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MDOT input

The Michigan Department of Transportation is seeking public input on their Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation of the I-275 at Ford Road area. Once completed, the study will propose traffic solutions for the highly congested area.

Public comments can be submitted by visiting the Canton website at www.canton-mi.org and clicking on the MDOT link under "Canton Connection." The link will take you to a public comment form. Once completed, the form can be mailed to MDOT Taylor TSC at 6510 Telegraph Road, Taylor, MI 48180 or emailed to yungg@michigan.gov. All comments must be received by Friday, July 6.

For more information on the study, call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.

Trail cleaning

Join the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail for a trail work day 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 21. The group points out vegetation that has grown rapidly along the trail this spring, and therefore they'll be "beating back the brush" on the section just north of Eight Mile.

Volunteers should meet on the trail or in the Meijer parking lot on the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty. Bring clippers, pruners, loppers, scythes/sickles, rakes and brooms. Volunteers should wear protective eye wear, work gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt; poison ivy is always a concern. Water and light snacks will be provided.

For more information, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074.

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Supervisor fires first salvo in clerk race

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Election season heated up in Plymouth Township last week with Supervisor Richard Reaume's endorsement of the challenger in the race for township clerk.

In a campaign flier that took the form of a letter from Reaume, the supervisor endorsed attorney Nancy Conzelman, who is running against first-term Clerk

Joe Bridgman in the August township primary. All three are Republicans.

Conzelman said Reaume approached her with an offer to write the piece and that it's "absolutely unprecedented for a supervisor to send out that kind of letter," one that criticizes a fellow board member



Reaume



Bridgman

from the same political party. "I do think it's an important message for the taxpayers to hear," she said. Reaume's letter, which he said was mailed to about 3,000 likely primary voters, states Bridgman voted against "right-sizing" the Plymouth Community Fire Department,

voted against budget-tightening measures and employee concessions, and is the only full-time employee or elected official who has not sacrificed a portion of his own pay. Reaume also accused Bridgman of missing more Board of Trustee meetings than the other members and spending more time and money attending conferences than other elected officials.

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The next step



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Jordan Rose Cockrum waves to the video camera during last weekend's commencement exercise honoring Salem High School's Class of 2012. For the complete list of graduates and more photos, please turn to page A8. You can also find photo galleries for all three high school graduations at www.hometownlife.com.

Fire effort sees problems; homeowners don't find fault

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Community Fire Department's response to a house fire in northeast Plymouth Township last month was marked by malfunctioning equipment, but Fire Chief Mark Wendel said the incidents are unlikely to have caused significant delay and the displaced homeowners themselves aren't faulting the department.

The May 23 fire on Dogwood Court, at the home of David and Cathy Mills, was contained to a room in the basement, but caused heat and smoke damage in other parts of the house, which is undergoing extensive repairs. The Millses, alerted to the fire about 3:30 a.m. by a phone call from their alarm company, escaped without injury with one of their two dogs; the second dog was rescued by firefighters.

It was perhaps the largest fire in the township since the layoff of six PCFD firefighters and the closing of Station 2, the closest station to Dogwood Court, March 1. Firefighters experienced two equipment problems in their response,

Wendel said: the shutdown at the scene, for a minute or less, of the first engine to arrive, and a brake problem that delayed the arrival of a second engine, which was coming from Station 3 on Beck Road. The first engine arrived from Station 1 on Haggerty nine minutes after the department was alerted, a report on the incident says.

'They did a good job'

While any delay is bad, Wendel said, in his estimation the May 23 problems didn't significantly hamper efforts to put out the blaze.

"We really can't fault the fire department," David Mills said at his home Thursday afternoon. "Things do happen."

"They did their jobs, and they did a good job," Cathy Mills said.

The fire prompted a call for mutual aid from the Northville Township Fire Department, which sent seven firefighters in three vehicles, according to Public Safety Director John Werth. As the first engine on the scene — responding from Station 1 — had three firefighters on it, firefighters could not enter the house without the

backup, as departments follow a "two in, two out" rule that says two firefighters entering a burning building must have two others standing by outside to rescue them if needed.

A PCFD report says two PCFD firefighters entered the house to rescue the dog (she was hiding under a bed, the Millses say) while a PCFD firefighter and a Northville Township firefighter entered to attack the fire, extinguishing it with foam. The timing of those entries, relative to the PCFD's arrival at 3:43 a.m., isn't noted.

"They did an outstanding job keeping it to a single room in the basement," Wendel said.

Wendel said the first engine on the scene, a pumper truck, suddenly shut down for a minute or less, meaning it had no power, but was successfully restarted. The engine coming from Station 3, he said, had a braking problem while eastbound on Five Mile west of Northville Road, and the driver proceeded cautiously, slowing its arrival. Vehicles are checked on a daily basis, the chief said, but the problem wasn't noticed until

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District opens 4 programs to school of choice

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

In a move district financial officials think could bring in nearly \$400,000 in new revenue next year, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday approved opening four programs to students from outside the district.

The move opens more than 140 seats to students who live outside Plymouth-Canton's boundaries, but within the Wayne County RESA district. The moves would be in effect for the beginning of the 2012-13 school year in September.

Some 100 of those seats are at Starkweather Alternative High School, which has always been a school-of-choice operation. The other seats are available in the district's new half-day kindergarten and International Academy programs, as well as some 20 seats available in the Talented and Gifted Program for third-graders at Dodson Elementary School.

The decision comes as the board wrestles with the remaining \$3.1 million of what was originally nearly a \$6 million projected deficit.

New money

Brodie Killian, the district's executive director for finance, said the \$400,000 in revenue might not seem like a lot of money in a \$151 million budget, but insisted it's a big number.

"When you start to think about this new revenue as a percentage of our deficit, it's significant," Killian said. "Every dollar of new revenue we can bring in makes for fewer deductions we have to make."

Jeanne Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instructional services, said the district not only benefits financially by the increased enrollment, but also gets the chance to expand its programming beyond its borders.

"The advantage is we will get increased enrollment," Farina said. "(But) we also have wonderful programs to offer."

Starkweather has been a school of choice for years. The half-day kindergarten program is being offered as an alternative for parents who don't want their child in a full-day program. The district is shifting to all-day kindergarten in the fall as a result of a state

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"I'm not sure if it's criticism or just, these are the factors that weighed in my decision," Reaume said Friday.

Bridgman, who was sending out a point-by-point response that refuted some of Reaume's claims and explained others, said he wasn't surprised that Reaume endorsed Conzelman, but was surprised at the picture it painted of him. He called it "a dirty attack."

"He would like to have (board members) with him 100 percent of the time, and I can't do that," Bridgman said. "I'm not a 'yes' man."

Bridgman said his response was sent to about 4,300 voters and was expected to arrive in mailboxes Friday.

The clerk said there's

been a sort of backlash from residents who were upset by the letter and offered their support.

"I'm hoping that it'll be good for me," he said.

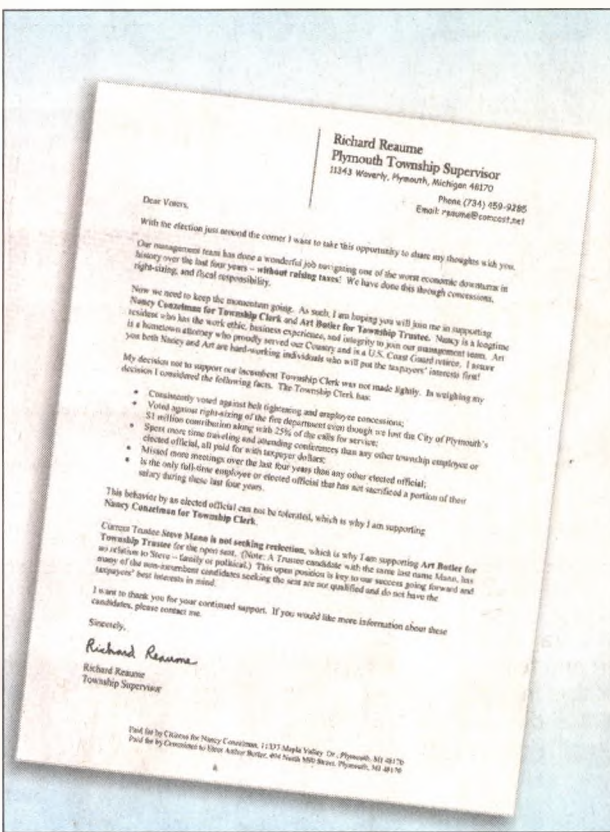
The winner of the Bridgman vs. Conzelman contest will likely become the township clerk, as there is no Democrat running for the office in the November general election. An independent or write-in challenger is possible, but would be unlikely to win the office.

Reaume said he doesn't expect the letter will interfere with his professional relationship with Bridgman.

"I work cooperatively with all levels in the government, whether they're state, county or local electeds," he said.

Said Bridgman: "I'm a big boy. I can handle it."

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This is a copy of the letter sent to residents by township Supervisor Robert Reaume.

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move to slash funding for students in half-day programs.

The International Academy is being offered in an effort to keep students leaving the district for similar programs in Troy and in Washtenaw County.

Officials pointed out the school-of-choice option could be a benefit to families in the southern end of the district currently living within the boundaries of either Wayne-Westland or Van Buren school districts. Many of those families have asked over the years about getting into Plymouth-Canton. Programs like the half-day kindergarten could be their "in," since once a student is accepted into the district, that student can remain in the district through graduation.

Not unanimous

The move was adopted by a 5-2 vote, with Trustees Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney voting against it.

"I think other districts in Michigan who have done this have seen a decline in property values; I don't want to do that to folks in Plymouth-Canton," Maloney said. "I think it's a slap in the face to (taxpayers) still paying off new buildings to have kids from outside the district come in and utilize those buildings."

Details on enrolling in the programs haven't been worked out yet. Farina said they would be posted on the district's website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us) as soon as possible.

"We have great programs," Farina said. "We would like other kids in Wayne County to be able to take advantage of them."

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Date/Time: Tuesday, June 26, 7-8 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Details: It's another exciting night of great American jazz as Jazz @ The Elks presents the Terry Lower Quartet featuring Terry on Keyboard, Russ Miller on Reeds, Jim Ryan on Drums, and Ray Tini on Bass. The \$10 donation includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit plymouthelks1780.com

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

DAY CAMP

Date/Time: June 18 through Aug. 10, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Salvation Army of Plymouth, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road.

Details: The Salvation Army of Plym-

outh still has openings for its Summer Day Camp program. Cost is \$60 per week per child. An optional before-care and after-care program exists for working parents. There are also scholarships available for families who cannot afford the full fee.

Contact: For more information about the program, contact Cassie Hull, Program Ministries Coordinator, at (734) 453-5464 ext. 25 or e-mail cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: 2nd Thursday of the month (first meeting March 8), 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.



Fireworks fundraiser

A June 2 fundraising cookout at the Picnic Basket Market in Plymouth Township raised \$3,328 for the township's annual fireworks show and Fourth of July picnic. It was the fourth time owner Al Jonna hosted the event, which offered bratwurst, hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks for a donation. Jonna donated much of the food. Here, picnic-goers enjoy last year's event. "It's going to be a tradition now," said Jonna, who added that next year's picnic will also be a customer appreciation day, as the Picnic Basket will be marking 25 years in business. The fireworks are scheduled for 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, at Township Park, and the picnic is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the next day.

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Teacher remembered for love of kids

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Clara Weisz's priorities were always pretty clear, and they always revolved around kids.

Her own. Her students. Mrs. Weisz was the mother of two children and teacher to thousands of others over a 15-year career teaching math at Salem High School. She passed away June 12 after suffering a brain aneurysm. She was 50 years old. "She loved her kids in math (class)," said Weisz's husband, Scott. "She tried to find the classes where she thought she could make the most impact on her students. Sometimes it's easier to teach the honors classes because you've got a lot of bright kids in there. Clara enjoyed teaching the young-

er students, and the ones who weren't necessarily college-bound, because she thought she could teach them.

"She poured her heart into her teaching," Scott said. "She was the consummate teacher."

Her colleagues agree. Nancy Laws, the associate principal at Salem High School, called Weisz a "passionate and dedicated teacher."

"Her students adored her and felt she taught them much more than just math," Laws said of Weisz, who was also the advisor to the Muslim Student Association and taught in the middle school summer academy.

"Besides being an extraordinary teacher, she was a friend to so many in the district. She was all about making sure the needs of the kids were met."



Clara Weisz's top priorities were her kids — her own two children and her students.

Born March 25, 1962, Mrs. Weisz grew up to become an intelligence officer serving in the United States Air Force. It's how she met her future husband, himself an Air Force officer. The couple met while tak-

ing training classes at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo. They fell in love and were married in October 1987.

"She stuck with me for 24 blessed years," Scott Weisz said.

They eventually came to Michigan, where Mrs. Weisz continued her military career, eventually serving 15 years in a combination of active and Air National Guard duty. She was promoted to the rank of major and eventually became the chief intelligence officer at the ANG station in Battle Creek.

"Her military career prior to teaching was a big part of her life," Scott Weisz said.

But the biggest part of Mrs. Weisz's life, according to her husband, was her own children, Leslie and Jared. Scott acknowledged his wife was

"probably the kind of mother who may have over-doted" on her children, but she was fine with that.

"Her number one priority was her own kids," Scott Weisz said. "I don't think I ever met anyone like her. The basis of her life was her burning love for her kids."

Clara Weisz is survived by her husband, Scott; daughter Leslie (Eric) Leitzell and son Jared Weisz; father Billy (Sheila) Chandler; sisters Schautel (Justin) Hartsock and Stacy (Jim) Fisk; brothers James Chandler and Jeff (Jessica) Chandler; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Chandler.

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Local students excel at math 'Jeopardy'

Everyone likes to recognize the accomplishments of students in local schools, and frequently drawing particular attention are athletic accomplishments, as well as bands, choirs, plays, art exhibits, spelling bees, science fairs and others.

Outside organizations, like the Optimist Club, offer opportunities in vocal and written expression with Essay and Oratorical Contests where the ultimate goal is a scholarship provided by the particular organization.

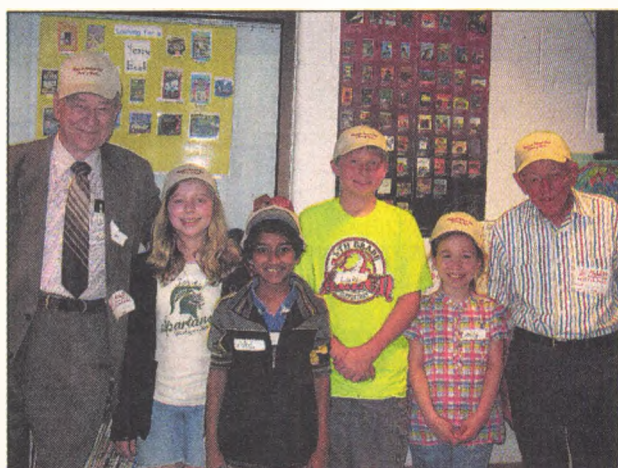
However, according to local Plymouth Optimist Club officials, one field of study they say "is completely overlooked" mathematics.

"No one doubts the

importance of this subject but there seems to be no extra-curricular stimulus," said Plymouth Optimist member Jim Hutchings. "Oddly enough, this is occurring in an era when growing international relationships involve conversions between different financial and physical units."

This, Optimists say, is where "Math Jeopardy" comes into play.

"Math Jeopardy" is a game similar to the popular TV show, only all questions are from the subject of mathematics and competition is between teams and not individuals. The game is generally run with three teams consisting of four students each. The teach-



Math Jeopardy winners Josie Hodges, Neil Brahmabhatt, Luke Fisher and Emily Gilbertson flanked by Optimist Club members Felix Rotter and Bill Baumgartner, who organized the Math Jeopardy event.

er flashes a problem on a TV screen using Power Point and also explains it verbally where necessary. The team members

then work together and the first team to arrive at the result gets a point if the answer is correct. Math Jeopardy has

been in operation for close to 10 years in the fifth grade at Allen Elementary School. Why Allen?

"When we presented the idea to the proper channel of the school organization, Gail Maloney, fifth-grade teacher at Allen School, was the only voluntary participant," Hutchings explained. "She was quickly joined by her associate teachers in that grade, namely Debbie Maloni and Debbie Cortellini. The working arrangement between these three individuals and the Plymouth Optimist Club has turned out well. They seem to appreciate our coming every year. For us, it is our favorite project since

they do nearly all the work."

Teams are made up of the best math students whose knowledge at their age has exceeded expectations. However, student participation doesn't end there. The entire fifth grade — some 80 to 100 strong — comes in and sits on the floor. They remain quiet and seem to enjoy the proceedings. Some have a pencil and tablet and work out a few of the problems themselves.

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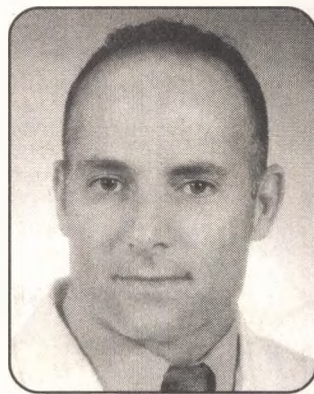


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Avoid lawn-watering during peaks, township urges

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents to avoid watering lawns, washing cars and filling swimming pools during the peak hours of between 6 a.m. and noon and 6 p.m. and midnight.

Water costs more during times of peak demand, officials say, as it becomes more expensive for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to deliver to the more than 100 communities to which it sells water. High-volume usage during peak hours exacerbates that problem.

Additionally, a \$375,000

township booster-pump system is being installed near Five Mile and Beck in order to more efficiently fill the township water tower there, meaning the tower is not always available and making it more important that people avoid high-volume usage during peak hours.

"We really need that help until we get that thing done out there," said Treasurer Ron Edwards. The township water department normally relies on water stored in the tower to offset peak demand.

The township Board of Trustees on Tuesday will set a new water rate for the 2012-13 fiscal year,

and the price is expected to fall, as Detroit plans a roughly 14-percent drop, beginning in July, in the wholesale price it charges the township for water.

Township officials credit water customers' adherence to peak usage guidelines as a major factor in the DWSD's decision to lower the price.

The township currently pays Detroit \$20.82 per thousand cubic feet (nearly 7,500 gallons) of water; the township's retail rate to its customers is \$9.05 per thousand gallons for both water and sewer service.

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\$250 event is a strolling dinner at Coach Insignia, at the top of the Renaissance Center, on fireworks night, Monday, June 25, beginning at 6 p.m.

It's the biggest CCSS fundraiser of the year — the entire restaurant is reserved for the event — and capacity is about 250, Hingelberg said. He estimates that fewer than 100 tickets are available.

Rick Mahorn, a former Piston who was part of the Piston's 1989 NBA cham-

pionship team, will be a special guest at the event, and there will be strolling and live auctions for gift certificates, gift baskets, bottles of wine, Detroit Tigers tickets and more.

To buy tickets, call Judy Harnish at (313) 883-2277 or visit the CCSS website at www.casscommunity.org.

CCSS provides meals for shut-ins, support programs for the homeless and vocational training for the unemployed.

FIRE

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the engine was traveling downhill.

Mutual aid a given

Werth, a Plymouth Township resident who has publicly criticized the PCFD layoffs, and Wendel agreed mutual aid would have been used to fight the Dogwood Court fire even if there hadn't been PCFD layoffs. The PCFD used to have seven firefighter/paramedics on duty at all times; the layoffs left it with five on duty at all times, working out of two stations instead of three.

"On a majority of large structure fires, you are going to contact mutu-

al aid," Werth said. The idea, he said, is to get enough personnel to the scene to handle a major event, then back off some of them if it is determined not so many are needed.

Werth wouldn't comment on whether equipment problems significantly hurt the PCFD's response to the fire. "I am not going to comment on a Plymouth Township operation while sitting as a director of public safety in Northville Township," he said.

For their part, the Millses feel fortunate. A smoke detector apparently failed to go off, they said, but Guardian Alarm, linked through the same system, did get a fire signal, and the company's phone call woke them up. They

didn't answer the phone, but smelled the smoke and knew they had to get out. Guardian also alerted the fire department.

"It was just as black as could be down there" in the basement, David Mills said.

In the meantime, a township dispatcher called David Mills' cell phone to tell them to leave, while a neighbor, called by Guardian, came running over to help.

The Millses, who have lived on Dogwood Court for 30 years, are uncertain about when they will be able to move back into their home, but plan to rent a house across the street while repairs are completed. On Thursday, they were staying in a nearby motel.

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Liberty Fest draws eager crowd

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Four-year-old Will Noonan knew exactly what he wanted to do as three generations of his family arrived at Canton's 21st Liberty Fest. "I want to go on the mouse ride," he said, pausing before he had another thought. "And I want to go on the roller coaster."

Will and 17-month-old brother Cole, all smiles, arrived at Heritage Park with their mother, Nancy Noonan of Novi, and their Canton grandparents, Patty Hoffman and John and Lisa Weyer.

Blue skies and bright sunshine greeted the family, among the first to arrive Thursday evening as this year's Liberty Fest unfolded for crowds eager to climb on carnival rides, watch numerous entertainers, stroll around scenic Heritage Park and, well, devour their favorite festival foods.

"I want a hot dog and cotton candy," Will Noonan said.

Lisa Weyer, a Canton Township employee, was planning to make Saturday morning's 5K run which, along with other races, was expected to break a Guinness World Record for the most people dressed in Statue of Liberty costumes.

"I guess that's part of the package," Lisa Weyer said.

Festival goers held hands, carried small dogs, pushed baby strollers, laughed and climbed on their favorite rides as an action-packed Liberty Fest once again ushered in one of Canton's most memorable summer-



Hashir Atif does a pretty good job of bouncing with the help of giant rubber bands.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Rod and Pat Hanna are big fans of the band Fifty Amp Fuse and follow their schedule. They are from Plymouth.



Eleven-year-old Mitchell Szkutnik enjoys an elephant ear while attending Liberty Fest with mom and dad, Karen and John Szkutnik.

time events. White tents dotted the landscape as sunshine shimmered on Heritage Park ponds.

Visiting from Florida, 13-year-old Matthew Pucci Jr. had a couple of reasons for attending the



Logan Rowe, Andrew Bazzi, Rachel Duprey and Olivia Ozeranic celebrate the last day of the school year at Liberty Festival.

festival. "Talk to girls and ride rides," he said.

It wasn't his first Liberty Fest, though his friend, 12-year-old Reed Parker, was attending for the first time.

"I'm here mostly for the rides and maybe the book fair," he said.

Matthew Pucci Sr. said he has attended Liberty Fest for a decade.

"I like the family environment, the entertain-

ment and all the activities," he said. "I remember one year he (Pucci Jr.) built a birdhouse here. I still use it at home."

The elder Pucci was looking forward to the entertainment such as cover-band Fifty Amp Fuse and country-flavored Annabelle Road.

Across the festival grounds, Canton Leisure Services employees Jennifer Girard and Jenni-

fer Hunsaker worked a book fair to raise money to help children ages 5-10 who otherwise couldn't afford to attend Camp Canton, a summer-long camp at Summit on the Park.

Many other community groups planned to raise money for charity by selling food and showing classic cars. Once again, Canton proved it knows how to have fun while helping good causes.

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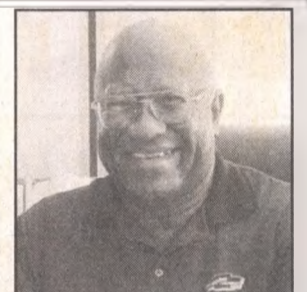
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Eater bites the dust in burger challenge

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Only one of the first six people to try the "Four Pound" challenge at Four Friends restaurant had successfully conquered it, so it's not like the odds were in Travus Brummette's favor.

But there the Westland man was anyway Wednesday, with four pounds of hamburger, condiments and french fries, with 40 minutes to eat it all.

He didn't make it. Brummette, an employee at Yazaki North America in Canton, left enough on the plate to be disappointed.

"I'm generally a pig (of an eater)," he said. "This is an epic fail."



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Travus Brummette, supported by co-workers from Yazaki, accepted the four-pound hamburger challenge at 4 Friends.

But not unexpectedly, according to Deana Brotherton, Four Friends' manager who started run-

ning the challenge back in September. She said some kids at that time made claims they could



Travus Brummette was starting to slow down 30 minutes into the challenge.

eat four of the restaurant's burgers. Brotherton developed it into the "Four Friends" challenge.

Diners wishing to attack the challenge must eat the over-sized burger (with condiments) —

"It's definitely not a burger that's offered on our menu," Brotherton said — and french fries. The food, taken together, weighs four pounds. Diners who consume it in 40 minutes get the meal for free, get their name on a certificate on the eatery's wall, and they get a T-shirt.

Diners who don't do it get the \$24.99 bill. Only one of the seven challengers so far has avoided that bill.

"It's very difficult," said Brotherton, who has been with Four Friends since it opened 13 years ago. "Almost everyone gets three-quarters of it down, but after that it's pretty much over for them. That last quarter makes or

breaks you."

Brotherton said potential challengers have to arrange it in advance — "We like to stage it so there's an audience," she said — by contacting her at the restaurant.

She said the challenge she'd love to set up involves the dads/coaches of various youth sports teams. Such an inter-team challenge, she said, could be a big fundraiser for youth sports.

"I haven't gotten any of them to bite on it yet," Brotherton said. "I'd love to see that happen."

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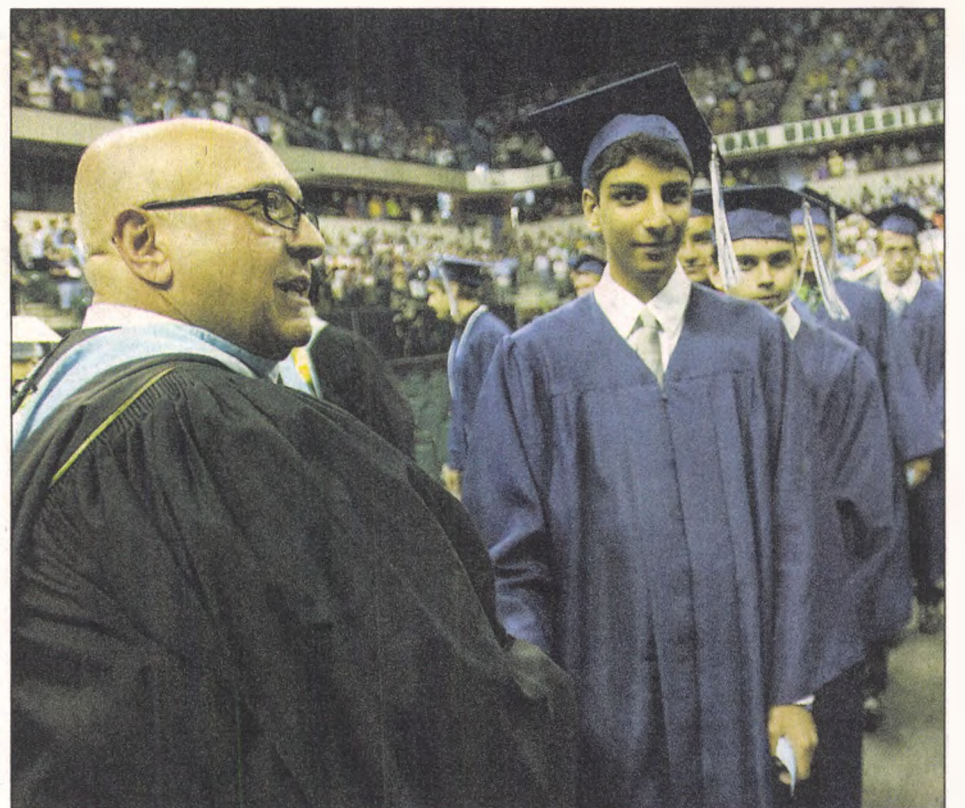
Nearly 470 members of the Class of 2012 at Salem High School received diplomas during commencement exercises Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

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Senior Class President Nicole Mott speaks to her classmates.



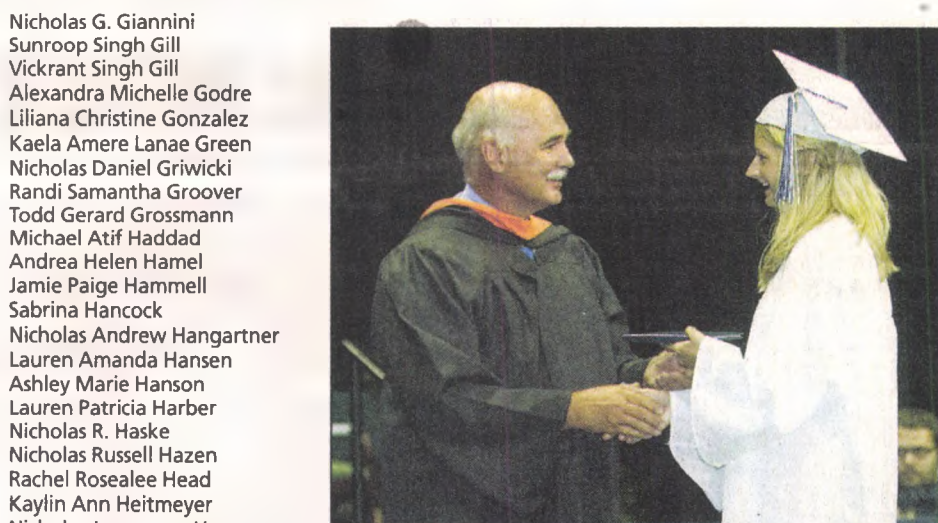
Assistant Principal Allie Suffety greets students as they march in to the arena.



Minutes before the processional begins, Alexis Powell adjusts her cap. Sara Stappert supervises.



There's no doubt about what year Breanna Elizabeth and Nikole Frye graduated from Salem High.



Jordan Thompsett receives her diploma from board Treasurer Barry Simescu.



Jacob McCabe is a star.

- Nicholas G. Giannini
- Sunroop Singh Gill
- Vickrant Singh Gill
- Alexandra Michelle Godre
- Liliana Christine Gonzalez
- Kaela Amere Lanae Green
- Nicholas Daniel Griwicki
- Randi Samantha Groover
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- Adam Bronson Hicks
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- Michael John Holland
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- Javon Rashad McRoyal Hudson
- Heather Michelle Hughes
- Patrick James Huls
- Adam Joseph Hulscher
- Terrance Laron Hutcherson
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- Kody Timothy Hutchison
- Amanda E. Hutton
- Alina Iorga
- Benjamin Carl Isely
- Allison Jill Ives
- Nicole Elizabeth Jacobs
- Kyle R. Jahn
- Jason R. Jakary
- Ryan John Jankowski
- Abigail Marie Jarrett
- Maggie Olivia Jarzab
- Amber Lynn Johnson
- Christine Esther Johnson
- Jonah T. Johnson
- Ralph Anthony Johnson, Jr
- Rachel Leigh Johnston
- Adam Robert Jones
- Meghan M. Jones
- Zachery Thomas Jones
- Natalie Sophia Jordan
- Kayla M. Jowski
- Kristopher Andrew Kachin
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- Kendall Ann Kelly
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- Kyle Harrison Kimlick
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- Jared Wyatt Luce
- Emily May Lundh
- Asna Malik
- Fatima Rehman Mallick
- Michael Christopher Manser
- Courtney Suzanne March
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- Chantelle Lyn Maynard
- Jacob D. McCabe
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- Mark Patrick McGee
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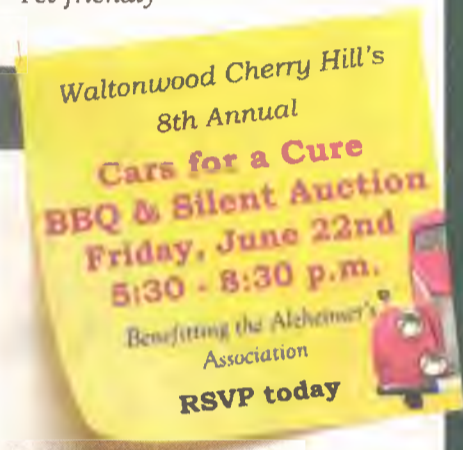
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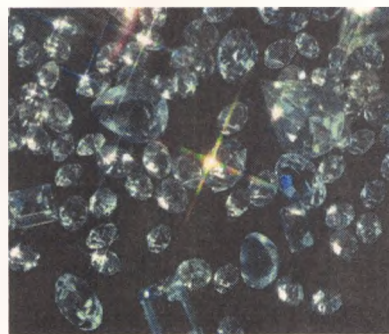
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GM pension buyout: Better safe than sorry

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: My husband worked for General Motors for more than 30 years and just received the buyout information regarding his pension. Unfortunately, we have different opinions as to what option best suits our needs. At the present time my husband's pension, which is a joint and survivor pension, along with his Social Security covers our living expenses, but that's about it. In addition to that we have a small savings account that we occasionally have to dip into. I'm not eligible for Social Security for about another 10 years. My husband wants to take the lump-sum option so



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

he can use the money for some extras. I'm concerned that if we do this there may not be enough money for me. I like the idea of having some extra money, but I'm worried about the future. What do you recommend?
A: I agree that the lump-sum option is tempting in that addition to your income needs you would have access to some extra money to help supplement your lifestyle. However, I am concerned

about your future. There are three facts to take into consideration in making your decision. The first is that you are considerably younger than your husband, and the second is that, generally, women live longer than men. The last fact is that as time goes on, your costs will increase, not decrease. When you factor these into the equation, as well as the fact that you have minimal savings, I believe it is best to be safe rather than sorry. I would not recommend the lump sum in your case. My fear in this example is that they will use more of the principal than they should. The result of this

will be that down the road, they can run into severe financial difficulties. In addition, I'm also fearful that Jane would not have sufficient assets in her later years. We live in the greatest country in the history of the world, but there's nothing worse than being old and poor. If Jane continues to receive the pension along with her husband's Social Security, it will at least be able to provide her with something. I imagine a lot of couples are sitting down and analyzing the buyout options. Many will find themselves in a somewhat uncomfortable position in the fact that they

have competing interests. Of course, it would be easy if we knew when we were all going to check out. Then we would know how to plan. Unfortunately, we don't. Because of that, when making such an important decision such as this, it pays to be safe rather than sorry. One aspect to factor into the equation is the need to have a rising income. It used to be that when you retired, you could live on less money over time. That is no longer the case. In today's world, you will need more, not less. That is something that all couples must take into consideration when deciding

which direction they go. Particularly for pensioners with younger spouses, the need to provide them with a rising income has to be a major concern. One last note as couples look at potential options available, remember it's also a great time to take a look at your expenses and look for ways to reduce them. Reducing expenses is a win-win for everyone involved. Good luck!
Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Gallimore helper earns VIP honor

Cindy Bammel's children have long-since left Gallimore Elementary School.

But Bammel apparently saw no reason to leave just because her children did. That's why she's been volunteering at Gallimore — where staffers say she's almost like a full-time employee — for 23 years.

That kind of dedication earned Bammel recognition from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday for the district's VIP (Volunteer in Public Schools) award. It's the second time Bammel has been honored.

Board member Sheila Paton, in making the presentation, noted by her calculations Bammel had put in some 33,000 hours and helped more than 2,000 students in her volunteer efforts.



Gallimore Elementary School Principal Kimberly May, VIP Cindy Bammel, board Trustee Sheila Paton and Gallimore Elementary teacher Dr. Norma Foster at Tuesday's school board meeting.

"To say you've made a difference at Gallimore would be an understatement," Paton said in presenting the award.

Third-grade teacher Norma Foster, who nominated Bammel for the award, pointed to Bammel's efforts in the absence of the school's media specialist to make sure programs still got

done. According to Foster, Bammel coordinated the school's March is Reading Month activities and made sure the annual Book Fair went off without a hitch. "For years, you have instilled in our students a love for reading," Foster said. "We appreciate you so much for that."

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Karen Curtsinger learned from an early age what she considers one of life's most important lessons: Put family first.

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Responding to the *Observer's* request for tales of lessons learned from Dad, the Canton resident said Gerald Curtsinger taught his family the "family first" mantra, by both word and example. Gerald Curtsinger died in February 2002.

"Dad was very laid back and unassuming," said Karen, who had a brother, Jerry. "I think we often took him for granted. Dad

sacrificed a lot for his children."

She said Gerald's sacrifice manifested itself in many ways. Not perhaps the biggest, but maybe the most humorous, was in his habit of watering down his ketchup. Since the kids couldn't stand watered-down ketchup, she said, Dad would give them "the good stuff" while watering down his own to save money.

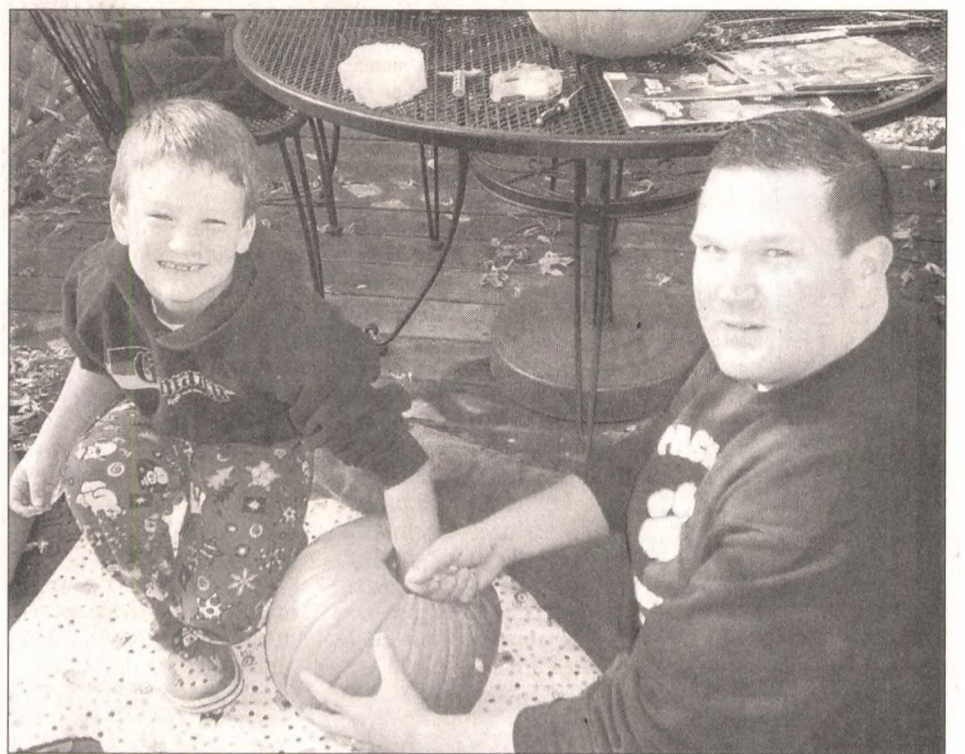
Other sacrifices, she said, included "clothes he needed but didn't buy" and "trips he wanted to take, but couldn't."

"He didn't make much money, but what he had went for

his children," Karen said. "He taught us to never live above our means and that you really don't need a lot of material things to be happy."

The Curtsingers made a "big deal" out of family get-togethers such as birthday celebrations, and really enjoyed each other's company, according to Karen. The family, she said, would often grill outside and roast marshmallows.

"The other day, I smelled some marshmallows roasting and remembered the family cookouts," she said. "I learned every day from Dad."



Brad Heers (right) gives 8-year-old son Justus Heers some help carving a pumpkin just before Halloween.



Gerald Curtsinger with wife Laura Lee and daughter Karen, who said dad always taught her family comes first.



Charles DeBiasi with his girls: Alaina, Lia, wife Laura, Gina, Anna Maria and Marina in Ann Arbor for Lia's graduation at Father Gabriel Richard.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: <http://www.plymouthtwp.org>. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 10, February 7, March 6 & 20, April 17, May 8 & 22, June 19

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A portion of the Al Smith Avenue lying South of Ford Road and West of Lotz Road and in the Otis O. Rowe Subdivision in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as:

All that portion of Al Smith, 60 feet wide, as platted in the OTIS O. ROWE SUBDIVISION, lying South of Ford Rd., a of part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 13, T.2S., R.8E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, abutting and East of Lots 14 through 16 and the previously vacated public alley, 20 feet wide, adjacent to Lot 14, inclusive, West of the East line of said subdivision as platted, South of the Easterly prolongation of the South line of Lot 13 and North of the Easterly prolongation of the South line of Lot 16, as recorded in Liber 63 Page 37 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. at Wayne County Department of Public Services, 400 Monroe Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

A Hearing Examiner of the County shall hold said Hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

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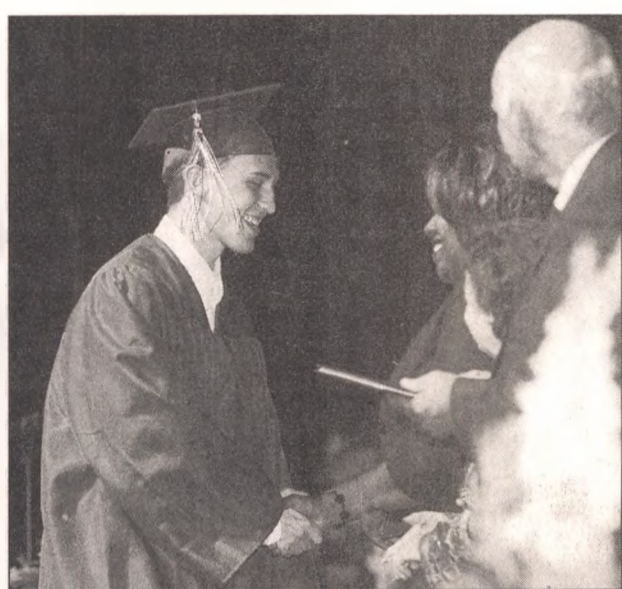
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Starkweather grads take life's next step

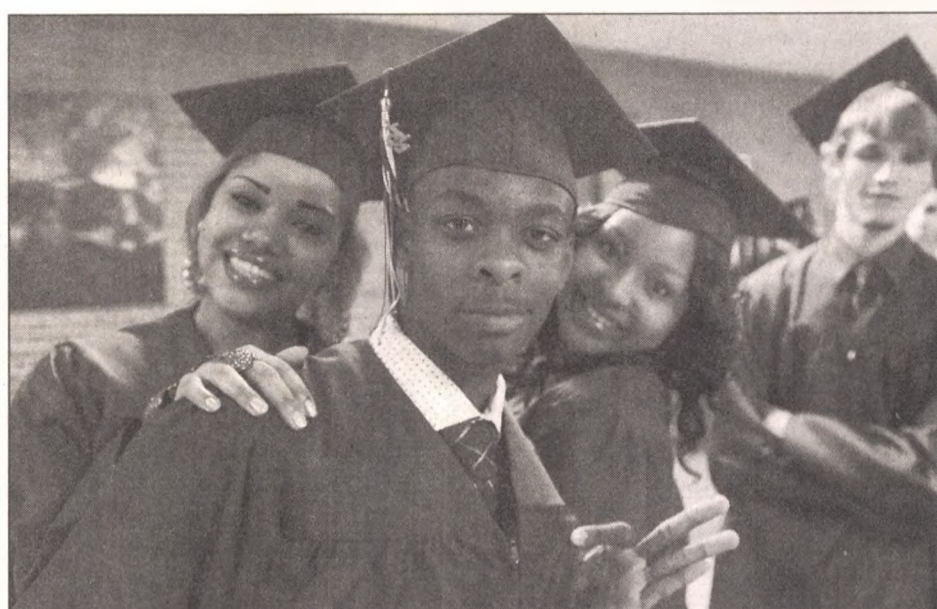
Some 70 students graduated from the Starkweather Alternative High School in recent commencement exercises.

The graduates include:

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- Michael Sams II
- Pamala Samuel



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 Kyle David Clixby gets what he came for at the Starkweather graduation.

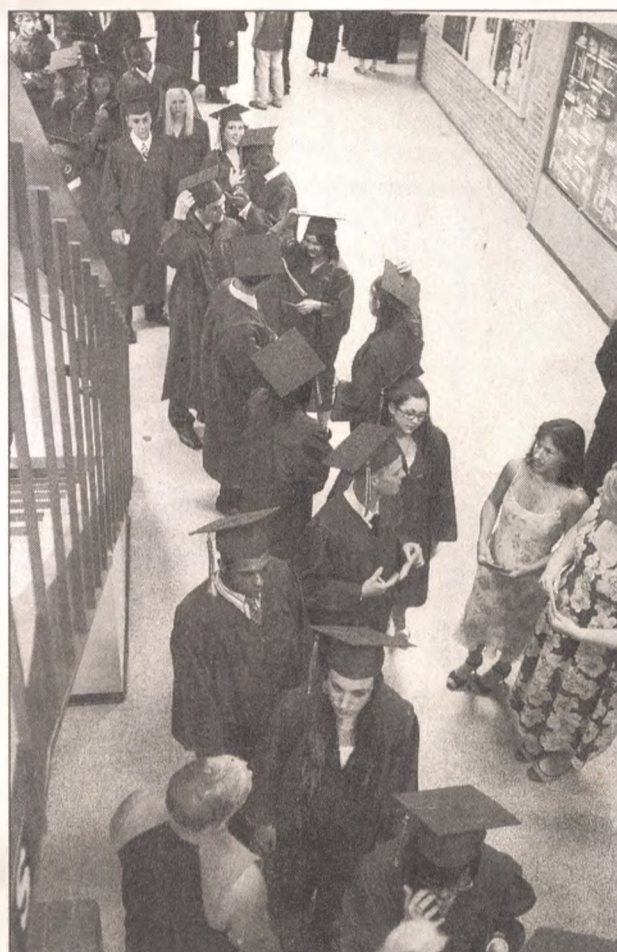


Devay Myatt II with classmates Alexis Rena Reyes and Pamala Stormy Samuel. In the background, Curtis Schafer.

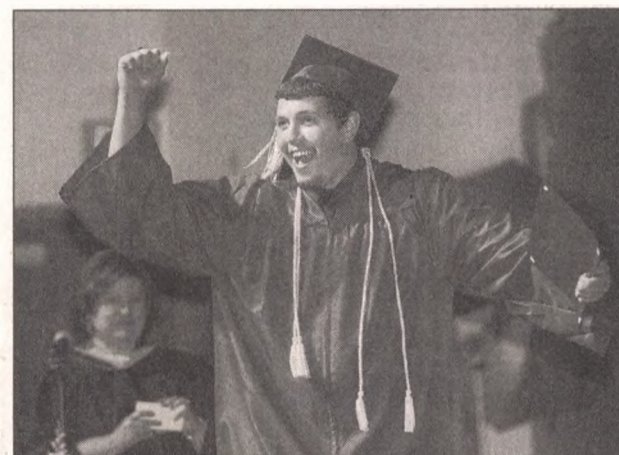


Laquisha Davis talks about the life journey that led to her graduation.

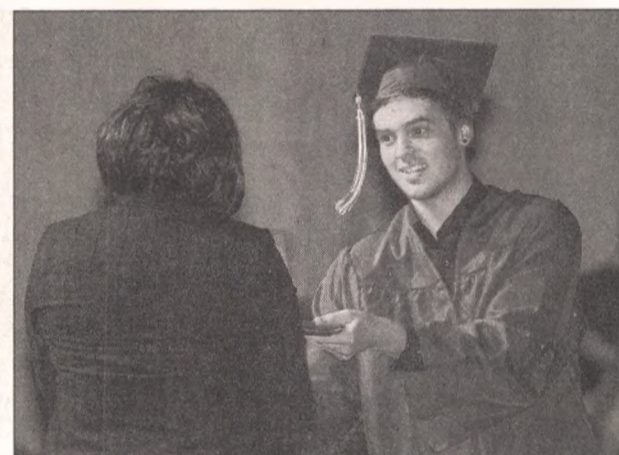
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At 93, woman a poster child for surgery rehab workout

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Correspondent

Two knee replacements and a shoulder surgery in three years is a lot to endure at any age, but don't tell that to Northville resident Doris Close. She wouldn't listen anyway -- she's too busy exercising.

The 93-year-old woman has been at the Northville Physical Rehabilitation Cady Street location almost every day as she works her way back into normal shape. She doesn't see it as work though, more like fun.

"I'm happy when I come in here," Doris said. "Everyone is great and it feels good to get moving."

Her favorite machine is the elliptical, and she's not afraid to break a sweat on it. The staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation say Doris is an inspiration to others working their way back into shape as well. Owner Dennis Engerer said she's a perfect example of what they are trying to accomplish.

"She's impressive," Engerer said. "There are a lot of people in their older age who believe in staying active and she is one of them... she's the post-

er child."

Judy Wilson, a staffer at the facility, said Doris is one of her favorite people, and it makes her happy to see Doris come through the door to exercise. She said there are many times when Doris puts the younger people to shame.

"Everything is attitude," Doris said of her outlook on staying in shape despite the major surgeries. "A lot of people say they are retiring from something, but I think retiring to something is better."

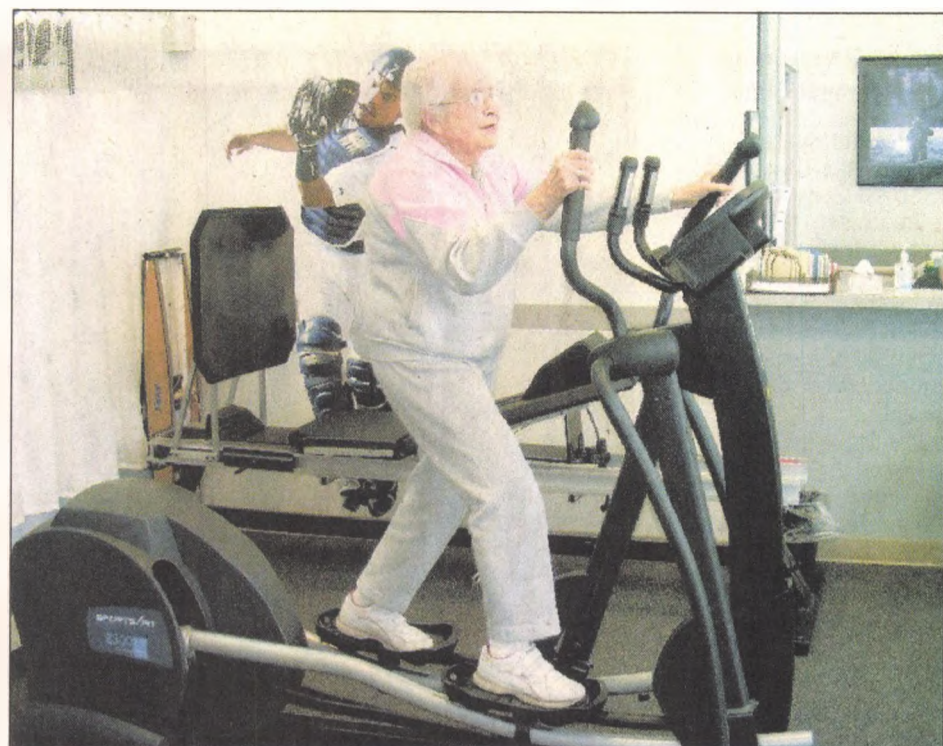
She said of rehabbing a surgery that, "you may limp in here, but when you leave you will be jumping."

She gives much thanks to Northville Physical Rehabilitation and said the set-up they have is just perfect for anyone needing to rehabilitate an injury. Her motivation is a poster on the wall near

the arm bike machine that reads: "Accept your limitations ... and go beyond them."

For over 20 years, Northville Physical Rehabilitation has been helping a lot of people do just that. Engerer said it's their mission to provide high-quality, affordable and convenient physical rehabilitation services. He credits the longevity to his great staff and their use of leading edge treatment techniques and equipment -- and, most importantly, giving patients the time, attention and care they need.

Doris is a testament that physical rehabilitation works and she'll let you know the next time you see her on the treadmill. Try to keep up with her.



LONNIE HUHMAN

Doris Close, 93, comes to Northville Physical Rehabilitation almost daily to exercise.

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DIA millage will be on August ballot

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Tri-county voters will be asked Aug. 7 to approve a new property tax to help fund the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The proposal — 0.2 mills for 10 years — would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

The tax is needed to cover the shortfall for museum operating expenses caused by the loss of funding from the state and city of Detroit, said Annmarie Erickson, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the DIA.

Residents in the counties that approve the proposal would have free general admission to the museum. In addition, community outreach and programs for seniors would be expanded and field trips for schools would be free, she said.

Preliminary polling showed 63 percent of voters favor the proposal.

'Direct benefits'

"The most compelling reason for most people is that there will be direct benefits," Erickson said of the reasons voters say



Visitors tour the European gallery at the DIA, one of the top six comprehensive fine-arts museums in the United States.

they will approve it. "I think people hear that for a relatively small amount annually, the benefits are very significant."

Erickson is unaware of any organized opposition, but she said the proposal has been the topic of conversation at some grassroots Tea Party gatherings where the mantra is "no new taxes."

Voters in at least two of the three counties — Oakland, Wayne and Macomb

— must approve it or museum services and programs will have to be severely cut during the next two to three years, she said. That may mean selected galleries would be closed on weekdays, and school tours and community outreach would be eliminated.

The tax would generate approximately \$23 million per year — \$10 million in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million

in Macomb. The DIA's operating budget is \$25 million.

Currently, the DIA receives no state, county or city funding. From 1893 to the early 1990s, it received support from the city of Detroit's general fund. In the 1970s, it began receiving money from the state budget. But beginning in the 1990s, as a series of economic downturns hit the state, state funding was steadily reduced and then eliminated. The same thing happened with city funding.

The museum has been relying on the private sector for operations, a model that is not sustainable, Erickson said.

Raising admission prices

won't make up the shortfall since admissions make up just 3 percent of the DIA's revenue, she said. To raise prices high enough to cover the annual operating gap would make the cost to visit the museum prohibitive, Erickson said. Currently, admission is \$24 for two adults and two children.

Previous cuts

The DIA cut staffing by 20 percent in 2009, more than 60 full- and part-time positions, and reduced its operating budget by \$9 million. Further reductions would severely impair its ability to operate, Erickson said. It currently has no debt.

Each county that

approves the tax would have an art authority to oversee how the money is spent. The art authority members would be appointed by the commissioners and executives in each county, which would also have contracts with the DIA.

The DIA would continue to be governed by its board of directors under an operating agreement with the city of Detroit.

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing encouraged each of the county boards to place the proposal on their ballots.

"The DIA attracts visitors and potential future residents from around the world to our region," he said. "It is recognized as one of the top six comprehensive fine arts museums in the United States." The others include The Metropolitan Museum, New York; Chicago Institute of Arts; and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

The Wayne County board approved the ballot proposal in a 13-2 vote, Oakland a 15-9 vote and Macomb 8-5.

Thirty-eight percent of all museum ticket buyers live in Wayne County; 28 percent live in Oakland; and 12 percent live in Macomb.

Livonia, Farmington, Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Ferndale are among the top 15 cities in resident admissions to the DIA.

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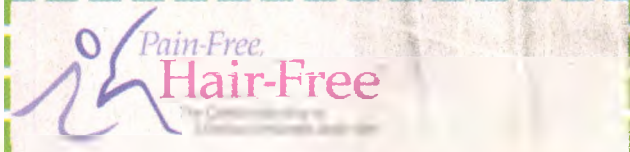
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Semi-sour

Disputed PK foils Chiefs in D1 semifinal

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A penalty kick ultimately booted Canton from contention for a Division 1 girls soccer state championship.

With the PK goal by Troy senior Irene Young with 18:52 left in Wednesday's D1 state semifinal at Farmington, the Colts had enough of a lead to hold off a late Chiefs rally and earn a 2-1 victory.

The sequence began after the Chiefs were unable to clear the ball out of trouble following a Troy corner kick. A scrum ensued, and Canton senior goalkeeper Danielle Schendel picked up the foul against Troy midfielder Sarah Troccoli.

"It was a great corner kick," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "But we didn't clear it and it went back in the box and bobbed it around in there. It is what it is."

Each team had different versions of what happened in front of the Canton goal, as might be expected.

"It was up in the air," Schendel said. "I had it with my two hands and she knocked it out of me. I totally had the ball. I pushed her a little bit, but I already had the ball in the first place."

According to Troy head coach Brian Zawislak, however, there was no doubt that Troccoli was fouled inside the box. He chalked it up to persistence.

"We always talk about keeping balls alive on a corner, just keep it alive and good things will happen," said Zawislak, whose state-ranked 19-2-3 team advanced

to Saturday's D1 final against Okemos at Michigan State University. "We did, we stayed after it and Sarah just put herself in position and got kind of two-handed in the back."

Closing the gap

As it turned out, that goal became the game-winner thanks to a late marker by Canton senior midfielder Robyn Mack with about eight minutes to play. Senior midfielder Alex Bryden sent a through ball up the middle to Mack, who turned and ripped a 15-yard shot inside the right post past Troy junior goalkeeper Alison Holland.

"My ball-handling skills aren't the best, but I can beat someone fast in the air," Mack said. "Alex hit a great ball and I just turned with it and hit it with my left (foot) and luckily it went in."

During the final stretch, the Chiefs gave it a valiant try to force overtime.

But Troy held the fort, making sure Canton senior forward Ally Krause couldn't dippy-do through defenders the way she did to score the winning goal of the regional final against Saline.

"They're a really good team. They have some dangerous players," Zawislak said. "We just needed to make sure we were disrupting those runs."

The Chiefs (17-3-3), whose season ended after rolling through districts and regionals, got behind the eight-ball early against Troy.

An onslaught in the first 10 minutes paid off for the Colts

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Canton players Megan Trapp (No. 19) and Alex Bryden (No. 2) watch the ball bang off the crossbar during Wednesday's Division 1 girls soccer semifinal at Farmington. In the background is Colts goalkeeper Alison Holland (orange shirt), who made several sparkling stops during the game.

Meteyer steps down

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Kyle Meteyer relishes coaching boys track and field at Salem High School, something like a second family over the past seven years he's been at the helm.

But Meteyer — a former prep hurdler — is leaving the Rocks to scale over future heights. It's something he's mulled over the past couple years.

He recently enrolled in Eastern Michigan University's Ed.D program with hopes of someday being an athletic director or a building administrator.

His decision, announced at the recent team banquet, prompted students to paint a "We'll Miss Meteyer" message on the symbolic Salem Rock in front of the high school.

"The hardest thing about leaving, and the reason I didn't retire the last two years, is the young athletes on the team," noted Meteyer, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "With a high school team, there are always a few good athletes in the hopper that make it very dif-

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Meteyer



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Josh Heinze is wrapping up his outstanding career as a student-athlete at Plymouth, but he plans to keep on golfing in college.

Golf's par-fect for Heinze

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

At the recent Memorial Tournament in Ohio, a lefthanded high school golfer caught a glimpse of a certain lefthanded professional.

And yes, Plymouth senior Josh Heinze's favorite pro is Phil "Lefty" Mickelson.

"We went to the Memorial Tournament earlier this year, just to watch, and it's fun to watch the pros," said the 17-year-old Heinze last week. "You look at them and think 'Yeah, I'm far off,' but it's not like *too* far off."

"One day I'm hoping I could possibly reach that level and play with them."

Anyone who has followed Heinze during his high school career probably wouldn't take such a notion too lightly.

He happens to ace virtually anything he puts his mind to.

Sharp as a tack

And that's quite a mind. Heinze carries a 3.92 grade point average, scored a 28 on his ACT

and was selected Plymouth High School's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2012. Oh, and he was a finalist for this year's MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award.

For the latter, he wrote an essay about the link between golf and sportsmanship.

"The main thing I wanted to get across was when I was younger, maybe 12 ... I'd throw clubs and stuff and I was really immature," he noted. "As I progressed, especially during high school, I learned you can't do that."

"You have to be respectful of those around you, and you just have to be a good competitor out there. That's what I really talked about in my essay."

Others certainly are talking about Heinze these days. This weekend, the Plymouth captain and his teammates are taking a shot at the Division 1 team championship at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

At the recent D1 regionals in Grosse Ile, Heinze

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THE HEINZE FILE

Who: Josh Heinze, 17, Plymouth senior student-athlete.

Top scholar: Heinze was named Plymouth High School Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was a finalist for MHSAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He carries a 3.92 grade point average and was on the National Honor Society for the past two years.

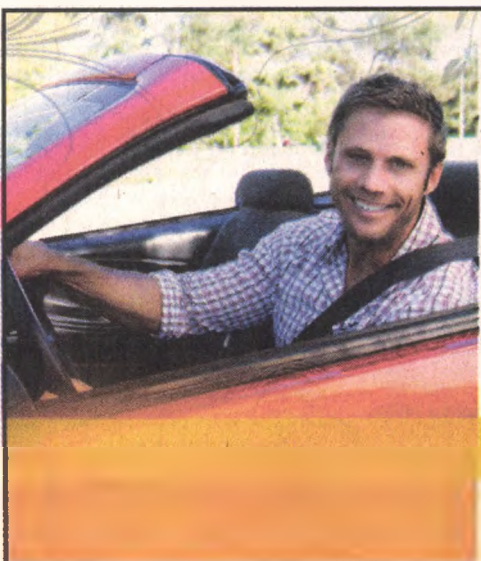
Top athlete: A four-year varsity letterman in boys golf and tennis, Heinze qualified for the Michigan Amateur with a one-over par 73 at Pheasant Run. Other honors include first-team All-KLAA for two years. He placed second at the recent districts with a 72 and third out of 200 golfers at the recent MSU 36-hole shoot-out with a one under par 143. He and his Wildcats' golf teammates qualified for the Division 1 team state meet for a third consecutive year.

Captain: Heinze was captain his senior year both with the golf and tennis teams. He also was a golf captain in 2011.

Early start: He began golfing at a age 2, with his first round two years later. He improved through a number of local tournaments, including the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Pitch and Putt Event, US Kids Golf and Top 50 Junior programs.

Family: His parents are Mike and Dee Heinze of Canton. A younger brother, Ryan, attends Plymouth High School.

College plans: Heinze is looking to play golf at the collegiate level. He would like to pursue a career in engineering.



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Pat Daugherty Coach of Year

All-Area team takes fast track

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Chelsea Savage, Fr., Farm. Harrison (shot put): Just a freshman, Savage had a big year, finishing fourth in the Division 1 state meet in the shot put. She had her best throw of 40-8 at that competition. Savage also was first in the OAA White Division, second in the regional and third in Oakland County. She is the city champion in both throwing events. "Chelsea is a great talent and had a tremendous first year," coach Mark Babcock said. "She loves to compete and has a great attitude. She seems to take everything in stride and doesn't let things get to her. She is looking forward to her next three years."

Emily Norscia, Jr., Liv. Churchill (discus): The junior placed third in the Division 1 state meet, was runner-up at the regional and captured the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet with a personal best throw of 123-8.

"Emily had a great junior season," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "She improved by 20-plus feet from her sophomore season. Emily had a very good sophomore season but something switched on this year and she became a great thrower for us. Has a great work ethic and is very determined to be the best discus thrower she can be. Emily has really benefitted with working with our outstanding throws coaches John Filiaut and Al Smith."

Senclair McDonnell, Sr., Liv. Churchill (high jump): The senior set a school record with a third-place finish at the Division 1 state finals (5-7).

She was also regional, KLAAs Association and LPS Invitational champion, along with runner-up in the Kensington Conference. McDonnell also competed in the long jump (15-10.5) and was a member of Churchill's 1,600 relay team.

"Senclair had an outstanding career at Churchill," Daugherty said. "She qualified for the state meet all four years in the high jump, as well as her sophomore and senior season in the 1,600 relay. Senclair did everything during the season and outside the season to be the most successful high jumper in school history. She set the school record three times and also holds our freshman high jump record."

Aaron Howell, Jr., Farmington (long jump): The junior standout has competed in track and field for two years, and she has been all-state each time. Howell qualified for state in four events — the long jump, high jump and the hurdles. She was second in the long jump at 18-8.5. At the regional, Howell won the 300 hurdles and long jump (19 feet), finished second in the 100 hurdles and was third in the high jump. She was invited to compete this weekend in the New Balance national outdoor meet in Greensboro, N.C.

"She's a terrifically hard-working young lady," coach Charles Bridges said. "To see her garner any honor is well-deserved. Coach (Kim) Sturm and I have talked with some college coaches who are very eager to have her take a look at their school next year. She's a great athlete and anybody that has the opportunity to see her is impressed. And she's a young lady of great character, too. Aaron is a pleasure to coach."

Reagan Engstrom, Sr., Plymouth (pole vault): Consistent excellence was Engstrom's M.O. during her senior season for the Wildcats.

The third-year captain qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the pole vault for the third consecutive year and set school and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records with a mark of 11-9.

Also a standout gymnast at Plymouth, she set meet records at the Staffer Relays, Golden Triangle Meet, KLAAs conference and association meets and placed first in all but one dual meet all season.

"Reagan has been one of the best athletes that has walked through the halls of Plymouth High School," coach Ricky Styes said. "It has been exciting to watch her grow within her event, becoming one of the best vaulters in the state this year."

"As a coach, it has been very comforting to have an athlete like Reagan in the pole vault because we knew we could count on her scoring

2012 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK TEAMS

Shot put: 1. Chelsea Savage, Fr., Farmington Harrison; 2. Hailey Hurt, Jr., Farmington; 3. Kaylor Brown, Soph., Harrison.

Discus: 1. Emily Norscia, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Chyna Williams, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Chanelle Wright, Jr., Westland John Glenn.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell, Sr., Churchill; 2. Ashley Cochran, Jr., Churchill; 3. Joslyn Massey, Sr., John Glenn.

Long jump: 1. Aaron Howell, Jr., Farmington; 2. Brianna Jed, Soph., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Becca Knox, Sr., Plymouth.

Pole vault: 1. (tie) Reagan Engstrom, Sr., Plymouth; Alex Kitz, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Jane McCurry, Jr., Plymouth; 3. (tie) Taylor Rieckhoff, Jr., Plymouth; Emily Lang, Jr., Canton.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Laticia Sims, Sr., Harrison; 2. Karrington Seals, Soph., North Farmington; 3. Kelly O'Brien, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

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

100 dash: 1. Tiera Parker, Sr., Harrison; Kayla Jones, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Delisha Williams, Sr., Redford Union.

200: 1. Domonique Smith, Sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Sandra Johnson, Sr., Harrison; 3. Ayanna Buckley, Soph., Livonia Clarenceville.

400: 1. Sydney Anderson, Jr., Churchill; 2. (tie) Rachael Hille, Sr., Plymouth; Sydney Sterling, Sr., Farmington; 3. Julia Szuba, Jr., Churchill.

800: 1. Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem; 2. Karlie Gallagher, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Olivia Salinas, Sr., Farmington.

1,600: 1. Kayla Kavulich, Soph., Salem; 2. Kristen Muir, Sr., Canton; 3. Kerigan Riley, Jr., Churchill.

3,200: 1. Bethany Pilat, Sr., Churchill; 2. Emily Brunett, Fr., Harrison; 3. Heather Smith, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy.

400 relay: 1. North Farmington (Karrington Seals, Soph.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.; Asha Freeman, Jr.); 2. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Jr.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Elyssa Hofmann, Soph.; Molly Jarvis, Jr.); 3. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Sr.; Deja Hunter, Fr.; Sandra Johnson, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Sr.).

800 relay: 1. North Farmington (Morgan Gilliam, Jr.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Asha Freeman, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.); 2. Farmington (Raven Major, Fr.; Kara Gurney, Jr.; Aria Moore, Fr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.); 3. John Glenn (Kirsten Smith, Jr.; Shekinah Johnson, Fr.; Joslyn Massey, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Jr.).

1,600 relay: 1. Farmington (Kara Gurney, Jr.; Olivia Salinas, Sr.; Aaron Howell, Jr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.); 2. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Elizabeth Tripp, Fr.; Kathryn Binsfield, Soph.; Kayla Kavulich, Soph.); 3. Churchill (Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Julia Szuba, Jr.; Senclair McDonnell, Sr.).

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Kerigan Riley, Jr.; Michelle Azar, Jr.; Bethany Pilat, Sr.); 2. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Rebecca Lopez, Fr.; Elizabeth Tripp, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Soph.); 3. Plymouth (Marina DeBiasi, Soph.; Jada Woody, Soph.; Nicole Traites, Sr.; Rachael Hille).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Pat Daugherty, Liv. Churchill



The members of Farmington's 1,600-meter relay team are (from left) Aaron Howell, Kara Gurney, Sydney Sterling and Olivia Salinas.

first place points. ... She is the type of athlete that we are not likely to see for a long time."

Alex Kitz, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (pole vault): The senior captain and two-time team MVP was a two-time state qualifier in the pole vault.

Kitz, headed to Grand Valley State, broke her own school record this season in the pole vault (11-9) and has been both regional and Kensington Conference champion in the pole vault and long jump (16-8 season best) during her career.

"Watching her compete was always exciting," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said of the three-time Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-State selection. "She is one of those types of kids you know will always compete. She will always do her best despite any barriers and has always been a competitor. I always had complete confidence in knowing she would be successful as an individual, as well as help her team. Alex is such a hard worker and strives to be the best she can possibly be."

Laticia Sims, Sr., Harrison (100 hurdles): Sims was a regional champion and the state runner-up in this event. She is the Oakland County, OAA White and city champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Sims, who was the Division 1 state champion in the 100 hurdles last year, was an important member of the sprint relay teams, too.

"Laticia had a great senior season," coach Babcock said. "She's the best hurdler we've ever had here, and she works really hard to maintain her high level of performance."

"She's going to run at South Florida next year, and I'm sure she will excel there, also. She is very dedicated and easy to coach — a great young lady with a bright future. It has been a thrill to be her coach."

Kirsten Smith, Jr., Westland Glenn (300 hurdles): The junior set the school record in the 300 hurdles (46.3) and was a regional cham-

panion and state qualifier in the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and 800 relay.

Smith also was Kensington Conference champion in three events — 100 and 300 hurdles, along with the 800 relay (conference record 1:46.14 and season best 1:45.0).

She ran a personal best 14.9 in the 100 hurdles and was 10th overall in the Division 1 state meet in the 300 hurdles.

"Kirsten is an outstanding student athlete and leader at John Glenn," coach James Fitzgerald said. "She maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and has dedicated herself to track and field over the past year. She is one of the hardest workers and toughest competitors I have ever coached. Kirsten does things the right way and strives for perfection. Her love for track and field has grown and she has passed that along to her younger teammates. Her dedication and improvement from last year has made her one of the best hurdlers in the area."

Tiera Parker, Sr., Farm. Harrison (100): Parker earned all-state honors her first three years, but an injury prevented her from competing in the regional and going to state this year. The same was true of the Oakland County meet. Parker is the OAA White champion in the 100, and she anchored a Harrison victory in the 400 relay. She has the area's top times in the 100 and 200, and she's also the city champion in both.

"Tiera was not able to finish her senior season because of a hamstring injury, but she has excelled over the last four seasons," coach Babcock said. "She is easily one of the finest track athletes I have coached in my 32 years here."

"She is humble and hard working and very dedicated, a rare combination these days. She has won many races in her career and has carried her team to victory many times. She is going to Bowling Green to run next year, and I am sure she will

continue her success there."

Domonique Smith, Sr., Red. Thurston (200): Smith put together a spectacular senior season for the Eagles, placing third in the Division 2 state meet in the 200-meter dash and eighth in the 100.

She set two individual school records (12.4 in the 100 and 25.4 in the 200) and was a part of two record-setting relays (the 400 and 800).

Smith was a four-time state-qualifier and four-time all-conference honoree.

"Domonique is an extremely hard worker who is never satisfied with her last performance," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "She is a fierce competitor. She has an excellent work ethic and is always trying to perfect her performance, whether it is her starts or stride technique. Domonique will be sorely missed, but she does leave a legacy of accomplishments."

Sydney Anderson, Jr., Liv. Churchill (400): The junior qualified for four events at the state meet while excelling in the 400 where she ran 1:00.24 and captured the regional.

Anderson also won the LPS Invitational title, took third in the conference and ran a 2:24.2 in the 800 at the KLAAs Association meet. She also ran legs in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

"Sydney is a very dedicated student-athlete," Daugherty said of the co-team MVP. "She is one of the hardest working track performers not only on our team, but in the state. Very few athletes can do what Sydney does on a week to week, meet to meet basis. Her meet schedule is very demanding and she excels in each of her events. Even though track and field is large in part an individual sport Sydney does everything to help the team succeed. One of our driving individuals that lead us to a lot of team success this season."

Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem (800): The senior distance runner was outstanding for Salem, earning co-MVP honors with Kayla Kavulich.

Both athletes often pushed each other to spark the Rocks, who finished 3-2 in the tough KLAAs Central Division.

Beltran posted the area's best time in the 800 run with a time of 2:18 at the Meet of Champions. She also ran the first leg of two Salem relays that qualified for the Division 1 state meet. Those relays were the 1,600 (4:07) and 3,200 (9:35).

Salem assistant coach Dave DeSilvio praised Beltran's versatility, noted that she occasionally competed in the long jump in addition to her usual spate of individual running events and relays.

"Adrianna is a senior planning to run in college," DeSilvio added.

Kayla Kavulich, Soph., Salem (1,600): The sophomore came back from knee surgery without missing a beat, capping off the season with a seventh-place finish at the Division 1 state meet in the mile — good for all-state honors and a new Salem record to boot. Her time of 5:04.41 broke her own mark set in 2011 of 5:07.

Kavulich, co-MVP for the Rocks, also anchored the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay teams that qualified for the state meet.

Other notable accomplishments included racking up times in the 400 (59.25), mile- (5:04.41) and two-mile runs (11:24.32) that were best among Observerland participants. Teammate Beltran kept Kavulich from also topping the field in the 800 run.

And at the D1 regionals, Kavulich was victorious in the mile and two-mile runs, as she hit her stride at the most important time of the season.

"She's highly motivated and works incredibly hard in practice," DeSilvio said. "She also overcame a torn ACL, rebounding extremely well."

Bethany Pilat, Sr., Liv. Churchill (3,200): The four-year varsity performer and two-year team captain qualified for the Division 1 state meet in both the 3,200 and 3,200 relay.

Pilat was the team's second-leading point producer after helping the Chargers to the Kensington Conference and LPS Invitational 4 x 800 relay titles, along with a 3,200 individual title in the Livonia Public Schools meet.

"Bethany had a great career at Churchill," Daugherty said. "She is one of the most consistent dis-

tance runners in Churchill's history. Bethany has earned eight varsity letters over the past four years and has truly earned each one of them with an overwhelming dedication toward improving as an individual runner, and doing all she can to make sure our team is successful. She ran her fastest 3,200 of the season at the state meet (11:27.73) and earned her All-Area award."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

North Farmington, 400 (Karrington Seals, Soph.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.; Asha Freeman, Jr.): The Raiders set the school record (49.61) when they finished ninth at the Division 1 state meet. They were .04 seconds from scoring. They also were first at the Lady Rocket and Raider relays, second in the OAA White Division and second at the regional.

"These young ladies (including Morgan Gilliam and Ariel Graham) are my core sprint group," coach Bill Pinnell said. "They're conscientious and hard working. They committed themselves to being the best they can be, and it was a goal all season to get to the state meet. They all return next year, and we're looking to score in both (relays) and qualify in individual events."

"This is a versatile group, running the 100 to 400. Freeman and Seals are long jumpers; Karrington also runs both hurdles, and the other girls run on the 1,600 relay."

North Farmington, 800 (Morgan Gilliam, Jr.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Asha Freeman, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.): The Raiders set the school record with an area-best time of 1:43.46. "This particular group has only run together a few times, but it was first at the Lady Rocket Relays and second at the regional," Pinnell said.

Farmington, 1,600 (Kara Gurney, Jr.; Olivia Salinas, Sr.; Aaron Howell, Jr.; Sydney Sterling, Jr.): The Falcons ran an area-best time of 4:06.5. They were fourth in their region at 4:12.3 and missed going to state.

"That relay has been a real source of competition on our team all year," coach Bridges said. "While it didn't make it to the state meet, that was our best, most consistent relay all year. At the regional that one day, we just didn't quite have it, but those girls won a lot of events. We had a lot of girls who ran it and ran fast."

"We had terrific leadership by Sydney Sterling. She enjoyed running that relay and was responsible for getting the girls fired up meet after meet."

Churchill, 3,200 (Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Kerigan Riley, Jr.; Michelle Azar, Jr.; Bethany Pilat, Sr.): This quartet captured the regional with a season-best time of 9:30.4 to earn a trip to the Division 1 state finals.

They also won the Kensington Conference and Public Schools of Livonia meet titles as well as going 5-0 in KLAAs South Division dual meets. Churchill also took second in the KLAAs Association meet.

"These four girls had great relay and individual seasons for our track team," Daugherty said. "They ran the fourth fastest time in school history. It's a very dedicated group of individuals that did great things this season as a team."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Pat Daugherty, Liv. Churchill: It was another successful season for the fifth-year coach, who has guided the Chargers to five straight Division 1 regional titles.

The 2012 Chargers also placed third at the Kensington Conference meet and was runner-up at the KLAAs Association meet. Churchill also captured the KLAAs South Division crown and its eighth straight Public Schools of Livonia Invitational championship.

The Chargers qualified a total of 12 girls for the Division 1 state meet, including all four relay teams. Senclair McDonnell (high jump) and Emily Norscia (discus) both placed third in their respective events.

"We had a very deep team, with five girls scoring 100-plus points this year," said Daugherty, who has coached at Churchill for a total of 12 years. "With all our team success, we as coaches are even more proud of how hard our girls worked throughout the season and how well they competed as a team and individuals. The bigger the meet the better we competed. That says a lot about our girls, our coaches and the program at Churchill."

SEMIFINAL

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when Young's perfect cross to junior forward Madison Hirsch led to a goal. Hirsch chipped the feed inside the far post with 31:38 left in the half.

It could have been a two- or three-goal spread, however. Schendel made two point-blank stops against Hirsch before the five-minute mark.

When another chance rolled behind her, Canton sophomore defender Gabby Epelman came to the rescue with a desperation clear.

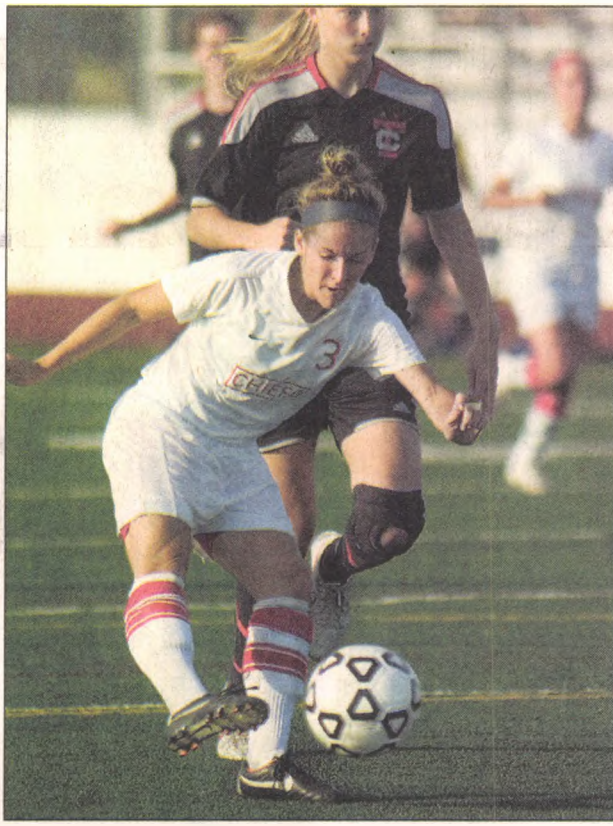
"They were winning a lot of balls in the middle," Reddy said about the tough first part of the contest. "Our midfielders just couldn't figure out how to get organized.

"But we played a much better second half. They never gave up."

Chiefs come close

The Chiefs nearly evened the score before halftime, however.

Epelman — who defeated Northville in the district final with a perfectly placed free kick — nearly did it again. With 18:30 left in the half, her free kick from about 40 yards was headed in front by senior forward Gabby Malec. But Holland sprawled to block the ball. "I was expecting a through ball to come in,



Canton's Ally Krause (No. 3) gets to the ball before Troy's Jennifer Busk can during the Division 1 girls soccer semifinal at Farmington High School.

so I was going for that one and I just had to react off the header," Holland said. "Just got to be quick and always thinking. It's hard to read those sometimes, but I got lucky on that one."

Canton came even closer to scoring about seven minutes later. Holland managed to get her fingertips on a 34-yard Epelman free kick that looked destined for the top-center

portion of the goal. Holland tipped the ball over the crossbar, to the dismay of Canton players and spectators. "It was pretty close, but I knew if I could get something on it it would either hit the post or go out," she said.

Year to remember

Despite the disappointing defeat, players and coaches alike acknowledged the special 2012



It's a footrace between Canton senior Robyn Mack (No. 17) and Troy's Irene Young during Wednesday's Division 1 girls soccer semifinal.

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season. "It was fun. No one thought we'd get out of districts," Mack said. "And we got to regionals and got past that. We lost the (previous) three years in regionals, so to get out of regionals is an accomplishment (on) its own. "Obviously we didn't

want to lose state semis, but we've got to be proud of what we did. We played a really good team." Reddy noted the outstanding seniors who contributed so much to the program over the past four years. That list includes co-captains Mack, Krause, Trapp

and forward Kalyn Brinti along with Epelman, Bryden, Gabby Malec and Kerstyn Hall. "A great group of seniors. I'm going to miss them a lot," the coach said.

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OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK BESTS

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SHOT PUT

Chelsea Savage (Harrison) 40-8
Hailey Hurt (Farmington) 37-5
Kaylon Brown (Harrison) 35-6
Kyla Roland (Harrison) 35-3
Oly Nwanko (Stevenson) 35-1.5
Amy Lewandowski (Ladywood) 34-11
Amber Warren (Canton) 34-11
Bailey Hart (Wayne) 34-5.5
Chyna Williams (Ply) 33-7.25
Quay Nichols (Wayne) 33-7.25

DISCUS

Emily Norscia (Churchill) 123-8
Hailey Hurt (Farmington) 116-6
Chelsea Savage (Harrison) 110-7
Chanelle Wright (Glenn) 109-1
Amy Lewandowski (Ladywood) 107-3
Dana Blankenship (Salem) 106-1
Tionne Johnson (Ply) 105-8
Kayla Branton (Stevenson) 102-11
Sarah Muzzin (Stevenson) 101-8

HIGH JUMP

Senclair McDonnell (Churchill) 5-7
Aaron Howell (Farmington) 5-4
Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 5-2
Joslyn Massey (Glenn) 5-2
Taylor Rieckhoff (Ply) 5-2
Jamaya Dixon (RU) 5-2
Jada Woody (Ply) 5-0
Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 5-0
Emily Freiburger (Ply) 4-11
Taelour Phillips (Ply) 4-10
Jamie Rowland (Churchill) 4-10
Rebecca Spencer (RU) 4-10
Sheila McKinley (Franklin) 4-10
Raven Major (Farmington) 4-10

LONG JUMP

Aaron Howell (Farmington) 19-0
Briana Jed (Stevenson) 16-10.75
Kayla Jones (Glenn) 16-9
Alex Kitz (Stevenson) 16-8
Becka Knox (Ply) 16-7
Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 16-6.5
Karrington Seals (N. Farm.) 16-2.75
Joslyn Massey (Glenn) 16-6
Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 16-4.5
Micah Willingham (C'ville) 16-3

POLE VAULT

Reagan Engstrom (Ply) 11-9
Alex Kitz (Stevenson) 11-9
Jane McCurry (Ply) 11-2
Taylor Rieckhoff (Ply) 10-8
Emily Lang (Canton) 10-8
Nancy Krutty (Salem) 10-4
Sarah Uhlman (Ply) 9-6
Pia Simon (Canton) 9-6
Molly Miller (Harrison) 9-3
Brenna Connelly (Ply) 9-2
Amanda Fox (Churchill) 9-2

100-METER HURDLES

Laticia Sims (Harrison) 14.0
Aaron Howell (Farm.) 14.8
Kirsten Smith (Glenn) 14.8
Karrington Seals (N. Farm.) 15.15
Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 15.5
Molly Jarvis (Churchill) 15.7
Maya Roberts (Mercy) 16.3
Natalie Puckett (Ply) 16.5
Leah Robinson (Harrison) 16.5
Taelour Phillips (Glenn) 16.7

300 HURDLES

Laticia Sims (Harrison) 44.3
Aaron Howell (Farm.) 45.2
Kirsten Smith (Glenn) 46.3
Natalie Puckett (Ply) 47.9
Molly Jarvis (Churchill) 46.96
Karrington Seals (N. Farm.) 47.93
Ariel Graham (N. Farmington) 48.8
Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 49.1
Marina Milad (Canton) 49.61
Holly Stark (Ply) 49.86

100 DASH

Tiera Parker (Harrison) 12.1
Kayla Jones (Glenn) 12.3
Dominique Smith (Thurston) 12.4

Delisha Williams (RU) 12.4
Bryah White (Franklin) 12.5
Shekinah Johnson (Glenn) 12.6
Ce'Andria Moring (GC) 12.6
Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 12.6
Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill) 12.7
Jessica Thomas (Franklin) 12.8
Madison Agnew (Franklin) 12.8

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Tiera Parker (Harrison) 25.2
Domenique Smith (Thurston) 25.7
Sandra Johnson (Harrison) 26.1
Kayla Jones (Glenn) 26.3
Ayanna Buckley (C'ville) 26.3
Asha Freeman (N. Farm.) 26.4
Sydney Sterling (Farm.) 26.6
Becka Knox (Ply) 26.6
Joslyn Massey (Glenn) 26.64
Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill) 26.7

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Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 59.25
Sydney Anderson (Churchill) 59.9
Rachael Hille (Ply) 1:00.6
Sydney Sterling (Farmington) 1:00.6
Julia Szuba (Churchill) 1:01.0
Adrianna Beltran (Salem) 1:02.11
Krystal Whitlow (GC) 1:02.36
Alison Timberlake (Stevenson) 1:02.54
Danielle Robbins (Wayne) 1:03.1
Kourtney Strong (Churchill) 1:03.27

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Adrianna Beltran (Salem) 2:18.1
Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 2:20.33
Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson) 2:21.1
Olivia Salinas (Farmington) 2:24.6
Michelle Azar (Churchill) 2:26.7
Nicole Traites (Ply) 2:27.0
Karen Windle (PCA) 2:28.6
Katie Grimes (Canton) 2:30.0
Mariana DeBiasi (Ply) 2:30.36
Julia Capeneka (Stevenson) 2:32.08

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Kristen Muir (Canton) 5:10.1
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Heather Smith (Mercy) 5:16.88
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 5:18.8
Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 5:24.5
Marina DeBiasi (Ply) 5:28.6
Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson) 5:28.6
Michelle Azar (Churchill) 5:29.2
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Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 11:24.32
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Erin Hardin (Luth. W'sld) 12:02.4
Vivien Okechukwu (Churchill) 12:13.2
Allysen Eads (Mercy) 12:14.1
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Franklin 49.8
Farmington 50.2

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Churchill 1:45.0
John Glenn 1:45.0
Farmington Harrison 1:47.0

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tallied a 69 (his best) to spark Plymouth's first regional title in school history.

His stellar performances of late might not have been possible had he not learned the importance of controlling emotions when bad things happen — like seemingly dead-on putts hitting the edge of the cup and darting out.

That happened at the May 31 districts in Livonia. Back-to-back bogeys on his final two holes cost his team the outright title (the Wildcats lost a tiebreaker with Saline). He also lost (by one stroke) medalist honors to Plymouth teammate Kyle Rodes.

"At districts I could have won that one, but coming down the stretch I had two lip-outs on the final two holes and bogeyed those two holes," Heinze recalled. "I just look at that stuff and laugh, that's all you can do. The game always dishes out bad breaks. You can't really take it too personal or anything.

"It's a whole learning process, especially throughout high school. I started out my freshman year not knowing how to handle bad breaks. Now I just look at them like it's just part of the game, you have to overcome it."

Leading by example

In his captain's role (which he also had with the Plymouth varsity boys tennis team), that keep-cool mental approach is something he models for younger athletes.

"I just try and give them inspirational talks, pointers about how to make their game better," Heinze said.

He also loves the game so much that he can't get enough of it. That means putting at the Heinze family's Canton home, working 40 hours a week during the summer at Pheasant Run (where he gets in plenty of free rounds after job duties are

Plymouth varsity boys golf senior captain Josh Heinze is all business, teeing off earlier this season. Heinze and his Wildcats teammates reached this weekend's Division 1 state meet in Grand Rapids.

Tough Day 1 at golf finals

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Park golf teams are getting swamped at The Meadows. Plymouth and Canton were 12th and 13th, respectively, after the first day of the Division 1 boys golf finals at the Grand Valley State University course.

The regional champion Wildcats tallied a five-golfer score of 316 Friday, well behind top team Battle Creek Lakeview's 296. Canton, the third-place team at regionals, is tied for 13th with University of Detroit Jesuit (325).

Bringing up the rear with a 336 score is Troy while Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's 307 put the Shamrocks in sixth place, just three strokes behind Birmingham Brother Rice (304).

Among individual qualifiers, North Farmington's Austin Alexander and Livonia Stevenson's Dante Cicchelli were ninth and 12th with scores of 79 and 83, respectively.

With Saturday's second round yet to be played, the Wildcats were led by Chris Kozler's 77 score. He was followed by Josh Heinze and Kyle Rodes, each registering 78s for the day. Rounding out the Plymouth card were Ryan Rieckhoff (83) and John Tatti (84).

As for the Chiefs, Tyler McMahan and Donnie Trosper led the way with respective scores of 76 and 79. Other Canton performers included Alex Champagne (83), Josh Maxam (87) and Brent Perry (88).

Four of the Catholic Central golfers eclipsed the 80-stroke mark, including: Charlie Green, 75; Joey Hanba, 76; Owen Franks and Corey Szmazdzinski (78 each). Patrick Luther scored an 80.

For U-D Jesuit, like CC a school with students from the Plymouth and Canton areas, the top golfer was Danny Smith, with a 75 (15th overall). He was followed by Justin Bland (81), Charlie Bolton (83), Mike Korte and Erik Rust (86 each).

After Day 1, the medalist was Battle Creek Lakeview's Matt Garland with a 69.

completed) and swinging off heated tees during the winter.

Seated nearby during the interview was his dad, Mike Heinze — spending plenty of time these days driving Josh to golf practices, tournaments and college visits.

The elder Heinze couldn't help but smile when listening to Josh talk about how his lifelong passion for golf started.

"When I was 2 my parents gave me little plastic clubs that were righthanded," Josh said. "I started swinging them backwards because I'm lefthanded.

"And I just, there was something about it."

Even back then, he connected. "There was a neighbor's fence that I would hit the ball over, and I just thought it looked really interesting," Heinze said. "It's just a way for me to get out and relax, see nature, be in competition. It's just a fun atmosphere."

Priorities matter

He grew up in a golf-loving family (parents Mike and Dee played for years), but other lessons learned young were how to manage time, set goals and reach them.

"My parents kind of taught me that from when I was younger, especially my freshman year," Josh said. "They just told me as soon as you get home from golf or tennis you have to get right to the homework.

"And fortunately that carried over throughout the years and I was able to become a good student and a good athlete, too."

He'll tuck that good habit in a pocket along with his scorecard as he carries on beyond graduation.

"We're very happy with not only his academics but his athletics," Mike Heinze said. "A four-year letterman in tennis and in golf, we couldn't ask for any more, plus the great grade point average he's got.

"We're the proudest parents you could have."

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Cards advance



The 14-and-under Great Lakes Cardinals have earned a berth in the 2012 USSSA Elite Major World Series, June 15-21, at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. following their performance in the Memorial Day Super NIT in Sterling Heights. Members of the Cardinals, who played their home baseball games at Livonia Franklin High School, include (bottom row, from left) Cameron Stella, Plymouth; Zachary Prystash, Northville; Nik Campbell, Farmington; Frank Bellino, Canton; Andrew Hejka, Canton; Frank Lucska, Garden City; Luke Hargis, White Lake; (top row, from left) assistant coach Emile Mahanti, Grant Hartwig, Plymouth; Tyler Thorington, Woodhaven; head coach Dan Hejka, Jimmy Howell, Allen Park; Ravi Mahanti, Farmington; Seth Hubbard, Canton; and assistant coach Mark Thorington.

Blazers put eyes on prize

Combs injured in 4-2 triumph, Hayes gets save

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

With ace pitcher Briana Combs suffering from a wounded knee, Livonia Ladywood managed to bandage itself and earn its second MHSAA Division 2 state championship appearance in four years with a 4-2 semifinal victory Friday over Wayland Union.

The Blazers, who improved to 38-3 overall, needed a clutch relief performance from Lauren Hayes in the bottom of the seventh to earn a spot in Saturday's coveted state final at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, where they will face 37-3 Saginaw Swan Valley. Game time was scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Combs, a senior right-hander and Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year, had to take herself out on a 3-0 count with one out in the bottom of the seventh while holding a two-run advantage because of a sore and troublesome left knee.

In from right field came Hayes, a lefty who had thrown only a total of eight innings all season.

After walking Nina DiCesare with her first pitch, Hayes was able to bear down and strike out ninth batter Mallory Teunissen and leadoff hitter Autumn Anderson to end the game.

"We're fighting through that injury and we've got to find a way to get everybody to contribute," said Ladywood coach Scott Combs, who guided the Blazers to a state runner-up finish in 2009. "It's big for Lauren. She had a couple of rough outings early in the season. We've had her do a lot more work and do a lot more bullpens, so I couldn't be happier for her."

"Lauren has probably thrown only eight innings all year. We've worked her hard because of the injury. And so we wanted to make sure she was ready, and God love her."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ladywood's Briana Combs, firing a pitch in last Tuesday's quarterfinal, went 6½ innings in Friday's Division 2 state semifinal before leaving with a knee injury in the Blazers' 4-2 win over Wayland Union.

For a recap of Saturday's Division 2 girls softball championship in Battle Creek, visit www.hometownlife.com

She walked in there with no fear and I said, 'Throw strikes,' and she looked like she had the determination to do it. I'm very happy for her."

Hayes, meanwhile, seized the moment on the big stage in Battle Creek.

"I was prepared," the 10th-grader said. "I always have my teammates backing me up in the field. When it was my chance to come in, I said, 'You know what? It's time to focus.' I knew my team had my back from the very beginning, and they told me, 'Lauren, stay up,' and I believed that and believed in them and that's what carried me through those two outs right there. I was fully confident I could do it."

Combs, who is now 36-1 this season, was able to wiggle out of a first-inning jam when the Wildcats (38-3-1) put the first two runners aboard thanks to singles by Anderson and Kayla Merice. The runners moved up on a double steal, but Combs got out of the inning unscathed with a pair of popouts and a strikeout.

Ladywood then responded with three runs in the top of the second.

Cleanup hitter Carli SanMillan doubled and Andria Gietl reached base on an infield error. Allyssa Kashat then laid down a bunt in front of the plate that Wayland Union freshman pitcher Mallory Teunissen threw away past her twin sister Morgan at first base, scoring two runs. Kashat, who went all the way to third on the play, then scored on a safety squeeze bunt by Brittany DeCamillo to make it 3-0.

"That was really important to shift the momentum and make sure they weren't having the momentum in the first inning," said Briana Combs, who got out of the first-inning jam. "It gave us the momentum to

score first." The Blazers then went up 4-0 with another run in the top of the fifth on an infield single by Nicole Payne followed by a triple off the bat of Hayes.

Wayland Union made things interesting, scoring twice in the bottom of the sixth on a bloop single by Merice, a sacrifice bunt by Sierra Mutschler, a walk to Sam Merren and a two-run double by Haley Obetts (after outfielders Nicole Payne and Michelle Nelson collided while converging on the ball in left center). But Nelson was able to pick up the ball and gun down Obetts at third to end the inning.

But by that time, Combs seemed to be laboring on the mound.

"It's pretty bad," the Ladywood ace said. "I will (pitch tomorrow), it's just pretty sore right now. It's been pretty sore for a couple of weeks, but I've been trying to throw through it, and I think it's just making it even more sore. But there's nothing I can do about it. In the beginning it was OK."

It was the same knee Combs injured during basketball season.

"I knew 14 days ago we'd have to piece this together," Scott Combs said. "I thought maybe we could get through quarters, and today, I knew it would be pretty tough. I think one of the things is that we're not timing it very well. There's so much pomp and circumstance, we should have timed it a little later. She (Briana) was ready to go way too early. We can see if that will help at all — I don't know if she can go or not."

"We've been here three times and all you can I ask for is a chance to win the championship, and we get that chance."

In 6½ innings, Combs allowed just five hits, walked two and struck out three.

Mallory Teunissen, meanwhile, gave up five hits, struck out four and did not allow a walk. Three of the four Ladywood runs were unearned.

Salem baseball alumni game June 24

Come one, come all — Salem Rocks baseball alumni, that is.

The third annual Rocks Alumni Game is scheduled for 12 noon Sunday, June 24 at the Salem High School varsity baseball field and space is still available for those who might want to play.

There are about 35 people registered for the game, but walk-ons are welcome, said Mary Theisen of the Salem Dugout Club.

"It's neat to see the players all come together," Theisen said. "Just a fun time for them and their families."

She said the 2011 event was "wonderful, it was a state championship reunion and many of the families joined in."

The cost to sign up is \$20. For more information, or to request a registration form, send an email to salemrocksalumni@gmail.com

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difficult to walk away.

"This year, we had three state-caliber sophomores, and I want almost more than anything to coach them to more championships and school records.

"I feel the itch to keep things moving. While I have deeply considered being a multi-decade coach, like Bob Richardson from Canton or Jess Shough from (Westland John) Glenn, I owe it to my family and to myself to move on and see what the next adventure brings."

Winning exit

Meteyer's swan song at Salem was pretty successful. The Rocks won the Division 1 regional championship, the second title in three seasons under the coach's watch. Those successes were among the "most thrilling



When Salem students found out popular track coach Kyle Meteyer decided to resign, they went out and painted "We'll miss Meteyer" on the symbolic Salem Rock located in front of the high school.

moments" of his career.

"This year, I was happy to win the regional again," he continued, "which was a nice goodbye present from the kids."

Meteyer also cited "watching our kids shatter some school records, watching kids qualify for states after working hard all season and hearing from student-athletes who have graduated, whether they continued their track careers or not."

And six of the school's 17 records (and five Park standards) were set during his Salem coaching career.

One key reason Meteyer felt comfortable stepping down was the quality of his assistant coaches. Those include Steve Aspinall, Kurt Britnell, Geoff Baker, Brad Waidmann and Jim Crabill.

"There is not yet a new head coach, although my fantastic group of assistant coaches have expressed that they'll stay," Meteyer added.

One of his Plymouth-Canton Educational Park coaching counterparts, Plymouth's Jon Mikosz, said Meteyer's decision wasn't a surprise.

"He had said a while back that he thought it was going to be his last year," Mikosz said. "Kyle always seemed to get his teams to peak at the end of the season which is a good sign that he was doing the right things with his team."

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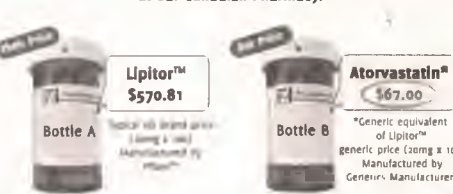
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Junior golf options at Hickory Creek

Hickory Creek Golf Course is hosting the PGA Sports Academy for junior golfers, with classes beginning this week.

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Two five-week sessions are \$75 each and will help youngsters of all ages and abilities "learn, develop and practice the skills to become a better golfer."

Areas of focus will include fitness and nutrition, golf skills, sportsmanship, etiquette and rules, golf and physical

assessments. Student will be evaluated through a long-term player development program.

Teaching the PGA Sports Academy is Tami Bealert, golf instructor at Hickory Creek.

She invites those interested in signing up to visit www.TrainwithTami.com and click on the "lesson" tab, then scroll down to the green "book a lesson" button.

Or they can call (734) 731-0238 and speak to Bealert about the offerings. Hickory Creek is located just west of Canton in Superior Township.

Trailwood tour

Walk slowly to see all in gardens

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Grass. That's all that grew in Carol and Joe Carli's backyard when the couple moved into their Plymouth Township home 20 years ago.

There was so much grass, they cut it with a rider mower.

Over the years a large wooden deck, a dozen seating areas including a gazebo, a pond, fountains, bird baths, statues, brick walkways and beds of yellow daylilies, delicate "Moonbeam" coreopsis, climbing clematis and other perennials have gradually supplanted the lawn.

The couple dispensed with the rider mower long ago.

"It all just kind of grew," said Carol, looking around at the perfectly-weeded flower beds. "I don't know how it did, but it did. You enjoy the prettiness — and keep buying more and more."

The Carli's backyard, which is one of several on the upcoming Trailwood Garden Club garden walk, might have remained all green grass if the couple weren't pet owners.

"What started it all was when one of our pets died. She was bur-



Carol Carli sits in the gazebo in her backyard garden in Plymouth Township.



Clematis blooms on an arbor in Carol Carli's garden in Plymouth Township.

ied in here. We planted a tree and some flowers and it grew from there. All of our pets are buried here. And all of their headstones are here. You can see one there, and there and over there," Carol said, moving aside sprawling daylilies to expose the worn marble markers identifying the resting places of several cats and a German shepherd.

"That was my son's cat," she added, referring to one of the grave sites. "He lived in an apartment at the time she died and he had nowhere for her to go, so she joined the crowd."

A fountain, pond, statuary, perennials and a tree make up the memorial pet garden. Other beds contain foun-

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A fairy-themed fountain is next to the patio in Judy Miller's garden.

Livona garden shows off big blooms, tiny village

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Judy Miller's family tree grows among the tall evergreens, sprawling perennial flowers and among bird baths and garden art in her Livonia backyard.

"I have this thing about plant names. The first time I went to Franks with my mom, there was a daylily plant and its name (variety) was Judith. I said, when am I ever going to find a plant with my name again? So I bought it."

"Well, that started me on a hunt. I have names of a lot of family and friends. I have my mom and dad, my husband, my grandma — anybody I can find," Miller said, explaining her passion for plant varieties named after people.

"That's kind of nice, because I can tell them, I've got a flower and it makes me think of you. It has your name. Or, it's

in people's memory. I do that, too. The plants here are more than plants."

Visitors to Miller's backyard, which is on the upcoming Friends of Greenmead Garden Walk, may not recognize the significance of dahlias named after Miller's grandchildren, Lauren and Sean, but will admire their blooms as they walk along the central planting bed that also contains fuzzy yellow foxtail lilies, red-tipped torch lilies, butter-colored daylilies and yarrow, monks-hood, bear's britches, violet spiderwort, an assortment of sculptures, stepping stones, a gazing ball, birdbath and trellis covered in a clematis named after Pope John Paul II.

Miller gardened at her previous home in Dearborn where shade restricted the variety of plants that grew. When she and her husband, Greg, decided to move 10

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Judy and Greg Miller's grandchildren, Lauren Ryan, 8, and Sean Ryan, 5, helped set up the fairy village.



The central garden is the highlight of the Miller backyard in Livonia.

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years ago, they liked the sunny backyard they saw in Livonia.

"That was one of the reasons we bought the house. When I saw it had a southern exposure, I thought I could really have fun trying new things. I pour over catalogues in the winter looking for something new. Here I can have just about anything."

Acquiring plants

As a member of the Livonia Garden Club, she participates in the organization's perennial sharing every May, unearthing plants from her own garden and giving them away at the event. In return, Miller takes home unusual and interesting plants donated by other club members.

Miller also has grown dahlias since 2003. She digs up dozens of bulbs in the fall, keeps them indoors during the winter and re-plants each spring.

The Miller's backyard wasn't always lush with trees and flowers.

"When we first moved in there was nothing green back here during the winter," Miller recalled.

The following spring, they planted arborvitae along the backyard fence, added a few pine trees and extended adjacent flower beds. A decade later, the grown evergreens have formed a natural privacy fence and the adjacent planting area sports a mix of flowering perennials and annuals.

From big to small

The couple planted a redbud tree in the middle of the yard and created a flower bed around it.

"The tree looked so lonely, I realized I needed a bigger planting bed," Miller said.

While the main garden grew, the contents of a raised bed near the patio shrank. Miller replaced the tall, spiky yucca plants, where ducks often nested, with a tiny "fairy" village and low-growing sedums.



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Judy Miller welcomes you to her backyard in Livonia.

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A bed-shaped planter on the other side of the patio repeats some of the diminutive plants. A fairy figurine perches in the middle of the adja-



Asiatic lilies grow in Judy Miller's garden.

cent fountain that Miller bought when she retired in 2004 from her work in the office at Divine Child High School.

Now she spends her time tending to her backyard, keeping beds free from weeds, mulching and watering.

"I tell everyone I'm going out to play. I love to pull weeds. I find it relaxing," she said. "It's therapeutic. And when you are done, it looks so much better."

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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tains and birdbaths, garden art, ground cover and flowers. Families of sparrows take up residence every year in a birdhouse stationed in the back of the yard. The couple's cat, Snowball, can watch the birds and butterflies from his climbing trees inside the house at a door-wall to the deck.

Favorite view

Carol enjoys taking it all in from the gazebo, where she can see the entire yard. Nearly a dozen other seating areas are placed throughout the garden and on the deck built by Joe.

"You get different views of the garden that way. It gives you a chance to see different things," she said. "I love summer, so it feels good for me to be outside."

Their son, who also is named Joe, put in the brick path and stone work. He also installed solar lights and a watering system that utilizes garden hoses.

"It's been a family project," Carol said.

Second career

The family works together in business, too. When Joe retired from General Motors after 32 years, he got involved in the auction business.

"We used to like to go to the antique shows and we kind of just got into it. It just snowballed.

We thought, we can do this," Carol said, adding that both her husband and son attended an auctioneer school in Missouri. "I help them set



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Watering cans line a bed of rocks in the Carli garden in Plymouth Township.



Angels, gazing globes and other garden art decorate planting beds filled with perennials in the Carli garden.

up. We hold them at the Plymouth (Community) Cultural Center almost every Saturday. We did the Mayflower (Hotel) in

town. We did a soda shop in town. We've done for the post office. You never know what the next phone call will bring."

More garden walks showcase green thumbs

Save the date for these upcoming walks:

- Country Garden Club of Northville, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 11: The 19th annual Blossoms, Bees & Butterflies will include complementary refreshments at the Cady Inn and a garden market at Mill Race Village in addition to tours of several gardens in the Northville area. Tickets are \$10 and available at Gardenviews, 117 East Main, Northville. Tickets also will be sold the day at the event at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold. www.cgcnv.org or call (248) 348-3263.

- The Farmington Garden Club, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11: Tickets for the 2012 Biennial Garden Walk are \$10 and are available at Steinkopf Nurs-

ery, 20815 Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile, in Farmington. They also will be sold the day of the event at Warner Mansion Museum, 33805 Grand River Ave., west of Farmington Road, Farmington.

Southfield Parks and Garden Club, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 24: The 6th Annual Southfield Garden Walk will feature the gardens of Roseland Woods, located south of Nine Mile, between Evergreen and Southfield Road. The walk will begin at Brace-Lederle K-8 School, 18575 W. Nine Mile. Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance or on the day of the walk. For more information call Jon Adams at (248) 356-2281 or e-mail to sfdlparks@hotmail.com.

One time, their son uncovered \$100,000 stashed in a basement room at the Westland home where they were inventorying estate items for auction.

"We called the family and said, you'd better come here because we

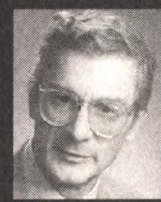
have a surprise for you." Carol sometimes bids on garden art at her husband's auctions. That's how she acquired a red pump that stands in the side yard at her home.

Other items were gifts or purchases. She suggests that beginning gardeners "start small," when starting to revamp their own backyards.

"If you like it, go on from there. When you sit back and look at what you've done, you can say wow, I did that myself. It's kind of neat."

Arthritis Today

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First, when should a patient with a joint problem not consider an emergency room visit? If the pain has built up gradually over days then evaluation can wait for 2-3 days more. The person needs to see a doctor soon but not at once.

If a person with a diagnosis of gout, feels an acute attack coming on, he or she should contact the physician who made the diagnosis, or if not feasible, the doctor who renders the person usual care. Treatments exist for an acute attack of gout that will stop the intense pain sufficiently to permit a scheduled appointment within 24 hours to begin long term care and resolution of the gouty condition.

A person with a sudden and intense pain never experienced before should go to the emergency room. The possibility is great of a fracture or that the first attack of gout has occurred. Rarely, the cause of pain is an infected joint. An emergency room has the facilities, such as x-rays and a physician able to aspirate joint fluid, to make a diagnosis and start therapy.

Joint pain needs treatment, but only rarely should a person go for help to an emergency room rather than a doctor's office.

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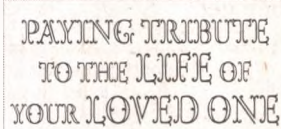
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GERMAN, ROBERT

We lost an honest man on June 9, 2012 — just two weeks shy of his 75th birthday. Bob was surrounded by his loving kids Jerilyn German Petersmark (Frank), Dr. Beth German (Dr. Martin Garber), Amy German (Matthew Draving), Mary Ansbro (Peter), and Jonathan German (fiancee Carolina Floegel). Grappa to Caitlin, Christopher, Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, Sarah, Nathan Robert, Evan and Ella. Also Tom Coyne, Joseph's dad. Kay (Kohler), the love of Bob's life for over 56 years, passed in November 2010. Bob's wish was to be cremated. Funeral Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI on Friday, June 15 at 9:30 am (visitation at 9:00 am) and luncheon at 11:00 am. Please honor Bob's life by offering a kindness to a stranger.

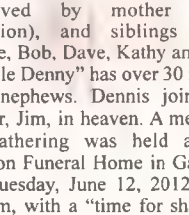
JAMIESON, ELIZABETH

Age 99, of Farmington, MI, passed away June 14, 2012. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



MURPHY, DENNIS F.

The Honorable Judge Dennis F. Murphy, 57, of Gaylord, passed away Friday, June 8, 2012 surrounded by loved ones. Dennis was born April 25, 1955 in Detroit. He spent much of his youth in Birmingham, where he was a graduate of Seaholm High School. (1973). Dennis is a graduate of Oakland University (1977) and Detroit College of Law (1980, now MSU). Following law school, Dennis enjoyed a successful legal career as an assistant prosecutor (Lapeer, MI), drug unit chief (Flint, MI), county prosecutor (Gaylord, MI), and as the chief legal counsel to the State Dept. of Corrections. Gov. John Engler appointed Dennis to his seat on the 46th Circuit Court in 1996. Dennis proudly served the people of Northern Michigan on the bench. Although Dennis was known to many as "Judge," he never allowed his work to interfere with his personal life. Very industrious and quick witted, Dennis enjoyed snowboarding, riding his motorcycle, camping, traveling, and playing poker. Dennis loved spending time with friends and family at his cottage in Elk Rapids. Dennis is survived by his wife of 27 years, Terry (Rickfelder), sons Tim (26) and Dan (25), and daughter Kate (21). Dennis has a large family, and is survived by mother Joan (Marion), and siblings Pete, Diane, Bob, Dave, Kathy and Jan. "Uncle Denny" has over 30 nieces and nephews. Dennis joins his father, Jim, in heaven. A memorial gathering was held at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 4-8pm, with a "time for sharing" at 7:30PM. A memorial mass was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM from St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. Rev. Patrick Casey, officiating. The family received friends at the cathedral on Wednesday beginning at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America is suggested, C/O Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. Friends may offer their condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com



KATZMAN, SIDNEY H.

Age 80, Doctor of Optometry, died at Copley at Stoughton Nursing Home in Stoughton, MA on Wednesday, June 13. One of the founders of the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Detroit, Inc. which, over the past 45 years, provided vision and special needs services to the indigent and low vision population of the citizens of Detroit. Dr. Katzman served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force prior to entering civilian practice. He spent the majority of his professional career on the medical staff of Metro Medical Group, Detroit. He is deeply missed by his fellow professionals, the many patients he cared for so much, and his family. Dr. Katzman is survived by his children, Cynthia M. Katzman and her husband John Bowly of MA, Michael S. Katzman and his wife Judith of OK and Patricia D. Katzman of MA; three grandchildren, David and Sarah Bowly and Jesamine Katzman and a brother, Paul Katzman of MI. As an eye doctor, he helped thousands to see — as our father, he shared his vision. Funeral Services were held in Stoughton, MA on Thursday, June 14. Donations in Sidney's memory may be sent to Katzman Professional Eyecare Group, www.kpeg.org. Guestbook and obituary at www.farleyfh.com.

In Memory Of

In Remembrance Of SHERRY J. SEIGNEURIE

Who passed away on May 27, 2012 at Henry Ford Hospital. Sherry was 79 years old. She was the wife of the late Donald J. Seigneurie. Sherry is survived by her loving daughter Pamela Trottier and her husband Jon Trottier and her grandson D.J. Draper. Sherry battled severe COPD for eight years. She was cremated and layed to rest on June 1, 2012 at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. We will miss her dearly.

OZOG, KATHRYN SUE

Ann Arbor, MI. Age 69, passed away at her home on June 15, 2012, surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 20, 1942 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Charles and Esther (Frederick) Jordan. On December 29, 1962 in Wayne, MI, Kathryn married her loving husband of 49 years, John A. Ozog. Kathryn was employed as a Clinical Psychiatric Nurse before her retirement in 1988. She was a member of Christ The King Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, the Carmelites and the American Nurses Assoc. In addition to her husband John, survivors include her children; John (Cindy) Ozog, David (Dawn Marie) Ozog, Joseph (Emily) Ozog, Cassandra (Patrick) McCarthy and Christa (Greg) Breen, 21 grandchildren, and sisters Carol Schneiderman, Gail Ferguson, Jean Birley and Nancy Allen. Her mother Esther Jordan and granddaughter Mary Therese preceded her in death. The family will gather with friends on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from 5-9 PM at Christ The King Catholic Church with the Rosary being prayed at 7:30 PM. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be held at Noon on Monday, June 18, 2012 at Christ The King beginning with visitation at 10:30 AM until the time of Mass at 12:00 Noon. Burial in Holy Sepulchre in Southfield. Memorial contributions are suggested to Trinity Academy P.O. Box 2758; Park City, Utah 84060 www.trinityacademy.org. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel

STADER, ORIN

Age 69, passed away May 15th, after several months of declining health. Orin graduated from Northville HS and Northwood College. He was a Plymouth Fire Department volunteer, retired from Ford. Living in Tucson for 12 years, where he served as Potentate for the Sabber Shrine. Leaving to cherish his memory, mother Lorene, wife Arla, daughters Dawn Stader and Tracy (Michael) Houser, grandchildren Mikayla and Hunter and brother Bairon. Memorial June 23, Tucson Shrine. Donations to: Sabber Shrine, Tucson to benefit Children's Hospital.



THEODORE, CHRIS

Age 81, of Fairfield Glade, TN. Born in Boston and raised in Detroit, MI. He also resided in Garden City, Westland and Canton, MI. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 13. Born June 25, 1930, Chris was married to and survived by his high school sweetheart, Lu Theodore, for 61 wonderful years. A loving father and grandfather, he is also survived by children: Karen Carpenter (John), Toby Theodore (Kim) and Jeff Theodore (Karen); Grandchildren: Lee Dreps (Katie) and Erin Dreps (Ali); Kelsey; Eric; Cody; Luke and Shane Theodore. Brothers: Terry Theodore (Anita); Bob Theodore (Joann). Chris was a high school teacher and coach for over 36 years in Wayne County. His love was basketball. In college he played for Wayne State University. Chris was a man of integrity who foremost loved his family. He lived a wonderful life and had an impact on many lives. He will be sorely missed. There will be a Funeral Mass on Monday, June 18, at 10:00 a.m. CST at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7503 Peavine Rd., Fairfield Glade, (Crossville) TN. Family will receive friends at the church from 9:00 - 10:00 CST.

Milestones

60th anniversary

Patrick and Rose (Mooradian) Torossian marked their 60th wedding anniversary June 15. They were married in 1952 at St. John's Armenian Church.

The world travelers enjoy the small town atmosphere of Plymouth, where they have lived for more than 30 years.

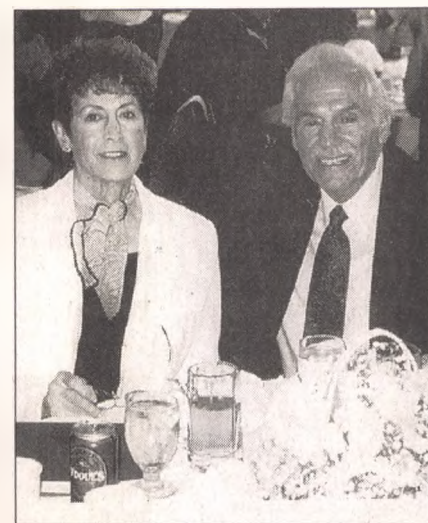
Patrick is a U.S. Navy veteran and was stationed in Greenland. He was corporate director of materials for a manufacturing facility that produced electrical resistant alloys. Patrick is a certified range officer at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association. He has always been an avid hunter and enjoys hunting with his family.

Rose retired from Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth as a purchasing agent. She enjoys gardening and spending time with the family.

They both enjoy the senior citizen gatherings at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield where they are long-time members.

The couple has three children: Jaclyn, Patrick, and Nancy. They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

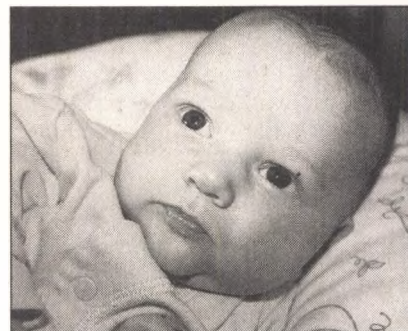
They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family and friends.



Rose and Patrick Torossian of Plymouth.



Patrick and Rose Torossian in 1952.



Lucas Robert Deacon

Lucas Robert Deacon was born at 8:56 a.m. May 11, 2012 at Valley Medical Center in Renton, Wash. He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Christine and Andy Deacon of Covington, Wash, formerly of Northville. Lucas' siblings are Daniel, 4, Nicholas, 2, and Alexander, 2.

Grandparents are Mary and Jim Mattis of Maple Valley, Wash., formerly of Northville, and Bill and Chris Deacon of Northville.

Great-grandparents are Frank and Florence Mattis of Dearborn Heights and Marjorie Deacon of Livonia.



Hubers-Lavery

Jennifer Anne Hubers and Dr. Todd Thornton Lavery announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Lynne Hubers of Orange City, Iowa, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and a masters degree from the University of Sussex in England. She is a teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Audrey Lavery of Livonia, earned a bachelor's degree from Calvin College and a graduate degree from Wayne State School of Medicine. He is a surgeon at Detroit Medical Center.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at Indian Springs Metropark.

55th anniversary

Thomas Kenning and Carol (Fliedner) Brichford of Farmington Hills will mark their 55th wedding anniversary June 22. They were married in 1957 in Willoughby, Ohio.

Their children are Mark (Debra) Brichford of Livonia, Bill Brichford of Howell, and Nancy (Dave) Myers of Plainfield, Ind. Daughter-in-law Karen Brichford lives in Farmington.

The couple also has nine grandchildren.

Thomas worked for Ford Motor Company and Carol was a teacher and worked for State Farm Insurance

They're involved in the Warner chapter of the Questers, help with the Redford Township Unicycle Club and are members of Franklin Community Church.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with a family trip to Franckmuth.



Tom and Carol Brichford of Farmington Hills



Hollandsworth-Olari

Rob and Lorraine Hollandsworth of Saint Charles, Ill., formerly of Livonia and Farmington Hills, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lorraine, to Nicholas Anthony Olari, son of Jim Olari of Milford, Kim Olari of Grand Blanc and Rich Pellerito of Irwin, Pa.

Hollandsworth is a graduate of Wheaton North in Wheaton, Ill., and

Western Michigan University. She works for Village Green Management Corp as a property manager of Maple Village of Southgate.

Olari is a graduate of Milford High School and ITT Tech. He works for Black and Veatch Energy Corp as an engineering technician in Ann Arbor.

The couple plans a Sept. 8, 2012, wedding in Plymouth.

Patients mentor students in U-M medical school course

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

For the past six years, Erika Laszlo has helped teach medical students what it's like to be on the other end of the stethoscope.

The Garden City mom doesn't have a medical degree, but she was born with a congenital heart condition — and living with a chronic health problem is one of the prerequisites to volunteering in the Family Centered Experience. The course is required for all of U-M's first- and second-year students. Its goal is to help medical students explore the "human side" of medicine, see the patient as a "whole person" and help them understand how illness affects daily life.

"I think the biggest thing for me is that it reminds me how fortunate I am to be here. Everything I've been through is so worth it and now I'm giving back by helping these med students," said Laszlo, who also works as a physician liaison for U-M Health System. "I always say to myself, if what I've been through can help someone else, I'm willing to do it."

Volunteers must have a chronic medical condition that requires them to make regular doctor visits. Adults and teens and children with parental consent, can participate in the program, but must live within 30 miles of Ann Arbor because the medical students travel to their homes. They make five home visits and accompany the volunteer to a doctor's appointment.

"You're with your medical student for two years. They come to your house and each visit has a theme. One theme might be 'breaking bad news.' We're given a handbook that tells us what kind of information they are looking for."

Themes help guide the discussion and students must complete assignments



Erika Laszlo with her children, Ethan and Sophie. Laszlo has participated in the Family Centered Experience, helping medical students at the University of Michigan Medical School understand the patient's point of view.

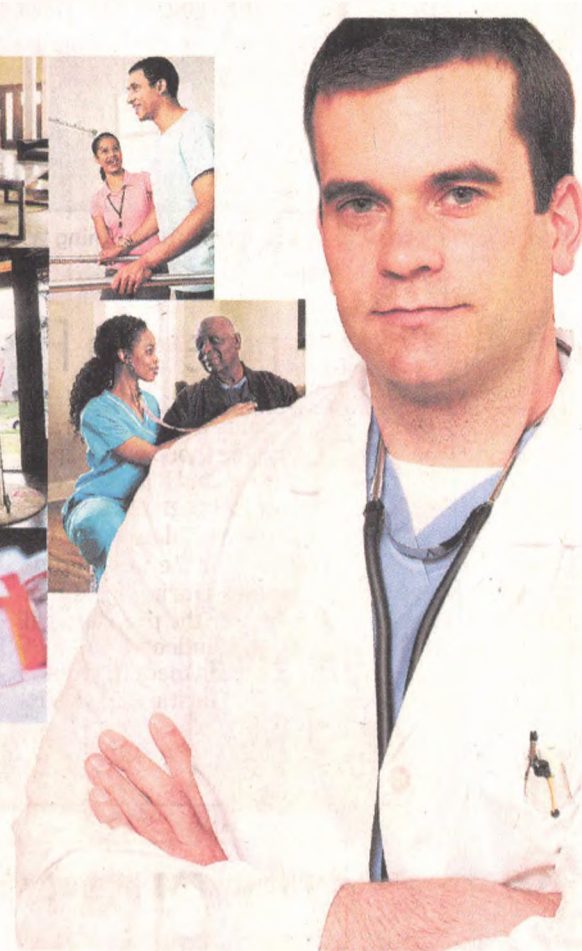
and class discussion based on what they learned.

Dr. Arno Kumagai, professor of internal medicine and medical education and director of the program, said students develop their communication and listening skills through Family Centered Experience.

According to Heather Wagenshutz, program coordinator, the program helps aspiring doctors "realize what it means to be a patient."

"They are required to come out on medical visits," Laszlo said. "They'll sit in the waiting room with me. If I have to wait an hour to be seen, they have to wait an hour. It gives them some reality about what a patient goes through."

The students don't view the volunteer's medical records, give medical advice or get involved in their care. They do discuss details of the patient's condition and its impact on them and their loved ones. Home



visits are scheduled at a convenient time for the patient.

"What is so cool is at the end of the first year they have a reception and they have the medical students there," Laszlo said, adding that the students must produce an art project, poem, or song to express what they've learned.

"I see it as a way of reflecting back and saying what went wrong and what went well and it's an opportunity to tell the medical students what needs improvement, so that when they get

out in the real world, they will think before they act."

The application process begins with a phone interview. Volunteers will be matched with a pair of students in time for the start of the new school year in August.

To apply for the program, e-mail to fce@umich.edu and indicate an interest in the program. For more information about the program, visit www.med.umich.edu/lrc/fce.

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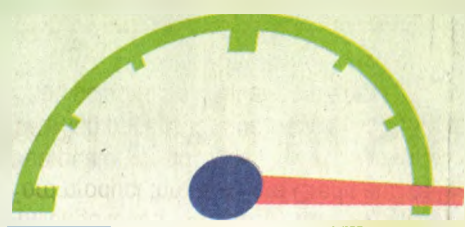
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6 Summer Networking Strategies

Beth Braccio Hering,
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Summer brings about many of the same thoughts as Christmastime when it comes to networking. It's easy to make excuses for taking time off: People are out of the office or not in the mood to deal with work-related issues. But just because the beach is beckoning doesn't mean your efforts should be taking a vacation. Consider these six ways to make the most of the season and maybe even have some fun in the process:

1. Use outdoor events to connect to people with like interests.

Nobody ever said networking had to be done indoors while wearing a suit. Great things can result simply from meeting others in a non-work setting.

"I had one client who had signed up for a rough water ocean swim," says Duncan Mathison, career consultant and co-author of "Unlock the Hidden Job Market: 6 Steps to a Successful Job Search When Times Are Tough." "As he stumbled out of the surf, he happened upon an old professional acquaintance. My client mentioned while they were catching their breath and catching up that he was looking for a job as a CFO. The acquaintance said, 'Really? There is a guy I know who was behind me in the race and they are looking for a CFO.'

Introductions were made at the beach, dripping wet, and follow-up the next week in the office resulted in a job offer."

2. Plan your own gatherings.

Patti DeNucci, author of "The Intentional Networker: Attracting Powerful Relationships, Referrals & Results in Business," notes that many professional organizations take the summer months off, making the calendar less busy. Fill the void with some get-togethers of your own.

"Schedule a happy hour at a local bar that has a nice patio or deck," DeNucci says. "Invite people to your home if you like to entertain. Keep it small, 10 to 20 people max. Just let people relax and mingle."

3. Bond with other parents.

Don't let kids on break cramp your style. Many people would be thrilled to meet with you if they're able to bring their children.

DeNucci notes that this strategy worked well for her when her son was growing up. "I often got together with friends and colleagues who were also moms, and we'd just bring the kids along. We went to the pool, the park, hiking, on day trips, to the beach, to the lake or creek, camping and so on. The kids played. We grown-ups had time to talk, whether about work or other topics. This was excellent networking and 'bonding' time, only on a different level. I firmly believe that networking happens everywhere, and the experiences I had during the summer were no exception."

4. Volunteer.

Nonprofits can use help any time of the year. Summer often brings about increased activity, such as community festivals or



enrichment programs for disadvantaged youth. You never know how serving others might end up helping you.

Ashley Strausser, associate director and internship coordinator at Otterbein University's Center for Career Planning in Westerville, Ohio, notes that summer is a great time for college students to offer their skills -- and be intentional about networking. "Say you are interested in the field of health and wellness. Consider volunteering to help with the logistics of a local 5K, and take advantage of meeting folks who are putting on these events."

5. Mix personal and professional.

Think of a family reunion or a neighborhood block party as a safe place to practice your elevator pitch. Not only will you become more comfortable striking up conversations and

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6. Plant seeds for the future.

Tasks such as researching companies, formulating questions and compiling a list of people to meet can be done in any season. Working on these things while others put them off will give you an edge. As Mathison notes, "Job searching is a lot like gardening. Hard work planting and cultivating today will bring results in the future. And now, during the summer, is a great time to plant some networking seeds."

Beth Braccio Hering researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for CareerBuilder.

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Tickets

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42 Priestley discovery
44 Two tablets, say
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55 John, to Ringo
56 Onassis nickname
58 Sinbad's transport
59 Dirty place

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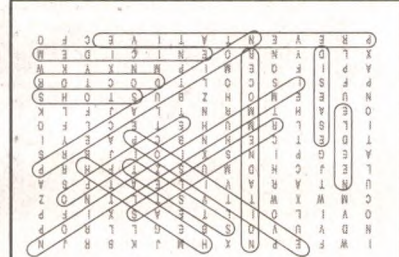
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

ACURA TARGETS GEN-Y-ERS WITH NEW ILX SEDAN, CAMPAIGN

By Dale Buss

Automakers are spending a lot of time these days wringing their hands about whether economically beleaguered and automotively disinterested twenty-somethings will ever be willing - or able - to buy enough cars from them. So Acura has decided to bypass the angst and appeal mainly to the part of Generation Y that still has some financial wherewithal: consumers in their early 30s.



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They're the target for the brand's new sedan, ILX. At prices beginning at \$25,900 Acura is calling the compact ILX a "gateway" to the luxury segment for those who want and can afford to get on that track.

The ILX launch is important

for Acura because the brand is still trying to recover its bearings after last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan crushed the sales momentum it had begun to build in the U.S. market. And, according to Acura brand executives, they're still trying to capture a measure of respect.

"Even with restricted inventories, we still sold more cars last year than Lincoln and Cadillac and Volvo and Audi," Mike Accavitti, Acura's U.S. CMO, told me. "Audi gets all these accolades but we sell more cars than them. We're fourth [in U.S. luxury sales volumes] this year even before high volumes of our two new products, ILX and [a new version of the RDX utility vehicle], have gotten onto dealer lots."

Indeed, sales of the Honda premium brand are up by 11 percent for this year through May. But the comparison is against a weak year-earlier period. And



A glimpse of the new TV ad for ILX depicts 'Millennials' 'parallel lives.'

Acura has some work to do to secure a wider long-term berth in the entry end of the U.S. luxury market.

"The brand has been struggling with what it is over the last half-dozen years," said Doug Scott, senior vice president of GfK Automotive, a brand-consulting firm in Southfield. "The problem is that competitors like BMW and Audi, who already are younger and aspirational, are moving more into the more affordable area of the marketplace."

The new TV-advertising campaign for the car depicts an ILX owner with his life proceeding separately on two tracks, which literally are occurring in parallel on a split screen in the ads. In one spot, a track shows him in a corporate office, the other at play at hip nightclubs, and they meet when

he gets into his ILX.

"Life should be equal parts responsibility and fun," goes the tagline in both spots. "Move up, without settling down."

"Our target is older Gen Y and young Gen X-ers, so we wanted to get them doing both things," said Susie Rossick, Acura brand manager.

Accavitti explained that ILX "was specifically designed for these people because of what they've gone through," Accavitti said. Growing up, "they've seen and experienced and touched luxury and wealth. So their expectations are there - but the realities of today's post-recessionary economy are that this generation may be the first that actually ends up earning less than the previous one."

While that message seems less inspirational or even aspirational

than sobering, Accavitti said Acura is positioning the car as "a special vehicle, with the feeling, associated with that kind of car but it doesn't cost you an arm and a leg to get into it. It's designed for our target at this economic [time]. It's smart luxury."

Some criticize ILX as simply an up-market version of the Honda Civic, with which it shares a mechanical platform. But Accavitti noted some of the upscale touches for ILX alone. For example, ILX has a voice-to-text system built into its infotainment capabilities that includes the capability for issuing pre-programmed responses - such as, Accavitti quipped, "Hey, I'm driving right now!"

Accavitti is confident that ILX will help the brand get fully back on track; meanwhile, sales of MDX, its highest-volume vehicle, are about flat with a year ago, but the new version of the RDX, launched a couple of months ago, is 36 percent ahead of 2011 sales.

"We were on a roll prior to the natural disaster" last year in Japan as well as flooding in Thailand last fall that further complicated Acura's supply lines. "We had 13 months of double-digit [year-over-year] sales increases. But once the inventory was so impacted, it was difficult to [sell] at that level."

Rossick believes Acura can obtain a second look from many of its target buyers. "We're new and fresh and who these people are looking for," she said. "We're confident that we're talking to this target."



Acura is counting on the new ILX to engage young buyers.

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