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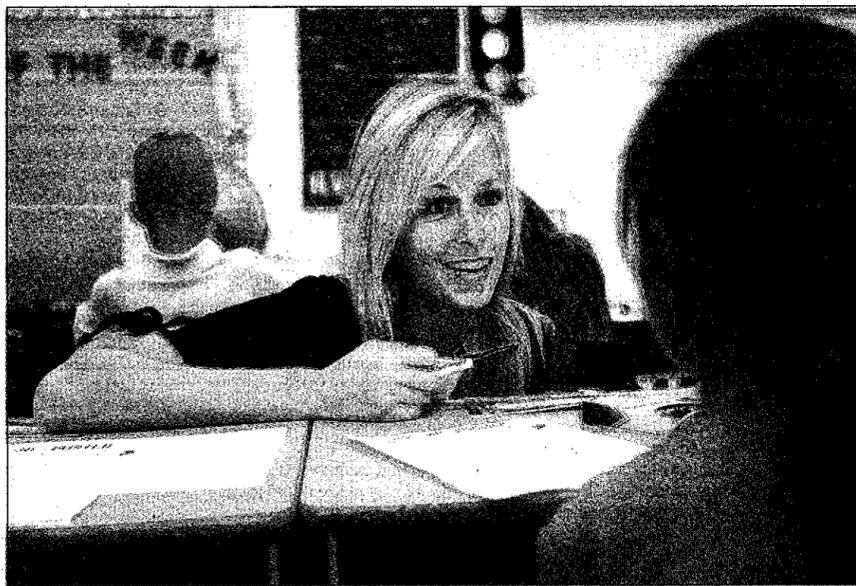
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First-year teacher Stacy Gunther works with Jasmin Campos in her second-grade classroom at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland.

Starting a new career

Teachers conquer nervousness on 1st day of school

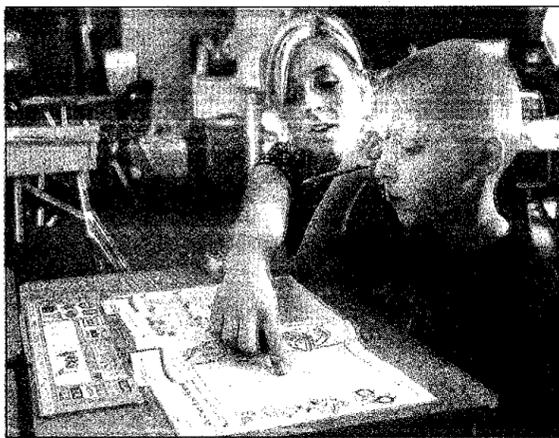
BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Stacy Gunther and Erin Gould were so excited about the first day of school, they arrived early at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School ... really early. But instead of lining up in front of school, they marched right in and went to their classrooms. Gunther went to her second-grade classroom and Gould to first grade.

"I was so nervous I think I slept one hour last night," said Gunther. "All weekend I had dreams about school."

"I was up every hour on the hour," said Gould. "I kept reminding myself to do different things."

Gunther and Gould aren't students at the Westland school, they're first-year teachers. Tuesday marked the beginning of a career they both



Erin Gould, who shows first-grader Trent Nunn what to do in a workbook, kept reminding herself what to do in the hours leading up to the start of school Tuesday.

chose in elementary school.

For Gunther, the choice was made her first day of preschool. Arms and legs extended, she tried to prevent her grandmother from getting her inside the school. It didn't work and once inside the school, what she encountered led to her to decide she wanted to be a teacher.

"I loved it. I got smiley faces; I jumped off the jungle gym and got a sad face," said Gunther, who is teaching second grade at the same school she didn't want to enter so many years ago. "In my interview, I told them my dream job would be a second-

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Company pulls entertainment license request

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A request for an entertainment license to allow a Westland theater to offer dinner and drinks with a movie has been postponed indefinitely by the Westland City Council.

The decision came Monday evening just hours after National Amusements Inc. requested that a vote on the transfer of liquor license and a new entertainment license be pulled from the agenda. It also followed a study session called for by Council President Charles Pickering who expressed concern about the potential for "topless and nude activity."

"The bottom line is I'm concerned that they're using the entertainment license to put on entertainment I believe is geared for adults," he said. "I think we are going in the wrong direction."

According to Mayor William Wild, National Amusements is looking to revamp the Showcase Cinema on Wayne Road to have stadium seating and serve dinner and drinks during movies. The plan calls for going from seven screens to six screens.

"I feel this is an important project for long-term prospects in the city," Wild said. "National Amusements has an aging facility, a limited market. They're not looking to get into legal problems, they're looking at a way to survive in the marketplace."

According to City Attorney

Angelo Plakas, National Amusement has created a unique situation for the city. The liquor license it plans to transfer from a bar in Detroit, under current state statute doesn't allow for alcoholic beverages to be served with "a monologue, dialogue or motion picture."

"It wants to do what Emagine (Theater) in Novi is doing," he said. "If the Tigers made it to the playoffs and they got a live feed, they wouldn't be able to show it. They can't do anything without the entertainment license."

Plakas has been "going back and forth" with the company in an effort to hammer out a side agreement that would protect the city from the possibility of topless or nude entertainment. Saying that he wants something that has some teeth in it, he admitted that National Amusements is balking at some of the verbiage.

"We're still arguing over the terms," he said. "We don't want a place that has zoning and building code violations, we want to tie it together with the license, so if there is a problem, we can cure it quickly."

Pickering, however, maintained that the theater would be "an adult entertainment center."

"For us to say yes the first time ever to allow an entertainment license opens the door to the wrong kind of entertainment, that's why we keep saying no," he said. "This

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Ceremony Sunday remembers 9/11

Almost six years ago, Americans watched in horror as passenger airliners were used to topple the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and to crash into the Pentagon in suburban Washington, D.C.

A fourth plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, the planned attack foiled by the passengers.

Those acts of terrorism claimed more than 3,000 lives.

On the sixth anniversary of that day, now known simply as 9/11, the City of Westland will host a memorial service, conducted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School.

The program, scheduled for 11 a.m., will be held on the south steps of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road. This marks the

fourth year for the service which remembers those who perished in the attacks, as well as honors those who continue to serve and protect our community.

Pastor Kurt Lambart of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland will preside over the memorial service. It will include the singing of patriotic songs by the St. Matthew Lutheran School Cherub Choir, comprised of children in grades 3-5. The Jubilee Choir, which includes students in grades 6-8, also will perform.

"What happened on Sept. 11 cannot — and will not — be forgotten," Westland Mayor William R. Wild said. "There isn't one community in our nation that was immune to the effects of that day. This is our community's way of paying respect."

Guilty plea gets duo probation for embezzlement

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A former Westland apartment worker and her boyfriend will remain on probation for five years for embezzling money from tenants who thought they had paid their rent.

Sharon Krajewski, 41, and Darnell Ware, 44, learned their fate in late August after pleading guilty to embezzling \$1,000 to \$20,000 and to an additional charge of uttering and publishing, which involves tampering with financial documents.

Their pleas averted a trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges they stole money from Willow Creek Apartments, on Newburgh south of Ford, where Krajewski had worked as an assistant manager.

Krajewski had been accused of taking personal checks and money orders from renters who didn't make them payable Willow Creek. Some tenants told authorities they were asked not to write the name of the apartment complex on the financial documents, police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said.

Krajewski and Ware then put Ware's name on the documents and cashed them for their own financial gain, Borisch said.

The couple, who had lived at Willow Creek, had been ordered to stand trial after they waived their right to a preliminary hearing in May in Westland 18th District Court. Krajewski had been fired from her job amid accusations she stole money between last December and April.

"People started getting notices that their rent wasn't paid," Borisch said.

Krajewski and Ware fared well considering that they could have faced penalties ranging up to 14 years in prison for the charges against them.

Under terms of their probation, they are supposed to not break any laws, not leave the state without asking judicial permission, report monthly to a probation officer, make restitution to Willow Creek and pay certain fees, such as court and attorney costs.

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Lights ... Camera ... Action

Indie film producers find locales close to home

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's not like Hollywood. You won't see the city's name plastered in huge white letters on a hillside, simply because there is no bump in the road high enough.

But Anthony Vallone and Sara Stepnicka are doing their best to put Garden City on the independent film road map.

The western Wayne County community is home for their production company, ValloNicka Films, as well as one of several locales featured in their upcoming release, *Sometimes in Life*.

"We wanted to represent the Detroit area in the film, we wanted to showcase it," said Stepnicka. "The Detroit area doesn't get the recognition filmwise, it's music, cars and sports. We want to get major producers to come here."

Working with a \$20,000 budget, the duo shot *Sometimes in Life* over 16 days in August and September 2006 at spots around Wayne County. The pier on Newburgh Lake in Livonia, the Garden Cafe in Garden City, the Whole Food Market in Bloomfield Hills and the Rainbow Room in Detroit as well as homes in Garden City, Livonia and Dearborn Heights were used.

A nighttime street shoot in Livonia drew attention not only from people living in the neighborhood, but by a passing motorcyclist.

"A guy on a Harley was looking at the set and crashed into the grip truck Sara had rented," said Vallone. "The motorcycle was trashed and it delayed filming, but we had to laugh about it ... not at that time ... but especially since it wasn't my car."

Local restaurants like Dario's in Garden City were sponsors and provided food for the cast and crew, and businesses like Better Made, Faygo, Liz Lovely Cookies and Nutricious Doughnuts also provided food and allowed their products to be featured in the film.

"When you're in indie films around here, you usually get, pizza, pizza, pizza," said actress Gunhild Gill who appeared in the film. "The quality of the food on this production was amazing."

'WONDERFUL ACTORS'

The Norwegian-born Gill was among the cast Vallone and Stepnicka picked for the film. They worked with the I Group for casting, attracting the likes of Wayne David Parker, Ethan Sue and Angela Roberts. Even the couple's dog Molson has a part in the movie.

"We had wonderful actors, we were fortunate to have them," said Vallone. "Gigi (Gill)



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Actress Gunhild Gill (from left), actress and co-producer Sara Stepnicka and producer Anthony Vallone, along with fellow co-star, and family pet, Molson, revisit Newburgh Lake in Livonia where scenes from their independent movie, *Sometimes in Life*, were filmed in August and September 2006.

was a wonderful find."

Gill plays the role of cheating best friend opposite Stepnicka who joins the ranks of Drew Barrymore and Sandra Bullock as an actor-producer.

"It was an awesome experience, we became like a family," Gill said. "There are things happening in Michigan, the film industry is a small community, so everyone knows someone, but this is the first film I've done where I didn't know anyone."

"The chemistry was really, really good," added Stepnicka.

Even with the low budget, Vallone and Stepnicka paid the cast and crew, a "cool thing because the film industry here generally doesn't pay the cast."

They used the Screen Actors Guild agreement for low-budget films. The budget determined how much they were paid each day, plus the cast received points, so in the end they get a percentage when the film hits distribution, Stepnicka said. The film is in post-production and Vallone and Stepnicka are looking for music. So far they have lined up music by Presley, the Bloids out of Ann Arbor and The Cetan Clawson Revolution.

"He's an absolutely amazing guitarist," said Stepnicka of Clawson. "I'm glad his song is over one of my scenes. It's the one when I find out my girlfriend has been unfaithful."

By using technology, Vallone and Stepnicka were able to hold down costs. They filmed *Sometimes in Life* in high definition with high speed film in a format for HDTV. They're working with CustomFlix, which helped with

their previous film *Mongol King*, in producing and packaging the DVDs and customer service.

COLLEGE START

Vallone ventured into filmmaking while at EMU. He enrolled in the film program for the experience and left before getting his degree.

"I started producing films and it took on a life of its own," he said. "I went through the classes knowing that I wanted to make films."

His first film, *In the Bag*, out in 1998, was picked up by the Independent Film Channel.

Stepnicka graduated from EMU with a degree in management and theater performance and production. She met Vallone her second year at EMU. They met romantically. She didn't know he was into film production until he brought a script he'd never let anyone one read.

"We've been together 10 years and working together for nine," she said. "It's all about compromise"

The film has been in post-production and is within weeks of being finished. Vallone and Stepnicka plan to take the film to the Bare Bones International Film and Music Festival in Muskegoe, Okla., as well as the Sundance or Slamdance Film Festivals in Park City Utah and the Detroit-Windsor International Film Festival next summer with the goal is to find a distributor.

They're also are looking for locations for its premiere. The list includes the Main Art Theater in Royal Oak, the State or Michigan theaters in Ann Arbor and the Emagine Theater in Novi.

"We may well do showings at colleges," Vallone added.

Helping them get the word out about the film is Lee Raunchey and her Silver Media Group. The Garden City resident specializes entirely in film and music publicity.

"We were fortunate to find her," said Vallone. "She has an inside track in the film and music industry. She's recognized by people wherever she goes."

Raunchey has been in the business for 15 years and counts among her clients bands like Dendura, "a female Egyptian-themed progressive metal band with belly dancers." She also helped promote another indie film, *Broken*, directed by Derek Justice of Farmington and David DeLeon of Sandusky, Ohio.

"I think I have a lot of passion and dedication," Raunchey said. "I had to have the passion to make it happen and the determination to make it succeed."

With *Sometimes in Life* almost done, the duo are already looking at their next script, *Boys of Summer*.

"It's the Natural meets Dazed and Confused," said Vallone. "I got it from a couple of great script writers in Ann Arbor. Sara will have a role in it."

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grade teacher at a school like Jefferson-Barns and I got it. It was perfect."

Gunther, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University in April, admits she was nervous when the school bell rang, but says her students "calmed me down as soon as they came in."

"They're so amazing," she said. "I was nervous for sure. I put on a good facade. I think I was more nervous than the students."

To break the ice, her class spent part of the morning talking about their summer vacations. She also showed them her baby pictures and pictures of herself in the second grade.

"I'm good now, I'm not nervous anymore," she said. "I love my class."

She admits she was excited and surprised to get hired by the district. She said some 1,100 people applied for same position, adding that while she was scared when she walked into the interview, she went in confident "and that paid off."

She also was surprised to run into her preschool teacher at a district inservice.

"It was so cool, I started crying," she said.

Gould, also a recent EMU graduate, said it was a long summer waiting for the first day of school. She, too, was "a little nervous, but it's going great now."

"We had our name tags on and we played the name game

with a ball before getting into the curriculum. My mom made a book of me in first grade and I read them some of that. It made me more real to them."

Like Gunther, it was an early experience with her first- and second-grade teachers that led her to choose teaching.

"I was so nervous going to school and they understood that," said Gould. "They made it exciting, they made me love school. They helped make me feel full of confidence to learn in a safe environment."

Both women played school as children. Gunther would use things she gathered from school and an old copier her dad had brought home to keep her "class" supplied with worksheets. Gould said her brother and her teddy bears were her students in her basement classroom.

"Me and my friends spent many, many hours playing school," she said. "We even had an old wooden desk."

By lunchtime, the two women were more than at ease with their new jobs. They were talking about the things they planned to do with the students in the coming months.

"Once I got in the classroom and started doing what I trained for all those years, it just came to me," said Gould.

"And today was a crazy day," added Gunther. "I woke up today and realized that I was starting a new career. Now I can devote all of my time and energy to what I love."

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takes away a family-oriented business."

Saying he's not a proponent for the company, Plakas told Pickering that by calling the theater an adult business gives the theater the wrong connotation.

Several council members questioned how alcoholic beverages would be served to limit exposure to underage moviegoers. Councilman Dewey Reeves suggested restricted seating where servers could check identifications.

Councilman James Godbout, citing reports about theater attendance dropping off, said National Amusements wants

the theater to "become more of an entertainment destination where people have the ability to have a snack or a meal and an adult beverage."

While he said he appreciated the work Plakas has done on the agreement, he also expressed concern that the company could reconsider its plans for the theater complex.

"I don't want to go to the extreme where they end up not wanting to do business here and we end up with another shuttered movie house," he said.

"It's pretty plain what they can and can't do," added Councilman Michael Kehr. "I understand why you're trying to stick up for families and that we may lose a family business, but we're stepping in an area where we're telling them how to run their business."

"I have to weigh the citizens' concerns and moral values. If the citizens are protected and the city is protected, it's tough for me to tell them to go away."

Wild, in comments at the end of the council meeting, stressed that it's not the intent of his administration to bring topless or nude entertainment to the city.

"National Amusements is a top-notch business looking to change with the times," he said. "They have an aging complex they need to change. They owned the Quo Vadis and you can see what happened when it didn't change."

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9 grads get community foundation scholarships

Nine high school graduates have gotten help with college expenses thanks to scholarships from the Westland Community Foundation.

The scholarships were presented during the foundation's recent Christmas in July program. Three students received \$500 while six received the \$1,000 awards.

The recipients who are all Westland residents include:



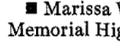
Bouren

■ Nicole Bouren of Wayne Memorial High School who plans to study veterinary technology at Schoolcraft Community College. She was on the honor roll and received a Scholastic Art and Writing Award and Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in media production.



Rivera

■ Patricia Rivera of John Glenn High School who plans to study art at the College for Creative Studies. She received a Gold Award in photography and attendance award and was on the honor roll.



Williams

■ Marissa Williams of Wayne Memorial High School who plans to study electrical engineering at the Michigan Institute for Aviation and Technology. She received silver and bronze medals in Quiz Bowl, and an Innovative Vehicle Design Participant Award. She also earned several academic letters and participated in Skills USA competition.



Flowers

■ Jasmine Flowers of John Glenn High School who plans to study to be a physical therapist or physician's assistant at Norfolk State University. She received a Perfect Attendance Award, was a member of the National Technical Society, on the honor roll and a Student of the Month.

■ Bryan Henley of John Glenn High School who plans to study automotive technology at Henry Ford Community College. He was on the honor roll for



Henley

four years, received an academic letter, Automotive Technology Award and had perfect attendance for his junior and senior years.



Lewis

■ Amanda Lewis of Wayne Memorial High School who plans to study nursing at Henry Ford Community College. She was treasure for medical assisting, HOSA.



Noyes

■ Bradley Noyes of John Glenn High school who plans to study construction carpentry/construction management at Henry Ford Community College. He received a varsity letter, academic letter for three years, Perfect Attendance Award for three years, mathematics award his junior year and a certificate of completion in construction technology. He also is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and National Honor Society.



Reinke

■ Angela Reinke of Livonia Franklin High School who plans to study speech pathology at Schoolcraft Community College. She was on the honor roll and National Honor Society and a member of the choir.



Saville

■ Brittany Saville of John Glenn High School who plans to study culinary arts at Schoolcraft College. She was a member of the National Honor Society and Student of the Month. She received a commendation letter for safety patrol, was in cheerleading her freshman, junior and senior years, cheerleading co-captain on the freshman and varsity squads.

The scholarships are among the many things the foundation supports in the community. It donates money and matching funds to local organizations like the Salvation Army, the YMCA and Family Resource Center Empty Bowls food program.

Charity concert

Listen to more than 15 live bands and help raise money to fight lung cancer at the Mayhem Music Festival 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 at Bumpers Bar and Grill on Newburgh just south of Joy in Westland. There is a \$5 cover charge and happy hour drink prices throughout the event.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, Sept. 10.

He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Historical society

The newly formed Westland Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. Business items include acceptance of bylaws and election of officers. For more information, call (734) 522-3918.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will host Harvest Thyme, a plant and seed exchange 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill.

In addition to the exchange, participants will have an opportunity to make potpourri, tour the museum, have their questions answered by master gardeners and have plants identified at the mystery plant table. Organic produce also will be for sale.

For more information, call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Kim Peterson at (734) 591-6506.

Flu shots

The Village of Westland will again offer flu shots to seniors age 65 and older 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the senior community, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman, in Westland,

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Call (734) 762-8926 to schedule an appointment.

Fund-raiser

Tammy's Heart Italian Dinner fund-raiser will be 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Dinner will be served 7-8:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years and under for salad, mostaccioli, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage. There also will be a disc jockey, cash bar and raffles 9-10 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance by calling (734) 788-8690 or (734) 765-0771. They also are available at the door.

Organizers will be collecting empty returnable bottles and cans at the event.

People who are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, can send it to Tammy Henderson, P.O. Box 1584, Garden City, MI 48135.

Marathon bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3323 is holding a marathon bingo noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. A second marathon bingo will be held noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, to benefit youth activities projects.

Parish Festival

St. Damian will hold its Parish Festival Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9, at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland. There will be games, inflatable rides, food, beer tent, live music, raffles, a casino and more. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will be sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall.

Registration for the tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the tournament starting at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The Vegas Room will open shortly after the tournament begins.

The Vegas room games will include Black Jack, Let it Ride, Texas Hold 'Em and Seven-Card Poker. Food, pop and beer will be available for purchase. Participants must be 18 years old to play. Tournament payouts and top prize for the tournament will depend on number of players; \$10 from each registration will go towards first-place payout.

The tournament cost is \$50 for those registered by Sept. 11. Late registrations will be accepted for an addi-

tional \$10. Pre-register for the event by sending your full name, address, date of birth and a check or money order, made payable to The Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191 Westland, MI 48185. Online registration is now available at www.westlandjaycees.org

Dining to Donate

People can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to the and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27. Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation. Coupons are available at the Mayor's Office or the Bailey Center.

Golf Outing

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its 10th annual golf outing fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 29, at Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, lunch and dinner, \$65 for golf and lunch and \$25 for dinner only. Prizes will be awarded for best team score, longest drive and closest to the pin. A raffle also will be held.

Reservations are due by Sept. 15. For reservations or more information, call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Patriotic contest

VFW Post 3323 and its auxiliaries are sponsoring the annual Voice of Democracy program for students in grades 9-12 and Patriot's Pen Essay contest for students in grades 6-8. The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Patriotic Art Scholarship for students in grades 9-12.

The topic is "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans" for the VOD contest, will the essay contest theme is "Why I Am an American Patriot." Applications are available by calling Sandy Borioe at (734) 728-5791. The deadline for the writing contests is Nov. 1.

Also contact Borioe for the rules for the art scholarship program. It's deadline is March 31.

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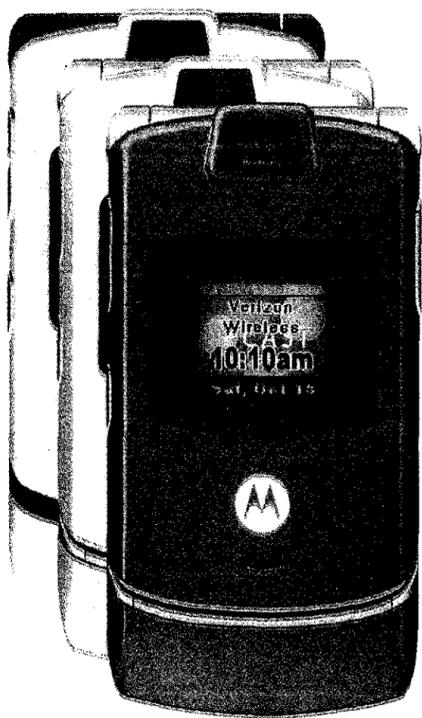
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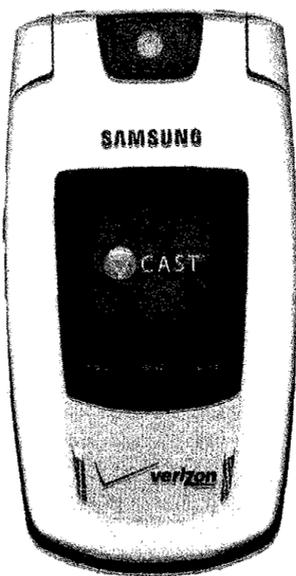
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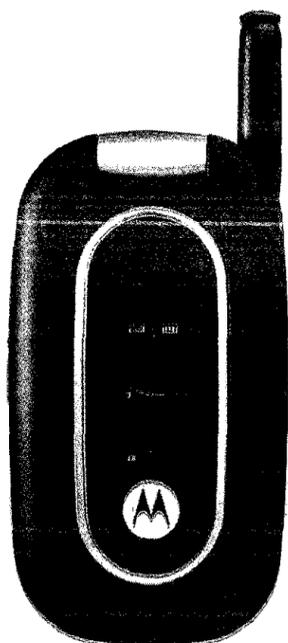
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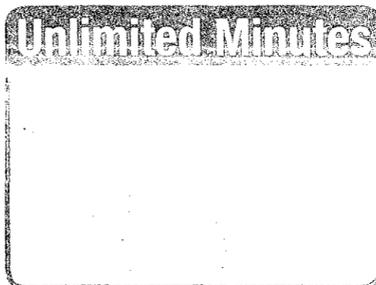
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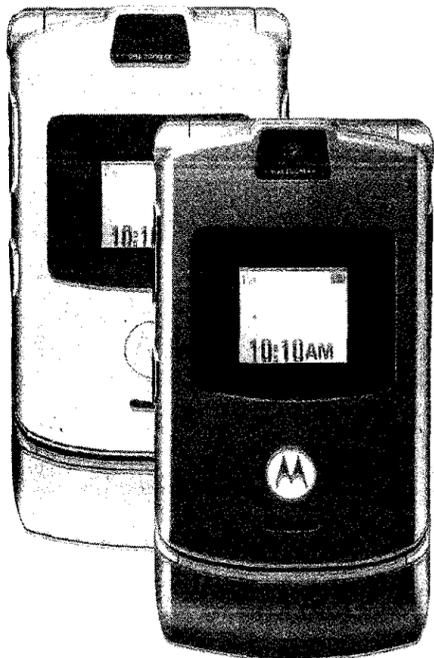


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Army vet competes in the Golden Games

A U.S. Army veteran from Westland was one of more than 600 veterans who travelled to Houston, Texas, last month to compete in the 21st National Veterans Golden Age Games, the largest sporting event in the world for senior veterans.

All participants are U.S. military veterans from across the country age 55 and older, receiving medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Frank Bray, who currently receives care at the VA medical facility in Ann Arbor, competed in air rifles, horseshoes and ambulatory bowling at the games.

"I enjoy participating in the National Veterans Golden Age Games and always have a great time," said Bray, 78. His daughter Deborah is a recreation therapist at the VA medical center in Ann Arbor and serves as coach for the local team from the facility.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Canteen Service and Help Hospitalized Veterans. Hosted this year by the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, the Golden Age Games demonstrate the value of regular exercise, recreation and friendly competition for all veterans, especially those dealing with age-specific illnesses.

Veterans competed in seven age categories in ambulatory, wheelchair or visually impaired divisions. Events included swimming, bicycling, table tennis, dominoes, shuffleboard, horseshoes, nine-ball, bowling, checkers, golf, croquet, shot-put and discus.

Sports and fitness are vital ingredients of VA's National Rehabilitation Special Events.



Frank Bray of Westland shows his form in the horseshoe pitching competition at the 21st National Veterans Golden Age Games on Houston, Texas.

Physical activity and friendly competition engage the mind as well as the body, and recreation therapy fills a special need in the lives of older patients at VA health centers across the country.

The Games encourage VA patients over the age of 55 to make physical activity a central part of their lives, and support VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs. It is a national showcase for the preventative and therapeutic value of sports, fitness and recreation in the lives of all older Americans.

The National Veterans Golden Age Games are one of the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports programs in the world. The games serve as a qualifying event for competition in the National Senior Games in a number of competitive sports.

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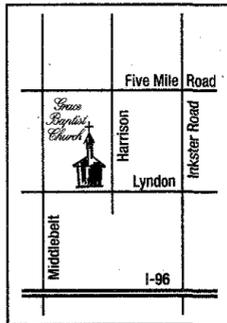


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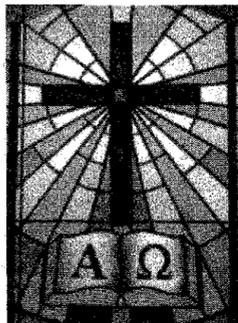
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Postal Annex sponsors Operation Slugger

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"In 2005, more than 13 tons of sporting equipment was sent to our servicemen and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Pradip Patel, owner of the PostalAnnex+ in Livonia. "This year, USA Cares has a goal of sending more than 20 tons, and we're excited to be part of this program."

The equipment, ranging from baseball gloves to volleyballs, provides a morale boost to servicemen and women by providing a break from the challenges they face every day, he added.

The list of suggested items for Operation Slugger II include:

- Softball and baseball gloves (right and left-handed).
- Bats (wood and aluminum).
- Baseball hats (must be new, corporate logos are

encouraged along with notes of encouragement).

- Softballs.
- Basketballs with nets (no backboards).
- Footballs.
- Volleyballs and nets (no poles).
- Frisbees, NERF products, and hacky sacks.
- Hand air pumps with needles for basketballs and footballs.

Donors may bring the equipment in to the Livonia PostalAnnex+ at 33523 8 Mile Road through Saturday, Sept. 22.

"We're calling on schools, PTAs, civic organizations and other local businesses to help us get the word out," said Patel. "We need sports equipment for our troops."

For more information on PostalAnnex+ or Operation Slugger II, call Patel at (248) 471-4144.

USA Cares, based in Radcliffe, Ky., serves military families of all branches and services with financial support. More information is available on the organization's Web site, www.USACares.com or call toll-free at (800) 773-0387.

Flea market supports preservation

This year's flea market fundraiser for the Livonia Historical Society will be the biggest ever with 150 vendors.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Greenmead Historical Park off Newburgh at Eight Mile Road in Livonia.

The market draws between 4,000 and 5,000 browsers each year.

Proceeds support historical preservation at Greenmead. In past years, the market has generated \$10,000 profit, said Gene Kramer, president of the Livonia Historical Society.

"It takes a lot of money to put a roof on a building like the Alexander Blue house." Another upcoming project is the restoration of the Hill House Museum.

Last year's event featured 134 vendors, selling items like antiques, discontinued merchandise from store liquidations and crafts.

"We decided to expand the limit," said Kramer, who rented a booth to sell his own effects last year. "We have the room and we think we can manage it."

Admission is \$2; children under 12 are admitted free. The grounds are suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

Food and refreshments are available for purchase. The market is held outdoors, which makes weather a concern.

Aside from dressing for the rain or shine, bring a shopping bag, Kramer said. "Because you're sure to buy something."

The Village Painters will sell decoratively painted art objects during a concurrent sale inside the Blue House. The village is open for tours from noon until 3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

ATTENTION LANDLORDS

The Plymouth and Dearborn Heights Housing Commissions will be hosting a Landlord Informational Session on Friday, September 14, 2007 at 2:00 pm. at the housing commission offices, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI. 48170. This session is open to all landlords with rental property in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties who are interested in learning about the Housing Choice Voucher Subsidy Program. If you want to know more about the program, how to become a Section 8 landlord and explore a new opportunity to expand your tenant base, you are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend the session however you must pre-register by calling (734) 455-3670.

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Teen leads team to Guts and Glory

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Katy Gierak has a goal, but she needs a little help. The Stevenson Middle School student needs to raise \$500 by Saturday, if her team is to meet its goal by the time the fourth annual Guts and Glory Walk kicks off at Maybury State Park in Northville.

"My parents are asking friends at their work and I'm asking my teachers at school," said Katy. "So far, the response has been pretty good."

This is the second year Katy has done the walk, a fund-raiser for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Last year she did it with her mother, Penny Gierak, but this year, she is captaining the 14-member Point Counterpoint Dance Divas, a team that includes her mother, teacher Lindsey Humpbert, teacher and studio owner Becky Simpson and teacher Nicole Kaplan and fellow dancers like Brooke Pietruszka and Haley Woodhouse.

Guts and Glory helps raise funds and awareness for the research, education and advocacy work of the CCAFA.

It also helps provide a summer camp for youngsters like Katy who have Crohn's disease, a chronic disorder that causes inflammation of the digestive tract.

The eighth-grader has become involved in the walk after attending the CFAA summer camp last year. The camp



Joining Katy Gierak (front row center) in Saturday's Guts and Glory Walk are teacher Lindsey Humpbert (back row, from left), teacher and studio owner Becky Simpson, teacher Nicole Kaplan, dancers Brooke Pietruszka (front row, left) and Haley Woodhouse (front row, right).

is for youth ages 7-17.

"It was a great experience," said her mother. "Most kids with Crohn's disease stand out, but she was able to go to camp and be with other kids just like her. She met kids she kept up with all year-long and was able to see them at camp this year."

"It was a lot of fun," added Katy. "It showed me a bunch of kids like me who go through the same thing and know what

I'm going through.

"The first camp was a lot of fun, there were activities I couldn't even think of. We were at a new camp this year and it was even more fun."

Katy was diagnosed with the disorder when she was 8 years old. Living with the disorder has been "really hard," she said.

"It's about what you eat, I have to be very careful," she said. "Dairy — milk and cheese

— don't set well and I don't eat fried food, that tends to go right through me."

Katy talks matter-of-factly about her disease, pointing out that she's had three colonoscopies this year and will have a fourth next month. She's excited that she's "been really healthy the better part of the year."

"It's the longest I've been in remission," she said.

The disease doesn't get in the way of Katy's interest in dance. She practices five days a week at the Point Counterpoint studio. She does everything from ballet, tap and jazz to point and hip hop. She's been studying dance since she was 5 years old.

"I love to dance," she said. "It keeps me going, it doesn't let Crohn's get me down."

While Katy isn't sure how big her team will be for Guts and Glory, she's confident the team will reach its fund-raising goal. People who would like to help can call the Gieraks at (734) 722-2637. Donations can also be made on line at www.cfaa.org/michiganchapter.

Registration for Saturday's event begins at 9:30 a.m. The one-mile or 5k walk kicks off at 10:30 a.m. and is followed by a picnic lunch follows at 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$10 with children age 12 and under are free. Anyone who attends will receive the official Guts & Glory T-Shirt. For more information, visit the Web site at www.cfaa.org/michiganchapter.

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ACHIEVERS

Named to the Deans list in recognition for superior academic achievement during the spring/summer term at Madonna University in Livonia were:

Westland - Hadi Albarchini, Amanda Andrysiak, Whitney Balas, Kristin Campanella, Christopher Cosselmon, Darcy Dauphin, Lindsay Dixon, Meghan Edmonds, Loreen Forchione, Nicole Gansley, Kelli Gibbs, Kimberly Hagelthorn, Andrea Harvey, Jenna Hess, Crystal Jones, Emily Kostelnik, Elizabeth Mathe, Charles Meyers, Jill Nabozny, Cynthia Nouhan-Mukhal, Robert Oliver, Endia Price, Pamela Richmond, Nadia Selameh, Derek Walker and James Walla.

Garden City - Kathryn Bellows, Makeia Collier, Andrew Parkila, Tara Trey and Paula Wilson.

Spring/summer term graduates at Madonna University included:

Garden City - Mary Barney, business administration, and Mary LaPalm, social work
Westland - Lisa Carico, human resource management; Andrea Harvey, criminal justice; Chad Hensley, criminal justice; Crystal Jones, nursing; Young Kwon, gerontology; Sandra McCausland, paralegal studies; Raymond Moss, criminal justice; Amber Voss, human resource management, and Carrie Wyrbkowski, biology.

Shawn Polite of Wayne Memorial High School was named Top Overall Cadet during a program for JROTC cadets held recently at Joint Forces Training

Center in Alpena. Some 575 cadets from 37 JROTC programs in Michigan practiced skills they had learned in JROTC during the year at the center.

Fellow cadet Andrew Pate was named top male cadet for his company, and Michael Bailey won Most Improved Male Cadet. First-year cadet honors went to Christian La Haine and Frances Jackson.

In addition, three of the six company commanders were from Wayne Memorial - Briann Rice, Trevor Fletcher, and John Rogers. Two Wayne High cadets were selected to be on the Color Guard. Timothy Bliven guarded the colors, and was selected as color sergeant.

The most significant achievement at JCLC was in the area of academics.

Each school sends their top cadets who competed in an academic challenge which tests them on the curriculum taught in the classroom. The cadets don't know they will be tested or what was on the test.

Joshua Fletcher scored the highest of the 575 cadets, followed by Taylor Riggs. Andrew Pate had the third highest score.

"Our cadets filled most of the slots in the top 10," said Steven La Haine, senior Army instructor of the Army JROTC Battalion at Wayne Memorial. "Wayne's accomplishment of outscoring all the programs in the state is a very rewarding achievement. Although we receive a lot of recognition for our Color Guard, Raiders, Drill Team, and other events, the true measure of our value is the leadership education and training that is taught in the classroom."

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, September 20, 2007, various items of the City Westland DPW will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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3336476	1999	Ford	CUTAWAY VAN	1FDXE40F1XHB78745
3336825	1998	Ford	CUTAWAY VAN	1FDXE40F8WHC13165
3348107	1996	GMC	SIERRA	1GTGC24R1TE501531

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smaison@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage sale

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a tent and rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Rent space under the tent for \$20 or rent space with our table for \$35. Inside the church, there will gently used clothing for the family at \$2 a bag. For further information call Mary Rose, at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

5K Run

The Kirby 5K run will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in Willow Metropark in Belleville. For more information, call (313) 292-5922.

Health classes

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, holistic physician and clinical nutritionist will present "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Both workshop are free of charge. Seating is limited seating, so reservations required. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Registration

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, is enrolling youngsters for its 3- and 4-year-old programs. Toilet training is not required. Call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com for more information.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit www.gsdfmd.org.

Explore Girl Scouting

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. Call the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council at (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688).

CRAFT SHOWS

Knights of Columbus

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

St. Theodore

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Ss. Simon and Jude

Art Institute has openings for volunteers

For those who long to be part of art, the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) is looking for enthusiastic people with excellent customer service skills to join its Volunteer Council.

Those interested in exploring a volunteer opportunity can attend one of two open house sessions 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 or Sunday, Sept. 16, in the DIA's Lecture Hall.

While volunteer docents (tour guides) are already in place for this year, there is an immediate need for other service volunteers when the new DIA opens on Nov. 23 after a six-year building renovation and expansion project. Galleries have been redesigned to showcase the museum's world-class collection and allow visitors to make more meaningful connections with the art. It is one of the most exciting times in the museum's

history, and one of the best times to come on board as DIA volunteer.

The service committees currently seeking volunteers include:

Gallery Service - maintain a presence in the galleries, greet and assist visitors

Museum Shop - assist in restocking and helping visitors select purchases

Detroit Film Theatre Ushers - welcome and assist theater-goers

Gallery Information - welcome and assist visitors at the information desks

Staff Aides - assist museum staff and the Volunteer Council with everything from stuffing envelopes to special projects.

While recruitment for docent positions will not begin until spring 2008, those interested in learning more about volunteer docent opportunities are wel-

come to come to the open house. The three volunteer docent committees are: **Museum Docents** - provide tours and presentations to children and adults at the DIA; **Art to the Schools** - bring images of art and lively discussion to grades three through six in metro Detroit area schools; and, **Speakers Bureau** - present talks on the DIA's collection and special exhibitions to adult community groups.

While the commitment is great, so are the rewards. Not only do DIA volunteers gain valuable knowledge about art, they also develop lasting friendships and have opportunities for personal growth and enrichment. In addition, volunteers have the satisfaction of giving back to the community.

Call 313-494-5221 or e-mail diavol@dia.org

Crafters are needed for a fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, On Palmer east of Venoy, Westland. Rentals are \$25 for an 8-foot table and \$40 for two 8-foot tables by Aug. 31, and \$30 and \$50 respectively after that date. Electricity also is available on a first come-first served basis. For applications or more information, call (734) 516-7520 or (734) 721-4867.

Sts. Peter & Paul

Crafters are needed for the 19th annual arts and crafts show that will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, in the hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia t (734) 522-9653.

Franklin High

Those who make hand-made crafts or fine art are invited to participate in the juried Franklin High School Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Money raised goes to the athletic department at FHS. For information, contact Julie Culp, (734) 522-0039.

St. Michael's

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church, on Hubbard at Plymouth in Livonia, invites all area crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School. Tables are available for rent at \$25 per each 8-foot tables (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

St. Edith

Crafters are needed for the St. Edith Fall Craft Show, set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at the St. Edith School. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To apply, call Dawn at (734) 420-6959 or Michelle at (734) 591-7773.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call

(734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgia

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Counterpoint

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers

must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training

program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers

provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

EDUCATION

St. Damian

St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, is accepting enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. St. Damian offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will present THE READ CARPET annual dinner auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott at the Laurel Park Mall. Enjoy cocktails and a gourmet strolling dinner, catered by Sweet Lorraine's Chef, while pursuing the silent auction tables. Stay late for live entertainment and dancing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. For more information, call (734) 261-540, by e-mail at candksdad@earthlink.net or on the Web at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

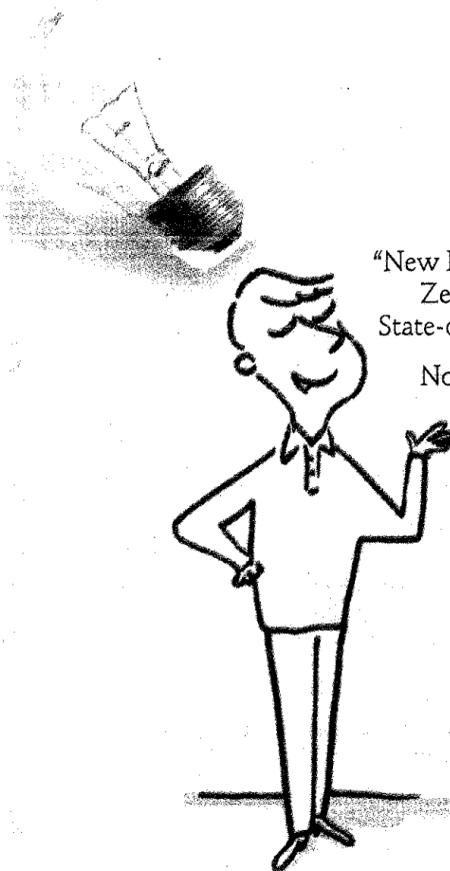
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday Cozy Corner Family Dining, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call Vicki Brannon at (734) 467-7224 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.



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Long road to a cure

Grueling bike trip tests heart, mind and body

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
STAFF WRITER

Dave Stormzand knows way too much about hydrocephalus. That's because his cousin, Megan Nanaronni, 20, has suffered from the condition since being diagnosed with a brain-stem tumor when she was just 3 years old.

"Her life has been surgery after surgery," Stormzand said. "All the things she went through during her life, it was almost inspiring. ... I wanted to do something where I could show her how much she meant to me and how much she impacted me."

So Stormzand, 20, of Rochester, planned, organized and executed a bicycle ride to raise money for STARS-kids (Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts). Another cousin, Ian Jorgensen, also 20, of Oxford, went along for the

ride. Nanaronni lives with a shunt, a valve that is surgically implanted to drain cerebrospinal fluid that builds up with hydrocephaly, also known as water on the brain.

"If you just met her you would never know anything was wrong with her," Stormzand said. "She looks fine and she's a normal person. But she has to have a shunt." He estimated she's had about 10 surgeries since receiving the shunt.

STARS-kids is raising money to help researchers find breakthrough technology to make the problems associated with shunts, such as breaks, blockage and infection, a thing of the past.

On Aug. 4, Stormzand and Jorgensen, neither of whom had experience with long-distance riding, began their journey. Their support team included their dads, Greg Jorgensen and John Stormzand, a photographer for the *Rochester Eccentric*, who chronicled the trip with his camera.

Starting at the Mackinac Bridge, the travelers rode U.S. 2 into Wisconsin, then followed the Lake Michigan shore to

Manitowoc. There they boarded a ferry to Ludington. They ended their trip back home in Oakland County.

MIND OVER MATTER

"I spent one month training for it," Dave Stormzand said. "It was surprising how many cyclists said, 'You don't have the legs for it.' ... A lot of people were saying, 'They can't do this.'"

But Stormzand, who admits, "I live for adventure," said the battle was simply mind over matter.

"If your mind gives up, then your body is going to give up right behind," he said. "I rode about 500 miles before the trip in about a month, so I felt I was pretty ready. But our ride, it was just day after day; very grueling. ..."

"When I did pick spots to rest, I tried to pick good views of Lake Michigan. ... I really got to see what Michigan is about."

"A few days into the trip, the boys started referring to a 60-mile ride as a short day," Greg Jorgensen said.

On the third day, in the middle of a 70-mile ride in drizzly weather, Stormzand crashed.



Rochester's David Stormzand and Oxford's Ian Jorgensen pull into the dock in Manitowoc, Wisc. after a 100-mile ride along the Lake Michigan shore during their rigorous fund-raising trek this month. "A few days into the trip, the boys started referring to a 60-mile ride as a short day," said Ian's dad, Greg Jorgensen.

"My bike fell sideways and so did I," he said. "I couldn't sleep on my left side for about a week."

Greg Jorgensen said his son, who had never ridden more than 50 miles, was still going strong at the end.

"As we pulled up to home, he was elated. The last mile, as we entered Oxford, the speed limit is 25 miles per hour; he was doing 30. ... He seemed in pretty good shape. I was amazed."

In its maiden voyage, the ride raised \$650. Sponsors included KLM Bike and Fitness in Rochester Hills and the

Rochester Mills Beer Co, where Stormzand works.

"I learned a lot," Stormzand said. "I want to do it again and raise a lot more money."

Up next for the two young men is college. Ian Jorgensen, an Oxford High School graduate, is attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. Stormzand, an Avondale High School graduate who recently spent 10 months working for Americorps in the South, plans to attend Oakland Community College this fall.

Americorps, he said, "was definitely life-changing. That really put a focus on ... what do I really want to do. I wanted to have a life where I would help other people. It really motivated me."

"Guys like Ian and David are an inspiration to me," Greg Jorgensen said.

"Experiencing their values, determination and dedication gives me faith in the future. They contribute to global heart-warming."

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St. Robert's fall festival opens today, Sept. 6

Midway rides, a Vegas room and live music can all be found at the St. Robert Bellarmine Fall Festival, which opens on today, Sept. 6.

The parish's 54th annual festival will take place on the grounds of the church on West Chicago at Inkster Road.

Highlights include a raffle drawing for a \$10,000 grand

prize; live music for three evenings; and the meals served Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The festival hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday (rides only), 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Live music will be performed Friday by Moose & Da Sharks (8 p.m. to midnight), Saturday

by Channel 6 (8 p.m. to midnight), and Sunday by Misty Blues (7-10 p.m.).

On the festival menu are fish (served 4-7:30 p.m. Friday), chicken (4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, and roast beef (1-6 p.m. Sunday). For more information, call 313-937-1530, ext. 142, or visit the Web site strobertybellarmine.com/festival.html.

Military Moms to host benefit walk

Michigan Military Moms is sponsoring its first annual walk - the 2007 MMM Walk - to support the troops.

The walk takes place on 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Dearborn's Ford Field, off of South Brady St. Check-in tables open at 9:00 a.m. Total walking distance is just under two miles.

The Michigan Military Moms is a non-political support group of mothers who have sons and/or daughters serving in the U.S. military. The 2007 MMM Walk is an effort by the group to host an activity for those who wish they could do more to show their support for the men and women who are serving in the military during a time of war. MMM also hopes it will serve as a gentle reminder of what their sons and daughters

do on behalf of all Americans every day.

"The troops include a number of young men and women from southeastern Michigan, and this walk is a grass-roots activity that enables moms, dads, brothers, sisters, friends, family, and just plain concerned citizens a more personal opportunity to show their support," said Kathy Demko, an active MMM and chairperson of the 2007 walk.

The participation fee is \$30 for adults, \$20 for youths and senior citizens. The price includes a complimentary 2007 MMM Walk T-shirt, which will be handed out on the day of the Walk. Children age 9 and under can walk for free. They will not receive a T-shirt, but they also registered.

There is no need to collect pledges; participants who pay

the registration fee can walk. A registration form for the 2007 MMM Walk is available at the organizations' Web site at www.michiganmilitarymoms.org or by calling (313) 274-1877. Participants are encouraged to register in advance.

Proceeds from the 2007 MMM Walk will be used to benefit the troops, with special emphasis on care package supplies.

Michigan Military Moms is a support group for Moms with sons and daughters serving in the United States Military. MMM is a one-of-a-kind organization focusing on the support of Michigan Moms and their children in the military. All branches of the service are represented in the organization. For more information, go to the Web site, www.michiganmilitarymoms.org.

Get on the ball. Read today's SPORTS coverage!

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATUS OF YEAR XXXII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPERS (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)

The City of Westland will be holding two (2) public hearings on the status of its Year XXXII Community Development and HOME programs. The first is at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 17, 2007, at a meeting of the Westland City Council in the Council Chambers at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. The second is Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the City of Westland's Community Development Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorsey Center at 32715 Dorsey Street, Westland, Michigan, 48186. The purpose of these public hearings is to receive questions and comments on the Year XXXII Community Development Block Grant and HOME projects and programs for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2007. All interested persons, especially LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS, SENIOR CITIZENS, COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND MINORITIES are encouraged to attend. In addition, written comments may be received at the Mayor's Office at Westland City Hall or the Office of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Street, Westland, Michigan 48186. Oral questions and comments, as well as written comments will be received on the following Year XXXII projects:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS EXPENDED FOR FISCAL PERIOD 2006/2007

Project	Status	Amount
C.D. Administration	Annual, Completed	\$193,399
Rehabilitation Administration	Annual, Completed	\$140,346
Housing Rehabilitation	Annual, Completed	\$90,349
Senior Programs	Annual, Completed	\$170,910
NSA Transportation Program	Annual, Completed	\$4,864
Hegira Programs	Annual, Completed	\$5,000
First Step	Annual, Completed	\$5,000
Youth Assistance Program	Annual, Completed	\$30,000
Friendship Center Section 108 Loan	Annual, Completed	\$32,916
Handicap Accessible Bus	Project Completed	\$63,429
Curtis Woods Park	Project Completed	\$30,000
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Annual, Completed	\$91,000
Rehabilitation Code Enforcement	Annual Completed	\$2,812
Carver Subdivision Mass Grading	Project Underway	\$3,715
Dorsey Park	Project Completed	\$64,387
Cayley East Park	Project Completed	\$39,950
Fire Department Emergency Extraction Equipment	Project Completed	\$1,600
TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES YEAR XXXII PROGRAM		\$969,677

HOME FUNDS EXPENDED FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD 2006/2007

HOME Administration	Annual Completed	\$33,132
People's Community Hope for Homes, Inc. (CHDO Set-aside)	Program Year Completed	\$127,791
HomeBuyer Program	Program Year Completed	\$24
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Program Year Completed	\$88,576
Liberty Hill Scattered Site Group Home Rehabilitation	Program Year Completed	\$36,721
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES YEAR XXXII PROGRAM		\$286,244

Total program income receipted into the Federal Reporting System for the Year XXXII CDBG Program is \$64,000.

Total program income receipted into the Federal Reporting System for the Year XXXII HOME Program is \$45,660.

*All financial data is subject to final reconciliation and audit adjustments.

In conjunction with reviewing the progress of Year XXXII Community Development and HOME Programs, the City will be submitting its annual CAPER to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on September 29, 2007. The draft CAPER will be available for review and comment during the period September 14, 2007 through September 28, 2007 (15 day comment period) in the Office of Housing and Community Development, Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All written comments, if requested, will be forwarded to the Detroit Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Competitive spirit

Canton facility shapes cheerleaders into confident athletes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

While the smaller cheerleaders on the other side of the gymnasium worked on the perfect execution of throwing their left fists in the air, Peyton Phiobeck, 8, took a deep breath and broke out into a sprint.

As her petite body flipped into the air and then landed back on the ground, she grinned and her coach offered her a compliment.

Peyton is one Michigan Xtreme Cheer's 301 athletes, who travel to the Canton facility from all over the metro area.

"We are one of the top notch programs in the state," said Michele Julien, a MIX Cheer coach and administrative worker.

Founded by Lisa Hemmie in 2002 with less than 50 cheerleaders, MIX started as a hobby, but quickly grew into a business and has satellite offices in Ann Arbor and Lansing.

The company has merged operations twice, with the most recent one taking place in May with Premier Cheer Zone of Canton.

In addition to its award-winning cheer leading teams, MIX offers private lessons in tumbling, stunting and Tai Kwon Do. Athletes are age 3 and up.

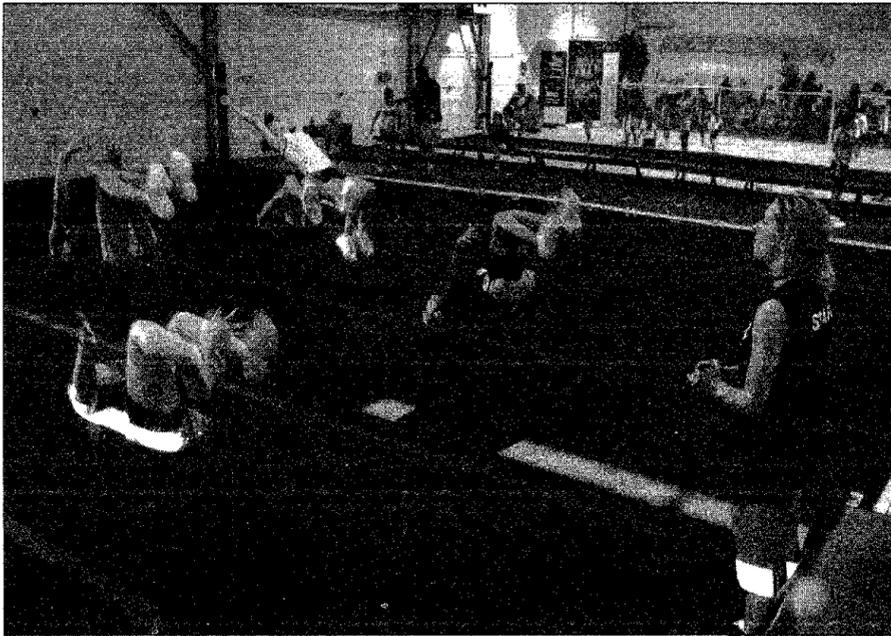
With several championship banners hanging from the ceiling of its Ronda Drive facility and dozens of polished trophies in clear view, infectious giggles and chants pierced the air.

A group of parents watched the action on a set of bleachers. Some talked amongst themselves, while others snapped pictures.

Jill Georgeson of Plymouth has four daughters in the program, Bailee, 11; Olivia, 9; Gabrielle, 7 and Miranda, 5.

"It's fun, it's great exercise and it teaches them that competitive spirit," Georgeson said. "This really makes athletes out of them."

Georgeson said her girls have



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Cheer and gymnastic techniques blend into each other at Michigan Xtreme Cheer. Instructor Kelly Ward teaches the class.

been with MIX for three seasons.

"The kids get to go to competitions and the program has great organization," she said, adding that the staff members listen to parent concerns and put an emphasis on safety.

In addition to occasionally bringing in outside choreographers, MIX has more than a dozen coaches. One of its teams captured the 2007 Cheersport National Championship.

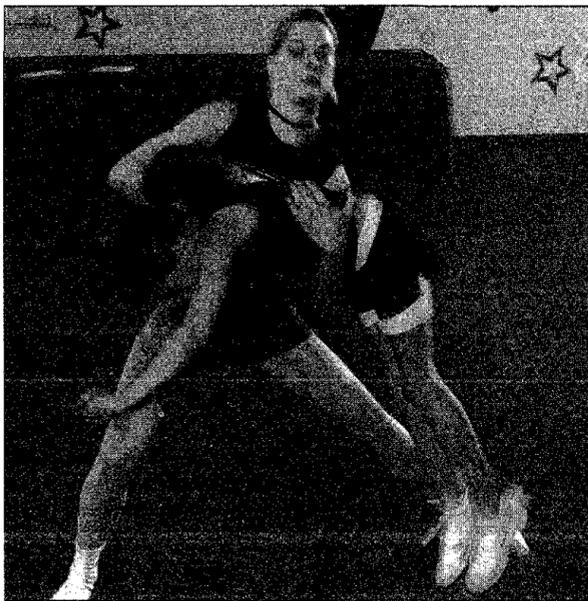
The company was previously chosen as one of the country's top 25 cheer leading programs by American Cheerleader's All Star Insider Magazine.

Julien, whose 14-year-old daughter, Caitlyn, has cheered with MIX since its inception, said the coaches place as much emphasis on having fun as they do on winning trophies.

"We like to think that we're one big happy family," she said.

For more information on MIX, log onto www.mixcheer.com or call (734) 737-0560.

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Instructor Kelly Ward spots Peyton Philbeck during class.

Leukemia foundation launches endowment

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan will announce a \$10 million endowment fund campaign at an inaugural auction and dinner gala, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Titled "Legends of the Heart," the black tie event will also honor a founder and first executive director, Sylvia Brown of Southfield, and the organization's 55th anniversary.

To honor and celebrate their contribution to the organization, CLF named the endowment fund for Sylvia and Harry Brown and set the ambitious goal to continue with and build upon the work the Browns began over a half-century ago.

The purpose of the endowment fund is to provide consistent revenue and reduce the reliance on other types of funding sources. CLF completed a phase one endowment fund that today stands at \$1.8 million.

The evening will also recognize the 55th anniversary of CLF service to Michigan families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders with many friends and supporters in attendance. Founded in Detroit in 1952 by the Brown and other families who lost children to leukemia, CLF has grown into an organization currently serving 3,900 families throughout the state. CLF support programs help patients and families cope, overcome barriers and maintain or improve their quality of life as they face the challenges of dealing with a serious illness.

The Sylvia and Harry Brown Endowment Fund will benefit, as Sylvia describes them, "all my children," the thousands of children and families who have been provided for, comforted, and cherished by CLF over the years, as well as those who are to come.

"There is no more fitting way for CLF to honor its founders than to name this endowment for them and recognize Sylvia in September," said CLF President Glenn Trevisan. "It will forever assure that Sylvia and Harry Brown will be associated with CLF."

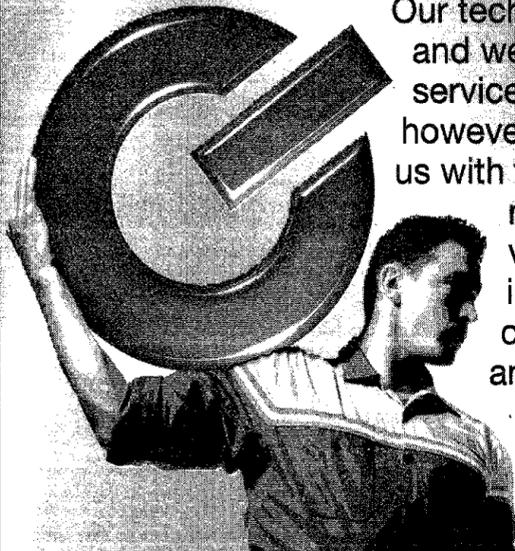
Honorary chairs of the event are Cindy Obron Kahn and Dr. Marc Kahn, Ellen Lesser Siegel and Dr. Les Siegel and Sylvia Brown.

Event chairs are Anne Lehker and Sam Slaughter and Kathryn & David Pothier. Tickets are \$150 for general guest admission and \$200 for patrons. Reservations can be made at leukemiamichigan.org or by calling (248) 353-8222.



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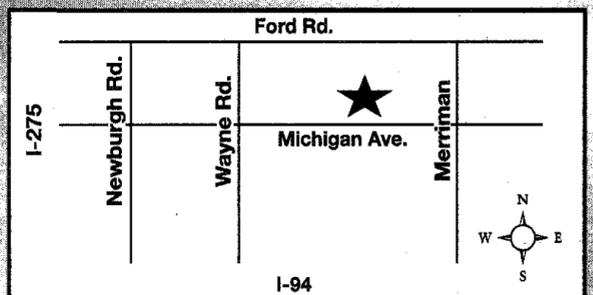
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Stopping for school buses isn't enough

They're back — yes, the kids have returned to school this week, but so have the long, yellow buses and, with them, the need for renewed attention to safety precautions. When parents send their kids off to school by bus, trusting they'll make it without a mishap, they're trusting that drivers will use good common sense as well.

Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen. According to a state Web site, while the number of bus accidents has decreased from 1995-2004, the number of fatalities has actually risen.

It's just because this is the first week of school that drivers need to pay special attention at bus stops, on the road and near schools. If there is one characteristic common to all kids, it's that they get excited, and excited kids don't always pay attention to the traffic around them.

For other kids, finding the bus stop — and the right bus — can lead to careless darting between parked vehicles. In fact, 12.8 percent of all school bus accidents reportedly happen at bus stops.

Parents, teachers and kids all can play a role in keeping youngsters safe. It's suggested that parents get their kids to the bus at least five minutes early, to avoid carelessness born out of haste.

Teachers and parents need to instruct youngsters on the elements of bus safety, and then see to it that those same youths practice what they've hopefully learned.

Caution by drivers is also called for in areas where there are no sidewalks, such as subdivisions and rural areas. Without a defined area for walking, like a sidewalk, it's easy for kids to wander into the middle of the road.

Coming around a bend in the road, a driver bent on making it to work on time could be unable to stop in time to avoid kids in the car's direct path. Headlights ought to be on at all times, for viewing by both drivers and kids, especially since the return to Eastern Standard Time is now delayed in the fall and mornings will be darker longer.

The key to child safety from the bus stop to the school door is for drivers to use good common sense. But for those who want to go by the book, Michigan requires that drivers stop 20 feet behind and before a bus whose red overhead lights are flashing. But don't wait until then; prepare to stop the moment the bus's yellow lights are activated.

If you think you're seeing more of them, you could be right. The number of registered buses has been up in recent years, but it is still less than in the late 1990s. And that's the important thing, isn't it? That we see the buses and act accordingly.

There's a reason why we're called adults. We're supposed to understand that actions have consequences.

A combination of common sense and good driving practices will ensure that our kids have a safe return to school.

Michigan puts on its best face during autumn

Although the thermometer doesn't seem to know it yet, autumn is right around the corner. While many people might be lamenting summer's pending departure (school children come to mind), it is during the fall season that Michigan is at its finest.

Fall means cooler days, football and bountiful harvests, but most people associate the season with the dazzling show of color that takes over Michigan's plentiful forests. With Labor Day weekend now in the rearview mirror, it won't be long before trees start changing color. In fact, some trees are already beginning to change in the northern part of the state.

Between now and late November, forests in the state will undergo a wonderful transformation, changing from their summer green to an array of gold, yellow, scarlet and orange. If you are lucky enough to catch them at their peak, these colors provide a breathtaking vista unmatched during any other time of the year.

Fall is certainly a time much anticipated by hunters in the state. There are more than 750,000 licensed hunters in Michigan, which ranks third in the nation. And they are chomping at the bit to get out in the field. More importantly, they will be spending lots of money not only buying gear, but also staying in hotels, eating at restaurants and buying gas. According to state officials, hunters will contribute about \$1.3 billion to the state's economy, which helps many northern towns stay afloat after the busy summer tourism season has waned.

But you certainly don't have to be a hunter to get out and enjoy the brilliant fall colors. There are dozens (if not hundreds) of fall color tour routes across the state. Some follow major state highways, while others are on secondary roads. For a list of some of these, check out the Web site, www.michigan.org.

You can also make up your own route. All you need is a map and an afternoon or two to enjoy Michigan at its finest. Visit a cider mill or a winery — the state has plenty of both. Or drive along one of Michigan's beautiful coast lines to really get an appreciation of this state's bountiful natural resources.

Of course, the one negative about fall is that it is too short. And, unfortunately, we all know what comes next. But it's too early to think about winter. First, let's enjoy Michigan's most beautiful season.



Veteran needs help

I would like to tell a story about WHY Veterans Haven Inc. was born. Fourteen years ago this concept was developed from a seed in my mind. I knew it had never been done and would be able to provide a great deal of assistance to vets that were homeless or in need. To date we have given away more than \$1.4 million worth of food, tons of clothing, furniture, appliances and hundreds of vehicles to help vets maintain their employment or go to school. Gleaners Food Bank has been a great supporter of vets and Augie Fernandes, president, recently donated \$5,000 to help us purchase food.

Even though we do receive some federal dollars to operate our housing program, we operate strictly on donations from the public, businesses, churches and various Vets organization. Recently I seen a news story on Channel 7 Action News, it involved a disabled vet, Terry Edwards with post-traumatic stress disorder and his wife Brenda.

Apparently, they were behind in their property taxes and needed to borrow some money. They owned their home, paid in full. The individual/company that they thought they could trust to borrow this money came to their home and did a JOB on them. While they were signing the papers they thought were for a loan, this slime ball snuck in a quit claim deed and voila, the Edwardses no longer owned their home. I've been in contact with these people and now they have to get a loan to buy back their house from the bank that bought the paper from Mr. Slick. How anybody can do this to another person is beyond my comprehension and I've seen and heard many stories.

Val Clark from Channel 7 came out to our center and interviewed me about this event. I could care less about being on TV, but the word about the Edwardses hit the airways. While being interviewed, we, the staff and crew at Veterans Haven donated \$10,000 to help these people out of this bind. I did some investigating before we put our money in the hat, all money collected on their behalf will go toward the down payment and other fees associated with obtaining this loan. A trust fund has been set up at National City Bank. If anyone would like to make a donation, please send it to the attention of Andy Daily, Edwards Home Relief Fund, National City Bank, 114 S. Stevenson Highway, Royal Oak, MI 48067. I'm sure the Edwards family would appreciate any support they receive. In closing, on behalf of Veteran's Haven, our crew and volunteers, we would like to offer our thanks to anyone that can help.

Vince Berna
president, founder
Veterans Haven Inc.

State supports schools

As your state representative, I am dedicated to serving the residents of Westland. It is my goal to do everything in my power to make Michigan's communities a better place to live, work and raise a family. In response to the recent column, "District waits for Lansing to fix budget," I wish to reiterate that my

focus is on giving our schools the tools and resources they need to produce the best educated, best trained graduates. For Michigan to be a leader in the 21st century global economy it is essential that our students are top-notch and that our work-force is second to none. It is my belief that it begins with providing our schools the resources they need.

Both Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy and Deputy Superintendent for Administrative and Business Services Gary Martin expressed frustration with the state of Michigan budget process in that article, and I cannot blame them for that. Michigan is facing an unprecedented budget crisis that stems from numerous issues, including outsourcing of jobs and massive downsizing of our manufacturing sector which drops us into a nearly \$2 billion deficit for fiscal year 2008.

This deficit necessitates meticulous planning, organizing and difficult work as we try and manage our way out of this hole. Even as the state experiences such a massive funding shortage, it is important to know that in order for us to thrive in the future we cannot lag behind the country and the world when it comes to educating our children.

During a marathon House of Representatives' floor session Wednesday, Aug. 22, two budgets for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, the School Aid Fund (SAF) and the Department of Education (DOE) were presented. Michigan's SAF budget increased 2.3 percent, or \$300.2 million, compared to the 2006-07 budget year. The budget increases the per-pupil funding by \$100 and invests more money in early education programs to prepare students for academic success from an early age. The DOE budget increased by 7.95 percent, or \$7.2 million, as compared to the 2006-07 budget.

For Wayne-Westland Community Schools, there will be \$7,881 allocated per pupil, up \$100 from last school year. It should be noted that state funding for Wayne-Westland schools for the 2007-2008 school year has been increased by approximately \$1.3 million. As legislators, we have a responsibility to make sure that all of our children across the state get the education they'll need to succeed. And although an extra \$100 per student isn't nearly as much as we wanted to provide our children, we were still able to invest more in education this year while being fiscally responsible as we work through this unprecedented budget crisis. Now that the budgets have been presented, I am hopeful our school administrators and educators will have a better understanding of what financial resources will be available so they can plan the next school year and to maximize the funding for our students.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc
18th District
Westland

Thanks for the assistance

On Friday Aug. 25, the John Glenn football team was leaving for the "Big Day Prep Showdown" at Eastern Michigan University when the storm

hit. As the buses pulled out of Glenn, the windshield wipers stopped working. So the driver for safety reasons had to pull over. She called and they were sending another bus.

We were pulled over on Marquette at the driveway of Vermeulen Funeral Home. I asked her if she wanted me to go out and try to get the wipers going, so coach Massey and I stood out in the rain trying to get them to work. No such luck, so we suggested that she pull into the parking lot so when we transferred the players and cheerleaders and equipment to the other bus when it arrived, we wouldn't have to do it in the street.

Well as soon as we pulled into the parking lot, the bus drivers were advised to pull over and take cover, so I ran into Vermeulen Funeral Home. I was already wet, so I walk in and said, "Hi, I am with the Glenn football team and our bus broke down and they informed us to pull all buses over and take cover. Would it be OK if we came in. I promise we will be very quiet." They said absolutely, so I ran back outside to the back of the funeral home. We got the cheerleaders out first then the players.

They let us go into the room on the left. The players and cheerleaders were very respectful as were the coaches, although we were all soaked. The people at Vermeulen were wonderful. They were dealing with some people that were involved in an accident as the storm started, so we kept the place pretty busy for about a half hour.

It started clearing up and the other bus arrived. We transferred all the equipment and were on our way. With all the storms and the tornadoes that touched down in the area, our game was delayed until 9 p.m.

The Rockets played Livonia Franklin. They say lightning never strikes twice, but it did and the Rockets defeated Franklin, 26-17.

On behalf of all the players, cheerleaders, coaches and parents involved in the John Glenn football program, we would like to thank everyone at Vermeulen Funeral Home for all the help and keeping us safe, and somewhat DRY. As vice president of the JGHS Football Boosters, I also would like to thank you for all you did. It was greatly appreciated.

Bud Somerville
Westland

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Jobs program would give state workers preference

Last weekend, we celebrated Labor Day — a day set aside to honor Michigan's working men and women, who make up the backbone of our state.

We know here in Michigan that our workforce is second to none. We have highly trained and highly skilled workers who can give workers from elsewhere a run for their money.

Unfortunately, though, Michigan's working families have been hit hard in this tough economy. Many of our workers' jobs have been outsourced to other states and countries. Still more are losing out on job opportunities right here at home when out-of-state companies that contract with the state of Michigan choose out-of-state workers over our own.

When companies receive economic development incentives from the state, Michigan workers should be the ones on the job, plain and simple.

That's why I've proposed an aggressive job-creation plan that gives priority for economic development projects to companies that employ 100 percent Michigan workers.

The Hire Michigan First plan gives companies that hire 100 percent Michigan workers priority in the awarding of tax breaks and other economic development tools. This rule would apply to projects handled by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and certain state-funded programs, including the Strategic Fund Act, Transportation Economic Development Fund, Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act and the 21st Century Jobs Fund.

It requires businesses with contracts for construction of state buildings to hire 100 percent of their workers from Michigan, strengthening the current requirement of 50 percent.

It cracks down on companies that hire illegal immigrant workers by

canceling their state contracts and tax incentives. The plan also requires them to pay back incentives already received and bars them from future contracts.

The Hire Michigan First plan sends a clear message to companies: Incentives that are funded with taxpayer dollars should be used to create jobs for our workers here in Michigan, not workers from other states and countries.

Since 2000, Michigan has lost more than 240,000 manufacturing jobs, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That number will continue to climb unless we take action, and that's what the Hire Michigan First plan is all about. We must fight to ensure that when Michigan invests in companies, our workers are first in line for the jobs.

Companies that bring in workers from other states and countries hurt the qualified, experienced workers we have in our state. Here are two examples:

When Michigan approved a tax-free Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone to support the construction of an ethanol plant in Marysville, an out-of-state company brought in its workers from Texas for the project.

Battle Creek-based Duncan Aviation received a tax break valued at more than \$2.2 million over six years when it decided to undergo a major expansion in 2005. The Colorado-based company working on the project not only brought in its own workers for the project, it also failed to obey Michigan's wage laws, according to the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Our taxpayer dollars should not be used to support businesses that choose workers from elsewhere over our very own highly skilled workers here in Michigan. Hire Michigan First will make sure that our workers come first because when we invest in our workers, we invest in our future.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau of Northville represents the 20th state House District.



Rep. Marc Corriveau

Unite citizens, leaders to solve woes

Take a minute to cast your mind forward to New Year's Day, 2011. For that will be a key moment in Michigan history — the day we start over with a leadership that is nearly all new.

That presents us with a challenge and opportunity unlike any other in recent history. We know that a new governor and lieutenant governor have to be sworn in at noon that day in Lansing. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Gov. John Cherry are term-limited and cannot run for those offices in the November 2010 election.

Mike Cox and Terri Lynn Land also will be both term-limited out of office, so we'll have a new attorney general and secretary of state.

The day the voters choose their replacements, the entire 110-member House of Representatives will also be up for election. The revolving door will be operating there, too: A sizable number of state representatives are sure to be term-limited out. Others will voluntarily be defeated or step down, so that a majority of the House will be new.

And the Senate will resemble a freshman dorm. At least 31 out of 38 presently sitting state senators will be term-limited out of office. Others will undoubtedly leave voluntarily or be defeated.

That means a large majority of the 152 elected state officeholders sworn in on Jan. 1, 2011, will be men and women who are rookies, just starting their jobs.

That's why they are starting to call Nov. 2, 2010, a "watershed election." Much of today's leadership slate will be wiped clean.

But though we will be starting with a fresh cast of characters, the problems we face today — problems that add up to the greatest economic and political crisis since the Great Depression — will not have gone away.

That's why Michigan's present state of flux represents truly a "defining moment" — a time to call forth a new generation of citizenship and civic leadership to help make a new Michigan.

As a result, a statewide effort called "Michigan's Defining Moment Public Engagement Campaign" is being launched this fall. The goal: To bring leaders and citizens together to grapple with some of the problems our political system hasn't been able to solve.

The economic challenge is formidable. Dominated by the automobile industry, Michigan is experiencing terrible stress as the industry struggles to remake itself in a globalizing economy. The long-term effort to restructure the industry and its labor relations will certainly not have been completed by Inauguration Day, 2011.

Partly as a result of the auto woes, the state General Fund budget has experienced a chronic annual structural deficit of more than \$1 billion for years. It's a good bet the existing Legislature and present governor will not have fully succeeded in getting our financial house in order by 2011. They have failed to do so, year after year.

For six straight years, Michigan has foolishly disinvested in its long-term, competitive assets — our colleges and universities, the Great Lakes and our environment and the quality of life they bring.

That has made it far harder to nurture, attract and retain talented people. Even if our lawmakers finally launch a sustained public investment program to undo the damage done over the past

decade, it will be far from complete by January 2011.

On another front, the structure, workings and costs of government at nearly all levels is complicated, mostly unexamined, in some cases excessively expensive and ripe for reform. This includes not only the state government, but thousands of units of local government and the schools. At most, this process will have only barely gotten under way by the time the new governor moves in.

So we face a series of massive problems — and each of them calls for in-depth public input leading to broad consensus about what to do to guide our state toward prosperity. That's the purpose of the Michigan's Defining Moment campaign.

On an optimistic note: Leaders in Michigan are taking up the challenge. More than 100 gathered in two separate meetings this May to discuss these problems. They agreed on three reform principles designed to transform Michigan to a new era of prosperity. They are:

■ Greatly enhance the skills and potential of our people so they can compete with workers around the globe — and win. That means we must grow, retain and attract talent.

■ Invest in those competitive assets which differentiate Michigan from other places in order to best attract and retain those who provide jobs and other talented people.

■ Make our public sector nimble, thrifty and accountable.

And now it's your turn — your chance to weigh in and refine these ideas for statewide transformation. The Defining Moment Campaign will launch more than 80 statewide Community Conversations in October and November. Through those meetings, more than 1,000 additional leaders and engaged citizens will discuss and refine these reform principles. Then we will tackle the job of prioritizing the trade-offs in taxes and public services that may be necessary to achieve significant change.

This is not something new, or unique to Michigan. In northwest Ohio, more than 20,000 citizens have worked together to come up with priorities and solutions for transforming that struggling region. In New Jersey, citizen panels are working to rewrite the state's outdated tax system. In New Orleans, officials are hearing from the diaspora of residents displaced by the hurricanes of 2005.

They may be elsewhere, but they are weighing in on the rebuilding plans through large-scale, teleconferenced town hall meetings. Involving citizens in discussing and refining these reform principles and in making the tough trade-offs required to achieve them is the highest challenge of our times.

Truly, what we are about to do will be Michigan's Defining Moment. And through the campaign, you, too, can have a voice in the future of your state. I'll further detail the reform ideas for Michigan and the Community Conversations in additional columns over the next several weeks. Meanwhile, to learn more or reserve a seat for a conversation near you, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics. He is founder and president of The Center for Michigan. He welcomes reader comment at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.



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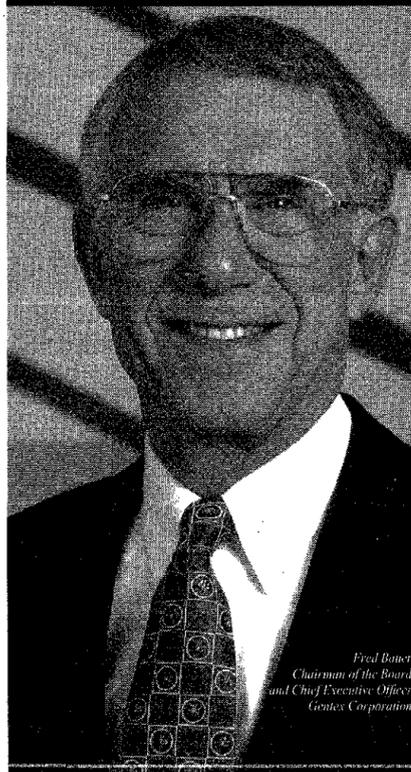
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Chairman and CEO Fred Bauer knows Gentex's growth wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. In addition to providing major funding, the MEDC helped expedite a complicated building expansion that makes room for 625 new jobs over the next five years. Plus, Michigan keeps Gentex close to many of their core customers and the location helps attract and retain a highly technical workforce.

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Don't toss out those proxy statements with junk mail

I don't know about you, but I no longer read half my mail. The junk mail comes and I shred it without opening it. One piece of mail that may be considered junk mail but merits close attention is the proxy statements from various companies.

Unfortunately, because these documents are sometimes confusing and difficult to understand, they get thrown away.

It is important for investors to review these documents to make an informed decision on investments.

Proxy statements are required by law to be sent to investors when a publicly held company seeks shareholder approval on a corporate matter.

In the proxy statement, you will find information on proposals along with other pieces of information including executive compensation, insider ownership and credentials and affiliations of directors who serve on the company's board.

WEALTH OF INFORMATION

Proxy statements contain a wealth of information about the company and its management. One piece of



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information I find helpful in reviewing proxy statements is how many shares of the company are owned by the directors and management team.

When I analyze investments, I want to see members of the management team owning the company stock. After all, if they're not committed to the company, why should I be?

When I review a mutual fund proxy, one item I always focus on is fees. I am a big believer that fees do matter and before a mutual fund company raises my fees, it better have a very good reason. In most cases, if a fund company is seeking to raise fees, it's an indication something is changing within the company and I ought to be aware. Underperforming funds that already have high fees are typically the ones that ask for more fees.

PROPOSALS VARY

Some of the proposals in proxy statements may seem

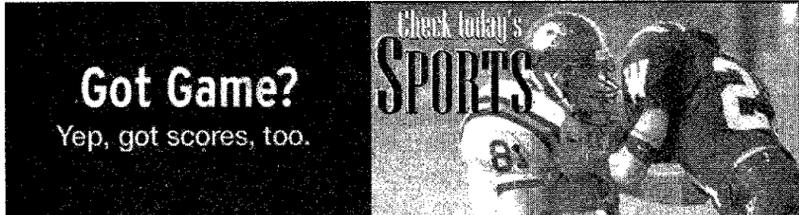
somewhat strange and unusual. The reason is you do not have to be a large shareholder to submit a proposal. Some proposals also have political and social implications.

In today's world, voting is easier than it's ever been. The traditional method of voting is to cast a ballot by mail. However, in many situations a shareholder can also vote by phone or the Internet.

Whether you choose to vote your proxy or not, the key is to review the document to increase your knowledge of an investment.

An informed investor is a successful investor. When you receive proxy statements from a company and, in fact, even when you receive annual and quarterly reports, it's a good idea to spend some time reading the document. An informed investor is a better investor.

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SEPTEMBER

Tent/rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, one block west of Newburgh, Westland. Under the tent rent space for \$20. \$35 to rent space with church's table. Inside the church you'll find gently used clothing and shoes for the family at \$2 a bag. For more information, call Mary Rose at (734) 722-4363 or Barb at (734) 722-3233.

Palooza/community jubilee
11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Dale, between Plymouth and West Chicago. 12:30-6:30 p.m. chicken dinners, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, etc., and car show, health fair, dunk tank, inflatables, caricatures, cake walk, games, prizes. 12:30-5 p.m. silent auction with lots of great items including Tigers tickets. Concert by BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Choir 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All activities at family friendly prices.

Singers wanted
Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join us! Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth road, Livonia.

Upcoming practices are scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8th and Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Grow to Go!

A Family Fun Rally Day Celebration and Sunday School Registration Event 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer road, Westland. Everyone is invited. Parents accompany children. Please join in for games, crafts, prizes and fellowship on the church lawn commemorating the start of the 2007-08 Sunday School year. Call the church office at (734) 722-1735 if you have any questions.

Church picnic

Newburg Church & Neighborhood Picnic, after 10 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 9, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Newburg groups will have information on upcoming programs and how to grow closer to Christ. Food, Moon Walk, magicians, face painting, music, games and fellowship for everyone. Call (734) 422-0149.

Religious education

Children's Religious Education available beginning 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional child. Call (734) 425-9333. LOGOS Youth Club Registration days are 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 9 and 16, at Northville First United Methodist Church. Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at the church. Recreation, dinner, bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration

forms visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

Swami beyondanda

Steve Bhaerman, whose alter ego is Swami Beyondanda, entertains with his comedy 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Donation is \$20. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

GriefShare recovery seminar

And support group begins 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive. No charge. For more information, call (734) 941-1511 or visit www.griefshare.org.

Colloquium

St. Andrew House - Center for Orthodox Christian Studies will host Faith of Our Fathers: A Colloquium on Orthodoxy for Lutherans Sept. 10-11, for Lutheran clergy and their spouses and Lutheran lay leaders from the Great Lakes region of the U.S. and Canada, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft next door to the St. Andrew House complex near the intersection of I-96 and Telegraph. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 10, colloquium concludes with farewell reception 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration fee is \$75 per person, includes meals and refreshments at retreat center. Rooms at the center, either single or double occupancy, including several that are handicap-

accessible, may be reserved for one to three nights, Sunday through Tuesday, at \$95 per night.

While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact discs of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium. For information or to register, visit www.orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

Taste of Greece

Festival takes place 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Festival grounds open one hour earlier. Stroll the Agora (Greek marketplace). Indulge in delicious homemade Greek food and pastries. Try the Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts). Inflatable fun sponsored by Oasis Golf (one price to play all day). Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Bring your festival program back for free admission all weekend. Festival proceeds to benefit church mortgage reduction. Handicap parking available in church parking lot. No exceptions. Guest parking is available at the Bosch Corp. parking lot adjacent to church. Please use Bosch Corp. Haggerty Road entrance across from St. Kenneth's Church.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are warmly welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio, will preach at the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Victorian fashion show/tea

Shows 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes each) Saturday, Sept. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Guests are served tea and sweets on china during the show. Many guests are dressed in Victorian attire (although that is not required). After each show, a tour of the historic First Presbyterian Church is offered to guests. The church was established in 1829 recently celebrated 175 years of ministry in historic Northville. For information and directions, visit www.firstpresville.org. Tickets 10 for adults, \$5 students age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office. Group tickets are more easily obtained for the 3:30 p.m. show. Any member of the Red Hat Society who joins in for the 3:30 p.m. show receives \$1 off of admission.

Lay caregiver series

Workshop is designed to talk about chronic physical illnesses and how they can lead to depression 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. Register by Sept. 13, at (248) 474-4701.

Catholic marriage

The facts - things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but did, and a couple of new things to ponder 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter is Deacon William Meahan, no need to register. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group begins meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. The first session is 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Global village night

Liberia, West Africa, Global Village Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Detroit West District Peace Center at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, near Lahser, Southfield. Speaker is the Rev. Charles Boayue Jr., senior pastor, Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit. Liberia history, culture, customs, folk storytelling, Liberia Art and dancing, music, thoughts about PEACE, sign up for Liberia Pen Pals (ages 12-17). Bring donated items for 2008 February, Liberia Trip Mission Trip Open to the public. Refreshments. For further information, call (248) 356-1020, Ext. 137.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a

relaxed, nonthreatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy. Burkhardt@wardchurch.org. Riverside Park Church of God is pleased to present The Allens 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the church, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. The Allens sing of One who brings us back to reality. Listen to their music, hear the message. Their music is their mirror. You never have to ask them about the things in the world that count the most... their music says it all.

ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching, series of sessions explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women while enjoying a prayerful, relaxed atmosphere of faith, friendship and fellowship, runs Thursdays, Sept. 27 to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Mom to Mom sale

Tri-City Christian Center is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For details, call (734) 422-0149.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, Preschool, Pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413

UPCOMING

Smart Discipline seminar

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1475 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$12 per person, \$20 per couple. To register, visit www.christsavior.org. For more information, call (734) 522-6830. If unable to attend the seminar, the DVD and 4 workbooks are available for \$89. Call (800) 208-0807 or purchase online at www.smartdiscipline.com.

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia, will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6 (admission free). Saturday everything is half price.

Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, and more... when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile road in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Next breakfast is Saturday, October 6th. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring one said for every three persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Saint Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Avenue, Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 6, at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. Admission is \$1. Rental cost is \$25 for 6-foot table, \$27 for 8-foot table, \$3 for a rack with table rental. Call (734) 532-7818 for information.

CROP walk

To raise awareness and funds for international relief and developments as well as for the Plymouth Salvation Army 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, beginning at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Township. There will be two-mile and four-mile routes. For CROP Walker envelopes and further information, call Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867.

Fall craft show

Get a jump start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth road, Livonia. A few spaces are still available for any hand-made craft items. Call (734) 464-0990 for an application.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Catholic women's conference

Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Convenient registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomenministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomenconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space limited.

ONGOING

Explore the Catholic faith

We are constantly confronted with competing faith claims. What to make of them? Indeed, is truth even knowable? Explore the Catholic option and see if curiosity leads to conversion. Tuesdays, started Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (church building), at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 425-5950.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to the open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as participants examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted

Twens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

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78, Clermont, FL, passed away August 31, 2007. He was born November 29, 1928 in Detroit, son of the late Cyril Myron Ferman & Josephine Irene Struck Ferman. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve attaining the rank of Captain; member of and past-president of Wayne County Society of Optometrists, Metropolitan Detroit Optometrists Society & Michigan Optometrist Assoc.; member of Rotary & Masons & First United Methodist Church of Clermont. He maintained optometrist offices in Detroit & Plymouth, MI for 43 years with his family. Permanent residents since 2001, he and his wife were snowbirds at Bee's Resort in Clermont for a number of years. Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Ora Lee Ebersole Ferman; children Dr. Gregory Ferman & wife Christine of Plymouth, MI; Susan Gordon, Westland, MI & Ted Ferman and wife Debra, Canton, MI; five grandchildren & six great-grandchildren. The funeral service for Dr. Ferman will be held at 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 5th 2007 in the Becker Chapel with Rev. Doug Koxk officiating. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until service time. The family suggests memorial contributions in his name to the American Parkinson's Assoc., 2191 9th Ave. North, Suite 120-Office A, St. Pete, FL 33713. Becker Family Funeral Home, 806 W. Minneola Ave., Clermont, FL 34711. Telephone 352-394-7121. Online guest book at: beckerfamilyfuneral.com



CORINNE D. KEELER
Of Plymouth, born April 16, 1918, passed away September 1, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Keeler; loving mother of Patricia D. Van Vuren, Lawrence F. Keeler and Thomas Paul Keeler; devoted grandmother of Mark A. Battle, Craig A. Battle, Sharon M. Battle, Michael S. Battle, Katherine J. Battle, Kenneth E. Keeler, William A. Keeler and Matthew D. Keeler. In lieu of flowers of donations, please send your prayers to the family.

CHARLES "Chuck" LOUIS WILSON, Jr.
84 years old, a native Detroit resident, and third generation owner of the Detroit based Ira Wilson and Sons Dairy, died peacefully with his wife by his side on August 30, 2007 at his home in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He was the devoted husband for 56 years to his childhood sweetheart, the former Consuelo Diane Wenger, and loving father to three daughters Camille Wilson Broadbent and her husband Bill, Consuelo Wilson Pierrepoint and her husband Seth, Caprice Wenger Wilson Baur and her husband Mark, and his son Charles Louis Wilson, III and his wife Kerry. Also, surviving are ten grandchildren: Consuelo, Avery, Seth, William, Wellesley, Nathalie, Mark, Josephine, Charlie IV, and Place, and a brother Ira Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents Carrie Place and Charles Louis Wilson, his sister Thelma Brain, and a brother Stanley L. Wilson. Chuck grew up in Palmer Woods, Detroit, Michigan, attended Hampton Grade School, and graduated from Detroit Country Day School and The Kiski School. While attending Bowling Green State University, he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps during World War II. After his tour of duty where he earned the rank of lieutenant, Chuck became Vice President of Wilson Dairy and President of its Quik Pik subsidiary. Like his father, he was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Detroit Rotary Club and was a former board member of Security Bank and Trust and Wm. Beaumont Hospital. Throughout his life, Chuck was a passionate sportsman and athlete. He was captain of the varsity football, hockey, and baseball teams at Detroit Country Day School. In 1941, he was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. He began playing golf in his late twenties and became a scratch golfer with seven holes-in-one. He was also an avid sportsman and an expert marksman hunting in North America, Asia, and Africa. A family service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation, 360 Connable Avenue, Petoskey, MI 49770. The family was assisted by the Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs, MI.

GORDON E. RIVERS, JR.
Age 70, died August 30, 2007. A native of Michigan, lived in Lilburn from 1985 until 2001, when he moved to Lake Sinclair. He was a member of Danc'n Single Square Dance Club in Marietta, and was a Ham Radio Operator. He was retired from Burroughs (Unisys) in Michigan. He was predeceased by his mother Vera Alberta Phillipotts Rivers and his first wife Marilyn Louise Carle Rivers. He is survived by his current wife Debra McGuire Rivers of Lake Sinclair; daughter Pamela Dawn Thomas (David Brand) of Eatonton, GA; son Gordon Edward (Jam) Rivers III of Decatur, GA; father Gordon E. Rivers, Sr., of Canton and brother Robert V. (Lynn) Rivers of Canton. Also surviving is one grandson Benjamin A. Thomas of Eatonton, GA; one granddaughter Vera Louise Thomas of Griffin, GA, one niece Brittany Lynn River of Canton and one nephew Brandon Robert (Jeni) Rivers of Northville. Funeral service will be held Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007 at 2:00pm at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel, Milledgeville, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family request expressions of sympathy be made to the American Cancer Society. Online Guestbook www.williamsfuneralhome.net

HOWARD C. SHIELDS
61, of Farmington Hills, MI, died Saturday, September 1, 2007. He was born on November 28, 1945, in Detroit, the son of Leo and Genevieve (Klaus) Shields and graduated from Inkster High School. On August 28, 1965, Howard married Terilyn Nordquist who survives. The couple recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Shortly after marriage, Howard was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served his country for two years, receiving his honorable discharge in November of 1967. Howard was a Journeyman Machinist and was employed for over 40 years with Spiral Carbide in Livonia. He was also a member of the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. In his spare time, he enjoyed nature and the outdoors, he rescued dog "Cooper", and was especially fond of road trips on his motorcycle. Howard was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, who was saved by Grace, walked daily with the Lord, and now is at home with Him. Along with his wife, Howard is also survived by his three daughters, Karl (Rick) Berton of Hersey, Kristi (Rob) Firby of Southfield, and Kathryn (Sean) Menoch of Westland; four grandchildren, Jonathan, Emily, Raven, and Sarah; his sister, Carol Potter of Westland; and several in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Along with his parents, his brother, Jim Shields, also preceded Howard in death. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at the Reed City Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Chris DeMott officiating. Burial followed at the Oak Dale Cemetery in Hersey. Memorial contributions to the Gideon's International may be forwarded to the family or left in care of the Moinke Funeral Home in Big Rapids.

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Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

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Farmington Women Aglow

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Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by the Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the

church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

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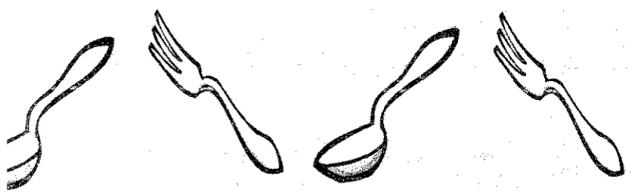
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Decathlete Terek 10th in World Championships

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER



Terek

Paul Terek's next return to the Orient will hopefully be Beijing, China, for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. The Livonia decathlete survived his latest trip to the Far East, finishing 10th with 8,120 points in the IAAF World Track and Field Championships held last week in Osaka, Japan. Terek's coach in San Luis Obispo, Calif., Harry Marra, reported in an e-mail that Osaka was "hot, humid, draining." "Beijing will be the same, only add smog, dirty air," he added. "So physically, it was a war zone out there. Paul is sore,

but healthy coming out of the meet." It was best finish among his three trips to the Worlds for the 2004 Olympian, but stifling conditions took a toll on the entire field.

The top two Americans, 2004 Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay and 2003 World champion Tom Pappas, dropped out of the competition with injuries. Clay suffered a quad injury and completed only four events, while Pappas, unable to continue after the

first event of the second day, will more than likely undergo foot surgery for plantar fasciitis. Roman Serble of the Czech Republic, scoring 8,676 points in the 10-event discipline, overhauled Maurice Smith of Jamaica on the second day for the World title. Smith took the silver with 8,644, while Dmitriy Karpov of Kazakhstan captured the bronze with 8,536. On opening day, Terek started off well, posting a time of 10.95 seconds in the 100-meter dash, but he finished the day in the medical tent after collapsing from heat stroke in the 400 (posting a time of 49.34). His other marks on the day included 23 feet, 7 inches (long jump), 47-8 (shot

put) and 6-5.5 (high jump). Hooked up to an IV, Terek's heart rate dropped to 115 coupled with high blood pressure. Marra, unable to locate his competitor for an hour, eventually got Terek back to the hotel just after midnight. With just under four hours of sleep, the 1996 Franklin High grad got back on the track Saturday to finish off the competition. He posted performances of 15.1 seconds (110-meter hurdles), 146-7.5 (discus), 17-0.25 (pole vault), 183-0.25 (javelin) and 4:37.38 (1,500-meter run). Terek, former Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Year and NCAA decathlon and indoor runner-up in the

pole vault, bested his 2007 USA Track & Field National Championships showing in Indianapolis of 8,036 points, but was below his personal best of 8,312 points established in the 2004 USA Olympic Trials. The 27-year-old Terek is no stranger to Japan, perhaps more well-known when he competed on a pair Japanese TV shows which feature obstacle courses and challenges involving speed, strength, agility and coordination. He competed in *Sasuke (Ninja Warrior)*, where he reached the third stage, and *Muscular Athlete Championship*, which he won.

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Silvernail stars

Albion College senior receiver Josh Silvernail (Livonia Clarenceville) hauled in four passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns in the Britons' season-opening 42-14 loss Saturday to Division 1-AAA member Butler University (Ind.).

Silvernail caught TD passes for 63 and 67 yards from Blake Evans in the second half.

Albion plays its next three games at home, starting Saturday against Wheaton (Ill.) College.

Hole-in-one club

■ Livonia's Michelle Sroka used a 6-iron to ace the 166-yard, No. 11 hole Saturday during the semifinals of the Michigan Women's Golf Association Match Play Championship at Dunham Hills. Sroka's four-some included Jackie McFarland (Livonia), Nancy Serra (Clarkston) and Sue Merrick (West Bloomfield).

■ On Aug. 28, Norman Larson, 80, of Wayne, used an 8-iron to ace a 110-yard, par-3 hole at Fox Hills Strategic Golf Course. Larson shot a round of 49.

Golden glove

Concordia College first-year short-stop Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) was named to the 2007 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Gold Glove team recognized by the baseball coaches as one of the WHAC's top nine defensive players.

Youth baseball tryouts

■ The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with the Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage 2008 tryouts for the following age groups for players who are committed to playing at a high level while preparing them for high school baseball.

Make-up tryouts for the following age groups will be on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Rotary Park (fields nos. 1 and 2): Under-9: 9-11 a.m.; under-10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; under-11, 1-3 p.m. Tryouts for the following age groups will be Sunday, Sept. 9 at Rotary Park (fields nos. 1 and 2): Under-12: 10 a.m.-noon; under-13: noon to 2 p.m.; and under-14: 2-4 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 15).

Players ages are determined as of May 1, 2008. Arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm-up.

For more information, call Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

Stevenson gains Lakes triumph vs. Rocks, 3-1

Anytime Lars Richters can get a win against longtime nemesis Salem — no matter what the Rocks' record might be — he'll take it. The Livonia Stevenson boys soccer coach let out of a deep sigh of relief Tuesday night as his host Spartans gained a hard-earned 3-1 victory. Stevenson, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, is off to a 4-0 start, including a 2-0 mark in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The loss drops Salem to 0-2-4 overall and 0-1 in the division.



Stevenson's Chris Long celebrates after scoring his team's first goal during Tuesday night's 3-1 Lakes Division win against Salem.

BOYS SOCCER

"I have tremendous respect for Salem and their program — I'm pleased that early in this season that we played a pretty strong game," Richters said. "But everybody knows it's a long season and they (Salem) will continue to improve."

Midway through the opening half, Stevenson's Chris Long scored from Adrian Fylonenko to make it 1-0 for the Spartans.

Salem sophomore Mohammad Pourmandi tied it later in the half on an assist from Kevin Cope.

The Spartans took the lead for keeps, 2-1, before halftime, on a goal by Brian Klemczak assisted by Joey D'Agostino.

David Simor tacked on an insurance goal from Brandon Kopitz to make the two-goal margin hold up.

Connor Burton (first half) and Justin Collins (second half) split the goalkeeping duties for the Spartans, who also received strong play on the back line from Dylan Green.

W.L. NORTHERN 2, CHURCHILL 1: Aaron Rosenberg's free kick from 25 yards out late in the

second half proved to be the difference Tuesday as host Walled Lake Northern (5-1, 2-0) dumped Livonia Churchill (2-3, 0-1) in a WLAA Lakes Division matchup.

After a scoreless opening 40 minutes, Churchill's Adam Bedell scored from Etienne Lussiez to make it 1-0 early in the second half.

Northern tallied the equalizer on an "own goal" off a deflection later in the half.

"Everything fell apart the last 15 minutes," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had a goal called back and should have been awarded a couple of penalty kicks. It went from good, to bad, to ugly."

Goalkeeper Adrian Motta stood out despite the loss for the Chargers, who lost Bedell to a red card in the second half.

W.L. WESTERN 2, FRANKLIN 1:

Please see **SOCCER, C3**



Stevenson's Joey D'Agostino (left) contests Salem's Josh Pasarella for the ball during Tuesday night's game Lakes Division battle.

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Veteran Churchill boys can stand on their own merits

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Capsule outlook of area boys cross country teams C3.

The Livonia Churchill boys cross country team was overshadowed last year by its female counterpart, which finished runner-up in the Division 1 state meet.

But with three returning first-team All-Area performers returning for the 2007 season, the Charger boys will be looking to carve out their own identity.

Coach John McGreevy, now in his 13th season, hopes to improve upon last year's 22nd-place finish at the state finals following a third-place showing at the regional and runner-up finish to Plymouth at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"The conference is very competitive this year with a number of teams that can win the championship," McGreevy said. "Churchill should be one of the challengers."

With Novi and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central assigned to the

Whitmore Lake regional, the scramble is on to win the Salem regional, which includes six WLAA schools — Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Canton, Plymouth and Salem — along with four more from the Michigan Mega Conference and four others from Detroit Public School League.

"I would like to think with the new regional assignments that we have a shot to make states," Stevenson coach Eric Mink said. "However, Churchill looks to be quite strong once again and the Plymouth-Canton schools are always tough. We'll just keep working hard and see where we end up in October."

October and September should be Churchill's months as the Chargers return seniors Brandon

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Churchill's Brandon Grysko (middle) leads the pack again with teammate Joe Varilone (right) and Franklin's Evan Sirena (left). All three made first-team All-Observer last year.

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Enjoying softball and team camaraderie after all these years are members of Inspired Packaging Solutions, of the Redford Friday Night Men's Softball League. Pictured front row (from left) are Chris Szybisty, Mike Harris of Farmington, Mike Szybisty and Mark Azzopardi. Pictured middle row (from left) are Tim Kubera, John Szybisty, Joe Santana, Joe Carrier, Mike Franz of Westland and Ron Hymes. Pictured back row (from left) are Paul Bonkowski, Fran DePlanche, Pete Graef, Dave Graef and Todd Cabanaw of Plymouth. Not pictured are Brian Bonkowski, Bill Guenther, Brian Lister, Mike Mardiros and Dennis Montie of Livonia.

25th anniversary marks softballers' strong bond

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The team name is different these days. But the mix of slow-pitch softball and friendship haven't changed one bit for nine guys who show up every season to play recreation softball in Redford Township.

Those guys - wrapping up their 25th season together - play for the Inspired Packaging Solutions team, formerly known as Curtis Mathes, in the Redford Friday Night Men's Softball League (organized by Redford Parks and Recreation).

"We're starting to get a kick out of being called 'old men,' 'old timers' and a new one this year, 'grandpa,'" said one of those longtime players, John Szybisty, one of the team's founders when it joined the league in 1978. "It's especially fulfilling when we've won or been very close. Win or lose, blow-out or close (game), it doesn't matter. We're there, week in and week out, competing and giving the youth a run for their money."

Szybisty added that the guys are "just not running quite as fast as we used to."

The 25-Year Gang also include another founder, Mike Harris, as well as Tim Kubera, Joe Santana, Joe Carrier, Mike Franz, Ron

Hymes, Mark Azzopardi and Mike Mardiros.

For those players, the league they play in is just a little bit different than the one they joined in the late 1970s or early 1980s. Back then, all but two or three of each team's players had to live in Redford; today, so-called outsiders from Garden City, Livonia and other communities are welcomed to fill out rosters.

For example, Harris lives in Farmington, Franz lives in Westland, Todd Cabanaw hails from Plymouth and Livonian Dennis Montie also is on the squad.

"To stay competitive, the league has evolved more into an 'open style' than the primarily resident league it was when we began," Szybisty continued.

"It also has kept a very family friendly environment as well, with good sportsmanship and safety shown as primary concerns."

"All in all, (it's) a very enjoyable part of the summer that we just keep looking to come back to year after year."

Szybisty, meanwhile, tipped the bill of his cap to Scott Gray of Redford Parks and Recreation for helping keep the league going strong. Gray is coordinator of the softball program.

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5 GARDEN CITY 3
Sept. 4 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Evan Biers, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 2: Rober Fraser (WJG) def. Jeremy Watkins, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Alex Colosimo (WJG) def. Jesse Tipton, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 4: Gordie German (WJG) def. Robert Wright,

6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Chris Sabatini-Scott New (GC) def. Zach Ernat-Jacory Frowner, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 2: Stephen Mays-Matt Wright (GC) def. Jeremy Profitit-Zach Edwards, 6-3, 7-5.
No. 3: Kyle Hermatz-Derek Morrow (GC) def. Shahid Hussain-Khari Stargell, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 4: Chris Tolentino-Nick Hubbard (WJG) won by default.
Glenn's dual meet record: 1:1 overall.

Even prep prognosticators can be fooled a-la college

Pigskin prognosticators all over the land were sacked for huge losses Saturday as Appalachian State handed University of Michigan the upset of the century in college football. (Hey, it's only 2007, so that's not too much of a reach.)

So, whether you're talking college or high school, this job of "grid picks" is not such a sure thing.

The U-M meltdown at The Big House perhaps takes a little bit of the sting out of what was a so-so week for those of us in the Observer sports department. You throw in all the information you have on a particular matchup into the mixer and see what gets churned out.

Obviously, this isn't rocket science. But people like to guess what could be happening with their favorite teams, so I guess it is somewhat of a community service that football forecasters big and small attempt to provide.

And since Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons last week basically called my first-place showing in Week 1 a fluke, I guess I should be gloating about another top finish last weekend. But both of us didn't exactly light it up, tying at 6-4 for the week to edge Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright, who went 5-5 and is struggling with an overall mark of 12-11.

Yours truly, the Redford-Garden City Sports Editor,



Grid Picks
Tim Smith

remains at the top of the standings with a record of 15-8, one game ahead of Emons. I'll enjoy the view for now.

That's because there are no guarantees. It never fails that a slam-dunk pick - whether concerning a bonafide powerhouse or a team at the bottom of the heap - goes awry every week.

So, fully aware that any contest can be this week's version of Appalachian State-U-M, here is the slate for another unpredictable week of games.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

WAYNE (1-1) AT PLYMOUTH (2-0) AT P-CEP, 4:30 P.M.: These two WLAA Western Division rivals collide after posting impressive victories and both will be eager to open conference play on a winning note. The Wildcats pounded crosstown rival Plymouth Salem while the Zebras trounced host Walled Lake Central.

PICKS: Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Emons (Wayne).

LIV. CHURCHILL (2-0) AT W.L. CENTRAL (0-2): The Chargers and Vikings play their first WLAA Lakes Division game headed in opposite directions so far. In order for the Vikes to turn things around, they'll have to move the football despite Churchill's defensive standout Ryan Whittum.

PICKS: Smith (Churchill); Wright (Churchill); Emons (Central).

W.L. WESTERN (1-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (0-2): The host Patriots are keyed up to win their conference opener, but to do so means having to slow down a high-powered Warriors attack. Western last week routed Walled Lake Northern, 37-2.

PICKS: Smith (Western); Wright (Franklin); Emons (Western).

CANTON (1-1) AT NORTHVILLE (0-2): This game will pit two teams with polar-opposite offensive philosophies as the Chiefs rarely throw more than five passes a game while the Mustangs are apt to put the ball in the air close to 50 times. **PICKS:** Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton).

W.L. NORTHERN (0-2) AT JOHN GLENN (1-1): After the Rockets fizzled in the final minute Thursday against Canton, they'll be chomping at the bit when Walled Lake Northern comes to town. The Knights, meanwhile, have nowhere to go but up after a slow start.

PICKS: Smith (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Emons (Glenn).

LIV. STEVENSON (2-0) AT SALEM (0-2) AT CEP, 7:30 P.M.: Could this be this week's Appalachian-U-M mismatch? Nah, probably not. The Spartans gained 419 yards offense last week against Livonia Franklin, and Salem will have difficulty slowing them down.

PICKS: Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Emons (Stevenson).

WOODHAVEN (1-1, 1-0) AT REDFORD UNION (1-1, 0-1): If the host Panthers are to stem the tide, it would be a good idea to do so against the Warriors, fresh off a 27-0 thumping of Taylor Kennedy. RU should rebound from a tough loss to Wyandotte Roosevelt and have a dynamic running duo of Yourie Wilson and David Calolia - who combined for nearly 350 yards in the defeat.

PICKS: Smith (RU); Wright (RU); Emons (Woodhaven).

GARDEN CITY (1-1, 1-0) AT YPSILANTI (1-1, 1-0): Week 3 might be a bit early for a Mega Blue showdown, but one of these teams could start to get on a roll with another win. The Cougars are eager to build off of a 14-9 win over Romulus, their first victory since 2005.

PICKS: Smith (Ypsilanti); Wright (Ypsilanti); Emons (Ypsilanti).

SATURDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 1 P.M.)

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (0-2, 0-2) AT B.H. CRANBROOK (0-2, 0-1): Livonia Clarenceville needs to get on track and this Metro Conference matchup with winless Cranbrook-Kingswood could be the right tonic.

PICKS: Smith (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville); Emons (Cranbrook).

A.A. GABRIEL RICHARD (1-1) AT LUTHERAN WESTLAND (1-1, 1-1): The Fighting Irish scored 51 points in a come-from-behind win against Sacred Heart Academy, and will be looking to keep the momentum going. But the host Warriors also won, with a solid defensive effort against Livonia Clarenceville.

PICKS: Smith (Gabriel Richard); Wright (LW); Emons (Gabriel Richard).

RED. COVENANT (1-1) AT OLD REDFORD ACADEMY (1-0): After winning in their opener, the Spartans took it on the chin 49-7 at Galesburg. But their opponent this weekend lost 51-0 in its lone contest so far. Something has to give.

PICKS: Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant); Emons (Old Redford).

RED. THURSTON (0-2, 0-1) AT INKSTER (2-0, 1-0): The Eagles have struggled mightily, giving up 61 points in two games. Inkster, even though in the lower Mega Gold, will go into the matinee on a high note after blanking River Rouge, 36-0.

PICKS: Smith (Inkster); Wright (Inkster); Emons (Inkster).

Crusaders defeated in tourney final

Point Loma wins Seaside Invitational in California

It was a case of déjà vu for the Madonna University volleyball team on Saturday at the Seaside Invitational at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif.

The Crusaders took the day's opening match 3-0 (30-21, 30-26, 30-23) against Hope International, but fell in the tournament's championship match against the host Sea Lions in three games (30-20, 30-27, 30-15) to end the tournament at 2-2 and run their season record to 5-4.

Following the championship match, Livonia Churchill product Jacqui Gatt and Lubovj Tihomirova were named to the all-tournament team.

Much like Friday's match against Point Loma, the Crusaders could never find a good hitting rhythm and fell in three games. MU did hit better than Friday (.137 compared to .080), but it was not enough to overcome a .320 hitting percentage and 54 kills from Point Loma.

Game two was the closest of the match as MU stayed with in two points of PLNU, but

could not get over the hump and fell 30-27.

Tihomirova once again led the way with 13 kills, with Gatt posting 18 digs. Joining Gatt is double digit digs was sophomore Brynn Kerr (Livonia/Schoolcraft) with 10 of her own.

Saturday against Hope International, the Crusaders bounced back from an early deficit to take the lead for good at 8-6 on a pair of aces from Tihomirova.

MU extended the lead and put the opening game of the match away with aces from Gatt and Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) to take game one 30-21.

Game two was much like game one until HIU went on a run to take a 13-11 lead and forced Madonna head coach Jerry Abraham to call a timeout.

MU responded with a kill from Whitney Fuelling and used four more points, including an ace from Redford's Amy Szymanski (Livonia Ladywood) to retake the lead at 15-14.

The two sides took turns holding the lead with neither

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side holding a lead of more than two points until a trio of Mary McGinnis kills and a combo block from Inta Grinvalds and Stephanie Parslow helped take game two 30-26.

In the clincher, the Crusaders raced out to a 9-1 lead behind kills from Fuelling and Tihomirova.

Hope International crept back into the match taking advantage of a few Madonna miscues, forcing Abraham to call a time out at 18-13. The time out paid off as Hope committed a service error coming out of the break and MU then went on a 7-3 run, capping the streak with a Dempsey kill to hold a 25-16 lead.

A Gatt service ace forced match point, but Hope would not go quietly, reeling off three points to make it 29-23 and forcing Abraham to call his second time out and once again it paid off, as a Tihomirova kill ended the match and gave MU a 3-0 win.

Fuelling and Tihomirova led the way with 11 kills each, while Gatt recorded 23 digs and Grinvalds added 32 assists.

On Friday evening, Madonna fell 30-19, 30-22, 30-24 to the Sea Lions, taking away some of the momentum from an earlier 3-0 win over

Dominican (Calif.).

The hot hitting that was everywhere for the Crusaders in match one was absent in the night cap as MU hit just .080 and produced just 34 kills to a .370 hitting percentage and 55 kills for Point Loma.

Tihomirova was the only Crusader player to record double digit kills with 15. Gatt led the way again with 16 digs. Grinvalds chipped in with 11 digs and 31 assists in a losing effort.

The Crusaders open their home schedule on Friday when they host the annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament at the Madonna Activities Center (MAC).

Play gets underway at 3p.m. Friday with MU taking on Davenport followed by a 7 p.m. match against Taylor University (Ind.).

Lady Ocelots split Schoolcraft College went 3-3 overall in last weekend's Owens Community College Tournament in Toledo, Ohio.

The Lady Ocelots, now 8-5 overall, lost two of three matches on Saturday defeating Clark State (Ohio), 31-29, 30-24, before losing to Lansing CC, 30-23, 12-15, and Parkland (Ill.), 21-30, 25-30.

On Sunday, Schoolcraft bounced back to win a pair of matches against Flint Mott CC, 30-14, 30-20, and St. Clair CC, 30-19, 31-29. SC lost to Columbus State (Ohio), 14-30, 26-30.

RUNNING RESULTS

RUN LIKE THE WIND RACE RESULTS

Sept. 1 at Hines Park (Westland)
MALE 10K AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Overall winner: Brian Goodwin, 32:34.
Masters winner: Roger Lara, 36:24.

13-14: 1. Bobby Wilson, 43:35; 2. Austin Jones, 45:27.

15-19: 1. Justin Huey, 34:56; 2. Evan Sirena, 36:11; 3. Dylan Taylor, 37:29.

20-24: 1. Brad Litwin, 41:58.

25-29: 1. Kevin Pine, 33:06; 2. Dan Jess, 33:40; 3. Mahmood Mokhaysheh, 43:01.

30-34: 1. Jeremy Hallum, 41:17; 2. Matthew Nyquist, 42:33; 3. Craig Throne, 45:16.

35-39: 1. Thomas Preiss, 35:15; 2. Anthony Perry, 38:59; 3. Kevin Florey, 41:49.

40-44: 1. David Dysert, 40:51; 2. Jim Oleksinski, 41:18; 3. Martin Strauss, 41:54.

45-49: 1. Robert Cook, 36:46; 2. Thomas Morris, 41:59; 3. David Buzzard, 44:00.

50-54: 1. Kevin Higgins, 42:31; 2. Alan Hassoun, 44:11; 3. Robert Shockey, 47:47.

55-59: 1. Bob Kosen, 45:00; 2. Dave Pine, 49:12; 3. Tom Budd, 49:59.

60-64: 1. Kenneth Rowe, 40:46; 2. Allan Taverner, 42:08; 3. Douglas Cole, 43:47.

65-69: 1. Richard Wallen, 47:53; 2. Dan Hendren, 53:25; 3. John Steinberger, 53:31.

FEMALE 10K AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Overall winner: Katie Singer, 40 minutes, 29 seconds.

Masters winner: Maggie Zidar, 46:03.

13-14: 1. Danielle Kanclercz, 45:53; 2. Janine Lachance, 46:13; 3. Mallorie Church, 51:50.

15-19: 1. Courtney Plummer, 43:28; 2. Victoria

Church, 47:22; 3. Tiffany VanOrden, 47:31.

20-24: 1. Anne Rossio, 53:49.

25-29: 1. Gwen Ostrosky, 45:14; 2. Laura Good, 51:52; 3. Elisabeth Perry, 53:38.

30-34: 1. Emily Wilson, 43:29; 2. Leslie Keyes, 46:22; 3. Becky Batisanelli, 49:25.

35-39: 1. Lynne Youmans, 50:51; 2. Cheryl Boss, 59:57.

40-44: 1. Julia Buzzard, 48:37; 2. Jeanne Seyfried, 54:09; 3. Laurie Davidson, 1:06:5.

45-49: 1. Deborah Diehr, 54:45.

60-64: 1. Kathleen Morse, 57:09; 2. Kathleen Taverner, 58:23.

70-74: 1. Merion Knight, 59:12.

MALE 5K AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Overall winner: Matthew Yacoub, 15:49.

Masters winner: Jay Owens, 17:36.

12-and-under: 1. Jerry Hand, 19:25; 2. Harry Barrmorris, 23:53; 3. Jason Rogers, 25:35.

13-14: 1. Jordan Papp, 18:56; 2. Evan Mason, 20:10; 3. Justin Malyn, 20:22.

15-19: 1. Derek Hoerman, 16:41; 2. Timothy Harris, 16:58; 3. Alex Noble, 17:11.

20-24: 1. Bennett Tyler, 27:24; 2. Nate Lombard, 35:46.

25-29: 1. Mike Willusz, 16:08; 2. Neil Miller, 21:03; 3. Daryl Petricca, 28:55.

30-34: 1. Ivan Lewellen, 19:21; 2. Greg Laidlaw, 20:57; 3. Jamie Olson, 22:39.

35-39: 1. Garrett O'Donohue, 21:42; 2. James Allen, 22:53; 3. Alfredo Ospina, 23:02.

40-44: 1. Greg First, 18:35; 2. Lee Huot, 19:35; 3. Jeffrey Wozniak, 19:53.

50-54: 1. Bryan Noble, 18:46; 2. Eric Fahlgren, 19:20; 3. Allen Duncan, 22:19.

55-59: 1. Bryan Kowalewski, 22:32; 2. Randy Fielder, 22:41; 3. Mark Debrugge, 23:45.

60-64: 1. Monte Piliawsky, 21:11; 2. Rich Detskas, 22:06; 3. Freddy Standaert, 22:14.

65-69: 1. Paul Leece, 28:44; 2. Ralph Curtiss, 30:02.

70-74: 1. Ronald Gill, 27:45.

75-79: Harrison Hensley, 28:06.

FEMALE 5K AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Overall winner: Courtney Caika, 18:32.

Masters winner: Donna Olson, 21:42.

12-and-under: 1. Kelly Glynn, 25:34; 2. Kayla Soronen, 30:59.

13-14: 1. Megan Wickens, 27:23; 2. Jane Taylor, 27:26; 3. Danielle Stewart, 31:01.

15-19: 1. Kari Saarela, 20:12; 2. Devan Walley, 20:42; 3. Libby Allen, 21:14.

20-24: 1. Angela Matthews, 18:59; 2. Tiffany Guzik, 25:24; 3. Rosie Keller, 26:24.

25-29: 1. Christina Wood, 24:15; 2. Elizabeth Monticelli, 24:31; 3. Megan Micklely, 27:34.

30-34: 1. Amy Kernahan, 20:37; 2. Jill McClain, 25:16; 3. Brandy Gerber, 27:22.

35-39: 1. Kristen Brant, 22:13; 2. Alexandra Harland, 25:05; 3. Vicky Stearns, 25:27.

40-44: 1. Elizabeth Lofton, 22:10; 2. Kim Kanclercz, 26:46; 3. Lauren Matovina, 28:48.

45-49: 1. Ruth Lara, 21:49; 2. Sharon Rodriguez, 26:36; 3. Nancy Soronen, 26:44.

50-54: 1. Sarah Gilbert, 26:10; 2. Kathy Wilson, 31:45; 3. Jaylee Lynch, 40:20.

55-59: 1. Mary Joseph, 27:43; 2. Kathleen Tucker, 34:45; 3. Diane Guzik, 37:16.

60-64: 1. Colleen Chandler, 27:32; 2. Janice Letsyany, 49:23; 3. Marlene Salberg, 54:28 (8K time).

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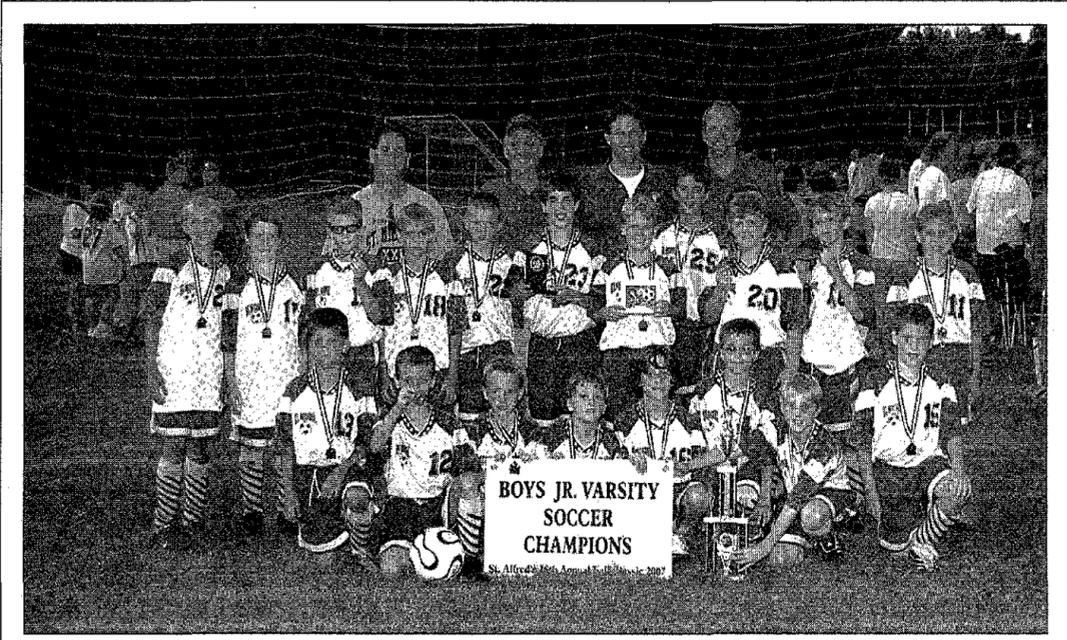
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JV soccer champs

The Livonia St. Michael's Grade School JV boys soccer team captured the 18th annual St. Alfred's Tournament, Aug. 24-27, in Taylor with victories over St. Pious (7-0), Sacred Heart (5-2) and Our Lady of Good Counsel (6-1). Members of the St. Michaels team, coached by Pat Fanning, includes Troy Branton, Scott Cole, Jake Fanning, Matt Hughes, Matt McGillivray, Drake Morse, Lucas Pucheta, Andrew Brow, Rory Brosnan, Ryan Gibson, Richard Hayward, Tommy Herrmann, Josef Pishek, Zach Bowling, Steve Barczuk, Jordan Cernick, Ben Grund, Gregory Killroy, Ryan McGillivray, Owen Maher and Patrick O'Dowd. Assistant coaches include Bob Bowling, Sean Brosnan and Gene O'Dowd.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: John McGreevy, 13th year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: 22nd (Division 1 state meet); third (regional); runner-up (WLA meet); first (WLA Lakes Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Mark Pilat (second-team All-Area); Brian Robertson (second-team All-Area); Jim Waterbury.
Leading returnees: Brandon Grysko, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Joe Varilone, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Mark Waterbury, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Mark Freyberg, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Paul Folk, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Nathan Wise, Jr.; Matt Szado, Jr.; Michael Schmidt, Jr.; Quinn Osgood, Soph.; Ryan Keelling, Soph.; Patrick Tremel, Fr.; Tom Windle, Fr.; Josh Wasser, Sr.
McGreevy's 2007 outlook: "Joe Varilone and Mark Waterbury have been outstanding so far. Paul Folk has blossomed as a senior and Brandon Grysko has always delivered at crunch time. The key to our success will be the improvement of our 'kids' - Mark Freyberg, Nathan Wise, Matt Szado, Michael Schmidt, Quinn Osgood and Ryan Keelling. These young runners will determine how far we'll go as a team."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Walt Reesor, fourth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: 10th (Division 1 regional); 10th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: John Church, Josh Walker, Jeremy Diamond, Seth McRobb, Elliot Smith, Luke Solt, Chris Schotten, Aaron Taylor.
Leading returnees: Evan Sirena, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Mike Kratovich, Sr.; Dylan Taylor, Jr.; Doug Cole, Sr.; Peter Walby, Jr.; Robert Freed, Soph.; Nick Gherardini, Soph.; Jason Riffel, Soph.; Alex Curry, Jr.; Derek Duke, Sr.; Stuart Gregory, Sr.; Justin Jacobson, Jr.; Anthony Crechiolo, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Austin Jones, Fr.; Chris Noffze, Sr.; Garrett Hay, Jr.; Zack Belanger, Soph.; Eric Czech, Soph.; John Ferreira, Soph.; Bobby Wilson, Fr.; Cory Jacobson, Fr.
Reesor's 2007 outlook: "This should be a very good year for our team. Our boys have worked extremely hard in the off-season. We have a strong group of returning varsity runners this year and with the help of Tobin Jones, our runners have completed many precise and strenuous workouts in preparing for the season. Our lead runners should help us make a big jump in the standings this year."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Eric Mink, second year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: eighth (Division 1 regional); ninth (WLA meet); third (Lakes Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Dave Antishin, Bryan Betke, Dave McIntyre.
Leading returnees: Mike Gibbons, Sr.; Kevin Reschke, Sr.; Shawn Howse, Jr.; Alex Hoelzel, Sr.; Eric Krauss, Sr.; Justin Lipsky, Jr.; Jordan Burger, Jr.; Alan Stackpole, Jr.; Mike Green, Jr.; Tom Kaman, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Joe Urso, Fr.; Brian Fenech, Jr.; Scott Brewer, Fr.; Andrew Longhi, Fr.; Travis Gosselein, Soph.; Brandon Cicala, Fr.
Mink's 2007 outlook: "There will be a lot of competition to get on and stay on the varsity

squad. There are 37 guys this year. I have three who have been leading the way, then there's a gap. If we can tighten up the fourth and fifth runner, we'll be alright. We have a nice freshman class of 10. I really like the potential there. Urso has already run a varsity race, and Brewer had a nice first race as well. I see about 10 guys that could potentially be our fourth man. I'm hoping that some juniors and seniors will step up and we can be a competitive squad this season."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jess Shough, 19th year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: 12th (Division 1 regional); 12th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Jeff Adkins, Jr.; Tim Boes, Jr. (co-captain); Larry Dawkins, Sr.; Mike Gardner, Sr. (co-captain); Ryan Lockhart, Sr.; Shawn Long, Sr.; Eric Mlynar, Jr.; Steve Shak, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Austin Anderson, Jr.; Justin Kollar, Sr.; Dan McCall, Sr.; Ryan Vichinsky, Jr.
Shough's 2007 outlook: "With the return of our entire squad, plus the addition of several promising newcomers, the team is looking to improve on last year's standings and win the City championship. They've been working hard all summer to accomplish this."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Ed McGovern, fifth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: ninth (Division 1 regional); 11th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: James Holbrook (second-team All-Area); Kelvin Lewis, Bradbrook (second-team All-Area); Jacob Schofield, Sr.; Braham Mender, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Mike Gallagher, Jr.; Patrick McKinzie, Jr.
McGovern's 2007 outlook: "For the past two years the Zebras have been improving as a team, but with the loss of four seniors, and only five returning runners, this promises to be a tough year. The runners that are on the team are hard-working and hungry for faster times, but a lack of depth will probably hurt their team performance. The team is still trying to recruit new runners in hopes that the groundwork can be laid for the 2007 and future seasons."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Jeremy Fabris, second year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's finish: eighth (Division 4 regional); third (Metro Conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Matt Edwards, Nick Gaur.
Leading returnees: Spencer Lyle, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Josh Rice, Sr. (captain); Ross Pursifull, Sr. (captain); Alex Kemp, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Paul Bealfield, Sr.; Cameron Banks, Jr.; Zechariah Robinson, Jr.
Fabris's 2007 outlook: "At this point, I see us slightly better than last year with Bealfield, Banks and Robinson filling in for Gourd and Edwards. Lyle, Rice and Pursifull are still the front-runners for the team. Alex Kemp looks a little stronger than he did last year. It's early, but I feel we may have a chance to do better than that this year. We still have boys interested in possibly coming out for the team this year, so it will be interesting to see just how far we can go this year."

Lady Ocelots cruise past Lake County, 9-1

Three players with Observerland ties scored goals in their first regular season game with Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team Saturday, as the Lady Ocelots rolled to a 9-1 victory over visiting Lake County College (Ill.) in the opener.

Finding the back of the Lake County goal were Clare Baptist (Plymouth), Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin) and Ally

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King (Livonia Stevenson); all three also drew an assist during the rout.

"We had very good possession, work rate and controlled the tempo for most of the game," said Lady Ocelots head coach Deepak Shivraman, who needed just one game to post his first

career win at Schoolcraft. "Ally King and Jessica Austin had great control over the offensive game... They created numerous scoring opportunities for others."

Scoring two goals each for Schoolcraft (1-0-0) were Megan McCabe and Sam Harrington, while Gloria Soyad and Nicole Polite collected two assists. Other goal scorers for

the Lady Ocelots included Kayleigh Maurer and Sally L'Esperance.

Also strong was Schoolcraft's defense, paced by Livonia Churchill alum Margaret Mayer (who assisted on a goal), Maurer and L'Esperance.

Livonia Ladywood product Jessica Tuggle earned the victory with some "great goal-keeping," added Shivraman.

Davenport spoils Crusaders' day, 2-1

Two second-half goals Tuesday were enough for Davenport University to nip host Madonna University, 2-1, in a men's soccer match at Greenmead Field in Livonia.

The Crusaders got on the board first, when Livonia Stevenson's T. J. Djokic rifled a shot from the right side past

MEN'S SOCCER

Panthers goalkeeper Tyron Avnit just 10 minutes into the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

That's how the game remained until Efrain Hernandez chipped the ball

behind MU's Kristofer Lyons (seven saves) with just under 28 minutes remaining to deadlock the match at 1-1.

Hernandez then broke in and beat Lyons from the left side, with 3:43 to go.

The defeat dropped Madonna's mark to 2-2-1 overall and 0-1-0 in the conference

while Davenport improved to 3-0-1, 1-0-0.

On Saturday, MU defeated host Albion College, 2-0, in a non-conference matchup as Djokic and Doran Drai each tallied unassisted goals in the 22nd and 67th minutes, respectively.

Lyons made five saves to earn the shutout.

Madonna soccer trio earn conference honors

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honored three Madonna University soccer players for having outstanding weeks.

Livonia native T. J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson) was selected the WHAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week after netting the game-tying goal in a 1-1 tie at Bethel

College (Ind.) and he added another marker in a 2-0 triumph over Albion College. For the week, the senior midfielder collected four points, helping MU to a 2-0-1 record.

His teammate, senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons, earned the conference's first-ever Defensive Player of the Week honor after giving up

just two goals in three games between Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. He stopped eight of nine shots during the week.

The defensive award was added by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics prior to this season.

Meanwhile, MU's women's soccer program also had some

conference honors as junior midfielder Ashley Stoychoff was named WHAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week.

Stoychoff, a junior from Canton, scored her second game-winning goal of the young season in a 1-0 conference victory over visiting Cornerstone.

SOCCER

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Nick Lewin scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Walled Lake Western (3-1, 1-0) opened WLA Western Division play with a win at Livonia Franklin (1-4, 0-1).

Franklin took a 1-0 lead in the first half on Joe Boettcher's goal from Steve Trapp, but Lewin answered with a pair of goals before intermission to give the Warriors the lead for good.

Franklin got a man-advantage when Western's Mark Wright was sent off with a red card midway through the first half.

"The game started 45 minutes late," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "Both teams were scrambling to find legal shin guards. We had a couple of PKs (penalty kicks) and handballs that did not get called."

Goalkeeper Brad Mangune stood out despite the loss for the Patriots, who lost midfielder Ryan Matthey in the second half when he was sent off for two yellow cards.

"We hit the crossbar a couple of times," Rodopoulos said. "Overall we played a pretty good game."

Western coach Lee Fruman and Rodopoulos said the game was poorly officiated both ways.

Fruman said neither yellow card was deserved.

"We overcame that and playing short-handed to come up with, in my opinion, a well-deserved and hard-fought victory," Fruman said. "They pressured us the whole game, and I give them credit for a game well-played. Both teams played a fair game; I have nothing but praise for Franklin."

"We played courageously and found a way to win it. It was a division game and a vital game against an opponent with whom we've had some great rivalries over the years."

W.L. CENTRAL 3, JOHN GLENN 1: On Tuesday, Walled Lake Central (5-2, 1-1) earned the WLA Lakes Division victory over host Westland John Glenn (1-4-1, 0-2).

Central led 1-0 at halftime following a goal by junior Evan Martinak on a penalty kick

after senior Corben Titus was fouled in the box on a break-away.

Titus scored from senior Evan Dropiewski in the second half, while freshman John Alonzo's first varsity goal gave the Vikings a 3-0 lead.

The Rockets' Adam Patruno scored with eight minutes left off a corner kick from Jeff Thompson.

Senior Dennis Rau played the first 60 minutes in goal for Central, and junior Tyler Esmacher took over for the final quarter of the game.

The Vikings outshot the Rockets, 16-4.

Glenn goalkeeper Zach Redden was outstanding in defeat, according to coach Reavis Olive, along with David Kalvelage.

"It was a hard-fought, clean played game," Olive said. "I'm proud of the effort. Our guys played hard all the way around."

NORTHVILLE 8, WAYNE O: Alex Marilley and Latif Alashe each scored twice Tuesday, propelling the Mustangs (6-1, 1-1) to a WLA Western Division triumph over host Wayne Memorial (1-4-1, 0-1).

Andrew Kelleher, Matt

Hagan, Nate Hrivnak and Andre Ionescu also tallied goals for the Mustangs, who led 4-0 at halftime before scoring four times in the second half to invoke the eight-goal mercy rule.

Junior Jarrod Daul posted his third shutout in goal for Northville.

Zebras keeper Jeff Nielson made a total of 15 saves.

CLARENCEVILLE 3, LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 0: Livonia Clarenceville (1-3, 1-0) opened Metro Conference play Tuesday by blanking host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Trojans jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Matt Garant (from Mike Schiffman) and Matt Parent (from Jimmy Moody).

Phil Strachan completed the scoring from Chris Diaz in the second half.

Goalkeepers Garret Hintzman (first half) and Phil Hiedler (second half) combined on the shutout.

"We improved in some aspects, but we're still waiting to see our best effort," said Clarenceville's Trevor Johnson, who earned his first victory as the school's boys coach.

PREVIEW

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Grysko and Joe Varilone, along with junior Mark Waterbury.

Grysko, who normally starts slowly before coming on late in the season, was Churchill's MVP in 2006 after placing ninth at the regional (16:40.11 for 5,000 meters) and fourth in the WLA meet (16:34.17). He was also Livonia Public Schools Invitational and Lakes Division champion.

Varilone was 100th in the state meet last November with a personal-best 16:38.9 after taking 20th at the regional and 10th in the WLA.

Waterbury added a 12th at both the WLA and regional meets to go along with 122nd place at the state finals.

Second-team All-Area pick Mark Freyberg, a sophomore, along with senior Paul Folk, give the Churchill a formidable scoring combination.

Stevenson's top returning runner is senior Mike Gibbons, who clocked a 16:49 P.R. last year. He is joined by holdovers Shawn Howse and Kevin Reschke.

Livonia Franklin, meanwhile, is led by senior Evan Sirena, who qualified individually for the Division 1 state meet last season after placing 15th at the regional. He was 134th overall in the state meet

with a time of 16:54.5.

Wayne Memorial lost its top runner from a year ago to graduation, second-team All-Area pick James Holbrook. Coach Ed McGovern will rely on senior Jacob Schofield, who has been running since last season with the Michigan Accelerators, and senior Abraham Mendez, who is running cross country and playing soccer simultaneously.

Rival Westland John Glenn, trying to climb out of the basement of the WLA, keeps its entire team intact led by co-captains Tim Boes and Mike Gardner.

Meanwhile, Lutheran High Westland will try to ride first-team All-Area selection Spencer Lyle, a junior who finished 32nd overall in last year's Division 4 state meet with a personal best 16:57 after placing fifth at the regional. The Warriors finished third last year in the Metro Conference and eighth in the regional.

"We're heading to a regional (Holly) where this year where we will have a better chance to compete, and hopefully get more individuals to qualify for the state meet," Lutheran Westland second-year coach Jeremy Fabris said. "Last year, the second- and third-place Division 4 state meet teams emerged from our regional."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**
Friday, Sept. 7
Wayne at Plymouth (CEP), 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
A.A. Gab. Richard at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Thursday, Sept. 6
Huron Valley at G.P.W. Univ.-Liggett, 6 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Portage Northern Invitational, 8 a.m.
Madonna Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Oakland Christian Tournament, TBA.
- BOYS SOCCER**
Friday, Sept. 7
Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Lutheran N'west at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 6
Ypsilanti Early Bird Invitational, 4 p.m.
Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Tortoise & Hare Event, 7 a.m.
Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
W. Bloomfield-Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 9 a.m.
Dearborn Invitational, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**
Thursday, Sept. 7
Churchill at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Trenton, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Western Lakes Relays at Salem, noon.
- GIRLS GOLF**
Thursday, Sept. 6
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Ladywood vs. A.A. Gabriel Richard at Huron Hills, 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
Franklin vs. Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. W.L. Western at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. W.L. Central at Edgewood, 3 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Thursday, Sept. 6
Howell at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**
Thursday, Sept. 6
Ladywood at B.H. Kingswood, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
E. Grand Rapids at Ladywood, 11 a.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**
Thursday, Sept. 6
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
Julie Martin Invitational at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Davenport, 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Taylor (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Julie Martin Invitational at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 9:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Cedarville (Ohio), 1:30 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Saturday, Sept. 8
Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Greenmead, 2 p.m.
Heartland (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**
Friday, Sept. 7
Madonna vs. Schoolcraft at Greenmead, 3 p.m.
- COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY**
Saturday, Sept. 8
UD-Mercy Invitational at Cass Benton, 11 a.m.
TBA - time to be announced.





United champs

Livonia Soccer Club United captured the Girls Under-10 division, Aug. 24-26, at the 16th annual Dearborn Soccer Club Invitational with a 2-1 win in the finals over the Dearborn Yellow Jackets after tying the Dearborn squad 3-3 in the semifinals. Livonia United also defeated Anthony Wayne (Ohio) United, 4-0, and had its opener rained out against ROYSA Renegades Green '98. Members of Livonia United include (bottom row, from left): Yasmine Jaafar, Samantha Dickson, Juliet Hope, Jessica Schoenfeldt, Maria Tjilos, Bianca Hasani; (back row, from left) assistant coach Matt Grodzicki, Alivia Kondrath, Sabrina Ahmad, Giulia Stone, Danielle Hague, Paige Ackman and head coach Kelly Delaney.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth basketball league

Madonna University will stage a Sunday Youth Basketball League beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the MU Activities Center.

Ages 10-12 will report at 3 p.m. followed by ages 13-15 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Each day will consist of a skill building session and a league game.

Included in the \$100 cost is league jersey, league games (plus playoffs) and skill building drills. For more information, call (734) 398-5975 or (734) 432-5591.

Recruiting realities

The Recruiting Realities Team will make a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Northville High School Auditorium.

The one-hour presentation will inform parents and student-athletes about the value of academics in high school and college, along with unknown financial opportunities, NCAA guidelines and standards, the 10 VIP rules for parents, along with the role of the coach and athletic director.

The event is for high school athletes in all sports.

For more information, visit www.recruitingrealities.com.

Women's hockey

An adult women's beginner hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be schedule for 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

You can register online at macrhl.com.

Learn to Skate program

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its six-week Learn to Skate fall program (session 1) for the following age groups, beginning the week of Sept. 17 through the week of Oct. 25, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile Road, just west of Farmington Road):

Ages 4 and up: 4:30 p.m.,

5 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. Mondays; 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. Thursdays;

Boys hockey skills: 6:15 p.m. Mondays or 5 p.m. Thursdays (no equipment need; no pucks or sticks used);

3-year-olds only: 4:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Each class is 30 minutes. There is a limited skate rental available at no charge.

The fee for residents is \$47; non-residents, \$57.

Walk-in registration is from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity competitive cheer and girl JV competitive cheer coach for the 2007 winter sports season.

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

Celebrate Life 5K

The first annual Celebrate Life St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K run-walk for cancer will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Grounds in Livonia.

Early registration (on or before Sept. 7) is \$20 (includes T-shirt). Registration (after Sept. 7 or race day) is \$25. Awards will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

For more information, call (734) 655-1402; or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available.

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-4928.

CC inductees

Longtime Novi-Detroit Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez, along with former varsity basketball coach and football defensive coordinator Rick Coratti, will be among 2007 class of 15 inductees into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Central Michigan University.

A banquet and awards ceremony, which begins at 1 p.m., will be at the Terrace Room of CMU's Student Services Building.

The MHSCA will also honor Don Lessner, Executive Director, of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association as a Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be order from Dan McShannock, executive secretary, 4709 Pinewood Drive, Midland, MI 48640.

For more information, call McShannock at (989) 835-5609.

Archery range

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation has announced its fall archery range hours. The range is located on Glendale Avenue off of Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

Hours will be from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays through Oct. 28; and 4-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 30.

Daily pass rates for residents is \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-residents are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under).

Season pass individual rates are \$25 (resident) and \$40 (non-resident); two members, \$35 (resident) and \$50 (non-resident); three members, \$45 (resident) and \$60 (non-resident); four or more, \$55 (resident) and \$70 (non-resident).

The season pass will grant the bearer unlimited use of the archery range during posted hours for the entire season. It does not include archery classes or Shoot to Score competition.

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