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Police roll out welcome mat for open house

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been awhile since the Westland Police Department invited the general public stop in for a visit — 13 years, to be exact.

"That last open house we had was in 1996 — it was the 30-year anniversary of the police department," said Chief James Ridener.

Well, the police department is rolling out the welcome mat again



noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, with an open house at the station on Ford just west of Central City Parkway.

"We've made such great changes we want to share it with the public and our retirees," said Deputy Chief Alan Ramsden, open house organizer. "If an officer retired five years ago, there were no Tasers, we didn't have a Segway — the technology in the cars is incredible."

Both Ridener and Ramsden recalled the days when police work was pretty low tech.

"When I started, there were two switches in the car — one turned on

the overhead lights. You worked the siren with the horn and you had a radio," said Ridener.

"Dispatching used to be a radio with a talk button and a piece of paper — now they have five computer screens in front of them," said Ramsden.

During the open house, guests can take a tour of the police station including a patrol shift roll call

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50 years serving local residents

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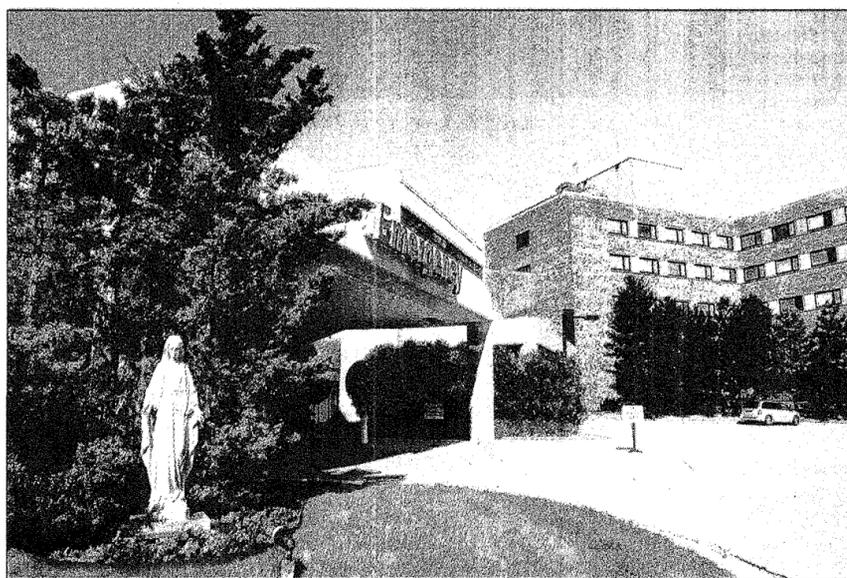
Sunday, Sept. 13

• **5K Run/Walk for Cancer**
Begins at 9 a.m. on St. Mary Mercy hospital grounds, (Five Mile and Levan Roads). The event for cancer awareness is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. Proceeds go to St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services. For information or to register, call (734) 655-8670, go to stmarymercy.org or Active.com.

• **Community Open House, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the open house will immediately follow the 5K, offering fun, music, games, food, health information and screenings, and a variety of activities for everyone. All activities are free.

Friday, Oct. 9

• **Black-Tie gala**
Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Event begins with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner, dancing, and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band. Tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds benefit Clinical Research for the Graduate Medical Education program. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities available. Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2980.



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St. Mary Mercy Hospital will soon celebrate 50 years in Livonia.

St. Mary Mercy changes, expands while keeping to its core mission

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

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- **First girl born at new St. Mary Hospital in 1959**
- **Quick response for heart attack victim**

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Resident gets ACLU support in spat with city officials

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In response to a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Westland council will likely change their policy governing public comments at their meetings.

That won't resolve the issue for resident Donna DeWitt, who had filed complaint with the ACLU charging her First Amendment rights were violated when she was stopped from speaking about a recall effort at a council meeting.

"That absolutely won't satisfy me. There was a made-up non-existent policy (cited) to stop us talking at the podium," said

DeWitt. "What about the First Amendment and the Open Meetings Act? They violated state and federal law."

On Tuesday, DeWitt said she planned to attend the council meeting and call for the resignation of officials including Council President James Godbout, Mayor William Wild and Clerk Eileen DeHart.

"I never did stop anyone from talking. I advised them of the council policy. At no time did I infringe on anyone's right to speak," said Godbout.

The policy in question — which was not formalized in the council's written policies and procedures — was to not allow political campaigning

at council meetings. DeWitt and others unhappy with city approval of a large development off Joy were attempting to organize a recall of officials including Godbout and Wild.

"I think the council can resolve it if they choose by a simple change in their policies — they review their policies in January (following an election)," said DeHart. "We can't have campaigning on taxpayers' money (at televised council meetings). Even the council members don't do that. It's been a long-standing observance."

The ACLU legal analysis is

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AROUND TOWN

Pool closing

The last day for swimming at the Bailey Pool in 2009 will be Tuesday. Open swim times are: noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per session for a resident child, \$4 for a non-resident child and \$4 for a resident adult with a \$6 charge for a non-resident adult.

Trash collection

Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day throughout the week.

Library events

The Westland Fire Department performs free blood pressure and glucose tests in the lobby of the Westland Library 11 a.m. until noon every Wednesday in September.

• **The Job Seekers Lab** is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Meeting Room A. If you need to file for unemployment, create a resume in Microsoft Word or learn how to upload your resume into the Michigan talent bank or other job-searching websites, than this is the lab for you. A librarian will be available to assist you in your employment endeavors — just drop by during the lab's open hours which include 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

• **The Friends of the Library** will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. The Friends are a group of people whose mission is to support the library. Come to a meeting and you can learn how to assist the library by helping with book sales and other assorted tasks.

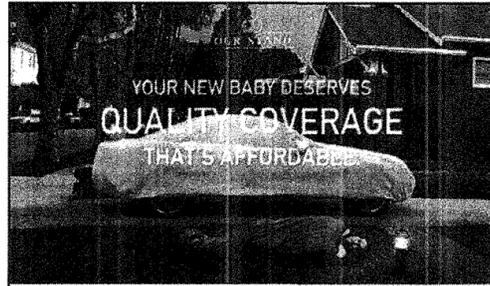
Weight Watchers

The Friendship Center has a Weight Watcher program. This program is offered to Friendship Center members only. Meetings are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Weight Watchers offers educational meetings to assist members in making better food choices, and living a healthier lifestyle. This program can help older adults control Type II diabetes, high cholesterol and other diseases where weight may be a factor. Participants must be 50 years or older and a member of the Friendship Center — no exceptions. Other programs through the center may help you realize your weight or lifestyle goal. Check out the center exercise programs for supportive classes to healthier living.

Gymnastics

Youth gym classes for youngsters ranging from toddler to intermediate are being offered by Westland Parks and Recreation. The next session will run from Sept. 24-Oct. 22. There will no class Oct. 8 due to Turn Off the Violence Night. Students must preregister by Sept. 20.

For more information about the gymnastics program and other classes, visit the city web site at <http://ci.westland.mi.us/parksrecreation/y-class.html>.



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Large crowd turns out for Family Fest



Clowns brought smiles to the faces of young and old alike.

How do you build on success? Just ask the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center Westland.

More than 1,500 people showed up for the center's second annual Summer Fun Fest held Aug. 14. The second festival proved to be a larger success than last year, with almost 1,500 people in attendance. WCRC residents, family members, staff and residents from surrounding communities enjoyed a variety of activities for people of all ages.

The children were entertained with inflatables, including a giant slide, and various table games, with prizes for all the lucky winners. A petting farm, provided by Zacharias Farms Traveling Petting Farm and Pony Rides in Chelsea, offered guests an opportunity to interact with a multitude

of small animals, including chickens, bunnies, lambs, goats, sheep, roosters, ducks, pigs, Guinea pigs, baby chicks and even baby ponies.

Free rub-on tattoos were available to small and big kids alike. Both girls and boys were excited to enter the Hula Hoop contest, with more than 50 children competing for the title. The lucky winner received a \$25 gift card to Target Stores.

Festival goers were treated to free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drink and ice cream for dessert. There also was complimentary cotton candy and popcorn available for a quick treat.

A gas grill, donated by Mack Vending in Plymouth, restaurant gift cards, concert tickets, a boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle were just some of the gifts raffled off throughout the event.



The Zacharias Farms Traveling Petting Farm and Pony Rides in Chelsea provided guests with rides and a variety of animals to pet at the second annual Family Fest.

Local business establishments also helped with donations, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Famous Dave's, Joey's Comedy Club, dentist Dr. Richard Kirsch, Marvaso's Italian Grille,

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Parkside Dental Team, Rapid Response, Red Robin Restaurant, Wrapping by Rossi, Dr. William Silverstone, Sportway Racing, Dr. Keith Tobin and Visiting

Nurse Association. Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center provides sub-acute care for people who are coming directly from the hospital and require recovery from surgery, acute

onset of medical conditions, neurological disorders, and neuromuscular disorders and other complex diagnoses. For more information, call the Admissions Department at (734) 728-6100.

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ACLU

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that the council violated the Open Meetings Act provision allowing the public to speak at meetings by stopping DeWitt from speaking without a writ-

ten anti-campaigning policy.

Additionally, the ACLU called on the council to honor citizens' First Amendment rights and specifically to refrain from censoring DeWitt if she wants to speak about recalling elected officials.

"They certainly have to the right to how they feel but no one stopped anyone from speaking," said DeHart.

"I still think we are pretty liberal with citizen comments," said Wild, adding he wasn't directly involved in the incident. As council president,

Godbout chairs the council meetings.

Citing violations of her constitutional rights and the Open Meetings Act, DeWitt said she wants Godbout, Wild, DeHart and City Attorney Angelo Plakas to resign.

"If my rights were violated, then everyone's rights were violated. I'll help them realize that," said DeWitt. "If people are willing to let their First Amendment rights go, they deserve what they get. I'll be at the council meeting and so will a lot of others."

DeWitt has also sent letters to Michigan Attorney General Michael Cox and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, seeking assistance.

"I will keep pursuing it. I know Westland citizens are way too smart not to know that if anyone's First Amendment rights are violated, then their rights are violated," said DeWitt, who speaks on various topics at most council meetings.

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OPEN HOUSE

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conducted by day shift patrol supervisor Lt. Michael Match. Visitors will get a close-up look at every unit in the department with demonstrations of fingerprinting, police dogs, Tasers, the indoor gun range and the Tactical Response Unit — what most people would call the department SWAT team. The open house also includes

the Westland Youth Assistance Program, located in an adjoining building.

"This is really our chance to show off," said Ramsden, adding the Michigan State Police helicopter is scheduled to arrive at 2 p.m. "It's really neat to see a helicopter landing close up."

Part of the reason for the tour is also so that the public can get a better idea about the police department operations. "We want to demystify what we do. It's about transparency,"

said Ridener.

The open house will begin with a ceremony honoring retired officers who have passed away. Visitors can stay as long as they like, take a tour and watch demonstrations as they choose. There will be tent outside offering food provided by Texas Roadhouse and a bounce house supplied by Bobby's Bouncers. No advance registration is required.

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DAVID SPIVEY, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy



50 YEARS

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Robotic intervention, for stroke, is also available through the Michigan Stroke Network, which allows 24-hour daily access to neuro-endovascular technology "that can mean the difference between life and death for our stroke victims," said Jodi Galdes, MD, Emergency Medicine.

RECOGNITION

The hospital has been honored for clinical quality and patient safety throughout the last decade including the 2004 National Quality Award (Trinity Health), the 2005-2008 HealthGrades Distinguished Award for Clinical Excellence and Distinguished Award for Patient Safety and 100 Top Hospitals Award from Thomson Healthcare for large community hospitals for the last three years.

And change continues at the Livonia hospital. In July 2010, St. Mary, through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine, will begin graduate medical education residency programs in Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Residency.

"We have grown as the community has grown and I think our service offerings have very much been in keeping with the Felician principle of responding to the needs of the time. That's

been our objective for the last 50 years," said David Spivey president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy, adding, "Beyond being a health-care provider we

are a significant employer, one of the largest employers in Livonia with 1,700 full and part-time people.

"We sponsor a variety of involvements with community organizations and we try where we can to utilize local businesses and vendors," Spivey said.

As part of the Saint Joseph System, St. Mary Mercy taps into services and programs regionally as well as nationally with its affiliation with Trinity Health, the third-largest Catholic Health System in the United States.

The Saint Joseph system, which spans five counties in southeastern Michigan, includes seven hospitals, five outpatient health centers, five urgent care facilities and more than 25 specialty centers. The regional system includes a team of nearly 13,000 nurses and staff, and 2,400 physicians.

About 75 percent of St. Mary Mercy patients live in Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Farmington Hills, Redford, Westland, Wayne and Garden City, as well as a portion of Farmington.

The hospital is an integral part of Livonia and other western Wayne County communities.

"I think Livonia would not be the Livonia it is today if St. Mary hadn't developed into the hospital that it is," according

Mom looks back on first birth 5 decades ago

Patricia McGarrie of Livonia is thankful her daughter, Laurie, was overdue a couple of weeks almost 50 years ago when she was due to deliver.

That meant she could go to the newly-opened St. Mary Hospital in her hometown instead of driving to Pontiac, especially since she almost delivered her second child on the way to the hospital not even a year earlier.

As it turned out Laura Marie (who prefers to be called Laurie) McGarrie was born 15 minutes after midnight Dec. 10, 1959, and was the first baby girl born at St. Mary Hospital.

Another baby at the hospital, a boy, was born shortly before Laurie.

"He just beat her," McGarrie says.

To commemorate the milestone, The Felician sisters, who operated the hospital, gave McGarrie and her husband, Tom, an Infant of Prague statue and Livonia city officials awarded her a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

While McGarrie was recuperating from the delivery, she says she remembers looking out the hospital window.

"It was surrounded by farmlands and way off in the distance I could see the beginning of construction for subdivisions," she says. "I often thought, 'What is this hospital doing way out here?' But, there was a need for it as the subdivisions sprung up all around."

McGarrie, even five decades after the delivery, still seems amazed by the idea that all



Laurie (McGarrie) Ariane was the first baby girl born at the newly opened St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. To commemorate the milestone, the Felician Sisters, who operated the hospital at the time, gave McGarrie an Infant of Prague statue and city officials awarded her a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. She lives with her husband, Shahram, in Laguna Niguel, California. They have a daughter, Sasha, age 6.

the rooms were brand new when she was a patient.

"I was the first person who was ever in the bed," she says.

McGarrie, who has three living children (one died shortly after birth less than

a year before Laurie was born), says after she gave birth to Laurie she was most thankful she was healthy.

"And I was really happy to have a hospital nearby, especially in the winter," she says.

Laurie, who will celebrate her 50th birthday in December, and her husband, Shahram Ariane live in California. They have a daughter, Sasha, age 6.

- by Diane Gale Andreassi

Heart attack patient praises quick

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

When Paul Favero, 46, suspected he was having a heart attack his wife drove him to St. Mary Mercy, a hospital he refers to as small and close to home, yet equipped with the latest technology.

He learned that at 1 a.m., April 23 when he became nauseous and was having chest pains.

"I knew something was wrong," according to the Salem Township resident. "It was nothing like I ever felt before."

"They got me right in, I told them what was happening and they hooked up the EKG," he says. "They took blood and they pretty much said, 'You're having a heart attack.'"

Favero had emergency angioplasty and two stents.

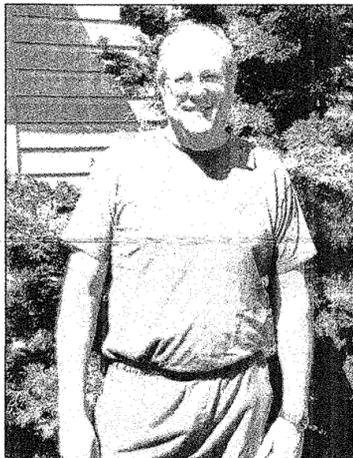
HEART ATTACK

"I was surprised I had a heart attack," he says. "I was surprised at how quick and efficient they were. Afterwards they talked about the statistics and that one in three adults who have heart attacks don't survive it. I was pretty scared. One blockage was 98 percent blocked and the other was 90 percent."

The father of three boys, 11, 13 and 15, says there wasn't any permanent damage to his heart, because he had such quick care.

"I know it's a smaller hospital, but I think that's to their benefit," says Favero, whose wife, Holly, is a nurse practitioner at St. Mary Mercy.

"I pretty much saw all the same people and I was there for three days," he says. "I've had surgeries at other hospitals and sometimes you don't see the same person



Paul Favero credits St. Mary Mercy for saving his life after he had a heart attack

twice."

PPCI PROCEDURE

St. Mary Mercy is the third community hospital in Michigan to be approved for the emergency angioplasty, also called, Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) procedures since Michigan granted non-open heart surgery facilities the ability to perform emergency angioplasty in 2003.

It has emerged as the preferred treatment for heart attack because clinical evidence has shown that it results in a reduction in the overall death rate.

Individual survival rates also increase when PPCI is performed within 90 minutes of the onset of a heart attack, accord-

ing to medical experts.

"Many studies have demonstrated the superiority of PPCI over medication therapy for treatment of blocked arteries," said Freida Craig, director, Cardiovascular Services, St. Mary Mercy.

The hospital has met required standards and stringent criteria recommended by the American College of Cardiology (ACC), and adopted by the Michigan Department of Community Health to ensure the quality and safety of the program.

"Interventional cardiologists and the catheterization laboratory staff also must meet the experience and skill criteria outlined in the national standards," added Craig.

The non-open heart surgery hospital must have an agreement with an open-heart facility and a protocol to transfer a patient within 60 minutes, should emergency open-heart surgery be required. St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor, also a member of Trinity Health Systems, is St. Mary Mercy's tertiary facility.

IN CHARGE

Dr. Chamon Sohal, director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. Mary Mercy, oversees the interventional program. Sohal is associated with Allen Park Cardiology, PC, and performs over 1,000 catheterization laboratory procedures per year.

"I had no symptoms before that night," Favero says.

In fact, two days after his heart attack, his 50-year-old brother, who lives in Chicago, also had a heart attack.

"They concluded it was probably hereditary," Favero said.

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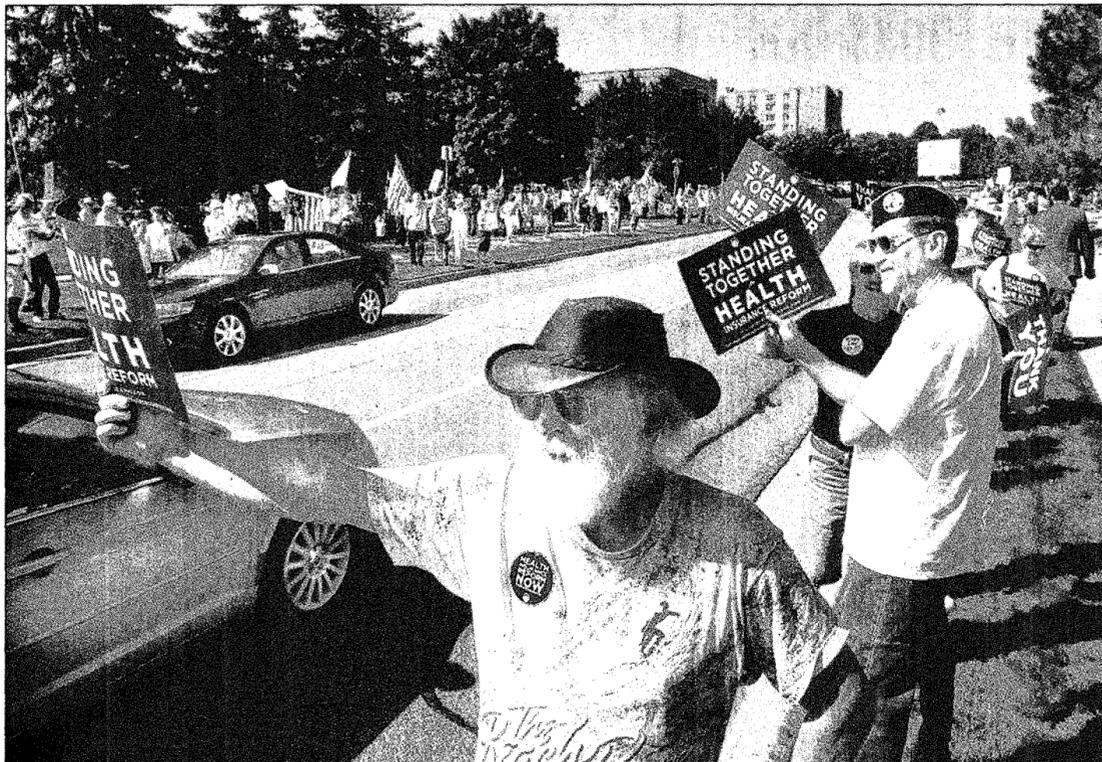
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Dave Shuman, a Livonia resident, carries a sign in favor of health insurance reform.

Protesters spar over health plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On one side of the street, people yelled "Health care for all."

On the other, "Kill the bill." A rally scheduled Thursday afternoon by Organizing for America, created by the Democratic National Committee, to protest Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's stance against health care reform, brought supporters and opponents of the bill to both sides of Laurel Park Drive near McCotter's Livonia office.

Organizing for America brought 150 people together to protest the Republican's not conducting a meeting with

constituents to discuss health care. The group carried signs that read "Standing Together for Health Care Reform" along with other homemade signs supporting health care reform.

Signs across the street opposing President Barack Obama's plan read "No to Socialism," "Bankrupt America, Yes He Can, Obama" and "End the Fed." The opponents and supporters numbered about the same, representative of the 50/50 split among Americans nationwide on the health care issue.

Erik Shelley of Redford, who was collecting signatures on a petition to protest the lack of a town hall meeting with constituents, said McCotter's avoidance of a public town hall

meeting is a "bad idea."

Shelley, who once ran against McCotter as a Green Party candidate, said it "chokes democracy if we can't talk to our representatives."

Joan Reyes of Livonia supports Obama's health care plan. "We can get health care for everybody so the unemployed will have coverage," she said.

She'd like to see the public option included in the final package: "We need to give people peace of mind who have a pre-existing condition, and people who've been out of work for a while."

Across the street, opponents spoke just as fervently.

Tammy Graham of Belleville opposes changes to the current

health care system and likes it just the way it is. "I don't want to see it become a socialistic system and the costs for my children and my children's children," she said.

Graham added that Congress needed to take a clear look at everything. "We're moving too fast," she said.

Another opponent, Jeff McQueen of Rochester, thought any health care reform should include a more expanded discussion of other aspects of the health care industry. "If it was the plan of government to take over one-sixth of our economy, it would include tort reform, some insurance reform and allow people to buy insurance across state borders," McQueen said.



Elizabeth DeWitt of Livonia speaks with a man at the rally who refused to be identified.

McQueen thought prescription drug companies and doctors have "too cozy" of a relationship. "Too many people are taking pharmaceutical drugs that we don't really need," he said.

McCotter could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon, but his spokesperson, Anne Tyrrell, said McCotter has conducted "town hall meetings by phone" on three occasions. Telephone calls go to constituents and, if they choose to do so, the recipient can respond. McCotter received input from 30,000 constituents through these calls, Tyrrell said.

Town hall meetings draw about 200-300 people, she

said.

"The protest (organized by a group formed by the National Democratic Committee) proves his point that town halls are not productive," Tyrrell said. "Clearly a lot of these people were brought in to protest." Organizing for America officials said they gathered 150 people from within McCotter's district for the protest.

Tyrrell said a majority of McCotter's constituents are opposed to the president's current plan. "Seniors have concerns, and the average constituent is against having a government-run plan in place," Tyrrell said.

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Convicted molester sentenced to 15-30 years in prison

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former Canton man who sexually assaulted underage boys, took nude pictures of them and made videos will spend 15 to 30 years in prison after he was sentenced Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Frederick Allen Pindzia's troubles mounted after police executed a search warrant in July 2008 at his Sumpter Township home, where they found more than 100 photos. Pindzia, a 59-year-old former youth mentor and Boy Scout leader, was arrested after one victim finally told a counselor he had been sexually

molested several years earlier. The counselor initially went to Westland police, who contacted Canton authorities. Pindzia pleaded guilty in August to three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a boy under 13 years old, three counts of second-degree CSC and six counts of child sex abuse activity.

Police said some of the photos Pindzia took of young boys dated back as far as 1999, when he lived on Marlowe Street in Canton. His guilty plea in August meant the young victim who came forward didn't have to face the ordeal of testifying during a trial. Pindzia had been accused

of sexual activity including boys 8 to 15 years old. He was sentenced Thursday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow to 15-30 years for first-degree CSC, five years/eight months to 15 years for second-degree CSC, and six to 20 years for child sex abuse activity. When criminal allegations

arose against Pindzia last year, then-Canton police Sgt. Rick Pomorski had commended the boy who reported being molested, giving him "all the credit in the world" for divulging information that, now, has led to Pindzia being locked away. dclcm@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

Photo results in robbery suspect being identified

The saying is a picture is worth a thousand words, but a well-distributed photo of a suspect can lead to an arrest. Detroit resident MacArthur Dozier was recently arrested on robbery charges when Eastpointe police officers noticed he looked like the suspect Westland police wanted in connection with a June 30 robbery.

Having been arraigned on robbery charges in Eastpointe, Dozier is awaiting arraignment on armed robbery and third-degree habitual offender charges in Westland.

"Sgt. (Steve) Borisch sent out the photos — he did a good job on that — and the suspect was recognized," Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick said. "We've got the warrant on him."

In the Westland incident, a man wearing a hard hat and plaid shirt was reported to have entered the Advance America Cash store on Venoy and requested a job application. The clerk said the man then pointed a gun at her and demanded money.

Unusually clear surveillance camera photographs of the suspect were circulated in the media and to other law enforcement agencies.

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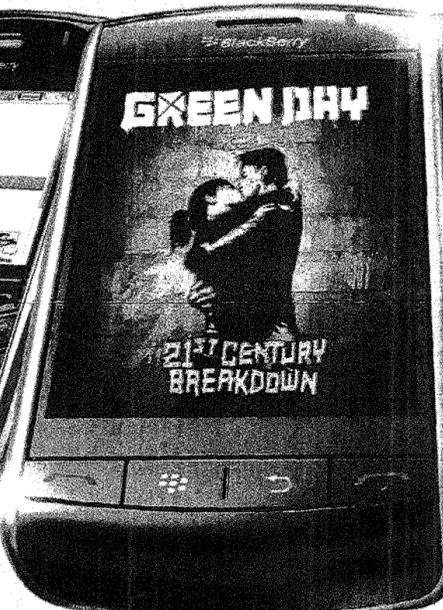
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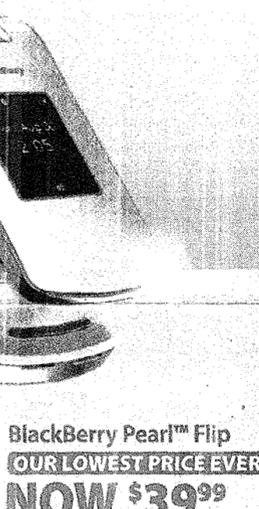
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Appalachian Trail beckons 'adventurous' hiker

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Eric O'Shaughnessy neared the end of collegiate life and contemplated the natural course of life - getting a job - there was one thing of which he was certain.

He wanted an adventure before moving too far along the path of life.

That's why O'Shaughnessy, 23 of Plymouth Township, found himself hiking the Appalachian Trail this summer, making the 2,178-mile trek in roughly four months.

"I sort of wanted a pause before I got too deep into the 'real world,'" said O'Shaughnessy, a Canton High School graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in environmental economics and policy from Michigan State University in 2008.

O'Shaughnessy decided while still in school he would graduate, then work for a year to save up money for whatever trip wound up appealing to him.

While traveling the world or going abroad were ideas that came to him, O'Shaughnessy, who had hiked the first 340 miles of the trail before, settled on the Appalachian Trail because "there are lots of pretty things to see in this country."

While he had been prepared to give up the job he landed, it turned out O'Shaughnessy was granted a leave by the Washington, D.C., firm with which he took a job - "Our HR

boss said he'd always wanted to do it," the youngster recalled.

So O'Shaughnessy and his friend, Jeff Brandt, found themselves in Springer Mountain, Ga., to start the trek April 26, with the 2,178 miles beckoning.

The length of the hike intrigued O'Shaughnessy who, among his other accomplishments, has run a marathon.

"I wanted to do something long, and something challenging," O'Shaughnessy said. "The trail has the reputation for being tough. I wanted something tough."

Apparently, he got what he wanted. Brandt, the friend with whom he figured to complete the hike, had to give it up some 700 miles in after suffering a stress fracture in his leg, according to O'Shaughnessy.

Others would have left the trail with their friend rather than take on the last 1,400 miles alone. O'Shaughnessy quickly decided he would finish the hike, a decision that didn't surprise his family.

"When (Brandt) pulled up lame, I knew I wasn't going to get (Eric) off the trail," said his father, John O'Shaughnessy. "But the only rules I had were call me once a week and text me at least every couple of days. He was very good about that."

O'Shaughnessy said he'd carry 2-3 days worth of food with him at a time, coming off the trail long enough to hitchhike into a town every few days to replenish his stores. Occasionally, he said, he'd see



Eric O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth Township was all smiles after completing the 2,178-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail, which ended at Mount Katahdin in Maine.

other people - "In some places you're literally hiking through someone's back yard," he said - but O'Shaughnessy was largely alone the vast majority of the way.

He never worried about getting lost - thousands of people make the trek every year, he said, and the traditional route is "pretty well marked" - and inclement weather - particularly in Maine, he said, where it

was an unusually wet summer - sometimes made him wonder why he was doing it.

But giving up never really crossed his mind.

"Most people who start this quit, because they realize 'What's the point?'" O'Shaughnessy said. "You have to really know why you're out there. I'd done a section of it before, and I knew there were times it was going to suck. I

was prepared for that mentally."

He got a late start - most people start in March - but made his way quickly along the trail, occasionally coming across other hikers. By the time he hit Maine, though, he'd out-distanced them and was, again, largely alone. That's when he had to summon his inner strength.

"You try to get in the zone of

not thinking about it, and you take the elements in stride," he said. "When it's pouring rain and you're freezing, you sort of ignore it. You have to pretend you like it."

Approaching the end, at Mount Katahdin in Maine, O'Shaughnessy said he wished it wasn't over.

"I was very goal oriented," during the hike, O'Shaughnessy said. "Mount Katahdin was in my head, and that's what keeps you going. At the end, I wished it was still going."

His father, who went out to Maine to claim his son at the end of the hike, had nothing but respect for the accomplishment.

"I didn't think he was crazy," the elder O'Shaughnessy said. "It's nothing I would want to do. He's an adventurous kid, he'd done a little of it before, so I wasn't even really surprised. I applauded him. How many people really do it?"

The hardest part might be figuring out what to do next. O'Shaughnessy said Brandt wants to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Whether that happens or not, O'Shaughnessy said topping the Appalachian Trail might be tough. "Talking with friends I met along the way, we thought, 'How do you top this?'" O'Shaughnessy recalled. "But it's a big world. I'm sure I'll find something."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smaison@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage sale
The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-

Friday, Sept. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 19. There also will be a bake sale, refreshments and hot dogs. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Ronald McDonald House Gala
The Ford Motor Company is presenting The Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at The Detroit Institute of Arts. The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association and DTE Energy will host this black-tie gala with all proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Formerly known as Aviators' Ball, the Gala is in its fifth year. The event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, an afterglow party and many surprises throughout the evening. The Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor provide a "home away from home" each year to nearly 1,600 families whose children are hospitalized nearby with serious illnesses. For Ronald McDonald House Gala tickets and sponsorship information, call (734) 316-2511 or visit the Web site at www.rmhgala.com.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251 meets at 7 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 host a car show 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening throughout the summer at the post, 9318 Newburgh, just south of Ann Arbor Trail. The post kitchen is open and serves a variety of dinners for \$7 each and also have grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

School registration

St. Damian School is accepting students for the 3-4-year-old preschool program as well as students in kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is fully accredited by MNSAA, with certified, experienced teachers, hot lunch program and many other school programs and extracurricular activities. A licensed morning and afternoon latchkey is available. School tours are available upon request. St. Damian School is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 427-1680 for more information or visit the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Crafters needed

St. Theodore CCW has table rental available for \$25 for its Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Contact Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voicemail 10) or Mary Ellen at (734) 261-8821. No vendors.

Crafters are needed for the 21st annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Nov. 21, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Community Baby Shower

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th Annual Community Baby Shower will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24. Parents will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will share information regarding family safety, parenting tips and healthy relationships. Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. Call for information regarding on-site childcare. Space is limited. Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 122, for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

Used Book Sale

Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get 1 free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the programs at the library for all ages.

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A: In the past, socially responsible investing underperformed more traditional investments. However, that is no longer the case. In the past, there weren't many socially responsible investments and there was no competition in that sector.

Over the last couple decades there has been an explosion in the number of



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investment alternatives for the socially responsible investor. In fact, in the mutual fund arena, there are socially responsible mutual funds in just about every asset

class. It used to be that if you were a socially responsible investor you could not invest internationally or in index funds, but that is no longer the case. In fact, most asset classes offer multiple funds to choose from. The explosion in socially responsible investment alternatives has also produced another benefit and that is performance.

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subsequent explosion in the number of investment alternatives, another benefit has been that these investment companies are more sensitive to performance. Today you can be a socially responsible investor and have solid rates of return.

One Web site I recommend is www.socialfunds.com. This site has a wealth of educational and informative information regarding socially responsible investing.

The key to socially responsible investing is that there is no one definition as to what is "socially responsible investing." Some will define

it as investing in companies that do not participate in the alcohol, tobacco or gaming industry. Other investment houses define socially responsible investing as companies with good environmental records who do not get involved with military operations. The key is to review the funds prospectus to see how the particular fund itself defines socially responsible investing and then make sure that their definition matches your own. The number of socially responsible investments has exploded over the last couple of decades and as an investor you no longer have to sac-

rific return to accomplish your goals.

Just like every other type of investor, socially responsible investors should not forget the fundamentals of investing; costs and fees do matter and as investors our primary goal is to make money. Therefore, when doing your research and analyzing different socially responsible investments, don't forget about performance. Just as with other investments you should know the cost and fee structure, the same is true in regards to socially responsible funds. There is no reason to pay

more in fees or costs just because a fund is socially responsible.

In today's world with many investment options, you don't have to accept lower returns to be a socially responsible investor. There are many investment options and the key, as with every other investment, is to do your research.

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Cap and trade opponents attract protesters at rally

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A rallying cry was heard for jobs and affordable energy at Burton Manor in Livonia Thursday.

Farming and business officials and others spoke out against the cap and trade legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, highlighting the impact on American jobs, families and businesses.

Outside, a small group of protesters lobbied against Big Oil and its efforts to stop the legislation.

At the rally inside, Charlie

Owens, state director of the Michigan Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, said it was easy to let this issue "slip to the back" when Congress is debating health care, and concerns about the economy and national security.

Owens thanked Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, for his opposition to the cap and trade legislation.

Doug Roberts Jr., director of environmental and energy policy of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said the state of Michigan has been in a recession for nine years

and has 15-percent unemployment.

On the cap and trade legislation, Roberts said: "It is a massive energy tax on all of us." The state would lose as many as 60,000 jobs, he said. A new study by Emphasis Energy said the bill would send jobs overseas and make the United States more dependent on foreign oil, Roberts said.

Roberts urged the crowd to contact U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin to vote no on the package.

Wayne Wood, president of the 47,000-member Michigan Farm Bureau, asked the crowd how happy they would be if the price of food went up 30 percent. That's how much he estimated the cost of food would increase with the increased costs of natural gas, electricity and petroleum to farmers, which would increase costs of fuel, fertilizer and chemicals.

'HUGE CONCERN'

"This is a huge concern for farmers because energy expenses account for 60 percent of a farm's total operating costs," Wood said.

The bill provides an incentive to plant trees, but trees that produce fruit do not qualify, Wood said. Wood worries that incentive will hurt Michigan's diverse agricultural mix as absentee land owners of farmland could plant forests, further reducing cropland. "Overall it is detrimental to Michigan agriculture," Wood said.

Scott Hagerstrom, state director for Americans for Prosperity, told the audience every job matters. He cited figures from the Heritage Foundation that Michigan can expect a 58-percent increase in gasoline prices and a 90-percent hike in electricity rates by 2035.

Hagerstrom cited a study at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Spain of that country's green jobs program. "Every green job created by government intervention destroys 2.2 real jobs in the private sector," Hagerstrom said. Since 2000,



Ari Ruttenberg of Huntington Woods, Abby Clark of Lansing, Deb Tutro of Dearborn Heights and Mark Neisler of Ann Arbor protest in favor of cap and trade legislation and green energy.

Spain has spent \$753,778 on each green job, he added.

Frank Beckmann, host of a radio show on WJR 760, also criticized the legislation. "This legislation doesn't contain one shred of information on how to save the planet," Beckmann said. Instead, it outlines how it will tax to put money into government coffers, he said.

Before the rally started, there were a few protesters, including David Holtz of Progress Michigan and Mark Neisler, global climate specialist at the Michigan League of Conversation Voters, who was dressed up as "Oil Can Stan."

Neisler also cited a poll obtained by POLITICO of likely 2010 voters in 16 states, many of them home to targeted senators. Sixty-three percent of those sampled said they supported the energy bill while only 30 percent said they opposed the measure.

"Sixty percent of respondents said they would be more likely to vote for their senator if he or she supported the bill while just 26 percent said they'd be less inclined to reelect their senator for backing

the American Clean Energy and Security Act," Neisler said.

POLL COMMISSIONED

The Center for American Progress Action Fund commissioned the poll, conducted in 16 states, including Michigan.

The group protested Big Oil's opposition to cap and trade legislation. "What Big Oil is asking us is to back off a green energy strategy and embrace the old 20th century policies and ship money out of state to the Big Oil companies," Holtz said.

Holtz said the oil companies were spending \$83 million to lobby against clean energy. Holtz wondered aloud where were Michigan jobs created when consumers were charged \$4 a gallon.

Neisler added that the organizers shipped in attendees at the rally. "(Energy policies) have not allowed us to thrive in Michigan," Neisler said. "Climate legislation will allow us to provide jobs and energy independence."

Hagerstrom said later that his organization, committed

to "advancing every individual's right to economic freedom and opportunity," has grown from 5,500 in January 2008 to 35,000. "We do not get money from Big Oil," he said.

"If we have to start paying more for energy, you will see a reduction in spending," Hagerstrom said. "If you have high energy costs, you will have less money to buy that car and less money to go on vacation."

"Everything is going up, up, up."

Bill Fried of Livonia said the rally reminded him of "how out of step Washington is, from health care to international relations."

"They're leading us to disaster," Fried said.

Fried said the president tries to solve a problem, but he actually creates one instead of finding a solution. "He doesn't solve any problems," Fried said.

Citizens are getting to the "guts of the issue: economics," he added.

"I don't have any answers, but it's not this," Fried said.

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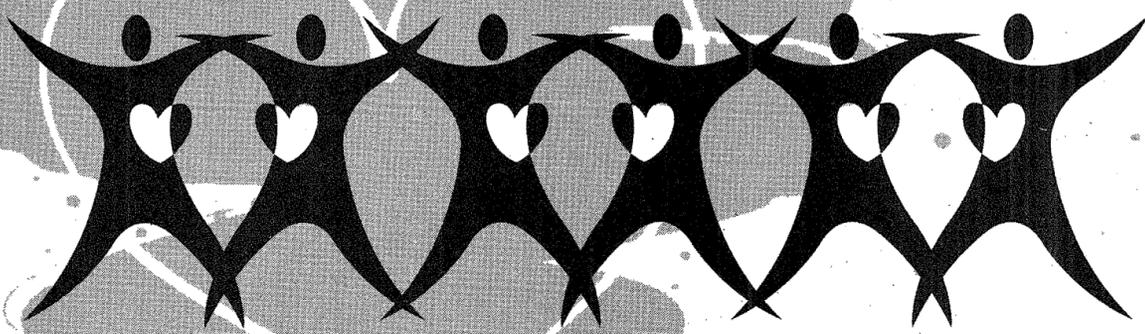
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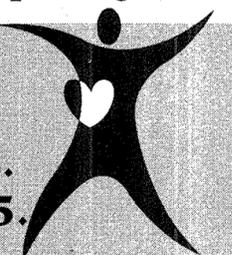
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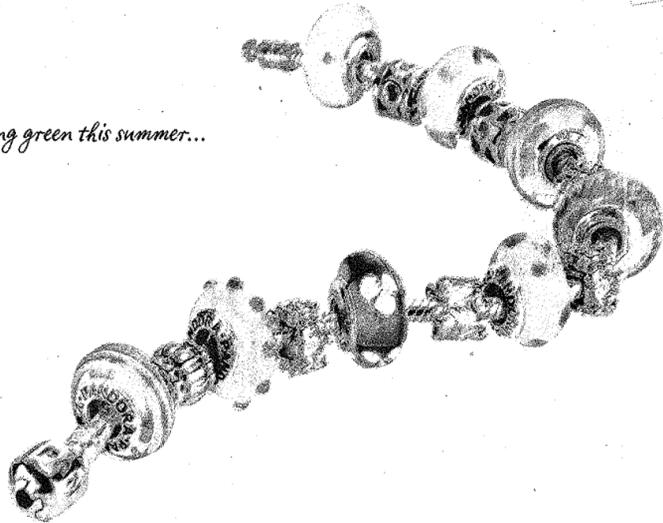


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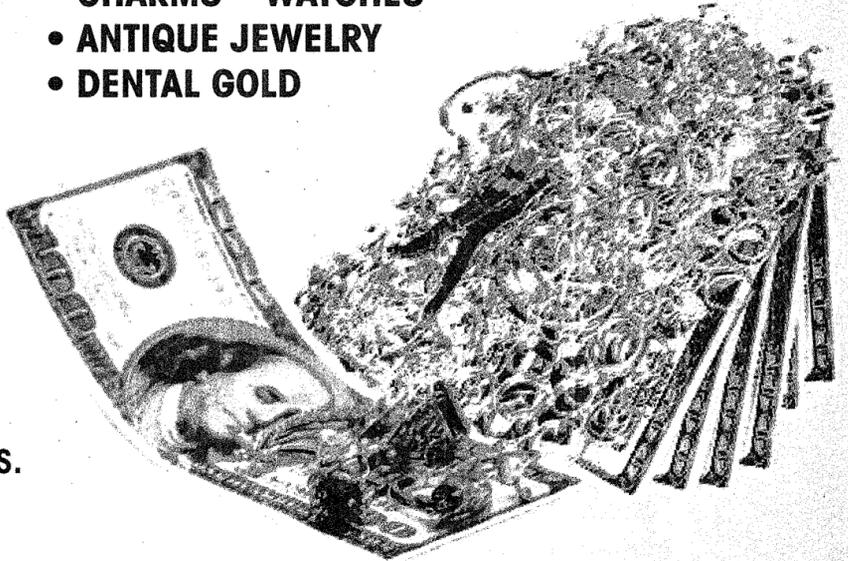
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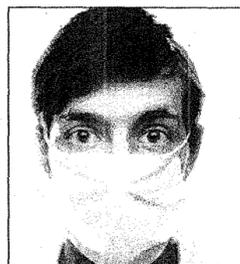
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HOMETOWN LIFE



Langford's record-breaking night fuels Rockets

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeremy Langford rewrote Westland John Glenn's football record book in a big way Thursday night.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior tailback ran wild, scoring six touchdowns and rushing for 370 yards on 30 carries as the host Rockets pulled away in the second half for a 42-21 victory over Pinckney.

Glenn is 2-0 overall, while the Pirates fall to 0-2.

Langford's 370 yards eclipsed the school-record of 315 set by Dan Smitherman



Langford

in 2000, while his six TDs broke the mark of five held since 1988 by Bryant Satterlee. "To break a record at a high school where we've had a lot of great running backs over the years is a great effort," Glenn second-year coach Tim Hardin said. "And it wasn't against a slouch team. They (Pinckney) played us tough."

A 3-yard TD run by Mark Burkholder followed by Mike

Prout's extra point with 4:56 left in the third quarter pulled Pinckney even at 21-all.

But Glenn responded with 21 unanswered points on a 10-yard run by Langford, which capped a six-play, 69-yard drive, followed by scoring runs of 62 and 19. Langford also added a two-pointer.

"Our offensive line had a tremendous night," Hardin said. "We threw two passes to start the game, but then we realized our offensive line was blocking so well that we were able to run and didn't have to throw it."

Senior offensive tackles

Aaron Smith and Dustin Gajowiak, along with offensive guard Chase Glover, helped pave the way for Langford, who accounted for 40 of Glenn's 42 total points, along with 370 of the team's 472 rushing.

"Aaron and Dustin both had tremendous games," Hardin said. "We probably ran only four or five plays. We used the trap play over and over with Chase pulling and he made some great blocks."

Glenn led 13-8 at halftime as Langford scored on runs of 13 and three yards, while Pinckney countered on a 2-

yard TD run by Ryan Erps — following a bad Glenn snap from center on a punt that the Pirates recovered on the Rockets' 2 — along with a two-point safety when Langford was tackled in the end zone.

In the third quarter, Pinckney forged ahead 14-13 after another Rocket turnover (fumbled punt return) as John Prout ran for a 14-yard TD.

Glenn regained the lead, 21-14, with 8:42 left in the same period on Langford's 52-yard TD jaunt just two plays later and subsequent two-point run.

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SIDELINES

MU kickers 0-3

The Madonna University women's soccer team dropped its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener Wednesday at Davenport University, 2-1.

Kaila Moore scored the lone goal for the 25th-ranked Crusaders, who fall to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the WHAC under first-year coach Jen Barker.

MU scored first in the match as Moore took a through ball from Jaclyn Ventimiglia in the 20th minute and beat Davenport goalkeeper Catherine Howard to the left for a 1-0 lead.

The Panthers' Britteny Willis scored the equalizer in the 28th minute off an assist from Megan Powers.

Daniella Bugli then scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 57th minute as Davenport notched its first win of the season in three tries.

Sophomores Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) and Brittny Warner (Plymouth) each gave up a goal in net.

Prep volleyball

Livonia Clarenceville suffered its first setback of the season Thursday as visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest came away with a 23-25, 25-16, 25-16, 25-20 non-conference triumph.

"We started out strong, but after that they just kind of got in our heads and mentally outplayed us," Clarenceville coach Wendy Mershman said. "We didn't play as a team like we had done in our other matches. We just missed too many serves and our defense wasn't there either."

Mershman did praise the efforts of Kat Hall (15 kills, six digs, two solo blocks) and Teresa Parent (10 digs).

MU golfers first

Madonna University swept the first three individual places, led by playoff medalist Michelle Hall's 84, to capture the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 1 women's golf tournament Thursday at Quail Ridge in Ada.

The Crusaders finished with a four-player total of 340 followed by Indiana Tech (352), Aquinas (367), Davenport (391) and Cornerstone (434).

MU's Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) and Sara Simmitch also carded 84 each to tie for second, while Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin) placed tied for 10th with 89. Caitlin Steele was 13th with 90.

O&E men's golf

The *Observer & Eccentric* Men's Open golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

Entry fee for the 36-hole medal play event is \$95 (cart not included). Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate. Entries, open to the first 120 who sign up, close at noon Thursday, Sept. 17. (Entry forms should be sent with a check or money order payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

Pairings and starting times will be available after noon Friday, Sept. 18 by calling (248) 476-4493.

Ripple effect Spartans hope to make waves again

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's string of four top-10 finishes at the Division 1 girls state swim finals came to an abrupt end last November.

The Spartans wound up 15th overall at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium after placing runner-up in 2007; fifth in 2006; seventh in 2005; and 10th in 2004.

This year's state finals destination is Nov. 20-21 at the Holland Aquatics Center.

And it's a good bet Stevenson,

PREVIEW

Kensington Conference runner-up to Northville, will only be taking a hiatus. The Spartans should be knocking on the top-10 door again.

"We always hope to be in the top 10," Stevenson 25th-year coach Greg Phill said. "I think we're a little better than last year, but not as good as we used to be."

The Spartans wasted little time in showing its prowess Thursday night by posting seven state qualifying cuts with a resounding 144-44 home pool dual-meet win over visiting Grosse Pointe North (see complete results).

Top returnees for the Spartans include seniors



Ashley Gordon Stevenson



Savannah Hatt Stevenson



Kayla Douglas Franklin

Ashley Gordon and Carla McNamara, along with Savannah Hatt — all first-team All-Observer selections.

Gordon was seventh in the Division 1 in the 100 backstroke (1:00.18) and eighth in the 200 individual medley (2:09.14).

McNamara, a diver, took 10th overall (381.05 points), while Hatt placed third in the 500 freestyle (5:05.39) and posted the area's second best time in the 200 freestyle (1:56.13).

The Spartans also have quality depth with the return of second-team All-Area individual performers Ashley Reed (100 butterfly), Kaylee Dolinski (500 freestyle) and Laura Holtz (100 freestyle).

Another team that could make noise at the state finals is Livonia Franklin, led by junior Kayla Douglas, who took fourth in the Division 1 backstroke (58.91) and 12th in the 100 butterfly (1:00.43).

Douglas has been training during the offseason with Club Wolverine in Ann Arbor. The Patriots' first-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay team, which finished 15th overall in Division 1 last year with a school-record time of 1:42.06, also remains intact with the return of juniors Natalie Cote' and Colleen Anthony, along with sophomore Kaitly Kozyn.

Another swimmer returning with second-team All-Observer credentials is Westland John Glenn senior Casey Peterson, who went 1:12.24 in the Division 1 prelims in the 100 breaststroke.

Another twist to the 2009 season will be the new swimsuit rule, which places restrictions on the types of materials used and their construction in terms of aiding buoyancy.

"I think the (state) meet will be as fast as it's been," Phill said. "I don't think parents need to go out anyway and spend \$400 or \$500 (on the laser suits). We've never worn them before."

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FILE PHOTO

Stevenson's Ashley Gordon returns for her senior year after placing seventh in the 100-yard backstroke and eighth in the 200 IM at the 2008 Division 1 state finals.

Chargers post 21-7 grid victory

Livonia Churchill evened its football record at 1-1 on the young season with a workmanlike 21-7 triumph Thursday night at Waterford Kettering.

The Chargers nearly pitched a shutout while limiting the Captains to 169 total yards.

After a scoreless opening quarter, Churchill got on the scoreboard with 5:41 left in the first half when junior quarterback Jordan Grohoski scored on a 7-yard run. The nine-play, 31-yard drive was set up by Deon Clemons' fumble recovery.

Churchill added another TD with 2:50 remaining in the second period on Grohoski's 48-yard pass to Tony Frezzell.

In the third period, Churchill built a commanding 21-0 advantage with a 10-play, 76-yard drive capped by Frezzell's 5-yard TD run. (Justin Choma converted his third straight point-after kick.)

Kettering (0-2) averted the shutout by driving 46 yards in eight plays, scoring with only 16 seconds left in the game on Ethan Chizek's 15-yard TD run.

Churchill's defense was led by junior linebacker Dylan Ochala, who finished with 10 tackles. Mike Harp also had an interception and the Chargers recovered three Kettering fumbles.

Offensively, Churchill had 278 total yards with Grohoski hitting 10-of-14 passes for 147 yards with one TD and one interception.

Mike Kutek was the team's top rusher with 59 yards on 13 carries.

Zebras pleased with 2-0 start

PREP FOOTBALL

Wayne Memorial is off to its first 2-0 football start since the 2003 season following a 21-16 win Thursday night at Waterford Mott.

All the scoring occurred in the opening half.

Wayne jumped out to a 13-0 first-quarter lead on 1-yard touchdown runs by Zakk Hardyniec (with 6:40 left) and Sean Ogle (with 2:47 to go).

Mott cut the deficit to 13-8 on Nick Kerger's 22-yard TD run followed by Jon Godfrey's two-point conversion.

With 9:08 left in the second period, the Corsairs' Sam Pozezinski scored on a 27-yard TD run and Kerger converted the two-pointer to put Mott back on top, 16-13.

Senior quarterback Nick Mills then

put Wayne ahead for keeps with 8:28 left in the first half on a 34-yard TD toss to Dan Ross. The two connected again on the two-pointer.

Mills, a 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior, completed 10-of-20 passes for 143 yards.

Keith Agee was Wayne's top rusher with 54 yards on nine carries. The 5-9, 180-pound junior also sparked the defense with five solo tackles and four assists.

Wayne had a total of 267 total yards to go along with 11 first downs. The Zebras lost one fumble.

Mott falls to 0-2 on the season.

Flat first half costs Patriots in 20-17 defeat

It was frankly not the kind of performance Livonia Franklin football coach Chris Kelbert had envisioned coming off an impressive 21-7 win the previous week against rival Livonia Stevenson.

On Thursday night, the Patriots stumbled out the gate and couldn't recover as host Walled Lake Western held on for a 20-17 victory.

Both teams are 1-1 on the season.

"We came out with no fire or intensity, we were sleepwalking the first half," said Kelbert, whose team trailed 20-3 and lost lead running back Mike Baumgardner to a groin injury in the first quarter. "The second half we woke up, fought hard and got back in it. We had a couple of chances

to score, but came up short."

Western rushed for 183 of its 229 yards in the first half.

Derrick Russell Jr., the game's leading rusher with 175 yards, scored on a 39-yard run on the last play of the first quarter to give Western a 7-0 advantage.

Quarterback Sam Welch added a 21-yard TD run in the second period and Russell came back on another 21-yard scoring run to make it 20-0 (the Patriots blocked the third extra point).

Franklin's Travis Matthey booted a 29-yard field goal before the half to start the comeback for the Patriots, who battled back on their first drive of the third quarter as Chris VanTuyll (13-for-75

"Our defensive coordinator (Doug Hagedon) made some adjustments at halftime," Wayne coach Kevin Weber said. "He changed some personnel which allowed our kids to make plays and have a better chance to be successful."

"The kids have really bought into defensive football and that defense wins championships. Our defense stepped up."

The Zebras missed right guard and reserve inside linebacker Kevin O'Brien, a senior who was lost to injury in the season opener to a torn anterior cruciate knee ligament.

"He worked very hard all four years and it was great to see how the kids responded without him," Weber said.

yards rushing) scored on a 34-yard run. The TD was set up by Brent Marzion's 32-yard pass to Antoine Banks.

The Patriots then cut the deficit to 20-17 in the final quarter when Mike Gadsby faked a punt and connected with Justin Dean on a 63-yard scoring pass.

The Patriots got the ball back with 2:30 remaining and drove to the Warriors' 33, but came up short on a 43-yard field goal try with only 56 seconds left.

Franklin had 283 total yards to Western's 276.

Marzion's 9-of-27 for passing, while Gadsby added 72 yards on 14 carries.

Western had the only turnover as Franklin's David Dohr came up with an INT.

Last-second FG does in Trojans

Two games into the football season and it's getting a little frustrating already for the Trojans of Livonia Clarenceville.

For the second straight week, coach Ryan Irish watched his club snatch defeat away from the jaws of victory, as this time a 22-yard field goal off the foot of the Cranbrook sophomore place-kicker Michael Ray with :02 remaining gave the host Cranes this thrilling 17-14 victory over the Trojans.

"It's a game we again definitely had in control," said Irish, who just last Friday saw his Trojans squander an early lead in falling to Detroit University Prep. "I'm proud of my kids because they played their tails off, but it's a game we could have won."

Clarenceville got on the board first in the opening quarter when senior quarterback Lenny Smith scampered 22 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The two-point try was thwarted, leaving the Trojans holding a 6-0 advantage.

Cranbrook tied the game early in the second period, but the Trojans regained the lead right before halftime when senior running back Levonte Brooks scooted 13 yards around end for a touchdown. Smith carried in the two-point try and the Trojans headed to the locker room holding a 14-6 advantage.

The Cranes (1-1) knotted the game in the third quarter on a TD and two-point conversion to set up the all-important final 12 minutes of play.

In that time, the teams traded possessions before the Cranes hung on to the ball over the final three minutes of play. They moved some 60 yards to set up the winning field goal try.

Clarenceville totaled 380 yards in total offense, but was plagued by referee's whistles which flagged the Trojans for 120 yards in penalties.

"Penalties are drive-killers or score-stoppers and we sure had our share," Irish said.

Smith paced the offensive attack for Clarenceville with 176 yards on 16 carries. Brooks added 101 yards on 14 attempts.

"We'll watch the film and just try and get better next week," Irish said.

Cranbrook quarterback Mike Corey, who was 11-of-21 passing for 161 yards and a TD, also ran for a score.

GAB. RICHARD 48, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Quarterback David Ritchie threw for three touchdowns Thursday as host Riverview Gabriel Richard (1-1) rolled to a non-league win over Lutheran High Westland (0-2).

Ben Glines caught hauled in three TDs from Ritchie, who was 9-of-12 for 125 yards. Curtis Dickey added 125 yards rushing and one TD.

Lutheran Westland, which opens its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference scheduled next Friday at Fraser H.S. against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, has been outscored 103-0 in its first two games.

Super sophomore

Howell quarterback picks apart Stevenson, 28-14

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So much for the so-called sophomore jinx.

Gregory Cauley played beyond his years Thursday night, as the 10th-grader completed 15-of-19 passes for 152 yards and three touchdowns as Howell earned a 28-14 football win at Livonia Stevenson.

The win ups Howell's overall record to 2-0, while last year's Division 1 state semifinalist Stevenson falls to 0-2.

The 6-foot, 170-pound Cauley was flawless in the clutch as the Highlanders put together two long scoring drives in the second half and limited the amount of touches for Stevenson's Austin White All-State running back (121 yards on 16 carries), who has committed to Michigan.

"Our sophomore quarterback is a good kid," Howell coach Aaron Metz. "Last week was his first start and he struggled. But he did a good

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job (today) as did all our kids.

"The first half we did not have the ball too much and we had only 23 or so yards rushing. We made some adjustments up front as far as personnel and we challenged our offensive line to step up and make plays."

Howell scored on its first possession of the game marching 67 yards in nine plays capped by Cauley's 7-yard TD toss to senior Bryce Lindberg with 5:44 left in the first quarter.

Stevenson answered with a second-quarter TD with 6:42 left on a 1-yard run on fourth-and-goal by the 6-foot, 190-pound White. The drive covered 65 yards in nine plays.

With 2:07 left in the half, the Highlanders got the ball back at their own 43 and scored with only 15 seconds left when Cauley hit Lindberg on an 11-yard play.

Derrick Palma converted the second of his four extra points to make it 14-7 at intermission.

The drive was kept alive when a Stevenson defender was called for a face mask penalty after Cauley was sacked for a 10-yard loss.

In the second half, Howell controlled the ball and the clock.

A 14-play, 69-yard drive culminated with a 9-yard scoring pass from Cauley to Nathan Riffle just 38 seconds into the final quarter to make it 21-7.

"Our best defense was to keep their offense off the field," said Metz, whose team was ironically outgained 284-244 in total offense.

Stevenson, which had only two second-half possessions until the final 26 seconds, answered on a 7-yard TD run by White with 8:53 remaining.

But the Highlanders put it away with another drive with consumed 8 minutes and 19 seconds as 6-1, 200-pound

Lindberg, who had a team-high 84 yards on 23 attempts, plowed in from six yards out with only 28 seconds remaining. Josh Gardner's 18-yard catch on third-and-15 kept the drive going. (Gardner fought off a Stevenson defender for the ball after it popped out of his hands.)

"Third and long was magic for them," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "It's bad coverage on third-and-long when there should be a sack."

"We had a good, physical week of practice. But somehow we've got to figure out a way on game night to make it happen."

Stevenson junior quarterback Brendan O'Hara, also making his second start, was a respectable 8-of-15 passing for 121 yards.

"We were looking through the same window we were last week," Gabel said. "Their side was making plays, and likewise we weren't making the plays when it was necessary."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 11
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland vs. S.H. Parkway at Fraser High School, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Plymouth at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Ferndale at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.
Dexter Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Ypsilanti Fall Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, 9 a.m.
Berkley Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Ferndale at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
Churchill at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Public Schools of Livonia Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Ypsilanti Early Bird Inv., 4 p.m.
Clarenceville, D.H. Annapolis at Lutheran Westland, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
CC Invitational at Cass Benton, TBA.
Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
KLA Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Salem at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Public Schools of Livonia Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Milford at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Ladywood at A.A. Greenhills, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Divine Child at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Public Schools of Livonia Inv. at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Glen Oaks, 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Canton at Loyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Ladywood at Sacred Heart, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 10
Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
(Martin Memorial Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Tex.-Brownsville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
(Martin Memorial Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Shawnee State, 9:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
Madonna at Ohio Dominican, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13
Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Madonna at Calvin College, 5 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Concordia, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.



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GIRLS SWIMMING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Aaron Rieder, seventh year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAs South); 10th (Kensington Conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Samantha Reid, Loric Avanesian, Alyssa Kanouse, Tara Mlynarek, Olivia O'Chel, Emily Parker, Ashley Robertson.
Leading returnees: Katina St. Pierre, Sr. (diving); Kalliea Stancer, Sr. (diving); Marris Battista, Soph. Stephanie, D'Annunzio, Sr.; Tamara Marek, Jr.; Allison Mayer, Soph.; Katrina Nelson, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Christina Fox, Fr.; Emma Goonis, Fr.; Megan Lancaster, Fr.; Mackenzie Reid, Fr.; Rebecca Van Gorp, Fr.; Madison Ytterock, Fr.
Rieder's 2009 outlook: "We are lucky to have several strong swimmers returning this year. These athletes will be essential in leading a young group of talented swimmers to success. We also have two of the strongest divers in the conference which will help elevate our dual and conference meet lineups. Ultimately, our goal is continue the drastic personal improvements that we have seen each year. As always, our focus remains the conference championship. If a team can be competitive in the Kensington Conference than they have achieved a successful season."



Kaylee Dolinski Stevenson



Ashley Reed Stevenson



Casey Peterson John Glenn



Laura Holtz Stevenson

Notable losses to graduation: Ashley Sells (first-team All-Area 100 butterfly); Jordan Burgess. (second-team All-Area 50 freestyle).
Leading returnees: Casey Peterson, Sr. IM-breaststroke (second-team All-Area); Khiry Sparks, Jr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Kali Aloisi, Soph. (IM-breaststroke); Rachel Alholinna, Jr. (freestyle); Lindsey Bessinger, Soph. (freestyle-butterfly); Jennie Humbach, Jr. (IM-diving); Desiree Clenny, Jr. (diving); Katie Moran, Jr. (IM-distance freestyle); Kelsey Yax, Jr. (butterfly-distance freestyle); Brooke Graham, Jr. (diving); Kendra Burke, Jr. (diving).
Promising newcomer: Katlyn Smith, Fr. (freestyle).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Kevin Hafner, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fourth (KLAAs South); ninth (Kensington Conference); 23rd (Division 1 state finals).
Notable losses to graduation: Jordan Haymour, Meghan Powers, Allison Gilley.
Leading returnees: Kayla Douglas, Jr. (first-team All-Area 100 backstroke; 200 freestyle relay); Natalie Cote, Jr. (first-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay); Colleen Anthony, Jr. (first-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay); Kaitlyn Kozyn, Soph. (first-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay); Dominique Jrodan, Sr. (butterfly-IM); Jessica Gilbert, Sr. (backstroke).
Promising newcomers: Jenna Michniewicz, Fr. (butterfly-freestyle).
Hafner's 2009 outlook: "We should be a top 15 team at the state meet this year. The team returns the 15th-place 200 freestyle relay from 2008. The team will look to score top eight in both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays at the state meet. Kayla Douglas should be a top contender for the 100 backstroke state title, as well as a finalist in the 100 butterfly. Cote and Kozyn should be looking to score points at the state meet in the 200 and 100 freestyles, while Colleen Anthony will look to qualify in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. Jessica Gilbert and Dominique Jrodan will add depth and be looked upon to lead the Patriots to a strong finish at the division meet. Jenna Michniewicz will help add some much needed depth in the freestyle and butterfly events."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Greg Phill, 25th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: second (KLAAs Kensington Conference and KLAAs Central); 15th (Division 1 state finals).
Notable losses to graduation: Sara Healy (second-team All-Area 200 medley relay); Charlotte Buckley.
Leading returnees: Carla McNamara, Sr. (first-team All-Area diving); Ashley Gordon, Sr. (first-team All-Area 200 IM; 400 freestyle relay; second-team 200 medley relay); Savannah Hatt, Jr. (first-team All-Area 500 freestyle; 400 freestyle relay; second-team 200 medley relay); Laura Holtz, Sr. (first-team All-Area 400 freestyle relay; second-team 100 freestyle; 200 freestyle relay); Kaylee Dolinski, Jr. (first-team All-Area 400 freestyle relay); Ashley Reed, Soph. (second-team All-Area 100 butterfly; 200 freestyle relay; 200 medley relay); Kayla Perchall, Jr. (second-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay); Allison Kellehan, Sr. captain (freestyle-breaststroke).
Promising newcomers: Sarah Cauzillo, Fr.; Julia Hurlley, Fr.; Evelynn Stein, Fr.
Phill's 2009 outlook: "Only time will tell. I think we have a lot of promise. As every year, our goal is to win our conference and place top 10 at state. We always hope for top 10. We have a nice freshman class. We're a little better than last year, but not as good as we used to be."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Co-head coaches: Randy Ferguson, 11th year; Jim Sells, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: third (KLAAs South); eighth (Kensington Conference); 5-2 dual-meet record.

Ferguson's 2009 outlook: "We have a new coach (Jim Sells), who will have a challenge this season because we were hit hard with graduation and some additional underclassmen not coming out this season. We still have a talented team. We will need to work hard and be mentally tough this year if we are to place in the upper half of our division."
WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Mike Greuber, 13th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: sixth (KLAAs South); 11th (Kensington Conference); 2-8 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Madelyn Bevil, Krystle Crandall, Kara Windsor.
Leading returnees: Kaitlin Durden, Jr. (IM-breaststroke); Amber Frost, Soph. (distance freestyle); Alexa Girouard, Soph. (sprint freestyle); Kestie Honeycutt, Jr. (freestyle); Ili Lopez, Sr. (freestyle); Emily Luke, Soph. (sprint freestyle); Aiyanna Moulton, Soph. (freestyle-backstroke); Ashlee Szabo, Sr. (IM-breaststroke); Jennifer Tyson, Soph. (distance freestyle); Edina Whittenberg, Sr. (freestyle-backstroke); Brianna Wilson, Soph. (butterfly-freestyle); Kellie Sephar, Jr. (butterfly-freestyle).
Promising newcomers: Kaycee Coffman, Fr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Krysta Forrester, Fr. (freestyle-backstroke); Bailey Hart, Fr. (freestyle); Tawni Kenyon, Jr. (IM-butterfly-backstroke); Gema Lopez, Fr. (freestyle-butterfly); Emma O'Connell, Fr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Janelle Schwartz, Fr. (freestyle-backstroke); Emma Sutton, Fr. (freestyle); Lashante Pearson, Soph. (freestyle).
Greuber's 2009 outlook: "Our team is very young and anxious to improve. We've had good preseason training and are looking forward to the challenges of the season. Having such a young team will give myself and my staff a chance a mold this team and show them what it takes to be successful. Our team will be prepared and will always swim hard."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Jamie Perrine, eighth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fourth (Catholic League); 25th (Division 3 state finals).
Notable losses to graduation: Shannon Kelly (first-team All-Area 100 freestyle); Allison Spitzley, Mollie Pelon, Annemarie Brinkman.
Leading returnees: Brianna Wilson, Sr. (backstroke); Maddy Pelon, Soph. (butterfly); Heather Pijor, Soph. (freestyle); Hannah Weaver, Soph. (freestyle); Caleigh Griffin, Soph. (breaststroke).
Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Perrine's 2009 outlook: "We have a lot of new people on the team and all of them have a tremendous amount of talent. We are really looking forward to a great season. We are a very young, talented team and thus have great expectations and hope to continue the momentum the team had last season."

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 144 GROSSE POINTE NORTH 44
Sept. 3 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Allison Kellehan, Ashley Reed, Kayla Perchall), 1:58.25 (sq); 3. Stevenson (Ashlee Montini, Sarah Cauzillo, Emilee Montini, Shaelyn Dolinski), 2:04.08.
200 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:58.34 (sq); 2. Dolinski (LS), 1:59.78 (sq); 3. Evelyn Stein (LS), 2:07.87.
200 individual medley: 1. Gordon (LS), 2:14.03 (sq); 3. Julia Hurlley (LS), 2:31.47.
50 freestyle: 1. Perchall (LS), 27.43; 2. E. Montini (LS), 27.55.
1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 25.492 points; 2. Kristen Krantz (LS), 14.647; 3. Cassie Morford (LS), 13.905.
100 butterfly: 1. Reed (LS), 1:04.04; 2. Sara Stemen

(LS), 1:07.5; 3. E. Montini (LS), 1:07.71.
100 freestyle: 1. Kellehan (LS), 58.61; 2. Cauzillo (LS), 58.83.
500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:11.56 (sq); 2. Dolinski (LS), 5:18.57 (sq); 3. Stein (LS), 5:40.75.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Perchall, S. Dolinski, K. Dolinski, Hatt), 1:48.36; 2. Stevenson (E. Montini, Emily Roque, Hurlley, Catherine Moeller), 1:52.08.
100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:01.93 (sq); 2. Reed (LS), 1:08.05.
100 breaststroke: 1. Kellehan (LS), 1:14.69; 2. Cauzillo (LS), 1:15.16; 3. Perchall (LS), 1:17.04.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt, K. Dolinski, Reed, Gordon), 3:49.83 (sq); 2. Stevenson (Alden O'Dowd, Hurlley, A. Montini, Stein), 4:09.69.
(sq): Division 1 state meet qualifying time.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

Warriors stop old Metro foe, 2-1

Second-half goals from junior Nick Natsik and senior Austin Baglow propelled Lutheran Westland to a 2-1 non-conference boys soccer victory Thursday over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. Scoreless at halftime, the Warriors jumped in front early in the second half when Natsik converted a direct free kick opportunity. A short time later, Baglow took a perfect feed from senior Gage Flanery and made no mistake depositing a shot in the back of the Cranes net. Freshman Nick Andrzejewski made the lead stand up with solid play in goal as the Warriors evened their season record at 1-1. Wonyoung Na tallied the lone goal for Cranbrook (1-1). **CHURCHILL 4, W.L. CENTRAL 0:** Senior forward Max Washko

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scored twice Thursday as unbeaten Livonia Churchill (5-0) downed visiting Walled Lake Central (1-2-2) in a KLAAs crossover. The Chargers, who led 2-0 at halftime, also got goals from Tim Devine and Tyler Varney. Stephen Foster set up Varney's first-half goal, which proved to be the game winner. Adam Bedell and Ian Guerin provided the set-ups on the Washko's goals, while Jeff Thomas assisted on Varney's tally. Goalkeepers Christian Adams and Bryan Bartig combined on the shutout. "We're happy to still be unbeaten, but we have to take the proverbial 'one game at a time' and not get ahead of ourselves," Churchill coach Reid

Friedrichs said. **W.L. NORTHERN 3, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Thursday, Kyle Rutz tallied a pair of goals and Austin Rogers scored on a penalty kick to lead host Walled Lake Northern (4-2-1) over Westland John Glenn (1-3) in a crossover of KLAAs teams. Knights goalkeeper Mitchell Thompson seven saves to post the shutout, while counterpart Zach Redden made 10 stops for the Rockets. Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada missed the match after being red carded the previous game (Aug. 26) in a 5-0 loss to Walled Lake Western. **CLARENCEVILLE 8, HAZEL PARK 0:** Garet Hintzman, Jimmy Moody and Ardit Dushkaj tallied two goals apiece Wednesday as Livonia Clarenceville (3-0-1) made quick work of the host Vikings.

Phil Strachan contributed two assists as the Trojans ended the game at intermission because of the eight-goal mercy rule. Senior Mike Schiffman played flawlessly between the pipes and recorded his third shutout of the year. **BELLEVILLE 9, WAYNE 1:** Phil Hammond and Royce Acho each scored a pair of goals Wednesday as the host Tigers (3-0) rolled to non-league mercy-rule victory over Wayne Memorial (0-3). Shawn Paulo, Dan Gerrie, Jacob Maxwell, Fuji Acho and Aaron Meyers also scored for Belleville, which led 5-0 at halftime. Alex Balli had the lone goal for the Zebras in the 53rd minute. The game ended in the 69th minute.

Grodzicki takes reins as new Spartan coach

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER
Chris Grodzicki feels right at home in his new coaching position. The 32-year-old Livonia Stevenson High grad will return to his alma mater to lead the Spartan varsity girls soccer program. Grodzicki, a 1994 alum who played soccer at Central

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Michigan University, replaces Chris Pinta, who resigned in June after posting a 91-50-1 overall record in eight seasons. The Spartans finished 9-11 in Pinta's final year. "I always wanted to go back to Stevenson, it's a brass ring job," said Grodzicki, who played on Stevenson's 1991

state Class A championship boys team under Walt Barrett. "It's a place where I learned so much and where I learned about playing." Grodzicki, a physical education teacher in Dearborn, previously spent five years as Dearborn High's varsity boys and girls soccer teams. He is currently in his third season as an assistant coach for the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team.

"He brings a lot of experience and expertise to our program," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said. "He has a 'C,' along with a 'D' coaching license, which is very difficult to obtain. We really look forward for him to take on our program and move it forward."

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 4
Sept. 3 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Zach Ernat (WJG) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 2:** Zach Williamson (WM) def. Nik Hubbard, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 3:** Zach Lankton (WM) def. Nick Stone, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Stephen Gush (WM) def. Josh Wakeford, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Mitch Dean-Khari Stargell (WJG) def. Jeremy Powell-Josh Estep, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Tommy Ruark-Jacob Toarmina (WJG) def. Abhishek Roy-C.J. Kulas, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Andrew McGrath-Wayne Woodard (WJG) def. Stephen McNamara-Michael Battaglia, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Connor Monroe-Joey Wakeford (WJG) def. Josh Higgins-Micheil Hood, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 5:** Josh Bradford-Michael Toms (WM) def. Chris Sabal-Ion Villaroman, 5-7, 7-5 (10-4 super tiebreaker).
Dual match records: John Glenn, 2-3 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

GARDEN CITY 5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 4
Sept. 2 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Zach Ernat (WJG) defeated Ken Shnerpunas, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Shane Mitchell (GC) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Tommy Ruark (WJG) def. Connor Biers, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Brandon Kennedy (GC) def. Nick Stone, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Kirk Barikmo-Matt Wright (GC) def. Khari Stargell-Mitch Dean, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 2:** Nate Kalinowski-Zack Vera-Burgos (GC) def. Shane Wiechert-Jacob Toarmina, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Eric Mays-Drew Bonello (GC) def. Andrew McGrath-Wayne Woodard, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; **No. 4:** Connor Monroe-Joey Wakeford (WJG) def. Chris Castenada-Nabil Safah, 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4; **No. 5:** Josh Wakeford-Ion Villaroman (WJG) def. Roger Rayleem-Adam Cruz, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.
Glenn's dual match record: 1-3 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Garden City, 0-3 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4
Sept. 3 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Walter Woods (LF) def. Ziwen Deng, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Mike Houghan (LC) def. Aaron York, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Tim Crouson, 6-2, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka (LC) def. Peter Lee-Joe Kosinski, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Joe Trudell-Bill Shafer (LF) def. Alex Zuccarini-Fred Beshare, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC) def. Mike Kaplan-Alex Wood, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Austin Tarplin-Joe Bastas (LF) def. Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 5:** Tejas Soni-Mayuresh Iyer (LC) def. Chase Semonick-Aaron Rogers, 6-0, 6-2.
Dual match records: Churchill, 1-3 overall; 1-1 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-2 KLAAs South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Sept. 1 at Plymouth
No. 1 singles: Ryan Zhang (P) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Matt Dwan (P) def. Ziwen Deng, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 3:** Pat Onoro (P) def. Mike Houghan, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Pat Bailey (P) def. Vishal Joshi, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Andy Mitchell-Jon Lopus (P) def. Rushi Patel-Joe Mulka, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Drew Leist-Grant Senkbeli (P) def. Ryan McPherson-Fred Beshare, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Hank Eckardt-Ian Fleming (P) def. Eric Stromberg-Kyle Appel, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Grant Heinz-David Choo (P) def. Alex Zuccarini-Mike Inglis, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Joe Lindbauer-Mitch McKinstry (P) def. Tejas Joshi-Mayuresh Iyer, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 0-3 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

CANTON 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
Sept. 1 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Ryan Hanz (C) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Riley Hoernschmeyer (C) def. Zach Williamson, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Adam Payne (C) def. Zach Lankton, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Varun Bandri (C) def. Stephen Gush, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Jimmy LaFontaine-Steve Lee (C) def. Jeremy Powell-C.J. Kulas, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Kartik-Bhatt-Austin Payne (C) def. Abhishek Roy-Josh Higgins, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jordan Anderson-Kristian Matasik (C) def. Stephen McNamara-Michael Battaglia, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Andrew Tidwell-Rocky Willette (C) def. Michael Toms-Micheil Hood, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Alan Halm-Ashwin Kumar (C) def. Josh Bradford-Josh Talbert, 6-1, 6-2.
Wayne's dual match record: 0-2 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Donnelly Memorial Race

Mark next Sunday, Sept. 13 on your calendars for the 13th annual Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race, which starts from the Plymouth Cultural Center.

All proceeds from this event will go to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and fund two scholarships at Salem High School.

A 5-kilometer (3.1-miles) race and 1-mile fun run-walk are the top events of the day, which begins with registration at 7 a.m. The opening race, the 5K run, begins at 8:15 a.m.

Trish Donnelly was a cross country runner at Salem and later earned a teaching degree (she was a student teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth before teaching in Caro and Brighton).

She lost her battle with breast cancer in January, 1997 and over the past dozen years more than \$30,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Salem students and another \$40,000 has been earmarked to breast cancer awareness programs at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital.

For more information, call (734) 495-9512 or (248) 474-3511; or visit www.salem-crosscountry.org (look under "Race Hosts.")

Fall hoops league

Madonna University will sponsor a Sunday fall basketball league at 1 p.m. (ages 11-13) and 3 p.m. (ages 14-16) beginning Sept. 13 (through Oct. 25).

Each player will be guaranteed a minimum of seven games and will receive instruction prior to each game. (Game times will vary each week.)

The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible jersey).

For more information, visit



Tourney champs

The under-12 Livonia Waza Soccer Club Blue recently posted a 4-0 record while outscoring their opponents 14-4 en route to the Hamburg Invitational title. Waza Blue defeated the Downriver Rush (5-2), Michigan Express (2-0), Waza East (2-1) and Hamburg United (5-2). Members of Waza Blue include (top row, from left): Josh Johnson, Johnny Rodriguez, Aaron Parker, James Weekley, Logan Ryan, coach Dan Diac; (bottom row, from left): Zach Obsniuk, Dominick Payne, Max Montini, Ammar Chisthi and Logan Stefanko.

www.madonnacrusaders.com (click on summer camps link at the top of the page).

Girls fastpitch tryouts

The Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball organization will hold 2010 season tryouts for the following age groups at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9 and 10):

Girls 12-and-under: 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13;

Girls 16-and-under: 1-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13.

All ages will try out from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Bicentennial Park.

To download a registration form or for more information, visit www.livoniastorm.com.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, a member of Pony Baseball, will conduct Bronco tournament team tryouts for ages 11-2 (as of May 1, 2010) at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Jaycee Park in Westland.

Tryouts are open to Westland and non-Westland residents.

For more information, call Greg Hovermale (734) 721-0098 or Chuck McBay at (734) 604-9910.

The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m.,

Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7).

For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki (under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

Girls basketball league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's fall girls basketball league for ages 10-13 will start the week of Sept. 21 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Practices will be held Friday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 followed by games on Oct. 9,

16, 23, 30; Nov. 6 and 13.

Registration for LCRC pass holders is \$49; for Livonia residents (\$58); and for non-residents (\$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Boys basketball league

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage a pair of fall boys basketball leagues including Division I (ages 9-11) and Division II (ages 12-14) the week of Sept. 21 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Team placement tryouts will be from 6-7 p.m. (Division I) and 7-8 p.m. (Division II) on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the LCRC. Division I practice dates are Tuesday, Sept. 22 and 29; followed by games Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3-10. Division II practices will be Thursday, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 followed by games on Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5 and 12.

Registration for LCRC pass holders is \$49; for Livonia residents (\$58); and non-residents (\$65). All fees include T-shirt. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Women's hockey league

An adult women's beginners hockey league begins its fall session (Sept. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee of \$190 includes a refundable jersey fee \$10.

No experience is necessary. Games scheduled at 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

For more registration information, visit www.macrh.com.

McGinnis lifts MU spikers

Mary McGinnis racked up 27 kills and Livonia Franklin's Liz Dempsey added 14 as the Madonna University women's volleyball team won its opener Friday against Northwestern Ohio, 3-2, in the Embury-Riddle Labor Day Classic held at the ICI Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The 5-0 Crusaders, who beat UNO for the second time this

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

season, needed five games to earn the victory, 25-21, 25-23, 20-25, 24-26, 15-7.

Setter Inta Grinvalds collected 51 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela paced the MU defense with 26 digs. Dempsey and Grinvalds contributed 15 and 14 digs, respectively.

Katie Czarnecki finished with six blocks, while Karie Altman and Marie Martin (Canton) had five apiece.

Roshelle Watercutter paced Northwestern Ohio (1-4) with 23 kills.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 192 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 207

Sept. 2 at Idyl Wyld

Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 41 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 46; Stephanie Panaretos, 49; Maggie McGowan, 56; Shelby Longworth, 63; Margo McClain, 67.

Franklin scorers: Mariah Barcus, 47; Georgia Patrick and Mackenzie Meyers, 53 each; Lauren Beahon, 54; Haley Szpara, 64; Lucy Patrick, 70.

Dual match records: Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA South Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLA South.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 214, CANTON 236

Sept. 2 at The Woodlands (Van Buren)

Glenn scorers: Michelle Bishop, 49 (medalist); Justine Woodard, 51; Heidi Irvine, 52; Megan Bache, 62; Samantha Baker, 67.

Canton scorers: Paige Oster and Mary Winther, 56 each; Megan Baumgart, 62; Ariel Albert, 70; Kaylie Lobbe, 76.

Glenn's dual match record: 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA South Division.

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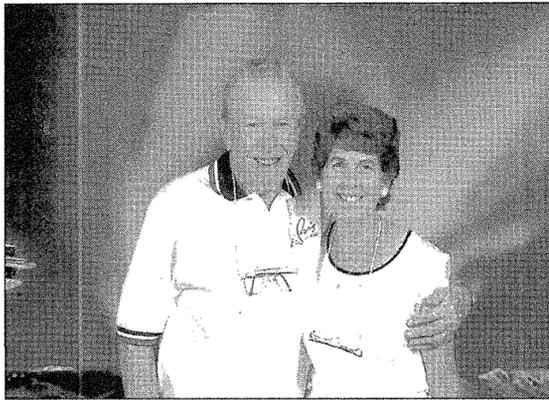
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Donald and Patricia (Preville) Ulivi of Garden City

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Donald and Patricia (Preville) Ulivi of Garden City will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sept. 12. The couple married in 1959 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Detroit.

Their children are Janice, Paul, Debbie, Sharon, Kristen and Jill. They have 14 grandchildren.

Donald has been retired from Ford Motor Company for 15 years. The couple is active at church and has square danced for more than 25 years. The Ulivis have enjoyed many years of camping with their children and grandchildren.

They plan to celebrate their



Donald and Patricia Ulivi in 1959

anniversary with family and friends.



Paul and Juanita Diefenbach of Westland

64 AND COUNTING

Paul and Juanita Diefenbach celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at Coach Insignia, the restaurant on top of the Renaissance Center in Detroit, with their daughters Kathy and Diane, son-in-law Terry and granddaughter Karen. Paul retired from the city of Westland's building department in 1987 and Juanita (Nina) retired from J.L. Hudson's. They have five children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Paul and Juanita Diefenbach on their wedding day in 1945.

VANCE-BECKERT

Paige Bryant Vance and Phillip Lloyd Beckert, Jr. plan to wed in 2010.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joanne Vance of Roseville, and Teddy K. Vance of Palm Bay, Fla.

Paige is a graduate of Baker College and is employed at Ikon Office Solutions in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Catherine and Richard Berger of Idaho Springs, Colo. and Phillip L. Beckert and Maryann Beckert of Wayne.

Phil is a graduate of Wayne State University and LMU



Vance-Beckert

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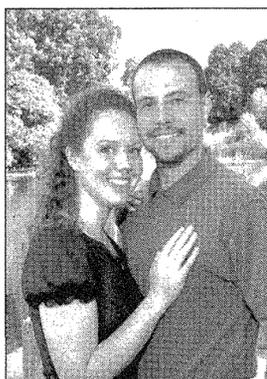
Plans for a wedding in Las Vegas, Nev., or another exotic locale are under way.

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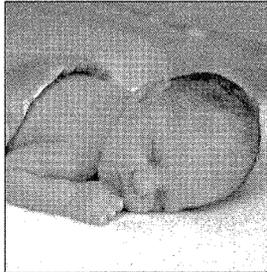
Laura Evelyn Stevens and Tristan Andrew Gruber announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Stevens of Livonia. Her fiancé is the son of Terry Gruber and Barbara Schutzgruber of Ann Arbor.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. Joseph's Church in Detroit.



Stevens-Gruber



Delaney Grace O'Neil

DELANEY GRACE O'NEIL

Delaney Grace O'Neil was born at 8:07 p.m., July 30, 2009 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 18 inches.

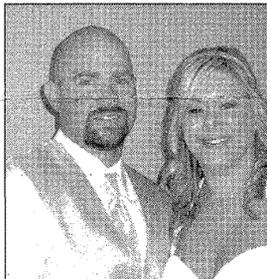
Proud parents are Casey and Meg O'Neil of Livonia. Grandparents are Mike and Debbie O'Neil and Joe and Mary Pat Mysliwiec, all of Livonia.



Madeline Elizabeth Barringer

MADeline BARRINGER

Proud parents Jeffrey and Andrea Barringer, of Northville, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Elizabeth Barringer, on July 23, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Her brothers Jonathan and Zachary; grandparents Rick and Kathy Barringer of Farmington Hills and Joe and Adele Bologna of Lake Orion, welcome her. Elizabeth is a family name, after Great Grandma (G.G.) Elizabeth Lawson.



Richardson-Tulppo

RICHARDSON-TULPPO

Elizabeth Marie Tulppo and Christopher Ryan Richardson were married June 5, 2009, at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

The bride, daughter of Judith L. Stonik of Westland and the late Fred Tulppo, is a 1999 graduate of Wayne Memorial High, and a 2005 graduate of Schoolcraft Community College. She is employed as the office manager for Cleaning Authority, Plymouth.

The groom, son of Tim and Sheryl (Cookie) Carner of Garden City, is a 1997 graduate of Wayne Memorial High and is employed by Consumers Energy as a machine operator in Royal Oak.

Matron of honor was Megan Tulppo Ake, sister of the bride, and Jennifer Pacitto Picano, a childhood friend, served as bridesmaid.

Best man was longtime friend Dave Flynn. Matt Halaberda, also a longtime friend, served as groomsmen.

Zachery Richardson, the couple's son, was the ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.

The couple, with their son, honeymooned at the Nick Hotel in Orlando, Fla. They will continue to make their home in Westland.

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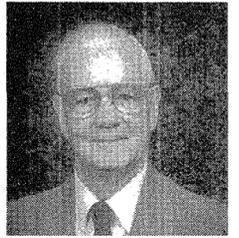
ANNE LOUISE INGALL (KUHN)

Was born on Adams St. in Plymouth Oct. 2, 1922 & died in Plymouth Sunday, August 30, 2009. Anne spent her entire life in Plymouth & still lived in her home of 63+ years on Hartsough St. There was no better place on earth for her. She loved her home town. Anne worked her entire life with her first "real job" being at the Ford Phoenix Plant right here in Plymouth which was very unique back in 1942 as it was an all woman plant & they earned the same wage as men at that time. She was one of the "Rosie the Riveter" gals. She retired from Burroughs Corp., worked a few years at Plymouth K-Mart & then was the "Ticket Lady" at the Penn Theater until health issues forced her to retire at 80+ years old. She was an active member of the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary for many years. She was pretty much home bound the last couple years but still very much involved with her family. She especially loved cats, politics, her country & her home town. She was thankful she was able to see history made in Nov. 2008 election. Anne was the last surviving child of 13 born to John & Hattie Kuhn of Plymouth. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dave Ingall, a daughter, Bonnie Jewell Crackel (Ingall), a granddaughter, Tammy Crackel, her sister, Inez Cramb, & brother, Chuck Kuhn. She is survived by her son, David Ingall & daughter, Marie (Norm) Long (VanEvery) both of Plymouth & her precious kitty, Patches; 7 Grandchildren: Mark (Carol) Wells, Michael Wells, Robert Wells, Anthony Wells, Jennifer (Ivan) Ortiz, Jim (Roxanne) Crackel & Scott (Wendy) Crackel. Also 14 Great Grandchildren: David, Steven, Emily, Whitney, Amber, Anne, Nick, Phillip, Jessica Wells; Lexus & Jasmine Olds, Jim, Jessica & Chelsea Crackel and 6 Great Great Grandchildren. One nephew, Richard (Joan) Cramb & one niece, Judy (Dale) Shepherd; Dear Brother-in-law, Larry Ingall, & Sister-in-law, Harriet (Oliver) Ackerly of Florida. Visitation was September 4th and Saturday September 5th; Memorial Services were held Saturday September 5th by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Dave and Marie give thanks to God for his timing, mercy and love. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



JEAN C. ORTNER

July 2, 1939 - August 27, 2009. Beloved Wife of the late Richard. Dearest Mother of Greg Herbert, Lynne Herbert and Noelle Frederickson. Loving Grandmother of Kyle. Mrs. Ortner was Born in Parkersburg, WV, and graduated from West Virginia University. She was the owner of The Great Frame Up in Farmington Hills. Funeral Service was Monday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation was Sunday 4-7 pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



ROBERT W. SEAWARD

Age 89, of Flushing, formerly of Westland, died September 1, 2009. Robert was born in Kittery Point, Maine. He served in World War II as a U.S. Navy salvage diver, and retired from General Motors, where he was a general supervisor of maintenance. He was a member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia, and was a Mason for over 60 years. Surviving are his sons, Neil (MaryBeth) of Flushing, and Edmund (Linda) of Winterset, Iowa; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Neva. The family would like to extend their thanks to Woodhaven Senior Community, Clarebridge Memory Care Assisted Living, McLaren Visiting Nurses, and Home and Hospice Advantage. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held 4:00PM Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 9083 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Church of the Holy Spirit. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 6063 Fenton Rd., Grand Blanc Twp. where online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpsfuneralhomes.com

JEAN L. WELCH

Of Livonia, died Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the loving care of her family. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Welch was preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Eadon Welch (d.1951). She is survived by her loving daughters Janet Welch (Ben Hare) and Jill Welch (Scott Potter) and grandchildren Andrew Eadon Harwel, Bryan Welch Potter, Mara Elliott Harwel, and Kristin Welch Potter. Graveside services were held at Evergreen Cemetery, Brown City, Thursday, September 3, 2009, 12 Noon. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford at: 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

SANDRA L. JUAREZ "Sandee"

Age 60 of Royal Oak and formerly of Ferndale died September 2, 2009. Sandee was an avid University of Michigan and Michigan State Fan and loved Tiger Woods as she would often refer to him as her "adopted son." She enjoyed Bob Seger's music and took great pleasure in reading, crocheting and crossword puzzles. Mother of Tanya (Jeff) Lundberg of Northville and Krystyn Juarez (Zack Brindle) of Raleigh, NC, daughter of Eileen Pingle, sister of Alberta Roberts, Cindi (Tom) Wilkos, Tami (Christ) Azarias, Kim (Richard) Morelli, Albert (Debbie) Pingle, Michael (Kelly) Pingle, Richard (Donna) Pingle, Mark (Jeanne) Pingle, Robert Pingle and Tim Pingle. Sandee is also survived by her precious grandson, Nicholas, her granddog, Lucy along with 18 nieces and nephews and many other loving family members. Sandee was preceded in death by her infant brother, Kirk and her step father, Albert Pingle. Funeral Service Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 pm at Gramer Funeral Home, 705 N. Main, Clawson. Visitation Saturday 12:00 pm until the time of service at 2:00 pm. Online condolences may be made at www.gramerfuneralhome.com



JOHN W. TERRY

Age 79 of Canton, August 31, 2009. Beloved husband of Rosemary. Dear father of Thomas (Dr. Geraldine) Terry, Douglas (Anita) Terry, Cynthia (Mitchell) Rickey. Also six grandchildren Patrick, Cody, Grace, Maxine, Claire and Ann. Private funeral services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial offerings in his memory to the Canton Library would be appreciated. You may leave a message of condolence at vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CHRISTINE M. BAYER

Age 85. died August 29, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Helmut E. Bayer for 61 years. Loving mother of Katherine Bayer and Richard (Susan) Bayer. Dear grandmother of Christopher (Alice), Brian (Hope) and Adam (Leslie) Bayer. Great-grandmother of seven. Funeral service was held Wednesday 10am (In-state 9:30 am) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335 Visitation was held Tuesday 12-8 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ or the American Heart Association. www.thayer-rock.com

JUDITH ANN RADEMACHER

Died suddenly on August 15, 2009 in Peachtree City, GA. She was born to Henry and Anna Lee Moss in Detroit, Michigan on April 8, 1928 and attended Michigan State University, earning a degree in journalism with honors in 1950. While at college, she met her husband, Albin John (Jack) Rademacher, a veteran of World War II, and they married on May 26th, 1951. They raised their three daughters, Lee, Carey & Amy in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan then later retired to the North Carolina mountains where they enjoyed driving tours, golf and gardening. Judy was a remarkable person, known for her generosity and genuine concern for the well-being of others. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Anna Lee Moss; brother, Robert Moss; and husband, Jack Rademacher. Survivors include; daughters, Lee Singleton of Boston, MA, Carey Pung of Birmingham, MI, and Amy Faber of Peachtree City, GA; six grandchildren, Stolle and Jamie Singleton, Andrew and Jason Pung, Matthew Faber and Rachel Humphries; and one great-grandchild, Margaret Humphries; cousin, Doug Jackson of Alma, MI; sisters-in-law, Alice Moss of Traverse City, MI; Phyllis Lyons of Walnut Creek, CA, Barbara Rademacher of Vero Beach, FL and Rosemary Corgan of Alma, MI. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 19th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Peachtree City, GA. Memorial donations may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church or the American Heart Association. Carl J. Mowell & Son Funeral Home Peachtree City, GA. 770-487-3959 www.mowellfuneralhome.com



ELIZABETH BUZA

Age 79, of Westland. Loving wife of the late Colman. Dearest mother of Juanita Buza Jensen, David J. (Cheryl) Buza and Russell B. (Cindy) Buza. Proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Nicholas, Brady, Casey, Dana and Erin. Loving sister of Gilbert (Bupps) Greaves. Visitation was on Wed at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). A funeral service on Thursday 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

EUGENE LOUIS BORTNICK

08-21-31 to 8-30-09. A lovingly blessed husband, father and grandfather who knew the most beautiful things in the world could not be seen or touched. They were felt with the heart. Private services have been held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on 9-1-09. Eugene would have deeply appreciated condolences be made in the form of a donation to his minor children's educational trust fund at Huntington Bank (account# 03381725603) or mailed to Mrs. Bortnick, P.O. Box 28, Union Lake, MI 48387. Special thanks from Eugene and his family to Brooks Patterson, David Potts, Carl Levin and American Veterans for their help and thoughtful considerations. An on line guest book is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com

JUNE L. BUTLER

Passed away August 29, 2009 at age 86. Beloved wife of Patrick for 61 years. Loving mother of Joanne, Kathy (Wes) Butler-Vincent, Patrick (Elizabeth Jane), Mary (Gary) Gorecki, Julie (Sanford) Altschul, Susan, Laura (Ed) MacGregor and Bill (Bonnie). Proud grandmother of Jennifer, Justin, Sean, David, Casey, Hannah, Megan and Emily. She was born in Grand Rapids March 26, 1923, graduated from Aquinas College and taught in a one-room schoolhouse. She moved to Plymouth in 1952, where she raised eight children. Many wonderful memories will keep her close in spirit and thought. She will be deeply missed. A Memorial will be held on September 2, 2009. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, Michigan. vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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NEIGHBORS

Clubs pitch in to keep memorial garden blooming

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

A veterans' park to honor those who served their country got some extra help this summer. Several Plymouth-Canton garden clubs were joined by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women and other volunteers to make the park at Main and Church in downtown Plymouth shipshape.

"This was such a great idea," said Trailwood Garden Club past president Marilyn Detmer. "This was Bob's (Zaetta) baby and you can't say no to Bob."

Zaetta was among committee organizers who got the park, dedicated July 4, 2006, in place. His wife, Shirley, AAUW program chair, was among some 20 women and AAUW family members who weeded this summer.

The flowers, purchased by the park committee, were planted by the Trailwood Garden Club, Canton Garden Club, Plymouth Garden Club, Lakepoint Garden Club and Allen O'Dell of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Garden beds are being maintained by AAUW members and their families, with city workers cutting grass and clearing snow.

Trailwood club members planted one small and one very large bed, said Plymouth Township resident Detmer. Begonias, salvia and vinca form a patriotic red, white and blue motif.

"We do some of the beds downtown already," said Trailwood's Marge Berndt of Plymouth Township. "We have two planters downtown (on Main at Ann Arbor Trail) and then we do Township Hall," added the club corresponding secretary.

Shannon Allison of Plymouth Township's also a Trailwood gardener. "I like to be able to drive by and point to my grandchildren, 'This is what my garden club did.'" She and the other women, known for their purple hyacinth



A bee investigates a flower in the garden.

vine, enjoy each other's company and like to honor servicemen and women.

"Without them, we wouldn't have our freedoms," Allison said.

LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS

About 20 people from AAUW, including husbands, are helping at the Plymouth Community Veterans' Memorial Park. Bob Zaetta and others worked on the project some 14 years, his wife said.

"We decided it would be a good partnership," she said of AAUW's weeding. AAUW was particularly interested because branch president Jan Blumberg of Canton and her husband, Terry, lost their son, Trevor, killed in Fallujah, Iraq, in Army service.

"Jan is very special to us," Shirley Zaetta said of Blumberg, a Garden City elementary school principal.

The garden work is continuing. "It's been great and our members have really taken an interest," she said. "We're really proud of what we've done."



Hard-working garden club and AAUW members gather in the park for a photo.

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A NOD TO YOUTH

She appreciates the garden clubs putting in the flowers, as well as the respect shown by the nearby Central Middle School students and other community young people.

"They have shown great respect and I think that's nice to say about our kids who come through here," Zaetta said. "I think that's wonderful for your community to have this in your town."

The park to honor veterans includes a number of memorial symbols: the Civil War Lady, Spanish American Cannon, World War I Pyramid, Plymouth Rock, the Bronze Plaques, and the Korea and Vietnam monument. Those who died in service to their country are memorialized.



Marge Berndt gives the garden a little care.

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Andover and Lahser High Schools Class of 1969

Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at Bucknerliz@gmail.com. Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at lsykes@wow.rr.com.

Birmingham High School Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967

42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Cooley Class of 1954

55th class reunion, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering also will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott. Tickets are \$55 per person. Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott Courtyard. Contact Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net. Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wow-way.com

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about

classmates.

Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at PJCruisin@wow-way.com.

Detroit St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Detroit Western Classes from 1930s-60s

Multi-class reunion luncheon Sept. 18 at Dearborn Golf Course. Call (248) 427-0673 or (313) 565-4997.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Fordson High School Classes of 1943-45

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion" to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information, call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School East Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept.

19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info e-mail gchsclassof84@yahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Ladywood Class of 1969

Reunion on Sept. 19, at Embassy Suites, Livonia; For additional information, call Marilyn Refalo Maher at (248) 762-8816 or Lou Kennedy Neville at (734) 776-9048.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or ncc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siemore class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at (734) 358-3272.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1969

40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol.com. Looking for missing classmates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

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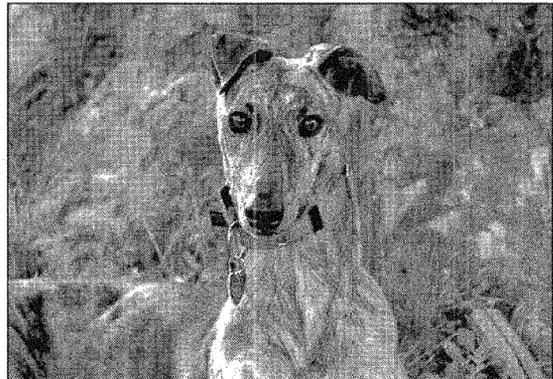
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Westland John Glenn Class of 1948

25th reunion, 6-11 p.m., Oct. 3, at Wayne Tree Manor. \$45. Send checks to 25th Class Reunion, PO Box 222, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information e-mail to kellybellym3@yahoo.com or MPRESS66@hotmail.com

Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School; 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact Jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shephard Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at JGHS69@aol.com.



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DOG OF THE WEEK

Tom is the featured adoptable greyhound at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption this week:

I am a gorgeous 2-year-old fawn-brindle colored male greyhound. If you are looking for a handsome, laid back, loving kinda guy then your search is over. I am presently being fostered with two greyhounds, three cats and a 7-year-old boy, so that should certainly speak volumes about my personality. Yup, I said laid back. To be honest with you, I'd really prefer a home that is

on the quiet side, or maybe one that has another dog, or maybe even a home where someone is there a lot.

If you want to meet me call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit our Web site at www.greyheart.org.

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption has several "meet and greet" adoption events scheduled for September, including at these local stores: noon to 4 p.m., Sept. 6, Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, Canton.

Ford volunteers make a difference at home, worldwide with work

Thousands of Ford Motor Co. volunteers are reaching out and pitching in to create a better world by participating in community service projects during the fourth annual Ford Global Week of Caring now through Sept. 12.

It's a worldwide effort involving thousands of Ford volunteers on six continents. Locally, the effort is anchored by a Ford Accelerated Action Day on Friday, Sept. 11, when hundreds of volunteers will be out in local communities throughout Metro Detroit, including Redford, Wayne, Westland and Royal Oak.

More than 8,000 Ford employee and retiree volunteers are on the job in nearly 200 locations from North and South America to Africa and Asia. They are renovating shelters, repairing schools and feeding the hungry. The volunteers will contribute almost 30,000 man hours to helping those in need.

"Ford employees and retirees are embracing their role as citizens of the global community and sharing their time and energy to make the world a better place," said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. "We are fortunate to have the resources and dedicated volunteers that can make a real difference on a global scale. It is very gratifying work, especially

during these difficult times," said Vella who lives in Canton Township.

This year, as part of Global Week of Caring, nonprofit agencies in the United States also will benefit from a Ford Accelerated Action Day on Friday, Sept. 11. Community Building is the theme of this concentrated one-day effort to ease the most pressing shelter and safety projects, and help nonprofit partners better serve people who need a helping hand.

"Ford is building for the future with new cars and trucks that meet the needs of our customers and provide a solid foundation for long-term business success," said Janet Lawson, director, Ford Volunteer Corps. "We also are dedicated to doing our part to build a better world by helping to improve people's lives and the communities where they work and raise their families."

The Ford Volunteer Corps, established in 2005, continues Ford's legacy of caring worldwide. Through the Volunteer Corps, Ford employees and retirees participate in a wide range of volunteer projects in their communities. For more information on programs made possible by Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services, visit www.community.ford.com.

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SWF, 48, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys P&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking sexy, serious SM, 27-40. Are we compatible? Call me! **2210533**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **22976914**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-35, for companionship. **2282576**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...

34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **2217224**

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, outdoors. Likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2263086**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet a honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2289947**

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SM, 30-43. **2299111**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **2259793**

LADY OF QUALITY

SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. **22310218**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportional, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. **22311955**

CURVACEOUS

SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **2283605**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2296217**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SM, 39-51. **2284368**

LET'S TALK SOON!

I am 5'2", in my 60s, brown hair, brown eyes, W/DM fall, well-groomed, neat SWPM, 64-70, who likes to travel, cards, casinos, dining out, exercise etc. Is this you? **2282305**

PETITE AND CUTE

SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **2294943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE

SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chatting. Looking for SM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **2295026**

SEEKING STRONG BM

Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bold BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **2295568**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH

Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **2295421**

SEEKING A MATURE MAN

Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **2230080**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **22310924**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME

PDF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **2295002**

SEEKING A REAL MAN

Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SB/WM, 29-58. **22314707**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SBF, 36, 5'4", 165lbs, brown/brown, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SWBM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. **22317137**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

HONEST AND CARING

Sensitive SWF, 41, 5'5", likes Bon Jovi and Van Halen, spaghetti dinners, gardening, hockey and baseball, old movies, arts and crafts, picnics, reading. Looking for a gentleman, 45-57, race open, for friendship **22317117**

MUSICAL GUY

Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **2292258**

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **22963760**

OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for SM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2232940**

PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **2236970**

WEST SIDE BEAUTY

Professionally employed in the beauty field, SWF, 56", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HW, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. **2230791**

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Attractive SWF, 55", 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **2291247**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **2262181**

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

Hi! I'm a widowed, white female, 56 years old, dark blonde hair, blue eyes, I wear glasses, I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very caring and considerate person. **22137067**

SEARCHING FOR YOU

Mature woman would like to meet a gentleman who wants to enjoy life and have a good time. I know what I would like to do for the rest of my life. **52-60, 22319518**

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SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292913**

I NEED LOVE

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBWM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. **22300110**

SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 25-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **22302311**

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MUST LOVE THE LORD

SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/WM, 18-27, for possible relationship. **22311011**

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WF, 59", blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **22310164**

TIERED OF BEING ALONE

DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking SDBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests. Who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. **22311753**

SOPHISTICATED LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-66, N/S, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. **2202724**

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To keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2298059**

WANTED: MATURE MAN

Semi retired nurse, WF, dark hair, blue eyes, 5', N/S, enjoys travel, history and home life. Looking for an honest, loyal man, 60-70, N/S, for a possible LTR. **2232985**

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DWM, 51, medium build, seeks SDF, 40-60, for a real relationship. I'm honest, have a good sense of humor and many interests. **22319848**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...

your investment. SM, 58", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **22301155**

A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into bowling, casinos, fine markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. **2217478**

EASYGOING

SM, 38, 6'4", likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at home, playing pool. Looking for SF, 35-45. **22318935**

HARD-WORKER

SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **2296097**

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest G/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2269646**

NEED REAL LOVER

SBM, 42, 5'6", 165lbs, seeks an employed, secure, lovable, independent SWF, 35-50, 5'0" or shorter, for dating, possible LTR. **2230572**

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

Call me if you desire a nice shape. SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for

Prevention key in fighting against flu

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

It's time to start thinking about how to stay flu free.

Yearly flu vaccinations begin in September and continue throughout the influenza season into January, and beyond, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While influenza outbreaks can happen as early as October, most influenza activity peaks in January and February.

"It seems the flu has been at a later onset than years ago when we were seeing it in December and January and now we are seeing it in February," according to Sharon McMahon, St. Mary Mercy, R.N., St. Mary Mercy Hospital Infection Prevention specialist.

The shot is usually good for six months, she says.

The vaccine will be trickling into various locations during the next couple of weeks and many more sites will be available in October.

The best way to prevent spreading the flu is to cover coughs or cough into your elbow; use tissues and toss them immediately and use good hand hygiene by washing or using alcohol rubs, McMahon said.

"If you are ill, use self-separation — stay away from coworkers and peers," she said. "Don't spread it."

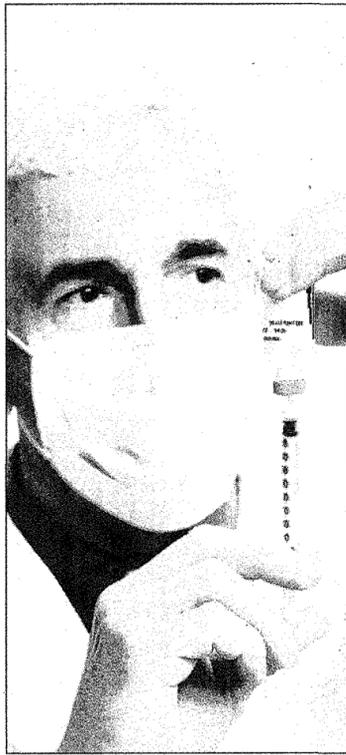
The seasonal flu vaccine shouldn't be confused with the swine flu shot, according to Barbara Harris-Ellis, deputy director Wayne County Health Department.

"I think there will be more confusion this year than last, because of the swine flu," Harris-Ellis said. "We're starting with the seasonal flu vaccine first. Getting the seasonal flu vaccine will not inoculate one against the swine flu. That's a different vaccine."

Don't wait until you get sick to take action to fight seasonal flu, according to Dr. Michael Yangouyian, Garden City Hospital, emergency medicine.

People come to the emergency room usually complaining about having a fever, body aches and coughing. But, once you have the symptoms it's too late to get immunized.

"If you come in within 24 hours of the onset of symptoms we can put you on



anti-viral medication and it will shorten the course," he said.

It depends how the patient is feeling, but most are sent home and told to drink lots of fluids, take Tylenol for body aches and rest.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses, according to the CDC. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year.

Every year on average 5-20 percent of the people living in the United States gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications and about 36,000 people die, the CDC reports. Older adults, young children and people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes and heart disease, are at high risk for serious flu complica-

tions. Symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults, the CDC says.

Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza, according to the CDC. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to 5 days after becoming sick.

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination each year.

Certain people should get vaccinated each year either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications, because they live with or care for high risk persons.

During flu seasons when vaccine supplies are limited or delayed, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) makes recommendations regarding priority groups for vaccination.

People who should get vaccinated each year are children 6 months through 19 years old; pregnant women; people 50 and older; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu.

Consult a physician before being vaccinated if you have a severe allergy to chicken eggs; you have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past; if you have developed Guillian-Barré syndrome (GBS) within six weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously; children less than 6 months of age and people who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever.

For more information about seasonal flu vaccinations, go to www.cdc.gov/flu.



Walkers brave soggy weather during Angela Hospice's first Walk of Remembrance last year.

Give others a 'second chance' with walkathon

Second Chance at Life, an organization dedicated to organ donation, will hold its ninth annual Walkathon, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Hines Park in Westland.

Participants can walk, run, skate or bike — and bring leashed dogs — at their own speed. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. at the Nankin Mills Pavilion.

This family-friendly offers a noncompetitive 5K run, a 4-mile inline skate, a 10-mile bike route, and 2-mile walk. The \$15 fee includes lunch, and, for a donation of \$60 or more, participants will receive a T-shirt.

Second Chance at Life will discount the per person entry fee for teams of 10 or more. Teams that raise \$1,000 or more will receive a gift card.

Second Chance at Life provides financial support to transplant patients in Michigan who cannot otherwise afford prescriptions, medical bills, and other necessities during and/or after a transplant. It also works to increase awareness of the need for individuals to register as organ donors and supports research to improve treatment and care for transplant patients.

For more information, call (734) 748-9690 or visit www.secondchanceatlife.org.

REMEMBERING

There's still time to register for Angela Hospice's second annual Walk of Remembrance, designed to honor, remember and celebrate deceased loved ones.

Registration will start at 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, on the grounds of the Felician Sisters at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. The event includes 3K and 5K routes, and activities for all ages.

The first walk last year drew 500 participants.

"We were so happy with the walk last year," said Rebecca Hyman, social work



and bereavement manager. "It was a very meaningful and uplifting experience for everyone."

Advance registration is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Participation is free for those 5 and under. All proceeds will benefit Angela Hospice services, including caring programs for terminally ill adults and children, and loss counseling available to the entire community without cost.

For a registration form or for more information, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or call events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

LIGHT THE NIGHT

Registration is ongoing for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual walk to pay tribute to those battling blood cancer. On Walk night, participants gather at dusk carrying illuminated balloons — white for survivors and patients, red for supporters and gold in memory of loved ones lost.

Walks will be held Oct. 2 in Memorial Park, Woodward at 13 Mile, in Royal Oak, Oct. 10 at Community High School, 401 N. Division in Ann Arbor, and Oct. 16 in Bishop Park, Biddle and Elm, in Wyandotte. Register at www.lightthenight.org.

GET FLU SHOTS

Flu shots will be available for \$10 through the Wayne County Health Department at the following locations. The vaccines will begin Sept. 14, however the dates of availability at the different locations vary. Appointments are sometimes necessary and walk-in times are also available. Call ahead for assurance.

- Wayne County Health Department Main Office
33030 Van Born, Wayne, (734) 727-7100
- Redford Clinic, 17421 Telegraph, Detroit, (313) 537-1708

GILDA'S CLUB, BOTSFORD HELP CANCER PATIENTS

The Botsford Hospital Cancer Center and Gilda's Club Metro Detroit have formed a partnership to bring support programs benefiting those touched by cancer to western Wayne and western Oakland counties.

Gilda's Club at Botsford programs will be led by Gilda's Club staff on Tuesdays at the Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills. The programs are not limited to

Botsford Cancer Center patients but are open to all people living with cancer, their families and friends. There is no charge to attend.

Beginning on September 15, three activities will be offered each week by Gilda's Club at Botsford. These include:

Wellness Group, a weekly support group for adult men and women living with any type of cancer, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Group, a weekly support group for adult family members, caregivers and friends of people living

with cancer, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga Workshop, weekly yoga class for anyone touched by cancer, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For additional information about Gilda's Club at Botsford, contact Gilda's Club Metro Detroit at (248) 577-0800 or Botsford Cancer Center Information at (248) 442-0482.

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit provides free social and emotional support for men, women and children living with cancer, their families and friends.

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However, all anti-arthritis medicines have the following in common: each and any medication can cause unwanted side effects.

Certain untoward reactions are evident as in the case of a rash following taking methotrexate or ibuprofen. However, many side effects act slowly, with changes occurring in the blood elements, liver and kidneys that give no obvious evidence of a drug reaction.

Because unwanted changes may occur subtly, the physician needs to schedule a patient for laboratory studies on a regular basis. Whether the periodic studies are done monthly, bimonthly, every 6 months or on a yearly basis depends on the potential toxicity of the medication and experience in the medical community with the medicine's side effects.

How long a person is on the medicine plays a small part in the decision of how often to obtain surveillance studies. The body may change and be unable to respond tomorrow in ways it responds today.

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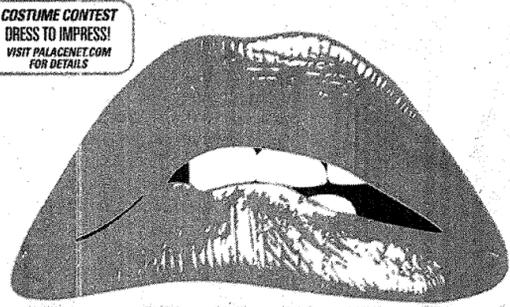
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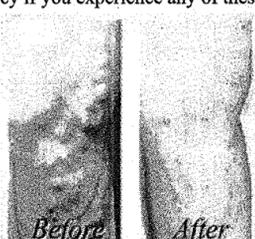


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- Varicose veins
- Non-healing ulcers



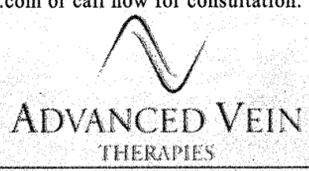
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