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AROUND TOWN

Surplus food

The June distribution of surplus food to Westland residents has been scheduled.

Westland residents who live south of Michigan Avenue can pick up food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month, including Monday, June 8, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737. All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, between Palmer and Glenwood.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at Taylor Towers and must contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Show time

Autism Society and AMC Entertainment are hosting special showing of Up at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, as part of their Sensory Friendly Films series.

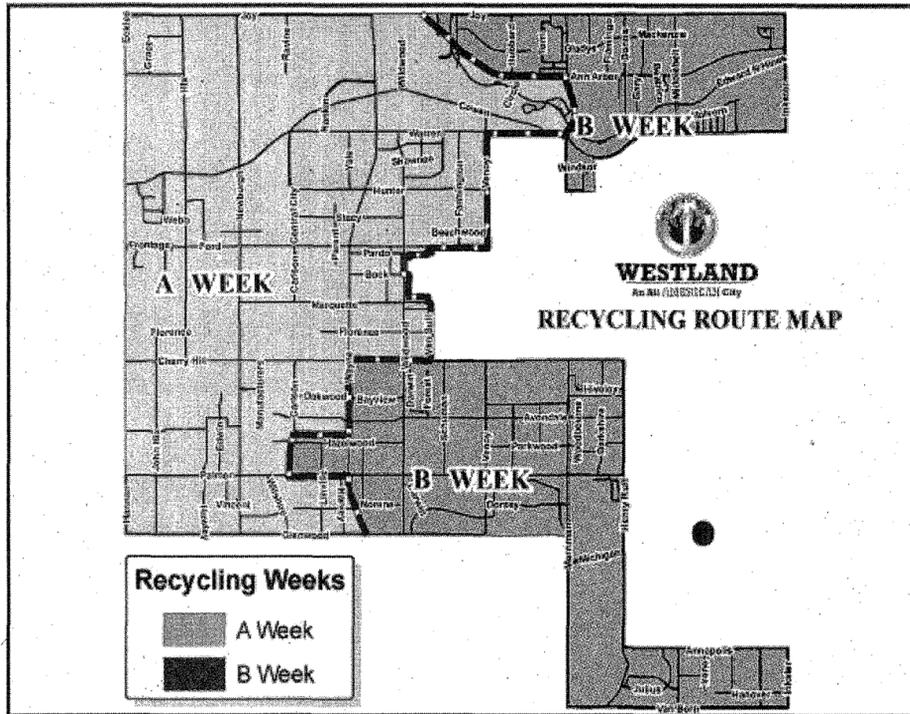
AMC and the Autism Society have been offering the film series since 2008 to give families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie.

Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing — in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets are only \$4.75 at the 10 a.m. The film will be shown at the AMC Taylor 10, 22265 Eureka, Taylor.

Driver cited

A 44-year-old DeWitt man has been cited for failure to stop in a clear and assured distance after the Pepsi tractor and trailer he was driving hit a Wayne-Westland school bus last Wednesday morning. The accident occurred at 6:45 a.m. on Van Born east of Heyer Road in Romulus. According to Romulus police traffic Sgt. Donald Smith, the driver was distracted and when he looked up he saw the bus, stopped with its lights flashing.



Getting the 'blues'

City begins delivering recycling carts

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The big blue recycling carts have started to appear on driveways of Westland homes but there is no reason to panic.

"The carts started being delivered Wednesday but there was a letter that was supposed to go with it. The contractor dropped the ball and didn't leave the letter," said Deputy Mayor Jade Smith. "People have been calling. They thought there was a charge — the carts are free."

The 94-gallon wheeled carts are being provided to each Westland household for a curbside recycling program that will begin Monday,

June 29. The recycling would be picked up every other week on regular trash days. Residents will soon be notified of their collection schedule. The list of items that can be recycled is listed on a sticker attached to the cart lid. The cart should be placed four feet from the curb, vehicles or other items, with the handle of the facing the house.

The city has purchased 25,800 of the recycling bins at a cost of just over \$1 million. The first cart deliveries began Wednesday in the area between Palmer and Glenwood, Wayne and Merriman. Republic Waste Services is handling the recycling program while Midwest Sanitation will continue

trash collection on a contract that continues through 2010.

"They will leave behind Cart 101 literature and a piece on the Great Lakes Recycling facility and what can be recycled," said Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford.

The carts are specially coded to the address as part of an innovative program called RecycleBank which allows participants to save money on groceries, pharmacy needs, restaurants and clothes. Westland is the second city in Michigan to participate in RecycleBank.

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New ordinance sets water restrictions

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an 11.84 percent increase in water rates is being considered, the Westland council has approved an ordinance aimed at getting a handle on future rate hikes through better water management.

The ordinance establishes water sprinkling restrictions — property with odd number addresses could water on odd number days, even number addresses can water on even number days. Additionally, all sprinkling is prohibited 6-9 a.m. and 4-8 p.m. daily. Under emer-

gency conditions, which would be determined by the mayor, all sprinkling and other non-essential water use could be banned.

"Basically, we're not going to go out and be the water police. This is something that we had to put into an agreement with DWSD (Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) to get our contract rate," said Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford.

DWSD has to build a water system that can provide the peak demand amount of water, so it charges accordingly as part of its rate model.

"We'll be good stewards of the community on water. We'll educate people. It's better for the grass to water at night — the sun burns the grass when you water during the day," said Buford.

In setting a municipal water rate, DWSD looks at the hour in summer day when water use is at its peak. That peak use has a large impact in setting the local community's water rate increase, so reducing that spike will help keep the rate lower.

"We have not pushed it in the

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Authority board OKs incinerator land sale

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following unsuccessful efforts to sell the site of a former five-city trash incinerator privately, the property will be sold to the City of Dearborn Heights.

Members of the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority Board voted Thursday to sell the 32-acre parcel on Inkster Road to Dearborn Heights, the city in which it is

located, for just over \$1 million.

"We had a couple of deals that fell through. I'm pleased, I think the timing is good," said Westland Mayor William Wild, chairman of the CWCSA board. "The property is in Dearborn Heights and they can control the development."

Garden City City Manager David Harvey, also a board member, agreed that the sale was a positive for the five-member communities.

"Years ago, we'd have gotten more money for the property but the deal didn't get through," said Harvey. "We retained the escrow and got \$60,000 out that which we put into the general fund. We also didn't have to pay 6-8 percent fees (to a real estate agent), so this worked out for the best."

The proceeds of the sale will be divided among the communities — Westland, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Wayne — based on the portion of trash collected and disposed through the CWCSA. Generating 37.4 percent of the trash, Westland would receive the largest sale of the proceeds at \$390,995.

"The timing couldn't be better. Not only can we use the money for sanitation, it's based on the trash that goes through CWCSA," said Wild. "Once we start (curbside) recycling (later this month) the amount of trash will go down. We are cashing out at a high point."

Garden City will receive \$165,075 from the sale based on generating 15.7 percent of the CWCSA trash. Dearborn Heights will get credit for \$310,182 based on 29.6 percent of the trash collected.

Wild and Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, another board member, served as a land sale committee negotiating the sale with Dearborn Heights Mayor Daniel Paletko.

"I think it's a fair deal in this market. The property is in their community (Dearborn Heights) and this will let them deal with it," said Harvey, adding the sale will also save the CWCSA \$20,000 annually in privately contracted maintenance costs. "With this and an earlier distribution (of authority fund balance) we've received well over

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W-W prepares for new budget

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the end of the current fiscal year just weeks off, Wayne-Westland school officials are still wondering what's what when it comes to revenue.

Unknown is if the district will receive the \$6 million in enhanced school aid that Gov. Jennifer Granholm stripped from her 2009-10 State School Aid proposal or if chatter about prorations of aid payments this year and cuts next year will come true.

"We've heard there probably won't be a school aid bill until September," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "We're being forced to adopt a budget not knowing what will happen with that \$6 million. It's still at risk."

The state's worsening economy has left the its general fund and School Aid Fund tattered and even using economic stimulus money from the federal government still isn't enough to plug the holes.

According to Baracy, the "chatter around Lansing" has been a possible \$250 proration this year and a \$400 in the per-pupil payment next year. By law, school districts must have a new budget in place by July 1, but the state's budget year runs through Sept. 30, so if a proration took place between now and then, the district would have to figure out how to recoup \$3.2 million that's already been spent.

Likewise, a \$400 cut would represent a loss of \$5.2 million. Coupled with a loss of the enhancement money, it would

face a \$12 million deficit for 2009-10.

Even its modest fund equity isn't enough to cover the losses. The district would find itself in deficit.

"It would be a total disaster," Baracy said.

Richard Wilson, executive director of the School Equity Caucus, in a May 15 letter, noted that the foundation allowance will not be reduced for next year, however, there will be no increase and the base categorical funding will be reduced. And continued economic conditions will make increases unlikely for 2010-11.

"This is the worst economic picture presented since the beginning of the revenue con-

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\$500,000. It's restricted — we can only use it for refuse. We can't use it to buy a fire truck."

The 2009-10 fiscal year budget adopted by the CWCSA board Thursday caps the hours for its remaining part-time employees. Wild expects that downsizing to continue noting the authority's lease on an office in Wayne will expire in November 2010.

"When that is up, we will probably be down to one employee so that we don't trigger a huge payment to MERS (Municipal Employee Retirement System)," said Wild. "One of the member communities will host the meetings. We will continue to downsize. We can move the day-to-day operations to a city. We'll probably need a part-time clerical person. The board will have to decide between now and then."

Noting the 20-year agreement with Waste Management, Wild said he doesn't see the authority dissolving. As communities increase recycling and reduce the amount of trash sent to Woodland Meadows, higher fees to Waste Management can be triggered.

"We can drop (trash ton-

AUTHORITY AT A GLANCE

- In 1964, the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority began burning solid waste from its five-member communities at an incinerator on Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights as a means of reducing the volume of trash that needed to be placed in a landfill. The resulting ash was placed in a monofill.
- The incinerator was reconstructed in 1998 into a waste-to-energy plant that would produce electricity from the burning of solid waste. A private partnership, the Central Wayne Energy Recovery Limited Partnership handled the reconstruction.
- The waste-to-energy plant closed in September 2003 and the limited partnership filed for bankruptcy in December 2003. The CWCSA communities then had trash transported to Woodland Meadows, a landfill operated by Waste Management, originally on a temporary basis.
- Waste Management eventually purchased the waste-to-energy plant assets from CWCSA and the partnership in June 2004. The CWCSA received a \$4 million payment from Waste Management as part of a 20-year agreement. Part of that money was used to demolish the plant, including the smoke stack and offices, after salvageable assets, such as equipment, were sold off. As a result of the sale, tipping fee rates were substantially reduced for the member communities.
- The monofill was no longer needed since ash was no longer being generated. It has been capped and closed but requires maintenance and monitoring for a minimum of 30 years. There was no debt on the Inkster Road property and the monofill debt was paid off by the CWCSA in 2007.
- The CWCSA has a leased office in Wayne. The remaining employees are part-time Executive Director Steven Aynes, part-time bookkeeper Patricia Noel and a third part-time worker who conducts legally required monitoring at the monofill. The authority also has expenses for past employees who retired after working for the authority.

nage) as much as 10 percent over three years. We had the first one of those fees this year but even with the fee we saved money with less tonnage," said Wild.

Due to the July 4 holiday, the CWCSA board will hold their July meeting June 25 when the land sale is expected to have been completed and the proceeds are to be distributed.



Livonia teacher honored by Arc

Nancy Newman of Livonia (third from left) was awarded the 2009 Outstanding Educator award May 13 by Arc of Northwest Wayne County. The award honors individuals who have helped improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Newman is a special education teacher at the Western Wayne Skill Center in Westland. She prepares students for jobs as child care assistants. To enhance the students' learning experience, Newman's child development classes are held within the Jackson Center Preschool in Livonia. Pictured with Newman (left to right) are Chris Lerchen, executive director of ARC Northwest Wayne County; Susan Erpamer, board president; Roxanne Riggio, student; and Patty and Ron Riggio, parents.

CARTS

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A personal activation mailer, including an activation code,

will arrive in the mail shortly. Accounts must be activated at www.RecycleBank.com or by calling (888) 727-2978. Once a resident has activated a RecycleBank account, points are earned based on the weight

of the community's recyclables. RecycleBank points can be used at hundreds of local and national businesses including Bath, Bed and Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Westland Shopping Center, Marvaso's, Heartland Marketplace and Nankin Hardware.

"Westland is ready to take the proper steps to protect our environment through single-stream curbside recycling," said Mayor William Wild. "By filling your recycling cart every two weeks you will be doing your part to help ensure a cleaner, greener Westland for future generations and RecycleBank will reward you and your family for doing so."

For people who may find the 94-gallon recycling cart too large, DPS does have a smaller version available upon request. Call DPS (734) 728-1770 for information or visit the city's Web site at www.cityofwestland.com.

WATER

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past but we have asked people to voluntarily not water on ozone action days and to alternate days," said Buford. "This is the first time we've really promoted it."

Reducing the peak water demand also lessens the strain

on water mains and results in better water pressure, he said.

The council is expected to consider the water rate increase at their Monday, June 15, meeting. Westland received a 9.9 percent increase in water rates from DWSD and expects a 7 percent increase in sewer rates from Wayne County — that number hasn't yet been finalized, said Finance Director Steven Smith.

Using a rate model projecting water-sewer fund expenses, the combined rate increase for water and sewer will be 4.6 percent. In addition, there will be 3 percent added for local capital outlay, 1.3 percent for bond costs and 3 percent to repay a loan from the general fund, according to Smith.

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BUDGET

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ference in 1992," he wrote. "Reductions are the key words for the state and for operational costs for 2009-10."

In the past, school officials have urged residents to write their lawmakers to urge them not to cut school funding, but there's no point to doing so this time. The federal stimulus money that's coming to the state is being pumped into the budget. The stimulus wish list that school dis-

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hopper and researched, all our lists were for naught," Baracy said. "All the hype about the money helping maintain jobs was extremely misleading. It will not help schools the way the public was led to believe."

Baracy, however, admits what the state is doing had to be done to prevent cuts in all venues.

"It makes the challenge of reconfiguring the district all the more difficult," he said. "Whatever has to be done, we have to do it ourselves."

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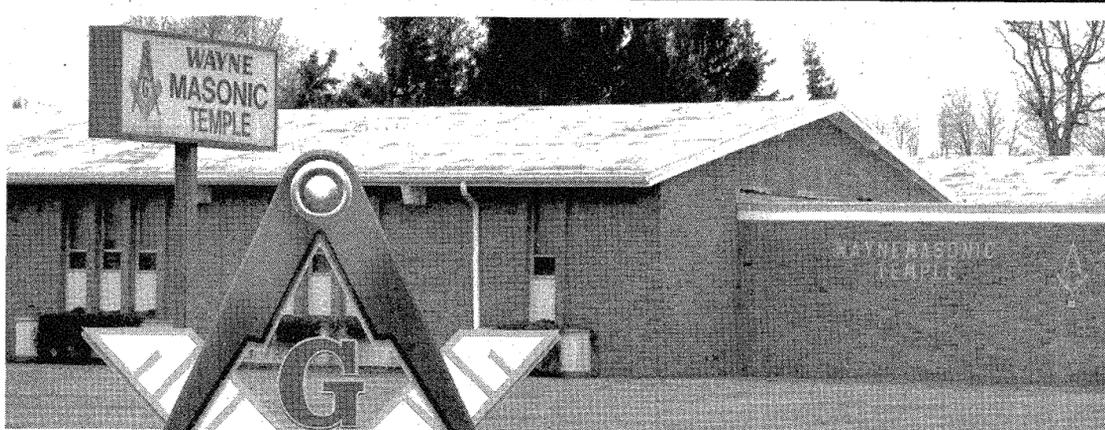
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Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-24 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to middle school and high school students. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 20. Registration forms are available during Road Rockets 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, which is held in Gym 4 or online at glennwrestling.com. For questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Used book sale

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold their used book sale Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, at the Westland Shopping Center Wayne and Warren roads, Westland. There will be a preview 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and cost \$3. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Most books and magazines will be priced at \$1 or less; videos, CDs and DVDs will be individually priced. To donate, call (734) 421-4420.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, June 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. LeBlanc also invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 8, also at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (617)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, June 8. He will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 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 toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Inspire Theatre

There's sure to be laughter

as the wish for a simple wedding turns into a big affair when the Inspire Theatre presents *Father of the Bride* Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, inside The Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, west of Venoy, in Westland. Show time is 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12 each. For more information, call (734) 751-7057 or go online to www.inspiretheatre.com.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available online at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome!

Hazardous waste

The Wayne County Department of Environment has announced a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in the City of Westland.

The Westland event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind JC Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident.

For further information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

Another event has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Northville Public Works, 650 Doheny, just north of 7 Mile Road and east of South Main. It, too, is for Wayne County residents.

Pool opens

The Bailey Recreation Center's outdoor pool is open 3-6 p.m. weekdays and noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. weekends now through Friday, June 12. The regular season starts Saturday, June 13, and will feature an array of "theme" nights for the entire family, including "Two for Tuesday," "Wacky Wednesday," "Family Night Thursday" and "Flotation Friday."

The Bailey Center is at 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Closing celebration

St. Dunstan Catholic School is inviting all former school staff, students and families to attend the closing Liturgy at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. The

school is closing after 45 years. People who would like to contribute as a minister in the liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, should call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6720.

An open house and reception will follow.

Be a star

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team is offering a summer program. Children ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for the first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer we will be working on dances, cheers and be attending camp. Join in the fun this summer. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Preschool sign-ups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

Prison families

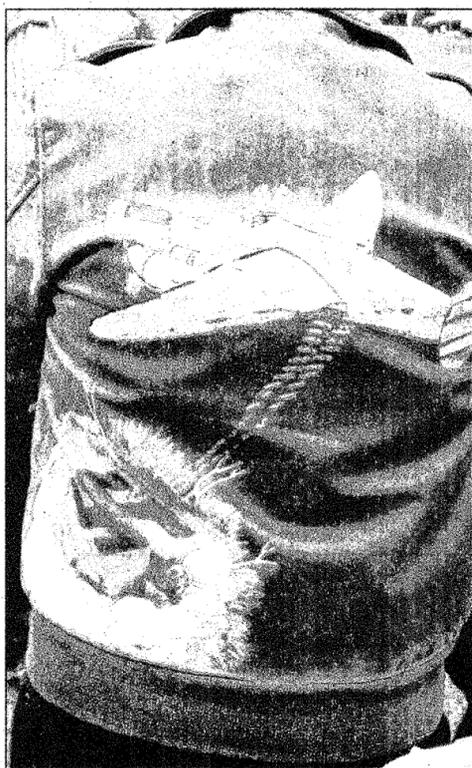
Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at hope4healing@rocketmail.com. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.



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Remembering D-Day

More than 500 veterans of World War II from throughout Michigan recently gathered at Willow Run Airport with family, friends, the Yankee Air Museum and Visionalist Entertainment Products for a group photograph to honor those who fought in the war and to remember D-Day, June 6, 1944. Most are in their 80s and a few in their 90s. Called 'The Greatest Generation,' the veterans are holding their wartime photos.



The back of Victor Pegg's vintage aviator jacket is decorated with a bomber dropping bombs on the Nazi swastika. The Livonia resident wore his jacket at the gathering at Willow Run Airport. It's the same jacket he wore as a tail gunner on a B-24 during 25 bombing missions over Germany.



Victor Pegg of Livonia.

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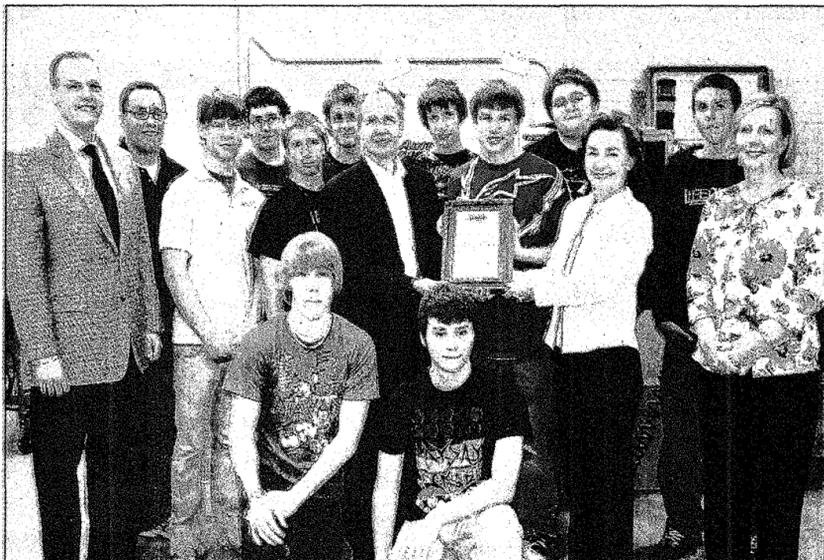
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EDUCATION



Showing off the PMA Educational Institution Award are William D. Ford Career Technical Center CMM instructor Kevin Ryzka (back row, from left), David Hunter, Aaron Romeo, Travis Stress, John Soltis, Stephen Bloetscher, Assistant Principal Steven Kay (center row, from left), Maxwell Hershey, Mark Thompson, PMA President Bill Gaskin, Ryan Przybla, Kathy Aznavoorian and Sandy Miley of Clips and Clamps, Edward Robson (front row, from left) and Kevin Budnick.

Center's CMM program wins award

Bill Gaskin President of the Precision Metalforming Association and Kathy Aznavoorian and Sandy Miley of Clips and Clamps in Plymouth recently presented the CMM program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center with the PMA Educational Institution Award.

Companies in the metal-

forming industry have increasing challenges in the area of employee training. Many, either individually or partnering with other metal forming companies, are working cooperatively with institutions which provide necessary training.

The award recognizes an educational institution, either public or private, that provides

exemplary training and education services to companies in the metalforming industry. It includes a check for \$1,500 for use in the program.

The winning institution must provide coursework that directly enhances skills and knowledge of current and future manufacturing personnel within the metalforming industry.

Perfect!

Glenn graduate doesn't miss one day of high school

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kathryn Harris has gone where not too many high schoolers have gone ... to school every day. The Westland resident is leaving high school with a perfect attendance record.

Yep, that's right. She didn't miss one day of school during her four years at John Glenn High School and all the way back to Wildwood Elementary.

"I made myself go because I wanted to go to school, I motivated myself to go," said Harris, who graduated Saturday. "Sometimes it was hard because it was the morning and I didn't want to go. It would have been easier to stay home, but I didn't."

Harris started amassing honors for perfect attendance when she was in the third grade and kept on getting them through three years at Marshall Middle School. She also was recognized each year of high school, but it wasn't until now that school officials noticed what she had done.

"I don't think they realized how long I had perfect attendance," said Harris, who received a "little paper that said perfect attendance."

Harris graduated with a 3.9 grade point average. While at Glenn, she took Advanced Placement political science in her junior year and AP chemistry and Spanish her senior year. She also has a varsity letter in every sport she was in at Glenn — swimming, diving, gymnastics, bowling and tennis. She admits she had a full school day, especially with swimming and diving when practices started at 5:30 a.m. and practices for other sports going into the evening.

"I didn't sleep at all during



Kathryn Harris of Westland completed her career at John Glenn High School with perfect attendance for all four years.

swim season," she said.

The daughter of Sally Harris and Jerome and Wendy Harris, the teen is moving on to Central Michigan University where she plans to study education to become a teacher. She's well aware of the opportunities to skip classes, but plans to bring her perfect ways to the Mount Pleasant campus.

"I'm going to try and do it at Central, I don't want to get behind on my studies because if you do, you really can't get

back up to speed," she said. "I always told my boyfriend he should go to school and he didn't, especially with the classes he had."

Harris says keeping herself motivated is what helped her achieve perfect attendance and she has a word of advice to students contemplating staying in bed rather than going to school.

"You don't want to let your grades slip," she said. "It's hard to go back to school, if you're already doing bad."



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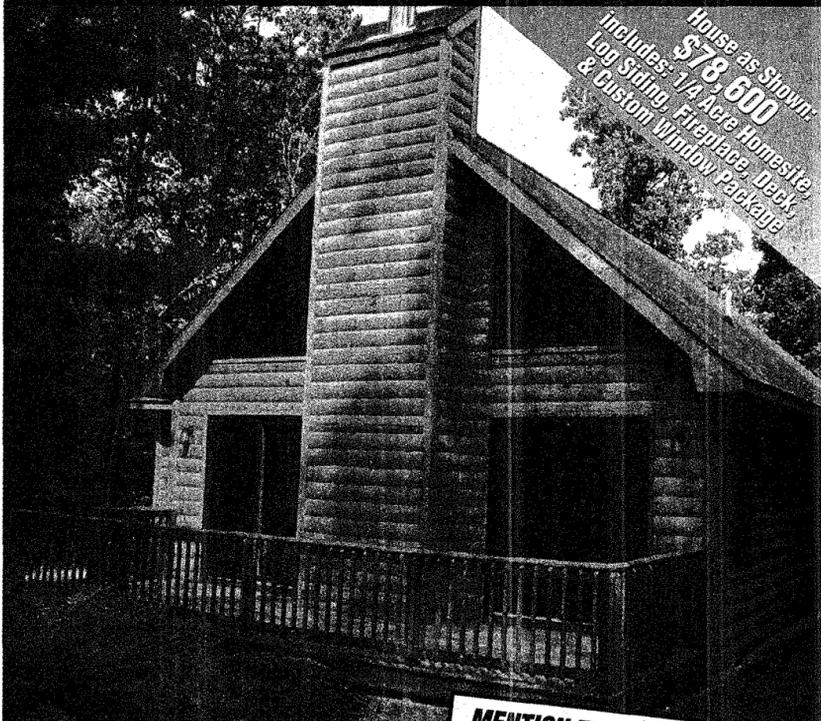
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Laws are changing for Roth IRAs - do your homework

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my early 70s and I know this year I do not have to take an IRA distribution. However, if I decided to do a Roth IRA conversion, I would have to pay the taxes on that money this year. I was told that next year Roth IRA conversion rules are changing.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: Next year you will be able to convert money from your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. However, unless Congress and the president decide to waive mandatory distributions for 2010, you would not be able to convert your required minimum distribution. You can, however, convert anything above and beyond. Required minimum distributions are not eligible to be converted into Roth IRAs. However, in 2009, the required minimum distributions have been waived, thus allowing many seniors to take advantage of Roth conversions.

There is some confusion as to what is happening to the tax laws next year with regard to Roth conversions. In order to convert money from a tradi-

tional IRA into a Roth, the rules have been that your modified adjusted gross income, whether you are single or married, had to be less than \$100,000. Modified adjusted gross income is basically your gross income with some minor adjustments. It is the less than \$100,000 qualification that is disappearing in 2010. What that means is in 2010, anyone will be able to take advantage of a Roth conversion.

This year when you convert money into a Roth IRA, you must pay the taxes on that conversion in the same year. This rule is changing next year. In 2010, you can pay your taxes on your 2011 and 2012 tax return. By spreading the money out, it could prevent you from being thrown into a

higher bracket.

In reviewing Roth conversions, the first issue is why would anyone want to convert? What are the advantages? The main advantage is the money would now grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred.

In a Roth IRA, all your contributions and all the income can be withdrawn tax-free. When you withdraw money from a traditional IRA, you are taxed on the total withdrawal at your ordinary tax bracket. Therefore, the main advantage of converting is to be able to allow money to grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred.

Another advantage of a Roth is it is not subject to required minimum distributions. When someone turns 70½, with the exception of this year, he/she is required to take mandatory distributions from a traditional IRA. Money in a Roth IRA is not subject to mandatory distributions. If you do not cash out your Roth IRA and it goes to your beneficiary upon death, they also have

no income tax consequences. If someone inherits your traditional IRA, they must pay taxes at their ordinary income tax bracket when money is withdrawn.

I believe that Roth IRAs are excellent investment tools. If you are working, there are two ways to get money into a Roth IRA. The first is to follow a Roth conversion, the second is to make a Roth IRA contribution. This year, the maximum contribution is \$5,000 or \$6,000 if you are 50 or older. To make a contribution, if you are single, your modified adjusted gross income must be less than \$120,000 and if you are married, your modified adjusted gross income must be less than \$176,000. If you are single and make over \$105,000 or are married and make over \$166,000, you are still eligible to make a Roth IRA contribution, however, the contribution amount begins to phase out at these income levels. Unfortunately, if you are

not working and do not have earned income, the only way to invest money into a Roth IRA is through a Roth conversion. If you have a part-time job and are reporting earned income (income reported to you on a W-2 Form), then you are eligible for a Roth IRA.

In many cases, people will have the option of investing in a traditional IRA vs. a Roth IRA. The advantage of investing in a traditional IRA is that you can deduct your contribution off your tax return. The downside is you eventually pay tax on that money. In a Roth IRA, you cannot write off your

contribution, however, when you withdraw the money, it is all income tax-free.

I generally recommend the Roth IRA. The benefits are tremendous.

One last note, if you decide to convert money into a Roth IRA, do not wait until the end of the year. The transaction must be completed before Dec. 31.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Local Star Trek fans create their own online movie

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the last televised incarnation of Star Trek off the air since 2005 and a new Star Trek movie setting records, some local fans have created their own version of the show and are hoping to tell as many stories as they can.

In *Eclipse*, the first episode of *Star Trek: Osiris*, worsening relations between perennial Federation enemies the Klingons and Romulans are framed against the launching of the U.S.S. Osiris, Starfleet's newest and fastest ship, and a coup against the president of the United Federation of Planets. The ship's captain is wrestling with his superiors, the crew is fractious, the engine just doesn't want to work... all familiar Star Trek flavors.

On top of that, all of the props, costumes, sound effects and dialogue are as close to the image and feeling of the Star Trek products since *Star Trek: The Next Generation* as the filmmakers could get. All of the sets and effects are computer-generated.

Executive producer, writer and actor Todd Adams of Waterford ("Cmdr. Alaric Thorrson") was working with co-creator Jay Miller at Best Buy in 2007 when they watched *Hidden Frontiers*, the most extensive fan-generated Star Trek online series. It gave them both ideas.

"After watching it we were saying that we could do that," he said. "One day those conversations got serious."

Starting with the idea that all they needed was a camera and a green screen they started planning their own series.

Mary Gibbs (associate producer, casting director) of Redford plays the part of helmsman Kara Donovan. A veteran of independent features, murder mystery dinner theater and the Michigan Renaissance Festival, she got the part after answering an online ad.

"I responded to a Craigslist ad looking for actors for a *Star Trek* fan Web series," she said. "I went there, auditioned on the green screen set and got the job."

After getting the job, she said Miller was doing casting as well as producing and directing,

and she asked if she could take over some of those responsibilities. She used her contacts in Michigan film to get people she knew, other actors, to come out and audition for parts in the production.

Adams said getting the actors together turned out to be a regular chore. Only two of the people involved were professional actors, the rest were people with day jobs so shooting was a week-end balancing act. Others found other challenges inherent in the project.

All acting is make believe, but the set of *Star Trek: Osiris* is entirely a green screen environment where everything that isn't in a character's hands or on his/her back is computer-generated. Gibbs said it can be difficult to adjust.

"I had done green screen before but nothing like this," she said. "You're sitting there with the console in front of you but it's plywood sprayed green and you're pretending to push buttons."

Jay Miller (director, producer, editor, "Capt. Kieran Bale") created all of the computer generated sets and effects using an editing program he taught himself to use.

It was a lot of work. "It was more work than I originally thought," he said. "Now I realize how hard it is to manage talent and work with the computer. I gained a lot of respect for the guys who created *Hidden Frontiers*."

The first episode of *Star Trek: Osiris, Eclipse*, has been online since April 18 and thousands have already seen it.

"The positive response of the Trek community has been more than I expected," Adams said, "It's been above and beyond."

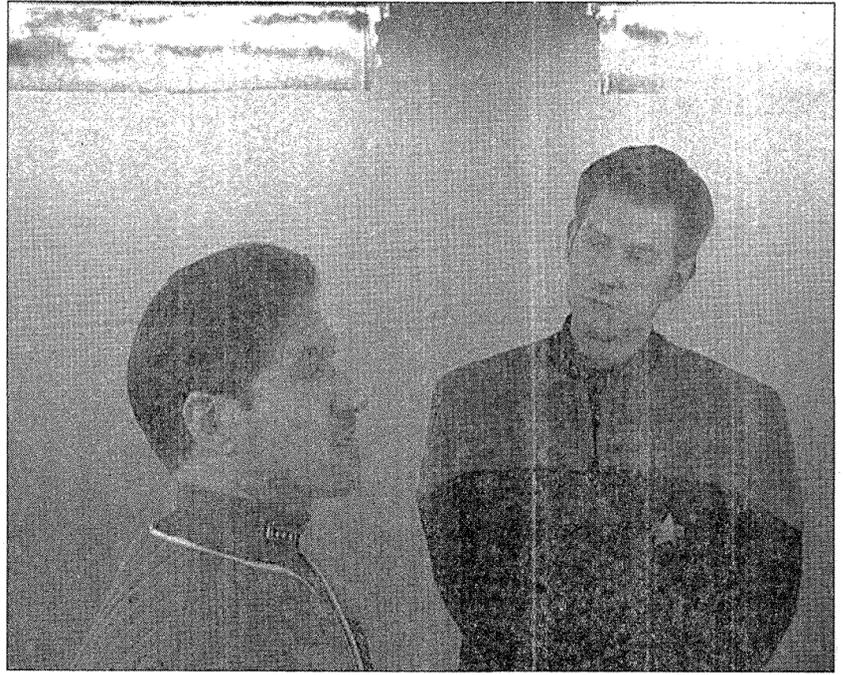
How long can it go on? Miller said he expected a few more episodes will be needed to flesh out the story arc started in *Eclipse*. After that, who knows?

"We've got a general idea where we want it to end," he said. "I'd like to keep it going, to say what life is like after these events, what is the change after this?"

The episode can be seen for free at www.stosiris.com.



Carr and Miller after the computer-generated backgrounds have been added. All of the other props and costumes were made for the production specifically.



Actor James Robert Carr (Adm. James Bradford) and Director/Actor Jay Miller (Capt. Kieran Bale) acting against a green screen. All of the backgrounds, exterior shots and special effects were made in a computer.

ORDINANCE NO. 256

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 102 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE II, (SPRINKLING) BY REPEALING SECTIONS 102-36 AND 102-37 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE ON SPRINKLING, ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS REGULATING THE DAYS AND TIMES WHEN SPRINKLING CAN OCCUR, IMPROVING OVERALL WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapters 102, Article II, Section 102-36 and 102-37, of the Westland City Code are hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-36, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to read and provide as follows:

(a) **Purpose and Intent.** It is hereby declared to be the purpose and intent of this

Section to promote community-wide water management through a public education program regarding water use and consumption; to encourage the use of sprinkling during the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time; to establish specific regulations to restrict the days and times during which lawn irrigation can occur to improve overall water demand management in the City; to provide for a decrease in maximum water usage at peak hours in order to achieve a favorable water consumption charge from the Detroit Water and Sewerage department; to achieve a decrease in peak water usage in order to achieve better water pressure throughout the entire system during peak flows, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

(b) **Definition of sprinkling.** The word "sprinkling," when used in this article, shall mean the watering, sprinkling, spraying, soaking or running of water from the city water system upon lawns, gardens, turf, shrubs and trees.

Section 3. That Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-37, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to read and provide as follows:

(a) **Sprinkling Restrictions.** No person shall cause or allow sprinkling of water at any property from May 1 to October 1, except as provided below:

1. A property with an even-numbered address may be sprinkled only on even-numbered dates within the month, except that sprinkling is prohibited within the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

2. A property with an odd-numbered address may be sprinkled only on odd-numbered dates within the month, except that sprinkling is prohibited within the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

3. If a property has a mixture of odd and even numbered addresses, the lowest numbered property address shall determine whether sprinkling is permitted on odd or even-numbered dates within a month.

4. Provided that the owner of the property first obtains written permission from the Director of the Westland Public Service Department, a property with a newly-seeded or sodded lawn may for the first twentyone (21) days following planting, sprinkle such lawn as often as required, except that sprinkling is prohibited between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

(b) **Emergency Watering Ban Permissible.** Under emergency conditions, as determined by the Mayor, sprinkling or other non-essential use of water may be banned entirely. Prior to imposing such restriction, notice shall be provided in writing to the Westland City Council indicating the proposed restriction and effective date of such restriction. Notice of the Mayor's determination and the rules, restrictions and regulations relating to the periods and setting forth the governing domestic use of water shall be published in the City's designated official, newspaper and on the City's website. Violation of the restrictions or regulations so determined and published shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

(c) **Public Education.** The Department of Public Service is authorized to institute a public education campaign regarding water use and management to improve overall water demand management in the City.

(d) **Violations; Penalties.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed responsible for a civil municipal infraction for which the fine shall not exceed \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, \$200 for the third violation and \$500 for the fourth or subsequent violations. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs

(e) **Enforcement Responsibility.** This Section may be enforced by the City of Westland's Building Official and Code Enforcement Officers, Department of Public Service personnel, members of the Police Department, who are "authorized local officials" within the meaning of and pursuant to MCL 600.8701.

Section 4. Savings Clause. The amendment of the Westland Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendment of the Westland Code of Ordinances set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Repeal. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted: June 1, 2009 Effective: June 7, 2009

Publish: June 7, 2009

Fox 2 stars give laid-off worker a boost

"I don't know how this contest finds the nicest and finest people in the metro area, or how the 'stars' never let us down," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Brontman was referring to Dining with the Stars sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and last month's lunch with Fox 2's weekend co-anchors, Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers.

The winner of the May contest was George LaBrosse of Westland. His wife, Linda, joined him at the luncheon along with his sister-in-law, Lynn Castrodale from Livonia, who submitted the winning entry for George.

"George watches Deena and Jay all the time, he's a big fan! He was recently laid off from his job. I would really like to see George and his wife, Linda, win. It would boost his spirits and would be such a huge surprise," Lynn wrote.

A surprise it was and Deena and Jay made them feel right at home at Buddy's, Brontman said.

The trio arrived in style by



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Fox 2 Detroit's Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers join Linda and George LaBrosse for lunch at Buddy's. The Westland couple was nominated by Lynn Castrodale, standing, at right.

white stretch limo, courtesy of All Class Limo. They made a great entrance and walked the red carpet. Awaiting Linda LaBrosse was Christine from The Beauty Salon in Birmingham for a makeup makeover.

"Bill Bresler from the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* was there to shoot

pictures, which made them feel really special," Brontman added.

The stars and winners enjoyed a Buddy's feast of pizzas, salads and burgers. They also sampled Buddy's new gluten-free pizza.

The Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Bloomfield Hills turned up the heat with some salsa dancing. Dancers Vadim Boldirev and Anastasiya McCurry rumba'd with George and Lynn.

Reaver Diamond Co. of Southfield presented a \$100 gift certificate and Buddy's joined with a few gift certificates as well.

"The place was rockin' and we at Buddy's were impressed with our Fox stars and their devoted fans," Brontman said.

Buddy's presented checks totaling \$500 to Deena (Special Olympics) and Jay (Ronald McDonald House) for their charities

In addition to her weekend role, Centofanti is also the Fox 2 Health Works editor. She joined WJBK-TV in April 1997.

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and daughter Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year. "I love my time with my TV family Deena and Justin (Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with his daughter, 6.

When not working weekends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jay & Bill show.

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Experiment with something new at Mad Science

Scientific experiments that turn youthful curiosity into exuberance are the focus of a new Livonia company that brings science to life in classrooms, youth group meetings and birthday parties.

Mad Science of Detroit opened in Livonia earlier this year, giving the Detroit area its second franchise and the Canadian-based company some 160 franchises in 19 countries.

Mad Science trains adult technicians in safe and interesting lessons that involve rocket launching, chemical reactions, laser-light shows, periscope building and hovercraft rides. The company provides a series of 30- to 60-minute programs designed to fit various age groups from ages 3-12.

"The oohs and aahs are fun to hear and watch," said Rosalind Peck, president of the Livonia Mad Science franchise, which focuses on the Wayne County market.

"I watched my daughter teach a Mad Science program when she was in college and now she's a high school science teacher," Peck added. "It's fabulous for kids and many teachers and parents get into the programs as much as the children."

Peck is starting to penetrate the local market by providing after-school programs for Livonia Community Education and the Van Buren school system. She has many community partnership summer camps scheduled throughout Wayne County, as well as her own Mad Science camps at programs to begin in the fall.

"Our focus now is to get the word out about our programs," Peck said. "We are trying to reach schools, youth groups, families wanting quality birthday party entertainment, Scout groups and even companies. This is a great program for



Mad Scientists Rosalind Peck (right), owner of the business, and Dr. Stacy Gates, Ph.D., teach and entertain adults and children.

a company that coordinates a bring-your-child-to-work day or a summer party that includes children."

Mad Science was founded by a duo of teenage brothers in Montreal who impressed their friends and neighbors with their laser-light shows in the late 1980s. A local YMCA hired Ariel and Ron Shlien to conduct these laser-light shows and other scientific programs that grabbed the attention of thousands of Montreal children within a few years.

By 1990, the Shlien brothers turned their curiosity into a company. Within six

years, they opened 28 Mad Science franchises across North America. Mad Science has grown into a worldwide company and expanded its programs to include publishing books and tobacco awareness and sun safety programs.

Peck said children are hooked on these programs once they experience them.

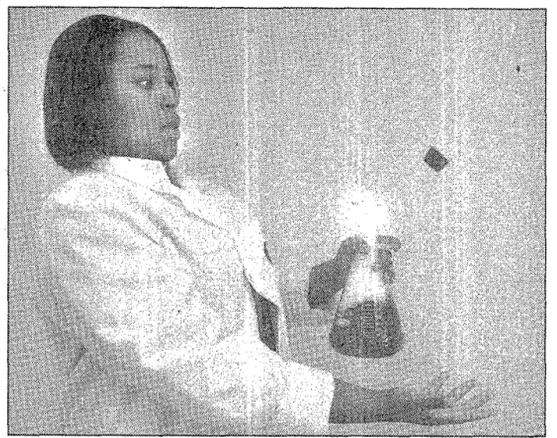
"I love sitting on the floor with them as I lead these experiments, because the kids are quiet, amazed and focused on what I am doing," she said. "That is the best part of what we do."

Livonia Chamber of

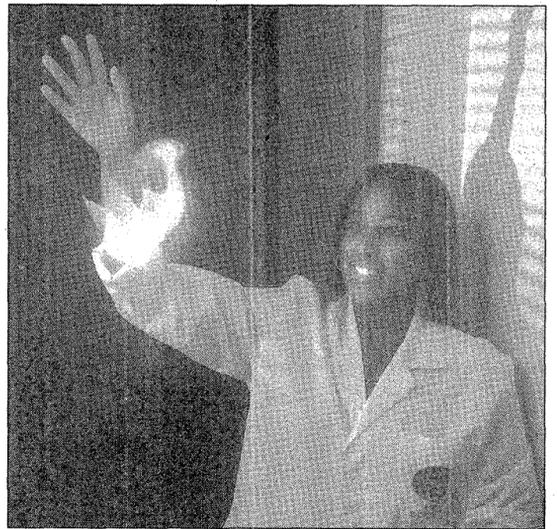
Commerce President Dan West said this is a company that provides a unique service and is situated in a perfect location.

"There are some 20,000 elementary and secondary students who live in Livonia, and they are involved in a number of clubs, groups and recreational programs outside of school," West said. "I imagine there will be a lot of opportunities for children in and out of Livonia to take advantage of Mad Science's interesting programs."

Along with Peck at Mad Science of Detroit is Dr. Stacy Gates, a recent University of



Pop goes the cork. Dr. Stacy Gates uses pressure from carbon dioxide to blow the cork from the beaker.



It's science and showmanship. Dr. Stacy Gates demonstrates flash paper.

Toledo graduate who earned a Ph.D. in chemistry. Both Peck and Gates are available to answer questions about the company's various programs. Parties can be held just about anywhere, and if a child is interested in checking out a Mad Science program parents can call the office or go online

to get more information or to enroll in an upcoming program.

For more information, call Peck or Gates at (734) 266-9444, or e-mail the Stark Road office at madsciencedetroit@um.att.com. The Web site is www.madscience.org/detroit.

Be Creative: Summer Reading Program 2009

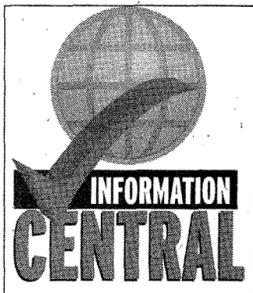
Children of all ages are encouraged to register for the Summer Reading Program at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. This year's theme, Be Creative @ Your Library, promotes a fun and imaginative reading program open to children ages 0-12. Registration begins at the Kick-Off Event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13, where children will receive their Summer Reading material, sign up for upcoming programs and make a craft.

The program lasts for seven weeks, ending at 5 p.m. Aug. 1. Children who complete the program will receive a free paperback book, an entry into the grand prize drawing, and an invitation to a finale celebration starring magician Jason Abbott.

All activities at the library are free of charge. Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, Target Stores and many other amazing community benefactors, children who participate in the program will profit from a uniquely designed program. They will have a chance to explore the imaginative world of art through professional presenters, story times, creative learning workshops and the ever-inspiring world of books.

Come in and learn about the variety of creative programs offered. Music, dance, collage, drawing and painting are all featured on our summer calendar. T-shirt painting, Rhythm and Rhyme Story Times, Readers' Theater, Mother and Daughter Book Club, artist's workshops, Sidewalk Chalk, and Jazz It Up Dance Class are a sampling of the creative activities planned. Fun Guessing Jars, raffles and prize coupons are reserved for all children participating in the program.

The library collection of fiction and nonfiction books is outstanding, an amazing resource for budding artists. Both children and adults enjoy visually stunning picture books, exemplified by the many books available on our shelves. The work of illustrators Eric Carle, Jane Dyer, Wendell Minor and Jerry Pinkney will inspire and motivate



you to explore art with your child. Let us help you locate material for pleasure and instruction. Whether your child is an independent reader or enjoys listening to stories by your side, the Summer Reading Program encourages literacy in a fun and supportive way.

The program runs from June 13 through Aug. 1. You can register anytime during library hours, beginning June 13. You do not have to be a Westland resident to participate. Call the Children's Department at (734-326-6123) for more information.

Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs start June 13, too. Join us at the Pavilion behind the library for a Kick-off Extravaganza and view a chainsaw carving demonstration. Watch an ordinary log turn into a bear right before your eyes. Demonstration will begin at 11 a.m. and go through the afternoon.

Highlighted Activities

District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. June 8, Faust Area.

Join State Senator Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for their monthly district coffee hour. Both will be available for you to ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

"Fireside Chat": 6 p.m. June 8, Faust Area.

Join State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for an informal "Fireside Chat." They invite all Westland residents to join them in the Faust Area where you can express your concerns about issues that matter most to you. They will update you with news from the state and the county.

20s/30s Book Club: 7-8 p.m. June 10 at Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh.

Join us as we discuss Chip Kidd's "The Cheese Monkeys." It tells the story of one boy's discovery of graphic design in college and his talented and cruel professor. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Information Central was compiled by children's associate Bernadette Dewyer. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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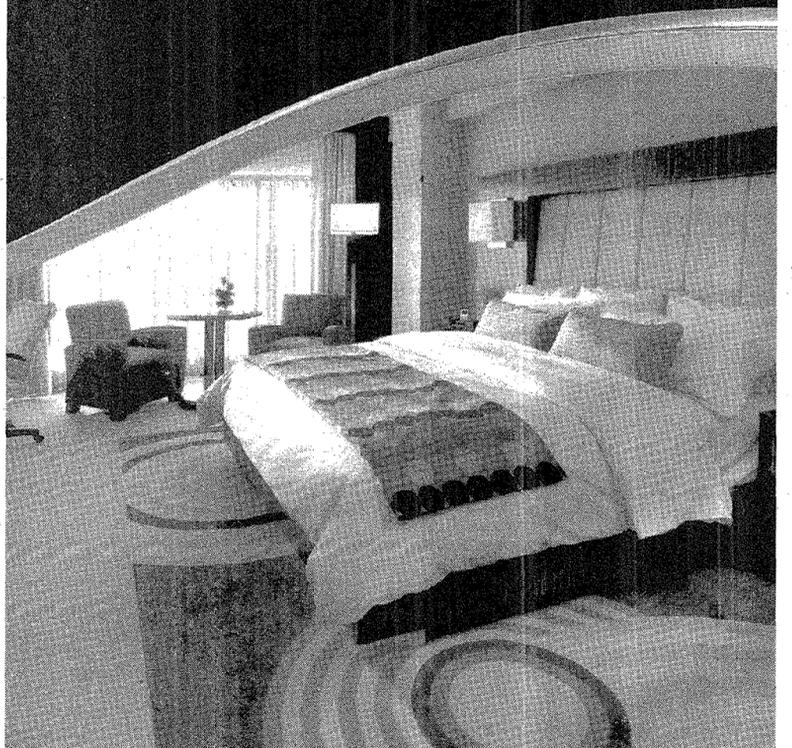
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And you may not know that with every breath you take, you are inhaling a mixture of particles and contaminants that can potentially be harmful to your health.

Fortunately, when it comes to your home – the place you spend the most time – there are steps that can be taken to help you breathe easier. In honor of National Home Safety Week this week, SERVPRO of Westland is offering tips to help residents improve the condition of the air in their homes.

"People simply assume the air in their homes is pure, but all too often that is far from the case," said Gary Gasser, owner of SERVPRO of Westland. "Dirty air ducts can circulate odors, contaminants such as mold and irritating dust throughout homes, resulting in a variety of health conditions ranging from mild to severe."

According to Gasser, there are some contaminants, such as certain types of mold, which occur naturally in the environment and are actually harmless in small concentrations. Other pollutants, however, can and should be avoided. Gasser recommends the following tips for safeguarding homes against dangerous airborne contaminants:

- Control moisture. Mold is more likely to spread when an environment has been subject

to moisture for a long period of time. Take steps to correct any water leaks or standing water, including water under cooling coils of air handling units. If humidifiers are used, make sure they are properly maintained.

- Clean and replace filters. It is recommended that air conditioning filters be cleaned or replaced as frequently as every month. Some filters can easily be hosed off or rinsed in the sink.

Fiberglass filters, however, can't be reused but can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

- Inspect ducts. If necessary, hire a professional to assess the condition of your home's duct work, the airways that transfer the hot and cold air throughout your house. Ducts can be brushed and vacuumed and air can be filtered through a HEPA filtration system in order to help

ensure optimum decontamination.

"In certain circumstances, such as after fire, smoke or suspected mold growth, duct cleaning may be an important step to restoring the air to a clean condition," added Gasser. "In these cases, a professional should be employed to restore the HVAC system and duct work to pre-loss condition."

The National Safety Council

(NSC) reports that, on average, people spend about 90 percent of their time indoors, with 65 percent of this time being spent at home. Unfortunately, the ones who are home the most – children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with chronic illnesses – are often the most susceptible to indoor air pollution.

The Environmental Protection Agency notes pos-

sible health effects from indoor air pollution include irritation of the eyes, nose or throat and also result in headaches or dizziness.

Founded in 1967, the SERVPRO franchise system is a national leader and provider of fire and water cleanup and restoration services and mold mitigation and remediation. For more information about SERVPRO of Westland, call Gasser at (734) 721-5699.

Credit union holds food drive

Co-op Services Credit Union is hosting its second annual food drive to benefit the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Metro Detroit.

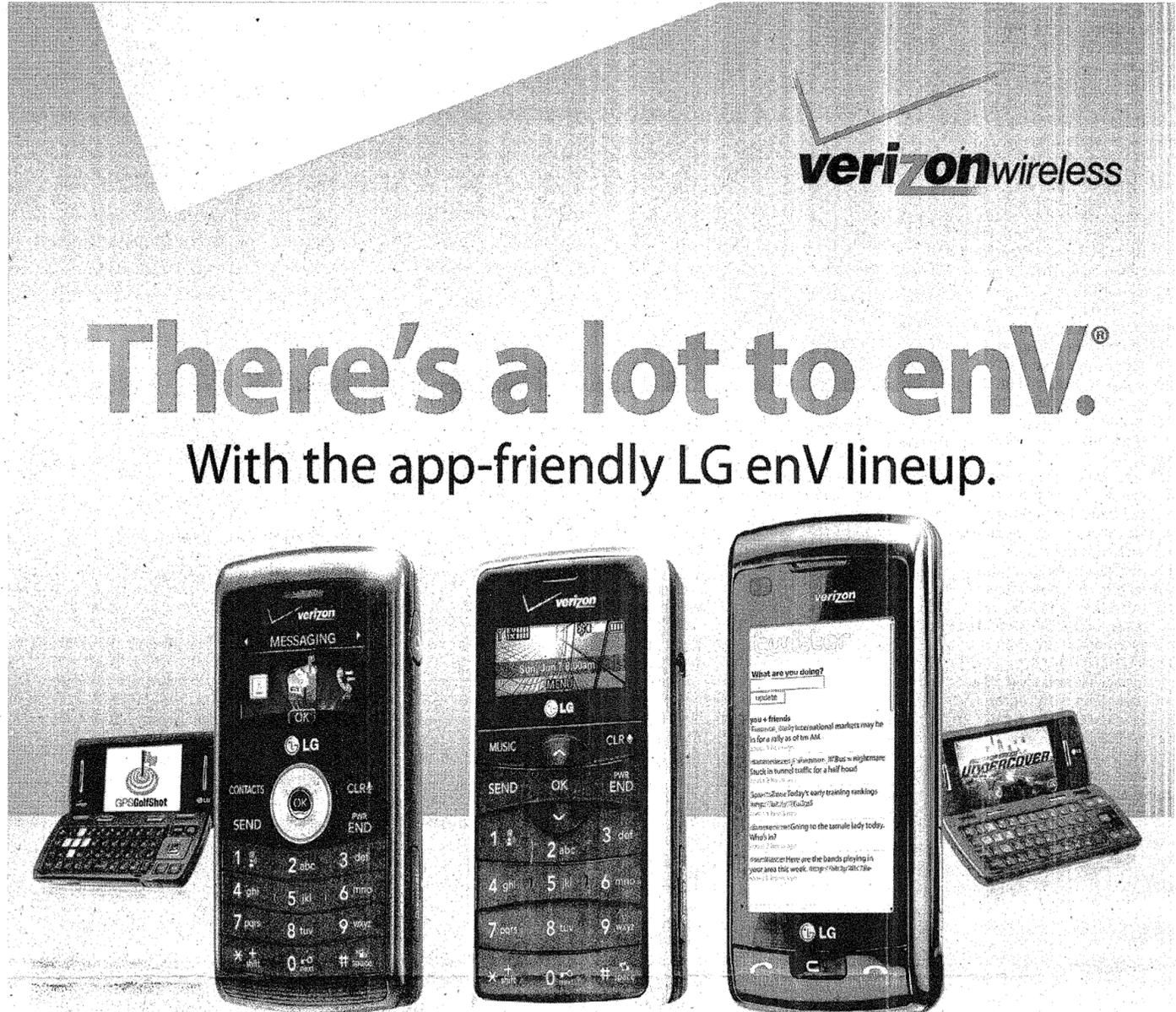
Now through June 27, collection boxes are available at the credit union's six branch locations, including its offices at 35050 Ford Road, east of Wayne Road, to accept non-perishable donations of canned goods, diapers, baby formula, toiletries and other items.

The credit union's goal is to collect more than 1,000 pounds of food to help feed the hungry. The collection drive will end with a food rally during the 2009 "Cruisin' Downriver" event at the credit union's Southgate branch at 16225 Fort St.

"Our goal is to collect more than 1,000 pounds," said Bryan Feldpausch, marketing coordinator of Co-op Services Credit Union. "With our tough economy, more people are seeking help from food pantries year-round, so we're encouraging our members, staff and others in the community to help with this effort."

Credit union staff helped launch the drive by donating approximately 150 pounds of food items during a recent casual day.

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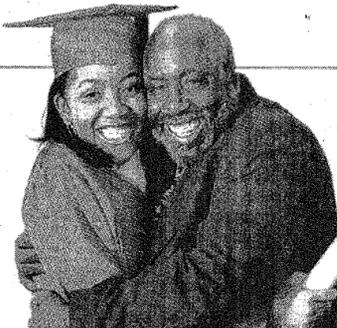
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Painful tourney exit: Chargers ousted in shootout

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PKs ultimately decided who would move on in the Division 1 girls soccer state tournament Friday night at Saline.

After battling to a scoreless draw for 80 minutes in regulation and a pair of 15-minute overtime periods for the regional championship, penalty kicks saved defending state champion Ann Arbor Huron.

Meanwhile, Livonia Churchill headed home needing pain killers as the Chargers were eliminated in the shootout, 3-1.

Churchill, making its first regional appearance since 1999, missed three-of-four attempts after nearly winning the game with 4:10 left in the second sudden victory OT when Hannah Otto's cross to Alyssa Mira just missed the mark.

Churchill bows with a 17-3-3 overall

GIRLS SOCCER

record, while Huron, 17-2-2, moves on to the state semifinals to take on top-ranked Portage Central.

"I was trying to keep our girls fresh — both teams were fatigued — but we should have won it in overtime," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, who made substitutions on nearly every stoppage of play during the 30 minutes of OT. "It was a good game, an even game. I expected it to be tight. We had our chances on a couple of free-flowing plays. We just did not finish the few opportunities we had, but you can't take anything away from Huron."

Offensive chances were limited as Churchill held a 5-4 edge in shots on goal during regulation.

Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner made three key saves during the first 80

minutes, including a sprawling save on a River Rat breakaway with only 29 seconds left. She also leaped high to tip the ball over the crossbar with 5:20 remaining in the first half on a shot by Beth Boyer and denied Ainsley McCallister in a similar fashion during the 44th minute.

"She (Turner) came up with the saves we needed," Hebestreit said. "We played well enough, we've just never been in a game with PKs as a team in my 10 years."

Turner, ironically, took the first PK for the Chargers and it caromed off the right post.

"She's good on them, she's our best shooter," the Churchill coach said. "I had the five names (shooters). We were going in the order they wanted. I let them set it up."

Bailey Brandon, Churchill's leading goal scorer, tallied the lone PK score for the Chargers, while Mira's low drive was gobbled up by Huron goalkeeper Emily

Brunschweiler and Darcy DeRoo's attempt sailed high and wide to the right.

Meanwhile, Huron got PK tallies from Lisa Masini, Boyer and McCallister (the game-winner).

"We've been working on PKs since half-way through the season," Huron coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "I know the five shooters and they know the order. It's a routine."

"We're not as deep as we were last year, but we still have the talent. At the end we had to play smart and play slow, let the ball do the work. It really comes down to who wants it more and you have to leave it all out on the field."

The regional final marked the end of the careers for six Churchill seniors who have played on the varsity since their freshman year — Turner, Brandon, Mira, Otto, Kayla Johnston and Tessa Allen — who compiled an impressive record of 56-13-12.

SIDELINES

Charger All-Stars

Livonia Churchill will be well represented in the 2008-09 Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Senior Volleyball Classic Friday, July 31 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The two semifinal matches will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by the consolation and finals at 7:30 p.m.

Among the participants for the Chargers' state Class A semifinal team will be first-team All-Stater Lindsey Graciak, second-teamer Kristen Nalez and honorable mention selection Katie Matz.

Churchill coach Mark Grenier will also be a participant in the Classic, which also includes an awards luncheon at 1 p.m.

Bean selected

Livonia Clarenceville's Alexa Bean was recently selected to serve on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council for the 2009-10 school year.

The SAC will meet five times each school year.

In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the council will discuss issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition), and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There will also be a fifth S discussed by the group — student leadership.

Glenn All-Academic

Both the Westland John Glenn girls and boys swim teams were recognized recently by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Academic All-State teams in Division 1.

The Glenn girls, coached by Randy Ferguson, ranked eighth with a cumulative team grade-point average of 3.57.

The Rocket boys, coached by Bob Harding, ranked 18th.

Run Drugs Out 5K

The 3rd annual 5- and 10-kilometer Run Drugs Out Of Town event, sponsored by the Livonia Police Department, will be Saturday, June 13, in Hines Park at Nankin Mills.

The event supports the Save Our Youth Task Force.

Included in the entry is a run T-shirt (before June 1 and while supplies last), food and entertainment for all ages.

You can register as a team to show your support or honor a loved one.

The event will feature the return support of Ken Wagner Agency and Circus Amoungus.

TV weatherman Chris Edmonds will serve as master of ceremonies. Also offered will be Chronotrack Timing on the USA Track and Field certified course. Awards will also go to top placers in each age group.

For more information, or to register, visit www.justsay-run.com.

C'ville tabs Johnson as new varsity coach

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Justin Johnson needs any help during his first season as Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach, he can rely on the advice of his younger brother Trevor.

"He'll be my assistant on the varsity," said Justin, who was recently hired as the Trojans' head coach after the departure in April of Corey McKendry.

"He was very impressive in his interview. He comes with a good pedigree," Clarenceville Athletic Director Kevin Murphy said of the 32-year-old Justin Johnson. "He's big on discipline and he'll work hard."

Trevor Johnson, 29, is Clarenceville's boys and girls varsity soccer coach who also served as an assistant basketball coach under McKendry.

"And if he's anything like Trevor, he'll do an awesome job," Murphy said of Justin.

McKendry, a Clarenceville grad and former player, went 39-26 in his three seasons as varsity coach. He guided the Trojans to back-to-back Metro Conference titles, including an 18-3 record in 2007-08 when he earned *Observer* Coach of the Year honors.

Justin Johnson, meanwhile, spent the past three seasons as the freshman boys coach at Waterford Kettering High School and currently serves as a seventh-grade middle school teacher in same district.

Johnson is a graduate of Michigan State University who played soccer, basketball and baseball at Walled Lake Western High. "I want to change the identity a little," Johnson said. "Obviously we'll try to win games, but I'll also focus in on the classroom. I want to make sure they go to class. And hopefully they'll get into college if they do the right things. I'll focus on more than just basketball."

Johnson is currently in the get-acquainted stage with his team. The Trojans lose several key players to graduation off last year's 15-8 squad, including All-Stater Jamie Stewart and the team's second-leading scorer Nathan Clark.

"I like up-tempo, in-your-face type defense," Johnson said. "We want to push the ball and get quick baskets. I haven't seen them play yet and what kind of depth we have. It depends on the type of athletes as far as what we'd like to do."

"We'll try and get a few more games in for the summer and have some open gyms. Then I should have a better idea what we're going forward with."



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2009 All-Area Girls Track

Ladywood's Megan Vitale is a member of the first-team All-Observer girls track team in the 4 x 400-meter

Wayne hurdler eyes Midwest Meet of Champions

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial's Renaldo Powell hopes to put his name on a Midwest Meet of Champions 110-meter hurdles list that also includes current NFL wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. and former NFL standout safety Rod Woodson.

Powell, the Division 1 state champ in the 110 highs (14.13), will be among a select company of the best track and field seniors from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois for the Midwest meet, which will be held Saturday, June 13, at Jackson's Withington Stadium.

"I'm real excited. I know I'll run my fastest time and I think I can win both events," said Powell, who was also third in the Division 1 state finals in the 300 hurdles (38.73).

Also expected to compete are Division 1 boys pole vault state runner-up Derik Peterman of Livonia Churchill and Division 1 girls 1,600 state second-place finisher Courtney Calka of Livonia Stevenson.

Powell, meanwhile, has come along way since his junior year, when he reached the semifinal round of the 110 highs and finished eighth.

He credits part of his success to winter training with the Michigan Accelerators Club.

"I did a lot of hurdle work and drills that I had not done before," said Powell, who also played cornerback for the Zebras' football team last fall. "It was the first time

being on a (track) team other than Wayne. I also did a lot of sprint work. I was on the 4 by 400 and 4 by 200 indoor state champs."

Powell, who also long jumps, has earned a track and field scholarship to Central Michigan University, where he will study pre-dentistry with hopes someday of becoming an orthodontist.

Sixth-year coach Lee Grizzell calls Powell "the best captain I have had at Wayne."

"Renaldo led by example and he kept practice fun for the underclassmen, and he did a great job of recruiting," Grizzell said. "He performed so well this year because he has an excellent work ethic. Renaldo is such a good hurdler because he has really powerful legs and his technique is very good."

And while Powell always had the athletic talent, he had to acquire a taste for the academic side of life. He participated in

Wayne's Upper Bound program, a government-funded program that helps prepare and exposes students to college.

"My first year of high school was not good, but the last two years I've been on the honor roll," Powell said. "The first two years, I was just being lazy."

Powell graduated Saturday from Wayne and will continue to train with the Accelerators throughout the summer, with hopes of going to either the USATF Junior or Nike Outdoor nationals.

Following his victory in the 110 hurdle state finals, Powell admitted he deviated a bit from his strict training regimen.

"I ate cheesecake," the 18-year-old said. "I hadn't had it for almost a year. I have to monitor my diet. You have to be disciplined. It's hard."

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All-Area girls team filled with all-state athletes

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Chelsea Carradine, Jr., Red. Thurston (shot put): Competing in her third varsity season, this junior emerged as one of the state's finest in the shot put, earning a third place showing with a throw of 39-5.5. A three-time league and regional champion, Carradine was unbeaten in the event all the way through regionals and eclipsed her school record by nearly two feet with a toss of 39-8.5.

"Chelsea is a complete athlete," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "She is quick, fast and strong. She is a fierce competitor who brings out the best in herself and her teammates. After a hamstring injury at an invite in April, we held back in running workouts and Chelsea became a discus thrower. We look forward to her senior year and additional accomplishments."

Shannon Getchen, Sr., Liv. Churchill (discus): The senior captain proved to be a consistent performer by winning the regional, Kensington Conference and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational titles.

She posted a season best of 109-1 in the discus and 34-3.5 in the shot put.

"The best thing about Shannon is she threw her best at the big meets and was our second leading scorer this year," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "As good as Shannon is as a thrower she is, she's an even better person. Her character, as well as her ability as a top thrower, will be missed by everyone associated with Churchill athletics."

Abbey Lovat, Soph., F.H. Mercy (high jump): The sophomore placed fifth in the Division 1 state meet with an area-best jump of 5-5. Lovat won the Catholic League and Operation Friendship championships, and she was the West Bloomfield regional runner-up. She also long jumps, throws the shot put and runs relays.

"She's a hard-working athlete," coach Gary Servais said. "She listens well and applies what she hears. As much as she's into basketball, she's going to go to the Michigan track and field camp. I think she's beginning to like track and field as much as basketball. I hope she thinks about this sport for college. I wish I had 20 Abbey Lovats. I'm looking forward to working with her two more years."

Chanel Payne, Sr., Westland Glenn (long jump): The senior jumped a career- and school-record best 18-5.75 this season, while finishing third in the state finals.

A three-time state qualifier, Payne was also regional and KLAASouth Division champ, along with being undefeated in dual meets. She was also conference champ in the 100 dash (12.42).

"Chanel set high expectations for herself this season was able to meet or exceed them," Glenn coach Alan McGowan said. "As a captain on our team, Chanel shows great leadership both on and off the track. She ranks as one of the greatest track and field athletes in Glenn girls history. She accumulated 901 varsity points in her career."

Emily Quint, Jr., Liv. Franklin (pole vault): The junior placed sixth in the Division 1 state finals with a school record 11-2. She was also Public Schools of Livonia Invitational, regional and KLAASouth champion.

Quint excelled in the high jump where she cleared 5-2, including a fourth at the regional. She also took second in the 100 hurdles at the KLAASouth meet.

"Emily had an outstanding season for us, making 10-foot vaults



Chelsea Carradine Thurston



Shannon Getchen Churchill



Abbey Lovat Mercy



Chanel Payne John Glenn



Emily Quint Franklin



Megan Yanik Ladywood



R. Adamcheck Stevenson



Charlotte Cahill N. Farmington



Aubrie Scott John Glenn



Cherie Gaines N. Farmington



Sara Kroll Churchill



Courtney Calka Stevenson



Megan McPherson Franklin



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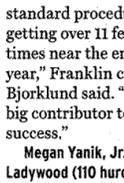
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Dave Bjorklund Franklin coach

standard procedure and getting over 11 feet several times near the end of the year," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She was a big contributor to our team success."

Megan Yanik, Jr., Liv. Ladywood (110 hurdles): The junior had an outstanding season figuring in all 14 of the Blazers' points at the Division 2 state meet with a third-place finish in 300 hurdles (45.5) and a fifth in the 110 hurdles (15.81).

Yanik also anchored the fifth-place 1,600 relay team at the state meet.

She led the area in both events en route to Catholic League and regional championships in the 100 and 300 hurdles.

"Megan ran her best time at the state meet for the 300 hurdles, breaking her own school record from last year (46.5)," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said. "She also broke her own 100 hurdles school record this season with her 15.3 (last year's best was 15.4). She is a hard working, extremely dedicated athlete who can always be counted on to come through for the team."

Becky Adamcheck, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (300 hurdles): The junior captain placed seventh in the Division 1 state finals with a time of 45.72 after winning the regional in a school record 45.6.

At the Kensington Conference meet, Adamcheck placed first and captured KLAASouth Division titles in the 200 (27.0) and 300 hurdles. She was also Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champ.

"It has been a pleasure to coach Becky these last three years," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said the three-year letter winner and team's second leading point producer. "She is a very dedicated and hard working young lady that puts it all on the track with each race. She has truly developed into a very dominant track athlete and I am so very excited to see what she will continue to do and the success she will have in her senior year."

Charlotte Cahill, Sr., N. Farmington (100 dash): The four-year standout won the Division 1 state champion-

ship in the 100 meters and was the runner-up in the 200. She set school records and had area-best times in both events when she ran 11.8 and 25.1 at the Farmington city meet in April. Cahill was a triple winner in the OAA Blue Division meet, finishing first in both sprints and the long jump. She is the Oakland County champion in the 100 and 200, and she was second in the long jump, setting a school record with a leap of 17-2.5.

"Her performance at the state meet was the best we've had from a North Farmington athlete," coach Bill Pinnell said. "She was in three events; to finish first and second in two, it was just a great individual effort."

"As a coach, it's great seeing your athletes, especially when they work hard and have dedicated themselves to your program and the sport, have success."

Aubrie Scott, Soph., Westland Glenn (200): The sophomore was Kensington Conference and South Division champion, undefeated in dual meets and qualified for three events in the Division 1 state finals.

Scott, who posted a personal best 26.3 in the 200, also went 17-4.75 in the long jump.

"Aubrie is a first-year runner that exceeded my expectations," McGowan said. "She is a very intense competitor that leaves it all out there when she competes. She has a very bright future ahead of her."

Cherie Gaines, Soph., N. Farmington (400): The sophomore won the OAA Blue Division championship with an area-best time of 58.7, which was three 10ths of a second shy of Heather Burcar's school record. Gaines qualified for state in the 400 and just missed gaining a top-eight finish. She also was second to Cahill in the OAA Blue 200 final with a 26.6 time.

"With her only being a sophomore, it was a great experience for her to have the opportunity to run in the state meet," coach Bill Pinnell said. "She had a great season. She knows the kind of work she's going to have to put in to get herself up there (in the state). With a little more work and seasoning, I think she's going to be one of the top 400 runners."

Sara Kroll, Jr., Liv. Churchill (800): The junior became one of the state's premier distance runners with a second in the 800 (2:14.39) and a

seventh in the 1,600 (4:57.0), both school records, at the Division 1 state finals.

She was also regional champ in the 1,600 and runner-up in the 800. At the Kensington Conference meet she took 800 and led the Chargers to the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational title with wins in three individual events, along with the 1,600 relay.

"Sara is the most talented runner I have had the privilege to coach at Churchill over the past years," Daugherty said. "As natural a good runner as Sara is, she is the hardest working athlete I have ever known. That is why she is good and is going to get even better."

Courtney Calka, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (1,600): The senior captain, bound for Eastern Michigan University, became the area's fastest miler when she posted a runner-up finish at Division 1 state meet with a time of 4:51.97.

Calka, who broke the 1,600 school record several times, was also Kensington Conference and KLAASouth Division champ, as well as a regional runner-up.

Calka added the area's third-fastest time in the 3,200 (11:29.4) and second-best time in the 800 (2:17.3).

"I was so happy when Courtney decided to come out to track her sophomore year," Graham said of the team MVP and Academic All-Stater. "Watching everything she has accomplished these last three years with Courtney's ability, guts, hard work and drive - do not come along all that often. She was a special gift to our program."

"Watching her run her last race as a high school athlete was awesome. She did everything right and all the hard work, time, energy paid off for her."

Megan McPherson, Soph., Liv. Franklin (3,200): The state qualifier holds school records in both the 3,200 (11:14.2) and 1,600 (5:16.5).

The sophomore was undefeated in dual meets in both events and a regional champ in the 3,200. As the state meet she placed 14th in the 3,200 after picking herself up after getting knocked down to the track.

"Megan is our hardest worker, and after a very successful cross country season (32nd place at the state meet), she was determined to get to the state meet in track," Bjorklund said. "She has been our leader all year on the distance team."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

John Glenn, 400 (Chanel Payne, Sr.; Aubrie Scott, Soph.; Shaunte Roberts, Sr.; Stephany Brown, Fr.): This quartet captured both the regional and KLAASouth Division titles, along with seconds at the Tory Clark Invitational and North Farmington Raider Relays. They were undefeated in dual meets and ninth overall in Division 1.

"This group of girls were a great group to coach this season, after losing three of the four girls from last years relay that also qualified for states," McGowan said. "I wasn't sure if we would get back. These girls set high expectations for themselves and reached almost every goal they set."

Harrison, 800 (Talia Shuford, Soph.; Auriel Bell, Sr.; Karlyn Cassidy, Jr.; Tiera Parker, Fr.): The Harrison foursome posted an area-best time of 1:46.5. The Hawks won the Algonac Invite and were runners-up in the OAA White Division and Groves Invite; they also were fourth at the regional and seventh in Oakland County.

"These are some of our best athletes, and they take a lot of pride in their relays," coach Mark Babcock said. "They put in a lot of time and achieved many goals. We are quite proud of these young ladies and what they represent. They also run the 400-meter relay at a high level."

Ladywood, 1,600 (Teresa Wojnarowski, Soph.; Katie Morasso, Sr.; Megan Vitale, Soph.; Megan Yanik, Jr.): The Blazer foursome posted the area's best time in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 4:05.9 en route to a Catholic League championship.

They also placed fifth in Division 2 state finals (4:08.0) were runners-up in the Division 2 regional.

"They all compete in many other events and contribute points on a consistent basis," Ahearn said. "This team consistently won the 4 x 400 in all our dual meets, shaving time off at each meet. Their most exciting meet was the Catholic League championship, where they took first place amongst two other state qualifying relay teams (Marian and Regina) and also recorded their best time of the season (4:05.9)."

Churchill, 3,200 (Emily Clairmont, Sr.; Tiffany Raisanen, Jr.; Bethany Pilat, Fr.; Sara Kroll, Jr.): This relay team recorded the area's best time with a clocking of 9:48.24 en route to the KLAASouth Division crown and a Kensington Conference titles.

They also added a fourth at the Division 1 regional.

Franklin, 3,200 (Ashly Butkowski, Sr.; Megan McPherson, Soph. Sennecca Scott, Jr.; Mallory Church, Soph.): This foursome finished runner-up at the regional (9:49.8) and Kensington Conference (10:07.2) along with a

2009 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS

Shot put: 1. Chelsea Carradine, Jr., Redford Thurston; 2. Taylor Byron, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 3. (tie) Brigid Molloy, Sr., Livonia Ladywood; Taylor Buchanan, Sr., Plymouth.

Discus: 1. Shannon Getchen, Sr., Churchill; Savannah Haig, Jr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Ryan Anderson, Sr., Westland John Glenn.

High jump: 1. Abbey Lovat, Soph., Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Sencclair McDonnell, Fr., Churchill; 3. Lindsay Lipa, Soph., Canton.

Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Auriel Bell, Sr., Farmington Hills Harrison; 3. Ashley Banks, Jr., Canton.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Quint, Jr., Franklin; 2. Meghan Powers, Sr., Franklin; 3. Michelle Blackstone, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik, Jr., Ladywood; 2. Karlyn Cassidy, Jr., Harrison; 3. Samantha Young, Sr., North Farmington.

300 hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Chelsea Burns, Sr., Harrison; 3. Sennecca Scott, Jr., Franklin.

100 dash: 1. Charlotte Cahill, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Tiera Parker, Fr., Harrison; 3. (tie) Talia Shuford, Soph., Harrison; Bree Edge, Sr., Canton.

200: 1. Aubrie Scott, Soph., John Glenn; 2. Deja Wright, Jr., Salem; 3. Chloe Taylor, Sr., Churchill.

400: 1. Cherie Gaines, Soph., North Farmington; 2. Ashly Butkowski, Sr., Franklin; 3. Josephine Zolynsky, Soph., Farmington.

800: 1. Sara Kroll, Jr., Churchill; 2. Katie Clark, Jr., Mercy; 3. Ashley Miracle, Sr., Redford Union.

1,600: 1. Courtney Calka, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Gabby DeFlorio, Jr., Farmington; 3. Nicole Zehel, Jr., Lutheran High Westland.

3,200: 1. Megan McPherson, Soph., Franklin; 2. Molly Slavons, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Angela Wright, Fr., North Farmington.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Chanel Payne, Sr.; Aubrie Scott, Soph.; Shaunte Roberts, Sr.; Stephany Brown, Fr.); 2. Harrison (Auriel Bell, Sr.; Karlyn Cassidy, Jr.); 3. Mercy (Abbey Lovat, Soph.; Delia Uke, Jr.; Sarah Schneider, Fr.; Cyndy Henry, Jr.).

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Talia Shuford, Soph.; Auriel Bell, Sr.; Karlyn Cassidy, Jr.; Tiera Parker, Fr.); 2. John Glenn (Chanel Payne, Sr.; Aubrie Scott, Soph.; Shaunte Roberts, Sr.; Stephany Brown, Fr.); 3. Churchill (Samar Aoude, Sr.; Courtney Simpson, Jr.; Leah Heinzelman, Fr.; Chloe Taylor, Sr.).

1,600 relay: 1. Ladywood (Teresa Wojnarowski, Soph.; Katie Morasso, Sr.; Megan Vitale, Soph.; Megan Yanik, Jr.); 2. Stevenson (Stephanie Batshon, Soph.; Becky Adamcheck, Jr.; Haley Babcock, Fr.; Courtney Calka, Sr.); 3. Mercy (Katie Clark, Jr.; Lauren Babb, Jr.; Caitlin Cliff, Fr.; Dominique Mosby, Jr.).

3,200 relay: 1. (tie) Churchill (Emily Clairmont, Sr.; Tiffany Raisanen, Jr.; Bethany Pilat, Fr.; Sara Kroll, Jr.); Franklin (Ashly Butkowski, Sr.; Megan McPherson, Soph.; Sennecca Scott, Jr.; Mallory Church, Soph.); 3. Salem (Kelley Determan, Sr.; Victoria Tripp, Soph.; Alex McHugh, Jr.; Jordyn Moore, Jr.).

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Dave Bjorklund, Liv. Franklin:
The ninth-year coach guided the Patriots to a 5-0 dual-meet record and a KLAASouth Division meet title.

Franklin also finished runner-up in the Division 1 regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational, along with a fourth-place finish at the KLAASouth meet. The Patriots boasted seven state qualifiers.

"It's been a fun season, and the success we've had continues to build from one season to the next," said Bjorklund, a graduate of Western Michigan University and Farmington Hills Harrison High School. "I thought we would be down when the Class of 2007 graduated, but we continue to find more athletes and maintain our success. The credit goes to the girls, who continue to get kids out for the team that can score points for us."

Bjorklund also credits longtime assistant coaches Chris Whalen (throws) and Jen McQuade (distance), along with newcomers Tobin Jones (distance) and Ryan Santa (pole vault), for the team's success. "I also have to thank (the late) Paul Terek Sr. for his guidance and hours spent volunteering at the pole vault during the early years contributing in a big way to our success," Bjorklund said.

16th overall finish in the state finals (9:59.0).

"This group was put together late in the season to try and qualify for the state meet, and it paid off," Bjorklund said. "We asked a lot of these girls. The good news is that three out of four are back next season."

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OBSERVER AREA BEST GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

SHOT PUT	LONG JUMP	300 HURDLES	400	3,200
Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 39-8.5	Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 18-5.75	Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 45.5	Cherie Gaines (N. Farmington) 58.7	Megan McPherson (Franklin) 11:14.2
Tyler Buchanan (Plymouth) 37.9.25	Auriel Bell (Harrison) 17-10	Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 45.6	Sara Kroll (Churchill) 1:00.1	Molly Slavons (Plymouth) 11:22.5
Brigid Molloy (Ladywood) 37-1.5	Aubrie Scott (John Glenn) 17-4.75	Chelsea Burns (Harrison) 47.4	Ashly Butkowski (Franklin) 1:00.4	Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 11:29.4
Taylor Byron (Churchill) 36-10	Charlotte Cahill (N. Farmington) 17-2.5	Sennecca Scott (Franklin) 47.6	Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 1:00.8	Angela Wright (N. Farmington) 11:48.0
Becca Refenes (Luth. Westland) 35-0	Ashley Banks (Canton) 16-1	Karlyn Cassidy (Harrison) 47.6	Deja Wright (Salem) 1:01.5	Julia Kenney (Ladywood) 11:49.7
Savannah Haig (Franklin) 34-10	Melanie Bauer (Stevenson) 15-10.25	Dominique Mosby (Mercy) 48.2	Josephine Zolynsky (Farmington) 1:01.6	Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 11:52.6
Ryan Anderson (John Glenn) 33-4	Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 15-10	Mandy McManus (Plymouth) 49.0	Beth Swenberg (Canton) 1:01.7	Paula Green (Plymouth) 11:59.9
Shannon Getchen (Churchill) 34-3.5	Marci Kovsky (Stevenson) 15-9	Teresa Wojnarowski (Ladywood) 49.8	Stephany Brown (John Glenn) 1:01.8	Sarah Thomas (Canton) 12:06.5
Trisha Jordan (N. Farmington) 33-10	Caitlin Blue (Mercy) 15-9	Shannon Niznik (Franklin) 50.6	Katey Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 1:01.9	Jane Brewer (Farmington) 12:07.0
Shawntene Johnson (Mercy) 32-8	Blair Baker (Farmington) 15-8	Dayna Esper (Churchill) 51.0	Samar Aoude (Churchill) 1:02.0	Victoria Tripp (Salem) 12:12.9
DISCUS	POLE VAULT	Jenna Hamed (Plymouth) 51.0	Megan Vitale (Ladywood) 1:02.0	400 RELAY
Ryan Anderson (John Glenn) 113-3	Emily Quint (Franklin) 11-2	Charlotte Cahill (N. Farmington) 11.8	Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:14.39	Westland John Glenn 49.6
Savannah Haig (Franklin) 112-7	Karlyn Cassidy (Franklin) 10-8	Tiera Parker (Harrison) 12.1	Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 2:17.3	Farmington Harrison 49.7

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wayne-Westland soccer

The Wayne Westland Soccer League will hold tryouts for both its boys and girls select teams (ages under-9 through under-19), along with its under-12 boys and girls premier teams beginning Monday, June 15. Signup is also underway for fall recreation teams 6-and-up. Wayne-Westland United is a competitive club that offers team oriented training and individual player development. Coaches are licensed. For more information, call (734) 467-5260 or visit www.eteamz.com/wwsl.

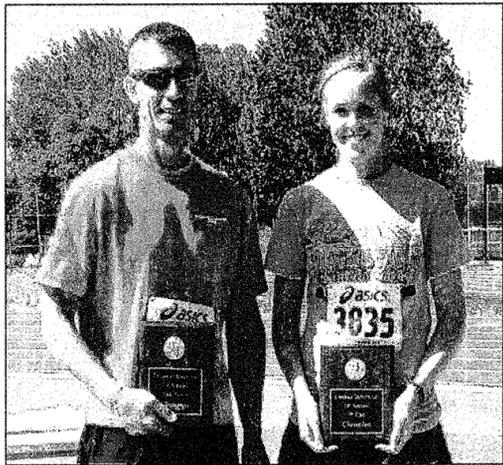
Clarenceville golf outing

The fifth annual Clarenceville Athletic Department golf outing will be Saturday, June 13 at Tanglewood Golf Course, located at 53505 W. Ten Mile Road, South Lyon. The 18-hole scramble features a shotgun start at 2:30 p.m. The free driving range opens at 2:30 p.m. All participants must be registered by 2:15 p.m. Also included in the \$125 cost is cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner only (for non-golfers) is \$25.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 (varsity), \$300 (captain) and \$500 (Trojan). Reservations must be received no later than Tuesday, June 9. Checks should be made payable to: Clarenceville Athletics, C/O: Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Call (248) 919-0217.

Hickory Creek golf fun

There's plenty of golf activities going on a Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at 3625 Napier Road (at Ford Road), in Ypsilanti. From 6-7:30 p.m. each Monday during June and July is Ladies Night Out, which includes golf instruction and Margaretas. From 9 a.m. until noon Tuesdays features numerous youth golf programs (ages 5-17). Weekends in June and July offers three hours of instruction, lunch and golf. There will also be a fish fry all season long from 5-9 p.m. each Friday (\$7.95 per person). Call PGA pro Tami Bealert at (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainwithTami.com.



Spartan 5K champs

Saline's Robert Garrison and former Livonia Stevenson High and Grand Valley State standout Kelly Gibbons were the men's and women's winners on May 31 for the inaugural Spartan 5-kilometer run hosted by the Stevenson Booster Club. Garrison was clocked in 18 minutes, 48 seconds, while Gibbons ran 21:01. The top two finishers in the 1-mile were Steven Siemianiak (7:13) and Sara Eisinger (8:37).

Franklin football

The Future Patriots football camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (grades 1-4) and 12:30-3 p.m. (grades 5-8), Saturday, June 13, at Livonia Franklin High School. The cost is \$25 (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livonia.k12.mi.us.

John Glenn volleyball

Westland John Glenn will stage an Asics Performance camp for high school girls (grades 9-12), Monday through Wednesday, July 20-22. The camp features collegiate trainers from the Premier Volleyball Academy based in Maumee, Ohio.

Sessions will cover skills and drills on all aspects of competitive volleyball. The cost of the camp is \$100 (includes T-shirt). For registration information, call Glenn coach Julian Wargo at (248) 295-7245.

Stevenson boys hoops

The Livonia Stevenson basketball amp for boys (grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until

noon, Monday through Friday, June 15-19. The cost is \$81 (\$67 for incoming ninth-graders going to Cedar Point).

For more information, call Mike Allie at (248) 939-2692; or e-mail MichaelAllie@yahoo.com.

MU volleyball

Madonna University will stage several summer volleyball camps, all Mondays through Thursdays, including:

Advanced elite all-Skills or general kkills - June 22-25 (cost \$135 per player); setters (\$135) or youth (\$110) - June 29-July 2; hitters (\$135) and defensively specialty (\$135) - July 6-9.

For more information, call camp director Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698.

Madonna cage camps

Madonna University men's basketball is offering three weeks of summer camps in 2009 including a camp designed for high school-age player to improve position specific skills.

The Big Man camp will be from 5:30-9 p.m., Monday

Rams' Hansen shuts out Knights

Madonna University's Tom Hansen continued his stellar pitching with a one-hitter Wednesday as the Michigan Rams blanked the Blue Knights, 9-0, in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Bicentennial Park.

Hansen, an All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference selection, faced just 22 batters in a game called after six innings because of a time limit.

Hansen, who struck out seven and walked three, had his no-hit bid broken up by Tony Pounders in the bottom of the sixth.

Jake Rhodes of Wabash Valley (Ill.) Community College went 3-for-4 with a double and homer and two RBI. He scored three runs as the 20-and-under Rams improved to 2-1 in the LCBL.

Kyle Vesey (Wayne State) also knocked in a run. Losing pitcher Trevor

SANDLOT BASEBALL

Borshak gave up six runs on one hit and seven walks in 2.2 innings. He fanned five as the Blue Knights fell to 2-2.

The Rams return to LCBL action at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 at Ford Field to face Concealed Security.

BLUE KNIGHTS 3-2, RAMS 2-7: Pitching ruled the day as the Rams opened their 2009 LCBL season May 31 by splitting a double-header with the Blue Knights at Ford Field.

Tyler Spickler limited the Rams to just four hits to pick up the win as the Blue Knights took the opener, 3-2.

Spickler, who struck out six, went all seven innings. He walked three and hit one batter.

Losing pitcher Brady Cooper (Wayne State) allowed two earned runs on five hits and two walks in his six-inning stint. He struck out eight and hit one batter.

Brent Opland's RBI groundout scored Andrew Jacinto with the

game-winning run in the sixth. Steve Anderson also knocked in a pair of runs and Tony Pounders went 2-for-2 with a run scored for the Blue Knights.

Aaron Cieslak (Kellogg CC) went 2-for-4, while Jake Rhodes (Wabash Valley, Ill. CC) and Brett Mazmanian (Kankakee, Ill. CC) knocked in runs. In the nightcap, Tom Whiting (Worcester, Mass. Polytech) went all seven innings to earn the victory as the Rams downed the Blue Knights, 7-2.

Whiting scattered five hits and did not allow a walk while fanning nine.

Justin Forster (Spring Arbor) went 2-for-5 with three RBI and two stolen base, while Dan Augustine added two hits and an RBI for the Rams. Mazmanian also knocked in two runs, while Alex Trojan (WSU) also had an RBI.

Clay Rosette homered for the Blue Knights.

Reliever John Tobado took the loss after starter Justin Barber limited the Rams to two runs on three hits in 5.1 innings. Barber struck out six and walked six.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

through Friday, June 8-12. The cost is \$125.

MU will also be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys ages 8-15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 15-19 and July 27-31. The cost is \$175 per player.

For more information, visit madonnaacrusaders.com.

Stevenson girls hoops

The Stevenson Basketball Camp for girls will be from 9 a.m. to noon (grades 5-7) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 8-9), Monday through Thursday, June 22-25. The cost for each sessions is \$67.

For more information, call Paul Tripp at (248) 563-0858; or e-mail trippa@northville.12.mi.us.

Girls hoop academy

A girls basketball academy will be offered from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 6-8) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 3-5), Monday through Thursday, June 15-18, at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. The cost is \$70.

Enrollment is limited. Register before June 8 to receive a camp T-shirt.

For more information, call

Livonia Stevenson girls varsity basketball coach Paul Tripp at (248) 563-0858; or e-mail trippa@northville.12.mi.us.

Ladywood cage camp

The Livonia Ladywood summer basketball camp will be from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 3-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9), Tuesday through Friday, June 16-19, at the high school, located at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Five Mile and Schoolcraft roads).

The camp is limited to the first 60 applicants. The cost is \$95 (if registered by June 1) or \$105 (after June 1).

Applications can be found on www.ladywood.org (visit athletics and click on camps).

For more information, call Pat Cannon at (313) 779-8506.

Future Stars baseball

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls grades 2-7 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 22-25.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). The registration deadline is June 19.

For more information, call

Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail fournie2@livonia.12.mi.us.

Blazer field hockey

The 2009 Blazer Field Hockey day camp for incoming grades 6 through freshman will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Ladywood High School, located at 18600 Newburgh Road, Livonia (between I-96 and Five Mile Road). The cost is \$60 (postmarked after June 5).

For more information, visit www.ladywood.org.

Popps QB-WR camps

The Popps QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including:

Farmington Area QB - 1:30-3:30 p.m., June 22-25, at Shiawasse Park (grades 3-12).

Livonia Area QB Camp - 3:40-4:30 p.m., July 6-9, at Rotary Park (grades 3-12); Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12).

For more information, visit poppsqbutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: theqbtutor@yahoo.com.

Livonia City Soccer Club



2009-2010 Tryouts



The Livonia City Soccer Club experienced a tremendous first year following the merger of the Livonia Meteors and Livonia Soccer Club. Parents and teams of all levels of playing ability committed to a family-friendly and multi-sport atmosphere. We started the club in the hopes of creating an educational and unparalleled soccer experience for children of all ages and skill levels, and we did just that.

Amidst all the changes, the club sent three teams to the u18 girl's State Cup quarterfinals with the team coached by Rick Larson making it to the State Cup finals. Both boys and girls teams in multiple age groups competed at the highest levels of the Michigan State Premier Soccer League and MYSL.

The LCSC's philosophy rests in granting all players equal opportunities and benefits within their level of play in the sport of soccer. The club provides recreational players with a developmental opportunity by emphasizing participation in a family centered environment. The club also provides premier players with opportunities to develop into elite athletes.

With multiple teams at all age groups, The Livonia City Soccer Club truly is the club in southeast Michigan for players of all ages and abilities.

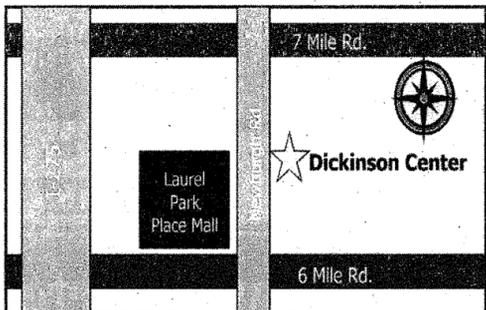
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- LCSC CLUB CAMP •

One Community, One Club - Livonia City Soccer Club

Try-Outs will be held at Dickinson Center in Livonia June 15-17, 2009. For questions please call Club Director @ 734-634-8048.



LCSC Boys

AGE	1ST TRYOUT	2ND TRYOUT	# OF TEAMS
U8 Boys	June 15 / 6:00-7:00pm	June 16 / 6:00-7:00pm	3 TEAMS
U9 Boys	June 15 / 7:00-8:00pm	June 16 / 7:00-8:00pm	3 TEAMS
U10 Boys	June 15 / 6:00-7:15pm	June 16 / 6:00-7:15pm	3 TEAMS
U11 Boys	June 15 / 6:00-7:30 pm	June 16 / 6:00-7:30 pm	2 TEAMS
U12 Boys	June 15 / 7:45-9:15 pm	June 16 / 7:45-9:15 pm	3 TEAMS
U13 Boys	June 15 / 6:00-7:30 pm	June 17 / 6:00-7:30 pm	2 TEAMS
U14 Boys	June 15 / 6:00-7:30 pm	June 17 / 6:00-7:30 pm	2 TEAMS
U15 Boys	June 16 / 6:00-7:30 pm	June 17 / 7:45-9:15 pm	2 TEAMS
U16 Boys	June 15 / 7:45-9:15 pm	June 16 / 7:45-9:15 pm	3 TEAMS
U17 Boys	June 15 / 7:45-9:15 pm	June 16 / 7:45-9:15 pm	1 TEAM
U18 Boys	June 15 / 4:00-5:30 pm	June 16 / 4:00-5:30 pm	2 TEAMS

LCSC Girls

AGE	1ST TRYOUT	2ND TRYOUT	# OF TEAMS
U8 Girls	June 15 / 7:00-8:00 pm	June 16 / 7:00-8:00 pm	3 TEAMS
U9 Girls	June 15 / 6:00-7:00 pm	June 16 / 6:00-7:00pm	3 TEAMS
U10 Girls	June 15 / 6:00-7:15 pm	June 16 / 6:00-7:15pm	3 TEAMS
U11 Girls	June 15 / 7:45-9:15 pm	June 16 / 7:45-9:15 pm	2 TEAMS
U12 Girls	June 15 / 6:00-7:30 pm	June 16 / 6:00-7:30 pm	3 TEAMS
U13 Girls	June 15 / 4:00-5:30 pm	June 16 / 4:00-5:30 pm	2 TEAMS
U14 Girls	June 15 / 7:45-9:15 pm	June 16 / 7:45-9:15 pm	2 TEAMS
U15 Girls	June 15 / 5:45-7:15 pm	June 16 / 5:45-7:15 pm	3 TEAMS
U16 Girls	June 15 / 6:00-7:30 pm	June 16 / 4:00-5:30 pm	3 TEAMS
U17 Girls	June 15 / 4:00-5:30 pm	June 16 / 4:00-5:30 pm	2 TEAMS
U18 Girls	June 15 / 2:30-4:00 pm	June 16 / 2:30-4:00 pm	2 TEAMS
H.S. Open	June 15 / 4:00-5:30 pm	June 16 / 4:00-5:30 pm	1 TEAM

LCSC Coaching Staff

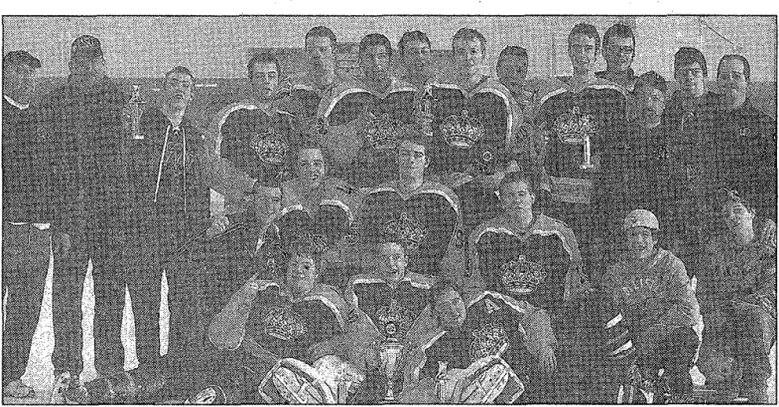
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<p>Dan Mellors * LCSC - Club Youth Director * NSCAA Advanced National Diploma * FA Coaching Certificate * MSYA ODP Staff</p>	<p>Travis Clarke * NSCAA Premier Diploma * ODP Staff - California South & Hawaii * Director of Coaching for Madrid S.C. * University of Hawaii Hilo Women's Head Coach</p>	<p>Les Neal * USSF National "B" License * NSCAA Advanced National Diploma * Former Schoolcraft College Men's Coach * ODP Experience</p>	<p>Ken Shingledecker * Ladywood High School Head Coach * Westland Lutheran High School Boys Asst * Club Coach 6 Years</p>



Soccer champs

The Livonia City Soccer Club Meteors went 3-0-1 to capture the under-13 Silver Division, May 8-10, at the Novi Jaguars Spring Tournament. The Meteors defeated Waza FC Blue (7-1), GPSA Salvo Green (5-0) and the South Lyon Sting (8-1), while tying Hamburg United (2-2). Members of the Meteors include (front row, from left): Joe Gates, Austin Hartford, Billy Werthman, Dan Koponen, Tim Hodge, Eric Meyer; (second row, from left) Lucas Gates, Jacob Hage, Aidan Hueta, Ryan Scalzo, Erik Krajacic, Frank Maraulo, Austen Pratt; (back row, from left) assistant coach Jeff Hodge, Brad Johnson, Conner Storck and coach Dave Radcliffe. (Not pictured are Justus Watts and team manager Kelly Hodge.)



Rockin' in Cleveland

The 2009 Michigan Amateur Hockey Association champion Livonia Midget BB Kings captured the Midget AA Rock N Roll Cup held March 26-29 in Cleveland, Ohio. The Kings defeated the Fort Erie (Ontario) Meteors in the final, 3-2, scoring the game-winning goal with 0:03 seconds remaining. The Kings fell to the Ohio Prospects in the opening round, 4-1, before downing the CYHO Hornets (Ohio), 4-3, and the Meteors, 5-4, to reach the finals. Team members of the Kings include: Mike Alonzi, Colin Beck, T.J. Cavanaugh, Joe Cummings, Tony Foresta, Nick Gilliland, Matt Hope, Ryan Jason, Steve Koch, Ryan Lubanski, Kevin Mueller, Michael Padgen, Mike Piotrowski, Brendan Ryan, tourney MVP Kyle Schwarz, Tyler Sternick, Shaun Vendittelli and Dan Yaquinto. The coaching staff includes Tim Jason, Don Schwarz, Mark Yaquinto and Jerry Cummings.

Livonia bowler young dynamo

Here is a new bowling name to remember - **Branden Posky**.

And this is what he just did in his youth leagues over three consecutive sessions last month:

■ April 14 - 659 series in the 11 a.m. Saturday Preps League at Taylor Lanes

■ April 15 - 645 series the next day at Town 'N Country Lanes

■ April 21 - 704 series which included a 265 game at Taylor Lanes again in the Preps League.

If you do the arithmetic, that comes out to 2,008 pins. What is truly amazing is that Posky is 9 years-old.

The Livonia resident is a fourth-grader and a B student at St. Raphael Grade School in Garden City.

According to Linda Allen, youth league director at Taylor Lanes, Posky has raised his season average from 134 to 163.

"He gets a lot of spin on the ball, and is quite accurate with his delivery," Posky's youth coach Joe Goutana said.

His grandparents, Jim and



Branden Posky

Liz, have been supportive and helped get him into bowling five years ago.

Branden has a great attitude in bowling, understanding that taps and near-misses are all part of the game so as not to get all upset when that happens.

He also has a good concept of playing the lanes, a rare quality for someone so young.

This youngster has future All-Star written all over him.

■ On May 15, Woodland Lanes was the scene for Madonna University Graduate School Bowling for Scholarships.

A total of 52 bowlers participated, while spectators and friends came out to bid on silent auction items and cheer for their favorite bowlers.

The event raised over \$3,100. "The fundraiser went really well," MU spokesperson Karen Sanborn said.

High scores included 223 (men) and 181 (women). Even the children participated with 7-year-old Brendan Gleason shooting the high game of 84.

More and more charitable organizations are discovering

the bowling venue as a fun-filled and effective way to bring in the extra money.

■ This year's Metro Detroit USBC awards ceremony and dinner will be Tuesday, June 30 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, located at Ten Mile and Mound rounds, in Warren.

Dinner will be served first buffet style from 5:30-7 p.m. followed by the awards presentations.

Tickets are available for only \$15 by calling (248) 443-2695.

■ This area will soon be invaded by the Professional Bowlers Association at both Taylor Lanes and Thunderbowl in Allen Park.

During the busy months of August and September seven PBA events will be televised nationally.

It will be an opportunity for some of our top local gunners to make it to the big show in both men's and women's competition.

This will be a great opportunity for the greater Detroit area to show why we are considered the Bowling Capitol of the World.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached by e-mail: tenpinalley710@yahoo.com

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth soccer tourney

The Post Tryout youth soccer tournament will be Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, at air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas, 867 South Boulevard, Pontiac.

Age groups offered include under-9 through under-18 girls and under-9 through under-19 boys.

Under 9-10 will play six-vs.-six; under 11-12 eight-vs.-eight; and

under 13-18, 11-vs.-11.

The cost is \$199 per team. Each team is guaranteed three games. The facility has a cafe, restaurant and bar open. First place teams will receive trophies, while runner-ups will be awarded T-shirts.

For more information or to register, call (248) 648-700; or visit www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com.

Baseball Showcase

The Michigan All-Star

Showcase for all high school players (grades 2009 through 2012) interested in playing college baseball will be Tuesday-Wednesday, June 30-July 1 at Fifth Third Ballpark in Grand Rapids, home of the West Michigan Whitecaps.

Fourteen 14 college coaches are scheduled to be in attendance.

For more information, call (616) 635-0010; visit www.gvsulakers.com (go to baseball camps).

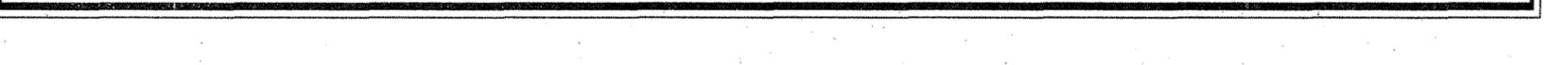
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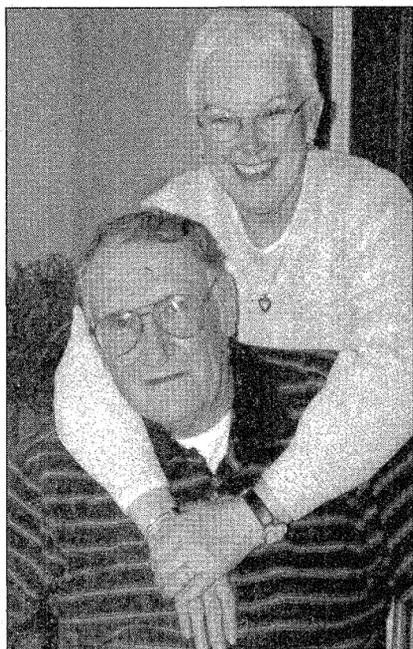
Richard and Joan Johnson of Livonia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2009 with family.

The couple, who met in Detroit and were married in 1959 at St. Bridget's in Detroit, have four children: James and his wife Vivian Johnson of Monroe, Julie Sako of Livonia, Michael and his wife Carol Johnson of Dearborn, and Susan Johnson and her partner Kelly O'Conner, of Ann Arbor. They have nine grandchildren: Ashley and Natalie Sako of Livonia, Michael Johnson of Mount Pleasant, Mac Johnson of Monroe, Grace, Elizabeth, and Mary Johnson of Dearborn, and Molly and Maura Johnson O'Connor of Ann Arbor.

Richard retired as a prototype coordinator from Ford Motor Co. after 30 years, and Joan is a homemaker.



Richard and Joan Johnson on their wedding day.



Richard and Joan Johnson of Livonia



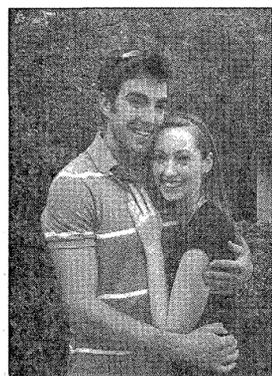
Arthur and Charlotte Zimmie

60TH ANNIVERSARY

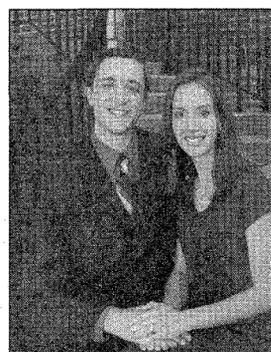
Arthur and Charlotte Zimmie of Farmington Hills, formerly of Redford Township, celebrated their 60th anniversary on May 21, 2009.

Art worked for years at Twin Pines Farm Dairy. Their four children, Nancy, Dale, Dan and Kathy "Jumped" with Art on his milk route. Art later worked for and retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Charlotte worked at home and at various church functions.

The couple lived and laughed in Redford Township for 50 years and attended Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church. They're now members of Grace Lutheran Church.



Pittenger-Schofield



Pulliam-Anders

PITTINGER-SCHOFIELD

Jana Jo Pittenger and Justin Daniel Schofield announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Randy and LaGay Pittenger, of Belton, Texas. She is a 2009 graduate of Abilene Christian University. She will be continuing her studies in Speech Pathology at the University of Texas - Dallas.

Her fiancé, son of David and Cindy Schofield of Wayne, is a 2005 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He will student teach in the Fort Worth ISD this fall and will graduate from Abilene Christian University in December 2009.

An August 2009 wedding is planned at Western Hills Church of Christ, Temple, Texas.

Gayla Joy Pulliam of Athens, Ga., and Jared Lee Anders of Westland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pulliam of Athens, Ga., graduated from Thomas Edison State College with a bachelor of arts degree in piano performance. She is self-employed as a nutrition and environmental consultant with the Shaklee Corp.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Anders of Westland, graduated from the Thomas Edison State College with a bachelor of arts degree in piano performance and works for CollegePlus! as an academic coach.

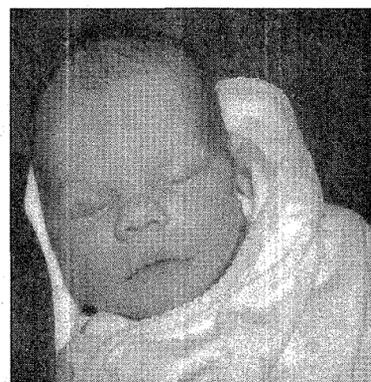
A spring 2010 wedding is planned.

ALEXIS CAROLINE ADELMAN

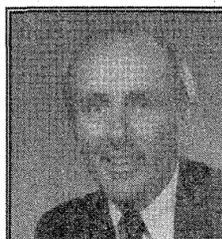
Alexis Caroline Adelman was born May 2, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Proud parents are Ronald and Vanessa Adelman of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Timothy and Adrienne Bodnar of Plymouth, and Michael and Melodie Adelman of Monroeville, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Cecelia Bodnar of Latrobe, Pa., Ruth Adelman of Monroeville, Ohio, and Richard and June Leber of Willard, Ohio.



Alexis Caroline Adelman



HENRY J. ANDRIES, SR.

June 3, 2009 Age 68. Dear father of Henry J. Andries, Jr. (Jennifer) and Julie Etzel (Jim). Grandfather of Samantha Andries, T.J., Alyssa and Megan Marquardt. Brother of Margaret Godfrey (late Richard), Mary Kay Dalsaso, Edward M. Andries (Anne) and Catherine A. Yaklin (Robert). Predeceased by his parents Edward M. and Catherine Hastings Andries. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (btwn Maple Rd. & Big Beaver), Sunday 12noon until funeral service 2p.m. Memorial tributes to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Cr., Chicago, IL 60674 or Oakland Hills Scholarship Trust, 3951 W. Maple Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



DOLORES BRAGGALLA

Age 63. July 23, 1945 - June 4, 2009. Passed after an unexpected illness surrounded by family. Born in Detroit, MI to Eugene and Lula Milezarski. Dolores attended Detroit Public Schools and then went on to community college. She retired from AAA after 27 years of service. After retiring she went to work for Co-op Credit Union and Thrifty Flowers in Livonia where she was a resident for 26 years. Dolores loved spending time with family and friends, having a good laugh, and an evening at the casino. She is survived by her loving husband of 34 years William Braggalla. Their sons: James (Pamela) and Jason (Colleen). Grandchildren - Lauren, Grace, Ashley, Hannah, Lauren Anna, Hayden. Siblings - Eugene (Theresa) Milezarski, Robert (Clarene) Milezarski, Terry (Diane) DeWalt, and Fran Ward and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins. Visitation will be at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home - 22546 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124. Saturday, June 6th from 5-9p.m., Sunday, June 7th from 12-9p.m. and Monday, June 8th at 11:00a.m. www.HOWEPETERSON.COM Memorial contributions can be made to the Braggalla family.



DONALD LLOYD DAWSON

Died on Friday May 29th 2009 in Renaissance Gardens at Fox Run in Novi, Michigan. He was 85 years old. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio on July 22, 1923. He was the son of Wesley J. and Emma Dawson. Donald is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lois Poirier Dawson, his brothers and sisters-in-law, Wesley and Ruth Dawson, Gene and Nancy Dawson, by his son and wife, Walter and Laura Dawson, and his daughters and husbands, Laura and Jack Keaton and Donna and Gary Rinkenberger. He has eight grandchildren, Michael (Julie) Keaton, Owen (Nicole) Keaton, Kristan (Kirk) LaFon, David (Megan) Dawson, Gregory Dawson, Arlyn (Tim) Shillair, Brenda (John) Wilshire and Bryce Rinkenberger, and six great-grandchildren. Don was a member of his high school National Honorary Society. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Don was an accountant for General Motors for 41 years. He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and for 58 years a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, where for some years he sang in the choir and helped with their financial records. For some time too, he was the District representative for the Church Boy Scout Troop B-32. He and his wife were avid Square Dancers. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory can be made to Ohio Wesleyan University 61 S. Sandusky St. Delaware, Ohio 43015 or to the Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Condolences may be sent to Lois Dawson, 41215 Fox Run Road, Room #108, Novi, MI 48377.

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FREDERICK CARL JANZ

Age 89, died Friday, May 29, 2009. He was born on April 30, 1920 in Lansing, MI. A Certified Public Accountant, Frederick was a founding partner of Janz & Knight. He received a bachelor degree from Michigan State University. He is predeceased by Richard Janz. Frederick is survived by: his wife, Lorraine Copeland Janz of Bloomfield Hills, MI, children Michael Janz of Plymouth, MI; William Janz of Oceanside, CA; Carol Janz of Longmont, CO; Linda Janz Faison of Oldsmar, FL, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills at 11:00 a.m. on June 13, 2009. Arrangements made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. - Mount Clemens.

ANN MARIE LUCIUS

Age 85, passed away June 3, 2009. She was born on February 9, 1924, in Chicago, IL, to the late Joseph and Hattie (Lewandowski) Miller. Ann is survived by her son Edward J. (Sheri) Lucius; grandsons Nicholas, Zachary, and Jacob. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward in 1997, daughter Cheryl Ann Lucius; brothers: Joseph, Kenneth, and Edwin Miller. A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOHN F. "Jack" PASSFIELD

Of Pt. Sanilac (formerly of Farmington Hills) passed away on June 1st at the age of 83. He was the loving husband of Nancy (Raymond) for 56 years. Jack was a WWII vet, graduate of The University of Michigan (Engineering) and NYU (MBA). Before retiring he was an executive with Michigan Bell/AT&T. Jack is also survived by his daughters Kathy (Mark) Burns of Commerce and Sherry (Mark) Burns of Farmington Hills. He was the proud grandfather of Kristopher, Brandon, Justin and Taylor Janssen and Jordan and Alexander Burns. Visitation Wednesday June 3rd, and Thursday June 4th, 5-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Service Thursday, 5:30pm at McCabe Funeral Home. Visitation Tuesday June 9th, from 10-11am at the Museum Church on the grounds of the Pt. Sanilac Historical Museum, followed by a funeral service at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sanilac County Historical Society designated for the Museum Church or Deckerville Depot or to the Pt. Sanilac United Methodist Church.
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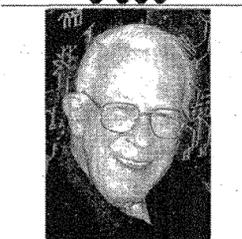
KELLY JONES

Age 45, of Bayonet Point, FL, died May 29, 2009 at home. She was born in Ann Arbor, MI, and moved to Bayonet Point from Plymouth, MI in 2005. She was employed by Eastern Research. Kelly was preceded in death by her father Bob Jones and her brother Timothy Jones. She is survived by her mother Kay Jones-Case and her step father Jim Case of Bayonet Point, sister Kimberly Taylor Johnson of Port Richey, FL, and by aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation and services on Friday, June 5, 2009 at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth (734) 453-3333.



GLORIA J. SMITH

Age 65, of Canton, June 4, 2009. Beloved wife of Robert J. Smith. Loving mother of Rebecca (Josh) Wireman. Proud grandmother of three. Dear sister of David (Diane) Westbrooks. She also leaves several nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3:30 until 4:00 PM funeral service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Interment Knollwood Memorial Park. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ROBERT SMITH KENDALL

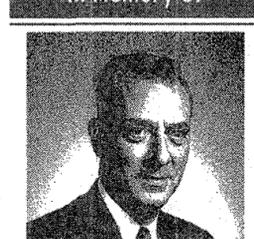
Age 86, passed away June 2, 2009 at Olde Knox Commons in Huntersville, NC. Mr. Kendall, formerly of Seven Lakes, NC and formerly of Birmingham, MI was born in Springfield, MA on July 14, 1922 to the late Marion and Harold Kendall and grew up in New Rochelle, NY and in his later life, Birmingham, MI. Bob attended Baldwin High School where "Pro" (short for professor) Bob as he was initially known was involved in athletics and was popular amongst everyone leading him ultimately into school leadership. Later as a musician, Bob led a popular local dance band called the Sultans of Swing where he was known as King Kat playing his bass with classmates that became his closest, lifelong friends. A proud WWII veteran, Bob served in the 25th Lightning Division in the Pacific and earned a B.A. degree at Ohio Wesleyan University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. While at Ohio Wesleyan he met his loving wife of over 50 years, the former Barbara Jean Fenton who passed away in February 2000. They made their home in Birmingham, MI before retiring to Seven Lakes, NC in 1990 where they enjoyed golfing. Prior to retirement, Bob spent the bulk of his career at Sealest Foods as Director of Personnel and Labor Relations and was with them for over 24 years, then worked with the City of Birmingham as Director of Personnel and at Detroit Pure Milk Company. Bob is survived by his son, Thomas and daughter-in-law Laura of Davidson, NC; daughter Jeryl of Olympia, WA; daughter Ann of Beverly Hills, MI; daughter Kim Melugin and son-in-law Jamie of Garland, TX; five grandchildren and sister Edith Wagner and her husband Ralph of West Bloomfield, MI. The family would like to thank all of the caring staff at Olde Knox Commons for their help and assistance over these last few months. A private memorial service will be held at a later date with arrangements being handled by Boles Funeral Homes and Crematory of Seven Lakes. Donations honoring Bob's memory may be made to Olde Knox Commons in Huntersville, 13825 Hutton Lane, Huntersville, NC 28036 for the Activity Department. Online condolences may be made at: www.bolesfuneralhome.com

KERN ELIZABETH WINFIELD

June 30, 1930 - May 30, 2009

Kern E. Winfield, 78, of Punta Gorda, FL passed away after a long illness on May 30, 2009. Born to Dorcas and Donald McKay in Birmingham, Michigan. Married Arthur H. Winfield, she is survived by her three sons and daughter-in-laws Bruce and Jody Winfield of Lake Barrington, Illinois, Robert and Teri Winfield of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Don and Anne Winfield of Deep Creek, Florida and her brother Jim and Maureen McKay of Carefree, Arizona and sister Sally and Don Kutil of Waterford, Michigan. The family would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the health care staff of Fawcett Hospital 4 West for their loving care of our mother. Additionally, we want to offer our sincere appreciation to the staff at TideWell Hospice House in Port Charlotte. It is a godsend that a facility like this exists and how comforting it was to our mother and family. A celebration of her life was held at 11:00 am, Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Philanthropy Department TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238. Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.

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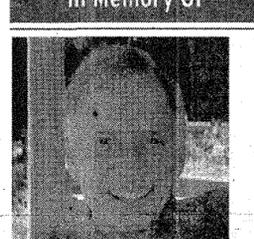
THOMAS J. MCAULEY

Feb. 6, 1918 - June 5, 1989

20th Anniversary

Dad, We miss your smile, your gentleness and kindness, your generosity and selflessness, your courage and the dignity in which you lived your life. How enriched your grandsons' lives would be if they would have had the privilege of knowing you! You are always in our hearts. Love from your Daughter and Family, Patty, Leo, Max, Liam and Conor.

In Memory Of



Born May 30, 1931 Died June 7, 2004

From Melanoma

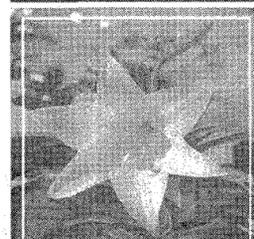
5 years ago I received this email:

Dear Eleni, Yesterday night, I saw the sky and noted something different, the sky was more shining like never before, and I asked to me why? Now when I read my e-mail I find the answer, Donald was there and his light made the difference. He is up there waiting for us, and someday we will be together again, is just time, only time.

Love, your friend Manuel Fernandez, Acapulco, Mexico

The sky continues to be brighter -

With love always, Leni, your wife, Jim, Matt (Leslie), and Dan, our sons and Owen Kraff Currie, our grandson and namesake.



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Travels with Rosie

Pet owner, vet offer common-sense travel tips

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Steve Bernstein, a lawyer practicing in Farmington Hills, has taken his dog, Rosie, as far as Prince Edward Island in eastern Canada.

"As far as you can go. You have to stop a little more often. I find that's true if you're traveling with a woman, too," he said. Rosie, a 9-year-old miniature dachshund, is a great travel companion.

"I would highly encourage it," Bernstein said of travel with a dog. "It's a lot of fun. Lots and lots of people travel with their dogs."

He reels off states Rosie's traveled to, including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, New York, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

"Probably others," said Bernstein, a Keego Harbor resident. "A fair estimate is 15 states and five provinces."

He says good travel with a dog starts in puppy days. He took Rosie to the park for her first car trip — not to the veterinarian. "She immediately gets the idea car travel is fun."

CROSSING THE BORDER

Bernstein noted for crossings to Canada you need papers that show your dog's current on shots. One time at the Canadian-U.S. border, he was asked if he'd bought dog food in Canada. He had not and the dog food was from Kroger, but he suspects

Bernstein has never flown with Rosie. He has a client who spends winters in Arizona who says her dog does fine flying. Bernstein doesn't want his pet in a baggage compartment.

he would have had to leave it behind if it had been bought in Canada.

"You need to know to bring water and snacks." For car trips, Bernstein uses a kennel cage with a pillow in the bottom so that Rosie has enough room to stretch safely.

"You stop at rest stops a lot." He noted the freeway route from Detroit to Chicago has no dog-friendly stops from the Indiana line to Chicago.

"You have to kind of plan more. The same goes with hotels." Travelers with dogs need to know in advance about pet policies. AAA has a guidebook on pet travel, he said, which includes that information and also emergency vet facilities.

"It changes the nature of the travel." On trips, Bernstein tries to find out if a hotel has room service or restaurants that deliver.

He recommends asking hotels about areas to walk dogs. In Duluth, Minn., he was told about Canal Park. "The area to take the dog was basically a traffic island."

You need rest stops along the way, as well as pet-friendly hotels and nearby parks for



walking. "It's pretty easy to scope that stuff out." Web sites like Expedia tell whether a hotel is pet-friendly. But he once booked room listed that way and found pets weren't allowed.

"I had to go somewhere else. That was in Mackinaw City." He likes to follow up on Internet information, to be sure. "The key is just a little extra planning."

An alternative to hotels is cabin rental. He said many are available in northern Michigan or other less-populated regions.

TRAVEL BUDDIES

Bernstein's enjoyed travels with Rosie: "Oh, I love it. It's a wonderful experience. The dog is a great companion."

Bernstein remembered being at Tahquamenon Falls in northern Michigan, with Rosie smiling and wagging her tail. "My dog loves it," he said.

At least once, Rosie seemed to pick up cues from his trip preparations.

"She knew we were going on vacation. She started jumping around."

He echoed vets' urgings not

to leave dogs in cars in hot weather. "You have to be conscious of the dog's well-being. It's like traveling with a child, I suppose."

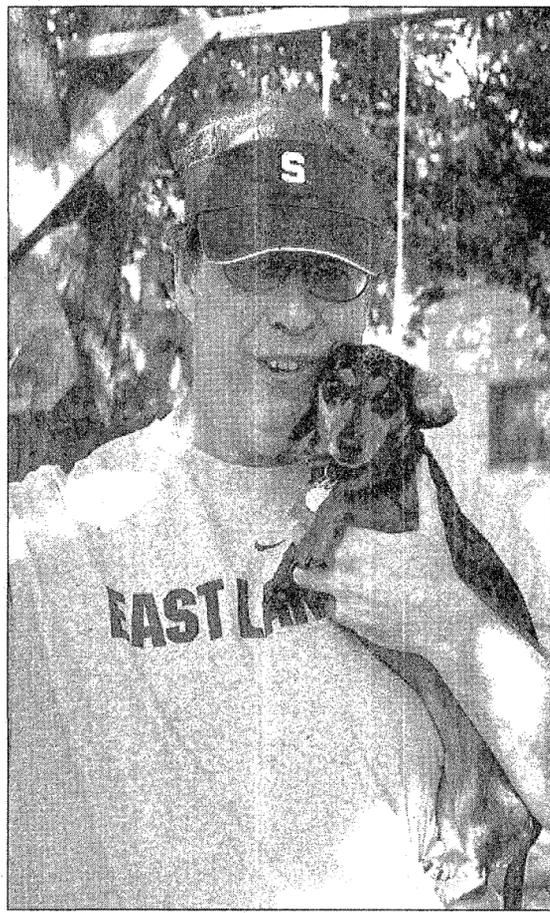
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He also finds restaurants, including some in metro Detroit, that will let you sit outside and eat if the pet's well-behaved.

Veterinarian Dr. Brad Davis, of VCA Veterinary Hospital in Garden City, added some tips for pet travel.

"You have to check with the airlines ahead of time," Davis said of flying with a pet. If your pet's in the hold, you can't monitor the situation. If the animal's with you, there may be incessant barking. "If you have a problem, you can't do anything about it," Davis said.

If the temperature's over a certain level, airlines won't fly animals. That can be a problem with a return trip from, for example, Phoenix, if the temperature climbs. "So there's a lot of inherent prob-



Farmington Hills lawyer Steve Bernstein and his dog, Rosie, are veterans of car trips, having traveled as far as Prince Edward Island in eastern Canada.

lems with trying to fly your critter," the veterinarian said.

STRESS MEDICATION

With car trips, you can pull over and distances traveled usually aren't as far. "You can find a vet in just about any city you stop in," Davis said.

There's a medication, Cerenia by Pfizer, to make dogs have an easier time riding.

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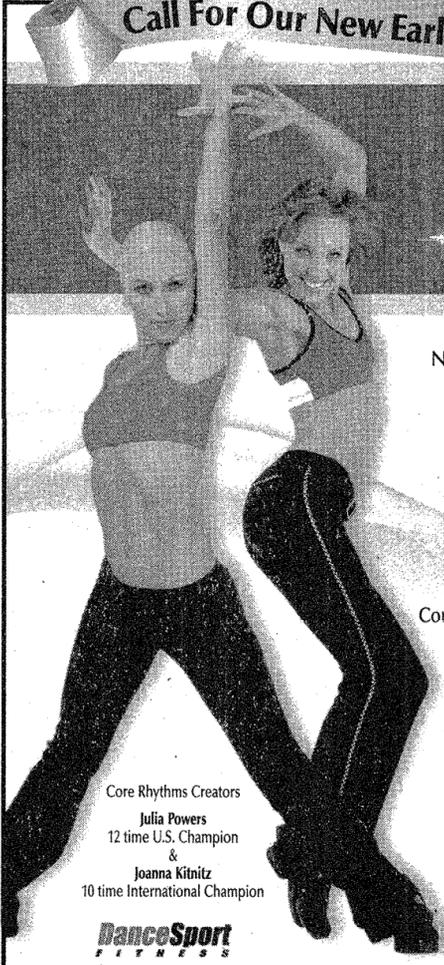

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Books and much more

Salvation Army media center to open soon

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kids attending summer day camp at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army this year will have a great time. That's nothing new, but what is new is the corps' media center at its Venoy location, thanks to a \$25,000 donation from the Target Corp.

Salvation Army officials have been busy in recent months, including buying \$10,000 in computer equipment and a security system. They aim to have the center functional by June 22 other than the 1,000 or so books, which will follow shortly.

"They can get on the Internet," corps commander Capt. Derek Rose said of users. "We're working with MichiganWorks!" That state agency helps with job opportunities, a particular need in

the Norway neighborhood where the Salvation Army facility is located.

"Right now, we're mainly focusing on the youth books," Rose said, adding there will also be titles for adults. He's working with staffers from the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, and plans to involve the Wayne library as well.

Wayne-Westland educators are excited about the new resource. "We stress reading for early ages," said Laura Beckman, principal of the nearby Jefferson-Barns Elementary School. She's pleased the media center will be available to her students.

"We're really happy to have the library right down the street from us," Beckman said.

"At Jefferson-Barns, we encourage parents to read to their children from birth throughout their elementary years. To have easy access to books and other resources will truly help our community do this. We appreciate the efforts of the city and organizations who have made this possible," Beckman added.

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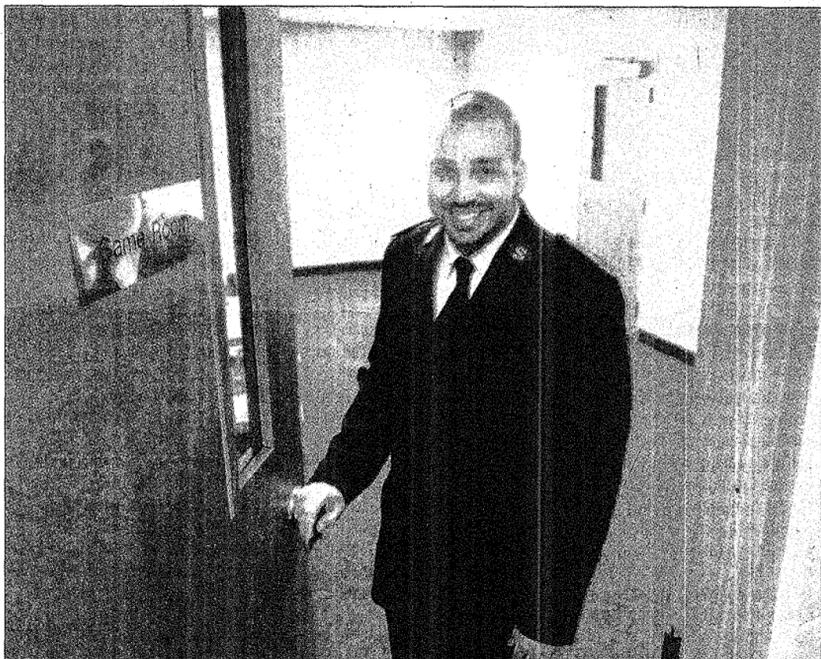
up the last week of May. A "soft opening" for the media center will be held in June and include day camp families and those who worship at the center on Venoy south of Palmer. A larger grand opening is set for the second week of September.

Beginning in the fall, the facility will be open to community adults 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. It will also be open 3-7 p.m. weekdays for students in the Salvation Army after-school program.

The corps bought a filter for the Web to block inappropriate content "but still give you the ability to search, which is good," Rose said. He hopes nearby residents will say "Hey, this is a resource in your community now."

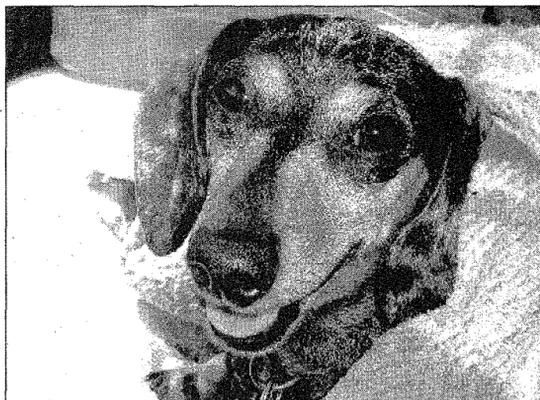
Additional information is available from Rose or his wife and fellow corps commander, Capt. Joanna Rose, at (734) 722-3660. The media center will need volunteers for staffing during those hours, and you're encouraged to call if interested.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Work continues on the former game room. According to Salvation Army Capt. Derek Rose, the new computer lab will help adults with job searches and students with school assignments.



Rosie, Steve Bernstein's dachshund, does well in the car traveling, with enough room to stretch.

TRAVELS

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You'll need a rabies certificate for crossing to Canada. "Your vet should be able to print one up for you," he said. Those usually are not required for domestic flights.

Rules on international flights depend on where you're flying. In the United Kingdom, there's a six-month hold on dogs coming into the country. "Different countries have different rules," Davis said.

One positive right now is businesses giving their all to draw customers. "The hotel

chains are trying everything they can," including pet-friendly policies. If you plan ahead, travel with a pet will work out just fine in most cases, Davis said.

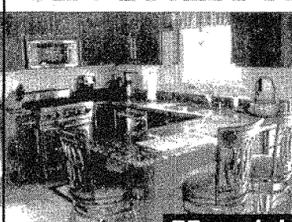
His family usually flies on trips, but has camped with pets. "It's neat to be out doing something with your critter."

He recommends no sedation for a flight, because it's basically like getting a pet drunk. Davis agreed you need to be alert to cars being too hot.

"We've already had a heat-stroke and it was 80 degrees. You've got to be very careful about leaving a critter in the car."



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PASS THE POPCORN

Keep your Kinyarwanda dictionary at hand — or just relax and read the English subtitles — at this month's Film Movement screening at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

The Rwandan film *Munyurangabo* runs 97 minutes and will be shown at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 15 in the library auditorium, 32777 Five Mile.

The film tells the story of two boys from different ethnic groups. *Munyurangabo* wants justice for his parents who were killed in the genocide, and his friend, Sangwa, wants to visit the home he deserted years ago. They visit Sangwa's home, but their friendship is tested when Sangwa's wary parents disapprove of *Munyurangabo*, warning that "Hutus and Tutsis are supposed to be enemies."

The film opened last month in New York. Film Movement releases a new independent or foreign film, such as *Munyurangabo*, on DVD every month to its subscribers, while the film is simultaneously shown in theaters. Livonia Civic Center Library will add the film to its permanent collection soon after the screening.

"We've been doing it for about a year and a half," said librarian Carol Guerriero, describing the Livonia library's participation in Film

Movement. "It's handled through a library supply company. Film Movement is a subsidiary. The subscription service tries to get films that were recently released and are award winning, from around the world.

"It's year-round. And the DVD ends up in our collection."

Patrons can see a new film every third Monday of the month. Admission is free.

Learn more about the Film Movement program at www.filmmovement.com. For more information about the library's showings, call (734) 466-2197 or visit <http://livonia.lib.mi.us/movementseries>.

Next film up on July 20: *The Window from Argentina*.

TENNIS, ANYONE?

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a tennis skills camp for youngsters and teens. Registration has begun for classes that will run from June 23-July 9.

The Camp will emphasize fundamentals, basic techniques, rules, and scoring. It's designed to be fun while helping students get fit, develop and improve techniques for ground strokes, serve and volley, along with footwork and coordination. Drills, games, competition, and fun activities will be used. A fun mini-tournament and party will be held at the end of the series.

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Each player will receive a certificate of completion. Cost is \$75. Class times are 1:30-2:30 p.m., for beginners, age 10-12; 2:30-3:30 p.m., for beginners, age 12-14; and 3:30-4:30 p.m., for intermediate and advanced players, age 12 and up. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the Plymouth High School tennis courts.

An introduction to tennis series, designed by the United States Professional Tennis Association, offers instruction in fundamentals, including tennis concepts, terminology and skills. The six-class session incorporates games like "Zoo," "Four Corner Relay," "Silly Tennis," "Rallyball," and

more. Tennis are racquets provided for those who do not have their own. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, tennis shoes, sunscreen and bring a water bottle to lessons. Cost is \$75. Two sessions, for children age 6-10, are available: June 22, 24, 29 and July 1, 6 and 8 or July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29. They meet 10-11 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Discovery Middle School. To register, call Plymouth-Canton Community Education at (734) 416-2937 or visit www.pccs.k12.mi.us/communityed.asp.

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a one-day workshop, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 13. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online visit stmarmymercy.org and click on classes & events. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

JUNE 15-21

Educational seminar

Coronary Artery Disease: Advances in Treatment, a free educational seminar presented by St. Mary Hospital at the Livonia Community Recreation Center 10-11 a.m. Monday, June 15. The speaker is Ed Mottley, Manager Heart and Vascular Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8950.

Fibromyalgia and chronic Pain

Health class takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. No charge but limited to 15 guests. Reservations requested. Call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic

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JUNE 22-28

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Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

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Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

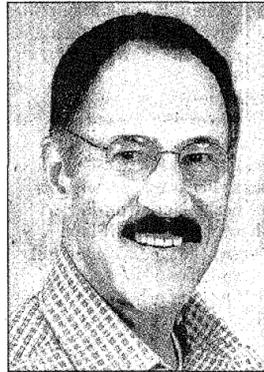
WSU researcher studies 3-prong approach to treating mental health disorders

For people suffering with both severe mental health and substance use disorder, the best treatment could be a combination of patient-centered therapies, according to a Wayne State researcher.

Eugene P. Schoener, who holds a Ph.D. and is a professor of pharmacology and psychiatry and behavioral neurosciences in WSU's School of Medicine, received a \$250,000 grant from the Flinn Foundation to determine the effectiveness of combined Motivational Interviewing (MI), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and substance abuse treatment on the recovery of patients with severe mental illness and substance abuse problems.

The study will take place at Kadima, a non-profit mental health services agency with Jewish roots based in Southfield.

"MI and CBT are complementary approaches based on the notion that patients have to own and resolve their own problems," stated Schoener, a Farmington Hills resident. "MI helps the individual appreciate the nature of their problem and develop the motivation to change their behavior, and CBT provides a comprehensive set of tools to do it. We're hoping that these two elements, along with the knowledge and skills of treating substance abuse will help to promote not just clinician skill levels, but actually change the way Kadima delivers services."



Schoener

Previous studies strongly suggest that both MI and CBT are highly effective for a wide range of mental illnesses including substance abuse. However, most studies were conducted in laboratory settings and addressed the problems separately. Schoener's study offers the opportunity to observe the influence of MI and CBT when treating mental illness and substance abuse concurrently in a real-life setting.

"About 60 percent of patients with severe mental illness have a co-occurring substance abuse problem," Schoener stated. "If you don't deal with both problems concurrently, one disorder can sabotage progress made with the other. Our combined therapy approach is designed to address the reality of all these problems together, the way they occur in the real world."

MOTIVATING THE PATIENT

MI is a non-judgmental, non-confrontational method of engaging patient motivation to change their thoughts and behavior. Past studies have shown that MI builds a greater sense of trust and a stronger overall alliance between therapist and client and redefines the patient as having a more active role in their recovery. "This isn't the clinician giving the patient a pep talk; in fact it's just the opposite," Schoener said. "It's eliciting the motivation within that person. The therapist is no longer there to 'fix' somebody, but rather to facilitate and assist the client in achieving their best."

CBT is a goal-oriented, systematic approach in which patients work to identify the underlying causes for dysfunctional thoughts, feelings or behaviors then restructure their thoughts to be healthier and more productive. Shown to be effective in the treatment of mood disorders, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, substance abuse disorders, and psychotic disorders, CBT requires focused and deliberate participation of the patient. "It's not simply meeting every week to chat. There is homework involved, and patients really have to work at it. The reward for all their hard work, however, is being far better equipped to maintain wellness, undertake new challenges and achieve more in their lives."

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