim in the U.S. Trials. Instead of being by ourselves in the pool, we were with a lot of other newbies while the Trials went on."

Bachrouche, who is the only woman and one of two swimmers on the Lebanese team, goes to France on July 14 to continue her training in a camp to the London Games July 27-Aug. 12.



Katya Bachrouche confirms it is indeed gold.

"Most athletes are going to get European country to train to get used to the time difference," she said.

### Chosen event

Bachrouche will swim one event, the 800 freestyle, at the Olympics. The prelims are Aug. 2 and the final race is the night of Aug. 3.

"I had to pick one of three, so I picked the 800," Bachrouche said. "That's not until the fifth day, the 400 is the second day, and I want to go to the opening ceremonies. I can do that and give my legs enough time to recover before I race."

"It would have been nice to swim more than one event, but I can focus all my energy on one. It's a long event, too. It's not like I'm going to swim for a minute. I feel I'm getting the biggest bang for my buck, if you will."

Bachrouche also believes she has the best chance to do well in the 800. Her best time is 8:44.5 and is well under the Olympic selection time of 8:51.82.

### Realistic goal

She said many people don't understand how keen the Olympic competition is and what realistic expectations are.

"They say, 'Oh, you're going to win a gold medal,'" she said. "No athlete will go into it saying, 'I don't want to win one.' Swimmers can be pretty realistic about where they stand with the rest of the world. In other sports, a terrible team can have the game of its life. Swimming is a lot more difficult than that."

"My goal is to hit the A standard (8:33.84). I don't know what place that will put me. If I can crack the top 16, that would be amazing. If I get a second swim (in the final), I'll finish in the top eight."

Bachrouche, who speaks the Arabic dialect of Lebanon, said the Lebanese Olympic officials have welcomed her with open arms.

"The Arab Games was the solidifying fact," she said. "I spent a lot of time with the Olympic Committee members. With the success I had, it made them more aware of me."

"It helps that I have language on my side. I'm very culturally in tune; I grew up in a very Lebanese family. I'm lucky for my dad instilling that in me from a young age."

### Proud moment

Her parents will be in London to see her swim, and family and friends in two countries will be watching on television.

"I'm proud to be able to represent Lebanon in the Olympics and put them on the map," Bachrouche said. "From a family perspective and broader national perspective, it's the opportunity of a lifetime, and I'm really fortunate to be it."

"I'm not about me. I'm there to represent my country and not just myself."

"I think I can do enough to make people recognize the country. It's not about me. I'm there to represent my country and not just myself."

## EMONS

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And Jackie DiPillo, John's wife, wasn't going to quit.

"I finally cried 'uncle' as I finally badgered me to go down into my archived dungeon on a cold Saturday afternoon in April and start what I thought was a fruitless search.

My search didn't go well at first, but after 20 minutes, I eventually I dug it out of a box buried amongst several other boxes and stumbled — and I mean stumbled upon — the article.

### No byline

And of course, I didn't remember writing it. That's because I didn't cover that story in July of 1984. It was Chris McCosky, who now covers the Detroit Lions beat for the Detroit News, who wrote about the infamous "calling his own shot" homer while as John DiPillo was pleased I was able to retrieve it and mail my only original copy to her.

Of course, I was sworn to secrecy because she wanted to present it to her husband as a surprise.

And speaking of surprises, I stumbled upon another surprise just this past week in my dungeon of archives.

The e-mail came in recently from an Amy Mullins, a former member of the 1987 Livonia Franklin girls soccer team.

The e-mail read: "Dear Mr. Emons—Recently there was an article in the Livonia Observer stating that the Livonia Franklin girls soccer team won the state title in 1987. I believe that back in 1987 they also won. Could you look into this? Thanks so much—Amy Mullins"

### Not quite right

When our Garden City-Redford sports editor Ed Wright covered Franklin's upset 2-1 shoot-out district final win last month over 17-1 Garden City, everything connected with this Franklin team was convinced it was the school's first-ever district title.

Apparently there were no records kept at the school, or anything documenting that fact inside Franklin's main gymnasium where the championship teams are listed on the wall (by sport).

Given it was late and being on a tight Friday night deadline, I didn't question the validity of Ed's story, but upon

reflecting back, a red flag immediately was raised in my mind.

I put in a quick call to Franklin athletic director Ron Hammy, who couldn't verify one way or another. I even searched on the internet for a phone number for Uduy Brda, who I did remember being the coach.

But given the limited time, I had no success. There was a little nugget, however, inside my brain that kept telling me that Franklin, had indeed, previously won a district title.

And what I've learned in my 33 years in the newspaper business, any (small or big) mistake will eventually be exposed.

So I went back to the dungeon — once again — and began my search (minus any incendiary devices).

### Stand corrected

An un- and-behold, Amy Mullins was dead right.

The Observer headline read: "Chargers, Franklin motor toward regionals."

To refresh anybody's memory, Franklin crushed host Southfield for the district title that year, 7-0, behind two goals apiece from Gayle Cheadle and Heather Colvin. In that game, Linda McCaul, Deanne Brda (Judy's daughter) and Andrea Horn also scored goals for the Patriots.

Ironically, Franklin's district semifinal win was even more amazing — 18-0 over Redford Bishop Borgess. (So now you know why the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted an eight-goal mercy rule.)

What I didn't remember — I just didn't remember — was that the 1987 Franklin team also won a regional game against Dearborn Edsel Ford and lost in the regional final, 3-1, to a 19-1 Troy Athens squad. (Sally Berg went on to beat Livonia Churchill that year for the state title, 2-1.)

Franklin finished 8-9-1 overall that season and that team can still claim it was the most successful in school history when it comes to making a state tournament run. (This year's Franklin team finished 6-12-4 overall and lost in the regional semifinals to host Saline, 5-0.)

The moral of this story is that you can't take everybody's word at face value, and if you have any doubts that something is inaccurate, go to the dungeon and do some digging through all the boxes.

Those stacks of sports sections still come in handy. I'm slowly starting to learn.

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finance) at the University of Toledo.

During this past offseason he lived with his brother Tommy and spent time in working out during the winter months at the University of Miami (Fla.).

"When you're in a warm weather state like that you can work out, get you're throwing done and not have to worry about going indoors," Collop said.

The next jump for Collop is Class AA Birmingham (Ala.) followed by Class AAA in Charlotte (N.C.).

Comiskey Park seems thousands of miles away, but Collop isn't jumping ahead. He can only control and be concerned about the present and get what we back on schedule.

"You've got to go with the flow," the former all-Observer pitcher said. "You never really know. You just keep going down what you're doing and hopefully things work out."

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# Madonna lands two spikers from D2 champion Fruitport

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham signed two more players to NIAA letters-of-intent Friday in Fruitport alumni Breanna Geile and Ashley Hulbert.

The 5-foot-9 Geile, who helped Fruitport to back-to-back MHSAA Division 2 titles in 2010 and 2011, will join promising sophomore sister Samantha on the MU squad, the first duo of siblings to play for

the Crusaders since Jacqui and Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill).

"Breanna is a dynamic athlete with excellent court skills and game sense," Abraham said of the two-time all-state selection. "She was all-state as an outside hitter, but will probably be one of our most intense defensive players. Breanna sees the other side of the court very well and is an excellent all-around

player who can have an immediate impact on our team."

The 5-foot-10 Hulbert comes to MU after two seasons at Muskegon Community College where she led the NJCAA Division II ranks in total kills (689) and kills per set (4.65) as a sophomore.

She is a two-time NJCAA National Player of the Week and led Muskegon to a share of the MCCAAC Western Confer-

ence title while earning all-MCCAAC and NJCAA Region 12 first-team honors.

"Ashley is an experienced outside hitter who is a real smart hitter," Abraham said. "She has a set of versatile skills in her attack and plays all the way around. She is a great athlete who is quick and a very good defender. We brought her in to challenge for a starting position immediately."

## WEDDING

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"It was all Michael's crazy idea, actually," she said. "He announced in class one day we were getting married, which we were. And, then, he turned to one of the coaches and said: 'And we want to get married here on the ice.'"

"The coach looked at me and said, 'Are you OK with that?' It wasn't something we had really talked about. He wanted to make sure it would be special and memorable, so I was like, 'Yeah, why not?'"

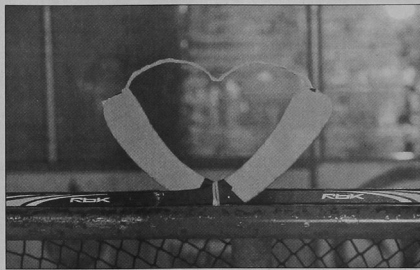
"He planned the whole thing, I just had to show up."

Ellis, a salesman and former Garden City resident, wanted to do something quick and low-key, that wasn't going to be too big a deal, he said. There were about 50 invited guests and maybe twice that many who were at the rink and witnessed the event.

"It was nice and it all worked out very well for us," Ellis said. "We'll all remember it for the rest of our lives, and everybody went away saying it was the best wedding they'd been to."

There was a very practical reason why people would say that, too.

"It was a hunkered degree, outside, and we were in the rink," Ellis said. "We looked like geniuses at that point. It was quite nice. It was just low-key. We had the best man, the best woman and all our friends from the hockey team."



It's not your ordinary wedding decoration. A pair of hockey sticks are arranged into the shape of a heart.

The bride and groom wore skates, and guests were offered them if they chose to be seated on the ice; otherwise, they sat on the team benches or in the stands.

The couple was married legally in a civil ceremony earlier that day. Lyle Phair, the Breakfast Club instructor, officiated in the more-relaxed setting of Suburban Ice, sending the couple to the penalty box for a holding infraction.

While the newlyweds served their two minutes, the gathering was treated to a pair of Frank Sinatra love songs. Vogel, a lawyer and Ellis returned to the ice and exchanged vows when the clock showed their penalty time had expired.

At the conclusion of the wedding, they skated through the "Tunnel of Hockey Love." Instead of crossed

swords as in a military wedding, friends and teammates held hockey sticks aloft to form the tunnel.

"Once we went through, we couldn't stop," Ellis said. "We had to turn around and go back through. It was really unique."

"It was the most fun I've ever had," Vogel said of the entire event. "It's a shame more people don't have fun at their wedding as opposed to being stressed out at their wedding."

Ellis added Suburban Hockey, which didn't charge for the ice time, was very accommodating and generous.

"Suburban did a really nice job with the rink," he said, regarding the many decorations. "They dressed it up like we were special."

"Basically, they did this for us free, and

that's just unbelievable — wedding, friends and teammates held hockey sticks aloft to form the tunnel.

Ellis and Vogel share an obvious love for the game of hockey, too. But they're not spectators; they're on the ice playing nearly year round. Vogel plays on four teams, Ellis three.

"She skates through the summer," Ellis said, adding he needs the time off, citing team commitments, the Breakfast Club and invitations to play drop-in hockey. "Before you know it, we're on the ice six days a week."

For a honeymoon, the newlyweds spent the weekend at a family cottage.

"We tried to go to drop-in hockey, where you just show up and play, but we couldn't find one," Vogel said.

## Hoef takes cage job at Lutheran Westland

By Brad Emons

Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland is staying within the family to select its new boys basketball coach.

Jim Hoef, a former three-sport athlete in basketball, football and baseball, and 1994 Lutheran Westland grad, has been named to replace Doug Haller, who stepped down after three seasons to free up more time to pursue a masters degree. Haller, also a Warrior alum, finished 26-37 overall in three seasons and guided Lutheran Westland to a 12-10 record and the finals of the Class D district championship before losing to Detroit Westside Christian Academy.

"We were very pleased with Doug's coaching and were looking forward to him continuing as our head coach, but also understand his need to pursue an advanced degree at this point in his life," Lutheran Westland athletic director Mike Unger said.

"We wish him nothing but the best," Unger said. "The 36-year-old Hoef currently teaches seventh- and eighth-grade at Concordia Lutheran Grade School where he has spent the 12 years. He also serves as the school's athletic director and has coached at the Redford grade school

(formerly known as Hosanna Tabor).

"I do not know much about the team, and from what I saw a little bit last year, the height is not quite there," said Hoef, who is a Concordia University of Ann Arbor graduate with a degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in math and English. "But I'm am looking to get out and run and play some defense. My main concern is to serve as a defense first — making sure we shut down the other team before we put the ball in the basket. Defense is where it's at for me."

During the 1998-99 season, Hoef served as an assistant coach at Lutheran Westland under Dan Ramthun.

"Offensively — because of the height disadvantages — I'm not necessarily trying to stick with a perimeter team," Hoef said. "I told other people, too. I'm not trying to be Rich Rodriguez and strip down the offense to what I want to do with it. We've got to go with what we have and adapt an offense to what we have."

After working a Lutheran grade school basketball camp last week, Hoef said he plans to get acquainted with the team before the summer ends.

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## COLLOP

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And what a difference a year makes.

"Last year I was healthy, got hurt, healthy, got hurt and was never really on a roll," Collop said. "Right now I feel good."

And playing in Winston-Salem has been a very positive experience.

"It's an awesome environment," Collop said. "The stadium (BB&T Ballpark) is brand new, a lot of fans are here every night and it's definitely the best place I've ever played in the minor leagues. We ended up winning the first half and we'll be in the playoffs at the end of the year. Everybody works hard and plays together. That's why we were successful."

Following his first year in the minors, Collop came home and stayed during the off-season with his family in Wayne. The second year he worked out and continued to pursue his degree (in person-



## Titans triumph

The Livonia Titans, a 13-and-under team, captured the Southeast Michigan Baseball Tournament title July 17 at the Eastern Michigan University Recreation Complex in Ypsilanti. Team members include (front row, from left) David DeNova, Tim Ohtsuka, Joe Wozniak, Brayden Dewhirst, Joe Hatley, Evan Cummins; (middle row, from left) Mark Pettersson, Aaron Youmans, Tyler Hursky, Nate Leach, Kolby Dewhirst, Nick Beers; (back row, from left) coaches Tyler Dewhirst, Harry Youmans, Brian Dewhirst and Mike Wozniak.



## League soccer champ

The Farmington Soccer Club's under-9 Flash Black 03 is the champion of the Western Suburban Soccer League Division 5 spring session with a record of 6-2-0. The team members are (front row, from left) Sameer Torke, Eli Worthing, Jake Michalski, Hemil Shah, Connor Jaisle, (back row, from left) coach Eileen Monique, Jacob Kujawa, Martin Marks, Aidan Dousta, Ronit Day and Shrey Udupa.



## Blues sing happy tune

The 14-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Brighton Baseball Classic June 24. The Blues scored victories over the Michigan Bulldogs, Southwest Oakland Warriors, Grosse Pointe Redhaws and Brighton Bulldogs. The team members are (front row, from left) manager Doug Creighton, coach Paul Wenson, Stephen Satterfield, Ian Schmitzler, Nico Janigian, Mike Scott, Cam Craighton, coach Mike Lantz and coach Sean Carty. Not pictured are Evan Eischer and Will Krushena. The Blues also won the Play at the Cage tournament in Ypsilanti and were runners-up in Frankenmuth.



## Ferocious Force

The 6th grade Plymouth Canton Force travel basketball team went undefeated at the recent AYB/Oxford/Macomb DSE basketball tournament. Decisive victories were posted against the CYO Allstars (46-14), West Bloomfield B3 Bombers (57-18), Detroit Arsenal (39-25) and Ann Arbor DSO Sports (55-13). Pictured from left are Connor Eng, Brandon Stevens, Andrew Neal, Noah Brown, Amit Tiwari, Eian Barker, Matt Buschman, Trevor Genav, coach James Brown and Himmad Jagdev. Not pictured are Max Okolo, Colin Trout and Niko Barach.

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## Give peace a chance

Livonia group focuses on inner calm, education, advocacy

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer



Members of Citizens for Peace staff at a booth at the recent Inner Peace Festival in Ann Arbor. That's Colleen and her husband, George, at right.

Colleen Mills wants to make your life more peaceful.

She and her colleagues at Citizens for Peace plan a day-long yoga event this summer designed to help you find inner peace.

They'll also welcome Keith Gunter, member of Alliance to Halt Fernald 3 and founding partner of Beyond Nuclear, to their next meeting to talk about nuclear waste — an experience aimed at enhancing your peace education.

Their mid-summer vegetarian potluck will offer tasty cuisine while offering a chance to meet other peace advocates and reflect on nonviolence to animals.

"Peace is for everyone and it's so much fun," said Mills, president of the Livonia-based non-profit organization. "Peace by piece, we are shifting the consciousness of people. We've influenced thousands of people who have come to our events. We've been non-stop doing incredible work. It will be nine years and we've never missed a monthly meeting. Peace doesn't have time to take a summer

vacation. We keep working."

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. Gunter's talk on nuclear waste and decommissioned nuclear plants in Michigan is set for Tuesday, July 10. The next meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, is an annual potluck dinner. Participants can bring a dish to pass or make a \$10 donation. "Peace, Love and Yoga Movement... Mandala... Mantra... Meditation," a special event, runs 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Farmington Road and Five Mile. It will feature yoga sessions for all skill levels, lunch, meditation, mandala coloring, and a film, with the \$35 per person proceeds split between Citizens for Peace and the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit.

Its last summer meeting, 7 p.m. Sept. 11, will focus on readings from the peace collection of more than 650 books the organization donated to public libraries

in Livonia, Redford, Westland and Commerce Township.

### Membership

"We're one of the newest peace groups of 160 peace groups in Michigan, but we're the most diverse, dynamic and energized. We combine inner peace, education and influencing the political arena. We have people coming from all over for our meetings," Mills said, adding that the group's 13 board members live throughout the Metro area. "We have a little over 70 paid members, but we've literally influenced thousands of people."

Through the years, the group has distributed information at numerous events — everything from a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert to the recent Ann Arbor Inner Peace Festival. It sponsored retreats, workshops on nonviolence, a film festival and welcomed dozens of guest speakers and experts to monthly meetings. Last year it organized a rally in Lansing, as a part of the "moving peace move-

ment" that encouraged participants to walk from Detroit and other cities to the state capitol building.

Just 15 individuals started the group nearly nine years ago after they attended a meeting on advocating for a U.S. Department of Peace. Participants at the meeting met in small groups and were charged with contacting their U.S. representatives. Mills had just retired from teaching elementary school in Detroit after 35 years, and wasn't sure how she would spend her leisure time. After the advocacy meeting, which drew experienced and budding peace activists from across the state, Mills knew she wanted to do more than simply contact her congressman and pen a letter to the editor. "I made a commitment. I said, I'm going to have a meeting every month."

### Setting goals

Mills and her colleagues met with Rep. Thaddeus

McCotter of the 11th congressional district, and Mills' husband, George T. Mills, a former public relations officer for the Navy and a retired Detroit school teacher, got information about the Department of Peace to the press. Mills is proud that the fledgling Citizens for Peace was the first of 15 groups, formed from the advocacy meeting, that contacted both the press and a congressman. But as she vowed, Mills took the process a few steps further.

"The next few meetings we came up with a mission statement, and goals and objectives. We came out with what was important to each of us," she said, explaining the organization's inception. "Education was huge. Everyone voted for that. The other was influencing the world. We also wanted to be peaceful ourselves. We didn't want to be angry, anti-war protesters out there."

"We're trying to spread the idea that peace is possible. People feel discouraged. They have to realize that it (peace) comes from within, then their relationships with others will be more peaceful. They'll draw more peace into their lives. If you focus on the negative, that is what you'll get."

Mills said the group tries to keep meetings light, even when discussion topics are weighty.

"We try to present a perspective that makes sense to us and have fun doing it," she said. At the upcoming meeting on nuclear waste, for example, the guest speaker will give participants a chance to spin his "Wheel of Misfortune."

"People will be informed ... but we do it in a fun way."

For more information about Citizens for Peace, read the group's blog at [www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com](http://www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com) or call Mills at (734) 261-7589.



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6:30 p.m. Oct. 27. For more information e-mail to Janine (Alotto) Brown at jbrown@psm.in.net.

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NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1971-75
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CLASS OF 1962
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CLASS OF 1972
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Fibromyalgia is well known. The condition came to light in medical journals in 1905 under the name Fibrositis. Not until the late 1970's did investigators in the field realize that inflammation played no role in the condition, making the "fist" term untenable. Then physicians changed the name to the present designation of Fibromyalgia.
Until 2010, physicians recognized Fibromyalgia by a patient history that included daily pain, migrating pain, sleeplessness, fatigue, headaches, and chest pain that could not be explained as related to heart disease or esophageal reflux. Doctors considered the finding, on physical examination, of multiple pressure points, as crucial to the diagnosis.
In 2010, the American College of Rheumatology, in response to calls from its physician membership, reviewed the criteria being used to make the diagnosis of Fibromyalgia. The review revealed that requiring pressure points, usually 18 or more, was limiting the ability of doctors to make a diagnosis of a pain syndrome that clearly was Fibromyalgia even if the patient lacked 18 or more specific painful pressure sites.
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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**July**  
**ADULT ACADEMY**

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

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

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

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

**CLOTHING BANK**

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

**Location:** Canton Christian Clothing Bank, 41520 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 19

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

**Details:** Spoke Folk Christian music concert; free will donation

**Contact:** (734) 728-3315

**FREE LUNCH**

**Time/Date:** Noon-2 p.m., July 14

**Location:** First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, (northbound Southfield service drive), north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

**Details:** This is a free luncheon and all are welcome

**Contact:** (248) 569-2972

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 14 and 11 a.m. July 15

**Location:** Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church, 290 Fairground, Plymouth

**Details:** Emmanuel Ametsife, a lay minister from Lome, Togo will speak at the Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church about

the history and activities of the Laestadian Lutheran Church of Togo. Ametsife has been involved with Laestadian Lutheran Church mission work in both Togo and Ghana since it began in November 2000. In addition to serving as a lay minister, he serves on the national board of the Laestadian Lutheran Church of Togo, and as a translator on Laestadian Lutheran Church mission trips. The event is open to the public

**Contact:** (734) 459-8292 or (248) 875-7011

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

**Location:** Birxman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** "The Way" will be screen. A brief discussion will follow. Admission is free and refreshments will be served

**Coming up:** See "Monsignor Quixote" at Summer Movie Night, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 at the church

**Contact:** RSVP at (734) 425-5950

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday-Friday, July 12-13

**Location:** St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford

**Contact:** (313) 538-1142

**SEEKING CRAFTERS**

**Time/Date:** Show is Oct. 6

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

**Details:** An 8- by 10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community

**Contact:** (248) 478-4708 or e-mail [jinc2436@yahoo.com](mailto:jinc2436@yahoo.com)

**SUMMER RETREAT**

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11 a.m. July 11 and Aug. 1

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth

road, in Livonia

**Details:** The retreat is aimed at moms and will begin with Mass at each session, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme for the series this year is "Whole and Holy: The total Catholic Woman." Participants may sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 classes to fit busy schedules. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per meeting. The first session was held in June. The second session will focus on body and will include a spa morning. The last session will discuss spirit, looking to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness. The series is open to all and registration is required

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

**Ext. 207 or [www.liviamstmi-chae.org](http://www.liviamstmi-chae.org)**

**THEOLOGY DISCUSSION**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 11

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills

**Details:** "Wine, Cheese and Theology" brings folks together for conversation over light refreshments. It is led by First Presbyterian's Transitional Associate pastor, the Rev. Jim Falle. Discussion topic is forgiveness

**Contact:** (248) 474-6170

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 9-13

**Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between W. Chicago Road and Joy, in Livonia

**Details:** For children, age 4 through 5th grade. No registration fee

**Register at:** <http://www.christthekinglutheran.com>

**Contact:** (734) 421-0749 or (734) 469-4190

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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

**Location:** St. Matthew Lu-

theran Church and School, 3885 Venoy, Westland

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

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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

**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

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

**Contact:** Pam Gunderson at (734) 422-0494, Ext. 14, or visit [rgcpc.children@yahoo.com](http://rgcpc.children@yahoo.com)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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

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

**Details:** "VBS Olympics" is aimed at children, age 3 through 5th grade and will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. Cost is \$5 per child and registration is available now

**Contact:** (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or e-mail to [tianeducator@sppc-email.org](mailto:tianeducator@sppc-email.org)

**WIDOWED FRIENDS**

**Time/Date:** Social hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

**Location:** G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Cash bar and dinner buffet followed by cards, games and conversation until 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only. RSVP by July 10

**Coming up:** Dinner at 6 p.m. at Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile at DeQuindre in Hazel Park. For menu, info and sign up, call Marilyn at (248) 543-1018. Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford, followed by social hour and snacks. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. RSVP by July 12 to let organizers know what you'll make. Call Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866

**Contact:** Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Carol at (313) 562-3080 for G. Subu event

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m., July 15, 22 and 29

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

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran Church hosts the service. Bring a lawn chair to the event

**Contact:** (734) 459-3333

**August**

**CROP WALK MEETING**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1

**Location:** Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Individuals, faith communities and other organizations interested in participating in the Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 7 may send a representative to this orientation meeting. Attendees will receive Walk materials and strategies for recruiting

walkers  
**Contact:** Donna Gray at (734) 812-7698; [dgrayce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dgrayce@sbcglobal.net)

ONGOING

**EMMANUEL STUDY**

**Classes/Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

**Contact:** Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to [pastorsscott@emmanuel-usa.org](mailto:pastorsscott@emmanuel-usa.org)

**Men's Bible Study**

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church**

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Nicole's Revival**

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

**Location:** WYCA North-west Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

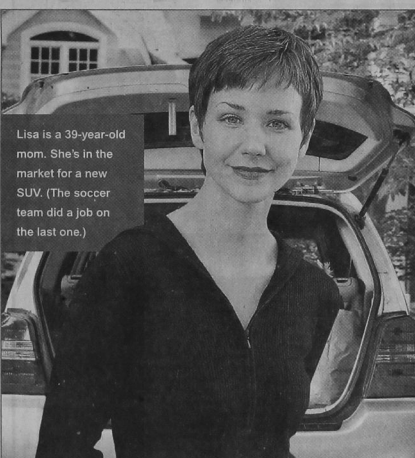
**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** (313) 534-9000



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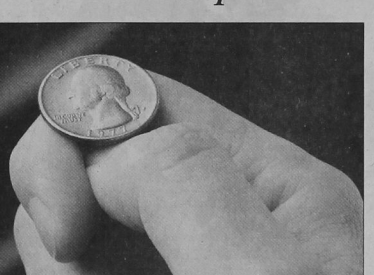
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# E-mail causes me to worry about you

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

In all my years of writing this column I have received many e-mails from readers and each one has been important and most have been sent a reply.

When I send a reader my personal cell number and ask him or her to call me, you can bet that the issue is very serious or may be even life threatening.

I did that a few weeks ago with the writer of the following correspondence and I have not heard from Cate.

She wrote: "I had an Uncle Joe who could fix everything for

everyone in the extended family. His humor was like yours, too. My problem: Only occasionally does my LG front loader not drain at the end of a cycle. After about a month's respite, it has begun not to drain once more. When this happens I set it for the drain and spin cycle which successfully drains. This has just now happened and if it happens again, I will write you soon again.

"Other than for this problem, I do like this washer very much for its energy saving of water and the fact that stains come out fine and the motion is gentle on fabrics and pillows, sometimes baseball caps, too. I manage the mold buildup by using OxyClean for several cycles, and also monitor the rubber seal, wiping it out with Oxy and removing as much scum as possible. So this machine and I function together pretty well. But how about this

occasional drain problem? Do I have to call for a repair man? ... to tell me...what?

### Dryer problems

"Another problem: The Maytag dryer, the middle grade one, purchased around 10 years ago. It coughs at the end of its cycle, jumping a bit when it finishes and sometimes dumping articles on its top to the floor. I have adjusted the legs at the base of the machine to conform to the floor level. Once again this does not always occur. I have set the cycle for five minutes and stayed to watch the action. It didn't happen when I was watching. The Gremlins don't like to be watched.

"Another subject: Thank you very much for your latest fine article on cleaning out dryer vents. My husband and I spent a couple of hours doing this together a month ago. It was

rewarding work, and shocking, too. I did not realize that the dampness causes the lint to form a substance something like paper mache. Most interesting phenomenon and there comes a good deal of accumulation of it. It's clearly a fire hazard. I wrote to a niece in San Francisco, quoting from your article and she wrote back that she was going to get the project back onto her front burner. Her mother, my sister, urged me to write, and she, too, is convinced to be regular about a thorough cleaning. So goes the grape vine.

"But I want to thank you sincerely for your article. If Uncle Joe were alive he probably would have lectured me the same way. Maybe his spirit inspires us all. We all carry a share of the load of wisdom to be communicated. Hope to hear from you."

### Call me

Why am I worried about this reader and why did I send her my cell number? In this e-mail she tells me that the clothes dryer coughs and jumps at the end of the cycle. This could be the drum rollers seizing up because of bad bearings. Should this happen during the run cycle, the drum will stop turning but the burner assembly will continue to heat and ignite the clothes inside the drum. It's happened to many clothes dryers and I don't want it to happen to Cate. Please call me Cate so I can stop worrying about you. I stay tuned.

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## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargatzis at [sdargatz@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargatz@hometownlife.com).

### Country Garden Club

The 19th Annual Garden Walk, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Park and Garden Association, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 11. The tour includes six gardens. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Proceeds from the event support charitable contribu-

tions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets are \$10 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville, (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event and will cost \$12 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville. Visit the Country Garden Club of Northville website at <http://cgcnv.org>.

### Butterflies

Learn how to maintain a butterfly garden at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175

Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Get tips on how to improve your butterfly plantings and increase the number of the creatures you attract to your yard. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or [www.bellebutterfly.com](http://www.bellebutterfly.com).

### Belleville Area District Library

The Belleville Area District Library will present its seventh annual Garden Walk, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, July 22. The theme is "The Decorated Garden" with an emphasis on using art and other objects as focal points in the garden. Each of

the five gardens on the tour artfully incorporates manmade objects. The Garden Market Place returns to the library lawn this year. A Garden Walk ticket is not necessary to shop the Market Place. Advance tickets are available for \$3 each at the Belleville Area District Library, Antiques and Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist until July 21. On the day of the Garden Walk, tickets are \$12 and available only at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Addresses with maps are available at the library on the day of the walk. Call (734)

699-3291 for additional information or visit [www.bellevillelibrary.org](http://www.bellevillelibrary.org) for a copy of the brochure. All proceeds from the garden walk benefit the library.

### English Gardens

Learn how to care for your summer garden at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 21. The presentation will include information about the four categories of hydrangeas and care tips.

Get tips on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

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

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 880-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506.

## BENEFIT SHOW DELIVERS HOPEFUL MESSAGE

People International Incorporated will spread a positive message through music and dance, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

People International is a non-profit musical performance organization made up of members ranging from teens to seniors, who come from all over the country, from various socioeconomic backgrounds, different religions, various careers and who possess a wide range of talent, from amateur to professional.

Their concert, "Keep Holding On," is centered in centered on the theme of hope. The show illustrates the idea in

many different ways and across many different musical styles. The goal is to leave audience members uplifted and re-energized, feeling that they can overcome their struggles.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth and seniors. They're available at the door, online at [cantonvillage.org](http://cantonvillage.org) and by calling (734) 394-5300. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a local non-profit group dedicated to fostering cultural arts in the Canton community.

For more about People International Incorporated, visit [www.peopleinternational.org](http://www.peopleinternational.org).



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# Milestones

## 50th anniversary

John and Marge Gjernes of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 7. The couple met in 1961 while teaching at an army dependents school in Boeblingen, Germany. They were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Monroe.

They returned to Germany where Larry, Dan, and Terese were born. They returned to Michigan in 1965, and another son, John was born in 1970. They now have 13 grandchildren.

John and Marge are involved in real estate after retiring from teaching. They are involved in church activities and enjoy golf, travel, visiting family and friends, and ushering at the Fox Theater.



John and Marge Gjernes

## Racine-Shonce

Courtney Robin Racine and Stephen Bradley Shonce announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bob and Pat Racine of Ann Arbor, graduated in 2004 from Pioneer High School and in 2008 from Michigan State University. She is registered Eastern Michigan University, where she will receive a master's degree in speech pathology in April 2013.

Her fiancé, son of Kevin and Jan Shonce of Livonia, graduated in 2004 from Stevenson High School and in 2009 from Michigan State University where he received a master's degree in accounting. He is employed as a certified public accountant with Deloitte & Touche LLP.

An August 2012 wedding will be held in Traverse City.

## Piwowar-Gelven

Kara Piwowar and Derek Gelven announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Daniel and Nancy Piwowar of Northville, is a registered nurse and works in the emergency room at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. The 2007 Northville High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Stacey Gelven of Northville, is a registered nurse and works in the emergency room at U of M Hospital. He plans to continue his education and become a nurse anesthetist. He also graduated in 2007 from Northville High School and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University.

An August 2013 wedding is planned in Leelanau.

## Max Alexander Matthew Giffen

Matthew and Jessica (Alaska) Giffen of Anchorage, Alaska are proud to announce the birth of their son, Max Alexander Matthew Giffen. Max was born May 2, 2012. He weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Max was welcomed home by his big brother, Jack, 20 months. Proud grandparents are Rex and Claudia Balko of South Lyon, Isabelle Pappert of Canton, and Denis and Marion Giffen of Royal Oak.

# SpringEation event benefits Farmington Hills-based JARC

This year's 14th annual JARC SpringEation event at the Detroit Zoo attracted nearly 2,000 partygoers, who joined event chairs Adam Becker of Bloomfield Hills, Dani Gillman of West Bloomfield and Julie Hertzberg of Bloomfield Hills.

The fundraising event raised more than \$320,000 for Farmington Hills-based JARC, a non-sectarian, non-profit organization founded in 1969 by a group of parents concerned about the future of their children with developmental disabilities.

Today, JARC is one of the nation's largest providers of community-based residential services, serving more than 170 adults in its group homes and various supported independent living

arrangements. In 1998, JARC discovered a need in the community for support services for families who have a child with a disability living at home. Through the establishment of the Harris Children and Family Division, JARC is able to provide these services to over 450 families.

SpringEation is the major source of private funding for JARC's services for children and their families. All proceeds raised at this family community event benefit children with disabilities receiving services through the organization's Merle and Shirley Harris Children and Family Division.

For more information on JARC, visit [www.jarc.org](http://www.jarc.org) or call (248) 538.6611.

## Smykowski-Weidner

Timothy Bailey and Joan Smykowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Bailey, to Nathan Weidner, son of Wayne and Sandra Weidner of Florissant, Mo.

The bride-to-be received a B.F.A. in industrial design from Wayne State University in Detroit. She is employed by BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan in sales, marketing and social media.

Her fiancé is completing a Ph.D. in industrial psychology from Wayne State University. He plans to complete the degree in summer 2012. He has accepted a faculty position with Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.

The couple resides in Dearborn, but will move to Rolla at the end of July 2012. Although the final arrangements have not been made, a wedding tentatively is planned for October 2013.



Theresa Bailey and Nathan Weidner

# Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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## BARAN, EVA M.

Redford, MI. Age 86. died July 6, 2012. Visit, Tuesday, 2-8PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Max of Crenshaw Burial 2 PM, Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at St. Patrick Catholic in Brighton.



EVANES, LEWIS C., SR.

Age 62, July 1, 2012 of Waterford. Beloved husband of Tania. Loving father of Lewis Jr. and Jacob. Cherished son of June and the late John. Dear brother of Deborah. (Patrick) Kenny, John (Mary Ann), Barbara (Charles) Danielle and Christopher (Sheila). Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. between Ford & Cherry Hills Westland. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. To share a memorial, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

## HOLLINGSHEAD, CAROL MAY

Age 84. Died October 23, 2011. Redford, MI. Born August 18, 1922 to Earl and Evelyn May and raised in Highland Park. Graduated from the University of Michigan and married Paul Hollingshead in 1944. They moved to Birmingham in 1947 where she lived until 2001. Predeceased by Paul in 1989, she is survived by children Carol Jane, Robert, David, Ann, their spouses and nine grandchildren. A beloved wife, mother and grandmother, she was also a tireless volunteer in the community at St. James Church, the Senior Men's Club, St. Ann's Mess, BASKC, the Baldwin Library and Birmingham Heart Association. A memorial service will be held at St. James Church, Birmingham on July 14 at 10:30.

## LEFLER, ROBERT "BOBBY", II

Age 37, of Westland, died suddenly 06/20/12. Visitation Sat 7/7/12 from Noon-5pm with the service beginning at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon.

## MARTIN, JOHNSON, BARBARA A.

Age 60, of Eureka, formerly of Detroit, Michigan and Denver, Colorado. died Mon. July 2, 2012 at 8:50 AM at Advocate Eureka Hospital. She was born February 16, 1952 in Peoria to Herman and Mary Ann Sauder Baer. Her mother survives in Eureka. Also surviving are one daughter, Kyla Johnson of Johnson, one brother, Ron (Deann) Baer of Edon, one sister, Deb (Leon) Klopfenstein of Haviland, Ohio and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, and one brother Raymond Baer. Barbara was a computer programmer for many years. She retired from Lockheed Martin in Denver in 2003. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Washington and formerly in Detroit and Denver. She loved the outdoors. Especially hiking and gardening. She had a green thumb and enjoyed working with her flowers. There will be a funeral service for Barbara on Friday July 6, 2012 at 10 AM at the Washington Apostolic Christian Church, 4014 Deiters Funeral and Crematory in Washington and from 9 - 9:45 AM Friday at 2PM at Deiters Funeral and Crematory in Washington and from 9 - 9:45 AM at the Apostolic Christian Church of Edon. Memorials may be made to Eureka Apostolic Christian Home or to Woodhams Retirement Community, 29667 Westworth St., Livonia, MI 48154. Barbara's memorial website may be found at [www.deitersfuneralhome.com](http://www.deitersfuneralhome.com) where online condolences may also be sent to the family.

## MEFFER, DONNA J. "YaYa"

Willis, MI. Age 82. Died Friday, June 29, 2012 at her daughter's home with her loving family around her. She was born February 20, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of John and Madeline Smith. On April 26, 1947, she married Joseph Meffer and he preceded her in death in May of 1987. Survivors include four children: William "Bill" (Bev) Meffer, Patricia Taylor, Catherine "Cathy" (Mark) Martin and Barb (Brad) Davidson; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Funeral service was celebrated on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Janowski Funeral Home with her son-in-law, Brad Davidson officiating. Burial will follow at Cadillac West Memorial Cemetery, Westland, MI. Contributions in her memory may be made to Joseph Mercy Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-8 p.m.

## KAYS, JOSEPH LEONARD

Age 82, of Bloomington, Indiana died Friday, June 29th at Bell Trace Health Living Center. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 7th at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Pike County, Indiana. Joe was born in Pike County, Indiana on April 6, 1930 to Oliver T. and Mary Eta (Harris) Kays. He graduated from Winslow High School in 1948 and Indiana University. School of Business, in 1952 with honors. Following graduation, ISI Lt. Joseph L. Kays served in the Air Force as an auditor during the Korean Conflict. After his Air Force service, he was employed by General Motors at facilities in both Michigan and Indiana retiring in 1987 with 32 years of service. Following retirement he returned to the Bloomington, Indiana area. Joe was a member of the church of Christ. Most recently he was a member and former elder of the North Central Church of Christ in Bloomington. Joe is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rowena Alice (Chesser) Kays, whom he married September 17, 1950. He is also survived by his daughter, Kim (Dennis) Dirks of Avon, Indiana and his son, Mark (Kim) Kays of Canton, Michigan. Survivors also include his granddaughter, Courtney Dirks, and his brother Ardel O. Kays. Joe's family would like to express special thanks to all the staff at Bell Trace Health & Living Center and the Bloomington Hospital Home Health & Hospice for the wonderful care that was given to Joe during the last five years. Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer Association at Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260; Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarkburg, MD 20871; IU Health - Bloomington Home Health & Hospice, Medical Arts Building, 619 West First St., Bloomington, IN 47401 in memory of Joseph L. Kays.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

## MICHELIS, JUDY ANN

Age 69. June 30, 2012. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear mother of Matthew (Mary), Leah, Anne (Stacey) and Valerie (Scott). Loving Nannie of Karlee, Karmyn and Evan. Special friend of Danielle and Melanie. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Arrangements by Santeo & Son Funeral Home. [www.santeofuneralhome.com](http://www.santeofuneralhome.com)

## POLICE, FRANK L.

Age 83 of Livonia, passed away on June 30, 2012. Loving husband of the late Louise B. Beloved father of Frank, Police, the late Daniel Police, Eva T. Police, Maria (Anthony) Kraska and David Police. Proud grandfather of Shannon Police, Steven and Angela Kraska. Funeral service Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from St. Michael's Catholic Church 11411 Hubbard Rd. Livonia, MI. Police will lie in state beginning at 10:00am until time of mass at 10:30am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 1-9pm with a Rosary service at 7:00pm. Frank will be buried next to his beloved Louise at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to: Jude Children's Research Hospital - Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0421. Share memories at [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com).

## SILLS, THOMAS M.

Age 71, of Las Vegas, formerly of Sterling Hts, died June 25, 2012. A memorial mass will be held at 10am on July 25th at St. Ephrem Catholic Church, 38900 Dodge Park Rd, Sterling Hts.

## WINSLOW, INEZ M.

92, June 30, 2012. Inez was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin E. Esq. (d. 2008). Dear mother, Charles, David A. (Dorbell) Winslow, US Navy Retired; devoted grandmother of Frances Pappietto and David A. Winslow Jr.; Mrs. Winslow is also survived by her great grandchildren, Richard Pappietto III and Gabriella Pappietto. Inez graduated with a B.A. degree from Whittier College, Whittier, California in 1941 and received her M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in medical social work in 1947. She was a longtime teacher and social worker in the Detroit, Highland Park and Farmington schools. A graveside service was held at South Oak Grove Cemetery, Stoughton, Iowa. No services are planned. Arrangements are entrusted to the Henry-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200) [henry-sundquist.com](http://henry-sundquist.com)

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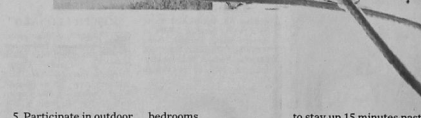
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## Take a summer break from video, computer screens

With warm weather to bask in, there are plenty of reasons to cut down on screen time. Replacing sedentary hours with creative or physical activities can lead to a happier and healthier home. To help your family unplug, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a national non-profit founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation to combat childhood obesity, brings you 10 ideas on how to cut down screen time:

1. Create a schedule - Craft a plan to decide which shows your family will watch. To increase effectiveness, create a schedule for other electronic use, such as Internet and video games.
2. Keep a log - Have your kids track the time they spend in front of screens. The number may prompt them into making behavioral changes.
3. Make goals - Instead of setting strict time limits, create goals for cutting back on screen time and reward your family for reaching them.
4. Mix and match - Constructively multitask when using electronics. While watching TV, perform exercises or make crafts. When using the computer, take breaks to stretch and walk around.



5. Participate in outdoor activities - Join a family club or play a sport.
6. Find a hobby - Adding a hobby to your family's day can help you evade those omnipresent electronics.
7. Screen-free zones - Eliminate screens from mealtimes. Instead, have family discussions or eat outside if the weather permits. In addition, remove screens from bedrooms.

8. Cover it up - Cover up electronics not in use. This will encourage your family to engage in other activities.
9. Build a blockade - Put all electronics in one room for a day and avoid the space at all costs.
10. Have a library adventure - Take a family trip to the library. Reward your child for reading by allowing them

to stay up 15 minutes past their bedtime.

For more tips on ways you can cultivate a healthy lifestyle and help reverse the trend of childhood obesity visit: [www.HealthierGeneration.org](http://www.HealthierGeneration.org)

The goal of the Alliance is to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity by 2015, and to empower kids nationwide to make healthy lifestyle choices.

## NEW FACES

Two doctors have joined the staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.



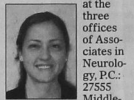
Vaysberg

Ekaterina Lensou Vaysberg, Ph.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist who sees patients in her office located at 19855 W. Outer Drive, Suite 208E, in Dearborn.

Vaysberg completed the doctoral program in clinical psychology at University of Detroit-Mercy. Her clinical training includes an inpatient psychiatric practicum at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac; an outpatient psychiatric practicum at Psychological Assets, P.C., in Southfield; and the psychology internship at the University Psychiatric Centers of Wayne State University in Detroit.

Vaysberg, who speaks Russian fluently, is a member of the American Psychology Association and the Michigan Psycho-

logical Association. Patricia Strimpel, M.D., is a board-certified neurologist who sees patients at the



Strimpel

three offices of Associates in Neurology, P.C.: 27555 Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills; 26850 Providence Pkwy., Suite 210, in Novi; and 22250 Providence Dr., Suite 602, in Southfield.

After receiving her medical education from American University of the Caribbean Medical School, Strimpel performed her first year of clinical training at St. John's Hospital in Detroit. She served her neurology residency at Baylor College of Medical School, Strimpel performed her first year of clinical training at St. John's Hospital in Detroit. She served her neurology residency at Baylor College of Medical School, Strimpel also trained for a year in a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### July

#### GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

- Here's a sampling of offerings:
- Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 18 and 25.
  - Alzheimer's Support meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11
  - "Focus on Living" Cancer Support is a monthly self-help group facilitated by a nurse. Next session is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12.
  - Diabetes Summer School is a two-hour class with a speaker presentation and

discussion each month during the summer. The session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 is "A Look Backward and Forward at Diabetes Medications."

- Breastfeeding class runs 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 23 and is aimed at expectant mother. There is a fee for this one-time session.
- The Diabetes Summer School will be held in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, located at Central City Parkway and N. Wayne Road. Other classes are held at the hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City; (734) 458-4330.

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• EMT Day Class	8/7/12	T-Th	Taylor
• EMT-S Bridge Class	8/7/12	T-Th	Taylor
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8 Jeans go-with (hph)  
9 Countess's spouse  
10 Italian wine  
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17 Ess molding  
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23 Molasses-based drink  
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39 Strasbourg papas  
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