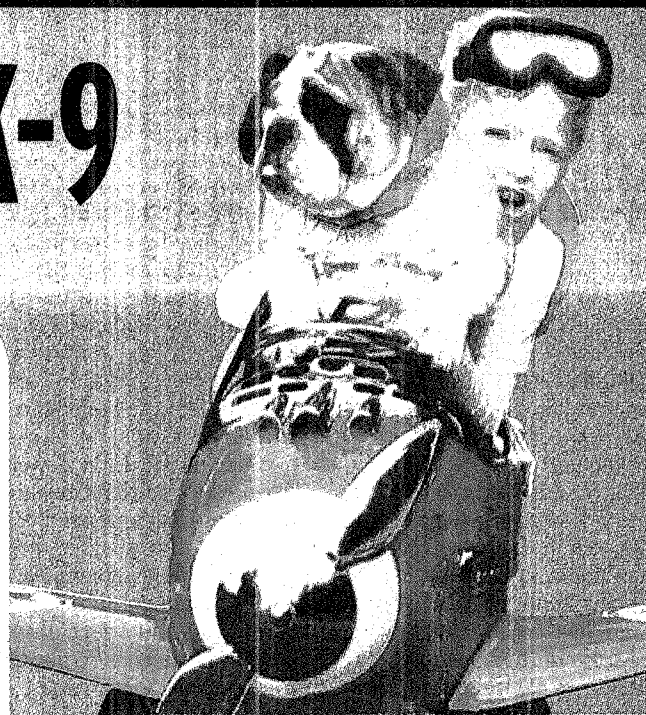


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IN BRIEF

Promotions

Three veteran Westland police officers have new duties following promotions made by Mayor William Wild.

Greg Angelosanto has been promoted to deputy chief. He has more than 20 years on the job and most recently was the lieutenant in charge of the Detective Bureau and has held numerous high-level positions as a lieutenant.

Jeffrey Jedrusik has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and has assumed command of the night shift. He has 15 years of service. He was assigned to the special investigations unit prior to the promotion.

Richard Kummert has been promoted to the rank of sergeant after spending 13 years as an officer. He is a longtime member of the Tactical Response unit and has worked in both special investigations and patrol.

"The Westland Police Department upholds the highest standards in safety and community relations and the experience the promoted officers have exemplifies these principles," said Wild in announcing the promotions.

Corn Roast

If you like corn on the cob, stop by Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The church, located at 36660 Cherry Hill Road between Wayne Road and Newburgh, is hosting a free corn roast.

Everyone is welcome, and the corn roast will take place rain or shine.

In addition to corn, there will be hot dogs donated by Mr. Mike's Grill of Westland, picnic sides, s'mores, games and prizes. Six backpacks filled with school supplies will be raffled off.

Free packs

Westland Mayor William Wild will be distributing free backpacks to low-income families with children in kindergarten through 12th grades 1-4 p.m. Monday at the Wayne Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy.

The goal is to distribute 200 backpacks filled with supplies including notebooks, pencils, paper, folders, rulers and more to families in need of assistance.

All recipients must pre-register by call (734) 722-3660. This event is on a first come first served basis.

Prohibition tour

The Canadian Prohibition and Casino Tour will leave the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. The bus tour will visit sites in Canada and include dinner at a casino. The cost for the guided tour, which also include lunch, is \$60 per person. The trip is scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 765-5281 or (313) 922-1990.

Council turns down request for bucket drive

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has received a thumbs down to his request to hold a bucket drive charity fund-raiser at Ford and Wayne Road due in part to safety concerns.

Stephen Shiner asked for permission to collect money from motorists as part of his efforts to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Shiner is working to raise \$6,800 for the charity to participate in a half marathon in Orlando, Fla.

"I have concerns that this will open the doors for any group in the

city or individuals to do this," said Councilman Dewey Reeves, a concern shared by other council members.

Holding a variety of other fund-raisers in addition to the proposed bucket drive, Shiner said he would have four people at the intersection wearing T-shirts identifying the charity and safety vests.

"You've allowed other groups to do this, it's bias not to allow it," said Shiner, who added he was flexible on which intersection would be used for the collection.

Along with concerns that the bucket drive request was coming from an individual, council members noted

that only four other groups, all local to Westland, have been allowed to conduct charity bucket drives in recent year — police, firefighters, the Salvation Army and the Westland Lions.

"We've tried to limit this in the past. We've turned other groups down. We've tried to phase out the Goodfellows (from street solicitations)," said Councilman Michael Kehrer. "We've only allowed those four groups and have refused other groups due to safety concerns. I'm sympathetic to your cause but we have indeed steered people away from this."

Councilman Bill Johnson, who

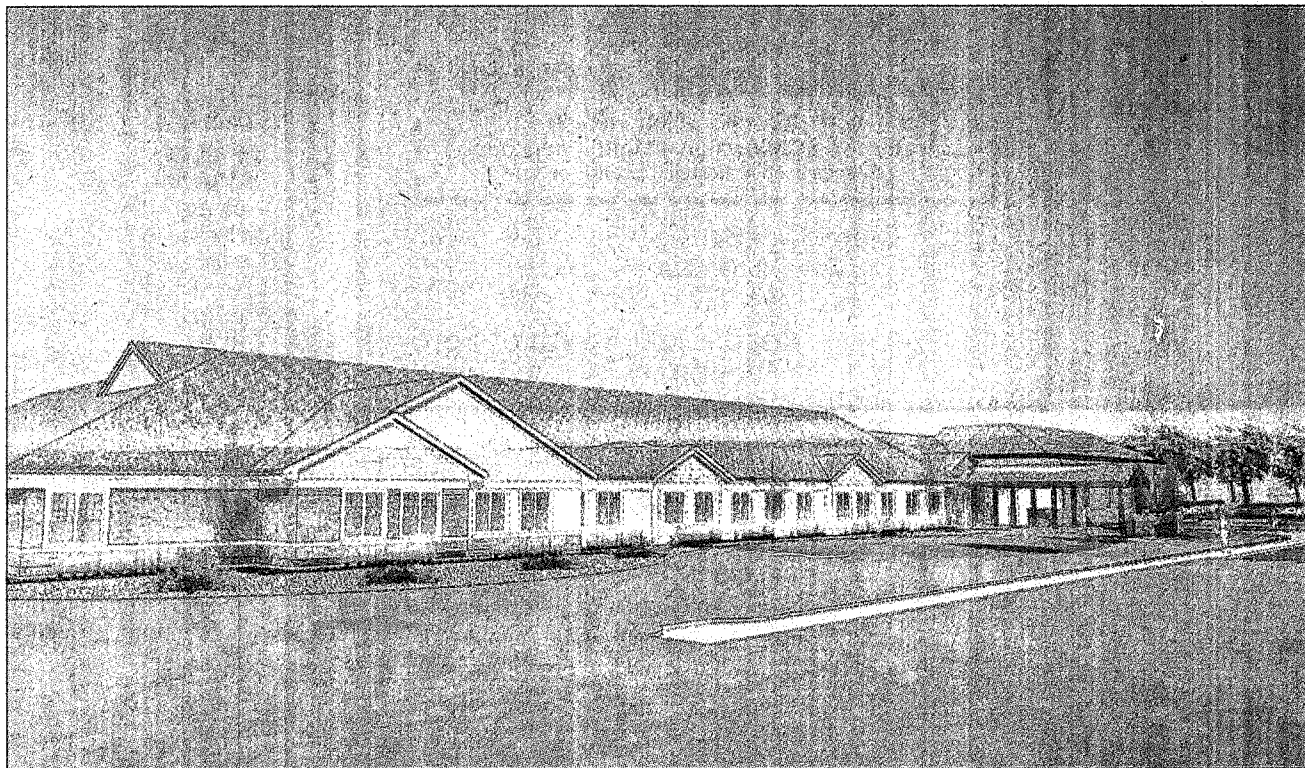
joined Councilwoman Christine Bryant in casting the only votes in favor of allowing the bucket drive, said council members had been concerned that the request came from an individual.

"The other groups have their base here, I think it sets a dangerous precedent," said Council President James Godbout. "We have a (American Cancer Society) Relay for Life each year. What if those teams wanted to be on the corner? We'd have someone on the corner each week and that's just the American Cancer Society."

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Big step: First Step to build new housing facility

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



First Step's new emergency housing will be to the rear of it Family Center on Venoy at Annapolis in Wayne and have 12 apartment-like suites to house victims of violence and their families.

The ceremonial first shovelfuls of dirt may have been turned over for the new emergency residential housing First Step will add to its Family Center in Wayne, but help is still needed.

Formerly known as First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Plymouth-based nonprofit is still looking for in-kind and financial donations to complete the \$5.5 million project which will be built behind its Family Center on 4400 Venoy at Annapolis in Wayne.

"People who need help won't come to an old, dark building, they'll be able to stay in a building that matches the spirit of the program," said Theresa Bizoe, associate director of First Step. "It's just incredible all of the little things that have come together for this."

The organization has raised \$4.5 million, due in large part to a pledge from Wayne County for \$1.4 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

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Radio Disney rocks mall with back-to-school event

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Shopping Center will be rockin' Saturday when Radio Disney AM 910 stops by the mall to celebrate back to school.

Radio Disney will be at the mall noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, to celebrate Back 2 School, powered by Co-op Services Credit Union and Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"It's a chance to celebrate back to school and promote the community and school district," said Patrick Derrig, mall marketing director. "The

idea is to make it one-stop shopping, learn about the schools and celebrate our community."

"It's a fun kick-off to back to school and to reach out to the community," added Wayne-Westland Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman. "It's one more avenue to go to parents and bring our resources to them."

There will be a back to school fashion show, a chance to win \$5,000 in a dance contest and tickets to see the Jonas Brothers LIVE in Concert Sept. 1 at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Auburn Hill as part of the event.

According to Derrig, selected mall

merchants will be showcasing clothes in the fashion show that the audience will be able to win, with no purchase necessary, by filing out entry forms available in the stores. Featured will be Forever 21, J.C. Penney, Macy's, American Eagle, Kohl's and Sears.

"We're very excited to have a line of clothing and accessories that can be modeled in the show and then won afterward," Derrig said.

Chloe Bridges from *Disney Channel's Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam*, will be making a special appearance at 2:30 p.m. to meet and answer questions from the audience. Bridges

is the newest cast member of *Camp Rock* and is Nick Jonas's love interest in the film.

"The Camp Rock 2 CD is out, but the DVD hasn't been released yet," said Derrig. "This is a huge, huge event for Disney and we're glad to be in the forefront."

Also "huge" is the chance to win four VIP back stage tickets to see the Jonas Brothers with Demi Lovato and Friends from Camp Rock at DTE, only during the Radio Disney event at the mall.

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Feud leads to charges in beating of Westland teen

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ongoing bad blood between two groups of friends and a broken window ended with a Westland teenager hospitalized in intensive care early Aug. 15.

A Westland woman and her son have been charged with assaulting and severely injuring a teenager they suspected of breaking a window at their home early Aug. 15.

Angela Chapman, 36, and her son Steven Chapman, 18, have both been charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli set bond for

Angela Chapman at \$500,000/10 percent and \$750,000 cash for Steven Chapman. Not guilty pleas were entered for each of the Chapmans.

Charges are pending against an Inkster man, 20, who is related to the Chapmans, and his friend, a 19-year-old Westland resident, who are accused of participating in the attack on the teenager.

"The victim was hit, stomped, kicked and kneed until he was unconscious, then the assault continued after that," said Westland police Sgt. David Zucchetto. "The responding officers thought that he had been hit by a car. He spent two days in the intensive care unit."

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He's out of the hospital but he has a long road ahead of him to recovery."

The victim suffered severe head and facial injuries, Zucchetto said, with a possible broken vertebrae.

The incident began just before 1:30 a.m. when a group, gathered in the rear yard of the Chapman home on North Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, heard glass breaking at the front of the house.

A group of five or six people were seen running from the house. Zucchetto said the group incorrectly thought a girl they knew had been assaulted there. The Chapmans and the other two men were reported to have chased the group, catching up with the victim who was pulled to the ground, then attacked.

When officers arrived, the victim was found lying on the ground and unresponsive. The officer noted both his eyes were severely swollen and his shoe was in the curb lane of

Inkster Road.

When officers went to talk with Angela Chapman, they said she used obscenities as she admitted beating the teen because she was tired of her windows being broken. She was arrested at that time while Steven Chapman turned himself in at the police station later in the day.

When he was interviewed, Zucchetto said that Steven Chapman also admitted assaulting the teenager, who he didn't know personally. Steven Chapman told police that he has had a several-month simmering dispute with friends of the victim and that the teen was assaulted because he was the slowest of the group in running away.

Steven Chapman, the two men expected to be charged and other guests present at the North Inkster Road home all admitted to underage drinking, according to Zucchetto.

A preliminary examination has been scheduled for Angela and Steven Chapman on Thursday in 18th District Court.

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RADIO DISNEY

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Co-op Credit Union Services also is letting mall goers learn the cool moves *It's On from Camp Rock 2*. Dancers will have their performances videotaped in front of a green screen and then they will be uploaded to the Internet where people will vote for the best dancer. The winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

The is the second time Wayne-Westland has partnered with Radio Disney and Westland Shopping Center, and according to Sherman, the "second time is bigger and better."

The school district will have representatives from its transportation department, preschool program and William D. Ford Career Technical Center on hand to talk to answer parents' questions and provide information on resources available to the community like adult education. Career Tech's culinary arts instructor chef Tony

Paquette also will be providing samples of desserts made at the center. Members of the John Glenn High School band and Wayne Memorial High School cheer squad and JROTC also will be at the event.

"It's a way to go to the community and give them information on our programs," said Sherman. "It's a way to build excitement, look forward to going back to school and to say we can't wait to have you back."

The event will be in the East Court, starting at noon, and Derrig said the mall is ready to welcome a crowd.

"We want as many people to come as possible to come and help the mall celebrate public education, meet the school administration, register for school and become a part of a great community," he said.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. For more information, call the mall at (734) 421-0291 or visit the website at www.westlandcenter.com.

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Community Garden provides first harvest

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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It's still the growing season but the first harvest at Westland's Community Garden brought 230 pounds of fresh produce.

"The garden is doing very well, it's not even harvest time. We got tomatoes — lots of tomatoes like everyone — green and red peppers, squash and jalapeno peppers," said Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson, city coordinator for the garden, a partnership between the city and DTE Energy.

The produce generated by the garden is donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank. Located behind a DTE Energy facility at 38155 Cherry Hill, Westland's Community Garden covers about one acre. It's one of 10 community gardens sponsored by DTE throughout the metro area.

"We did plant some corn which is taller than me. The broccoli and some of the leafier stuff is not doing as well. I think

that is due to not watering," said Thompson, adding that after this first year the crops can be adjusted based on what is best suited for the site's soil.

The garden, planted and tended to by volunteers, is getting watered now thanks to the efforts of Westland Department of Public Services Superintendent William "Benny" McCusker. Using a hose confiscated from someone who had illegally hooked into the city water system and a golf course sprinkler, the garden is no longer depending on Mother Nature for watering.

Volunteers are needed to help work in the garden 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday, weeding and eventually harvesting. Gleaners serves children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in need of emergency food.

"We get eight-15 people out on a Wednesday, it depends on the day and time. My wife and I go out there," said Thompson.

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FIRST STEP

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Development HOME funds and a donation from Karen Colina Wilson which helped in the acquisition of the Family Center, a former Ford-UAW building.

At the ground breaking, Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director for more than 30 years, told guests that it was "a celebration of those who had that passion and vision."

"Their enthusiasm and commitment will be transformed into walls and windows and brick — a solid structure that will be an important part of the safety net in Wayne County," she said. "Our plan all along was to build a facility where each one of us and our loved ones would feel safe, comfortable, empowered and supported should we ever need a place to be safe from violence in our homes."

"In these challenging economic times, statistics show that domestic violence increases," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who participated in the ground breaking. "This facility will empower victims of domestic violence and provide them with security and safety."

The new residential facility will be attached to the west side of the Family Center and be capable of housing up to 50 people. The 12 apartment-like suites will have a private bath, small kitchen and living areas,

CHILL AT THE JOE

First Step has many ways to help further its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse. One way is attending its second annual Chill at the Joe Sunday, Oct. 10, at Joe Louis Arena. The event features a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all-you-can-eat "game day fare" as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wings locker room. Guests can bring their own skates or rent a pair of skates to take a few laps on the ice at Joe Louis Arena and participate in hockey feats of skill. Individual tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids, and are available through First Step. Individual tickets also will be

and there will be common areas. The building be able to use the commercial kitchen in the Family Center which also provides programs, counseling resources and support for survivors.

"It's designed to give our survivors more privacy, more dignity and more personal space," Bizoe said. "It's a whole new model for helping survivors of domestic violence."

There also will be an outdoor play area as well as a heated garage where people can come to get clothing and furnishings donated to First Step, Bizoe

available at the door. Sponsorship opportunities also are available and range from the \$10,000 title sponsorship to as little as \$250 for a support sponsor. The sponsorship deadline is Oct. 1. Net proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales will be donated to First Step, www.firststep-mi.org, which provides a safe place to stay, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacy, assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families. More information and ticket order forms can be found on the First Step website at www.firststep-mi.org.

added.

The new facility is a far cry from previous First Step emergency housing. Initially, the agency used a former group home at Five Mile and Sheldon and then bought a former nursing home on Ridge west of



Among dignitaries manning the shovels for First Step's ground breaking ceremony were First Step's executive director Judy Ellis (right) and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (second from right). Also helping were Loren and David Treadwell who chaired the Capital Campaign, Karen Colina Wilson, and Jennifer Hartke.

Beck. The latter facility, which First Step used for more than 20 years, is closed due to its condition and the families are in temporary housing until the new facility is ready some time in the spring or summer of 2011. The old building is slated to be torn down and the 10 acres it sits on sold, according to Bizoe.

In 2008-09, First Step

served 16,480 individuals. It provide 8,730 nights of sheltering and handled 18,757 crisis calls on its 24-hour helpline. It also provided 6,508 hours of counseling for adults and 1,569 hours for children.

"This building is long overdue," said Ellis, who has led the organization since its early days in a white house at Nankin Mills in Westland. "We

are so grateful to all of the generous individuals, groups and government entities who gave time, and financial support to make this campaign a success."

Unlike the two former buildings, the locations of which were kept secret, the new facility will not be in hiding, due in part to the availability of information through the Internet and GPS technology. However, the agency will be "universally vigilant" to protect survivors and their families with secure parking and good security, Bizoe said.

For now, First Step's staff and volunteers are looking for people to help in raising the remaining \$1 million to finish and furnish the new facility. Donations can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or mailed to First Step's Plymouth office at 44567 Pinetree Drive, off Sheldon near Ann Arbor Road, 48170. For more information, call (734) 416-1111.

For more information about First Step, visit www.firststep-mi.org. The agency is also on www.myspace.com/firststep4 and Facebook.

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Volunteers needed

The Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, needs volunteers for their summer block party, which will be held 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The event includes inflatable bouncers, carnival games and food. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Democrats meet

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

Open House

McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold two open houses - 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 - at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. It offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years, and kindergarten read-

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For more information, call (734) 729-7222, go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org, or send an e-mail to Mckinleypreschool@yahoo.com.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market is open for business 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. The market is held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 N. Warren Road at Wayne Road. The market features seasonal produce, flowers and other items.

Garden helpers needed

Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting the food that is being grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan for distribution to children, seniors, disabled people, working

families and other individuals in need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes.

The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill but volunteers are asked to use the Avondale entrance.

For more information, contact Shannon Ackron, Administrative Secretary, at (734) 467-3200.

Garage sale

Start getting those closets cleaned out and sell those gently used items at the Westland Community Garage Sale Saturday, Sept. 18. For many years, the Westland Community Garage Sale has provided an opportunity to sell unique, gently used items for home and hobbies.

At the 99 vendor locations customers often find one-of-a-kind items they have been searching for at flea markets and on line websites at bargain prices. The event runs rain or shine. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m.

Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

Police seek culprits in five business break-ins

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police are investigating simultaneous break-ins at five adjoining businesses early Thursday morning.

The front glass doors or windows were broken at the business shortly before 2:30 a.m. The businesses, which include Nikki's Cleaners, Discount Jewelry, Curves, Cottage Inn Pizza and Coco Beach Tanning, are located in the same strip center in the 8300 block of North Wayne Road north of Central City Parkway.

A security guard at the nearby Art Van Furniture store told police he heard voices and saw about five males standing in front of Westland Smoke Shop, 8335 N. Wayne Road. That business has an overhead light.

The security guard said he returned to his vehicle to get his cell phone so he could call

police. As he went back to his vehicle, the security guard told police he heard glass breaking. After calling police, he said he returned to where he could see the smoke shop but the men were gone.

A Michigan State Police tracking dog came to the scene and followed a track to the southeast corner of the Woodcrest apartment complex before the scent was lost.

Reported stolen were:

- A estimated \$80 in cash and a flat screen television, valued at \$100, from Coco Beach Tanning with \$100 estimated damage to the glass front door.

- \$200 in cash from Nikki's Cleaners, which reported \$500 damage to the glass front door;

- A sterling silver chain and cross, assorted sterling silver chains and bracelets, birthstones and assorted other glass rings, valued at \$300, from

Discount Jewelry;

- \$300 in cash from Cottage Inn Pizza which reported \$500 damage to the glass front door;

Nothing was reported missing from Curves, where the front desk area appeared to have been searched and an interior office door had been kicked in.

Police also believe an earlier break-in at Toarmina's Pizza, 8006 N. Wayne Road, may be related to the five other break-ins. Between 10:30 p.m. Aug. 18 and 6:30 a.m. Aug. 18, someone was reported to have thrown a large cinder block through the front window of the business. Reported stolen was \$100 from the cash register.

Anyone with information about the break-ins is asked to call Sgt. David Zucchetto at (734) 467-3248.

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Income tax applies to severance; IRA conversion depends on individual

Q: Dear Rick: I am single, in my mid-50s and have been unemployed since the beginning of the year. My main source of income is severance pay which continues until the end of the year. Is my severance pay taxable? Would it make sense to convert my existing IRA into a Roth IRA? I'm thinking of taking classes at a community college to qualify for a job. Can I deduct the cost of classes on my tax return?

A: I would love to give you good news with regards to your severance pay, however, I cannot. Your severance pay is subject to ordinary income



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

taxes. Whether you receive a lump sum severance check or it is paid over time, it is still taxable. In fact, many people are surprised to learn that depending upon one's individual situation, unemployment benefits are taxed.

Because your severance pay is subject to income tax, make sure your former employer is withholding money for income tax purposes or that you are

making estimated payments. It is always important to remember that taxes are due on a quarterly basis, not on a yearly basis. Returns are due yearly, taxes must be paid quarterly.

Should you convert to a Roth IRA? The following are the rules that I've developed and can help in making the decision.

The first is you must have the money to pay the tax (you must pay taxes on the money that you are converting) without touching the money. This year, the rules are somewhat different because you have options. You can spread your conversion tax liability over 2011 and 2012

or pay the entire tax liability in 2010.

There is no one best option. The key is determining what best fits your individual tax situation.

Secondly, make sure that converting the money won't throw you into a higher tax bracket. And finally be sure you are able to leave the money in the Roth IRA for a minimum of five years. If you meet those qualifications then a Roth conversion makes sense. However, keep in mind that with the job market still difficult at best and with little improvement expected in the near future, you must consider

whether you want to use your resources to go through the conversion. I think it is important that you consider your cash flow needs over the next few years before you do the conversion.

As to the education expenses, the criteria for determining whether the tuition payments are deductible is whether furthering your education enhances your skills or qualifies you for a new career.

For example, if you are an accountant and take classes that are related (a tax class) you would have a deduction. On the other hand, if you are an accountant and you take

classes to become an actuary the expense is not deductible.

Look at your individual situation to make the determination as to whether your tuition is deductible or not. The key is whether it is continuing education, which is deductible, or education that qualifies you for a totally new position or job, which is not deductible.

Good luck!

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

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Woman tells police man urinated on her car

Urinating in public

A woman leaving the Sports Venue Bar at closing time at about 2 a.m. Aug. 19 called police when she allegedly saw a patron

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she knew from her work as a bartender at the Crystal Bar in Westland urinating on her 2004 Saturn Vue.

When she yelled at him, he allegedly pushed her to the ground. He also allegedly opened the driver's side door and urinated on the front seat. He reportedly left as a passenger in a car that drove northbound on Middlebelt.

When police arrived about 3 a.m., they reportedly found urine on the auto, the driver's seat and driver's side tire.

The 28-year-old Garden City woman reportedly wants to prosecute the man.

Home invasion

When a Garden City woman returned from a trip up north, she found several items stolen from her house in the 370 block of Lytle Place sometime between Aug. 13-18.

She acknowledged she probably left her house unlocked. Police did not find evidence of forced entry. Jewelry, cash, a laptop, PlayStation 3, a Wii game system and a TV were taken,

Theft

Expensive lawn equipment was stolen from the back of International Extrusions sometime between 9-10 a.m. Aug. 15.

A worker said he left the equipment for just a short time. A truck and trailer were parked behind the business located at 5800 N. Venoy. Mowers, an edger and a weed whacker were stolen.

Stolen car

Someone stole a 1998 Oldsmobile Regency from a home in the 31400 block of Bock sometime between Aug. 16-17. The vehicle was parked under a carport at the apartment complex.

Property damage

A woman who lives in the 29500 block of Bock said that her 2001 Ford Explorer sustained different types of

damage ever since she moved back into the family home.

She reported that sometime between Aug. 17-18 someone "keyed" the passenger side door and hood. Previous to that, her car was covered in grease, wrapped in plastic and had all four tires punched.

Obscene phone calls

Garden City Police ordered a 19-year-old Westland man to stop calling a 17-year-old Garden City woman.

When the woman told him she no longer wanted to date him, he allegedly made frequent, harassing and obscene phone calls and text messages which were derogatory and sometimes threatening in nature.

After an officer warned the man to stop, he found out that another Garden City officer had previously spoken to the man about the matter, police said.

The man, who was cited, said that he "was being stupid," according to the report.

By Sue Buck

Work tools stolen from truck

Larceny from a vehicle

On Aug. 11, a resident in the 32000 block of Ontonagon Court told police that someone entered his locked vehicle

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and stole his work tools. The missing tools included a locking extension set, an 85-piece general service set, ratchets and wrenches. No damage was reported to the pickup truck.

Burglary

A resident of an apartment in the 6500 block of Yale told police Aug. 15 that someone kicked her apartment door, damaging the door and frame. Reported missing were a fishing pole, tackle box and vehicle title.

Larceny

A resident in the 800 block of Denice told police Aug. 11 that a mini bike and World War II rifle were missing from her garage. She reportedly said sometime in early

June, a 20-year-old neighbor was helping her move furniture and admired the rifle. The man asked if he could have a mini bike that was in the garage and the woman said she agreed to let him have it.

The man left the mini bike in the driveway for two weeks, she said, because he was supposed to be coming back to pick it up with a friend's truck. After he failed to return, the woman said she put the mini bike back in her garage. On July 17, the woman said she noticed the mini bike was missing. She said she then checked and found the rifle was also missing.

The woman reportedly told the officer she suspected the neighbor due to his interest and the fact that he knew she kept a door unlocked.

There was no indication why there was a gap between when the items were missed and the report was filed.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Participants sought for Angela Hospice walk

Individuals, families, and friends can walk in honor of the loved ones they've lost when Angela Hospice holds its third Walk of Remembrance Saturday, Sept. 25.

The walk will begin at Madonna University in Livonia. Registration will open at 8 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 9 a.m.

"The Walk of Remembrance is a wonderful event for anyone who has lost a loved one," said Syndie Best, volunteer coordinator for Angela Hospice. "It's a chance to set aside a couple of hours in our very busy lives and choose to remember the ones we love who have passed on. The beautiful surroundings of the walk route are enhanced by musicians and volunteers placed along the way. At the end of the walk, having an opportunity to decorate a rock with the name of a loved one is a very moving experience."

Last year more than 500 people participated in the Walk of Remembrance, and an even greater response is expected this year. The walk is a 2.3-mile route through the grounds of the Felician Sisters, including Madonna University, the Central Convent, Ladywood High School and Angela Hospice.

Northville resident and hospice nurse Kathleen Pidruzny attended the event in 2009, as well as in 2008. Each year Pidruzny brought eight of her friends and family with her.

"It's a beautiful walk," said Pidruzny. "They loved it. They thought it was so peaceful."

So Pidruzny responded favorably to the opportunity to form



Westland resident Syndie Best performs an inspirational song at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance opening ceremony, attended by more than 500 people.

a Walk of Remembrance Team this year.

Event coordinator Barb Iovan explained that this is the first year participants have been encouraged to form teams.

"Participants have been so positive about the event," said Iovan.

"This year we are inviting people to form teams as a way to both

memorialize their loved ones and at the same time raise funds for Angela Hospice programs, while bringing friends and family together."

Individuals can register in advance for the Walk of Remembrance by calling Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or downloading a registration form at www.angelahospice.org. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft and refreshments. Fees for adults are \$20 in advance (or \$25 day of), children ages 6-12 are \$5; children age 5 and under are free and do not need to register.

All proceeds from the Walk of Remembrance will benefit

Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families, including free grief support counseling which is available to anyone in the community.

"We really hope to see the community come out to support this event," said Iovan. "It's a wonderful day and supports an important cause."

Seminar looks at effects of incarceration on loved ones

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a support group for those with incarcerated loved ones, will hold a free seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13.

Envoy Stephen Johnson, the correctional ministries director for The Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, and social services caseworker for the Salvation Army, will discuss who really is effected when someone goes to prison.

Johnson has an associate's degree in theology from the Assemblies of God Bible College in England. He is a member of American Correctional Association, American Protestant Chaplains Association and Chaplains Advisory Council for the State of Michigan.

He is camp director for Discovery Camp, a camp for children 8-12 who have at least one parent who is incarcerated.

He is involved in correctional ministries for the Salvation Army and has spent 10 years working with 10 State prisons, two federal institutions and two transitional houses in Cheboygan. He developed and now teaching "Life Skills" program designed to prepared inmates who are within six to 12 months of release, to transition back into society.

The seminar is open to the public and free of charge, although a donation will be accepted. It will be held at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or send an e-mail to bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts is a non-profit organization created to help those who have lost a loved one to the prison system. The group started in October 2008 and has been successful in its growth in the Westland as well as surrounding communities.

It meets the 6:30-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays of the month at Kirk of Our Savior. For more information about the group, visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.com.

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Mall hosts hazardous waste collection

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents have an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household waste and maybe get in a little shopping.

Westland Shopping Center is joining with Wayne County in hosting their second annual Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The collection, which is done from vehicles, will be on the west side of the mall at Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in the parking lot behind J.C. Penney.

"Based on the line up last year, I would get there early, they kept it open later last year," said Westland Council President James Godbout. "We appreciate everyone's patience. They did a great job of routing people so that they didn't interfere with the mall traffic."

Household hazardous waste that will be accepted includes household paint, antifreeze, stains, dyes, floor wax, non-controlled substance pharmaceutical waste, automotive and dry cell batteries, fire extinguishers and nail polish. The collec-

tion will also accept computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, appliances, refrigerators, tires, microwaves, concrete, explosives and ammunition.

People participating in the drop-off will receive a voucher from Westland Shopping Center that can be redeemed at the Customer Service booth in the East Court for a free eco-friendly shopping bag, while supplies last, filled with goodies, discount cards and coupons from mall merchants.

There's also a chance to win a \$250 Westland Center gift card.

For information about disposing non-accepted materials, call the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936. For more information about the household hazardous waste collection, call the Wayne County Department of Public Services at the same number.

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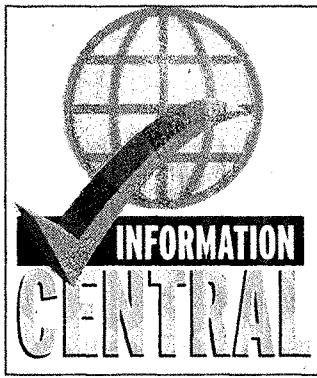
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• "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Schaffer (multiple readers).

• "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch (read by Erik Singer).

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Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 23, 5-8 p.m.

Homeowners can schedule a private, 30 minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure.

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Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Aug. 25

Join us for a discussion of Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith's "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies." In what's described as an "expanded edition" of "Pride and Prejudice," 85 percent of the original text has been preserved but fused with "ultraviolet zombie mayhem." Added to the familiar plot turns that bring Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy together is the fact that both are highly skilled killers, gleefully slaying zombies on the way to their happy ending. Copies will be available a month before at the Reference Desk.

Friday Night After-Hours Movies will resume Sept. 10. Plan to join us another season of Academy Award hopefuls.

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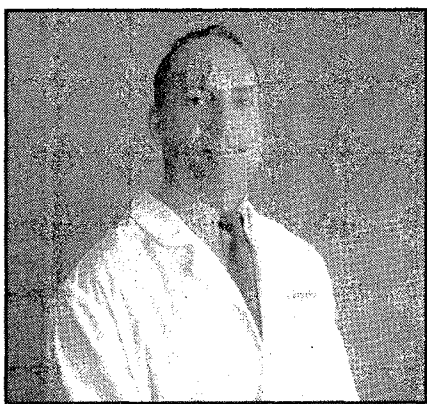
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fly Fishing Club

Time/Date: 7:30 9:30 p.m. Sept. 8

Location: Clarenceville Middle School, 20210 Middlebelt Road Livonia

Details: The Michigan Fly Fishing Club is a non-profit organization which has been helping men and woman to develop Fly Fishing Skills since 1970. Come join us for the first meeting in September.

Contact: Bruce Kramer, president, at (248) 672-9056 and visit the web-site at www.MFFC.org.

School physicals

Time/Date: Wednesday mornings, Aug. 25 and Sept. 1

Location: Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2001 S. Merriman Road, Suite 100, Westland

Details: Officials at Oakwood Healthcare Inc. want to help get children ready for school, help their parents save a little time and help out with shopping, too. The Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland on Merriman Road is offering back-to-school physicals during the next four weeks to ensure children are ready for the new school year. Physicals will be offered Wednesday mornings. Appointments are required; parents can expect to be in and out within approximately one hour. Children will receive a free school supply gift bag after their physicals. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Contact: For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-1000.

Comic Relief Night

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 16
Location: Mark Ridley's Comedy

Castle, located at 269 E 4th St., Royal Oak

Details: Attend an evening of fun and laughter recognizing "Fibromyalgia Friendly Health Care Professionals." The evening will include the recognition of selected professionals, dinner, one complimentary drink, a silent auction and a night of Comic Relief. To register go to <http://tiny.cc/9az5g>.

Contact: For more information visit hfcc.org/events.php or call (248)344-0896.

Family Fest 2010

Time/Date: noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11

Location: CrossPointe Community Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne

Details: Mark your calendar for the 2010 Family Fest and Car Show. There will be a free classic car show, prizes, plaques, goody bags, classics, muscle, antique tuners, motorcycles. No entry fee, cars arrive after 10 a.m. The Family Fest will feature free food, rides, games, music, hot food, cold food, snacks, ice cream, nachos, cotton candy, popcorn, drinks, chicken sandwiches, corn on the cob, rock climbing, kids bouncies, horse rides, crafts, kids trains, remote control cars, games and crafts.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 721-7410.

Baby Shower

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 30

Location: Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 Outer Dr., Lincoln Park

Details: The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 13th annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants younger than 3 months of age. Mothers and fathers will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will also share information regarding family health and safety, parenting

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Craft show sign-ups

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is accepting signups for its fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

Contact: Mary at (734) 425-4421, voicemail 10.

Crafters Wanted

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 20

Location: Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters are wanted for the church's 22nd annual arts and crafts show.

Contact: For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theat-

rics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Writing Group

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or

send an e-mail to shepy@yahoo.com

Toastmasters

Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS 869

Time/Date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

Legion Post 251

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Location: 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

Details: All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.

Contact: www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

TOPS M128

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

Garden City Dems

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Contact: Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

In Harmony

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting

Contact: call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

Veteran's Haven

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Contact: (734) 728-0527

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: (734) 482-2902, <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>

Garden City Kiwanis

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

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After Hours Theatre looks at Peanuts gang 10 years later

If you like Charlie Brown, the characters will be familiar in Barefoot Productions' inaugural After Hours Theatre production of *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead* at 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28.

Co-directed by Nathan Corliss and Barefoot's artistic director, Craig A. Hane, this "unauthorized parody" by Bert V. Royal imagines the beloved Peanuts gang 10 years later as dysfunctional high school seniors, dealing with such topics as drugs, acceptance, sex, alcohol, pyromania and violence. The philosopher has become a drug addict, the sporty girl sexually popular, the filthy child a germaphobe (but no less filthy), the musician an outcast, and man's best friend has passed away.

Barefoot's After Hours Theatre will feature a selection of shorter plays that lend themselves to slightly more risqué subject matter than the main stage productions. Shows vary and are peppered throughout the season, but may include such plays as *Midnight Catechism*, *Miss Margarita's Way* and *My*



Members of the cast rehearse a scene from Barefoot Productions' "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead" that will be presented Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28.

First Time among others.

"The concept behind our 'After Hours' theatre is that there are some fantastic plays out there, but they may not be entirely suitable for all audiences," said Hane. "Being true to our mission - bringing unique, quality productions to the stage - it was important that we crafted

a 'venue' that would allow flexibility to perform some 'out-of-the-box' shows. *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead* is a great opener because while it contains adult humor and language, it's a well-constructed play that's a lot of fun."

Dog Sees God: Confessions

of a *Teenage Blockhead* opens with a once-familiar Charlie Brown mourning the death of his adored dog. Spurred by the tragedy, CB questions if life after death exists and tries to seek answers as well as consolation from his childhood friends. However, each friend is battling their own demons and struggling to find their way in what has become a very real and cruel world. Patrons are cautioned that the production contains offensive language and adult themes which may not be appropriate for those under age 18. Viewer discretion is advised.

"I remember sitting on my Pop's knees and watching the Peanuts' broadcasts; I grew up with them. It's funny how the Peanuts gang has remained eight years old after all these decades while I'm the one with the grey hair," said Hane. "Our cast in this production ranges in age from 18 to 21 and we cast this age-appropriately to accurately represent the script. It also illustrates how Barefoot approaches its casting - with realism."

In directing *Dog Sees God*, Hane concentrated on ensuring the show's characters were portrayed true to the traits and nuances recognizable to original fans, while Corliss focused on the script's current storyline and how today's characters grapple with daily teenage angst.

Corliss also portrays one of the characters in the production in addition to co-directing with Hane as his directorial debut.

"I have a real affinity for *Dog Sees God*," said Corliss. "From the moment I read the script, I understood as both an actor and as a co-director, how words on paper can truly create a vision

that inspires a director throughout the process."

In addition to Corliss, the cast includes Matthew DeLisle, Christine Doulette, Ethan McIntyre, Pamela Satchwell, Elizabeth Whitcomb and Matthew Williams, all of Livonia and Stephanie Lee of Westland.

The 75-minute *Dog Sees God* is being performed without an intermission in the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$10. For tickets or more information, visit the website at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 560-1493.

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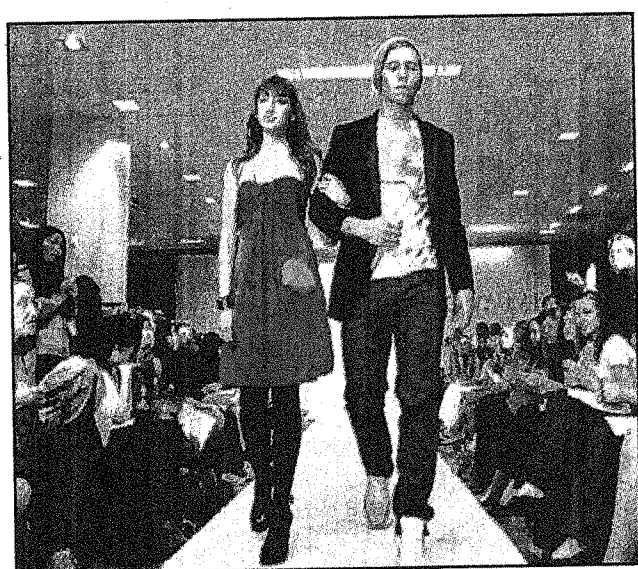
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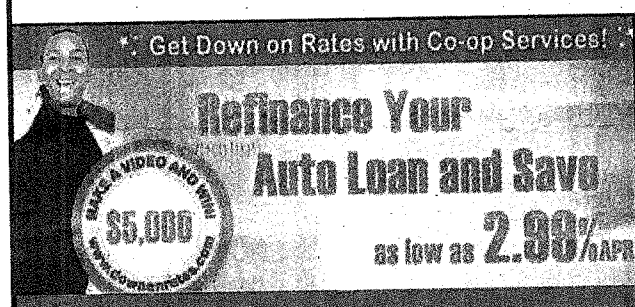
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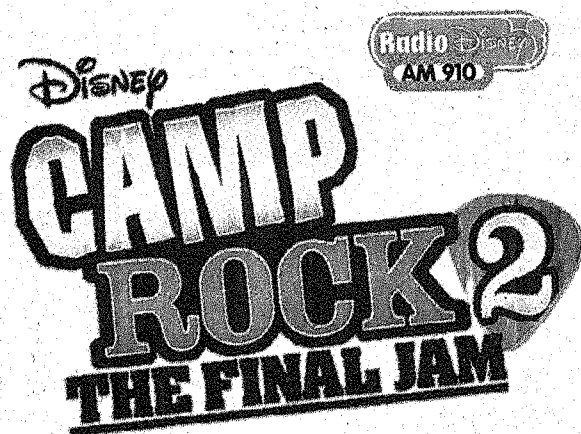
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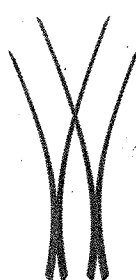
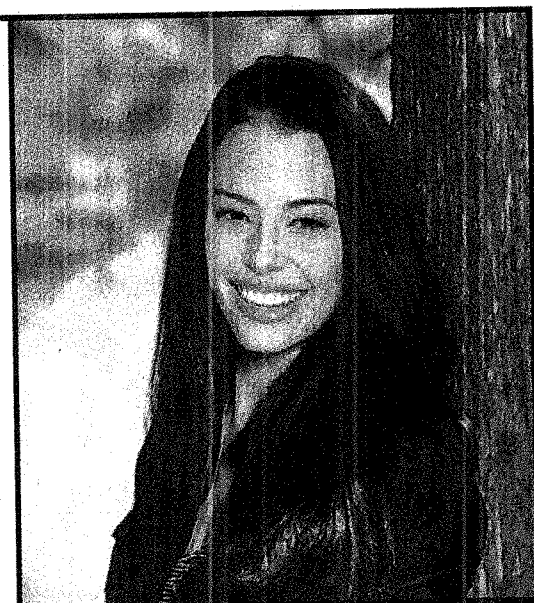
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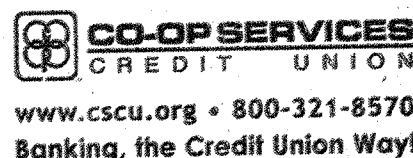


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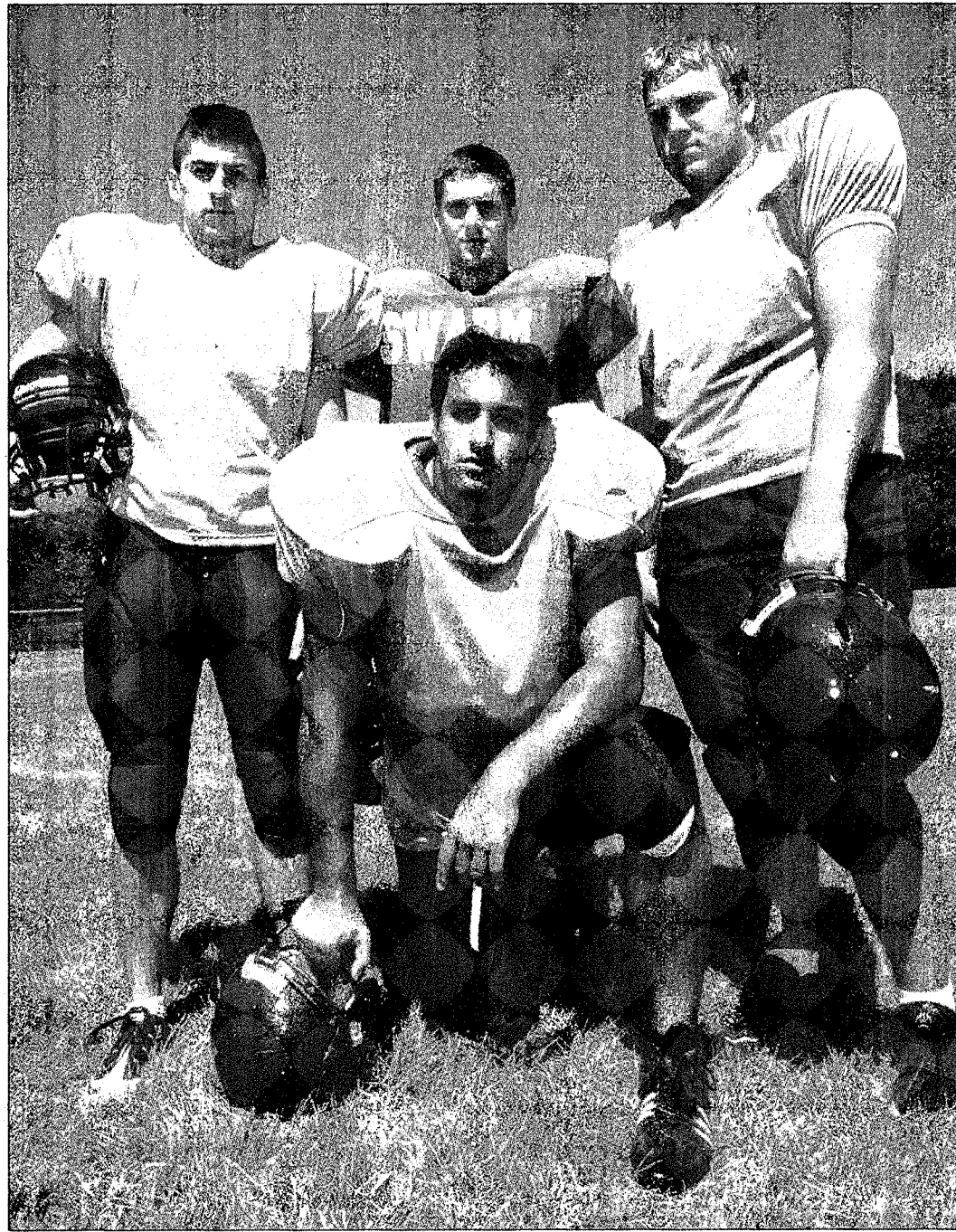
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Stevenson '10 roster getting complete makeover



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The Spartans will depend on holdovers Jon Aneed (kneeling), Derek Micallef (from left), Dan Wilk, Anthony Sharp.

Only a handful of starters return

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There appear to be more question marks than answers right now for the 2010 Livonia Stevenson football team.

And that's highly unusual for a program that has been to the state playoffs six years in a row and 10 of the 15 years head coach Tim Gabel has been at the helm.

The Spartans, defending KLAAs Kensington Conference and Central Division champs, finished 8-3 a year ago after starting 0-2.

Stevenson was decimated by graduation losses, the most notable being All-State running back Austin White (University of Michigan), who racked up more than 6,700 all-purpose yards during his career, including 1,494 yards rushing last season and 21 touchdowns.

Gabel enters his 16th season with a slew of newcomers.

"On paper, we certainly have a lot of inexperienced kids stepping into starting jobs for the first time," said Gabel, who guided the Spartans to the 2007 Division 1 state finals and the 2008 state semifinals. "But in reality, a lot of our seniors were the first kids off the bench last year, so they have seen time with the outcome of the game in question."

"We'll only improve as everyone becomes more comfortable as a starter."

As far as starters, only

three full-timers return this season led by a pair of senior offensive linemen — Jon Aneed, a 6-1, 246-pound guard, and Anthony Sharp, a 6-0, 274-pound tackle.

"Jon (Aneed) is in his third season as a starter, so his experience will hopefully help anchor the rest of the line as we sort out the starters," Gabel said. "We have a good deal of size, but also have real concerns about conditioning. The line will be a work in progress."

So who moves into the starting backfield?

That question has been answered as sophomore Jeremy Mims (6-0, 160) takes over the quarterback duties with senior Leroy Glover (5-8, 228) at running back and senior Tim Lorence (5-10, 190) at fullback.

"I don't remember the last time we had a quarterback start as a sophomore," Gabel said. "Joe is very advanced for a sophomore, so we have a lot of confidence in his ability to be effective leading the offense. He's coming along. He's a good athlete and as he gets more experience, he'll be more of a playmaker."

Gabel also likes what he sees so far in his backfield combo of Glover and Lorence.

"Leroy looks very smooth and polished so far during practice," the Stevenson coach said. "Tim is very versatile and can move around the backfield as necessary."

Please see **SPARTANS, B2**

Depth concern for Zebra gridders



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Wayne running back Billy Shillingburg (left), a senior tri-captain, returns as one of the team's leaders.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial football coach Kevin Weber is battling the numbers game entering Thursday's season opener at home against Brighton.

Many of the players on the Zebras' 30-man varsity unit will have to go both ways.

It will be a baptism under fire for some, but the third-year coach is confident his troops can get the job done.

Wayne is coming off a 3-6 season, including a 1-4 mark in the always formidable KLAAs South Division. To improve upon that record, the newcomers will have to mature quickly.

"We have very little depth," Weber said. "We just have to make sure we're in great shape and keep developing the guys who aren't ready yet."

The Zebras lost strong-armed quarterback Nick Mills (Alma College) to graduation, but their apparent Dean Caldwell, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound junior, should be able to make a smooth transi-

tion.

"He (Caldwell) is physical and has the most tools of any quarterback we've had since I've been the head coach," Weber said. "He has a great knowledge of what we're doing offensively and he's an extremely hard worker. That's why he was voted captain. He has the potential to be as good a passer as (Nick) Mills. And he brings it when he runs. He could be a tight end."

Caldwell is a tri-captain along with seniors Keith Agee and Billy Shillingburg, both of whom will start in the backfield. Junior Devin Korzetki will also get to carry the ball.

"We'll rotate them and they'll share the load because we're short on depth and they all have to play defense," Weber said.

Meanwhile, the only other returning starter on the offensive line is 6-2, 220-pound senior center Robert Baker.

"The key to our offense is that we need to be able to

Please see **ZEBRAS, B3**

BOYS SOCCER

Glenn wins opener vs. Trojans, 3-1

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn boys soccer coach Jimmy Mortada gave his team a passing grade following Friday's season-opening 3-1 victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

"We attacked in style, we pressured them, but we've got a lot of work to do," Mortada said. "We weren't pressured too much. We dominated, but we missed shots left and right. We know if we're going to win in our division (KLAAs South), we've got to play harder and play better. But I'm happy with the win."

Glenn's Kyle Beguhn, a senior, opened the scoring in the 15th minute off an assist

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

SIDELINES

O&E men's golf

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tournaments, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

MU golf fundraiser

Early registration is still open for Madonna University's annual Scholar-Am Classic to benefit the student scholarship fund on Friday, Sept. 17, at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The Early Birdie rates (including golf, lunch and dinner) is \$175 per individual and \$700 per foursome.

Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at the clubhouse. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cocktails and raffles will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and awards at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Alan Pinon at (734) 432-5556, or Ann Cleary (734) 432-5421.

You can also e-mail apinon@madonna.edu, or acleary@madonna.edu.

Punt, Pass & Kick

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its 2010 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields, located at 15100 Hubbard (off Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman roads).

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and free competition follows at 6 p.m.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31, 2010. No football shoes, cleats, turf shoes allowed. Winners advance to sectional competition.

For more information, call (734) 266-2410.

Wayne-Westland Soccer

The Wayne-Westland Soccer League still has openings for the following age-group fall teams on a first-come, first-serve basis:

Under-6 (co-ed), under-11 (boys), under-12 (girls), under-12 (boys), under-13 (girls), under-13 (boys), under-14 (boys), under-15 (boys) and high school open (girls).

For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or visit www.wvslsoccer.com.

Fun Start Tennis

Fun Start Tennis will offer two fall sessions at Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

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Prep volleyball landscape could be shifting slightly

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREVIEW

Could there be a changing of the guard in area girls volleyball?

The name that usually pops up first annually is Livonia Churchill, which is coming off a stellar 56-6 season and a trip to the Class A state semifinals.

The Chargers, despite the return of first-team All-Observer setter Cory Urbats Churchill, and three other seniors, could take a back seat to longtime

rival Livonia Stevenson this fall.

The Spartans, 29-22-1 a year ago, are led by first-team All-Area pick Kelly Vellucci, a 6-foot junior who can set and play as an outside hitter.

Also, the return of Reina Tyl, a 5-10 senior outside hitter, and 5-7 junior libero Jorden York, give Spartan followers reason for optimism.

"If our defense comes



Katy Rooney Ladywood



Cory Urbats Churchill

along, well be tough to stop," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, who is entering her 17th season. "Our weakness right now is passing the ball and playing defense. We're



Kelly Vellucci Stevenson

they can hit."

Churchill, the Kensington Lakes Activities runner-up, was hard-hit by graduation losses as the team's top

working on getting quicker — the offense will be there. If the defense comes around we'll be pretty competitive. They know they are good team, a tall team and

attacker Sarah Suppelsa and libero Taylor Kerr, both first-team All-Area selections, have moved on to Schoolcraft College.

Seventh-year coach Mark Grenier, who has a Class A state title under his belt (winter 2007), will be sharing bench responsibilities this fall with Eva Jedruszko.

Urbats, who set the MHSAA single season record for assists (1,465), will make the Chargers formidable again

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Last year's division record: 0-10

conference tournament and districts. We should be very competitive in our conference."

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BOYS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: John Webster, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall dual match record: 7-8.
Last year's finish: third (Division 1 regional); 10th (Kensington Conference); tied for 19th (Division 1 state finals).
Notable losses to graduation: Ziwen Deng, Vishal Joshi, Rushi Patel.
Leading returnees: Matt Cezat, Jr. (No. 1 singles); Mike Houghan, Sr. (No. 3 singles); Joe Mulka, Soph. (No. 1 doubles); Alex Zuccarini, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Eric Stromberg, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Ryan McPherson, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Kyle Appel, Sr. (No. 4 doubles); Michael Inglis, Sr. (No. 4 doubles); Tejas Soni, Jr. (No. 5 doubles); Mayuresh Iyer, Soph. (No. 5 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Akshay Moorthy, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Jalen Woods, Jr.; Rishabh Aruker, Fr.
Webster's 2010 outlook: "I'm a Churchill alum and first-year coach and we want to make it back to the state finals. This year's team is much improved with several key returnees and experienced newcomers. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting season."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dawn Fallu, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall dual match record: 3-10.
Last year's finish: fifth (Division 1 regional); eighth (Kensington Conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Aaron York, Peter Lee, Bill Shafer, Joe Kosinski, Joel Trudell, Austin Tarpin, Mike Kaplan.
Leading returnees: Steven Payne, Sr. (first-team All-Area, state qualifier at No. 1 singles, 23-6); Walter Woods, Jr. (first-team All-Area, conference and regional champ at No. 2 singles, 27-0); Tim Crouson, Soph.



Stephen Payne Franklin

(No. 4 singles);
Promising newcomers: Brandon Kozyn, Sr. (No. 3 singles); John Vetula, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Tyler Kadobsky, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Jacob Liberati, Fr. (No. 2 doubles).
Fallu's 2010 outlook: "This year our hopes are high. We have lost six doubles players, however, but we have gained 8 new players to our team most of whom have worked hard all summer in anticipation of the season."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Don McMathney, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall dual match record: 8-3.

Last year's finish: fourth (conference and Division 1 regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Clayton Northey, Kyle Fan, Lukas Rudis, Paul VanGilder, Jeff Sondergaard.
Leading returnees: Josh York, Sr. (No. 1 doubles, first-team All-Area, 11-6); Paul Franchina, Sr. (No. 1 doubles, first-team All-Area, 11-6); Kevin Francisco, Sr. (No. 1-2 singles); Josh Rochette, Sr. (No. 1-2 singles); Vince Sabatini, Sr. (No. 3 singles); Marcus McMathney, Soph. (No. 4 singles); Kaemen Holman-Rayos, Soph. (No. 2 doubles); Simjoe Holman-Rayos, Sr.; Jacob Ratliff, Sr.; Nick Marsh, Jr.



Walter Woods Franklin



Josh York Stevenson

Promising newcomers: Chad Northey, Fr. (No. 2 doubles); Stephen Klos, Sr.; Matt Cusin, Jr.; Kenny Nikkila, Sr.; Alex Parrinello, Jr.

McMathney's 2010 outlook: "With many seniors returning we have high expectations for this season. Franchina and York are not there yet, but they're solid and will just get better. They're good athletes. With a difficult division schedule (Northville and Novi), we expect to be competitive. Our seniors are providing great leadership as the team is working hard to be ready for the season. With a new regional assignment (Woodhaven), we hope to finish the season on a strong note."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Wayne Woodard, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall dual match record: 3-11.

Last year's finish: eighth (Division 1 regional); 11th (Kensington Conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Zach Ernat, Khari Stargell, Andrew McGrath.
Leading returnees: Josh Abraham, Soph. (doubles); Mitch Dean, Jr. (singles); Nik Hubbard, Sr. (singles); Conner Monroe, Sr. (singles); Ainsworth Orr, Jr. (doubles); Tommy Ruark, Jr. (singles); Chris Sabal, Soph. (doubles); Nick Stone, Jr. (doubles); Carlo Tejada, Sr. (singles); Ian Villaroman,



Paul Franchina Stevenson

Soph. (doubles); Shane Wiechert, Jr. (doubles); Wayne Woodard, Jr. (doubles).
Promising newcomers: Charlie Messias, Fr. (doubles); Joe Onadia, Fr. (doubles); Mike Woodard, Fr. (doubles).
Woodard's 2010 outlook: "The players are working hard and improving every day. We are developing continuity with our doubles teams. We're looking forward to the competition in the KLAAS."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Andy Raisanen, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall dual match record: 0-12-1.

Last year's finish: sixth (Division 1 regional); 12th (Kensington Conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Michael Gabriel, C.J. Kulas, Josh Estepp, Stephen McNamara, Josh Higgs.

Leading returnees: Brandon Harnos, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Zach Williamson, Jr. (No. 2 single); Zach Lankton, Jr. (No. 3 singles); Michael Battaglia, Jr. (No. 4 singles); Stephen Gush, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Michael Toms, Sr. (doubles); Abhishek Roy, Soph. (doubles); Micheil Hood, Jr. (doubles); Antonio Heberling, Soph. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Jarret Williamson, Jr.; Shane Schooley, Sr.; Cody Huffaker, Jr.; Daniel Selvia, Soph.; Josiah Ault, Soph.; Chris Schmidt, Jr.; Sam Herber, Soph.; Jacob Bingham, Soph.; Danny Lees, Jr.; Chandler Barron, Fr.
Raisanen's 2010 outlook: "This will be a year of improvement. Harnos, Williamson and Lankton will be strong singles players. Toms, Roy and Gush bring a lot of experience to the doubles squad. Many solid newcomers will fill out the lineup and it should be a great year. The team is entered in several tournaments this year, which will give them great experience for 2011."

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execute consistently," Weber said. "Our kids definitely know what they're doing. They just have to do it without any mental errors and we need to protect the football. We can make the big plays, but we definitely have to control the football. That will be our game this year. We're going to move the ball three-to-five yards a shot. We'll take our shots, for sure. We have a quarterback with a big arm. We have some skilled receivers who can do some things deep, but we're definitely going to try and control the clock."

On the defensive side, Antonio Caston (6-3, 240) returns as a starter at nose guard, while Agee and junior Demetrius Renfro (6-0, 220) will head the linebacking corps.

Senior cornerback Brett McMasters is the top returnee in the secondary as Weber has changed his defensive scheme slightly for the 2010 season.

"We ran a 4-2 before, but we're going to a 5-2 to highlight some of our players' abilities," he said. "We put guys in positions to maximize their talents. We have a defensive end (Shillingburg) and a nose guard (Caston) who are hard to deal with in a one-on-one situation. And our linebackers (Agee and Renfro) are both physical guys who can hit."

Wayne opens its season 7 p.m. Thursday at home against Brighton.

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FAST FACTS

School: Wayne Memorial.
Coach: Kevin Weber, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
2009 record: 3-6.
Notable losses to graduation: Nick Mills (second-team All-Area), Zakk Hardyniec (second-team All-Area), Dylan Korzetki, Sean Ogle, Dan Ross, Chris Bowie.
Returning starters: Keith Agee, Sr. RB-LB (5-10, 185); Billy Shillingburg, Sr. DE-RB (6-0, 220); Robert Baker, Sr. C (6-2, 220); Antonio Caston, Sr. NG-OT (6-3, 240); Brett McMasters, Sr. WR-DB (5-7, 165).
Promising newcomers: Dean Caldwell, Jr. QB (6-3, 205); Devin Korzetki, Jr. RB-DE (5-10, 170); Mike Cooper, Jr. WR-DB (5-7, 165); Marcel Trinity, Jr. WR (6-0, 160); Thomas Briggs, Jr. WR (6-4, 175); Dimitrios Renfro, Jr. OG-LB (6-0, 220); Zack Bledsoe, Sr. OG (6-3, 240); Nate Cavanaugh, Sr. OT-DT (6-0, 190); Colin Mullins, Soph. DT (6-0, 212); Chorey Stewart, Sr. DB (5-9, 170); Sam Ekanem, Soph. CB-OB (6-1, 170).
Weber says: "We should be pretty formidable. We have a lot of guys who know what they're doing. They've played in our system for awhile. We have a young quarterback who has to step up and make big plays. We have some other guys who have been thrust into some starting roles, and they're going to need to step up, too. If they do that, we could have a pretty good season."
2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 26 (Brighton); Sept. 2 (Milford); Sept. 10 (at Plymouth); Sept. 17 (at Canton); Sept. 24 (Livonia Churchill); Oct. 1 (Livonia Franklin); Oct. 8 (at Westland John Glenn); Oct. 15 (at KLAAS Kensington Conference crossover); Oct. 22 (at Redford Thurston).

Mitchell steps down as Spartan ice coach

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Mitchell had a successful stint – albeit brief – as Livonia Stevenson boys hockey coach.

Mitchell recently stepped away following three varsity seasons with the Spartans to take an assistant principal's position at Holmes Middle School in Livonia.

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said Mitchell's 10-day job posting ended Thursday and she will begin to conduct interviews next week for a replacement.

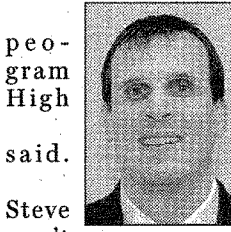
Mitchell finished with a 56-14-8 overall record with the Spartans, who reached two Division 1 regional finals and captured the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association crown in this past season while going 21-4-1 overall.

Mitchell guided Stevenson to a 23-2-2 overall record in this first season (2007-08) and went 12-8-5 during his second year (2008-09).

A former assistant coach under Pete Mazzoni at Livonia Churchill, Mitchell took the Stevenson varsity job after Mike Humitz's contract was not renewed following the 2006-07 season.

By taking the Livonia Public Schools administration job, Mitchell had to resign as hockey coach.

"It was an extremely tough decision



Mitchell

"I'll be working with them in a different capacity as a feeder school, but I thank them for what they've done for me. This was an opportunity I couldn't pass up and I still expect to be a major part as a coach or administrator. I went to high school in Livonia, live in Livonia and my kids go to school in Livonia."

Hyman said Mitchell, a former Western Michigan University goaltender who coach eight seasons in the Computware youth program before going to high school hockey, "will be truly missed."

"What can you say?," the Stevenson A.D. said. "I'm happy for him in his new position at Holmes. He's a great leader and extremely professional. He took our program to new levels and created a family atmosphere on-and-off the ice. He was a special coach with a unique ability to foster talent and exceed expectations."

"He'll always be a part of this program."

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from Tyler Simpson.

Clarenceville's Ardit Dushkaj, who had 26 goals last season, scored the equalizer just two minutes later on a direct free kick.

Just before the half, Glenn's Alex Isaevski tallied what proved to be the game-winning goal from Troy McGuigan.

Robert Mason's second-half goal from Caleb Samborski clinched the victory.

Glenn goalkeeper Jason Rockwell had to make only one save, while Clarenceville's Evan Gregg, a freshman, stopped 13 Rocket shots.

Senior midfielder Jimmy Moody and freshman defender David Vandekerckhove also stood out for the Trojans.

"We had our moments, but we're so young," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnston said. "Glenn is a solid team. They're good."

Pats in cruise control

Jordan McGuire, Craig Beebe and Fred Shatara each scored a pair of goals Friday night as host Livonia Franklin rolled to an 8-0 mercy-rule triumph over South Lyon East in the season opener for both teams.

The Patriots, who led 3-0 at halftime, also got goals from Dillon Debeliso and Nicholas O'Brien.

Beebe's goal with 3:37 remaining ended the match.

Ryan Tikey posted the shutout in goal for Franklin.

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Stevenson's 4-4 defense returns only one starter – defensive end David Tharpe, a 6-foot, 230-pound junior.

"David is a very athletic kid with a year of experience under his belt," Gabel said. "He showed the ability to make big plays as a sophomore."

Senior Jon Meek (6-0, 183) has the inside track at inside linebacker, while seniors Nick Rotter (5-8, 164) and Derek Micallef (5-10, 175) will lead the way at outside linebacker.

"Micallef was a special teams player last year who has probably come the farthest of any of our kids," Gabel said. "He's our strongest kid. He benches over 300 pounds."

"Most of the seniors in this group all had reps at times

with the first-team defense last year, so while we don't have a lot of game experience at linebacker, we do have kids that know what they're doing."

The secondary will be led by senior cornerbacks Dan Wilk (5-9, 159) and Ryan Lackey (5-8, 154), along with senior safety Jeff Meek (5-9, 159).

"Wilk and Lackey both had the opportunity to play last year in a supporting role, so they will lead the way," Gabel said. "Jeff (Meek) has had a very good off-season and we are seeking that translate into good performances in early season practices."

Stevenson opens its season 7 p.m. Friday at home against rival Livonia Franklin before going on the road Thursday, Sept. 2 at Waterford Mott.

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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Stevenson.
Coach: Tim Gabel, 16th year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).
2009 record: 8-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Austin White (first-team All-Area), Jordan El-Sabeh (first-team All-Area), Austin Micallef (first-team All-Area), Bryan Koessler (second-team All-Area); Alex Law, Joe Swingle, Mike Roy, Stephen Pollard, John Pauley.
Returning starters: Jon Aneed, Sr. OG-DT (6-1, 246); Anthony Sharp, Sr. DT-OT (6-0, 274); David Tharpe, Jr. TE-DE (6-0, 230).
Promising newcomers: Jeremy Mims, Soph. QB-DB-P (6-0, 150); Leroy Glover, Sr. RB-LB (5-8, 228); Dylan Dunn, Jr. RB-DB (5-5, 148); Tim Lorence, Sr. FB-LB (5-10, 190); Alex Nakad, Sr. OG-DE (6-0, 195); Tyler Jarosz, Sr. TE-DE-K (6-0, 199); Adam Duncan, Sr. SE-DB (6-1, 166); Anthony Wilson, Sr. SE-DB (5-9, 150); C.J. Beauford, Sr. DT-OT (5-11, 278); Kevin D'Arcy, Jr. DT-OT (6-3, 272); Matt Rodery, Soph. DT-OT (6-1, 282); Kris Hobbins, Sr. DE-TE (6-5, 206); Derek Wenderlich, Jr. DE-OG (5-9, 214); Jon Meek, Sr. LB-C (6-0, 183); Nick Rotter, Sr. DB-RB (5-8, 164); Derek Micallef, Sr. LB-RB (5-10, 175); Dan Wilk, Sr. DB-SE (5-9, 159); Ryan Lackey, Sr. DB-RB (5-8, 164); Jeff Meek, Sr. DB-SE (6-0, 175).
Gabel says: "With such a tough opener, it's hard to look further than Game One, but Northville looks to have the most experienced team in our division. Novi has some excellent players as well, and Salem's new staff has them headed in the right direction."
2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 27 (Livonia Franklin); Sept. 2 (at Waterford Mott); Sept. 10 (Novi); Sept. 17 (South Lyon East); Sept. 24 (at South Lyon); Oct. 1 (Northville); Oct. 8 (Salem); Oct. 15 (KLAAS Kensington Conference crossover); Oct. 22 (at Livonia Churchill).

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Scott starts new era at MU

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Eric Scott was named the new Madonna University men's soccer coach last March, he couldn't help but admire all the hardware stored in the case.

The former Schoolcraft College assistant then went right to work on the recruiting trail and has put together a 26-man roster with the season opener right around the corner this Sunday (Aug. 22) at Viterbo (Wisc.).

"It's a real privilege to coach at a program with such a tradition they established under both Pete (Alexander) and Tino (Scicluna)," Scott said of the two former MU head coaches. "I just hope to continue to what they done. But they didn't make it easy seeing all those trophies in the office."

Scicluna's final season as head coach was un-Scicluna like as the Crusaders finished 4-7-3 overall and 4-5-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Only a handful of players return from that squad led by first-team All-WHAC selection Jacob Rosiek, a junior midfielder from Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Other returnees include midfielders Ogbemudia "Mikey" Iyoha, a senior; Zain Qureshi (Livonia Franklin), a sopho-



Rosiek



Washko



Scott

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more; Edward Tomaszewski, a sophomore; Jordan Hunt, a sophomore; and Franco Giorgi, a sophomore.

Scott will rely on incoming freshmen and transfers to fill in the blanks.

Look for Max Washko, a first-team All-Area striker from Livonia Churchill who had 25 goals as a senior, and Brandon Hess, an attacking midfielder from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, to each have an impact immediately as freshman.

Scott also brought in pair of transfers with him from NJCAA Division I National Tournament runner-up Schoolcraft - Masato Morioka, a midfielder from Northville, and Drew Kidder, a defender from Macomb Lutheran North.

Freshman defender Derek Rosiek, Jacob's younger brother,

has also been a pleasant surprise so far on defense.

"He's used to the speed of the game and the same goes for Max (Washko)," Scott said. "Max is a big target and Jacob has that quality that he's with the ball, he stays calm and doesn't panic."

The Crusaders also lost their goalkeeper, Steve Besk, to graduation, but scheduled to start Sunday's opener is Parker Laabs (Canton), a transfer from NCAA Division III Seton Hill (Pa.).

"All the older guys on the team have been able to assimilate with the younger guys and make them feel comfortable," Scott said. "There's also a honeymoon period with the old, the new players and the coaching staff. But overall the spirit has been good, especially this week."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 28
John Glenn at Anchor Bay, 7 p.m.
Brighton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Univ.-Prep at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Bradford Academy at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 24
S'field-Lathrup at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26
Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Portage Northern Invitational, 8 a.m.
Ladywood Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
St. Joe Mich. Lutheran Inv., 8:30 a.m.
W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
Carleton Airport Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 23
Wayne at New Boston Huron, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 24
John Glenn at Romulus, 4 p.m.
Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 25
Wat. Kettering at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Det. Chavez at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Saline, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 3 p.m.
Flat Rock at Clarenceville, 3:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Wash. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
(Best of the Best Showcase)

at Pontiac Ultimate Soccer Arenas)
Churchill vs. Holt, 10 a.m.
Churchill vs. Rockford, 1:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Monday, Aug. 23
Clarenceville at RU (Bell Creek Pk.), 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26
Clarenceville at Wayne (Flats), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
South Lyon Inv. at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
Lansing Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Aug. 26
John Glenn at WSU Relays, 5 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
John Glenn at Howell, 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Aug. 23
Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 24
Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 25
Franklin at Royal Oak, 10 a.m.
John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26
Franklin, Churchill, Edsel Ford at Stevenson Quad, 9 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Dearborn, Crestwood, Wyandotte at Stevenson Quad, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 23
Brighton Inv. at Oak Pointe, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 24

Franklin Inv. at Fox Creek, 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 25
Ladywood vs. Seaholm at Hudson Mills Metropark, 7:30 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26
Farmington Inv. at Glen Oaks, 8 a.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian at St. John's G.C., 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
Grosse Ile Inv. at West Shore G.C., 9 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Wednesday, Aug. 25
Ladywood at Marian, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Aug. 27
S'craft at Central Ohio Tourney, noon.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3:15 p.m.
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
S'craft at Central Ohio Tourney, 10 a.m.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
Madonna vs. Notre Dame (Ohio), 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Aug. 22
Madonna at Viterbo (Wisc.), 3 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 26
Madonnat at Huntington (Ind.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
Heartland (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, noon.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor at Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Aug. 26
Madonna at U-D Mercy, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 28
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 10 a.m.
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Triathletes lose their hair for charity

BY DIANA WING
CORRESPONDENT

You've got to keep moving if you want to finish an Ironman Triathlon, a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in 17 hours or less. But members of the Detroit Iron Triathlon Team will break from their busy training schedule Friday, Aug. 27, to just sit still and lose — their hair.

Shave to Save, Detroit Iron's sixth fund-raising event for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), will be held at BlackFinn Restaurant and Saloon in Royal Oak. Heads will be shaved and locks (gals only) will be clipped to raise funds for blood cancer research.

"I did it last year and it takes far too long to grow back. It certainly is a sacrifice. Let's say, I just don't date for a few months afterwards because it doesn't look good," said Detroit Iron founding member Stuart Baskin, laughing. "I have five hairdressers coming from Edwin Paul Salon (Grosse Pointe Woods). If someone wants to jump in and says, 'it's a great cause, I'll do it,' we're more than happy to have their head shaved also."

A Farmington Hills resident, Baskin is the triathlon coach for the Team in Training (TNT) program of LLS. He and 13 other TNT alumni, many of them past or present coaches, formed Detroit Iron last year. The group has grown to 50 members. They train together, compete in various triathlon events and raise funds and awareness for charities.

TRAINING FOR FUN

"I had never done any triath-



Hayley Ray, a local 'Make-A-Wish' child, shaves the head of Detroit Iron founding member Stuart Baskin at Palazzolos Salon last year. She'll clip his locks again during Shave to Save, a benefit for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Friday, Aug. 27, at BlackFinn in Royal Oak.

lon before but I'd been involved in different sports for a while ... I do this for fun," said Detroit Iron founding member Jason Lyngaas of Royal Oak. "We're training six or seven days a week — short and long training sessions. You try to vary it so you're not doing the same thing all the time."

Baskin races and raises funds in honor of his wife, Janet, who died in 2002 after

a long and hard battle with breast cancer.

"We'd do the Walk for the Cure every year and then one year I said, 'I'm going to run in your honor.' I had never been a runner. I was not that active," Baskin said. "I started running one block at a time, then two blocks, then a mile, and I fell in love with running."

BECOMING A COACH

A friend asked Baskin to sign up for a TNT-sponsored bike ride around Lake Tahoe in 2006. Baskin was so impressed with the Team in Training program that he did an Olympic distance triathlon, a half Ironman and a full Ironman in 2007, and the following year he agreed to coach.

"With TNT we take people from the couch to an Olympic distance triathlon. We give them a training plan, we work together, we motivate each other. It gives you a connection to honor people who have survived cancer ... we find, too, that you make lifelong friends," said Baskin, who recalled a 55-year-old non-active couple who was skeptical at the TNT informational meeting, but completed the triathlon. "Michele said, 'thank you. This was one of the biggest events of our life, and you were totally true, it is a life-changing experience.'"

"It's a rarity in life that we get a chance to inspire people, and through being a TNT coach, I have a chance to inspire, all for a great cause," he said. "One day we're going to beat cancer, it's just a matter of time. I keep saying, I'll raise money so people smarter than me will come up with a solution."

Shave to Save runs 7-11 p.m., with hair cutting and head shaving at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 (\$25 a the door) and include appetizers, and live entertainment from Detroit Red Wing's songstress Karen Newman, and acoustic pop/rock artist Frankie D'Angelo, Michael Bermudez and Steve Aho. BlackFinn is located at 530 S. Main, in Royal Oak. For advanced tickets visit www.detroitiron.com. Learn more at www.teamintraining.org/mi.

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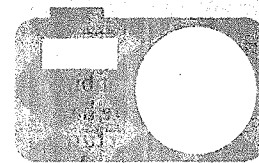
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Dog days

Pets, owners will have a ball at annual Paws in the Park

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Paws in the Park returns to Canton next weekend for two days of all things canine.

That's more than 11 hours of dog entertainment and activities, dozens of vendors and nonprofits, and hundreds of dogs.

Bring your best four-pawed friend on-leash to the park and don't miss these organizations and events:

HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY

Kittens at a dog event?
Deb Kerr of the Huron Valley Humane Society (HSHV) says the shelter likely will have "lots" of young felines for adoption.

"Probably not many cats," she said, adding that most are a bit finicky when it comes to travelling. "We'll have dogs — small, large, different kinds. Whoever is here that hasn't been adopted."

The HSHV shelter, located in Dixboro, is full and also has 181 animals in foster care. Adoptable dogs will take turns walking with handlers among the crowd at Paws in the Park. They'll wear easily identifiable capes that say they're available for loving, new homes.

Kerr encourages adopters to bring along their existing dogs to the event to make sure they'll get along with potential new family members.

"We like to do dog-to-dog interaction," she explained. "The idea is to

PAWS IN THE PARK

What: Dog adoption, activities and entertainment

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29; the Paws Walk registration starts at 8 a.m. Saturday. Walkers can log the mile route any time from 9-10:30 a.m.

Where: Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton

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keep them in the home. If you take a dog home and they don't get along, it's likely you'll bring the dog back."

The adoption process, which includes an application, interview and interaction with the dog, takes about an hour.

Kerr said visitors also can check out adoptive dogs at Paws in the Park and wait until they visit the shelter to make a commitment.

"Many people come here (the shelter) as a destination for adoption. We adopted out 122 last week, which is great. But we took in 149. Ninety were strays and the rest were owner relinquished."

HSHV also will offer a low-cost micro chip clinic, tips on what to do if you lose your dog, and behavior



A dock-diving canine makes a splash at an Ultimate Air Dog show.

advice both days of the event.

RESCUE GROUPS

Michigan has its own version of the Utah-based "Dogtown" sanctuary for dogs.

It's called Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, in Lake Odessa, located between Lansing and Grand Rapids. It's one of three rescue groups, along with The Buster Foundation — a pit bull-focused organization — and North Star Border Collie that will be on hand with adoption information at Paws in the Park.

"I think right now we have about 95 dogs," said Amanda Parrish, marketing and PR director for the organization that serves only canines. "We don't accept owner surrenders or strays. We find it's most effective to work with other animal organizations that have to euthanize. We go out every week and take in as many as we can."

The group finds homes within a 150-mile radius of its campus, which includes 14 play yards three "real

life" rooms that resemble living room areas for training, pools and an agility and gymnasium area.

It doesn't allow on-site adoption at events like Paws in the Park. The adoption process requires the potential adopter to visit the shelter twice. A MacKenzie staff member also visits their home.

"We're not just going to place a dog in any home," Parrish said. "We want to make sure they match up with the right family and environment — that it's a good fit."

"We had one lady who was interested in a dog. The first two visits went well. She was looking at a 65-pound dog. Then we went to her home and there was no room to get through the house. We told her to clean up and make room for a dog before adopting."

Because of its "thoughtful and thorough" adoption process, it has a low return rate of dogs: four in the past five years.

CONTESTS

Give your dog the opportunity to shine — whether he's smiling, testing out a new trick, racing or just planting a big, sloppy kiss on your face.

"The best trick contest last year had several participating dogs," said Terri O'Brien, spokeswoman for Paws in the Park. "One dog played the piano. Another dog jumped in the air about 8 feet and another dog played dead. There were several unusual tricks."

The Wiener Dog Race is designed for Dachshunds and other canines with a mild resemblance to a frankfurter.

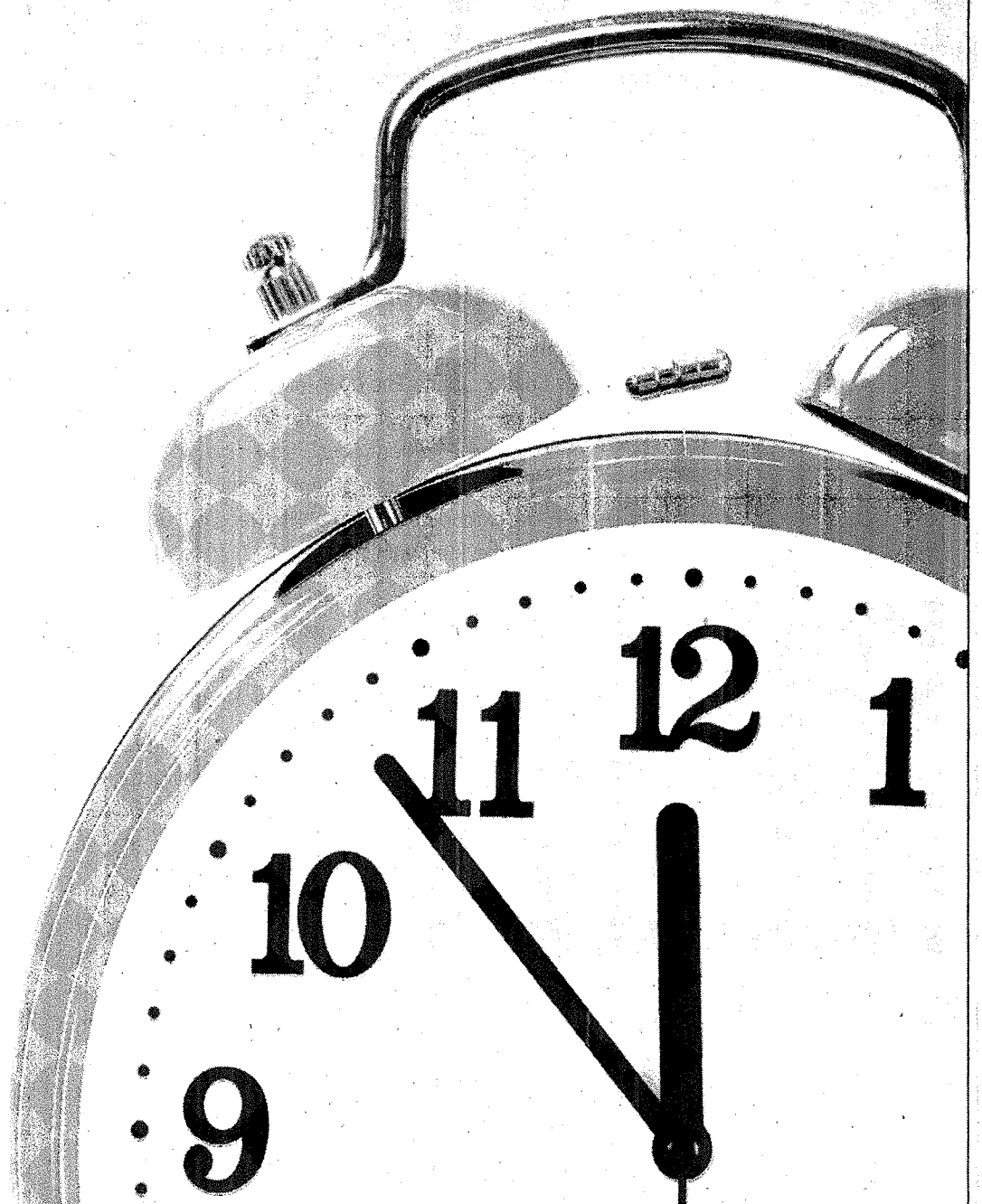
"We line them up in a fenced-in area and the dogs race to the other side of the field. The first dog that crosses the line, and let's just say it takes them a while to figure out which way to run, wins a year of Ball Park Franks for their owner."

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The Novi-based group of racing, jumping, agility-trained musical-mat (think musical chairs) playing dogs will add a new challenge to its shows at Paws in the Park.

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"We're switching things around a bit and adding different things," said Pam Koons, founder of the popular dog performance troupe. "We've also started selling trading cards. The kids love it."

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Koons said about 25-30 different dogs, accompanied by their handlers, will perform in the show that includes "a lot of fast-paced racing and high jumping" all set to rock and roll music.

"They love the music and clapping and cheering. The more cheering there is the higher they go."

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PAWSITIVE VYBE

Abby Cline of Fargo, N.D. will bring her Australian Shepherds, Australian Cattle Dogs and even a Poodle-Bishon mix to the park for a little Frisbee action.

"It's going to be faced-paced and a fun show," she said.

"We have dogs that get big air (jumping high); we have a weave pole race and a tunnel. It's a race between two dogs. It's a lot of action."

Cline said the more the audience cheers, the better the dogs respond.

She added that all Pawsitive Vybe dogs were rescued from pounds and shelters.

ULTIMATE AIR DOGS

Talk about jumping: Ultimate Air Dogs athletes will leap off a dock into a 30-foot pool, competing for distance. Former Detroit Tigers pitcher, Milt Wilcox, will host the show which invites visitors to bring dogs on a leash, to be part of the action.

PAWS WALK

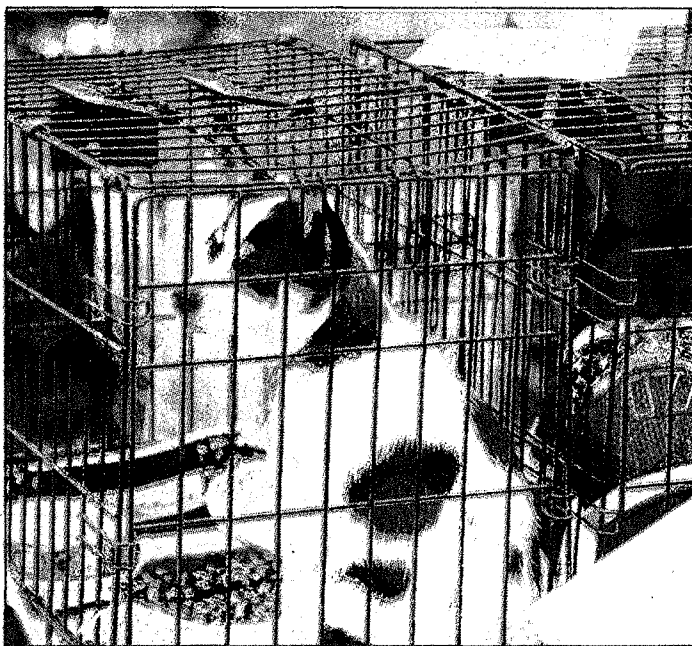
The second annual walk will benefit HSHV through its minimum \$15 participation fee and will light up smiles throughout the park.

Costumes and floats aren't required but many dogs and their owners will vie for "best of" awards in both categories. Last year's event brought out Dorothy and Toto lookalikes, Chihuahuas dressed as fairies and a "Red Barron" float. Winners get a six-month supply of dog food from Canidae Pet Foods.

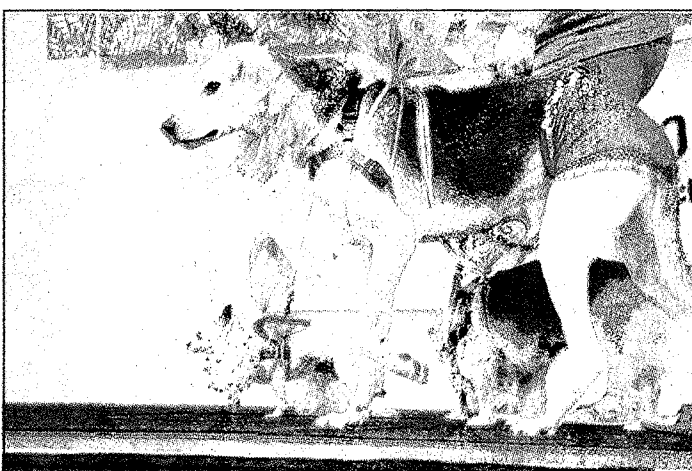
LURE, AGILITY

Dogs will get a chance to try lure-chasing — racing after a fake squirrel tail over small jumps and through tunnels — in a fenced-in course both days.

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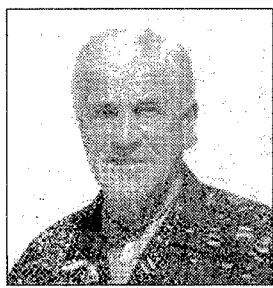
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DONALD R. BIDWELL

Of Ft. Myers, FL and Pittsburgh, PA, formerly of Plymouth, MI, died peacefully at home on Monday, August 16, 2010. He was 83. Don lived life to the fullest, establishing a successful contracting business, traveling to all parts of the world, and charming those he met along the way. Don also served in the Navy during WWII. He is survived by the love of his life Barb McCormick of Ft. Myers, FL and Pittsburgh, PA; his loving children, Jennifer (Tom) Bidwell, Melinda (David) Olson, Donald W. Bidwell; his grandchildren, Jessica (Sam) Zimbabwe and Donald R. Bidwell; his great granddaughter, Celia Jean Zimbabwe and a bounty of wonderful friends. He is also survived by four sisters, Avis Van Sickle, Ardith Kelly, Doreen Van Orsdale, Ann Polan; and three brothers, Calvin (Reta), Duane (Mary), and Gary (Carol) Bidwell. A Celebration of Don's life will be held at 1:00p.m. Sunday August 29, 2010 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Family and friends may sign the guest register by visiting: dignifiedcremations.com Affordable Cremations, A Dignified Alternative is in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES "CHUCK" BRADLEY

Age 66, died on August 18, 2010. "To know Chuck was to love Chuck" - and appreciate his love of music, entertainment, and playing his guitar. Chuck played in local venues across southeast Michigan since his move here from Alabama in 1993. Chuck also served in the Air Force. He is survived by his two beautiful daughters Briana, and Calla, his family in Alabama, and his large extended family in Michigan.

MATTHEW N. BROTHERTON

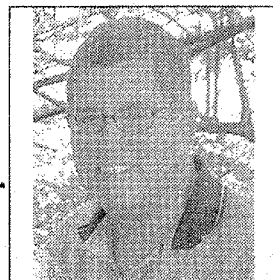
August 19, 2010, age 11, of Westland. Beloved son of Richard and Brenda. Dear brother of Mike Hope, Richard, and Danielle Gribble. Funeral service from Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Rd. Garden City, Monday 11am. Visitation from The UH Funeral Home, Westland, Sunday 1-9pm, also at church Monday 10am till time of service. Burial to take place at Oakland Hills Cemetery 2:30pm Monday. Family requests memorials to Angela Hospice, Make-A-Wish, or U. of M. Mott's Children's Hospital. Please view memorial and send tributes at: www.uhfh.com.

GERALDINE BURGESS

Age 77, August 15, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Frank Burgess for 45 years. Loving mother of Lisa R. Burgess. Dear sister of the late Juanita Milia. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

KAREN J. FOULKS

Age 62, South Lyon, passed away, August 12, 2010 at her home in the care of her loving family. Memorial service held Thursday, August 19 at 2pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.



KENNETH GRAVES

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, Michigan and more recently of Dyer, Indiana, passed away August 14, 2010. Ken leaves behind his beloved family: wife Diane; daughter Aimee and husband Rand Tucker; daughter Angela, son Joseph and wife Kimberly; grandsons Trey, Ethan, and Abraham; step-mother Thelma Graves; siblings Sharon Byers, Deborah Bean, Patricia McLouth, Mike Haynes, Diane Graham, and Jerry Haynes; along with a host of friends, neighbors, and colleagues whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew; mother, Sylvia Haynes; father, Norman Graves; and step-father, William Haynes. A memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 1 PM at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48374 with Pastor Rand Tucker officiating. Instead of flowers, those desiring may make tax-deductible memorial contributions to the RememberThePoor Fund through the Hyde Park Vineyard Church, 1507 E. 53rd St., #883, Chicago, IL 60615. Ken was a 1971 graduate of Adrian High School and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1975. He worked as a senior managing financial consultant at IBM. Moved by the goals of justice and mercy, Ken recently launched rememberthepoor.net to help the Church to remember the poor.

GENEVA F. HASLEY

Age 83, Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away August 13, 2010. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

DR. RONALD E. KNAUFF

Age 83, of Saugatuck, MI, died Saturday, August 14, 2010, at Holland Hospital. Dr. Knauff was born in Girard, OH May 1, 1927. A graduate of the University of Chicago Medical School, he was a member of the American Medical Association. Dr. Knauff was a physician for over 40 years in family medical practice in Southfield, and during the last 10 years, specializing in geriatric medicine prior to his retirement. A veteran of the US Marine Corp and the US Navy, he served as a Medic during World War II and the Korean War. Preceding him in death were his parents, Paul N. and Thelma F. (Culp) Knauff; Sister, JoAnne Knauff, and a brother, Kenneth A. Knauff. Surviving are his partner of 33 years, Gary Shaw, of Saugatuck; sister-in-law, Carol (Tom) Doty; Gary's mom, Marjorie Sone, brother, Thomas Shaw and friend Dean Scott; nieces and nephews, Karl A. (Terry) Knauff, Rhonda L. (John) Greer, Jeffrey P. (Susan) Knauff, Brenda F. (Ernest) Moore, Jayne A. (Rhett) Hatchell; 14 great-nieces and nephews; and 15 great-great-nieces and nephews. Burial will be in Girard City Cemetery in Girard, OH. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by the Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes www.lifestorynet.com, Holland, MI



LUCILLE U. BURKHART-MOSES

Lucille Uptegraff Burkhardt-Moses, 92, died on July 26, 2010 in Silver Spring, Md. She had retired from Birmingham Public Schools in 1984 after 26 years of service. She attended the First Presbyterian Church, was an active supporter of the Baldwin Library and volunteered for many years at St Joseph Mercy Hospital. She attended the University of Pittsburgh and later Temple University, from which she received a BA in 1955. She was first married to the late Eugene L. Burkhardt in 1938. In 1995 she married the late Campbell Moses, Jr. MD, whom she had known since sixth grade. They resided in New York City and Spring Lake, NJ. After her husband's death in 2007, she moved to a retirement home in Silver Spring. She had many good times with her friends in the Birmingham area and cherished their friendship always. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Burkhardt of London, UK, and sons, Michael Burkhardt of Aiken, SC, and Geoffrey Burkhardt of Takoma Park, MD and his partner, Bruce R. Williams. Interment will be private. Friends may leave messages for the family at the Eccentric website or at: simpletribute.com



DELORES ETHEL PARKS

Born July 22, 1928 in Chattanooga, TN and passed away on August 18, 2010. Preceded in March by her loving husband of 65 years, Benjamin Hoyt. Survived by children: Ruth, Jack and Deborah. Grandchildren: Jack, Kasey, John, Lynn, Chris, David, Mindy, Jamie, Stephanie and Ashley. Eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Randall & Jimmy; one sister, Christine. Private family and friends memorial Saturday, August 28th, 2010.

PATRICK J. PARKS

August 12, 2010, age 43. President and owner of Parks Title Company. Beloved husband of Katie. Dear father of Madelyn and Clare. Son of Edward and Gerri and the late Janet. Brother of Brian, Kathy Hoffman (Steve), Michael (Megan), Joan Bakken (Eric) and John Hull (Karin). Uncle of Kate, Bridget and Tim Hoffman; Jack, Connor and Bryn Parks; Christopher, Alex and Peter Hull and Joey Bakken. Son-in-law of Frank and the late Mary Anne Barthel. Brother-in-law of Brian Barthel. Godfather of Charlotte Vachon and Pat Smith. Also survived by numerous friends from Brother Rice High School and Marquette University. Services have been held. Memorial tributes to Holy Name Church SEED Foundation, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, MI 48009, Brother Rice High School, 7107 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 or Marquette University, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



RONALD B. ROBINSON

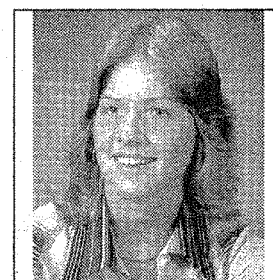
Of Farmington, MI, age 65, passed away on August 15, 2010. Ronald was born on August 22, 1944 in Detroit, MI to Myles and Florence (Hedrick) Robinson. Survivors include his mother Florence Robinson, and siblings Sandra Testerman, Carol Stevenson, Bill Stevenson, Douglas Robinson, Timothy Robinson, and Robin Robinson. Ronald is preceded in death by his father Myles and his brother Bryan. A Simple Farewell will be held Saturday August 21 at 12:00 PM at Borek Jennings, Lamb Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Narcotics Anonymous. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel where the family will gather with friends 2 hours prior to service. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Ronald's family by calling 877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

WILLIAM H. SHELDON JR.

August 19, 2010 Age 90 of Wayne. Survived by his sister Lois Mae Trower of Lewiston and three nieces and nephews. Retired postal employee from the Wayne Post Office. Cremation rights were accorded. Family will have a private service at a later date

BERNICE RUTH (ELLIOTT) STURNER

Born March 18, 1935, is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Edward (Tom) Sturner, four children, Thomas (Pam) Sturner of Lapeer, Sandra Sturner of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Randall Sturner of Pontiac, Richard Sturner of Oxford, three grandchildren, Elliott & Travis Sturner of Lapeer and Marshon Sturner of Detroit. Bernice, a member of Rochester's Junior Women's Club, put 120% into all endeavors, whether it was gardening, needle work, cooking, decorating or business ventures. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ferris & Elsie (Brown) Elliott of Royal Oak, Michigan & Bradenton, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice online at: www.tidewell.org or call: 1-800-959-4291, ext. 7697



LISA MARIE TEETZEL (Altenbach)
12/10/1959 to 8/7/2010

Born in Lima, OH. Lisa moved to Westland in 1970. She graduated in 1978 from JGHS and worked for Kroger Foods for 17 yrs. Lisa was mother to Alicia and Danny, grandmother to Kayden. Survived by parents David Altenbach Sr. (Jan) and Sandra Johnson (Terry), siblings Lori, David, Wendy, Robert and Russell, predeceased by brother Brian. Lisa passed on with loving family at her side and will come to rest at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton, MI.

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It has been 2 years since God called you home and not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts and prayers. We are very fortunate to have such great memories of the short time you were with us. We miss you very much. Love, Mom, Dad and Family

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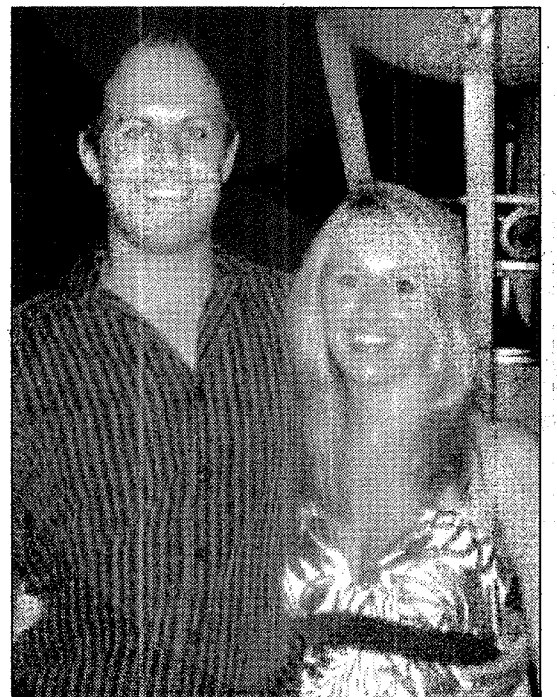
Wedding planned

Richard and Jeanette Smith of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Anne, to Kevin Orr, son of Dawn Orr and David Orr, of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan where she received an undergraduate degree in education. She is pursuing a master's specialist degree in school psychology in Chicago, Ill.

The groom-elect is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He received his degree in cellular and molecular biology. After attending medical school in Chicago, he began his residency in anesthesiology at Loyola University Hospital.

The couple plans a summer 2011 wedding.



Smith-Orr

November wedding planned

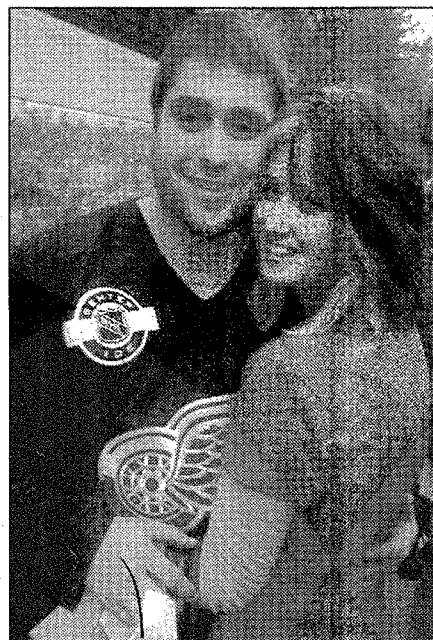
Maggie MacDonald and Daniel Joseph LaMonica announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Terese MacDonald of Livonia, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate.

Her fiancé, son of Samuel Bernard and Theresa LaMonica III

of Livonia, also graduated from Stevenson High School. He is employed by MacFarland Painting Company.

A November 2010 wedding is planned at St. Genevieve, Livonia.



MacDonald-LaMonica



Behrendsen-Foley

Marriage announcement

Dennis Behrendsen of Livonia and Debbie Foley of Plymouth were married May 30, 2010, at the bride's home. The Rev. Dana Runestad officiated.

Granddaughter Heidi Kasten served as flower girl.

The bride, daughter of Robert and Beth Doll of Milford, and the groom are both retired from Ford Motor Company.

The couple resides in Livonia.

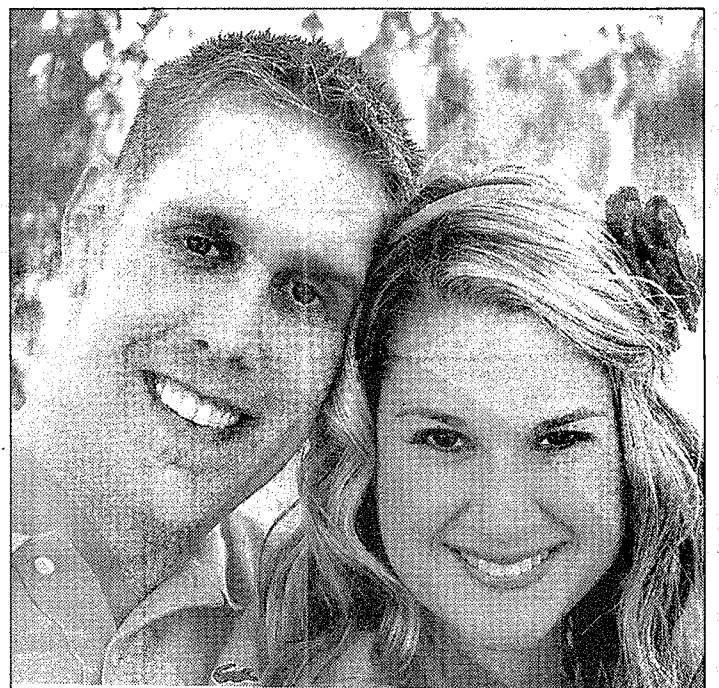
Summer wedding planned

Kathryn Elizabeth Host and Ryan York Anderson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Karen Bailey of Gilbert, Ariz., and the late David Host, graduated from Mt. Pointe High School in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1997 and attended Arizona State University. She is employed by Olsson Associates as a team coordinator.

Her fiancé, son of Gus and Connie Anderson of Westland, graduated in 1997 from Divine Child in Dearborn and in 2009 from the Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Ariz. He is a chef and kitchen supervisor at Sushi Roku in Scottsdale.

A summer 2011 wedding is planned.



Host-Anderson

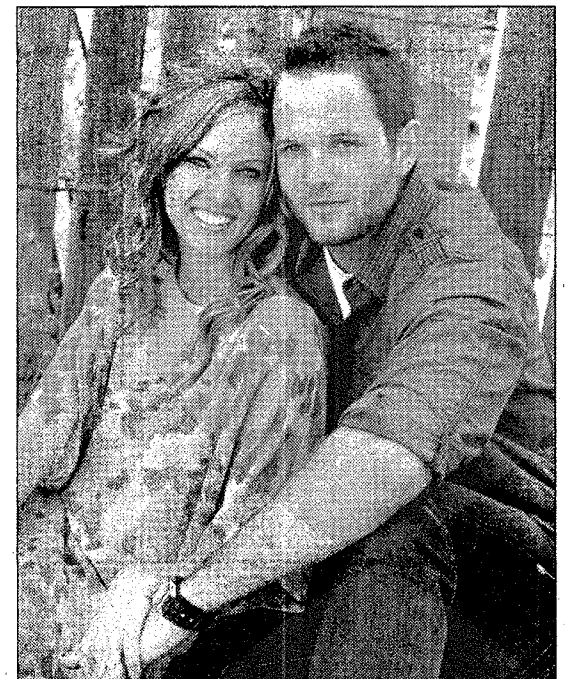
October wedding planned

Jacqueline Marie Lolli and Jeffrey Allan Andes announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Carol Lolli of Gilbert, Ariz., is a human resources manager for a large cardiovascular clinic.

Her fiancé, son of Kirk and LuAnn Andes of Canton, is a Michigan State University graduate and a human resources business partner-generalist with Apollo Group.

An October 2010 wedding is planned at The Farm at South Mountain, Phoenix, Ariz.



Lolli-Andes

AUDITIONS SET FOR YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, (CYO) a sponsored project of the Plymouth Symphony, will hold auditions for the 2010-2011 season on Friday, Aug. 27, at Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, in Canton.

Under the direction of award-winning conductor, Nan Washburn, the Celebration Youth Orchestras provide a unique, enriching and exciting musical experience for aspiring young players throughout Southeastern Michigan, especially in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Bellville,

Westland and other areas of Western Wayne County, as well as Novi in Oakland County.

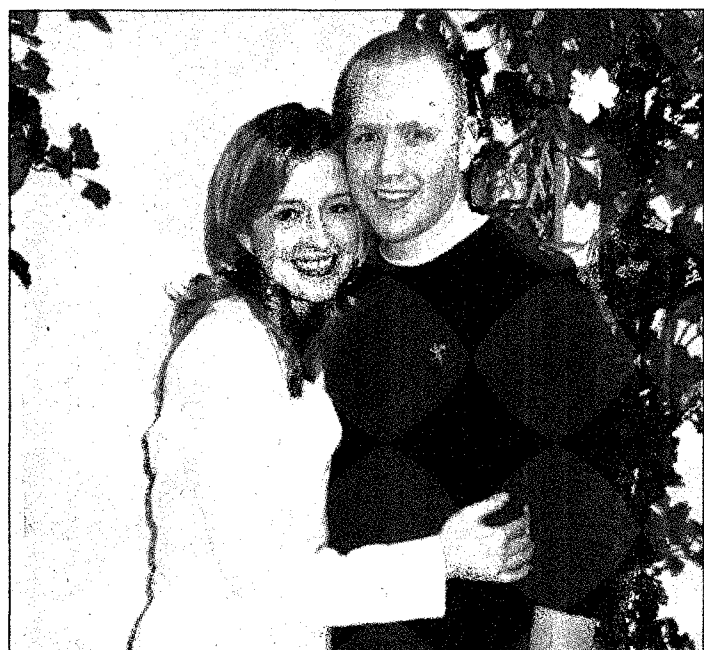
The CYO currently offers a full program of three orchestras and a flute choir, workshops and master classes with prominent guest soloists and composers and yearly side-by-side performances with the professional musicians of the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton. CYO students attend many different local area public and private schools and homeschool. Students perform two major concerts at the Village

Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton. Weekly Tuesday evening rehearsals are held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, also the new home for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society offices.

Those interested in auditioning should contact Jane Libbing at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras office at (734) 451-2112 or e-mail her at jane@plymouth-symphony.org.

To learn more about the Celebration Youth Orchestras visit www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org

Engagements



Borchardt-Krzyaniak

Holly Ann Borchardt and Nathan Anthony Krzyaniak announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Brian Borchardt of Livonia and Tracy Lynn of Ocala, Fla., is a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree in biopsychology and cognitive science from the University of Michigan in 2006, and a master of social work degree from Wayne State University in 2008. She is employed as a medical social worker.

Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Diane Krzyaniak of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in astrophysics from Michigan State University in 2006. He is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Farmington Hills. The couple resides in North Las Vegas, Nev.



Smith-Reeser

Shaina Smith and David Reeser announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Phillip and Janet Smith of Canton, graduated in 2002 from Plymouth-Canton High School. She earned a B.A. degree from Purdue University and is employed at the Make-A-Wish Foundation National Office in Phoenix, Ariz.

Her fiancé, son of Denise Reeser of Canton and late Tom Reeser, graduated in 2002 from Plymouth-Canton High School. He earned a B.B.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by the Valley of the Sun YMCA in Phoenix, Ariz.

An October 2010 wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.



Barrett-Sullivan

Elizabeth Diane Barrett and Patrick Michael Sullivan announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Diane and Paul Barrett of Livonia, graduated from Livonia Franklin High School in 2001. She received a B.A. degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from the University of Sydney in Australia. She works as a curator at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Ellen and Paul Sullivan of Columbus, Ohio, graduated in 2004 from Bishop Waterson High School in Columbus, Ohio. He received a B.A. degree from Miami University of Ohio and a master's degree from the University of Sydney in Australia. He works as an account assistant at Marx Layne and Company in Farmington Hills.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at the Wilcox House in Plymouth.



Benages-Gold

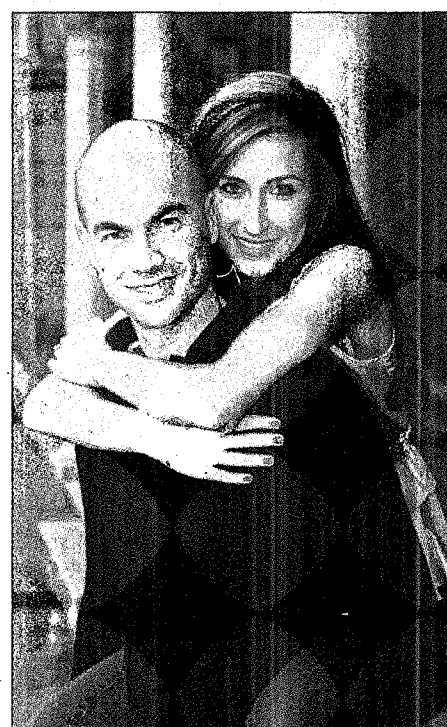
Katie Benages and Matt Gold announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Frank and Lisa Benages of Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth-Salem High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Ohio.

She is employed as a key account manager with Fathead in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Kathy Gold of Novi, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He teaches at Hulsing Elementary School.

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



Binder-Andrey

Ginger Nicole Binder and Willy Jean Pierre Andrey announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Cindi and Steven Binder of Plymouth, is a 2003 graduate of Canton High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer science in 2009 from Madonna University and is employed as an online advertising associate at Google in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Christiane and Marc Andrey of Brignoles, France, earned a master's degree in finance and economics in 2006 from University of Paul Cezanne in Aix-en-provence, France. He is employed as assistant controller at ITER Organization in Saint Paul-lez-Durance, France.

The couple plans an October 2010 wedding at Chateau Grand Boise in Trets-en-Provence, France. After wedding, the newlyweds will reside in the South of France.

Anniversaries

Golden anniversary

Jim and Bobbie Valade of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

The couple married June 18, 1960, at Trinity Baptist Church in Detroit. They met at Temple Baptist Church in Detroit in January 1959.

Their children are Kevin and Debbie Parkyn of Salem Township, Steve and Lisa Kaukonen of South Lyon and the late Karen Valade. They have eight grandchildren.

Jim is retired from Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. Bobbie is a homemaker and worked as a secretary for several years.

The couple is active in The Joy Club and enjoy spending time with family and friends.



Jim and Bobbie Valade of Livonia



Jim and Bobbie Valade of Livonia on their wedding day.

Celebrating 35 years

Rick and Mary Jo (Hammer) Halleck of Farmington Hills will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary Monday, Aug. 23.

The couple married in 1975 at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills.

They have three children, Shawn Kapanowski, Jody Cardoni and Jonathan Halleck.

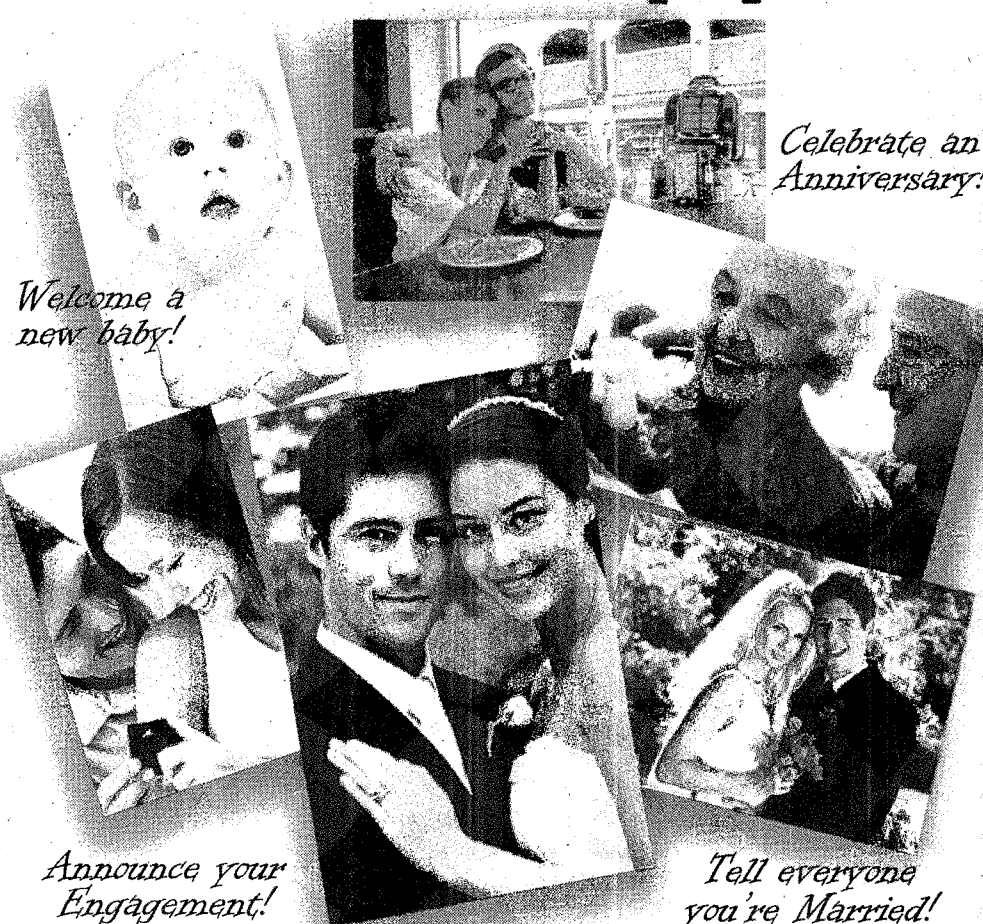
The couple enjoys spending lots of time with their two grandsons, Drew and Blake, having backyard barbecues and bonfires.

Rick is retired from General Motors Corp., and Mary Jo has worked for Farmington Public Schools for the last 15 years.



Rick and Mary Jo Halleck of Farmington Hills on their wedding day.

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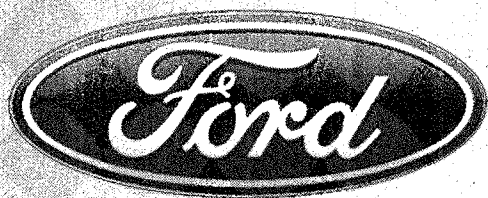
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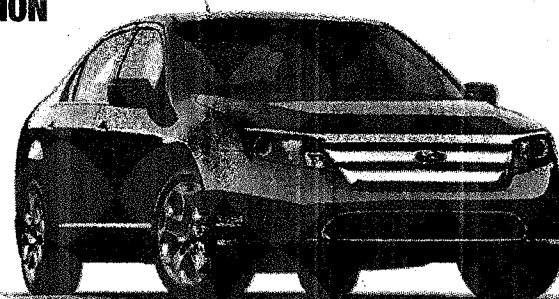


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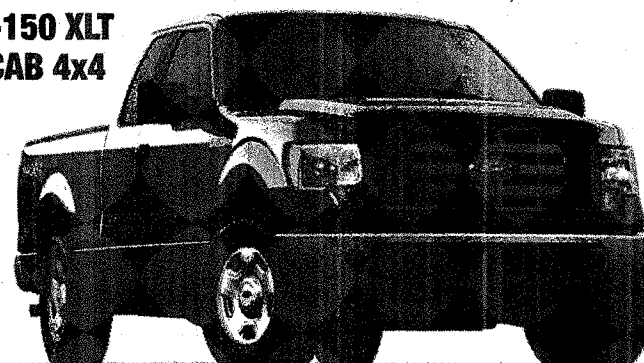


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