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All entries must be received by midnight July 31. Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries. You could win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to go on a Christmas in July shopping spree.

## Aurora reaction

News of the movie theater massacre in Aurora, Colo., left residents shocked and saddened on Friday morning.

"This story is tragic," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, during a Friday morning coffee hour at Plymouth Panera's. "It's obviously still unfolding. I just think it's too soon to tell. I think we need to wait and let law enforcement figure the story out."

Heise noted terrorist attacks in Europe but cautioned to wait and see if the Aurora shooting was isolated "or if this is something more coordinated."

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# CANTON OBSERVER

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## Issues abound at trustee forum

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Ford Road traffic congestion, nagging budget woes, rising water-sewer rates and soaring retiree costs emerged as campaign issues as Canton Township Board of Trustees hopefuls squared off Thursday night before an audience of nearly 100 people who crowded a township hall room for a candidate forum.

With the Aug. 7 primary looming, Republican candidates John Anthony, Joseph Cafarelli, Greg Demopoulos, Pat Williams and Tom Yack — and lone Democrat Steven Sneiderman — made a pitch

for votes as the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County posed a flurry of questions submitted by the audience. GOP hopeful Deborah Whyman didn't attend.

The six Republicans are competing for four slots in the primary. The winners and Sneiderman will battle for four seats at stake in the Nov. 6 general election. The part-time post pays \$12,000 a year, though concessions for now have trimmed the pay to \$11,400.

Not surprisingly, Canton's traffic woes became a hot topic after the township has lost four bids to



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Trustee candidates, from left, incumbent John Anthony, Joseph Cafarelli, incumbent Pat Williams, incumbent Greg Demopoulos, Steve Sneiderman and Tom Yack.

Please see **TRUSTEE, A5**



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Brook Boggs of Arctic Edge said she's organizing the fundraiser for Open Door because it's a service she almost had to use herself.

## Arctic Edge does Open Door fundraiser

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

When she was unemployed and struggling to pay her mortgage and other bills, Canton resident Brook Boggs almost had to turn to Open Door Ministry, a local food pantry, for help.

Now she is using her part-time job as marketing and event specialist for Arctic Arenas, with facilities in Canton and Plymouth, as a springboard to help Open Door, which distributes food to 460 metro Detroit families every week from a warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

"It does pull at my heartstrings," Boggs said, "because I know there are so many families in the area

that are still hurting and out of work."

To help Open Door Ministry, she and a team of employees from Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena are spearheading Family Fun Fest, a free-admission event 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the arena, 46615 Michigan Ave.

"I think it's fantastic," Open Door Ministry Director Steve Darr said. "We've seen such an outpouring of support from the community."

Open Door already has raised \$60,600 toward its \$290,000 goal — money it needs to pay for the 48,600-square-foot warehouse it is leased since 2003. The building's owner had put the property up for sale, but offered the ministry a good deal, amid estimates by bank rep-

resentatives that it could cost \$1.6 million to find a suitable facility elsewhere.

Open Door leaders have closed the door to buy the warehouse and remain confident they can generate the income they need to pay it off.

Boggs, with a history of fundraising and event planning, has announced an Arctic Edge team effort — the Family Fun Fest — to help Open Door, one of the arena's neighbors along the Michigan Avenue corridor.

Boggs said many families and residents continue to struggle. Even with a master's degree in administration with an emphasis in marketing, she has struggled to survive tough economic times.

Please see **OPEN DOOR, A2**

## County hopefuls square off at League forum

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Candidates battling for the Wayne County Commission's 10th District seat pointed to political corruption, wasteful spending, deepening budget deficits and public distrust as troubling issues they hope to tackle if elected.

Republicans Richard Convertino and Shannon Price and Democrats James Amar and Matthew Fiems made their pitch for votes at the Canton Township Administration Building during a Thursday night forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The top GOP and Democratic vote-getters in the Aug. 7 primary will compete in the Nov. 6 general election for a two-year term. A crowd of nearly 100 people who attended the Canton Township trustee portion of Thursday's forum dwindled slightly as county commission hopefuls fielded questions as they seek a job that pays about \$61,000 a year plus certain stipends and benefits.

Price, a Canton resident and constituent relations staffer for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, said the first step to return Wayne County to fiscal responsibility should be an independent audit. The county has been embroiled in scandals involving allegations of wasteful spending and political payouts — much of it aimed at the top executive, Robert Ficano.

## Wasting money

Price said too much money has been wasted on "golden parachutes" when it should have paid for services such as better roads.

Please see **COUNTY, A7**



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County Commission candidates Shannon Price, Matthew Fiems, Richard Convertino and James Amar were on the same stage Thursday for a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

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October 10, 15, 17	W,M,W	2:30-4:30 p.m.			

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Boggs

Family Fun Fest, a three-hour event, has a two-pronged approach by rolling out numerous family-oriented activities while raising money through a sports-related silent auction and by raffling off prizes.

Moreover, Arctic Edge's new mascot, Artie Edge, plans to skate with youngsters who can play on the ice for free.

"He will be available for photos and skating," Boggs said.

Activities include music by DJ Roman, face-painting, children's games on the ice and renowned balloon sculptor Tim Thurmond, who is expected to bring a six-foot tall penguin made of twisted balloons, Boggs said.

Organizers plan to raise money with the silent auc-

tion of sports memorabilia and by selling raffle tickets for prizes such as a Summit

on the Park birthday party package; a gift certificate for Practice Makes Perfect, where figure skating costumes are custom-made; an academic evaluation by Huntington Learning Center; a birthday party for 10 at Arctic Edge; sports equipment gift baskets; \$50 gift cards to Holiday Market, Meijer, Palermo Pizza, Canton Cinemas and Antonio's Cucina Italiana; and a one-night stay in a jacuzzi suite at Canton's Holiday Inn Express, among numerous other gifts.

For more information, call Arctic Edge Ice Arena at (734) 487-7777.

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

### CLASS REUNION

**Date/Time:** Friday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. to midnight

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia

**Details:** Combined 1982 Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem 30-year reunion. Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 1. Tickets can be ordered thru: <https://sites.google.com/site/cantonsalem1982>, or [www.facebook.com/groups/cantonsalem1982](http://www.facebook.com/groups/cantonsalem1982) or [cantonsalem1982@gmail.com](mailto:cantonsalem1982@gmail.com) for \$45 per person. Dinner, dancing, D.J. provided.

### CHILL OUT

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

**Location:** Rotary Park, Pavilion #1, on Six Mile between Farmington Road and Merriman in Livonia

**Details:** Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts an outdoor town hall to discuss current issues affecting Wayne County taxpayers and take

## AROUND CANTON

questions from the audience. Free root-beer floats and Boston Coolers will be served.

### HOSPICE TRAINING

**Date/Time:** Soon

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks or to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate 1-2 hours of their time per week. Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well!

**Contact:** Call Justine Galat, Volunteer Coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at [jgalat@cchnet.net](mailto:jgalat@cchnet.net) or (888) 983-9050.

### TINY TOTS

**Location:** The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main

**Details:** The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registration for its Tiny Tots Preschool and Young 5s program. Classes range from 2-4 days a week, depending on the child's age. A four-day Young 5s program is new for 2012/13.

**Contact:** Sheila Johnson, preschool director, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27, or email [sheila\\_johnson@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:sheila_johnson@usc.salvationarmy.org)

### POM CLINIC

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Aug. 25, 9-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Canton High School North (Phase 3)

**Details:** The Canton Chieftettes host their pom pon clinic for potential cheerleaders ages 5-14. Students will learn pom pon techniques and a short dance routine. Parents will be treated to a performance at 11:30 a.m. Participants will also perform at the Canton High School varsity football game Aug. 30. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration, \$50 at the door.

**Contact:** Pre-register at [www.cantonchieftettes.com](http://www.cantonchieftettes.com); call (734) 397-1782 for more information.

## CORRECTION

The endorsement editorial in Thursday's *Canton Observer* should not have included the Canton Rotary Club among the community involvements for incumbent trustee Pat Williams. Mr. Williams is, however, a past president and current member of the Chamber of Commerce and a Canton Lion.

## AAA Member Notice!

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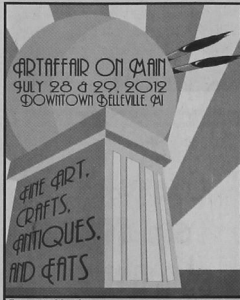
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# Canton man sent to trial on sex charge

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of sexually molesting a 10-year-old girl who once lived in his neighborhood has been scheduled for trial Aug. 20 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Robert Carl Kahler, who has been ruled competent to stand trial, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second-degree CSC.

Barring a new development, his trial in Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway's courtroom is expected to come 10 months after the 56-year-old defendant was charged following allegations he molest-



Kahler

ed the girl when she was 7 to 10 years old. Kahler had been scheduled to stand trial in June, but the case was delayed until it was determined he is competent for the court proceedings.

While awaiting trial, Kahler is out of jail, confined to his home on house arrest with an electronic tether.

After Kahler's arraignment last October on multiple CSC charges, the girl testified in November behind closed doors in 35th District Court that she was sexually molest-

ed by Kahler when she lived near his Canton home.

Judge Michael Gerou had ordered his courtroom cleared of spectators to ease the girl's emotional trauma facing her accused molester.

However, authorities have said the girl gave strong testimony and convinced Gerou that Kahler should stand trial as charged.

Canton police have said Kahler befriended the girl's family when they lived near his Canton home. Charges against the defendant stem from allegations he committed crimes against her between 2007 and 2011.

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# Judge orders Canton man to stand trial in robbery of game store

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man has a date with Wayne County Circuit Court where he will be arraigned on charges related to a hold-up at a Westland store on July 3.

Lee Allen Phillips, 20, was bound over for trial after he waived his right to a preliminary examination in an appearance Thursday before Judge Mark McConnell in 18th District Court. He has been charged with armed robbery, a felony punishable by up to life in prison, and larceny from a building, a four-year felony, stemming from the robbery at the Game Play



Phillips

store, 35607 Warren Road on July 3.

Phillips, who is being held in the Wayne County Jail en lieu of a \$50,000 cash/surety bond, also is a suspect in robberies at two 7-Eleven stores in Redford and Livonia earlier this month.

In the Westland robbery, an employee told police that a man, dressed in black with a bandana over his lower face, entered the store about 9:45 p.m. and ordered her and a customer with a small child to get

on the floor. He then had the employee open the cash register drawer and get a second one in the back room.

The employee said the man was armed with a handgun and took \$500 from the business and a small breast cancer donation jar from the counter.

After the robbery, an 18-year-old Canton woman called police and identified the suspect as a man she knew from school.

He was arrested at Joy and Ravine in Westland on July 7 after police followed his car from a gas state at Seven Mile and Telegraph in Detroit.

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- International Academy, Ninth Grade (limited to 10 students) at Plymouth High School

Accepting applications beginning July 16. The deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on July 31. Applications can be completed on the District website at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us)



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## Book cab delivers summer reading

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Pete Pizzuoli has had a pedal-cab for years, and mostly used it to give people rides and raise money for charitable causes such as the fight against cancer.

This summer, though, Pizzuoli is putting the cab to a much bigger use. Pizzuoli, a third-grade teacher at Field Elementary, is using the bike to deliver books to children at five neighborhood locations throughout the Field boundaries, helping them keep up with their reading during summer vacation.

"One day I guess I just had a light bulb go on," Pizzuoli said. "We have the problem, probably all schools do, of kids not having books in the summer. They don't always read over the summer, maybe lose a little of their academic progress. Why not use the bike and come to their neighbor-



The "book cab" was the brainstorm of Field Elementary School teacher Pete Pizzuoli as a means for getting books into the hands of students over the summer.

hood?" Pizzuoli has five designated stops, and hits each one every Monday and Thursday. He stops for 20 minutes at each point, starting with Meadowood Towne Homes at 10 a.m., followed by Canton Club East, Westfield Estates, Wynde Chase and Century Farms.

He's not alone, either. Field teachers have supported the program and are among the volunteers helping get the books out. "We get a lot of support from the parents, the teachers are helping me out," said Pizzuoli. "It's totally green, no cost except the energy from my legs. We've given out more than 100 books. That might be 100 more books than those kids might have read during the summer. We're happy



Students can grab a book off the bike one day, and trade it for another the next time around.

to do it." Students can borrow a book one day, then return it and get another on another visit.

"The beauty is you get a book, you read the book, and you come back and get another book," Pizzuoli said. "No book reports, no assignments ... We just want to get

kids reading over the summer."

Field Elementary School principal Denise Lilly called it a "fantastic example of how dedicated our teachers are to the students."

"Literacy may be the most important skill students learn in school," Lilly said. "If you can

*"We get a lot of support from the parents, the teachers are helping me out."*

PETE PIZZUOLI  
Field Elementary teacher

read well, you do better in other subject areas. Our teachers know this and are willing to dedicate their summer vacation to helping our students read better."

Pizzuoli said the response has been "great" from parents, and the kids are actually "chasing me down if we miss their stop."

"The first day, the very first kid came up to me and said, 'I've been waiting for you three hours,'" Pizzuoli said. "He got up at 7 a.m. and was waiting. That's the reward in and of itself. That's the benefit."

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### ON CAMPUS

#### Hershey scholar

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

Scholarship recipients are children of Hershey employees and are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and par-



Bryden

ticipation in school and community activities, honors, work experience and educational and career goals.

Scholarships are given for study at two- or four-year colleges or universities.

Bryden, who plans to attend Lawrence Tech University in Southfield, is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Bryden. She works for Hershey's field sales division.

#### Northwood University

Shannon Corby and Blaine Paden, both seniors from Plym-

outh, each recently received a bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University.


#### Grand Valley

Grand Valley State University announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2012 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

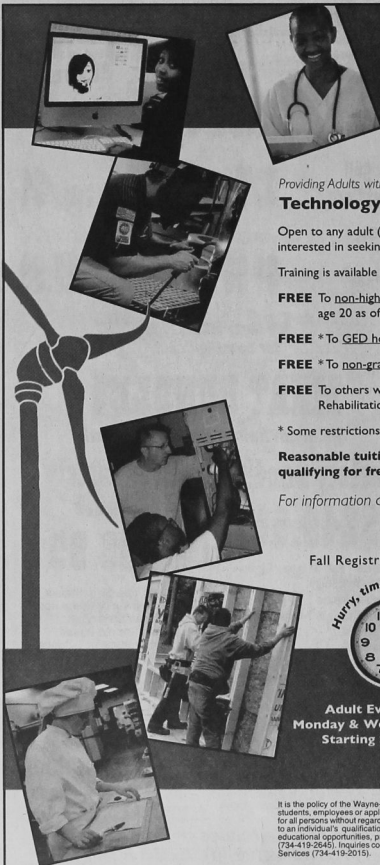
Students honored for the winter semester include:

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# TRUSTEE

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secure federal dollars to reshape the I-275/Ford interchange and ease problems along Ford, which has Michigan's highest-crash intersections.

"It's federal dollars where we need the help," said incumbent Pat Williams, seeking his second four-year term.

Anthony agreed, lauding Supervisor Phil LaJoy for unceasing efforts to win road dollars. Anthony, also hoping to win a second term, questioned how lesser projects received funding when Canton's didn't, saying "\$20 million went to fix a dirt road to a dump in Macomb County."

### Big laugh

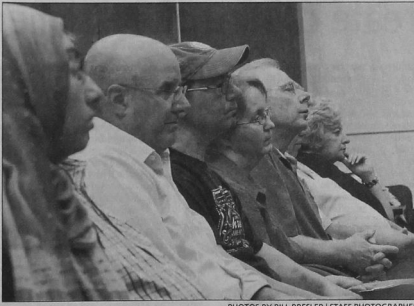
Anthony drew the biggest laughs of the night when he said the I-275/Ford interchange, if it doesn't continue, could become known as the Phil LaJoy memorial project. Appointed incumbent Greg Demopoulos called a blueprint to reshape the interchange "a great plan" that needs state funding. He said the Michigan Department of Transportation is reviewing traffic patterns in Canton for a possible fix.

Political newcomer Cafarelli and former 20-year supervisor Yack also said the state needs to fix the problem.

"Ford Road is their road," Yack said.

When asked to cite his most important issues, Yack said Canton faces a long rebound in the wake of plummeting property values and tax revenues.

"They are giant issues, to say the least," he said, adding Canton will need to examine ways to privatize or consolidate its services without harming the community's quality



The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County forum for Canton Township trustee candidates Thursday drew a good crowd to Canton Township Hall.

of life.

Sneideman, former Plymouth-Canton school board president, singled out efforts to stimulate growth in Cherry Hill Village, rein in water-sewer rates, fix roads and expand sidewalks.

"There are still areas we can't walk down," he said.

Demopoulos said negotiating union contracts, addressing retiree legacy costs, fixing roads and easing water-sewer rates are among his priorities.

Williams cited similar issues and said Canton's goal must be "long-term financial viability."

"We're doing well," he said. "We need to do better."

### More sponsors

Cafarelli said Canton could raise revenue by seeking corporate sponsorship of local parks. Moreover, he indicated support for building a water tower and said some money for the project could come from allowing cellular towers to be built on the site.

Cafarelli also said Canton should privatize its golf courses to save money. Just recently, Canton agreed to take \$570,000 from the general fund for a golf fund shortfall. "Golf courses shouldn't be any money at all," he said.

Anthony said budget issues remain his No. 1 concern, but he said the township has gotten a better handle on its finances by adopting a multi-year budget. He said Canton must remain a desirable place to live.

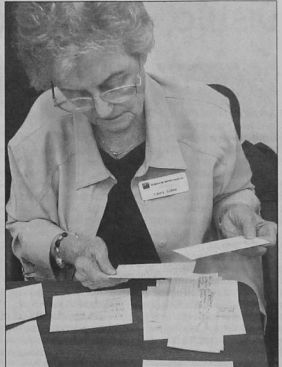
"My goal is to keep Canton Canton," Anthony said.

Sneideman drew attention to his candidacy as the only Democrat, saying he hopes to replace Dr. Syed Taj, a Democrat who is leaving the township board as he wages a campaign for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's former seat.

### Campaign pitch

Williams made a pitch for voters to keep the incumbents who are seeking re-election. "We have a great team in Canton today," he said. "I'd like to see it held together."

All the candidates pledged to work to ease water-sewer rates, though they had differences on how best to address legacy costs. Demopoulos, Anthony and Yack voiced



League of Women Voters member Laura Callow organizes questions for the candidates.

support for the defined contribution plan, while Williams said gains also have been made through employee concessions and attrition.

Cafarelli called for a freeze on employee pay levels and aligning public retiree plans with the private sector. Anthony didn't support freezing employee wages.

"They've suffered. They've volunteered (to make concessions). They've done a lot for us over the years," he said.

Yack said Canton could seek to earmark more money to address legacy costs, and he suggested possibly extending the number of years employ-

ees, such as police officers and firefighters, work before they retire. Sneideman said as tax revenues rebound, Canton should earmark more money to cover legacy costs.

All six candidates agreed Canton has made strides to improve its recycling program, and they all said the community could use more bike paths. Responding to one question, all six board candidates said they would support the part-time board position being unpaid, though no one elaborated on the issue.

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# District wants to create culture of customer service

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The loss of 70 Walker-Winter Elementary students to a Canton charter school has Wayne-Westland school officials looking at creating "a culture of customer service."

The Wayne-Westland school board agreed with School Superintendent Greg Baracy that the district needs to focus on serving residents better. "Customer service is just that, it's service; are you there for the kids in the morning and are you there for the kids in the afternoon," said Baracy in recommending it as one of his goals for 2012-2013. "It's something people buy in to, that's why charter schools are beating us. It's not with education but with customer service." Baracy made the recommendation during a goal set-



Baracy

ting workshop last Tuesday, facilitated by Scott Morrell of the Michigan Association of School Boards. Baracy told school board members that the district already does what charter schools do. The problem is Wayne-Westland "does a terrible job in telling people about it."

"We've got to do a better job," he said. "It's a perception and we've allowed it to be a perception in the school district. We have to be a cheerleader for the district."

He said that school officials have already done the research and believe a problem the district had three-four years ago" is still here. In 2009, the school board voted to reorganize its ele-

mentary program, closing six elementary school and turning two middle schools into upper elementary for fifth- and sixth-grade students. Parents protested the realignment of school boundaries and who their children would attend school with, something Baracy said is "coming back with a vengeance."

He also recommended that outside assistance be brought in to help.

"My thought is that this is bigger than that, what we need outside help to deal with it the customer service aspect at every single level throughout the district," he said.

Board Secretary Cindy Schofield was glad to see customer service as a goal. She pointed out that when the district did the 1998 bond issue, school officials were redesigned to make them more customer friendly. Because of that, there

was an improvement for several years.

"The last few years we've gotten away from it," she said. "We're lacking in the way we sell ourselves, we've lost that feeling of being a family."

Schofield also expressed support in bringing in an outside agency to work with the district on customer service.

"An outside view might be helpful, it's hard to see what's going when you're on the inside," she said.

Morrell, who is working with the trustees to erase their differences and make them a cohesive unit, pointed out that board and superintendent must work as a team.

"If you're going to have a culture of customer service, you have to walk the walk and talk the talk," said Morrell. "You and the superintendent are a team of eight. You need to work

with each other; it's got to be a team effort."

He added that how the board and the eight-member team functions is reflected in the school district.

"If the board is dysfunctional, so goes the rest of the district," he said. "If they don't see you functioning as a team, no way is it going to happen in the buildings. Your kids deserve you working for them. If you grow, your kids will benefit."

While the board will hold a second workshop with Morrell to work on becoming a team, they did agree to let Baracy begin work on improving customer service.

"I agree it's urgent and I liked to see something stated with the fall, if the board has a say about what it will look like," trustee Andrea Clawson said.

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# COUNTY

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"We need to start with an external audit of every department," he said.

Convertino, a Canton resident and Plymouth attorney, said Ficano and the commission have become too cozy, and he too called for an audit that is "truly independent."

Fiems, a Canton resident and Wayne County real property appraiser, said the county could become more fiscally responsible by combining certain departments, such as the clerk's office and the registrar of deeds, to streamline services.

Amar, a Plymouth resident and retired labor mediation supervisor, suggested a fiscal approach that strongly identifies priorities, examines potential pay-cuts and strives to market Wayne County and its amenities, such as its waterways, to new businesses.

"Let's start advertising and promoting the strengths we've got," Amar said.

Responding to a question about eliminating budget deficits, Convertino said the problem has grown to the \$200 million range, and he said the county is drowning in legacy costs and other expenses. He suggested slashing wasteful spending, trimming county commission salaries by half and tackling issues involving pensions, which "have to be looked at freshly."



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League member Susan Rowe asks questions.

### What they pay for

Fiems cited a need for an investigation into what happened to money that was supposed to go toward pensions. Moreover, he said the county needs to ensure it is putting money toward services for residents.

"Let's make sure everybody is getting what they pay for," he said.

Price said the number of political appointees, especially for the county executive, should be slashed dramatically to save money. He also reiterated his support for a ballot measure that, if approved, would give the county commission powers to impeach the top official.

Amar said the county may need to delay filling positions that become vacant as a money-saving measure, and he said the county should sell unused property and assets it owns. Fiems and Amar said they favor a jail millage renewal that looms for county voters, saying it would simply continue to pay for jail services without a tax increase. Fiems said rejection of the millage would create a \$35 million hole.

"It's a public safety issue," he said.

Convertino and Price said they oppose the jail millage. Price said 10th District residents pay millions of dollars every



Shannon Price, Matthew Fiems, Richard Convertino and James Amar all hope to be elected to the newly drawn 10th Wayne County Commission district, which covers Plymouth and Canton.

year toward the tax yet hardly benefit from it because prisoners are typically housed in places such as Isabella County, where costs are cheaper.

Convertino went so far as to say the building of a new county jail shouldn't have gone forward.

When asked about the county's emergency preparedness plan, Convertino called it "massive" and said, "It is such a bloated plan with too much bureaucracy."

Price said the county and local municipalities all need to move toward an 800 MHz system for better communication.

### Lacking focus

Fiems said the emergency preparedness plan has lacked focus, much like other county projects, while Amar said the county should try to better coordinate its emergency plans with local communities.

All candidates vowed to fight for more funding, such as road dollars, for the 10th District.

Price specifically said he would fight to get all county spending online so taxpayers can better see how their money is spent. Moreover, he said the county's deficit-elimination plan should be enforced.

Convertino, who has

launched a recall effort against Ficano, said the commission hasn't lived up to its role as watchdog because of close ties to the county executive. He said campaign contributions by the administration to county commissioners "should be outlawed."

Amar said county employees already have taken concessions, but to further reduce costs he suggested the county examine all budget items and look for ways to slash spending "from the top down."

Fiems said county officials need to slash travel expenses and "expensive getaways."



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# More advice for those taking GM buyout

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist



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

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

- 1) You must have the money to pay the tax from the conversion without touching any of the money converted.
- 2) By converting the money, it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.
- 3) You can have the money invested within the Roth IRA for at least a five- to seven-year period. If you meet these criteria, I believe converting money into a Roth IRA makes sense. Remember, you do not

have to convert all the money at once; you can do a little bit each year. The key is to convert enough each year so it doesn't throw you into a higher tax bracket. With regards to investing in municipal bonds within an IRA, it makes no sense. Municipal bonds are tax-free. That is one of the reasons they do not pay as much as a normal bond. However, within an IRA, it doesn't make a difference whether you invest in a municipal bond or not. In a traditional IRA, when money is withdrawn, it is taxed to you. Therefore, a municipal bond loses its tax-free advantage when it's invested in an IRA. Therefore, an investor would be much better served to invest within a taxable bond within an IRA. After all, with a traditional IRA, whatever

comes out, no matter how it's invested, is subject to income taxes. Therefore, it makes no sense whatsoever to invest in a tax-free bond within an IRA—Roth or traditional. It is very simple to avoid probate for an IRA by just naming a beneficiary. That way the money will avoid probate and upon death will go directly to the person that you choose. In addition, you can name secondary beneficiaries so that if the primary individual is not living upon your death, the money will go to the secondary beneficiary. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

# Police: Driver inhaled computer screen cleaner before rollover crash

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Two teenagers remained hospitalized Friday after their convertible struck another vehicle, then rolled over at Plymouth and Middlebelt. Police believe the 19-year-old driver of the convertible inhaled Dust-Off, a computer cleaner spray, just prior to the impact, according to Sgt. John Gibbs. The driver of the convertible, a 1996 Chrysler Sebring, drove southbound on Middlebelt at 4:30 a.m. with a 16-year-old passenger. The driver, who lives in Canton, apparently used the inhalant just prior to approaching Plymouth Road or at the point of impact, Gibbs said. "The vehicle was approaching 90 miles per hour, hit the right

curb, bounced off that, ran the red light, then re-ended a Ford Taurus just south of Plymouth Road," Gibbs said. The Sebring began to roll up the back of the Taurus, then rolled over, Gibbs said. Gibbs estimated the Taurus was traveling at about 30 mph, but because the Sebring was traveling at such a high rate of speed, it was as if the Taurus were stopped. "Both vehicles were totaled," Gibbs said. The two occupants from Detroit in the Taurus were treated and released from the hospital, Gibbs said. The two occupants in the Sebring remained hospitalized Friday afternoon. Police continued an investigation into the crash and may seek criminal charges once the investigation is completed.



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## Canton hosts picnic, concert

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

Residents can bring your family, friends and a picnic blanket and enjoy the final free Thursday Night Concert of the season, featuring Trilogy, a Canton favorite who specializes in popular music that spans multiple genres and generations.

Families are encouraged to come eat, drink, and be merry, just like the family featured in the Carolus-Duran masterwork. All who attend are invited to enter special drawings that are scheduled to take place throughout the evening.

Nearly a dozen prizes will be given away, including: Detroit Institute of Arts passes, Canton Leisure Services gift cards, T-Shirts, and picnic/summer-themed prize

packs that are sure to make this August one to remember.

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

DIA Inside/Out, an outreach project which places replicas of some of the Detroit Institute of Arts' most famous works in unique settings, is sponsored by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for the purpose of weaving the arts into the fabric of communities to inspire visitors of these locations. Canton is among 13 communities that have been chosen for 2012 summer exhibitions.

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

# Five Republicans, one Democrat file in special election for McCotter's seat

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Five Republicans, including a former school board member in Livonia, and one Democrat have filed to run in a special election Sept. 5 to fill the unexpired term of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, former Livonia school board member Steve King, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia and Kenneth Crider of Livonia filed Friday to run on the Republican ballot in the 11th Congressional District.

Republican Kerry Benivolio of Millard also filed petitions with 1,075 signatures July 16. Totals included Cassis, 2,000 signatures; Crider, 1,100; King, 1,200; and Kavanagh, 1,276.

On Thursday, Democrat David Curson of Belleville filed petitions with 2,000 signatures.

Democratic and Republican candidates had until 4 p.m. Friday to file. The signatures will be reviewed by the Secretary of State's office to ensure the paperwork is filled out properly and all petitions are originals, according to Giselle Genereux, spokeswoman for the Secretary of State's office.

### List will be certified

"We will do that before the state Board of Canvassers meets on Monday," Genereux said. That board meets at 2 p.m. to certify the list of candidates.

The candidates have until 4 p.m. Monday to withdraw. Candidates without party affiliation have until Aug. 7 to file. Minor parties that hold a caucus to nominate candidates face a deadline of Aug. 8.

Residents in the current 11th District will be voting in a special election Wednesday, Sept. 5, and again Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. All of Livonia is included in both the former 11th District and the redistricted 11th District.

State election officials estimate the cost of the special election to local communities will be \$650,000. Livonia's cost is estimated at \$50,000. Redford's cost is expected to be \$30,000.

McCotter resigned July 6, ending his term six months early after what he called a "night-marish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney

General Bill Schuette. The duplicate signatures were invalidated, so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.

On July 13, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, acting in Gov. Rick Snyder's absence, called for a special election in the 11th Congressional District to fill the vacancy created by McCotter's resignation.

In the Aug. 7 primary election, voters in the redrawn 11th District will decide between a Republican candidate listed on the ballot (Benivolio), two write-in Republican candidates (Cassis and Drexel Morton of Canton) and two Democrats (Dr. Syed Taj of Canton and Bill Roberts of Redford). The top finishers from each party will square off in the general election Nov. 6. The election winner will begin a two-year term Jan. 3.

Cassis released a statement Friday after she filed her petitions for the special election.

"I deeply regret the cost, confusion and extra burden on the local clerks which will occur due to the special election the governor has called," Cassis said. "But we cannot allow this seat to be represented by a Democrat who supports Obamacare, or a Republican who believes President

Bush and Vice President Cheney were responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attack on America."

The Democrat she referenced is Taj, who believes that the Affordable Health Care Act "does not go far enough," and the Republican is Benivolio, who appeared in *The President Goes to Heaven*, a film released last year that pokes fun at a fictional character based on former President George W. Bush.

Benivolio said in a recent interview that he appeared in the film to investigate the state's film subsidies and "do a little acting."

King said Friday he decided to run because he wants to serve. "If I am lucky enough, I will serve those 45 days and I will work harder than anybody in those 45 days," he said.

King said he would work in the district to help constituents. "I want to bring the service back to public service," he said.

King was in the process of collecting signatures to run a write-in campaign for the two-year term that begins Jan. 3, but decided to end that campaign when he fell short of the 3,000 signatures he needed.

Instead, King collected 1,200 signatures to declare his candidacy in the special election.

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All media is accepted for this exhibition. Only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed five feet wide or six feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and

appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5' x 5' x 6' and 200 pounds in weight. Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required.

This year the competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes:

- Best of Show \$750
- Second Place \$500
- Third Place \$300
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Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept. 7. This year's juror will be Richard Rubinfeld, who currently teaches at Eastern Michigan University's Art Department. Hail-

ing from New York, N.Y., Rubinfeld received a BA in Fine Arts from Hofstra University, and both a MA and Ph.D. in History of Art from The Ohio State University. Rubinfeld previously juried the Canton Fine Arts Exhibition in 2007.

A reception will be held for the selected artists on Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m., with a special program starting at 7:30 p.m. The Village Theater has exhibition hours throughout the year: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except for major holidays), by appointment, and during all public performances. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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



Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, received a Kresge Artist Fellowship. The Farmington Hills resident plays Armenian and Middle Eastern music, in keeping with his heritage.

# Economic development director garners fellowship for his music

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, has \$25,000 to work with — and it's not for a city project.

Topouzian recently learned he received a Kresge Artist Fellowship, from Kresge Arts of Detroit, a program of the Kresge Foundation.

"That seems to be the million dollar question," the Farmington Hills resident said when asked about spending the fellowship money. He'll use it to advance his music.

"I don't know what shape or form that will take," he said.

He's 42 and began playing the cornet some 25 years ago in public school. Topouzian plays Armenian and Middle Eastern music, starting in earnest after college.

"I'd always loved lis-

tening to it," he said. He recalled playing tambourine as a grade schooler with a band in Atlantic City.

"I got my exposure to it quite young." He'd often record live performances, as there wasn't a lot available commercially.

"I would play them over and over again. That's how I learned to play the music," he said.

His parents are both Armenian and U.S.-born, with his grandparents having survived the Armenian genocide of 1915 and coming here via Ellis Island.

"They were able to escape the Armenian genocide," he said of his grandparents, noting some other family members died.

Topouzian's dad was in upstate New York, his mom from Detroit. The couple met at a local Armenian athletic week-

end Labor Day, which included music.

Ara Topouzian is married to Della and they're the parents of daughter Aline, 3, and son Alec, 11 months.

The fellowship was announced June 28. "I knew a couple of weeks before that," he said.

"I knew it was very competitive," said Topouzian, who didn't have to compete live for the fellowship. "I really went into it without any expectations."

He sent audio and video, along with a biography and other detailed information. He appreciates the funding, but also especially the recognition of world music.

"It's not mainstream music," he said. It's rewarding to bring world music to a wider audience.

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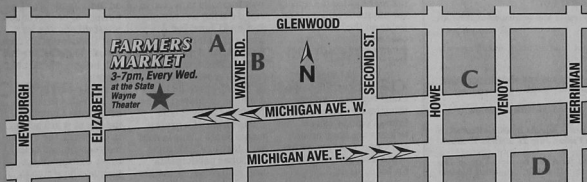
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## Livonia priest takes Santa Claus mission to new level

"Christmas in July" is much more than an event promotion or store sale gimmick this year to Fr. Joseph Marquis. The pastor at Livonia's Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church is busy this summer taking his passion, research, experiences and Hall of Fame credentials as a veteran Santa Claus to create the St. Nicholas Institute, a new four-day program Marquis will lead in October. Numerous men from across the country are expected to gather at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit for unique seminars that focus on the history and characteristics of both Santa Claus and St. Nicholas.

"In this increasingly impersonal world, Santa Claus represents something basic that every human being desires: to know we have inherent value; to know we are loved unconditionally," Fr. Marquis said.

As a young artist, Fr. Marquis joined the parade crew of Detroit's famed J.L. Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade for three years and later became the official Santa Claus for the downtown Detroit parade from 1977-1989. He later followed a call into ordained ministry and clinical chaplaincy at area hospitals, including Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Overall, Fr. Marquis has served as a professional Santa Claus for 40 years and received a number of awards, including an Emmy Award for his portrayal as Santa Claus in a



Marquis

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

Tops. Also, he was selected for the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame last year. The 3-year-old Hall is dedicated to St. Nicholas of Myra, the fourth-century bishop known for his great deeds of generosity. Fr. Marquis was formally inducted in April during a ceremony in Santa Claus, Ind. He is one of 24 individuals from North America (and one of three from Michigan) to receive the honor so far, which includes a plaque displayed in the historic Candy Castle. His vision of a professional Santa Claus is near and dear to Fr. Marquis. He hopes participants will gain a deeper insight into the real-life, historical person upon whom the Santa Claus legend is based.

In addition to the person of St. Nicholas, areas of study will include psychology, stage presence, use of voice, improvisational techniques, health, interpersonal dynamics, developing the Santa character, make-up and costuming. The Institute, a non-profit ministry of Sacred Heart Church, is focused on four core values: Nicholas as our Model, Openness to the Christmas Spirit, Exercising Compassion, and Love for Children (NOEL). "Institute participants," he added, "will gain a

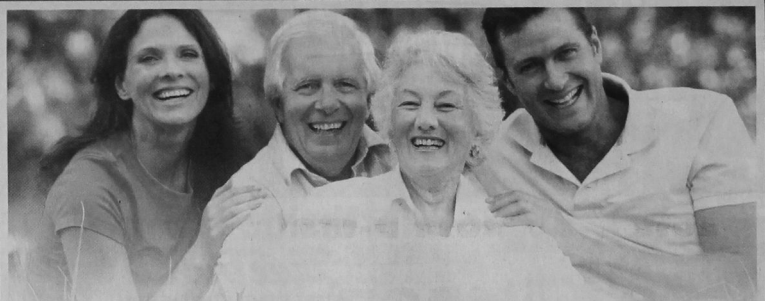
deeper appreciation for the vocation of portraying 'jolly old St. Nick,' and will be equipped with the practical tools needed to bring the person of Santa Claus to life."

The program will culminate with the St. Nicholas Institute Award Banquet on Oct. 3 at Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, located on Six Mile east of Middlebelt. The dinner program will be open to the general public and those who complete the Institute. The awards banquet will honor dedicated individuals from a variety of backgrounds who embody the spirit of Christmas 365 days a year. Those honorees will be announced next month.

"All aspects of the St. Nicholas Institute could give Livonia a unique new attraction to celebrate the Christmas season and celebrate extraordinary people who strive to uplift the spirits of others," said Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West. "We are blessed to have Fr. Joe and his distinguished expertise in our community and his initiative to celebrate community service through the legend of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas, which connects to people of all ages."

For individuals who are serious about serving as a professional Santa Claus, there is still time to register for this year's inaugural program. For more details, visit [www.stnicholasinstitute.org](http://www.stnicholasinstitute.org), or call Sacred Heart Church at (734) 522-3166.

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# Qdoba eatery complements restaurant scene

By Julie Brown  
Observer Staff Writer

A new Qdoba restaurant, featuring fresh Mexican fare, is coming to 8 Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Jessica Waugh, regional marketing specialist for Qdoba, said the grand opening Tuesday, July 10, with doors opening at 10:30 a.m. allowed the first 50 guests to enjoy a free entree. WYCD 99.5 radio was on site.

Qdoba has another restaurant at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

"We think there's a big enough distance between Livonia and the Northville area," Waugh said. "We are very excited to be in the Northville community."

## Getting involved

They're already involved in such events as the Northville High School all-night party for graduating seniors, as well as the Jingle Bell Run at Northville Downs, for which they've provided tortilla soup for four years.

The local Qdoba, which has hired 20 people, is also involved in the Taste of Novi event, as well as the Northville Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl.

"It just depends on



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Qdoba employee Jennifer Hathorne smiles as she wraps up a burrito order for a customer during the restaurant's recent trial-run day.

what the needs are," said Waugh, who's been with Qdoba about five and a half years. She's pleased so many locals could be hired, with a few staffers coming from nearby restaurants for training.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, the first 15 guests each day at the Northville Township Qdoba will receive a free

entree.

Waugh noted theirs isn't fast food, with chips, guacamole and other products often made locally using fresh ingredients. "We take a lot of pride in the food we serve," she said, adding the average entree runs \$7-9.

## Room for 72

The restaurant seats 72,



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

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

The Northville location will be the 23rd Qdoba in greater Detroit, including Ann Arbor, according to Preston. There is a nearby On the Border but Qdoba officials aren't concerned about competing.

The two competing restaurants are different, Preston said. At Qdoba, guests walk through the line and watch while

entrees are crafted to fit their taste, preference and dietary needs.

They choose from such options as tacos, burritos, taco salads, quesadillas, nachos and others. Guests then select their toppings such as vegetarian black or pinto beans, meats or veggies, five salsas, guacamole smashed by hand, and signature sauces such as 3-Cheese Queso.

The marketing/PR representatives describe their model as fast-casual dining. Qdoba has takeout (as does On the Border).

"We feel there's plenty of room in the market for both of us and we both offer a different experience for our guests," Preston said in an email.

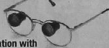
She added culinary team representatives for Qdoba visit the U.S. and Mexico to research new flavors and offerings.

The restaurant is in the southwest corner of 8 Mile and Haggerty, in the new strip plaza in the Meijer parking lot.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

## Grodzicki new soccer coach

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

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

The latest move came Wednesday when 38-year-old Matt Grodzicki was named to replace Reid Friedrichs, who resigned last month to take the varsity boys soccer position at Warren DeLaSalle.

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

Ironically, Friedrichs was hired last month to coach the Churchill girls' varsity soccer team replacing Dave Hebestreit, who resigned in early June. Hage also tabbed Plymouth assistant Jason Reynolds recently to be the new varsity hockey coach after Pete Mazzoni was named the new assistant principal at Livonia Stevenson.

Grodzicki, who has taught physical education and health at Churchill for 14 years, spent all 12 seasons serving as both an assistant and JV coach under Friedrichs.

He also coached the Churchill JV girls for eight years before moving last spring to his alma mater Livonia Stevenson to serve as JV coach under his brother Chris Grodzicki.

"Matt has been a dedicated sub varsity coach for us for over 10 years and is ready to assume the responsibilities of a head varsity coach," Hage said. "During our interview, I liked some of his ideas, energy and also his direct-

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The crew of the Limerick receives its victory flag at a post-race ceremony on Mackinac Island. The crew members are (front row, from left) Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, Kerri Pearce, McKenzie Pearce, (back row, from left) Kevin Pearce, Darrell Cope, Dan Holley, Mark Yuhn, Steve Van Hoof and Brian Sullivan.

## Close call at Mackinac Plymouth skipper guides boat to narrow victory

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

Darrell Cope's 33rd Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Race was one of the most memorable and special in his lengthy sailing career.

For starters, the Plymouth resident and co-owner of the Limerick with Kevin Pearce of Grosse Pointe, was a winner in the Cruising B Class.

Cope, 49, will long remember this year's race for that reason and the fact the margin of victory was so unbelievably close. Competing in the Shore Course Division III, the Limerick reached Mackinac Island just past 3 p.m. Monday after nearly 51 hours on Lake Huron.

The boat was first in its class to finish and tops in elapsed time (50:59:32). However, when corrected time was factored in the handicapping system, Cope and his crew won by just 19 seconds over Jeff Henderson of Clarkston and his boat Pirata.

"Initially, we made up a lot of time and thought we had pulled far enough ahead that we had a nice margin of victory," Cope said. "We knew we had to finish about an hour and a half ahead (based on corrected time).



The Limerick (second from left) sets sail on Lake Huron at the start of the annual Port Huron to Mackinac Race.

"We were a good hour ahead coming into the island. We were really pumped up; things were looking good — and the wind died. It became a giant parking lot near the finish line.

"When the wind came up, it came in from behind, so all the boats behind us got the wind and started catching up. You could see them coming, and we were still sitting there, going very slow, about a knot and a half."

During those anxious moments, Cope and his crew prayed for the wind to catch their boat, too, and push it across the finish line, he added.

"The Pirata and (third-place boat) Momentum were still behind us, but we couldn't tell how much time and distance they had made up," Cope said. "We didn't know if we had first place or not."

The Limerick did get to the finish line first, but that didn't resolve the issue. Cope and his

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## Smith named grid assistant

Gannon University (Pa.) head football coach Brad Rzycki recently announced that Jerry Smith (Westland John Glenn) has been named to the 2012 staff.

Smith, who will coach wide receivers, was a four-year letterwinner for the Golden Knights (2008-11) where he was a three-year starter at wide receiver while competing in 41 career games.

The former wide-out finished his career with 51 receptions, 624 yards, 12.2 yards per reception and four touchdowns.

Smith's senior campaign was arguably his best. He was the team's third-leading receiver, hauling in 25 passes for 257 yards and two scores.

Smith set career-highs in receptions (6), yards (327) and touchdowns (2) last season at Clarion (Pa.).

Smith graduated from Gannon in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Business and will continue his studies pursuing his Masters.

## Rams win big

The Michigan Rams defeated the Adrian Outlaws 9-0 on Wednesday at Ford Field in Livonia in a Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League contest.

Triggering the rout for the Rams (16-15) were Garrett Gordon and Brandon Katta, each going 2-for-3 with a run scored. Katta also drove in two while Gordon collected one RBI.

Zach Zott singled in two runs and scored a run in a Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League contest.

Going the distance for the shutout victory was Jeff Sorenson, who only faced 24 batters. He gave up just two hits and struck out 11 while not walking a batter.

The Outlaws (5-26-1) received one hit each from PT Gunn and Kyle Johnson.

## Scout carves out winning niche with Pinewood Derby



JOHN KEMSKI

Some of Tom Cousino's Pinewood Derby entries are pictured after Perry the Platypus, Landspeeder, Super Mario and a Wii remote control.

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's Tom Cousino dubbed his championship Pinewood Derby car "Red Phoenix" — an appropriate choice because it rose to prominence from a small block of wood.

The 11-year-old's sleek, aerodynamic red racer with gold stripes did more than blow past the competition June 2 at the Boy Scouts of America's Great Lakes Council Race, held at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

It was selected for a year-long exhibit at the Hall of Fame, located next to the Henry Ford Museum.

Several weeks later, the achievement is starting to soak in, although the youngster isn't one to gloat.

"It's fun to be in Pinewood Derby," said Tom, during a recent interview at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "I mean, when you come up with cool designs everyone's going to say 'Nice design.'"

Tom's Hall of Fame-worthy victory followed top prizes won in his age group at the Ibsister Cub Scout Pack 1540 and Sunset District races, respectively held in March and April at Redford Thurston. More than 27,000 scouts in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties are

represented by the Great Lakes Council.

### Fast and sleek

This year's Pinewood Derby competition was the fifth in a row for Tom, who in past years entered cars featuring a wide array of designs: those included a "Wiimote" (Wii remote control), Super Mario, Landspeeder from Star Wars and Perry the Platypus (from the Phineas and Ferb animated TV series).

Tom said each year's entry started with a five-ounce block of wood (the standard size in the Pinewood Derby kit as provided by the

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## Wilson signs with Caps

Tom Wilson of the Plymouth Whalers signed a three-year, entry-level contract last week with the NHL's Washington Capitals.

The 18-year-old Wilson, a forward who tallied 27 points and 141 penalty minutes in 49 games for the Whalers in 2011-12, inked a contract worth \$832,500 per year at the NHL level and \$70,000 annually if he plays in the AHL.

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

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# Golfers' best friends

## Caddying at Western is a rewarding gig for area teens

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

There have been several weekend mornings this summer when Livonia Stevenson senior-to-be Jake Colley has returned home from work before many of his peers have even pushed themselves out of bed.

In addition to having a full day still ahead of him, Colley will often have a pocket full of hard-earned cash.

Yes, life as a caddy at Redford Township's Western Golf and Country Club has more than its share of perks.

"I can't think of a better way to make money than working at a beautiful golf course, getting a good four-mile walk in and getting a chance to meet successful businessmen, entrepreneurs, lawyers and doctors every day," said Colley, who competes in cross country and track and field at Stevenson. "Basically, this job is getting me ready for the real world."

Colley is one of close to 100 area teens who are employed as caddies at Western — a sprawling, picturesque private club situated west of Beech Dale and south of Five Mile in Redford.

While the money is good — experienced caddies usually earn around \$30 to \$60 for an 18-hole round; beginners bring in around \$20 to \$30 per loop — the responsibilities that go with the position are plentiful.

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Western Golf and Country Club golf services manager Scott Coleman (left) oversees a caddy program that employs close to 100 area teenagers, including (from Coleman's left) Alex Ryktersyk, Michael Colby and Jake Colley.

ous job of carry the clubs, many three- and four-year Western caddies offer golfers yardages, help read greens, replace divots and repair ball marks.

"One of the best things about this job is watching the kids mature over the years," golf services manager Scott Coleman said. "From the time they start as a 14-year-old to the time they leave four or five years later, they're totally different kids. They're more vocal, more confident."

One of the keys to becoming a stellar caddy is knowing when to converse with the golfers, Coleman said.

"I read an excellent article in *Golf Digest* a couple years ago that said, in so many words, in order to be a good caddy, you have to keep up and shut up," Coleman said, smiling. "It's a little harsh, but in a lot of ways it's true. You want to be up in front or alongside the guys you're caddying for, but you can't be telling them about your sister's graduation party and everything that's going

on in your life.

"The nice thing about this club is that a lot of the members have kids who are friends with our caddies, so they know them on a personal level. Our membership-employee relationships are awesome here."

While a good percentage of the job demands a serious approach, there are plenty of light-hearted moments, Coleman said.

"You can tell the producers of the movie *Caddyshack* interviewed a lot of caddies because it is spot-on as far as some of the funny things that really happen," Coleman said. "We can watch some of the scenes in that movie and really relate to them."

**Tons of incentive**

Western's caddies are ranked, depending on their years of service and the results of members' evaluations. First-year workers carry the beginner label. Through hard work and dedication, they can advance to the ranks of intermediate, captain and honors.

Among the club's highest-ranking caddies is recent Livonia Churchill graduate Alex Ryktersyk, who will be a freshman at Michigan State University in the fall.

Ryktersyk is a 2012 recipient of the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholarship — a full-ride award earned by a select few caddies each year.

Awardees are selected based on a number of factors, including service to their club, academics and extracurricular activities.

A four-year caddy, Ryktersyk knows Western's layout almost as well as he knows his own backyard.

"It just comes down to practice makes perfect," he said. "At this point, after having worked here for four years and being able to play the course on Mondays, I know the yardages, the way the greens roll, how fast you need to hit putts — things like that," he said. "It's just an experience thing. The more you do, the better you're going to



PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT  
Recent Livonia Churchill graduate Alex Ryktersyk is the recipient of the prestigious Western Golf Association Evans Scholarship.

be at it."

The most-dedicated caddies are rewarded handsomely for their unyielding commitment.

"The honor and captain level caddies can make as much as \$70 to \$80 for a loop," he said.

"That's not bad for 4½ hours of work. Invitationals are generally the best-paying weeks for the caddy season. You can make a couple hundred bucks in three days; some guys make \$400 to \$500, depend-

ing on how their golfers do."

First-year caddy Michael McComb is still a few years away from the big paydays, but he's not complaining.

"I love golf and I love being able to go out on the course and get paid for it," said McComb, a freshman-to-be at Detroit Catholic Central. "It's an awesome job."

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# Whalers' alumni game will benefit Gleaners

Tyler Seguin and the boys are coming back to Plymouth.

The Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers have announced the team's third annual Alumni Game — known as the "Champions for a Hunger Free Summer" — will be played 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Compuware Arena.

Whalers alumni, led by current Boston Bruins star forward Seguin, will play in the game with proceeds going to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

While Whaler fans reconnect with former players, a winner of the game will be Gleaners and their corporate partners in the company's Hunger Free Summer campaign.

The Whalers are asking fans for a donation of 10 canned goods for admission. Tickets for \$10 can be also purchased by calling the Compuware Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going online to [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com).

Included in the admission is an autograph session with the alumni, which will run from 2-3:30 p.m.

In addition to Seguin, former Whalers scheduled to skate include NHL players Chad LaRose (Carolina), James Neal (Pittsburgh), Jared Boll (Columbus) and goaltender Matt Hackett (Minnesota) as well as retired Washington Capitals' forward Pat Peake — the only Whaler to have his jersey retired by the franchise.

Other Plymouth alumni tentatively scheduled to play in the game include former captains Chris Terry (2005-09), John Vigilante (2002-06), AJ Jenks (2006-10) and Mike Morone (1994-97), Tyler G. Brown (2007-11), Ryan Hayes (2007-11), Robbie Czarnik (2009-11), Jamie Devane (2008-12), Damian Surma (1998-02), Joe Byrne (1996-98), Mark Cadotte (1995-97), Scott Fletcher (2008-09), Dan Pawlaczyc (1993-97), Jason Lawmaster (1996-98), J.D. Eaton (1990-93), Jeff Gardiner (1990-92), James Sheehan (1990-92), Ryan Stephenson (2004-06) and Larry Sterling (2000-01).

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Former Plymouth Whaler and current Boston Bruin star Tyler Seguin is among players slated to participate in the OHL team's Aug. 4 alumni game for Gleaners.

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ter One Foundation, Ford Motor Company Fund, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Epoch Restaurant Group, American Specialty Oil Company and Joshua (Jim) and Eunice Stone Foundation providing six meals per dollar for children who are at risk of hunger and malnutrition while school is out.

The Whalers' participation in Gleaners' Hunger Free Summer campaign extends the initiative that goes from July 17-29 and will now run through the Alumni Game. Thirty-five corporations and organizations throughout Oakland County are participating in the effort this year.

For more information about Gleaners Hunger Free Summer campaign, please go online to <http://www.gcfb.org/site/PageServer>.



## MACKINAC

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crew had to wait another hour or more before results were posted and the *Limerick's* victory was official.

"I've been doing this race quite a while, and we've never had a finish that close," Cope said. "The last time we won was five or six years ago, and the difference was about a minute and a half, which is still pretty darn close. But 19 seconds is real close!"

Furthermore, the runner-up skipper, Henderson, is the commodore of the Bayview Yacht Club, which is the host club for the annual race.

"He was very nice about it," Cope said. "He shook our hands and said: 'Man, was that a close race?' Yep, 19 seconds! It could have gone either way."

### 'Good sailors'

What made the race and victory special was the unique makeup of



Steve Van Hoof of Plymouth (rear, right) is at the helm of the *Limerick*. Other crew members are Kerri Pearce (foreground), Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, Brian Yuhn and Dan Holley (rear, left).

the *Limerick* crew, which included three teenage girls. Kerri and McKenzie Pearce and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan are the daughters of Kevin Pearce and crew member Brian Sullivan.

"They're all good sailors," Cope said. "Even though it was their first Mack, they've been on the boat and done other races with us."

"We told them, 'If you really want to do the

Mack, you have to do the Windsor Overnight with us.' That gave them the experience of sailing through the night. We knew it would be fine to take them with us on the Mack."

And the girls had the same duties and expectations of them as any other crew member, and they performed admirably, according to Cope. The crew works in two shifts, rotating every four hours.



A summer sunrise over Lake Huron as seen by members of the *Limerick* crew during the Port Huron to Mackinac Race.

"Ten minutes before the 2 a.m. shift, we'd tell them, 'You guys are on,'" Cope said. "They never batted an eye; they got right up on deck. They really did a good job. They did what we asked them to do."

The girls being lighter in weight than adult males afforded the *Limerick* a real advantage to having them as part of the crew.

"If you can keep the boat going in light air, that's the key," Cope said. "After Thunder Bay (when the wind died), we were real

fortunate we kept the boat moving as well as we did."

"It was great to have them on the boat. When we needed stuff done, we could have the girls move around and do it and keep our weight in one place. I can think of a million places we could have lost 19 seconds."

### First victory

The *Limerick* has been in the Mackinac Race since 1984 when Cope's father, Art, was the owner. Cope, who belongs to the Cres-

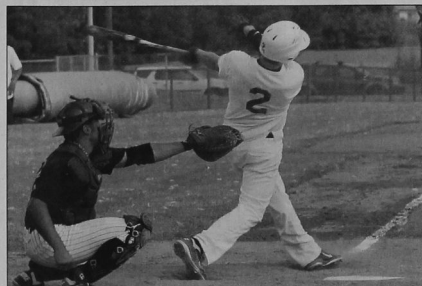
cent Sail Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe, and Pearce bought it from him in 1996. The *Limerick* won its first Mackinac Race in 1991 when it was the overall winner.

"There were about 140 boats, and we beat them all that year," Cope said. "They were all big boats we beat. (Some of the other sailors) were so mad they lost to one of those little 30-footers they changed the rules." The *Limerick* has had several more Mackinac victories since then, and the afterglow from this year's success is certain to last a good while.

For the first time, the post-race party took place at the Grand Hotel, which put on a grand event for the sailors and their families, according to Cope.

"It was really a first-class job this year," he said. "We had a great time at the party. It was well, well done."

And so was the racing performance of the *Limerick* and its crew.



## Clearing the fence

Daniel Jipping (No. 2) of the Michigan Bulls 16U travel baseball team follows through after clubbing another home run June 29 at the 18U Black Swamp Home Run Derby at Carter Park in Bowling Green, Ohio. Jipping, entering his junior year at Plymouth Christian Academy, won the contest.



## Bulldogs have bite!

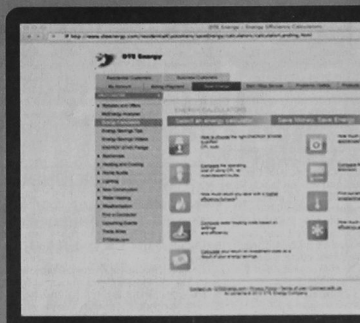
The Michigan Bulldogs 12U travel baseball team recently wrapped up first place in the KVBSA Travel League South Division (of the Community Conference) with a record of 11-5-2 in division play. The team is comprised mostly of players from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Westland. Players include: (front row, from left) David Orlando, Shane Aigner, Jacob Russell, Tyler Hodges; (middle row, from left) Mike Jaafar, Maxx Brown, Zack Dickson, Bobby Mason; (back row, from left) Hunter Mastroianni, Davis Coughlin, Davey Farhat and Mitchell White. Not shown are head coach Scott Coughlin and assistant coaches Jim Aigner, Ron Hodges and Dave Russell.

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## PINEWOOD

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Boy Scouts of America) and notebook pages of design ideas.

He noted that he made a determined effort to make the 2012 model as sleek as possible in order to help it zoom down the race track with nothing going for it but gravity and engineering.

"All of my cars from the past years... have all these different parts that might catch the wind," Tom explained. "So this year is really aerodynamic."

Although he added that there "might be a car that looks like it (Red Phoenix), but probably not. I just wanted to go for an aerodynamic design this year."

Brainstorming sessions with his dad, Jeff Cousino, jumpstarted the process. Tom's mom, Sheila Cousino, and his sisters (Claire, 15; Kate, 13) also contributed ideas to the mix.

"Just like in previous years, original drawings and sketches were taken down to the workshop. That's where Jeff's power tools began recasting



JOHN KEMSKI

tom Cousino (front) and his parents (Jeff and Sheila) proudly pose with Tom's Pinewood Derby entries from first through fourth grade. Not shown is the Plymouth Township 11-year-old's recent winner, on display at the Michigan Automotive Hall of Fame.

the block. Tom followed up by tweaking, decorating and painting it into contest-ready shape.

"Of course, Jeff downplays his involvement. 'The ideas have been his,' Jeff said. 'And for me that's the biggest part of it.'

### Something tangible

Meanwhile, in the virtual world of 2012, the Cousinos relish the process of an idea jumping off a notebook page and — as a finished product — ultimately landing onto the sloping, six-lane Pinewood Derby



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

track. The Hall of Fame exhibit is icing on the cake.

"That's where I think it's the most fun for me," Jeff continued, "is to see their ideas come to life, actually turn into something that ends up going down the track."

"It's one thing to build something on a computer. But to actually build it out of wood and nails and turn it into an actual car, and when you see the boys walk around with the cars, they're

very proud."

Tom's run of success at official Pinewood Derby events certainly topped the bill for the Cousins.

But Sheila noted how the entire family enjoyed making cars for a recent "sibling" race.

"It's nice that our pack allows this special sibling race," Sheila said. "They've done it four the last four or five years are done racing. All the other people

can bring their cars and have them race.

"It's a lot of fun to watch all the crazy cars go down the track because the boys are really creative in their cars, but with the siblings there aren't as many rules."

### Bottom line

One rule they'll have to pay attention to is eligibility. Because Tom now is in a Boy Scout troop (1537 in Plymouth) he cannot enter the 2013 Pinewood Derby competition.

With more time on his hands as he enters sixth grade at Pioneer Middle School, Tom said he will look into activities such as soccer, swimming and basketball.

But he won't soon forget Pinewood Derby. "I just thought this was a really good experience to do," Tom added. "Because if I hadn't done this we wouldn't have all these cool cars."

"Plus, I learned a lot of regular engineering things, like aerodynamics. And having a good joint job always is good."

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## NEW COACH

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tion for the program. He is a respected teacher in our building who has a solid rapport with our kids and this will prove beneficial for the soccer program as well."

Grodzicki is a 1992 Stevenson grad who played both basketball and soccer. In 1991, the senior forward scored the game-winning goal for the Spartans in the Class A state finals to beat Saginaw Heritage, 2-1.

Grodzicki owns a B.S. degree in Education at Central Michigan University along with a Masters from Marygrove College. His wife Kelly is the Livonia Red girls gymnastics coach.

"I consider myself a defensive-minded coach first and counter-attack when we can," Grodzicki said. "I like to think that I have a pretty open style as far as play. I want to control the play and put pressure on the other teams' backs."

"It should be a smooth transition. I know all the guys and I'm comfortable with them. I know the parents and the administration, and I know the expectations. Working with Reid was great. A lot of the things we set, I'm just going to continue on doing and add my own flavor to it."

Grodzicki said he hopes to have a JV team this fall. His first scheduled practice under MHSAA rules, which is Wednesday, Aug. 8.

"I am looking forward to getting started immediately with Matt and I know he is motivated to begin as well," Hage said. "I look forward to Matt carrying on the fine tradition of soccer at Churchill High School."



Three players who helped Livonia Concealed Security reach the gold bracket at the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series in Cincinnati. Ohio were (from left) Alex Deyonker (Franklin), Kevin Nisun (Franklin) and Austin Stevens (Stevenson).

## Concealed 16U in gold bracket

Livonia Concealed Security went 3-0 in pool play at the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series in Cincinnati and advanced to Saturday's single-elimination gold bracket (results were not available as of press time).

Three players with Livonia ties were instrumental in Wednesday's 7-4 win over Top Prospects Illinois, Thursday's 11-9 victory over Dayton Heat and Friday's 10-2 trouncing of the Cleveland Pelicans.

In the latter win, Concealed's Kevin Nisun (Livonia Franklin) went 2-for-2 and drove in a run as the team made it to the 16-team gold bracket (the World Series started with 48 teams). Dearborn Divine Child's Zack Schmidtke gave up two runs in five innings for

the win. Concealed's victory over Top Prospects featured strong relief pitching by Alex Deyonker (Franklin), who went 3 2/3 innings for the victory. Deyonker gave up one run and struck out six and helped his own cause at the plate. He tallied a single, run and RBI.

Also coming up with a hit and a run in the game was Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson).

The win over Dayton saw Concealed rally from an early 8-3 deficit, taking the lead with four runs in the sixth. Nisun, Deyonker and Dee Jawad walked with one out and all scored on a two-out triple by Zach Tallman. Going 3-for-3 with two runs and four RBI was Schmidtke while John Slater (Southfield) went 2-for-4.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Hawk golf outing

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The event will be a Texas Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing. A registration form is available at [www.gohawks.org](http://www.gohawks.org), or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

### New members welcome at FHS

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

### GCHA signups

The Garden City Hockey Association will begin accepting walk-in registrations for the upcoming 2012-13 season at the Garden City Civic Arena 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28.



## Sting zones in on title

The 13-and-under Garden City Sting baseball team won the North Zone Pony Regional championship recently and will represent Michigan in a zone tournament held this week in Evansville, Ind. Successful in Indiana, the Sting will advance to the Pony League World Series in Fullerton, Calif. Pictured are (front row from left) Adam Crunk, River Turek, Timmy Leighton, Dakota Mahkmettas, Calin Crawford, (middle row from left) Alex Centofanti, Tyler Kelly, Brady Spehar, Dakota Darocha, Joey Morton, (back row from left) coaches Doug Morton, Brian Spehar, Weylin Mahkmettas and Shawn Kelly.



## Stars come out

Celebrating their appearance June 23 at the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association 14U All-Star Game are (back row, from left) Bailey Allen, Lauren Manor, Matgan Byers, Allyson Champagne, Casey Anthony, Anna Coleman, Morgan Reno, Christina Christensen, Katie Waxer, Mia Phillips, Allison Hodge, Lily Alonso; (front row, from left) Madison Kulik, Paige Lohman, Emily Caragay, Rachel Auer, Alexa Ebeling, Marissa Templeton, Hayley Stump, Taylor Berean, Jenna Taylor, Kaitlyn Zech and Jessica Lentine.

## Walking tall

Joseph Drazga, 88, of Livonia, pictured with his proud daughter Nancy Drazga, also of Livonia, completed his first 1-mile walk during the 2012 Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run. The annual event also included a 1-mile run, 5- and 10-kilometer races.



## Future of Jazz: Schoolcraft will take on fest with Ellis as adviser

Midge Ellis has certainly earned the title of "Ma Jazz." The 88-year-old Livonia resident was busy Sunday, July 15, keeping things running smoothly at the 18th annual Michigan Jazz Festival.

"You see the fruits of your labor right away," Ellis said during a break. "It makes it all worth it."

She and other key "players" do fundraisers all year to make the free summer festival possible. "We get a lot of donations," Ellis said. She appreciates all the great music, including the "Future of Jazz" stage at Schoolcraft College for young student musicians.

"It does my heart good to see all those young people playing jazz," she said. The festival has its roots at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, and draws people from out of state as well as nearby. At this year's event, many praised the indefatigable Ellis.

"I've enjoyed it immensely, because it's what I love to do," she said of her work organizing jazz concerts since 1968. She brought big names to the Clarenceville schools complex. Musicians are paid for the Michigan Jazz Festival, so donations are always appreciated.

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Craig Strain plays the trumpet with the Craig Strain Orchestra.



Sarah Barnes D'Angelo was the special guest singer for the Craig Strain Orchestra.



Jazz legend and saxman, George Benson receives a lifetime achievement award at the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College from his friend and fellow jazz great Johnny Trudell.



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There was plenty to toot your horn about at the Michigan Jazz Festival July 15. The closing band for the day's event was jazz legend Johnny Trudell and his band.

clinics and workshops for middle school and high school jazz musicians.

In addition to Ellis, many had praise for this year's festival sponsors: Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, Inmart Group Limited, the late Morry Cohen, the Myron P. Leven Foundation, Nancy Salden, Schoolcraft College Music Department and the Steinway Piano Gallery.

Next year, Schoolcraft College will take over the jazz event, with Ellis in an advisory role. "Hopefully, it'll be transparent," Schoolcraft President Conway Jefferson said of the transition. He was at the July 15 event enjoying the sounds.

Jefferson noted the event has many logistics, and that many musicians play based on their longtime ties to Ellis. "You have to work on

transitioning those relationships," he said. Jefferson agreed Schoolcraft offering jazz studies will help.

"These are folks who typically know each other," he said, adding people always want to save the date early on their calendars. "After that,

it's a done deal. This is a unique American art form," said Jefferson, agreeing jazz must continue and offering abundant praise to Ellis, other key organizers, volunteers and the college.

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 35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to chs1977@hotmail.com.

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 The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Litvian Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

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 For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Keely Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS class of '82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dgoodfied@bcoglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at jgoodfuzo@yahoo.com, or

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**CLASS OF 1962**  
 50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of '62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

**DETROIT CODY**  
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 Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBGG.com/cscat.net.

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**CLASS OF 1962**  
 Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other week-end activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegenani Murray, (313) 399-0507; Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832; Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 313-7459.

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, (248) 477-7800. \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to rusmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion page for more information.

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Michigan Humane Society urges care with wildlife

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is asking residents to exercise caution before intervening with what may appear to be an abandoned baby animal. The MHS Wildlife Department has reported a high number of young wildlife animals being brought in for care. Although it may appear

that baby animals such as birds, ducks, rabbits or fawns are abandoned, most of the time the mother is nearby. It is normal for many species to leave their young unattended for hours at a time. For example, mother deer leave their fawns for up to eight hours before returning to nurse. Fawns do not carry a scent, so by watching her young from a distance, a mother deer helps keep her scent from attracting predators to them.

Another example are baby birds, who typically do not fly as soon as their young are hatched and require a few days on the ground to build up their flight muscles. When baby animals are removed from their mother and their habitat, they often cannot survive. In general, MHS recommends only moving animals if they are in immediate peril.

Before intervening or for more information, contact either your local Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office, or the DNR's Wildlife Department at (517) 373-1263.

You also can contact the MHS Wildlife Department at (248) 852-7420, ext. 224. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Greek physicians in 400 B.C. provided a description and treatment for gout that has prevailed to the present day. Ancient manuscripts describe the sudden onset and intense pain of gout and its predilection for the great toe, ankle, and knee. Furthermore, these writings noted that colchicine was the drug of choice to stop these attacks.

For the last 2500 years what medical students learned about the treatment of gout was to take colchicine, one tablet an hour until 12 tablets are taken, the attack ends, or gout ensues. To prevent further attacks the patient should take colchicine or two tablets a day. Now that classical regimen is to be used no more. In 2009, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) announced that any pharmaceutical company that wanted to market colchicine had to submit reports of investigations providing the efficacy of the drug. No such studies had ever been done before. The investigations showed that the best outcomes resulted when patients took two colchicine tablets when a gout attack came on, and one tablet an hour later if the attack had not resolved. Then the patient stopped using colchicine completely. The only exception was to take colchicine, one tablet two times a day, when starting long term therapy with Allopurinol or Uric.

The new approach has taken many physicians by surprise. The medical community is still adapting to these guidelines that seem contrary to tradition, training, and the experience of physicians practicing today.

If the reader has an episode of gout, keep this information on colchicine in mind; bring it to the attention of the physician, if he begins to treat your gout using colchicine in a different manner.



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## Golf, health talk

### Pro golfer Fred Funk visits Providence Park Hospital

By Julie Brown  
 Staff Writer

Markel golfs "occasionally," and noted significant changes in joint replacement surgery over the last 20-30 years. The devices used are more durable and longer lasting.

"More people are doing better longer, which is good," Markel said.

#### 'Living longer'

That's changed the questions health care folks now ask after the surgery. Questions now are often can a patient golf nine or even 18 holes without a cart, or bicycle. "People are living longer," Markel said, and his specialty is predicted to be the fastest growing medical area.

Several of his patients came to the Novi hospital that day, including Gary and Cathy Latendresse of Grosse Ile, both golfers. "We're Dr. Markel fans and we're Fred Funk fans," said Gary. "We're always looking for a road trip."

The couple, both 69, have had three knees done between them, both of his and one of hers. "This one's coming next," Cathy said of her second.

He had his done in November 2007 and October 2011, she in November 2011. Both Cathy and Gary noted the speed of recovery. "You walk out of the hospital," he said.

"Our bedroom's on the second floor," she added. After surgery, patients quickly begin to work on stair climbing and other essential areas.

Patient Karen Harris of Lathrup Village is also



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Senior PGA golfer Fred Funk, right, compares his knee-replacement scar with Cathy Latendresse, left, and Karen Harris at Novi's Providence Park Hospital on July 11. All three have had their knees replaced and Funk was able to resume his golfing career after having his done a few years ago. Funk, who was in the area for a weekend tournament, visited Providence Park to promote the company that made his knee replacement part.

a registered nurse at the hospital. She had knee surgeries in December 2011 and March 2012 with Markel.

"I am trying to get back into it," Harris said of her golf game. Her work at the hospital takes physical strength and agility, which she has.

"Very good," Harris said.

"My knees don't give me any trouble at all. A complete turnaround." The patients enjoyed chatting with Funk, who touted knee replacement surgery.

"You're going to make your own decisions," he said. "I've had enough of this lifestyle" was what motivated him, along with professional considerations. "I got to be on bone. I just decided I'd had

enough." He's required as a pro to walk the course. "There's no way I would be playing now if I didn't" have the surgery, Funk said.

He got on the course not too long after surgery, with Markel interjecting humorously. "Less than was advised" during the Providence appearance. Funk, whose favorite course is Pebble Beach, turned pro in 1981. The

former newspaper circulation supervisor is splitting his time this year between the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour.

He has eight PGA Tour victories and became the fifth oldest player to win on the PGA Tour with victory at the 2007 Mayakoba Classic.

Funk, who is married with kids, entered the University of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007, and is also in the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame.

#### Community work

He's active in Jacksonville raising money for a young man who was paralyzed and is a quadriplegic as a result of a high school football injury in 2004. The young man, with a spinal cord injury, and his family moved into a wheelchair-accessible home in 2006 with the help of Funk and others.

"He's doing great," Funk said of the young man, who's finishing college. "His attitude is unbelievable. He's always looked at the positive side."

Joe Hurshe, vice president of operations at the Novi hospital, and a golfer, said the facility does over 3,300 combined orthopedic procedures a year. Providence has about 30 percent of the region's market share, added Hurshe, whose dad had knee replacement.

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# Find a great job if you're over 50

## Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 16 percent of today's workforce is age 55 and older, and that number is expected to reach 21 percent by 2014 -- an increase of more than 11 million workers. As the American population ages, companies are realizing older Americans are a vital part of their workforce, and are starting to put programs into place to attract and retain these workers.

Companies are increasingly focusing on this segment of the American workforce and are offering older workers more flexible work options and helping them better balance work and family issues, says Deborah Russell, director of economic security for the AARP, a nonprofit organization for people over 50.

And in the face of impending labor shortages, many companies are turning to their own retirees to fill open spots. Bringing a former employee back on board provides a wide range of benefits to the company, as retired workers need less training and are already familiar with company policies and standards as well as business protocol.

Every year, the AARP releases its list of the "Best Employers for Workers Over 50." They look at companies in a variety of industries and evaluate businesses in the areas of

recruitment practices, continuing opportunities for advancement, flexible work schedules and benefits. The AARP found that while many companies still have a long way to go when it comes to attracting and retaining older workers, there are a number of businesses that have put innovative programs in place that benefit workers over 50.

If you are an older professional and want to find an employer who is open to workers of all ages, Russell offers the following tips for evaluating a company.

**1. Examine the company's recruitment practices.** Russell notes you can learn a lot about a company by how and where it recruits employees, as well as what its recruitment materials look like. Is the company recruiting at a variety of job fairs? Is it open to applications from all workers? Does it have a formal program to offer positions to retired workers? Can you see a variety of ages represented in company brochures and other branded materials?

**2. Ask about advancement opportunities and training.** The AARP found that many of the best companies for older workers have special programs in place to provide employees with advanced and ongoing training, help employees move positions within the company and offer career counseling. These programs help older workers keep important skills up-to-

date. Some companies even offer online courses for employees, which enable older workers to take courses at their own pace.

**3. Research the company's benefits.** While you might not be able to find out everything about a company's benefits in the early interview process, you can research the company's Web site and other materials to find out what benefits it offers. Many of the companies on the AARP's list have benefits that are particularly attractive to older workers, such as allowing 401(k) "catch-up"

contributions and time off to care for dependents beyond what is required by law. Some also offer phased retirement programs, and several hospitals on the list offer healthcare services either at a discount or at no cost to employees covered under company health plans.

**4. Examine the overall company image.** Take a look at a company collateral and its Web site. What is the image the company is portraying? Also, look around the company when you are interviewing. Do you see other older workers? Ask about the

company's mission and goals. Russell says it is important to determine if the company "values its workforce, or just its bottom line."

For more information about the AARP and its list of the "Best Employers for Workers Over 50," visit the organization's Web site at [www.aarp.org/bestemployers](http://www.aarp.org/bestemployers).

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## CHEVY INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATES 'CONFIDENCE' IN ITS PRODUCTS

By Dale Buss

Chevrolet has come up with a two-pronged new program, "Chevy Confidence," to meet a double late-summer objective. Under the program, the brand will offer no-haggle pricing on 2012 model-year closeouts, as well as the no-hassle return of a just-purchased 2012 or 2013 vehicle.



That way executives of the biggest division of General Motors figure, they've got a unique hook to help clear away year-end inventory as well as a reason for new-car buyers to come into Chevrolet showrooms without worrying about making an irreversible commitment. After a record 2011 in sales, Chevy sales this year have been increasing at less than half the pace of the industry's overall 15-

percent gain, and its inventories are getting a bit ungainly.

The initiative reflects influences from both GM's defunct Saturn brand, which built fierce consumer loyalty when it launched in the mid-Eighties with no-haggle pricing, as well as from Hyundai, which introduced its "Assurance" incentive program at the height of the recession in 2009, promising to pick up loan or lease payments for any Hyundai purchasers who subsequently lost their jobs.

Chris Perry, Chevrolet global vice president of marketing, and GM Global CMO Joel Ewanick launched "Assurance" when they were Hyundai's top marketers.

Under "Total Confidence Pricing," Chevy will offer all current vehicles at "special preferred prices" in addition to all 2012 vehicle-specific incentives, and the sticker price is what customers will pay. The "Love It or Return It" part of the initiative



The 2012 Chevrolet Cruze has been running into some sales headwinds lately.

means that Chevrolet customers will be able to return vehicles bought during the program with less than 4,000 miles driven and no physical damage. 30 to 60 days from the purchase date. The offers end September 4.

But Perry told me that the fate of Love It or Return It "depends on consumer reaction. We reserve the right to extend it." He said that, "from our research, we know that consumers appreciate the opportunity to come in and have a risk-free buying process."

The program goes beyond limited test-drive or quick-return programs extant at other brands, Perry said. "They can actually build sort of a long-term relationship with a car," he explained. "In a couple of days or an overnight test drive, you don't get the chance to live with a vehicle and make sure it meets all your needs. This gives people a chance to do just that."

And from Chevy's standpoint, he said, "It shows the confidence we have in our products. Consumers appreciate that."

Across its lineup now, he said, Chevrolet is happy with the appeal and quality of its products. With every bit of increased traffic as well, dealers get the chance to show off to more consumers the physical and process improvements many of them have been making in concert with Chevrolet's brand-makeover program.

Perry said that Hyundai's Assurance program was similar in that "it took risk away from consumers and provided a benefit to them. This is another consumer-oriented, risk-free buying opportunity."

In regard to no-haggle pricing, Perry emphasized that for now it's limited to 2012 models and isn't considered a precursor to a new pricing philosophy at Chevy.

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

Perry said that the launch of Chevy Confidence wasn't aimed at bolstering any specific vehicle. U.S. sales of the one-of-a-kind new compact, Cruze, cooled off in June, falling by 24 percent compared with a year earlier, and are down by 7 percent for the year to date. GM announced a major recall of nearly a half-million 2011 and 2012 Cruze models last month for a fuel-tank strap problem that could lead to engine fires.

He doesn't think the recall significantly hurt sales last month, Perry said. Instead, "there were a couple of things" impacting Cruze sales. Competitors offered much heavier incentives on their competing small cars than Chevy did, Perry said. And Chevrolet itself was offering "great deals" on 2012 Chevrolet Malibu models as it aggressively clears out the old version to make way for the significantly overhauled new 2013 Malibu later this year.

"We had our best June selling Malibus in 30 years," he noted. Malibu sales in June were up by 32 percent over a year ago.

For the year to date through June, Chevrolet sold 6 percent more vehicles than a year earlier, the best year-to-year relative performance of any GM brand. But its inventories reached a 77-day supply, whereas 55 to 60 days is considered ideal by the industry.



The "Chevy Confidence" pitch.

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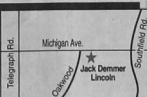
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