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WOW honorees

Five women are getting help with their college expenses, thanks to scholarships they received from the Women of Westland.

The organization awarded \$1,000 Barbara Douglas scholarships to Deborah A. Burke and Robin Tennille, students at Schoolcraft College, and Marianna Costea, a student at Eastern Michigan University. The group also awarded \$500 book scholarships to Lorianne C. O'Brady, a student at Schoolcraft College, and Maria Thill, a student at Wayne County Community College.

WOW, a nonprofit organization of professional women who work or live in the city of Westland, developed the scholarship program in memory of one of its founding members, Barbara Douglas. It's available to women who live or work in the city of Westland and are at least 21 years old.

Fourteen women applied for the scholarship, which is based on academic performance, educational goals, leadership, need and the residency requirements. The winners receive half of their scholarship in the fall 2009 semester and the other half in the winter 2010 semester. They will be honored at WOW's annual membership meeting later this month.

The funds for the scholarship are raised through WOW's annual ATHENA Chocolate Fantasy Ball.

Surplus food

The dates have been set for the September food commodity distribution in Westland.

Residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Residents living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for more information.

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

In September, the food available includes applesauce, apricots, carrots, frozen turkey breast, grapefruit juice, rice cereal, vegetable oil, UHT milk and possible additional items.

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

Nonprofits sign up for RecycleBank points

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Through the citywide curbside recycling program that began in July, Westland residents have been diverting materials from the landfill, which reduces the amount of trash sent to a landfill and, as a result, decreases the city's tipping fees.

Through the RecycleBank program, households can earn points for rewards from national and local businesses. And for those residents who are charitably inclined, the points can translate into dollars for participating nonprofit groups.

"We are trying to get someone at local nonprofits to sit down and sign up for the program. We've had a

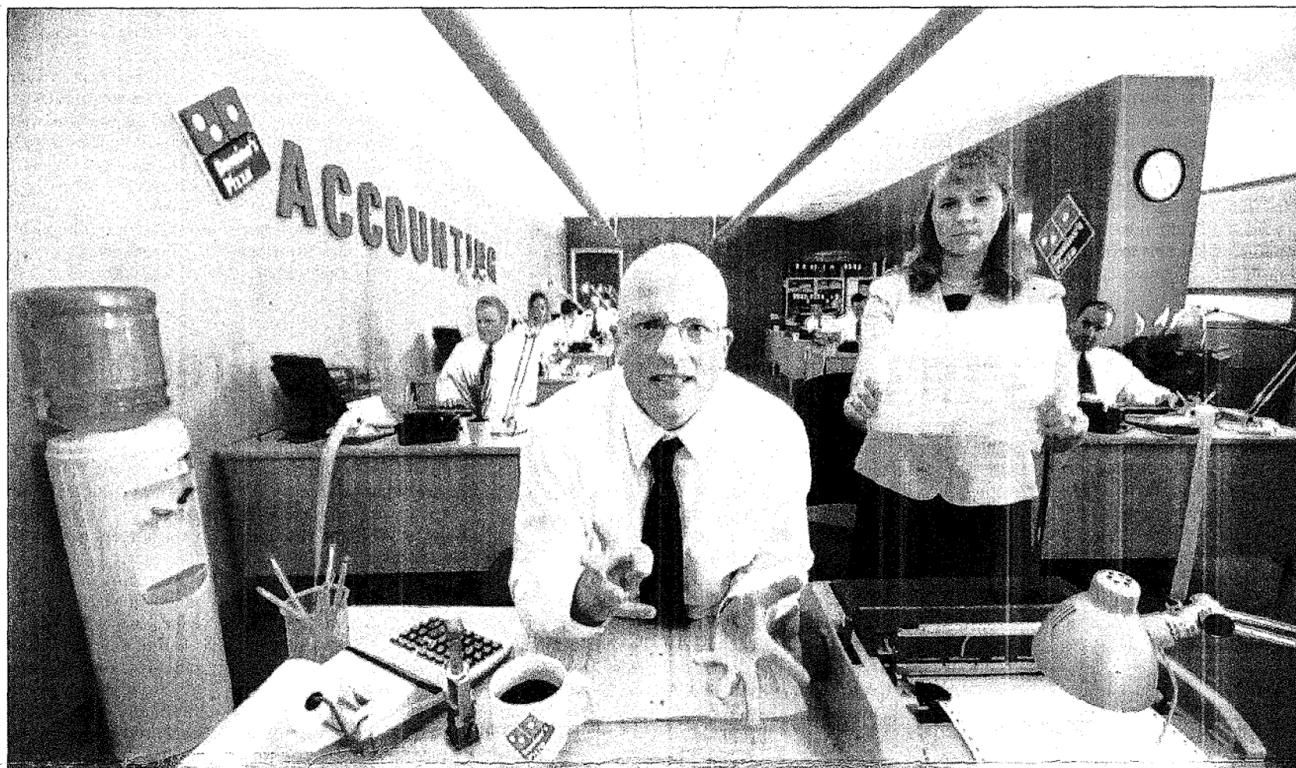
problem getting the word out," Mayor William Wild said. "The rewards are cash for the nonprofits."

RecycleBank's Active Cause program allows recyclers to donate to participating charities that meet a few requirements. The group needs to have IRS approved 501(c)(3) status — the federal law that grants exemption from federal income tax to non-

profits.

Additionally, the nonprofit group's mission has to align with specified categories: environment, health and medical, children and education, social services and animal care. A resident who accumulates 1,025 RecycleBank points can transfer

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An accountant for Domino's Pizza, Westland resident Matt Daugherty said he was picked for a role in a Domino's commercial because he had the stereotypical look of an accountant.

Perfect part: Accountant plays accountant in Domino's

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Domino's Pizza was looking for employees to cast in a recently aired television commercial, accountant Matt Daugherty fit the bill to play an accountant.

"We have ID badges, so they got a look at our photos. They wanted

a stereotypical accountant," said Daugherty, a Westland resident. "They had us audition. I didn't know I was in it until the day before they shot it."

This commercial, which follows other television ads with Domino's employees, is called Chefs vs.

Accountants. The chefs have put the lava into the Chocolate Lava Crunch

Cakes and the number-crunching accountants have made the cakes free with a Breadbowl Pasta purchase.

Employed by Domino's for more than 11 years, Daugherty had a speaking part, playing the lead accountant in the commercial.

"It was not close to what I expected it to be like. I sat for an hour with a camera two feet from my face

before I said a word," said Daugherty, 37. "There were a lot more people involved than I expected. It was organized chaos — the director was in charge. I really liked watching the director."

The commercial took about 3½ hours to complete. Daugherty said he

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Westland residents bring home 118 Senior Olympic medals

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Westland residents brought home the gold from the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics ... and silver and bronze.

In all, Westland seniors brought home 118 medals from various competitions held last month — the highest medal total for any of the participating communities. Many of

the senior athletes came to a recent council meeting to show off their medals.

"The seniors went wild this year. We were close to Canton on the medal count last year," said Barbara Marcum, Westland senior resources director. "We had the highest number of gold medals, the highest number of silver medals and tied on bronze medals. Canton had 75 medals this year."

Westland hosted a 5K race and Marcum thanked other city departments for their support — the Department of Public Services for street sweeping, police for handling traffic control and the fire department for having EMS available.

"This is excellent. We talked about expecting a gold rush. We got a silver and bronze rush, too," Mayor William Wild said. "You do a great job representing us. You should be proud of

yourselves."

A new addition to the Senior Olympics this year was sharp shooting held at Firing Line of Westland. Marcum thanked owner Tommy Vaughan, a retired Westland police lieutenant, for hosting the event.

"Congratulations to all the seniors. We have bragging rights. I'm very proud of all of you," Marcum said.

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Police Web site links services to citizens

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there is an emergency needing police, everyone knows to call 9-1-1.

But for non-emergencies — for example, if you'd like to make a request that a speed trailer be parked on your street — increased services are being offered through the Westland police page on the city's Web site.

Once the city gave control of its Web page to the police department, day shift supervisor Lt. Michael Match became the Web master, although he does like the sound of Web guru.

"There have been a lot of changes already. We try to give some public relations for each of our different departments (within the police department)," Deputy Chief Alan Ramsden said. "That way you will know which part of the police department will serve you."

A long-running feature on the police department Web page has been Westland's Most Wanted.

Visitors will also find links to other sites, including the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

"People can see which registered sex offenders aren't keeping registered," Ramsden said. "Each page has our new crime tip line with an e-mail address. People can tell us of crime or something they want us to fix."

The e-mail tip line is crimetips@wlpd.net. Eventually, the department plans to add a link to Crimestoppers, which offers cash rewards for tips that help solve crimes.

"Another significant feature is (being able) to make requests for the speed trailer. It's part of the traffic bureau," Ramsden said.

Traffic Bureau Sgt. Ron Kroll compiles a list of the requests and the Department of Public Services

moves the trailer, which displays speed readouts to passing drivers, to the location.

"We'll keep an eye on that area," Ramsden said of the trailer, which is solar-powered.

Since September 2008, the police department Web page has received more than 12,439 hits. The sex offender registry information received 106 hits, while the new crime tips section had already received a couple of hits.

The Web page also offers a freshly-written information packet and forms for the Community Watch crime prevention program.

"We'll meet with any groups and help them organize. We also train the residents, but you need a level of commitment to be really successful," Ramsden said.

The city's Web address is www.ci.westland.mi.us/. Click on the police department page to see the improved Web page.

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Franklin High launches new diploma program

BY KAREN SMITH
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Jesse Sabbagh is among 18 Franklin High School students who signed up this school year to do more homework.

"A lot of my friends tell me I'm a nerd," he said, chuckling, on the first day of classes Tuesday.

The students — all juniors — are enrolled in Franklin's new International Baccalaureate program, a college-prep curriculum that emphasizes intercultural understanding and respect as well as education of the whole person.

Franklin is the first public school in Wayne County to offer an IB diploma program, which requires students to take a full load of advanced level classes, plus write a 15-page research paper, take 100 hours of a theory of knowledge class and complete 150 hours of creative activities, physical activity and community service.

"I wanted something to challenge me and get me ready for college," said Jesse, 16, who plans to be a surgeon one day.

Kayla Douglas, 16, who wants to be a broadcast journalist, said her parents encouraged her to enroll in the program. Though she's worried about not seeing as much of her friends, she expects it will make her education more relevant because she'll be able to question why she's learning certain



Sarah Budziak, Ashley Hewlod, Natalie Cote and Jake Allen listen to art teacher Jeremy Rheult on the first day of classes in the International Baccalaureate program.



Molly David facilitates the International Baccalaureate program at Franklin High School.

things. "More people should try to get involved," she said.

Tuesday's first day of IB classes was the culmination of five years of work.

Teacher Molly David and Principal Daniel Willenborg started talking a half decade ago about a full program of advanced-level classes to add to the stand-alone Advanced Placement classes the school already offered, David said.

The more they investigated the IB program, the more they liked it.

"It's not just about coursework; it's about you as a person," said David, who facilitates the program. "I like the idea of educating the whole child."

Willenborg said the program gives students a global perspective and helps them to be deeper thinkers and more creative problem solvers.

"It forces students to step back and think about how they learn, how they think," he said.

The school was approved last spring for the IB program after a comprehensive application process, extensive teacher training and a visit by an IB team of educators.

The curriculum, which includes rigorous end-of-course examinations, is the same one used by 2,500 IB schools in

134 countries including the International Academy in Oakland County.

Douglas said more than half of the top 10 U.S. high schools and more than one third of the top 100 U.S. high schools, as ranked by *Newsweek*, have IB programs.

The two-year IB diploma program starts in the junior year. This year, the students at Franklin are taking six advanced level classes: Spanish, advanced or applied math, visual arts, history of the Americas, chemistry and English.

The students stay together all day, taking classes from 10

teachers trained in the IB program.

Part of the teachers' training includes showing students how the subject they teach relates to the other subjects they're studying.

Franklin intends to build the program to no more than 25 students per graduating class. There is no GPA requirement to join.

David said students on Tuesday were a little nervous, but no one was scared off.

"We still had 18 at the end (of the day)," she said.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will hold a plant exchange and garden item sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road. The public is invited. For more information, call Maureen Davidson at (734) 728-1232 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

Opening delayed

The media center open-

ing, originally scheduled for Monday, Sept. 14, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, will take place 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. The corps is on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

The media center is funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Target Corp. It will provide computer access as well as books and magazines for area residents. Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander, said the delay is due to book delivery

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talked about 2½ hours.

"There was no actual script," he said. "The director would talk to the writers, then change it or tell me to say it a different way."

Daugherty and other employees were paid for their efforts in the commercial, which was filmed in the evening. But like Domino's CEO David Brandon, who appeared in two commercials, the employees donated their pay to a fund to benefit Domino's employees and franchisees.

"We used the fund to help Domino's franchisees after Hurricane Katrina, for exam-

ple," Daugherty said.

While he enjoyed making the commercial, Daugherty said he isn't planning to give up his day job.

"People are asking if I have a new career. I'm pretty set on coming to work each day and getting a check each week," he said.

A Westland resident for seven years, Daugherty said his son Brady, 4, is obsessed with the commercial. "He's on YouTube watching it. He wants to watch it 50 times and knows all the lines. It's funny," he said.

Catch the commercial at www.youtube.com/dominovids.

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RecycleBank offers Green Schools program

Along with non-profit groups, schools can also benefit from points earned through the RecycleBank program.

RecycleBank offers a Green Schools program which awards grants from \$100 to \$5,000. The money available depends on how much material is recycled. RecycleBank will donate \$10 for every 100 RecycleBank points donated by residents.

Westland residents who have signed up for RecycleBank rewards have points added to their account following their bi-weekly curbside collection - there is a computer chip on the

recycling cart. The amount of material collected for recycling is averaged in an area.

During the first month of the program, Westland residents recycled 550 tons or more than one million pounds of recyclable material which was diverted from a landfill.

RecycleBank is looking to fund programs that:

- Offer innovative approaches to communicate environmental issues in communities.
- Provide strong educational programming with follow-up opportunities for learning.
- Create new ways of think-

ing, acting and behaving.

• Empower youth to be "heroes" (educators/stewards/advocates) for a sustainable environment in their own communities.

• Encourage partnerships among formal and informal education systems.

• Embrace diversity and build bridges of understanding among youth of diverse ethnic, racial and socio-economic backgrounds.

Other qualifications for the Green Schools program are that the schools be registered, non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)3

schools in RecycleBank serviced areas that deliver services to youth between the ages of 6-18 and address at least one of the action areas listed above.

There is also a list of programs not eligible for RecycleBank funding, such as capital expenditures such as park equipment, land acquisition, furniture, etc., league sports programs, scholarships and grants to individuals.

For full information about the program, go online to www.recyclebank.com.

By LeAnne Rogers

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those to a participating charity, which will receive \$10.

"We'd be happy to get as many nonprofits signed up as possible. We want to talk to Rotary, the Lions Club and other groups," Wild said. "It's gotten much harder for groups to raise money. We want to educate folks about this program."

The Westland Community Foundation has signed up to participate in the program, Wild said, adding he was going to be in contact with Wayne-Westland Community

Schools about the program. The RecycleBank donation program comes at a time when charities are having increased difficulty raising money due to the poor economy.

Westland Rotary Club President Antoinette Martin is excited about the program.

"I've called two times about getting Rotary on the list (of charities). We would be glad to use gift cards or cash as another sources of revenue," Martin said. "We recently gave \$1,500 to a homeless shelter. We bought three beds and linens."

The Rotarians are currently holding a raffle to raise money for the Youth Assistance Program. As a Westland resident, Martin said she particularly likes the combination of recycling and raising money for charity.

"I've been recycling for a long time. It's a big benefit not having to take it to the dropoff

center every two weeks," Martin said. "My goal this year as Rotary president is to put things in place where other people besides Rotary can help us."

Capt. Derek Rose, pastor at the Salvation Army Wayne/Westland Corps, wasn't familiar with the RecycleBank program, but said he'd be interested in another fund-raising opportunity.

"If there was a way for a people to donate for a financial benefit, we'd be very interested," Rose said. "I haven't really heard about it. We are in the middle of our fall programs and preparing for Christmas."

While kettle collections were slightly up last year, Rose said mailed donations and other contributions to the Salvation Army are significantly down.

A first-time July kettle drive netted about \$2,000. That was lower than the \$5,000 the Salvation Army had hoped to

raise, Rose said.

"I am excited about the expanded local rewards program, giving residents the option to donate their RecycleBank Points to local charities and nonprofit groups, such as the Wayne-Westland school system, Westland Community Foundation or the Salvation Army," Wild said. "You probably wouldn't have thought a few short months ago the empty pizza box and plastic containers in your garage would someday contribute to a worthy cause. Now that's recycling."

Any interested nonprofit groups and charities that may be eligible to partner with RecycleBank to receive rewards donations from residents can visit the city Web site at www.cityofwestland.com and download an application.

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CORRECTION

An item in Thursday's Malls & Mainstreets feature should have stated:

Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia will host its semi-annual Goodwill Sale Sept. 16-29. Conducted by The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. and Goodwill Industries, the event invites customers

to donate clean, gently used clothing and home textiles. In exchange for every item, customers receive one coupon for 20 percent off on apparel, shoes and accessories merchandise and 15 percent off on cosmetics, fragrances and home store merchandise.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 6855 Yale, Westland, MI, September 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

#417 Angela Pittman
#926 Robert Tacco
#142 James Taylor
#1112 David Arnold
#250 Teresa Schoolcraft/Sandra Stothers

Units contain misc. household items-furniture.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 17 09/08/09

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

161: Appr. minutes of 8/17/09.
-Traffic Control Order 2009-02: Install (1) sign: NO PARKING at Schuman, s. of Cherry Hill.
-Appr. bid for EMS Practical Continuing Education to Advanced Career Institute: amt. \$6,000.00.
-Appr. Prep. Res. from Willow Creek Co-Op Preschool for non-profit recognition.
-Adopt. Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 3 properties.
-Intro. Ord. 222-A-2 to repeal Ch. 2, Article III, Div. 9, Sec. 2-451 through 2-460 of the Westland City Code.
163: Appr. req. of Forum Fitness to have 5KRun/Walk on 10/31/09 with contingencies.
164: Closed public hearing on adoption of Ord. 242-A, an ordinance approving amendments to DDA.
165: Appr. bid for concrete & pavement work to Audia Construction; amt. not to exceed budgeted line item over 2 yr. period with contingencies.
166: Appr. prop. land division, PID #015-99-0011-702, w. side of Wayne, n. of Warren.
167: Conf. re-appt. of L. Wilson to Planning Commission, term to exp. 9/17/2012.
168: Appr. checklist: \$12,793,376.39 & Prepaid: \$16,405,240.92.

Mtg. adj. at 8:45 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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A Dickens doozy

Spotlight Players bring classic play to stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Christopher Plum of Plymouth was a student at Northwood Elementary School nearly 30 years ago, he played the lead role in his school's production of the Charles Dickens classic *Oliver Twist*.

So when, nearly 30 years later, he found out his neighbor, Brett Moore, was playing the same role in the Spotlight Players' production *Oliver!*, which opens Friday, his interest was piqued.

Plum, who helped Moore with some of the songs, decided he wanted back on stage. He auditioned for — and got — the role of bad guy Bill Sykes.

"I'm not in theater at all, I'm in education in Detroit," said Plum, who takes to the stage with more than 50 other cast members in the Spotlight Players' season opener at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "(But) it's a real special play for me, because I was in it. It reminds me of a time that was really good. When the opportunity came along, I had to take it."

The show features a cast of local actors of all ages and follows the well-known story of an orphan (Moore) in Victorian London as he makes his way from the cruel workhouse to the even crueler streets, finding a home amidst a gang of loveable pickpockets and a best friend in The Artful Dodger (Jeffrey Selewski).

Patrons will recognize such songs as *Consider Yourself*, *As Long As He Needs Me* and *Where is Love*, made famous in part by Lionel Bart's 1968 movie adaptation.

The music is a large part of the show's charm, according to the woman who will direct the production.

"It has some very memorable songs ... we tend to get an older crowd, which we love, and they are very familiar with the music of this show," said Barbara Bloom of Novi, president of the Spotlight Players and managing director of the group's youth program. "It's a great family show, it involves lots of kids, so it's a chance to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oliver (Brett Moore) and cast sing "Consider Yourself" during rehearsal for the Spotlight Players production at the Village Theater.

OLIVER!

- **What:** The Spotlight Players' production of 'Oliver!'
- **Where:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
- **When:** 8 p.m. Sept. 18 and Sept. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 19 and Sept. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 20 and Sept. 27
- **How much:** Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to showtime. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/seniors and students under 19.
- **Details:** For more information, (734) 480-4945 or www.spotlightplayers.org

get the kids to perform with the adults. We thought it would make a really great season opener because it has such a great, broad appeal."

Like his neighbor (Plum), Brett Moore is appearing in his first production for the Spotlight Players. Moore, though, does have experience, having been in

shows as part of the Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

When Moore, a singer who is a sixth-grader at West Middle School, found out the Spotlight Players were doing a musical, he wanted in.

"I wanted to do a musical," said Moore, the son Pat and Jenny Moore. "Before the audition, (Plum) helped me sing a couple of songs. That helped."

The 54-member cast includes performers from a variety of communities, including Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Novi, Ypsilanti, New Boston, Walled Lake and Ferndale. Getting them all together, since they're all volunteers, has been a huge challenge.

"It's quite a large group," Bloom said with a laugh. "Logistically, trying to get them all together to have a rehearsal — because we are a volunteer group and people have conflicts — is quite a challenge."

As opening night approaches, the cast — and its lead actor — is excited.

"A lot of people I know are coming to see me," Moore said. "Some of them have never been to any of my performances, so it's kind of cool they get to come and see me."

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Baracy: State budget talks are 'nail bitter'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The clock is ticking down to a midnight, Oct. 1, deadline for state lawmakers to finalize a budget, and according to Wayne-Westland School Supt. Greg Baracy, what's happening in Lansing "is a nail biter for everyone in the state."



Baracy

Baracy is among school officials around the state who are waiting and wondering what will be resolved when it comes to funding K-12 education. And with some \$7 million in enhanced school aid hanging in the balance and a \$110 million cut in the per-pupil state payments a possibility, Wayne-Westland school officials are keeping their fingers crossed.

"They should get a budget in the next two or three weeks, but we don't know what it will be. We haven't heard a word," Baracy said. "We made assumptions when we made our budget and we hope we will be right on with some of them."

It's not unusual for state officials to go down to the wire and even beyond the Oct. 1 deadline in getting a budget, but the concern this year is the projected \$2.8 billion deficit that must be

filled to balance the budget. Republicans in the state Senate have proposed cutting \$1.2 billion from state general fund and schools, including a \$110 million per-pupil reduction to schools, a \$165 million cut in revenue sharing to cities and the \$140 million elimination of Michigan Promise scholarships.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who inked out the extra money Wayne-Westland receives in lieu of millage disallowed under Proposal A in her state school aid proposal, Tuesday released her plan to raise \$685 million in new revenue, while cutting \$572 million in spending. The new revenue would come from new taxes and tax increases like a 6-percent sales tax on tickets to concerts, pro and college sporting events and vending machine sales and a 25-cent per pack increase in cigarette tax. The cuts would include \$150 million from Department of Community Health and \$74 million from revenue sharing.

School districts will be into the second quarter of their fiscal year, if lawmakers are able to reach an accord by Oct. 1. But there's indication that this year's budget will be extended, rather than the government shut down, until a new one can be hammered out.

"The indication is that we will get less and we're trying to plan for that," Baracy said. Douglas Law, president of

the Middle Cities Education Association and superintendent of Niles Community Schools, said school officials "have been told that we will likely see significantly less funding over the course of the next several budget years."

"This is in a time of increasing costs, with inflation, energy, health care all going up," he said. "The result of these funding reductions will likely be significant program cuts."

Like Baracy, Law acknowledges the difficulty faced by state legislators.

"There are no easy answers or quick fixes," he said. "Citizens and state officials must come together to find a long-term solution. That solution will include government reforms and a restructure of our tax system. We have a tax structure from the last century that is woefully in need of updating."

Baracy said districts need to find a way to reinvent themselves to weather the financial storm. Wayne-Westland has a 21st Century Committee made up of school officials, staff and parents that is working on "right-sizing" the district in the face of declining enrollment and revenue.

"Times are tough," he said. "We have to try to make the best of what we have and protect what we have for the children. That's our bottom line."

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EDUCATION

17 grads receive foundation scholarship

Seventeen high school graduates have received \$500 scholarships from the Westland Community Foundation as part of its charitable activities.

The recipients are graduates of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools and live in Westland. They received their scholarships at the Aug. 3 Westland City Council meeting. The foundation, made up of community and business leaders, raises money through its annual Spring Ball and Christmas and July events to sponsor the scholarships as well as make donations to such local organizations as the Salvation Army and the Family Resource Center's Empty Bowls Food Bank.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- Samatha Bawcum of Wayne Memorial High School. She plans to attend Henry Ford Community College in pursuit of a career in culinary arts. During her time at Wayne High, she received three academic and varsity letters, was on the honor roll and was a member of the National Technical Honor Society.
- Lindsay Chmiel of Wayne Memorial High School. She plans to attend Alpena Community College to study Web design. She was involved in



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the Kick Odd Mentor Program, National Technical Honor Society and children and youth ministries.

- Victoria Elsey of John Glenn High School. She plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College to study graphic design. She was involved in the varsity bowling team and the National Technical Honor Society.
- Angelyca Flowers of John Glenn High School. She plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to study pediatrics. She was an officer in the JROTC, at HOSA finalist for medical assisting and on the

- Crenesha Foster of John Glenn High School. She plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College to study graphic design. She was on the high school track and field team and on the honor roll.
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Schoolcraft Community College to study culinary arts. He earned a Perfect Attendance Award for two years and is a church volunteer.

- Jennifer Michalek of John Glenn High School. She plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College to study to be a cardiac nurse. She is a food assistance program volunteer.
- Tyler D. Murch of John Glenn High School. He plans to attend Washtenaw Community College to study graphic design. He won a Scholastic Art Award, was on the honor roll and in the National Technical Honor Society.
- Emily Narkun of John Glenn High School. She plans to attend Henry Ford Community College to study to be a pediatric or geriatric nurse. She won a HOSA gold medal, was a volunteer for a food collection for the homeless and participated in Bowling for Autism.
- Michael Penhollow of John Glenn High School. She plans to attend Ferris State University to study to be a film/video editor. He had perfect attendance, produced a video for the high school, was on the honor roll,

Glenn High School. She plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College to study pediatric nursing. She was a member of the marching band, was a Student of the Month and had perfect attendance.

- Janessa Hudson of Wayne Memorial High School. She plans to attend Baker College to study radiology. She was a member of the dance and step teams, earned a HOSA bronze medal, was on the honor roll and in the National Technical Honor Society.
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- Jasmine Vandebrook of Wayne Memorial High School. She plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College to study to be a social worker. She has been on the honor roll, was a Most Conscientious Outstanding Reader and recognized for an outstanding performance in Life Skills.
- Thomas Wade of Wayne Memorial High School. He plans to attend Washtenaw Community College to study HVAC-R. He placed fourth in the Technical Center Skills USA Competition, exhibited and presented the HydroVolt vehicle at Cobo Hall and received a varsity letter in soccer.
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Kevin Allan Buchan, Andrea LaCheryl Burston, Yuliya Yevgenyevna Buzle, Lindsay Marie Caswell, Amanda Marie Christensen, Amanda Josephine Comini, Katherine Eileen Conger, JoAnn Michael Conner, Emily Yvonne Coombs, Christopher Robert Cosselmon, Elizabeth Therese Dempsey, Rodney W. Dison, Lindsay Mary Dixon, Leanne Lynn Domzalski, Kristie Lauren Fields,

Suzanne P. Follo, Loreen Marie Forchione, Sandra Lynn Forslund, Danielle Marie Haase, Kimberly Mary Hagelthorn, Christina M. Haley, Jennifer Joann Hamilton, Amy M. Handshaw, Latrice Michelle Henry, Joseph Anthony Horka, Danielle M. Horton, Jacqueline M. Hubert, Shane A. Hughey, Nicholas Robert Jentz, Andrea Natali Jimenez,

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A. Nipp, Amanda Noel, Cynthia Louise Nouhan-Mukhal, Robert Lawrence Oliver, Il-Han Park, Andrew James Pepera, Jennifer Picano, Endia Y. Price, Eligio Ronquillo Reyes, Jennifer Bensusurto Reyes, Catherine Agness Rivera, Ramana Mikki Roberson, Summar Denielle Ronning, Sean Adam Sciba, Lauren Catherine

Seppanen, Nina Prakash Singh, Laura Sinclair Smith, Ookty Bhikhabhai Suthar, David P. Thurmond, Jessica D. Vaughan, Devon Marie Vorase, Derek M. Walker, Daniel Michael Walsh, Charles D. West, Jennifer Lara Wheeler, Lisa Wheeler, Melissa Lee Wilks, Lavenia D. Wright, Jamie Allison Young and Javier Arturo Zarate.

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Group tries to emulate the wisdom of Solomon

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Should Michael Vick — the professional athlete imprisoned and temporarily barred from professional football for operating an illegal dog fighting ring — have gotten a second chance?

No and yes, according to participants in Solomon's Porch, a discussion group organized by the Rev. Robert Hegdal, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Redford.

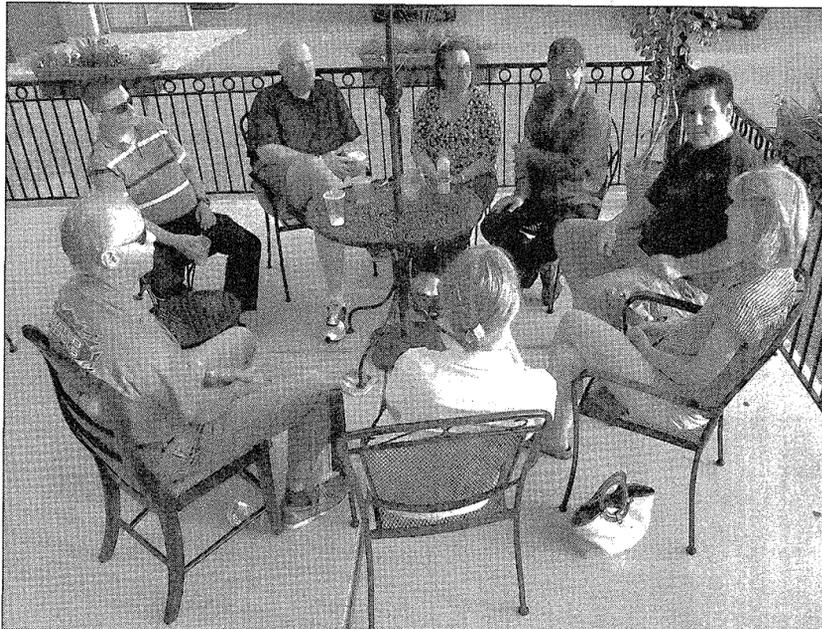
The group — named after the wise king of Israel — met recently at the First Cup Organic Coffee shop at Five Mile and Inkster to discuss topics Hegdal says are designed to encourage members to think about current issues and their moral or ethical implications in current society.

Sessions normally begin around 7 p.m. and end about an hour later.

The discussions are stimulating, said Anna Ingham, who along with husband Fred has participated in several sessions since they were initiated last year.

"Everybody has an opinion," she said, "and we certainly get food for thought."

And thinking is what the



Clockwise, from top left; Pastor Bob Hegdal, Anna Ingham, Fred Ingham, Tim Young, Kelly Young, Cathy Simon, Jim Don, Kurt Suokas.

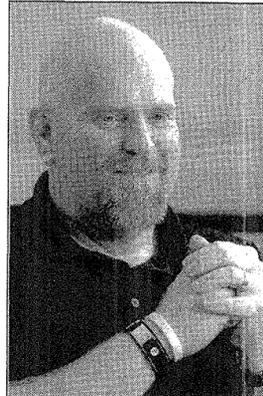
discussions are all about, Hegdal said. Religion, as outlined in the Bible, requires moral and ethical people to evaluate issues of their day and to make appropriate decisions. "We talk about how cur-

rent issues interconnect with faith and life," he said.

The sessions are non-denominational and open to any interested person, including people who are not Christians or might not believe in God.

"People with other perspectives enhance the discussion," Hegdal said.

The group's name, the minister said, refers to something Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba, did



Pastor Bob Hegdal says people of all faiths and atheists can have meaningful discussions about current issues.

when he ruled Israel around 967 B.C.E. Known as a wise leader, Solomon also promoted discussions on ethical considerations of his day. The discussions were held on Solomon's politico, a Greek word that roughly translates into porch.

The topic of Vick, and the issues involved, might well have warranted the attention of Solomon and his contemporaries, according to the Inghams and others. Vick was the quarterback for the NFL Atlanta Falcons who spent about 18 months in prison for

admittedly bankrolling a dog-fighting ring on his property in Virginia. Witnesses also said Vick personally killed animals unwilling to fight.

Vick was conditionally reinstated to pro football and Thursday played his first game with a new team, the Philadelphia Eagles.

But should Vick have been given that second chance? While the group doesn't necessarily draw conclusions, individuals are free to decide for themselves.

At the core of that question, Fred Ingham said, are concepts such as redemption, forgiveness and what constitutes appropriate punishment.

"I don't follow professional football," he said, "and I'm a dog person. But I personally think he should be allowed to return."

Never, Kelly Young said. No matter how contrite Vick might profess to be, she said, he should not be back in the game.

"To me, he will always be a person who was horribly cruel to animals," she said.

Tim Young, her husband, had a different view.

"I think God has forgiven Mr. Vick," he said, "and God would give him a second chance."

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan holds Join Scout Week

"Girl Scouts. More choices. More reasons to join."

That's the message that Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan wants to share with girls and adult volunteers during "Join Girl Scout Week," Monday-Friday, Sept. 18.

"The potential for adventure and excitement in Girl Scouting is limitless," said Jan Barker, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. "We want as many

girls as possible to experience the opportunities in Girl Scouting at every age level. Girls are waiting for adult volunteers to make Girl Scouting happen for them."

Girls and adults can join Girl Scouts at the Ann Arbor Regional Center, 1900 Manchester Road, until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 5 p.m. on Friday. Visitors will make and take samples of sidewalk chalk and

taste the newest Girl Scout Cookie, called "Thank U Berry Munch." They also can enter drawings to win T-shirts and gift cards from local merchants, such as A2 O'Hair, Afternoon Delight, Claire's, Pancho's and Roly Poly.

The S'more Stuff Council Shop also will be open so families can purchase Girl Scout gear, apparel and gift items, such as the popular Groovy Girls dolls.

In addition to the week-long open house at the Ann Arbor Regional Center, Girl Scout recruitment events will take place in various schools and neighborhoods. Also, families can visit the Girl Scout table at Briarwood Mall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, to make an optical illusion craft and to sign up for Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience engages girls in

discovering themselves, connecting with others and taking action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouting offers girls the tools they need to be successful leaders, now and throughout their lives.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan was created as the result of a merger of five central Michigan councils — Glowing Embers, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley, Girl Scouts Irish Hills, Girl

Scouts of Michigan Capital, Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay and two jurisdictional changing councils — Girl Scouts of Fair Winds and Girl Scouts of Singing Sands last October.

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Anderson votes to extend MEGA tax credits in state

A veteran Wayne County state senator put his support behind Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credits by voting Thursday to approve an extension of the that would allow the program to award incentives to redevelop the closed Ford Wixom Assembly Plant into a renewable energy park.

The project is expected to bring in millions of dollars of investment and thousands of

jobs. Without the Senate's passage of the bills, SB 777 and HB 4523, MEGA would have been unable to issue any more job-producing credits and this project would not be possible.

"The action taken today represents great progress for Michigan's economy and our workers, but we still can do more," said Senator Glenn S. Anderson, whose district includes Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford

Township. "We have the tools in place to be competitive, but we need to secure funding to continue to keep attracting businesses and new jobs to Michigan."

On Wednesday, the Westland Democrat made a statement on the Senate floor, urging his colleagues to move these bills and not delay much-needed jobs from coming to Michigan any further.

"I am glad that, after being

delayed for two weeks by the majority caucus, this package of bills passed on an overwhelming and bipartisan vote. Michigan jobs must always come before politics and this represents a big step forward in putting our people back to work," Anderson said after the vote Thursday.

The credits are essential to generating economic activity in Michigan, and in particular, helping the state shift

from traditional manufacturing to growing, high-tech and green industries. Xtreme Power and Clairvoyant Energy are expected to invest \$725 million at the Ford Wixom plant.

Xtreme Power will create 2,500 direct jobs and 10,000 supplier and indirect jobs, including a minimum of 4,000 jobs in Wixom. Clairvoyant Energy will create 270 direct jobs, and its manufacturing

partner, Oerlikon, plans to locate its North American Headquarters at Wixom, creating 300 jobs.

There are currently more than 60 other potential projects in the lineup to receive MEGA incentives, and while legislation only specifically addresses the Wixom project, Senate Democrats continue to push for funding the program to support other investments in the state as well.

Remembering Sept. 11

As our country observed the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President Barack Obama signed an order to observe this day as a National Day of Service. All of us are being challenged to take time away from our busy schedule to stop and do for others.

"From this day forward, we will safeguard the memories of those who died by rekindling the spirit of service that lit our city with hope and helped keep us strong," said New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg at a ceremony in lower Manhattan.

To get started on how you can be part of that spirit, the library has basic information about volunteerism, including reasons to volunteer and the rewards of volunteer work, try "Volunteerism," a collection of essays edited by Frank McGuckin.

For more specific ideas on how to get started in volunteering, including what type of organization with which

to volunteer, try "Keys to Volunteering" by Elizabeth Vierck. For the adventurous, read "World Volunteers: the World Guide

to Humanitarian and Development Volunteering," which gives projects all over the world that can last for weeks or even years!

If you are an animal lover, you can volunteer to work with animals. Both "Volunteering with Your Pet" and "Wanted! Animal Volunteers" explain how to use your pet in volunteering. Animal volunteers have been used for volunteering with nursing home residents, the physically disabled, and even with prisoners. This can be a great way to help others while spending quality time with your furry pals.

If you don't have pet but like spending time with animals, there is certainly no shortage of animal organizations that need good volunteers.

If you're ready to volunteer but don't know where, there are many resources on the Internet to help you. Volunteer Match (www.volunteermatch.org) is a great site to help you find out what's available in your own backyard. You can search by zip code and area of interest to find organizations that are looking for someone just like you! For more Web sites to help potential volunteers, visit the Westland Library's Web page at www.westland.lib.mi.us and click on "Internet Guide" then "Volunteering/Giving."

Don't wait another day! Get out there and make a difference! Whatever your interest, the Public Library of Westland is at your service. Please visit us soon, call us at (734) 326-6123 or view our Web site at www.westlandlibrary.org

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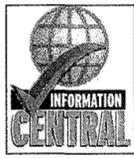
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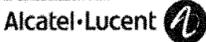
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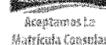
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September: Good time to create emergency plan

A Westland business is participating in an effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families businesses and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies this month.

SERVPRO of Westland has joined Ready Campaign in its sixth annual National Preparedness Month and with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to recognize September as National Preparedness Month.

"Natural disasters take many forms, and while they may be inevitable, they don't always have to be devastating," said Gary Gasser, owner of the local restoration service. "By taking action now, Westland residents can potentially lessen the impact they experience from catastrophes. Being prepared is the best defense one can have."

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), there were 75 declared disasters in 2008, a 19 percent increase from those reported in 2007. So far, in 2009, the Agency has recorded 42, and the number is expected to rise as hurricane season approaches the southeast.

"Whether it's with a tornado, torrential rains or heavy snow, Mother Nature can wreak havoc at all times of the year, and oftentimes,

the events can come without warning," said Gasser. "That is why we are urging people to designate National Preparedness Month as a time to sit down with their families and make a plan."

Gasser says that the following three action steps can help area families prepare for the worse:

1. Create an Emergency Supply Kit: Start by thinking about the basics for survival - fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. In addition, be sure to include a battery-powered radio (with extra batteries), flashlight, first aid kit, a can opener to open canned food, and a cell phone with chargers.

2. Make a Family Emergency Plan: Your family may not all be together when a disaster strikes, so it is critical to establish an out-of-town contact to facilitate communication. Also, when using cell phones, know that text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.

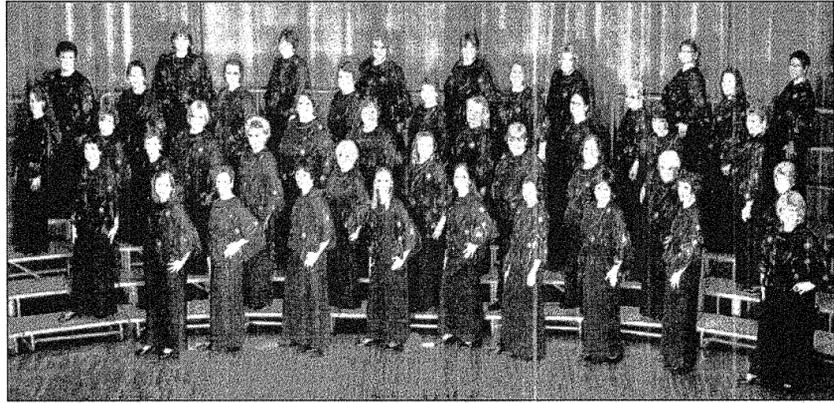
3. Be Informed: Visit your state and local government Web sites to learn about the particular emergency plans that have been established in your area. You can also download tools to better prepare your family for a disaster at www.ready.gov.

"National Preparedness Month serves as a good reminder that we all have a responsibility in protecting ourselves, our employees, our families and our communities," said Gasser. "Emergencies will happen, but taking action now can help us minimize the impact they will have on our lives."

Gasser added that even if a family has an emergency preparedness plan in place, this month is an ideal time to update it and make sure that all members of the family are familiar with its contents. In addition, residents should make sure that a similar plan is in place at work.

Founded in 1967, the SERVPRO franchise system is a national leader and provider of fire and water cleanup and restoration services and mold mitigation and remediation. SERVPRO of Westland offers an assortment of services to help local residents quickly recover and restore any damaged property. Within four hours of the initial notification, a SERVPRO franchise professional will be on-site to start the mitigation process. Exceptions may apply under certain conditions, such as a catastrophic event or a storm situation.

For more information about SERVPRO of Westland, call Gasser at (734) 721-5699.



The award-winning Voices in Harmony Chorus will perform movie songs at its "Music on the Marquee" Saturday, Oct. 10.

Chorus does Hollywood in 4-part harmony

An award-winning women's capella chorus will bring Hollywood to life in a show planned for October.

Voices in Harmony, which draws members from throughout southeast Michigan, will present "Music on the Marquee" at 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti. The performance will feature movie songs sung in four-part a capella harmony by Voices in Harmony. Also featured will be chorus quartets Limited Engagement, Center Stage and Harmony 4 Fun.

Both shows feature a dessert buffet. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors over age 65

and students (12 and under.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit the Voices in Harmony Web site at www.VoicesInHarmonyChorus.org, call (734) 480-8843 or send an e-mail to tickets@voicesinharmonychorus.org.

Known for fun and innovative performances, Voices in Harmony is a non-profit community chorus affiliated with Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide singing organization for women, and part of Lake Erie Region 17 which encompasses choruses from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Since 1975, Voices in

Harmony has provided southeastern Michigan with the highest quality a cappella barbershop harmony through performance, education and community service. Over the past five years, the reputation of the chorus has grown regionally and nationally with an invitation to perform at the National Festival of States in Washington, D.C.

Under the direction of Lynne Peirce, Voices in Harmony has a full calendar of community performances that range from local festivals, summer music programs, fund-raising banquets and annual concerts. Performances are family-friendly, highly entertaining, and educational.

Hospice of Michigan offers series of grief support classes

Hospice of Michigan will host a series of grief support meetings 6-7:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 13 through Dec. 13, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia.

The series of weekly sessions will offer insights and coping skills for adults dealing with the loss of a loved one and the normalization of feelings and reactions, such as denial, fear, anger and depression.

Handouts are provided with each session.

"Hospice of Michigan provides a needed and welcome service to families who have lost a loved one," said Karen Monts, Hospice of Michigan grief support services manager. "We offer a hopeful message of healing that is invaluable."

The series is Christian-based, and all are welcome to attend. Registration is required as space is limited. These ser-

vices are offered at no charge to any adult member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. Call Karen Monts at (313) 682-7491.

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive comfort care to people living with a terminal illness and support to their families. For information about Hospice of Michigan services in the Detroit area, call (313) 578-5080 or visit www.hom.org.

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Rockets' big-play offense zaps Chargers

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn's football team proved Friday night that they have more than one Pontiac Game Changing-type performer.

Coming off his school-record six-touchdown, 370-yard rushing performance last week against Pinckney, Glenn senior tailback Jeremy Langford had another productive night after a slow first quarter as the Rockets earned a 28-14 KLA South Division football win over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Glenn got a pair of touchdown passes from senior quarterback Steven Kulikowski and 191 yards rushing and three more TDs from the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Langford to improve to 3-0 overall.

Langford was held to just one yard on five carries in the first period, but Glenn went up 7-0 on Kulikowski's pinpoint 44-yard TD toss to Davarius Jenkins with 5:25 left.

The score was set up by linebacker Steven Murphy's interception.

In the second quarter, Kulikowski found Langford over the middle screen pass, and the senior cut through the Churchill defense for a 44-yard TD with 6:58 to go until halftime to make it 14-0.

Glenn then marched 80 yards in seven plays — all by Langford out of the one-back set "Wildcat" formation — capped by his 21-yard TD run with just 1:01 remaining to put the Rockets up 21-0 at intermission.

"It was a new formation that they (Glenn) hadn't run," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "We practiced against the 'Wildcat' in a goal line



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Zack Goehlien (left) is corralled by Glenn tackler Jeremy Langford during Friday's KLA South Division clash.

Please see **ROCKETS, B2**

GAME WRAPS

LHA celebration

The Livonia Hockey Association will be celebrating its 40th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 13, at Eddie Edgar Arena, with a variety of complimentary activities for youths and adults.

The event kicks off at 11 a.m. with the start of a chili cook-off followed a tree dedication at noon in honor of the late Tony Crachiolo, a former LHA president.

A dedication of the LHA's wall frame and commendation from the Livonia City Council follows at 12:30 p.m.

Open skating will be from noon to 5 p.m. (hot dogs will served). The chili tasting and judging commences at 3 p.m.

For more information, call Lori Irnell of the LHA at (734) 422-5172.

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.

New pom coach

Jamie Chittaro has been named the new pom coach at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Chittaro is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson and was captain of the Spartans her senior year after transferring from Dearborn Divine Child. In high school she earned Mid American Pom All-Star honors three consecutive years.

Chittaro, who received a BBA degree in accounting from Western Michigan University, is currently a judge for Mid American Pom Side Wide competitions. She is currently an accountant for an independent manufacturing company.

"Coach Chittaro is very professional, knowledgeable, structured, organized, firm and fair," Stevenson A.D. Lori Hyman said. "She will work very hard to make our Pom Pon the very best it can be."

Hole-in-one club

On Sept. 8, Fred Crall, 76, of Farmington Hills, used a 5-rescue club to record an ace on the 184-yard, No. 15 hole at Whispering Willows.

Crall, who has been playing 60 years, shot an 18-hole round of 86.

Churchill's one-two punch of Tom Windle (right) and Quinn Osgood placed first and second, respectively, as the Chargers won their seventh straight Livonia City boys cross country title.



7-peat: Churchill boys first again

See complete results, Page B4.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Seven and counting.

That's how many Livonia City boys cross country titles Churchill has won in a row following Wednesday's conquest at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The Chargers, getting a 1-2 finish from junior Tom Windle and senior Quinn Osgood, kept the crown with 32 points, followed by host Stevenson (36) and Franklin (65).

Windle's time on the hilly and demanding 5,000-meter course was 17 minutes, 19 seconds, while Osgood was clocked in 17:41.

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Out of the shoot

Chargers regain title; Kroll's 18:10 leads way

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sara Kroll felt a bit lonely during Wednesday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls cross country meet.

The senior from Livonia Churchill cruised around the challenging 3.1-mile Cass Benton Park course in an impressive 18 minutes, 10.77 seconds, almost a 1:30 ahead of the next finisher, Livonia Franklin junior Megan McPherson.

Kroll, seventh in the Division 1 state finals last November, bettered her previous Cass Benton best by almost 15 seconds as the Chargers convincingly reclaimed the team title with 21 points, followed by Franklin (32) and defending champion Stevenson (77).

How good was Kroll's performance? It would have put her fourth in the boys race and it was nearly 47 seconds better than defending individual champion Courtney Calka of Stevenson, who placed eighth in last year's state finals and now is on scholarship at Eastern Michigan University.

"There was nobody to push me the whole way, but I like it," Kroll said. "It makes me stronger running by myself."

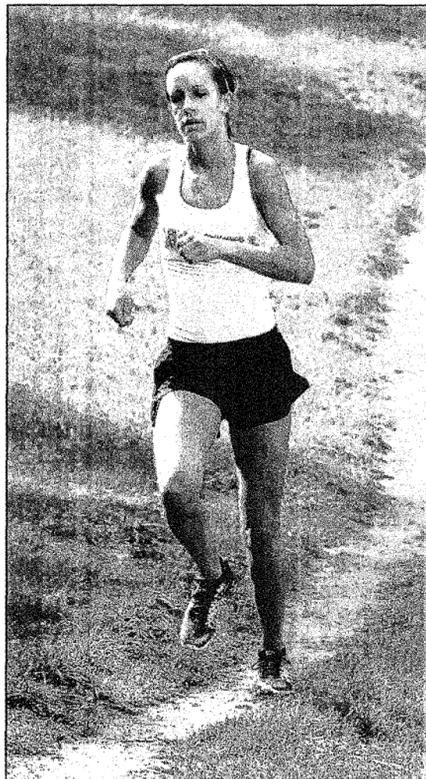
"I did a hard workout (Monday) and I only had one day to recover. My goal was 18:20 and I'm pleased with myself. And every girl on our team P.R.'ed today."

Churchill, winning its sixth team title in seven years, received sterling performances from three underclassmen, including freshman Kerigan Riley, third place (20:23); sophomore Bethany Pilat, fourth (20:48); and freshman Sydney Anderson, fifth (20:58).

Senior Tiffany Raisanen also placed eighth in 21:57. "I was extremely pleased with the team's performance today," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "Sara (Kroll) ran an amazing race and continues to prove that she is one of the elite runners in the state."

"It was also great watching my younger athletes like

Please see **GIRLS, B4**



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill senior Sara Kroll led from start-to-finish running a blistering 18:10 on the challenging 5,000-meter Cass Benton Park course.

Full-throttle Franklin romps by Wayne Memorial, 48-7

Livonia Franklin was on full-throttle from the opening kickoff Friday night as the host Patriots handed Wayne Memorial its first football setback, 48-7.

Franklin, now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the KLA's South Division, jumped out to a 35-0 halftime lead and invoked a running clock in the second half.

The loss drops Wayne to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLA South.

"We put a lot of pressure on them and we focused all week on coming out of the gate fast

PREP FOOTBALL

and not coming out slow," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We did a good job scoring 28 first-quarter points. We had six starters out, but a lot of young guys stepped up for us."

Mike Gadsby, a senior running back, scored four touchdowns on runs of 4, 7, 15 and 72 yards. He finished with a game-high 131 yards on 11 carries and caught two passes for 55 yards.

Brandon Tower also added a pair of TD runs including a 5-yarder in the first quarter and a 50-yarder in the final period. Tower had 68 yards on five attempts, while teammate Chris VanTuyt, who also had 12-yard TD run in the opener period, added 37 on 10 carries.

Franklin outgained Wayne 320-236 in total yards.

Wayne's back-up quarterback Zakk Hardyniec rushed for 104 of his team's 165 yards on the ground. He had an 82-yard TD run in the final period to avert the shutout.

Franklin quarterback Mike Beasley was 4-of-4 passing for 68 yards, while Wayne senior starter Nick Mills was 7-of-15 for 71 yards.

Mills was picked off four times, twice by Ryan Parkin and one each by Ryan Hurt and David Dohr.

Wayne went three-and-out on its opening series, but the Patriots mishandled the punt. Patriot senior defensive lineman Nate Coleman got the ball right back when he stripped Mills on a sack and recovered the fumble. Hurt also had a fumble recovery for Franklin.

Divisional opener

Canton pulls away to sweep Glenn in 3 straight

After winning two close games, 26-24, 25-23, the Canton girls volleyball team ended Wednesday's KLAA South Division match with a convincing 25-9 victory in its season opener against host Westland John Glenn.

Senior outside hitter Jordan Kieley paced the Chiefs, 1-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South, with 12 kills, 10 assists and 10 digs.

Also contributing to the win for Canton was sophomore Kristen Muir (five kills, 14 digs, seven aces); Traci Breitmeyer (15 assist-to-kills, seven digs, five aces); and Lauren Macuga (27 digs).

"Normally we would already have played one or two tournaments before our first league game," Canton first-year coach Mary Kryska said. "We struggled to find the open spots and execute a good offense. We didn't make very good offensive decisions, but we never hung our heads low. Glenn played very well giving us very good competition. Our aggressive serving proved to be one of our best assets. Our serve receive was very impressive the entire time with only minimal errors."

Glenn (3-6-1, 0-1) combined for 10 team blocks. Junior Brooke Zywick led the defense

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with 31 digs. Junior Halie Baker paced the offense with four kills for the Rockets, who couldn't hold five-point leads in each of the first two games.

Glenn coach Julian Wargo also saluted his two setters, senior Lauren Baker and sophomore Sarah Headrick. Senior Mackenzie Stephens added two kills.

"They (Canton) didn't panic and clawed their way back into the games using a tough serve-and-volley strategy," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "In Game 3, the Chiefs' servers got hot and stayed hot putting the us back on our heels and taking the home crowd out of the game. We were not able to establish ball control and lost the final game."

Churchill bests Patriots

Senior outside hitter Sarah Suppelsa enjoyed a productive offensive night with 18 kills as Livonia Churchill opened KLAA South Division play Thursday with a 25-16, 25-9, 25-14 win host Livonia Franklin.

Other standouts for the Chargers, who improved to 9-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA

South, included sisters Nicole Kempinski (18 assists, six digs) and Kara Kempinski (12 digs); Taylor Kerr (16 digs, five ace serves); Darcy DeRoo (six kills, three assists, four digs); and Erin Menard (four kills, one block).

Chelsea Williams (seven kills) and Liz Hollaway (six kills) paced the Patriots, who fell to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA South.

"In Game Two we had trouble with serve reception and as a result had no offense," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Despite the loss, I thought we were very competitive physically and mentally. I was proud of our effort against a very good team."

Stevenson stopped

In a KLAA Central Division match Thursday, host Northville defeated Livonia Stevenson in three games, 25-15, 25-16, 25-21.

Kelly Vellucci led Stevenson (4-3, 0-1) with eight kills and two assist-to-kills, while setter Claire LeBlanc record 11 assists and was 13-of-14 serving.

Other Stevenson leaders included Shelbie Wilson (9-for-9 serving, three digs), Jordan York (three digs) and Catherine Licata (three assists).

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situation. We just didn't make enough adjustments on the fly. He (Langford) changed the momentum of the game."

Churchill, using the spread attack, tried to fight back in the third quarter as junior quarterback Jordan Grohoski engineered a 10-play, 79-yard drive capped by his 23-yard TD toss to Tony Frezzell with 5:33 left to cut the deficit to 21-7.

The Chargers then made things interesting by driving down to the Glenn 16 early in the fourth quarter. But Churchill came up short on a pass to the end zone on fourth-and-two.

Churchill got a late TD (with 5:09 remaining) when back-up quarterback Steven Klisz, in for the injured Grohoski, connected with Dean Bokuniewicz on a 15-yard strike.

But it was too little, too late for the Chargers, who fall to 1-2 and 0-1.

"When I watched them (Churchill) on film they were huge up front," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "They did

some smart things. It was kind of a cat-and-mouse game and they caught us a couple of times.

"Our defensive coordinator, Matt Howton, does a great job. They say your defense can bend, but not break. And I thought tonight our defense made a couple of key plays."

Glenn outgained the Chargers in total offense, 401-298, as Kulikowski was 7-of-16 for 123 yards. Kamal Aylar also gave Langford some much-needed relief with 79 yards rushing on 11 carries.

"We have a lot of confidence in our quarterbacks going back to when Chuck (Gordon) coached here," Hardin said. "We're a team that wants to run, and then throw when we had to. Tonight we had to (pass) and Steve did a great job. It's what we expect of him."

"And Kamal has really improved since the beginning of the season. He had a tremendous week of practice. He's a power runner and we're happy to have both those guys. And it's good to know we can give Jeremy a break."

Churchill's two quarterbacks

were a combined 14-of-28 for 174 yards. The Chargers had 124 yards rushing.

The Chargers hurt themselves in the first half with two turnovers, a pair of costly penalties and a missed 26-yard field goal.

"This is the third game in a row where we opened the game with a turnover on our first drive," Filiatraut said. "It's been three weeks in a row and we've got to get that fixed."

Kevin Mozurkewich and Kevin Pietrasinski each made 10 tackles for the Chargers. Mozurkewich also had a second-period interception.

"I thought the kids played with effort and played well," Filiatraut said. "But they (Glenn) obviously made the big plays and we didn't."

"Langford got loose on the screen pass and our first kid got there late. He's a good player, especially in the open field. And when you don't convert on fourth-and-one (early in the fourth quarter) that hurts. Then they turn around and go 80 yards."

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Lady Ocelots outlast OCC spikers

It took the decisive fifth game Thursday, but Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team was able to prevail over stubborn Oakland Community College, 17-25, 25-17, 17-25, 25-18, 16-14.

"We knew this was going to be a tough match," said Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb, whose team is 8-3 overall and 5-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference. "We had watched them play at the Owens (Ohio) Tournament over the weekend and saw the talent that they had. However, we had a game plan that we wanted to execute and knew that if we followed our game plan we would have a chance."

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The loss drops OCC to 11-5 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

"Oakland is a great team and I'm sure they will be in the hunt for the league title the rest of the season," Lamb said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to keep up with them and the other teams that we face in the future."

MU wins Martin opener

Mary McGinnis had 17 kills, while Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Karie Altman added 13 apiece Friday afternoon as the

Madonna University women's volleyball team downed visiting Spring Arbor, 25-17, 25-22, 25-21, in the opening round of the Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

Setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 50 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela contributed a team-high 12 digs as the Crusaders improved to 9-0 overall.

Spring Arbor (7-3) got 13 kills from Anna Glass and 12 from Taria Olds.

MU was scheduled to play University of Texas-Brownsville in Friday's second match. (Visit www.hometownlife.com for more results).

Spartans earn 1st grid win, 34-7

Livonia Stevenson pulled away in the second half to earn its first football victory of the season with a 34-7 triumph over Salem at the Plymouth H.S. field.

The Spartans, now 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA Central, led 14-7 at halftime.

Stevenson jumped out to a 6-0 advantage after one quarter on Austin White's 4-yard TD run, but Salem came back with a TD in the second quarter on Jake Peterson's 3-yard run. Ethan Walsh's extra point gave the Rocks a 7-6 lead with 5:54 left in the second period.

Stevenson's John Pauley then answered on an 11-yard run to make it 14-6 after White ran in for the two-pointer with 1:56 to go in the half.

The Spartans put it away in the third period on a White 8-yard TD run followed by Beyer's 4-yard TD run.

Stevenson's Troy Whalen also returned an interception 19 yards for a score with 2:41 remaining the game to complete the scoring.

Stevenson had a total of 255 yards, including 142 on the ground.

Quarterback Brendan O'Hara

was 9-of-17 for 133 yards. The Spartans had 13 first downs.

Salem had 91 yards rushing, while Peterson and Brian Maksimovic combined for 10-of-23 passing for 91 yards.

Defensive standouts for the Spartans included inside linebacker Duran Onwuemene, outside linebacker Mike Roy and defensive back Bryan Koessler.

"We're just glad to get a win," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said.

Meanwhile, the loss drops Salem to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA Central.

Trojans execute 28-9 win vs. Harper Woods

It's about time.

For two weeks now Livonia Clarenceville football coach Ryan Irish had been looking for better execution and discipline on both sides of the ball from his youthful Trojans.

He certainly saw that Friday night, and what a difference it made as the Trojans took control early and rolled to a 28-9 victory over visiting Harper Woods.

"Our defense just did a great job," said Irish, whose club had gone winless in its previous two starts, primarily due to mistakes in execution. "Our kids were ready to play from the opening kick tonight and we kind of took them out of their game plan. We played physical football - the kind we like to play."

The Trojans, now 1-1 in Metro

Conference play and 1-2 overall, jumped in front of previously unbeaten Pioneers in the opening period when senior running back Levonte Brooks raced in from 15 yards out and teammate Leonard Hogan carried in the two-point conversion for a quick 8-0 Clarenceville advantage.

Following a safety by the Pioneers to trim the margin to 8-2, the Trojans came right back with six more on a 74-yard fumble return by Benjamin Watts.

One of the first half's more crucial plays came in the second period as senior quarterback Lenny Smith scooted 22 yards with the football for a TD and commanding 21-2 lead at halftime.

The Trojans were in no mood to squander the lead as Brooks

notched his second six-pointer of the evening in the third quarter on a 12-yard jaunt through the Harper Woods defense.

Harper Woods (2-1, 1-1) found the end zone later in the period - Terrence Hartfield carrying the final 16 yards of a drive - but it was too little, too late as the Trojans were more than happy to climb right back into the Metro Conference race.

Clarenceville put 228 yards of rushing offense into the books and added 60 more through the air on a 7-12 passing performance by Smith, who led all rushers with 80 yards on 12 carries, while Brooks followed with 70 on nine attempts.

Hogan proved to be a terror on defense as he led the Trojans with 12 tackles from his safety position.

Ferndale blocks Clarenceville

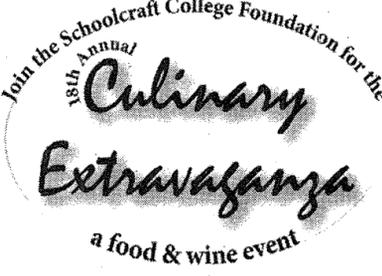
After winning the opening game by a 25-21 count Thursday, Livonia Clarenceville's Trojans watched visiting Ferndale take the next three by scores of 25-20, 25-19 and 25-14 to earn the non-league girls volleyball triumph.

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Kat Hall led Clarenceville with nine kills, while Brittany Tallman added four.

"We started out like gangbusters and then they just busted us mentally after

that," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Mershman, whose team falls to 3-2 overall. "We still haven't come up with the right combinations, but we're going to continue working on it. They had some strong hitters, too, and we couldn't dig the ball out."



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PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 18 Divine Child at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Lutheran N'west at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 15 Huron Valley at Luth. South, 5:30 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m. Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Clawson, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood at Warren Regina, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Clawson Tournament, 8 a.m. Flushing Tournament, 8 a.m. UM-DeARBORN Invitational, 8 a.m. BOYS SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 15 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m. Roeper at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at A.A. Skyline, 6 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 5 p.m. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem (CIP), 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at A.P. Inter-City, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at Country Day, 7 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 15 Churchill at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m. Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Metro Beach Metropark, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 Clarenceville at Country Day, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 MSU Spartan Invitational, TBA. Saturday, Sept. 19 DeLaSalle Inv. at Stoney Creek Park, 9 a.m. New Boston Huron Invitational at Willow Metropark, 9:30 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Sept. 15 Ladywood at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Farmington, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Monday, Sept. 14 Ladywood at Riv. Gab. Richard, 3 p.m. Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. South Lyon East at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m. Franklin vs. John Glenn, Canton vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Novi at Cattails G.C., 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Monroe St. Mary CC at Monroe Golf & Country Club, 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Grosse Ile Invitational, 3 p.m. BOYS TENNIS Monday, Sept. 14 Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m. S.L. East at Franklin, 4 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 S.L. East at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 Franklin at Pinckney, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Monroe Quad Invitational, 8 a.m. Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Monday, Sept. 14 Novi at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 Country Day at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 15 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m. Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 UM-DeARBORN at Madonna, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), TBA. Saturday, Sept. 19 Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Sunday, Sept. 13 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 1 p.m. Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 16 Rochester College at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 Madonna at Siena Heights, noon. TBA - time to be announced.

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Churchill's other three scorers were Ryan Wise, eighth place (18:30); Cody Rossler, 10th (18:36); and Stephen Charnley, 11th (18:44). Churchill interim coach Pat Daugherty, filling in for long-time coach John McGreevy (recovering from surgery), placed plenty of importance on the Chargers defending their city title. "They all knew it and they didn't want to be the class to lose it," Daugherty said. "Both Rossler and Wise made the difference today because they're usually our fifth and sixth, or sixth and seventh best runners." Windle ran comfortably

throughout the 3.1-mile race and finished strong to win going away. "I felt good and the course felt fast the first two miles," the junior said. "The third mile I buckled down and ran hard. "I'm proud of the team right now. Both Rossler and Wise stepped it up getting into the top 10. The last month I thought about going one-two (with Quinn). We did it and I'm happy about it. This has been our focus the last month." Windle, meanwhile, seems to get every ounce out of his 5-foot, 6-inch frame as he succeeded former Churchill teammate Mark Waterbury as city champ. "Tom came on at the end of last track season once we got him into the two-mile," Daugherty said.

"And every two-mile he was in, he P.R.'ed. He just gets the most out of his ability. He's worked extremely hard and has a lot of confidence. He's been working all summer. His goal, like a lot of guys, is to get out of the regional and go to the state meet." Stevenson's top two finishers were Joe Urso and Matt Williams, who placed third and fourth, respectively, in 17:44 and 18:10. Also in the top 10 for the Spartans were Joey MacDonald (seventh) and Andrew Longhi (ninth). Franklin, missing its top runner, junior Austin Jones, to a fractured foot, got a fifth from Bobby Wilson and a sixth from Nik Gherardini.

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Warriors settle for another draw

For the second game in a row, Lutheran Westland's boys soccer team failed to score a single goal. Fortunately for the Warriors, neither did their opponent - this time Southfield Christian - which battled the Warriors to a 0-0 tie. On Thursday, visiting Southfield Christian (1-4-2) battled the Warriors to

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a draw as Christian Bryant played flawlessly between the pipes for the Eagles, while Jake Fairbairn and Nick Andrzejewski did the same for Lutheran Westland. "Both of our goalkeepers played real well and so did Southfield Christian's keeper," said Warriors coach Rich Block, whose troops now stand 1-1-2 overall on the season. "We outshot them 18-12, so we had some chances. But give a lot of credit to our defense and goalkeepers because they kept Southfield Christian off the board, too." FERNDALE 3, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Kyle Rose scored a pair of goals Thursday as the Eagles (3-2) notched the non-league win over host Livonia Clarenceville (3-2-1). Michael Baugh also scored for the victors, while Daniel Herrick contributed two assists. Jimmy Powrie and Jimmy Moody scored for Clarenceville. On Tuesday, Phil Strachan had both goals as the Trojans lost 5-2 at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

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Bethany (Pilat), Kerigan (Riley), and Sydney (Anderson) run with a great deal of confidence. This was a tremendous kickoff to the 2009 season. "I missed last year's city meet while recovering from an illness, when the Chargers were edged by Stevenson, 34-35. But the senior has picked up right where she left off from a stellar spring track season, when she placed second in the Division 1

800-meter run (2:14.39). "I had a good year in track and it's carried me over to cross country," Kroll said. "This summer I've done longer runs, 10- to 12-milers once a week. I've logged more miles, and with the weight lifting, it's made me better." Meanwhile, it was the best finish for Franklin in coach Dave Bjorklund's nine years as coach. In addition to McPherson's time of 19:40.3, the Patriots also got a sixth from Brittany Dille (21:21) and a seventh from Tiffany Lamble (21:39). Megan Wickens was also in the top 10

(22:45). "It was a good showing. We've never beaten Stevenson since I've been here, and we've been third in this meet every year," Bjorklund said. "I'm happy, but the girls feel they can run better. Our girls have been working hard. We may not get Churchill, but I think we'll surprise a lot of other teams." Stevenson, under first-year coach Keith Hearn, got a ninth from senior Victoria Saferian (22:29).

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

2. Franklin, 36; 3. Stevenson, 77. Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:10.77 (5,000 meters). Churchill finishers: 1. Sara Kroll, 18:10.77; 3. Kerigan Riley, 20:23; 3. Bethany Pilat, 20:48; 5. Sydney Anderson, 20:58; 8. Tiffany Raisanen, 21:57; 12. Sarah Bauman, 23:09; 16. Melissa Rowe, 23:42. Franklin finishers: 2. Megan McPherson, 19:40.3; 6. Brittany Dille, 21:21; 7. Tiffany Lamble, 21:57; 10. Megan Wickens, 22:45; 11. Mallory Church, 23:02; 13. Jane Modes, 23:12; 15. Ashley Davidson, 23:25. Stevenson finishers: 9. Victoria Saferian, 22:29; 14. Michelle Krawczyk, 23:22; 17. Kelly Glynn, 23:48; 18. Kelly Hall, 24:00; 19. Samantha Hamill, 24:03; 20. Allison Gudeman, 24:57; 21. Julia Capeneka, DNF. GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 18 DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 41 Sept. 10 at Lutheran Westland

Individual winner: Sarah Maynard (Lutheran Westland), 23 minutes (5,000 meters). Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Brittany Maynard, 23:20; 4. Jessica Rice, 23:45; 5. Erin Lyle, 23:51; 9. Kelsey Kruger, 26:03; 10. Ashley Pniwski, 26:04; 11. Angela Morrison, 27:41. Clarenceville finishers: 2. Shelby Dermmyre, 23:12; 6. Ava Dark, 29:48; 7. Tara Hernes, 30:06. BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS LUTHERAN WESTLAND 23 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 34 Sept. 10 at Lutheran Westland Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Josh Kirk, 20:28; 4. Daniel Bunge, 20:39; 8. Jeremy Koltz, 21:49; 10. Peter Sillanpaa, 23:16; 11. Eric Smith, 24:03; 13. Caleb Kempf, 24:13. Clarenceville finishers: 5. David Gibson, 21:36; 6. Alex Molnar, 21:38; 11. Jason Gonzalez, 23:20; 16. John Adams, 25:40; 17. Corey Coughlin, 27:15; 21. Eric Into, 29:30.

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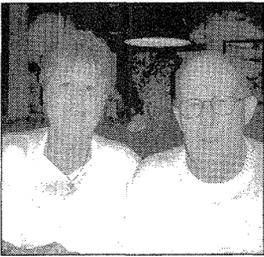
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MILESTONES

Golden anniversary



Donald and Alice Snowden of Canton



Donald and Alice Snowden in 1959

Donald and Alice (Wierzbicki) Snowden of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Sept. 12. The couple wed in 1959 at St. Raphael's Church in Garden City.

Their children are Laura Snowden North of Canton and Allen C. Snowden of Ann Arbor. They also have four grandchildren.

Donald retired eight years ago from Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 37 years. Alice is a homemaker.

The Snowdens enjoy travelling and dining out with friends. They planned to be on vacation while celebrating their milestone anniversary.



Kmet-Arlen

Pokorski - McLean



Jennifer Lynn Pokorski, daughter of Michael and Theresa Pokorski, of Mattawan, Mich., is engaged to Logan Dillon McLean, son of Donna McLean and Donald and Bonnie McLean, of Farmington Hills.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of Paw Paw High School. She is a licensed veterinary technician, graduating from the Veterinary Technician Program at Wayne State University in 2006. She is employed by Vet-Select in Novi.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of North Farmington High School. He is the proprietor of Pi Lawn Care in Redford.

A Nov. 7 wedding is planned in Livonia.

Andrea Kmet and Erik Arlen announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerald and Ann Kmet of Westland, is a 2000 Livonia Franklin graduate. She graduated from Wayne State University in 2008 and is employed at University of Michigan Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Jean Arlen of Plymouth and Scott and Nancy Arlen of Canton, is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton and a 2002 Central Michigan University graduate. He is employed at HVA.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at the Marriott in Livonia.



Karsten-Rosowski

Kate Karsten and Gary Rosowski of Northville announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ned and Laurie Karsten of Zeeland, graduated from Zeeland High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by Mullen Advertising.

Her fiancé, son of Don and Mary Jane Rosowski of Westland, is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Team Detroit.

A November 2009 wedding is planned in Northville.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

All about herbs

Coleen French of French Garden Creations will present "Herbs from Head to Toe" at the Farmington Garden Club, noon, Monday, Sept. 14. She'll talk about ways to use herbs, such as making hair conditioners, eye creams, facial masks, body lotions and more. There will be an opportunity to buy a small personalized body lotion. French also will have other products for sale. The club meets at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Guests are welcome. For more information call, (248) 473-0822.

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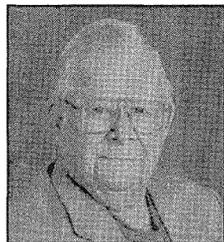
- Hear an overview of different spring-flowering bulbs and get tips on proper planting techniques. And find out how to design a bulb garden at 7 p.m., Sept. 16.
 - Bring color into the garden with favorite plants. Experts also will offer information on proper planting and care for the best results at 7 p.m., Sept. 23.
 - Get tips on keeping your lawn healthy through the winter and into next spring at 7 p.m., Sept. 30.
- Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313)278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

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DONALD ALLEN

93 years old, of Farmington Hills, died on 9/6/09 at Botsford Commons Assisted Living. He was born Feb. 9, 1916 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada to John Charles Allen and Elizabeth Wilkes Bailey Allen. Loving husband for 58 years to the late Verta May Willacker Allen. Donald lived in Farmington Hills for 64 years and worked as a plasterer and carpenter. In the early 1940's he was in the Civilian Conservation Corps; he also was a Mason and was very active in his church. His retirement years were filled with his many interests including fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking, playing cards and woodworking as well as his volunteer activities such as driving for FISH and delivering Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his daughters Audrey M. (Richard) Cairns, Patricia L. (Edward) AuBuchon, Anita M. (Michael) Williams, Janice K. (Gerald) Goffin, Sandra J. (Ronald) Barton, and Nancy A. (Michael) Pride. He was predeceased by his son Karl D. (Sue) Allen and his siblings Audrey, Dorothy, Douglas and Bernard. He has 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be on October 3, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington Rd. There will be visitation time at the church at 10:00am and the service at 11:00am. The family requests no flowers. Donations can be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237, for pulmonary fibrosis research in honor of Verta and Karl.

IN MEMORY OF RICK CHAVEY

Who passed away on Sep 15, 2006. Hard to believe it is three years, we miss you. Ewa Chavey

LINDA MARY COMBS

Age 59, of Davison, formerly of Pontiac. Passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2009. She was born Mary 29, 1950 in Lapeer, the daughter of Russell L. and Myrtle M. (Clyne) Welch Linda graduated from the Dayton Bible College in 1971. She worked as an advertising representative in the newspaper industry for over 22 years. Linda worked many years for the Oakland Press and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Linda was a devout Christian, most recently attending the Cross Roads Community Church in Mayville. She is survived by three sons: Russell (Rachel) Combs Jr. of Buffalo, NY, Shawn (Kristina) Combs of Alexandria, VA, Jason (Meri) Combs of Davison; five grandchildren: Hannah, Morgan, Merik, Elaina & Rebekah; five siblings: Larry (Debbie) Welch of North Branch, Russell Eugene (Janis) Welch of Elba, Diana Welch of Brown City, Ken Welch of Columbiaville, and Kim Bond of Marlette. Linda is also survived by her son-in-law Jeff Eick of Howell. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cassandra (Casey) Eick and her parents. Services were held at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, MI (810-664-8111) with burial at Green Corners Cemetery, Hadley, MI. Memorials requested to be made to Cross Roads Community Church of Mayville or U of M Cancer Center.

ROBERT H. DUPUIS

Age 80, September 8, 2009. Beloved husband of Marilyn. Dear father of Michael (Mary) Dupuis, Mary (Rob) Sammel and Ann (Andy) Provo. Grandfather of Ryan, Kevin, Matthew, Grant, Jacqueline, Aly and Cara. Services were held on Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

HAROLD W. HAGGARD

Age 79, September 9, 2009. Dear husband Joan. Loving father of Alan (Madeleine), Stephen (Julie), John (Heather) and Marian (Chester Hawkins) Haggard. Grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 1. Service Wednesday, September 16, 11 am, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. Family suggests memorials to Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi 48377. Generations Funeral & Cremation Services

JOSEPH H. HUDSON

September 8, 2009, Age 94 beloved husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Rodney (Ruth) Susan Giffin, Alan (Lisa) and Peggy, Grandfather of Jeremy, Shannon, Roxane, Adam, Nathan and Natalie. Service Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Rd.) Friday 1:00PM. Visitation was held Wednesday 3-9PM and Thursday 1-9PM.

KENNETH MCRAE JR.

80, of Farmington Hills, September 8, 2009. Dear husband of Mary E.; loving father of Douglas K., Kathleen A. (Gerald Luttman) and Christopher W. (Maureen); proud grandfather of Megan, Kiera, Eleanor and Eliza. Kenneth is also survived by his sister-in-law Norma Welch; he is preceded in death by his sister Janet Coleman. A Memorial service will be held 6:00 PM Thursday, September 17th at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). The family will receive guests from 5 PM until time of the service and until 8 PM after the service.



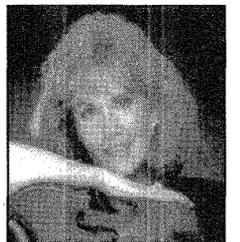
BARBARA R. OSOWSKI (nee: LUBANSKI)

September 5, 2009 in Farmington Hills; Age 72. Beloved wife of Daniel. Dear mother of Claudia (Stephen) Bean and the late Christopher. Grandmother of Christopher, Blake and Margaret Bean. Sister of the late Jerome (Kathleen) Lubanski. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with her family in attendance. Memorial Mass will be on Friday, September 18, 2009 at 10am at St. Coleman Catholic Church, 32500 Middlebelt (S. of 14 Mile Rd.) Farmington Hills. www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com



MARJORIE SHAW 1931-2009

Beloved wife of Andrew. Dear mother of Andrew Jr., Thomas, Patrick, Jack and Mary Kay. Grandmother to Andrew Shaw III. She was a Detroit Public School teacher for thirty years. She was also a member of Wayne State University Theatre's support group 'The Understudies and a University of Michigan Alumnae. She was a longtime volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A memorial service will be held in California.



MARY MARGARET STOLBERG

September 5, 2009, at age 53. Beloved sister of Ann Brigid, Barbara & Donald Howard Stolberg. I so survived by her Father Donald William Stolberg, her aunts, Julia Brigid Howard and Ann Howard O'Hare, and numerous Loving cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her mother, Mary Julia Howard Stolberg. "Life is a song; God's love is the music". Mary Margaret was a very talented Violinist who throughout her life was a member of the Stolberg String Quartet, and performed with the Savannah Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, and Michigan Opera Theatre. She was a Loving and caring Suzuki Violin Teacher, who taught at the Steppingstone School for Gifted Education and the International School in Farmington Hills. Mary Margaret was also a creative and hard working designer, who worked in her mother's Firm "Village Designs" until it closed in 2007. Mary Margaret was a Life-Long Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Funeral Services previously held through the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, (248) 474-5200. Memorial tributes in Mary Margaret's memory strongly suggested to the American Cancer Society. heaney-sundquist.com

RYAN M. WHITMAN

Sept 6, 2009, Age 22. Beloved son of Kathy (Kim) Mitchell and Donald D. Whitman. Brother of Philip Whitman of Denver, CO. Grandson of Dan & Gemma Niewoit and Donald R. Whitman. Memorial Services were held on Wednesday at Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



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Think healthy at Canton pet event, adopt at the zoo

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Why merely walk your dog when you can spice up your end of the leash with Tai chi, the ancient Chinese form of graceful exercise.

An expert will show you how to combine the fluid, meditative movements with walking at the 2nd Annual Canton Heart & Bark, a health and wellness event for dogs, cats and their owners.

Jeanette William, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist, says the Tai chi demonstration is perfect for the Lower Rouge River Trail, the site of Heart & Bark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Walking the secluded trail, located at Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue, is almost a meditation in itself.

"You don't hear any cars," she said, noting the trail's quiet surroundings. "It follows the lower Rouge River and it's a wildlife area. We stood out there the other day and had deer walk up."

"The trail just opened recently. What's better than to incorporate things people already do there? A lot of people walk their dogs there."

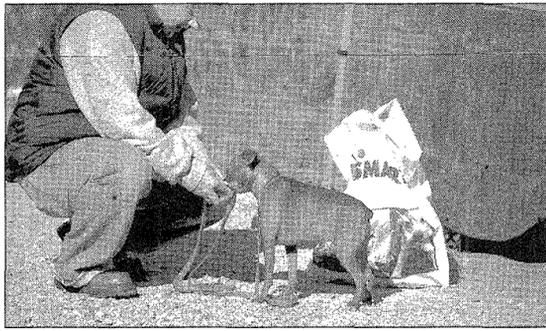
More than just a dog walk, the event will incorporate health and wellness information for humans and their pets, a "Dash for Doggies" fun run for kids 12 and under at 11 a.m., a pet tricks contest, owner/pet look alike contest, food, raffles, giveaways and vendors.

Dash for Doggies, along a half-mile course, will benefit the development of the Canton Dog Park. All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt. For details, call (734) 394-5460.

Each contest costs \$5 to enter, with proceeds going to the Human Society of Huron Valley.

Admission to Heart & Bark is free.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will offer a low-



A visitor to Canton's first annual Heart & Bark offers his four-legged friend a sip of water. The second annual event, offering contests, a kid's fun run, trail walks, health tests for humans and health information for their pets, runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue.



cost micro chip clinic for both dogs and cats. Cats must be in a carrier.

"Twenty-five dollars for microchipping is super cheap," William noted. "We're partnering with the Human Society of Huron Valley and there will be lots of different vendors. We'll have health screenings for pet owners and chair massages."

Representatives from local pet stores, veterinary clinics and other pet-related businesses will be on hand with merchandise and to answer pet care questions. Oakwood Healthcare System will give free blood pressure and glucose screenings to pet owners.

"It's proven that being with animals lowers your blood pressure and reduces stress. Even nursing homes are incorporating pets."

For more information visit Cantonfun.org or call (734)

394-5460.

ADOPT A PET

The Detroit Zoo and the Michigan Humane Society offer an easy way to find that perfect furry companion through their semi-annual "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" adoption event.

Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be looking for permanent new homes, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at the zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward in Royal Oak.

Animal rescue groups and shelters from throughout Michigan will be on hand with pets. They set their own adoption fees and policies. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card if they are deemed qualified to adopt an animal.

Puppy passes will be given to the first 25 visitors who are interested in adopting puppies. They'll be allowed to enter the event at 9:45 a.m.

All potential adopters will get an opportunity to spend time in the "get acquainted" area with an animal before adopting it.

For more information visit www.michiganhumane.org or call the Humane Society at (248) 283-1000

NEIGHBORS

Chic fashion event benefits diabetes research

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER



Roar into fall with fashions from Parisian. See them during the Cause for Celebration fund-raiser on Sept. 20. This asymmetrical zip-front sweater in charcoal is by Calvin Klein. Cotton. Misses' sizes S-XL. \$89.50. Skinny jeans in black by Calvin Klein. Cotton/Elastane. Misses' sizes 2-16. \$49.

A fashion show at Parisian will satisfy the chic in you and while you munch free appetizers, sip drinks, relax with complimentary spa services and shop at a discount, you know your \$10 donation is going to a good cause.

All proceeds from Cause for Celebration, sponsored by Parisian, Ford Motor Company and StyleLine Magazine, will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRCF).

For four years Parisian has hosted the event that keeps growing in popularity, according to Jill Engle, special event coordinator for Parisian Laurel Park.

"It's extraordinary to have an event of this magnitude be a \$10 ticket," Engle says. "With everything going on it would be a \$25 ticket. We've kept it at a \$10 ticket to make sure it's attainable. Some people bring their families."

Cause for Celebration has drawn up to 780 people at Parisian in the past. This year 1,500 tickets have been printed "and we're hoping to sell out," according to Eileen M. Wirsing, account manager for Ford Global Walk Team Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Patrons will enjoy music provided by Silver Sounds DJ, more than 20 door prizes including complimentary meals and gift certificates, platform modeling throughout the store, an exclusive 20 percent off shopping pass all evening and 15 percent off on cosmetics and fragrances. International fashion designer, Victor Alfaro, will meet customers and talk about styles. In fact, one of the door prizes is a \$100 gift certificate for his merchandise.

A pre-sale is available until Saturday, Sept. 19, which means guests may select their merchandise in advance and leave their payment information with any sales associate to ring up on the day of the event.

Erica Lyons Trunk Show will be on display with limited time only fashion jewelry pieces and discounts will apply.



Look for plaid on everything from shirts, dresses, coats, bags and even shoes this season. This buffalo plaid shirt dress in blue/black is by Jessica Simpson. Silk. Misses' sizes 2-14. \$128.

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Door prizes have been donated by Compari's on the Park, Fiamma Grill,

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PAIN IN THE ANKLE AND THE FOOT

In most instances, the key element for a physician in the diagnosis of joint pain is obtaining a history of the patient's illness. Identifying that the patient has both ankle and foot pain illustrates the need for an accurate history.

As this column has discussed in the past, ankle swelling most often occurs because of a problem with the heart, liver, or kidneys. Foot pain most often occurs with injury such as a fracture or from gout.

However, ankle and foot pain together have other causes; the combination of the two problems leads a physician to consider peripheral vascular disease or an underlying nerve problem as the source of the trouble. Another possibility is rheumatoid arthritis.

The physician uses the history to guide the ensuing physical examination and the choice of laboratory tests to request. The saying in medicine is: "You only find what you are looking for." The interview with the patient provides the clues the physician uses to go in the right direction.

The need to obtain a clear history has a financial side. When the history and the examination reveal a possible diagnosis the physician can obtain a lesser number of tests and the most cost effective ones to confirm the diagnosis. naturally, this approach brings down the cost of care.

Ankle and foot pain together have limited causes. Your doctor may dwell on the timing of and appearance of the combination not because of an obsession with detail, but because the need to know yields important practical information.

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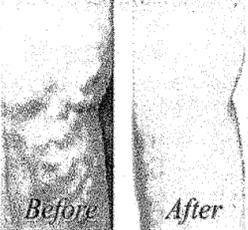
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"I thought it was normal for my legs to ache at the end of the day."

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- Non-healing ulcers



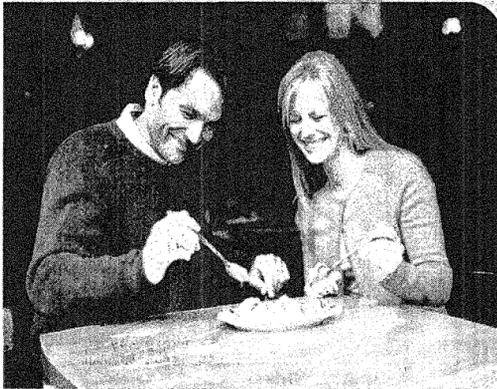
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LINDA KAPLAN THALER
Linda Kaplan Thaler, ad guru and best-selling author, returns to "Remarkable Women Live!" by popular demand. Besides her timeless ad campaigns for Kodak Moments, the Aflac duck, Toys r Us and Clairol Herbal Essences shampoo; Linda has gained notoriety as a best-selling author. Come hear about her latest book, which she co-wrote with Robin Koval, "The Power of Small: Why Little Things Make All the Difference."

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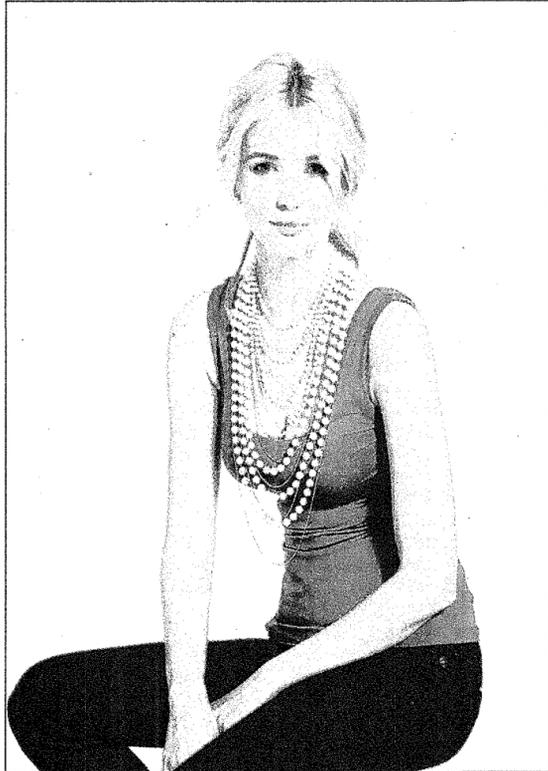


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Celebrate big pieces, lots of layering and touches of color in accessories this season. Accessories, like these imitation pearls by Relativity, (\$48) will be shown during a fashion show at Parisian on Sept. 20.



See fall fashions, like these plaid boots by Donald Pliner, \$350, at Cause for Celebration, a fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

PARISIAN

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Station 885 and St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth; Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Bahama Breeze and California Pizza Kitchen in Livonia; Johnny Carinos; Rocky's of Northville, Zap Zone Extreme, Laurel Park Place, StyleLine Magazine and Parisian.

Cars from Blackwell Ford will be on display inside the store during the event.

Businesses donating complimentary food and beverages the night of Cause for Celebration are Bar Louie, Sweet Lorraines, Coffee Beanery and Max & Erma's in Laurel Park; Buffalo Wild Wings, Mitchell's Fish Market, Bravo Cucina Italiana, Claddagh Irish Pub, Romano's Macaroni Grill and Embassy Suites in Livonia; Dearborn Inn; Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland; Melting Pot of Novi and PF Chang's in Northville.

"It's so important that when people are able to go out for dinner that they support those who support the community," Engle says. "The restaurants are volunteering their time, food and beverages. The economy is where it is, but there are wonderful businesses that are donating to the community."

The Detroit Ignition also donated three prize baskets and more than 50 soccer balls.

Adding an extra touch of pampering, participants also will receive complimentary spa treatments, including mini manicures and chair massages from Indigo Salon & Day Spa, on Cherry Hill in Canton.

"We look forward to seeing our regular customers and meeting new friends as well," Engle says. "It puts a smile on my face every day when I come into work knowing we really do make a difference in our community." JDRF's mission is to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes and its complications.

"JDRF is greatly appreciative of Ford Motor Company's invaluable support," Wirsing says. "We are also immensely grateful to Parisian for their work to make this successful event happen."

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

What: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Fashion Show

When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

Where: Parisian at Laurel Park, located at Six Mile and I-275, in Livonia

Details: Private shopping event with discounts all evening; a \$10 donation goes entirely to JDRF. Tickets available at Parisian customer service and at the door the night of the event. For more information call (734) 953-7500

COPING WITH DIABETES

Diabetes is a group of disorders in which the body has trouble regulating its blood sugar levels. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys certain cells in the pancreas.

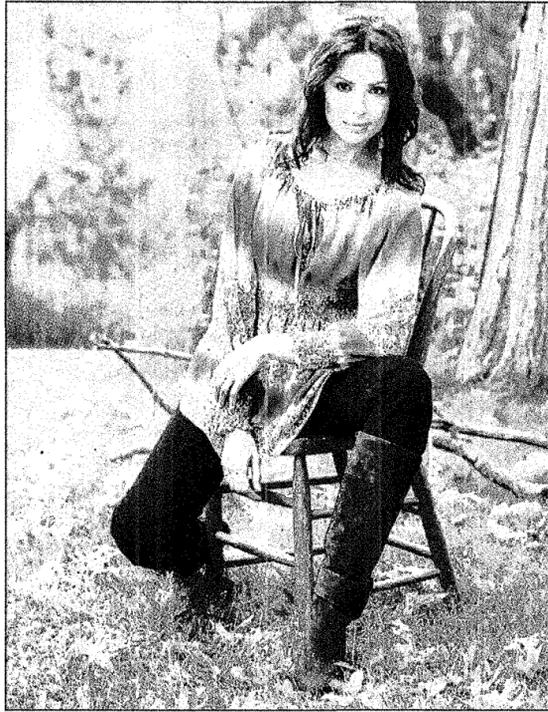
Beta cells normally produce insulin, a hormone that helps the body move the glucose contained in food into cells throughout the body, which use it for energy. But when the beta cells are destroyed, no insulin can be produced, and the glucose stays in the blood instead, where it can cause serious damage to all the body's organ systems.

People with type 1 diabetes must take insulin—undergoing multiple injections daily or having insulin delivered through an insulin pump—and test their blood sugar by pricking their fingers for blood samples six or more times a day.

The warning signs of type 1 diabetes include extreme thirst; frequent urination; drowsiness or lethargy; sugar in urine; sudden vision changes; increased appetite; sudden weight loss; fruity, sweet, or wine-like odor on breath; heavy, labored breathing; stupor; and unconsciousness.

Scientists do not know exactly what causes type 1 diabetes, but they believe that autoimmune, genetic and environmental factors are involved.

Ford Motor Company is JDRF's largest sponsor raising more than \$27 million.



Parisian at Laurel Park Place will show fall fashions at a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation benefit Sept. 20. This tunic in berry multi is by August Silk. Silk georgette. Misses' sizes S-XL. Reg. \$69.



Seek sweaters this fall that are fashioned with a heavier yarn to keep you cozy all winter long. This long, waffle-knit cardigan in vintage vicuna is by Ruff Hewn. Cotton. Misses' sizes S-XL. \$89

Oh These Irish Hills!

5th Annual Festival/Celebration

Saturday, September 19, 2009 • 10am-5pm

Hidden Lake Gardens

Enjoy the Fall Colors • Take a Walk • Grab a Bite to Eat

The Golf Course is Still Open!

Oh These Irish Hills Festival Celebration
Saturday, September 19th

Paddle Party 7-10pm
Saturday, September 19th

CELEBRATION EVENTS:

- Live Entertainment on Stage
- Artists Competition: Juried Art Booth, Artists, Crafters, High School Art Exhibit
- Trade Fair, Small Businesses
- Author's Row: Meet the Authors, Book Signings
- American Legion Train Rides
- Electric Cars
- Games & Activities for All
- Geo-Cache & Archery
- Vintage Baseball Game
- Great Food
- Oh These Irish Hills! Idol Contest
- Wedding
- Evelyn Bay featuring "Oh These Irish Hills Coffee"
- "Step Back Into the Irish Hills" History Display

TICKETS & INFORMATION:

Adult Tickets...\$5.00
Students ages 13-19 & Senior Citizens...\$3.00
Children 12 & under...Free admission
Family Pass for 5...\$10.00

FREE PARKING • NO COOLERS

STAGE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:

- 10:00-10:15 **Opening Ceremony:**
Color Presentation - Marine Corp League Detachment #1182
Lisa Bascom
Kylie & Ryan Doty
- 10:15-10:30 Columbia Fitness Demo
- 10:30-11:30 Big Foot Bob & Fiddler Jeff
- 11:30-12:30 Vintage Baseball Game
- 12:30-1:10 50/50 Raffle
Big Foot Bob & Fiddler Jeff
H.S. Key Clubs' Competition
Oh These Irish Hills! Idol Contest
- 1:15-2:15 Irish Hills Junior Miss Participants
- 2:15-2:30 Cross Seal Demo
- 2:30-3:00 50/50 Raffle
Village Square Acoustics
Idol Contest Winner Announcement
- 3:00-3:30 Wedding
- 3:30-4:00 Cottonwood Cloggers
- 4:00-5:00 Village Square Acoustics
- 5:00 Big Raffle (RL#R03177/ID# 130025)
50/50 Raffle

7:00-10:00 pm

At the Brooklyn Moose on US 12 (behind the Towers)
Purchase 3 numbered paddles \$1.00 for a chance to win a prize! (RL#X73146/ID#130661)
Snacks Provided.
Refreshments may be purchased.

Row, Row Your
Cardboard Boat Contest
Sunday, September 20th

12:00 noon -1:30 pm

At Jerry's Pub on Egan Hwy.
(South Shore of Wampers Lake)
Groups, organizations, families, friends, schools and churches may participate in this contest. Two age groups (10-18 years; 19 & up). Prizes for both age groups for the Race Winner, Best Dressed Crew & Most Creative.
Get rules & application at www.OTIH.org.

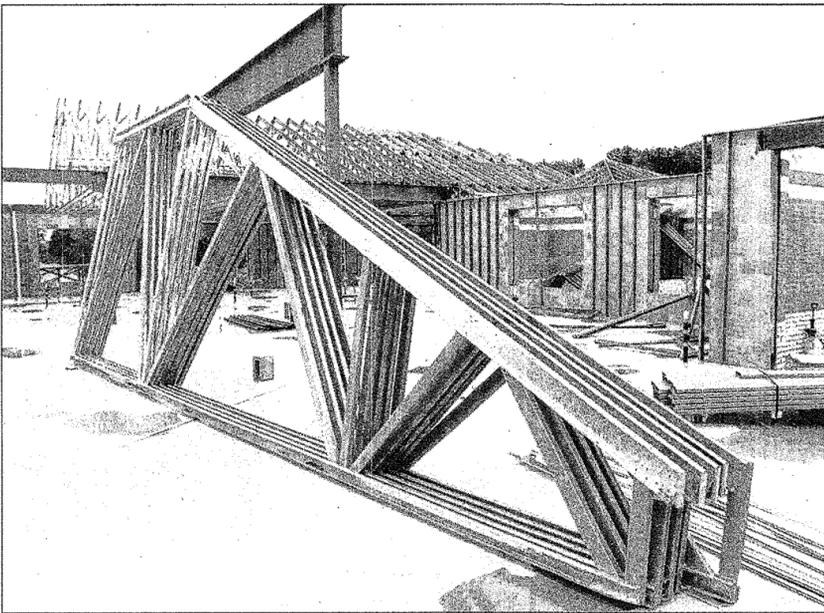
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HEALTH & FITNESS



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Steel trusses were ready to be hoisted into place this past summer as Angela Hospice undergoes a major expansion.

Hospice gives human touch to end-of-life care

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Angela Hospice's Bob Alexander asked Westland Rotarians if a loved one had been in hospice care, many said yes. A father-in-law got hospice care the last three months of his life. A mother was cared for briefly. "I've never heard a bad thing about hospice care," said Rotarian Margaret Harlow of Wayne, speaking for many.

Alexander, business development manager for the Livonia-based hospice, spoke Sept. 10 to a Rotary audience. "Hospice is a real organic thing," he said, noting it's different from most medical care.

Hospice came to southeastern Michigan in the 1970s, with the Felician Sisters' Angela Hospice starting in 1985. Sister Mary Giovanni was working in the sisters' infirmary and then St. Mary Hospital.

She saw the contrast between those who received the sisters' care and other patients at the end of life. "They were cared for medically very capably, well," Alexander said of the others. They lacked touch and human comfort, however. Sister Giovanni heard Dame Cicily Saunders, a

doctor and Englishwoman who created the modern hospice movement, speak. The Livonia hospice began in the basement of Madonna University.

TEAM APPROACH

Alexander, a community development graduate of Central Michigan University, noted its interdisciplinary team approach. There's a nurse, social worker, aide, a spiritual caregiver and often others such as physical therapists.

"How can we help you?" is the focus. "It's an open-ended question intentionally," said Alexander, who also studied at the University of Michigan and is a married dad of two grown children and grandpa to twins.

It's hard for many families to give up on curative care despite a terminal diagnosis, he said. Alexander cited a 2007 study of 4,500 terminally ill people showing that those who chose hospice care actually lived longer than those only with curative care.

"We are not down on curative therapies," he said. "We think they're great."

PRECIOUS TIME

Those at Angela Hospice often hear from families who say they wish they'd

known of hospice sooner. Having hospice care gives time to deal with relationships and resolve conflicts.

"We see so many wonderful blessings of family during the time of hospice care," said Alexander, a Waterford resident. They're invited into what he thinks is the most challenging time of life.

Angela Hospice currently cares for 170 patients, most of them at home. Alexander urged his audience to interview a couple hospices for comparison, and to have doctors acknowledge the hospice option.

Doctors' training often makes them reluctant to "give up," he said, and families can help by introducing the hospice option early in the discussion.

The facility on Newburgh north of Schoolcraft now has 16 beds. It's being expanded to 32 inpatient beds, with work ideally to wrap up next spring. Hospice officials had to get approval all the way from the Vatican for the Catholic facility's expansion.

"We're so excited about it," Alexander said. Square footage for patients and their families will more than double to 46,000 feet.

Angela Hospice can be reached toll free at (866) 464-7810 or online at www.angelahospice.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPT. 14-20

Families in Action

A 10-week educational program for people with a loved one who has been diagnosed with a mental illness, starts Sept. 16 at St. Regis Parish School in Bloomfield Hills and Sept. 17 at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor. Sessions run from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in Bloomfield Hills and Thursdays in Taylor. The goal is to help families better understand mental illness, how it affects the family and what they can do to help. \$20 fee per person or \$30 per couple. For more information or to register call (248) 348-7197 or (734) 427-1435. Space is limited and preregistration is a must.

Sibling tour

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, for children, ages 1-13, who are expecting a new baby brother or sister. Kids will learn the safe way to hold the new baby, and talk about how it feels to be a big brother or big sister. Parents are invited to come and learn how they can help kids be the best older sibling they can be. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on classes & events. The hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

SEPT. 21-26

Baby Basics

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class designed for first time parents. They'll learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Dr. Sunil Menawat will discuss infant illness and child immunization. There is a fee. To register, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1162.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years

of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support group

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

Wayne metro caregiver support

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

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on

the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

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

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday). Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

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