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The awards will be presented at an "Oktoberfest After Hours" style event 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

Nominating forms can be found in the chamber's August newsletter at www.westlandchamber.com. The deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. Sept. 15. Local residency is not required for either award. Individuals currently holding or seeking public office are not eligible.

Nominations can be mailed or dropped off at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, 36900 Ford, Westland, MI 48185 or faxed to (734) 326-6040.

Graunstadt appointed

Ronald Graunstadt has been appointed to the Westland Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to fill an expired term which will expire August 15, 2013.

Graunstadt is a longtime Westland resident and is the husband of former Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt. They have three daughters.

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Westland Mayor William Wild and local youngster sing Happy Birthday to the City of Westland which was established 45 years ago. Of course, it's not a birthday celebration without cake.

Crowd celebrates city's 45th birthday

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

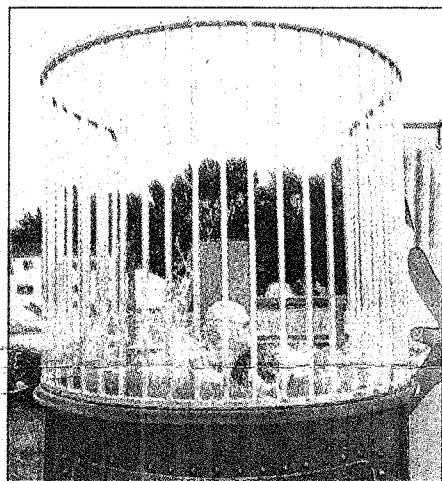
Westland is celebrating 45 years as city and about 600 people turned out Thursday evening to celebrate that birthday.

"It was a totally awesome event. There so many things to do. There were lots of kids out there having fun," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "The interaction with the mayor, council and administration was great. I think people really enjoyed that. It was the first time we had an event there (in Norwayne)."

Officially called a Community Gathering, the event was held at former Jefferson-Barns Elementary School. There was music from a disc jockey, bouncers, police dog demonstration, the fire safety trailer, food and Westland Police Officer Matt Bobby in the dunk tank.

The fire safety trailer was very popular with the youngsters, who received a free polo shirt naming them a deputy fire chief after they completed their visit.

"There were three different color polo shirts. Adults were trying to get the shirts even though they wouldn't fit," said Kosowski. "They did an



Westland Police Officer Matt Bobby hits the water in the dunk tank at the Community Gathering.

excellent job."

Assigned as a youth officer working at Westland John Glenn High School, Bobby spent most of the two-hour event wet as he was stationed in the dunk tank.

"Matt probably got dunked 100 times," said Kosowski, who had earlier expressed the hope that Chief Greg Angelosanto would take a turn in dunk-a-cop tank. Angelosanto was

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Man faces charges in 2008 fatal accident

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Three years after a traffic accident that

killed a Westland woman, a Garden City man is facing charges including manslaughter and causing a death while driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

Aaron John Leese, 21, is charged with operating while intoxicated causing death, reckless driving



Aaron John Leese

causing death and manslaughter with a vehicle, all felonies carrying up to 15 years in prison.

A not guilty plea was entered for Leese, who was released on \$500 personal bond.

Angelica Goff, 18, of Westland died June 6, 2008, of injuries suffered in a single car collision three days earlier in Garden City.

"Investigators determined that excessive speed and alcohol were factors in the crash," said Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

Leese was not charged at the time of the crash

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New library director hopes to start Sept. 19

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A new director for the William Faust Library should be on the job next month.

The Library Board and Sheila Collins have reached an agreement on terms of employment. Only some paperwork and completion of a background check remain before Collins' hiring is official, said Library

Board President Mark Neal.

"We're very happy to have concluded this early. She's thrilled about coming and we're thrilled that she is coming," said Neal.

Married with two adult children, Collins is relocating from Oklahoma where she is currently executive director of libraries at Northeastern

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Experts recommend taking practice ACT/SAT tests

By Linda Ann Chomin
Correspondent

Students will soon be sitting anxiously, No. 2 pencil in hand, to take the ACT. While Michigan requires all high school juniors to take the standardized test, it's especially important if students plan to attend college. Seniors can retake the test to increase their score. The higher the score, the better chance they will be admitted to the university of their choice.

There are actually several tests and strategies college admission officers shared as high school students head back to the classroom. Along with the ACT, students may take the SAT, an aptitude test, and the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) that qualifies them for National Merit Scholarships.

Colleges accept both ACT and SAT scores. Anxiety is common during the timed tests, but can be avoided by heeding counselors' advice and taking a prep course, if necessary. ACT test dates for the 2011-12 school year are Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, April 14 and June 9.

Audrey Telfer, 17, of Plymouth won't be taking the ACT this year. She will be hard at work in her freshman year at Northwestern University in Illinois. The Salem High School graduate increased her score by taking a seven-week ACT prep course in Ann Arbor after a cousin successfully completed the same sessions that consisted of two-hour classes and six hours of practice tests every Saturday and Sunday. Telfer's goal is to go to

law school.

"I thought the practice session was cool to know what to expect," she said. "It highlighted my strengths and weaknesses and directed my studying. We went over math that I had forgotten. It was a good refresher. The tests were just perfect."

ACT or SAT?

The ACT (American College Testing) assesses knowledge of math, science, reading and English and writing (optional). Some colleges place weight on the writing section. Others test this skill after admission.

The SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) focuses on mathematics, critical reading and writing skills.

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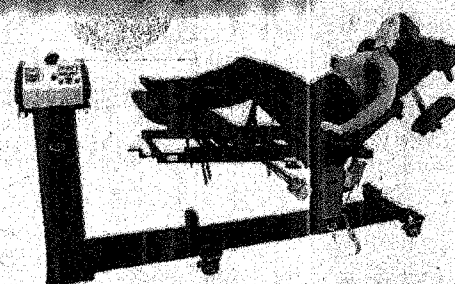
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due to the severity of his injuries. "Investigators now believe he has sufficiently recovered to answer to the charges in this matter," Muery said.

Goff was a passenger in the vehicle driven by a Leese which was traveling north on Farmington Road.

The accident occurred when the car struck a curb in a residential neighborhood near Marquette, and then rolled over onto the driver's side, police said. The car skidded on its side before slamming into a

telephone pole and coming to a stop.

"She was not conscious at the accident scene and we were never able to talk with her," Muery said at the time.

Garden City Fire Rescue transported Goff to Garden City Hospital and she was later airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital where she died after family members decided to take her off life support.

Leese was hospitalized in critical condition at the University of Michigan Hospital. A mechanical review of the vehicle revealed no defects that would have contributed to the accident.

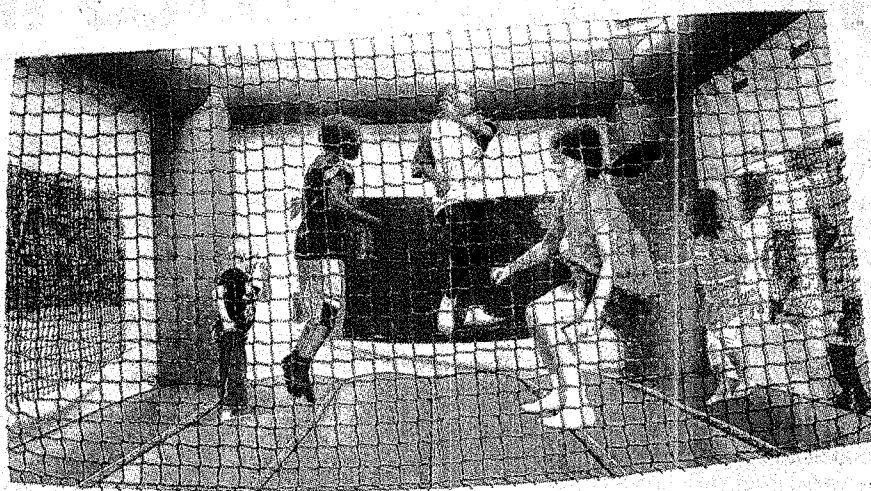
Called Angel by fami-

ly and friends, Goff formerly lived in Canton and had attended Westland John Glenn High School.

She was an outgoing person, who loved life and being with family, according to her father, Scott Goff.

Leese is scheduled for a preliminary examination Monday, Aug. 29 in 21st District Court. In addition to prison sentences if convicted, Leese could also be required to participate in a rehabilitative program and to reimburse the city for the costs of its emergency response.

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Kids enjoy a bounce house during the Community Gathering.

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among city officials on hand for the event but he stayed dry.

Guests at the Community Gathering sang Happy Birthday to the city and cut birthday cake.

The weather was nice for the Community Gathering but storms cut short the Park It Free Movie Night held Wednesday evening outside the Bailey Recreation Center. People who arrived early enjoyed music, kids activities, bounce houses and giveaways but only about 20 minutes of the movie, *Yogi Bear*.

"We started the movie early. They were calling for rain at about 10:30 p.m. so we thought we could get the event in," said Kosowski. "I'm glad I made the decision and called it when I did. Only one lady got hit with rain. Everyone else had made to their cars."

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State University in Oklahoma. In addition to a master's degree in library science, Collins also has a juris doctorate degree.

Collins has given Sept. 19 as a tentative start date contingent on the background check being completed and finding some temporary housing.

"It's a beautiful library — a very nice facility. I was pleasantly surprised that first thing in the morning there are people waiting to get into the library and it was filled up (with people)," said Collins. "Especially dur-

ing the summer, I was happy to see how many people were there."

A native of western New York, Collins had become an attorney after a dairy farm she owned had to become involved in litigation. She practiced law for a couple of years before earning a master's degree in library science.

"I had two young children and when you work for a law firm, you never seen them," said Collins. "I like libraries. I changed direction. I had in my mind being a law librarian."

Living in Ohio at that time, Collins said she moved into working for a public librarian due a

long commute and heavy time demands working as a librarian for a law firm. "You have to develop priorities," she said.

The library director position has been vacant since Cheryl Napsha left in November for a position with the Provincetown, Mass., library. Head of Adult Services Marilyn Kwik has been acting director since Napsha left.

The five-member Library Board itself went through a large turnover in the past year as one member wasn't reappointed and two others resigned.

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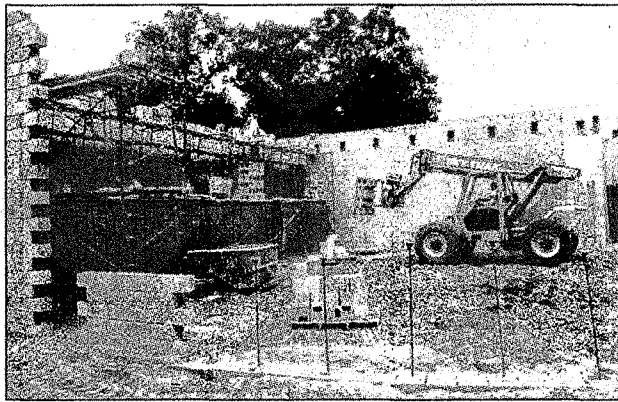
Work progresses in 3 new W-W libraries

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

When youngsters head back to the classroom at Wayne-Westland's Elliott, Wildwood and Hamilton Elementaries schools in Westland, they'll find a new addition — school libraries.

Work started in June on additions to the three schools to create media centers filled with books and computer labs. Financed in part by the district's sinking fund, the additions will be completed between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1.

The projects have been in the planning stages since the summer of 2010, and in April, the school board approved bid contracts, totaling \$2.4 million, for work at Elliott, Hamilton, Wildwood Elementary Schools and Roosevelt-McGrath, which is getting a new kitchen this construction season.



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The walls are up and the steel is getting installed as Wildwood Elementary School gets a new media center on the west side of the building.

"We went through sand talked to the principals to help plan on how students will access the buildings during the construction," said Doug Underwood of the district construction manager McCarthy and Smith Inc. "They're going to be very bright and appealing to the children on the inside."

In a presentation before the Wayne-Westland school board, Under-

wood said that the library at Edison Elementary is being constructed in a courtyard on the east end of the building. As of mid-August, the masonry walls were done and steel was being set, according to Underwood.

Hamilton's media center will be star shaped with "a lot of windows, a lot of glass" and attached to the north end of the building by the kinder-

garten classrooms.

"There was some over-excavating because Hamilton has some bad soil," said Underwood. "We didn't run into as much as we thought and we didn't have to go as deep as we thought."

Wildwood's media center is being added on the west side of the north end of the building. Because the construction is by the school's main entrance that has been moved to the south end of the building.

"We're maintaining the main entrance as an emergency egress," said Underwood. "We're hoping to be able to open that entrance up by mid-September. We're pushing to have the canopy completed and the doors in. The steel is up and the brick

will be going up."

Wildwood's bus loop which is directly to the north of the construction is intact and will be in use in the fall, he added.

The kitchen at Roosevelt-McGrath School in Wayne also is getting a makeover that will be ready for the start of school. The food service fund paying for some of the equipment.

"It will be much nicer," said Underwood. "The original kitchen was like a closet. This kitchen will have a new design with students lining up in the hallway."

As of last week of Aug. 15, the tile was down and the new equipment was to be installed last week, Underwood said.

"We guarantee it will be

ready for when students come in for the universal breakfast and lunch," he said.

He added that as work began of the renovations in April, it became that work needed to be scheduled on the school's off time.

"We've been using days off and a second shift," Underwood said.

While money from the building and site fund will be used to equip the libraries at Wildwood and Hamilton, Elliott will be outfitted with the book-cases, tables and chairs from Patchin Elementary which was sold to Harvest Bible Chapel in October 2010.

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Teen hopes to earn scholarship by sponsoring blood drive

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

An ambitious junior at Garden City High School has figured out how he can earn a scholarship and save lives.

After talking to a Red Cross representative, Zach Wardell learned that he could earn a \$500 college scholarship if he sponsored a blood drive.

The prospect seemed appealing to Wardell who hopes to study architecture at Lawrence Technological University.

Through communication with his church, he

arranged the blood drive.

"I have to get 31 pints," Wardell said. "They figure that each person gives about one pint."

The problem is that everyone who comes to a blood drive can't give blood if they have, for example, been out of the country or have taken certain medications.

While those who try to donate blood might get a sticker to applaud their efforts, it doesn't count towards Wardell's project.

"Some people might only be able to give a half a pint," Wardell said. "But, a half pint doesn't count."

Besides having a chance to earn a scholarship, Wardell will also be entered into drawings for two Cedar Point tickets and gas for a year.

Donors don't have to be church members to participate.

The blood drive is from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Faith Baptist Church, 26305 Ford in Dearborn Heights.

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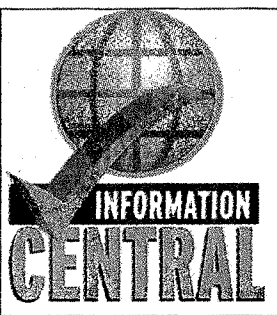
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The history of riots

A couple weeks ago, London experienced widespread riots after the Aug. 6 peaceful protest of the police response to the fatal shooting of Mark Duggan by Metro Police Service officers. Over the next four days, rioters looted and committed arson throughout the city. By Aug. 10, things had quieted down but not before the violence caused the deaths of 16 people and over £200 million in property damage. About 3,100 people have been arrested and over 1,000 have been criminally charged.

It's been a while since we here in the United States have had our own riots. Most people in their 30s and over will easily recall the L.A. riots in 1992. In the book, *Why L.A. happened: implications of the '92 Los Angeles Rebellion*, gives an overview and analysis from the perspectives of 29 varied contributors. L.A. is not unfamiliar with rioting. In Liza Burby's *The Watts riot*, the author gives an account of the 1965 riot in the black neighborhood of Watts in Los Angeles.

Here, in the Midwest, we have also had our fair share of rioting violence. In 1970, rioting occurred on the campus of Kent State University after National Guardsmen opened fire on unarmed students protesting the American invasion of Cambodia. The video, *Kent State: the day the war came home* takes a look back on the events leading up to the protests, the shooting and the resulting rioting. Hitting clos-



er to home, *The Detroit riot of 1967* by Hubert Locke, talks about Michigan's most explosive riot in its history.

Going back even further in time to the 19th century, our country underwent major violence. In the Haymarket Square in Chicago, 1886, a calm labor rally was disturbed when a pipe bomb was launched at the police who were meant to keep order. James R. Green's *Death in the Haymarket: a story of Chicago, the first labor movement, and the bombing that divided gilded age America* gives a well-documented narrative of the bombing, the trial and the hanging that followed the unrest. One of the most destructive riot in our nation's history still remains the New York City Draft Riots of 1863. Anger at the new laws passed by Congress to draft men to fight in the Civil War reached a head and the protests turned ugly and brutal. Extremely racialized, mostly blacks were murdered. Barnett Schecter's *The Devil's own work: the Civil War draft riots and the fight to reconstruct America* thoroughly tells the tale of this event.

To learn more about the history of American riots, come by the West-

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Summer Concert: The Hyper Lytics, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, in the Pavilion. Join us for a concert from the first-place finisher in our Battle of the Bands competition, the Hyper Lytics. These young fellows are Green Day aficionados and play from the catalog of these punk-rock greats. Seating available.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class Registration, 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2. Register for a nine-week ESL Class conducted by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run on 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays from Sept. 9 through Nov. 4. Students with children are welcome.

Goodfellows help meet need for school supplies

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

As part of their Christmas efforts, the Westland Goodfellows have provided local youngsters with some school supplies.

Now local youngsters in need of back packs, pencils, crayons and other materials can get help thanks to the Goodfellows with help from the Wayne Ford Civic League.

"As part of our Christmas program, we replenished school supplies for the second semester," said Westland Goodfellows Secretary Donna Knight. "We approached our board to add a fall program."

Amanda Faughnan, coordinator of the Westland Family Resource Center housed at Adams Upper Elementary School, supplied the Goodfellows with a list of needed supplies.

"We came in under budget. We bought 120 back packs, notebooks, folders — \$2,500 worth of items. We're bargain shoppers," said Knight. "We got things cheaper than at the dollar store — there is a website that sells at wholesale and is cheaper than anywhere else. The rest of the stuff we bought locally."

Among other calls at the Family Resource Center, Faughnan said she gets three to five requests a week for help with school supplies.

"It could be a family with one child or up to six kids. I can be very costly to purchase those supplies," Faughnan said. "There are some sup-



Posing with school supplies donated by the Westland Goodfellows are Paul Salah, deputy superintendent for instruction (left rear), Westland City Councilman Bill Johnson, Wayne Ford Civic League President Vic Barra, Wayne Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy, Goodfellow Barb Hatfield and Amanda Faughnan, Family Resource Center director. In the front row, Goodfellows Donna Knight (left), Larry Futrell and Heather Hatfield.

plies at school but there are things they need at home for homework."

The back packs are also helpful, she said, so that youngsters can carry their school books and work.

"Thank you. You have no idea how excited and lit up the kids' faces are when you give them simple school supplies like pencils and back packs," said Faughnan, as Goodfellows and Wayne-Westland School officials gathered to look at the donated school supplies. "Thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

"We're very grateful for your generosity. A lot of people don't realize the need there is in the district," said Wayne Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This is not the district we grew up in — there is a great need. Our free

and reduced lunch program is now over 70 percent this year. Our demographics have changed dramatically."

The Westland Goodfellows have seen that change also. Along with the growing demand for assistance, Knight said over half the families assisted by the Goodfellows last Christmas had never asked for help previously.

Thanks to a \$2,500 donation from the Wayne Ford Civic League, the Goodfellows were going shopping for more school supplies. Low-income families needing school supplies can contact the Family Resource Center. The families must be Westland residents with students enrolled in the Wayne-Westland School district.

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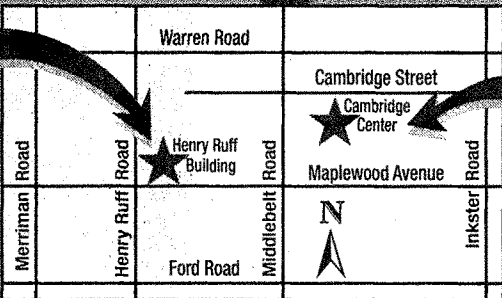
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Park near City Hall will be named Larry Nehasil Park

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A city park near Livonia City Hall and the Livonia Police Headquarters will be named Larry Nehasil Park.

The council voted unanimously Wednesday to name the Civic Center Park, also known as Dolphin Park and located west of Shadyside at Five Mile Road near Livonia City Hall, after Nehasil.

Nehasil, a Livonia police officer, was killed Jan. 17 while trying to apprehend a burglary suspect. The suspect was killed in a gunfire exchange with Nehasil, who was working undercover.

Mayor Jack Kirksey believes that park is an appropriate location because it is passed by every Livonia police officer heading out from and returning to the Police Station and will be seen by residents driving by on Five Mile.

Kirksey is in the process of forming an ad hoc committee of rep-



Officer
Larry Nehasil

representatives of the Nehasil family, public safety personnel and citizens to work out the details of the memorial.

"The details will be worked out over the next few months," Kirksey said. "It is such a special recognition. We are so indebted to Larry and others who put themselves in harm's way."

Kirksey believes the memorial deserves something more than signage or a plaque. The committee is expected to be looking at community donations from business owners and others to help fund an appropriate memorial, Kirksey said.

"That will be the decision of the committee, but they will be looking at obtaining contributions from the community," Kirksey said.

Kirksey said the committee would need to

decide on the appropriate memorial, funding and completion date before the park is officially dedicated.

Deputy Chief Curtis Caid, who is Nehasil's brother-in-law, said the Nehasil family and Livonia police officers appreciated the recognition.

"Any gesture at all from the city and community to recognize Larry or public safety employees for what they do is greatly appreciated," Caid said. "It is an honor for the family and for us in public safety. We sincerely appreciate that recognition from the council, the mayor and Ed Morris. That they recognize these things, it means a great deal."

Ed Morris is a Livonia resident who grew up with Nehasil in Livonia. Morris first approached the council earlier this year about naming a park after Nehasil.

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Tourney spells win for Scrabble pro

By Pat Murphy
Observer Staff Writer

Local players did well in last week's Scrabble Tournament, the portion of the Senior Olympics hosted by Redford Township.

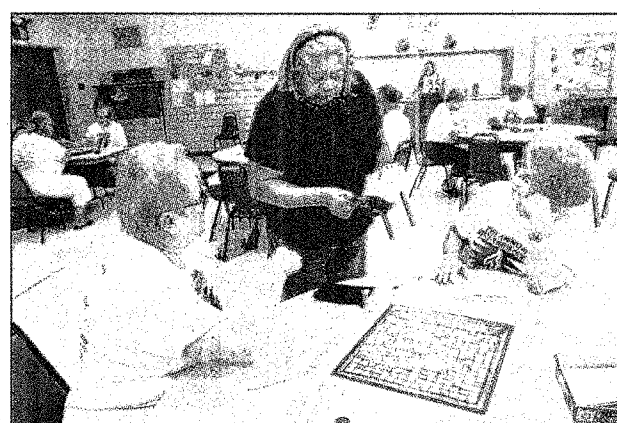
Livonia hosted the Olympics, attracting hundreds of competitors between the ages of 50 and 90. But separate events — in Frisbee, euchre, baking, Wii and creative writing — were held in various Wayne County communities, including Redford Township.

Thirteen Olympians took part in the Scrabble tournament at the Redford Community Center.

Michael Valente of Redford Township won a gold medal, surpassing last year's second-place showing. He and other players had been in training for the tourney, with more intense practices.

"The competition was really good," he said. "The game is the same, but it's fun to play people from different communities."

While the competition



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Scrabble ref Lois Hawkins, standing, checks the book to determine if a word is valid. Players Dorothy Disbrow, of Westland, and Frieda Alderman, of Redford, await the call.

was tough, said Jill Davies, another township resident, "everyone had fun." Davies and Arlene Funke, a guest columnist with the *Redford Observer*, won second-place honors.

Davies said she was a tad nervous, even on her home turf. Even so, she vowed to do better next year.

"I'm going to beat Michael," she insisted, "and anyone else."

In addition to Valente, other first-place win-

ners were Darrilyn Childress of Inkster, Dorothy Disbrow of Westland, and Sarah Young of Inkster, in Classes B, C and D, respectively.

Silver medal, or second-place, winners were Michele Smith of Dearborn, Deborah Owens of Inkster, and Terrel LeCesne of Inkster, in Classes A, B and C, respectively. In addition to Davies and Funke, Marjorie Dziewit of Westland won a bronze medal.

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PRACTICE TEST

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The scores are a major part of what Kathryn Orscheln looks at when considering a student's application. Eastern Michigan University received 12,566 applications for the fall semester and admitted about 60 percent.

"We consider the GPA, ACT or SAT score, also curriculum they've taken," said Orscheln, director of EMU's Office of Admissions. "For ACT, we suggest students prepare by being engaged in their learning throughout school, do the work, learn as much as they can. It's an accumulation."

In recent years, Orscheln has noticed scores don't always coincide with GPAs. She appreciates guidance counselors who contact the college and advocate for students when this is the case.

"We've seen a rise in students getting very anxious," Orscheln said. "We used to assume GPA and test score would match, 4.0 to 28 to 30 on ACT. Now with a 3.8 GPA, they score 20 on ACT or even lower. Counselors say, 'This is a great student, but she does terrible on tests.' We need to listen to high school counselors, teachers. They care about these students and make time to make these calls."

Don't wait

One of Lisa Kujawa's sons was not a good test-taker and decided to take a prep course for two summers. She tells parents, "Don't wait 'til your kid is a junior." ACT offers a calendar that recommends a path of action beginning as early as the freshman year. As little as a two-point increase could make a difference when it comes to receiving a \$5,000 scholarship.

Kujawa, associate provost for enrollment services at Lawrence Technological University, suggests students familiarize themselves with the ACT and SAT by visiting the websites. Both organizations offer practice tests, books, DVDs and a question of the day. At LTU, the scores count 60 percent toward admission.

"Here's the key," Kujawa said. "If you begin to start taking (the tests) early and get familiar with the format, questions, you might not do as well because you don't have those courses yet, but as a junior or senior you do have the courses and the more familiar you can make yourself with it helps you to understand when you take it again."

Michigan State University recommends taking the test as many times as possible as well and to include all scores. MSU received 28,000 applications for fall. About 70 percent were accepted.

Other factors

"The ACT/SAT score is one factor in the application review process," said Gabe Santi, director of communication at MSU's Office of Admission. "We do not attach specific weight, but it is a key factor. Along with GPA, trend of grades, increasing or decreasing, and the personal statement, these provide our office with a degree of knowledge about preparation and aptitude of success."

Santi grew up in Pontiac and graduated from high school in 1993. He can remember the score being a significant part of the college application process.

"The college admissions world is more competitive now," he said.

Like MSU, Oakland University factors in a number of considerations. This fall, 10,277 students applied for the fall semester; 6,658 were accepted. The advice is similar. Take the test as many times as possible.

The ACT/SAT score counts about 50 percent toward admissions at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Christopher Tremblay, executive director of enrollment management, tells parents to encourage their children to take challenging courses as early as middle school, and the ACT as a sophomore. Tremblay wishes he'd scored higher than average on the ACT. The Canton resident believes strongly in higher education and is currently in a doctorate program.

"Every day they are preparing," Tremblay said. "Commitment to their course work plants seeds for success. We want to see as many academic or college prep courses, honors and placement, also trend of their grades. We don't like to see declines in performance. We like to see upward trends."

Tremblay recommends students and parents visit the state of Michigan's College Access Portal (www.michiganaccess.org). Under planning for college is a test preparation section. Use it not only to gain admission, but help finance education.

Apply early

Applying early is important as well. The scholarship deadline is Dec. 15 for U-M Dearborn, which offered \$16 million (154 full-tuition scholarships) to freshmen this year. The university uses GPA and test scores to determine eligibility.

Madonna University offers two advantages for students preparing for the ACT — a free workshop and the opportunity to take the test at an actual site. ACT sites include Novi, Catholic Central, Stevenson, Churchill, Clarenceville, Thurston, Mercy, Plymouth, Canton and Lutheran High School-Westland.

Along with attending the three-hour workshop and tour Oct. 8 and Nov. 10, to demystify the test and address anxiety, Michael Kenney recommends setting aside seven consecutive Saturdays the summer before to take practice tests. Kenney, Madonna University vice president for planning and enrollment management, has had plenty of practice with this method. The Livonia resident has seven children — one out of college, two in college, one in high school.

"Take out a calendar and mark Saturdays. It does take a commitment," he said. "Set aside a couple of days to work through not only scoring the tests, but studying answers and paying particular attention to explanations for the correct answers."

Madonna's workshops allow students to take a portion of the test. Kenney sees the ACT as an equalizer, as GPAs differ from school to school. Madonna, like many universities, takes an individualized approach to the admissions process. ACT/SAT scores, GPA, letters of recommendation, an essay describing why they want to come to Madonna and activities in high school all play a part.

"The score is an important component because it is the only aspect of the application process that is completely objective with everyone required to take same test," Kenney said. "We understand ACT is not a perfect measure of their capacity for success. There's a national discussion about whether or not it's a useful tool."

"Sleep can help

As colleges debate the value, Telfer offers advice from someone who's taken the test.

"Sleeping is really your best friend for these for your mind to be sharp," said Telfer, who maintained a 4.18 grade-point average at Salem High School.

At Western Michigan University, the ACT still counts equally in terms of consideration. Of 14,200 who applied for the fall semester, 10,400 were offered admission.

"We feel the tests affirm what we're seeing," said Penny Bundy, director of admissions. "We make our decisions based on the combination of college prep curriculum, GPA and trend of grades. The scores gives a good sense to their ability and readiness to do college level work."

Bundy suggests students have someone time them and give the five-minute warning as if they were actually taking the test.

"Prep courses can be beneficial, particularly if a student has a lot of anxiety about taking that test," Bundy said. "I went to the bookstore over the weekend and there are quite a few guide books and some courses have been around a long time (like Kaplan, Princeton.)"

Bundy, who's been in admissions 25 years, has advice for parents.

"Enjoy this experience," she said. "It's an exciting time for students and parents. Keep lines of communication open. Parents might want them to go to one college. It can be an overwhelming process whether to choose small, large, close to home, religion or faith-based. Rely on college professionals."

Visit campuses. Ask questions — why students chose that certain school.

Prospective applicants will have the opportunity to tour UM-Dearborn from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, during an open house that allows them to apply in person and meet with an admissions representative.

The ACT test costs \$49.50 with writing section, \$34 without. The test starts at 8 a.m. and finishes 12:15 p.m. (non-writing) or 1 p.m. Deadline for registering is approximately one month earlier. Visit www.act.org or actstudent.org.

The SAT test dates are Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. Cost is \$49. Visit www.collegeboard.com. PSAT testing to qualify for National Merit Scholarships takes place Oct. 12 and Oct. 15. Cost is \$14. Fee waivers available for juniors from low-income families. See SAT website.

Prep courses help students score higher

By Linda Ann Chomin

Correspondent

Penny Bundy points out that strategy can make all the difference when taking the ACT and/or SAT. As director of admissions at Western Michigan University, she has been studying the two tests for 25 years.

Questioning whether or not to guess an answer? ACT (American College Testing) encourages students to answer every last one. According to Bundy, there is no penalty for guessing on the multiple-choice tests as scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly.

Be prepared is the advice of Gabe Santi of Michigan State University's office of admissions.

"Get a good's night sleep and eat breakfast. Follow directions on the exam," Santi said. "Students who take a challenging high school curriculum are more likely to succeed in a standardized test. Challenge yourself in high school by taking math, science and foreign language."

Prep courses can help by giving tips like these. Schoolcraft College, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and learning centers throughout the area offer strategies as well as the opportunity to take practice tests.

Prices range from \$85 to \$1,499 for courses lasting one day to several weeks. One-on-one tutoring costs depend on length of time necessary to increase scores. Class sizes vary as well.

Schoolcraft College offers instruction on site and online. The course begins with a pre-test to determine a student's knowledge. Textbooks and a CD-ROM with practice exams are provided, as well as a packet of correct answers. A final test is given at the end of the course.

"Reading is a big thing," said Heather Rawat, program coordinator for Schoolcraft's continuing education. "They have to be able to read the question and find out what they're looking for."

Huntington Learning Center offers private tutoring customized to individual students. Wie Pan opened the Canton franchise in June 2009 after working 30 years in corporate America. He has a doctorate in chemistry.

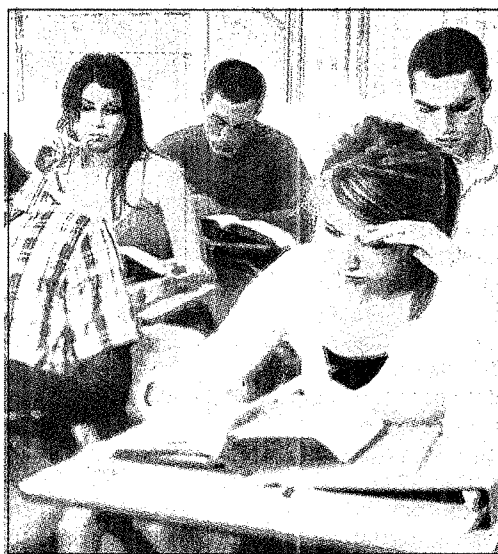
"Some students are further ahead than others, some lacking basic skills," Pan said. "Huntington recognized that there are some 67 different skills from English to math, reading and science, and address each one of these skills with the student."

Does your child lack study skills, tend to read passively?

"We teach them to read actively and to retain key facts to draw conclusions," Pan said. "Self-confidence is related to skills. If unsure of how well you know the material, we teach you, help build and rebuild skills leading to higher confidence. In the process, we provide study skills/tools to use in the rest of high school years and college and beyond."

Phyllis Katz of Novi founded Test Preparation Workshops in 1982 at the request of the continuing education director for Berkley Schools. The workshops offer ACT, SAT and PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) instruction for individuals, as well as school systems.

"We teach strategy for timing, guessing, how to approach each test, talk about essay and direct them to other materials," said Katz, who taught in the Berkley district 25



years. McCully's Educational Resource Center offers private tutoring and group instruction at its Canton location, as well as through Plymouth-Canton Schools community education. Founded in Plymouth by Mary McCully in 1990, the center provides students with a six-page analysis of areas they need to study after completing a practice test.

"ACT opens doors for colleges," said Bill McCully, co-owner with his wife, a retired special education teacher/consultant for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "The better you do, the more college doors you open. We give students tips and teach them

how to approach the test, how to relax, practice. We compare it to a sport where the more you practice, the better you're going to do."

Betty Bloch is excited about McCully providing the course for Plymouth-Canton community education. Another company marketed a one-day version to its students for a number of years. A check of nearby school districts found none, except Plymouth-Canton, offers ACT prep courses.

"This is the first year we're offering the long course," said Bloch, supervisor for Plymouth-Canton community education. "There are three different classes and practice classes from one day to several weeks. All students are welcome to come here."

Horizon Learning Solutions offers ACT, SAT prep courses and one-on-one tutoring at Eastern Michigan University in Livonia, Hindu Temple of Canton and Hartland High School in Howell. Its specialty is 1½-day classes, as well as help for students filling out college applications and preparing for admission interviews.

"We try to keep it to needs of individuals, small class sizes, eight or less," said owner Neal Maheshwari, who lives in Northville and has two children in medical school and premed. "Both of our children graduated from Northville. We felt we needed to offer something to help the kids and wanted to offer something more reasonably priced and of a shortened duration. Students average a 10-percent improvement."

Christopher Tremblay is concerned about students who may not score well on the ACT. He offers hope as executive director of enrollment management at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"More than a test score defines a college applicant," Tremblay said. "Sometimes as a society, we obsess about testing and certainly there's a place for that, but there's always an opportunity."

WHERE TO GO

TEST PREP COURSES

- **Horizon Learning Solutions**, based in Northville, serves southeast Michigan. Contact (248) 974-1898 or horizonlearn@gmail.com. Website is www.horizonlearn.com. Costs range from \$99 to \$395, class size limited to eight students. Courses held at Eastern Michigan University in Livonia, Hindu Temple of Canton, and Hartland High School in Howell. Classes begin late September. Open House with a free ACT diagnostic test is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Northville District Library.
- **Huntington Learning Center**, 44630 Ford Road, Canton. Call (734) 446-5576 or 207-7930 for SAT/ACT Prep. Call (800) Can-Learn for general information and locations or visit www.huntingtonlearning.com.
- **Kaplan** offers a session, "Accepted: Getting Into Your First Choice School," 7 p.m. Sept. 22, in Dearborn Heights. Register at www.kaptest.com. Call (800) Kap-TEST or visit www.kaplan.com for information.
- **Madonna University**, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. ACT Prep & Tour 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8, and 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, includes free practice test, workshops, and university tour. Registration preferred

- but walk-ins welcome. Visit www.madonna.edu or call (734) 432-5317.
- **McCully's Educational Resource Center**, 7664 N. Canton Center Road, Canton (734) 414-7884 offers test prep private tutoring and group instruction, as well as through Plymouth-Canton Schools community education. Call (734) 414-7884 or visit www.merctutoring.com.
- **New Point Learning Center**, 2216 S. Main, Ann Arbor. ACT, SAT and PSAT prep. Visit www.newpointlearning.com/annarbor or call (734) 213-3695 or (877) 895-4008.
- **Plymouth-Canton Community Schools** one-day class Nov. 29 and March 1, four-week sessions begin Nov. 2 and January 25, at Canton High. Comprehensive Prep Course begins Oct. 17 (2:30-4:30 p.m. for 25 days) and Oct. 18 (7-9 p.m. for 23 days) at Plymouth High School (\$89 to \$995). Call (734) 416-2937 for information. To register, visit communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us. Free practice test for all Plymouth-Canton district juniors 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Canton and Salem high school cafeterias. Presentation and review with parents 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.
- **Test Preparation Workshops** offers one and two-day sessions at the Livonia Civic

- Center Library Oct. 10-11 and Feb. 27-28; Orchard Lake Middle School, West Bloomfield, Sept. 24, or Dec. 3 or Feb. 25; Michigan State University (Troy campus) Oct. 8 or Jan. 28; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Jan. 14, for ACT, SAT and PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). Cost \$85. Call (248) 552-7209 or visit www.scoremorepoints.com.
- **The Princeton Review** offers sessions Sept. 17 through Oct. 30 and April 21 through May 31, at locations such as the Comfort Inn, Plymouth; Novi Civic Center; Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills; Ann Arbor; Groves High School, Birmingham, and International Academy, Bloomfield Hills. Call (888) 955-4600 or visit www.princetonreview.com.
- **Schoolcraft College**, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Online and campus-based American College Testing (ACT) Preparation Workshop. On campus session is for seven weeks 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays beginning Oct. 8 (\$259). Online is nine weeks and starts Oct. 10 (\$229). Call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu for information.
- **Sylvan Learning Centers**, locations in Canton, Livonia, Novi, Ann Arbor, Southfield. Call (800) 244-8547 or visit www.sylvanlearning.com.

Open Door hits 4th straight million mark

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food bank that feeds nearly 1,300 people every week, reached a milestone Wednesday when it received a delivery that pushed its food threshold past the one-million-pound mark for the year.

It's the fourth consecutive year Open Door has surpassed that mark, and Director Steve Darr predicted the food bank will distribute a record-breaking 1.6 million pounds of food by year's end as thousands of area families continue to struggle for basic necessities amid a bruising economy.

The latest delivery Wednesday by Gleaners Community Food Bank truck driver Tom Wilson came one day before recipients lined up in cars outside Open Door's warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue — just as they do every Thursday — to receive food.

Fighting hunger

Wilson brought potatoes, carrots, eggs, cantaloupe, tomatoes and pep-



Tom Wilson, truck driver for Gleaners Community Food Bank, unloads a pallet that pushes Open Door Ministry's food pantry past the 1-million-pound mark for 2011. He is speaking with Jackie Darr, who operates the pantry with husband Steve.

pers — items Open Door volunteers boxed up with meat and canned goods to fight hunger among residents from Canton, Westland, Plymouth, Inkster, Wayne, Garden City, Ypsilanti, Belleville and a few families from Livonia and Redford.

"I think this organization is tops," Wilson said. "They just love everybody."

Open Door, marking its 11th year, is an offshoot of Canton-based Connection Church, though Darr said its volunteers come from other churches, civ-

ic organizations, youth groups and other sources. It receives food from places such as Gleaners, Forgotten Harvest and Romulus-based S&F Foods.

As Darr, wife Jackie and other unpaid volunteers celebrated the one-million-pound mark Wednesday, they also paused to thank the Canton Community Foundation and anonymous donors for a new \$9,000, 10-by-14-foot, walk-in cooler that added to Open Door's arsenal of much-needed storage space.

Foundation President Joan Noricks joined Open Door volunteers for their celebration and said it's important for organizations such as the foundation to support the food pantry.

"It's important because there are so many hungry people in the community, and Open Door Ministry has the capability to feed these people and help them with jobs," Noricks said. "They're such good people here."

It's about jobs

She was referring to a jobs program Open Door sponsors. It goes beyond helping the unemployed look for work. It also provides one-on-one counseling and helps them brush up on their reading and

writing skills, develop resumes and work toward goals, such as getting a chauffeur's license, that can bridge the gap from joblessness to employment.

Already this year, Open Door has fed 39,639 people — many of them return recipients. Last year it fed 69,535 people. And while the organization saw a 30-percent spike in pleas for help in 2010 compared to 2009, Darr said demand has leveled off this year.

"We hope it's because people are getting jobs," he said.

Every week, Open Door has 60-70 volunteers who help out. Some who can't give their time donate money, which helps because the food pantry

does buy some of its food at hugely discounted prices offered by other organizations. On average, Open Door spends 2 cents for each pound of food it distributes.

"If somebody donates a dollar, that can buy a lot of food," Darr said.

Open Door volunteer Ralph Puckett credits the Darrs with making the organization a success, but Darr deflects the praise.

"It's everybody working together to help their neighbors," he said.

To help or for more information, go to www.opendoorfoodministry.org or call (734) 397-1777, Ext. 201.

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Retailers to hold job fair in Livonia

An "All Around Retail" Job Fair will be held Oct. 5 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Up to 150 retailers from all over Southeast Michigan will be looking to fill as many as 1,000 jobs for the holiday season. Job-seekers may bring their resumes to meet, apply and interview on site.

In addition to the job fair there will be an "Interviewing Skills Sem-

inar" for the first 100 participants. This event is free and open to the public. Vendor booths are still available.

The Job Fair is being hosted by the "All Around Retail" networking group recently co-founded by Melissa Kolinski of American Eagle Outfitters and Amanda Miller of 77Kids, both at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi. Both are store managers who know how daunting and

time-consuming the holiday hiring process can be.

The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The "Interviewing Skills Seminar" will take place at 9 a.m.

St. Mary's Cultural Center is at 18100 Merriman Road.

For more information, visit www.AllAroundRetail.com or contact event producer Chris Ogden at (734) 224-2202.

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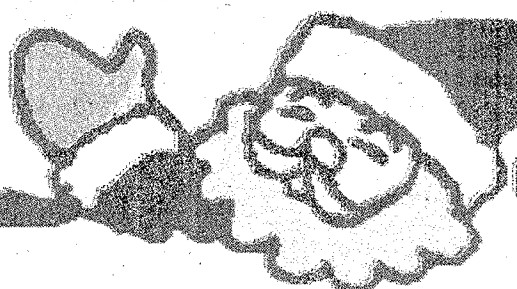
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Appeal aims at expanding arts understanding

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Jill Engel believes there are still a great number of people in the southeastern Michigan area who don't even know the Village Theater at Cherry Hill exists.

As the executive director of Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Engel hopes to change that, and the partnership will soon be asking for help funding the kinds of programs that keep the theater on the map.

Letters to some 7,000 people in Canton and surrounding areas — statistics show the theater draws patrons from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Farmington and

other western Wayne and southeast Michigan communities — will be asking for donations in the partnership's 2011-2012 appeal.

"It's not just for Canton," Engel said. "We say 'greater Canton community,' but the arts draw people from all over southeast Michigan."

The appeal will, in large part, help the partnership continue to hand out annual grants to artistic groups, most of them resident groups at the Village Theater, to make sure the arts are nurtured in the area.

In 2010-2011, according to Engel, the partnership handed out some \$59,000 in grants. For 2011-2012, Engel said, groups requested near-

ly \$121,000 in grants. The partnership approved some \$50,000 in grants.

A \$12,000 grant went to Forever After Productions, the theater group that features young children like Amanda and Geoffrey Grimm, who first auditioned for *Wizard of Oz* six years ago. Nearly seven years later, the siblings figure the performing arts have helped them with self-confidence, public speaking and memorization skills.

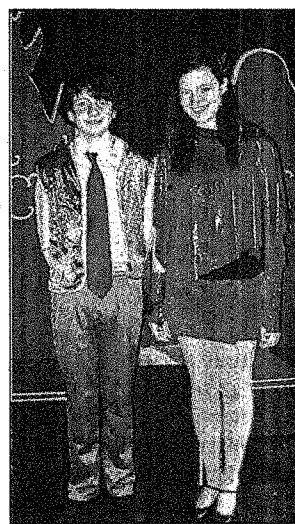
"Performing has given us so much," the Grimms wrote in a testimonial. "We have had an amazing opportunity to be mentored by older performers and, as we grew older, to mentor younger kids as they learn about theater."

It's not just the youth group that inhabits the theater, though. Other grant recipients include the Michigan Philharmonic, the Canton Concert Band, Spotlight Players, the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers.

"Arts aren't just for one age group, they're for all ages," Engel said. "You've got people buying Mozart CDs for their newborns. And you've got older patrons who see the Canton Concert Band and it brings tears to their eyes, because (the music) brings back so many wonderful memories."

The appeal offers everyone a chance to sponsor the arts, because there are a wide range of donation options available, ranging from \$25 for a "Rising Star" sponsorship to \$5,000 for "Advocate" level sponsorship.

Rob Bovitz, an actor



Amanda and Geoffrey Grimm first auditioned for *Wizard of Oz* six years ago at the Village Theater, and recently appeared in a revival of their first roles.

with the Spotlight Players who last year was also Canton's Business Person of the Year, said having a home stage like the one at the Village Theater is a huge benefit to performing groups.

Bovitz said he likes the idea of sharing the arts with his 6- and 8-year-old daughters.

"After years of performing in middle school auditoriums, it was a breath of fresh air to move to Spotlight Players," Bovitz said. "Being a performer on stage gives me an additional sense of ownership in the theater."

While those kinds of testimonials from people involved in the arts are all well and good, Engel believes there are still plenty of people left for whom the arts have no meaning ... yet.

"I think the arts are important for so many aspects of people's lives, and we want to inspire them," Engel said. "There are still many people out there who the arts haven't touched, and we want to touch them."

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Stewart tribute raises cash for arts

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

The next big fundraiser for Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities will be a tribute to Rod Stewart and — if all goes according to organizers' plans — collect a tribute to the arts.

Danny D & the Vagabonds, a Rod Stewart tribute band, will play the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in an effort to raise money that would help the partnership promote the arts in Canton and all its surrounding southeast Michigan communities. Combined with a sec-

ond planned fundraiser in February (that one will feature popular local entertainer Steve King and the Dittlies), the partnership hopes to raise some \$20,000.

"It's Sweetest Day, and (Stewart's music) is perfect for that," said Jill Engel, executive director of the partnership. "If we can sell the two events out, that puts about \$20,000 extra that we can use toward community arts. That's huge."

A Hamtramck native, Danny D has played private shows, nightclubs and the Michigan State Fair. He has opened for Mitch Ryder, David Lee

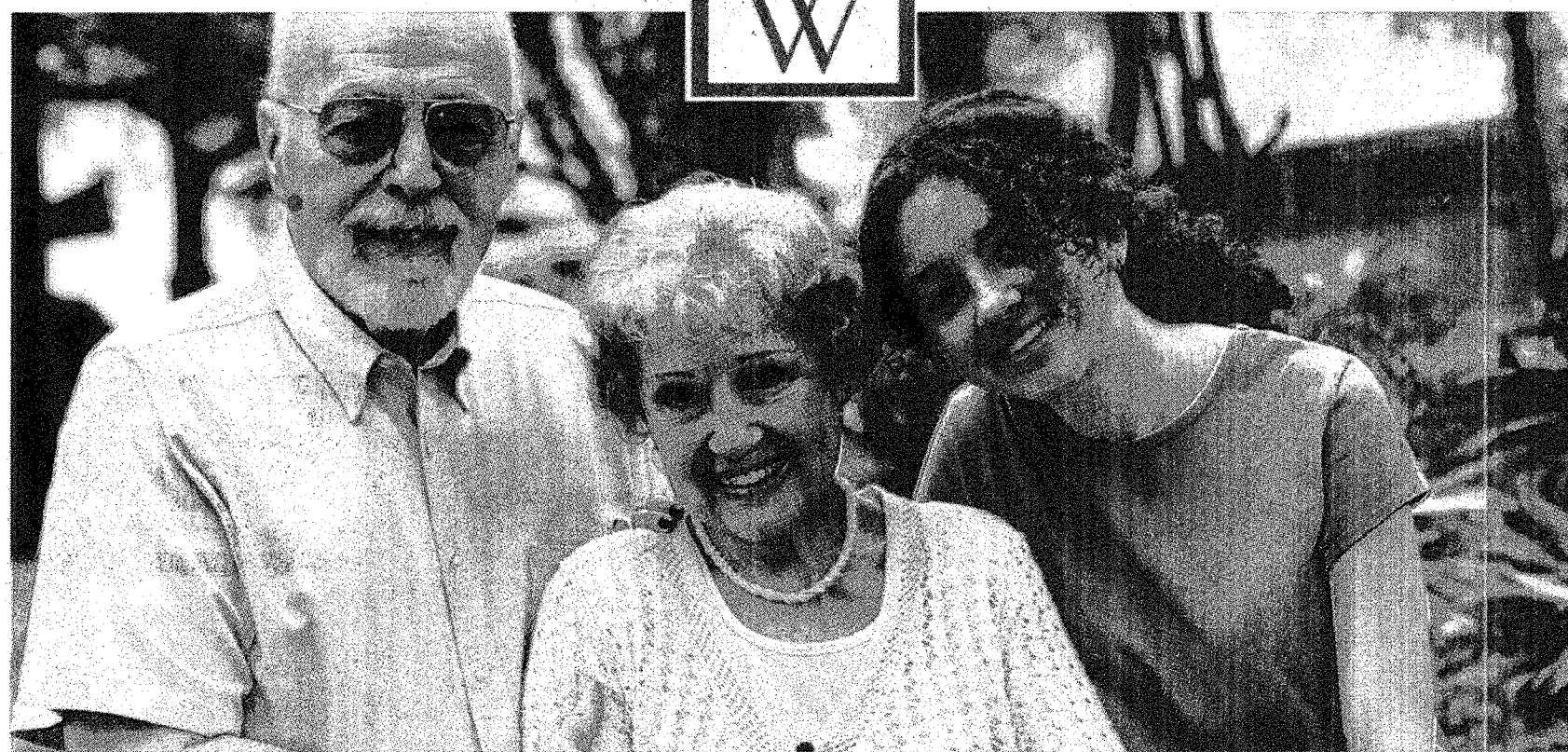
Roth, Bad Company, Air Supply and The Romantics.

The event will feature a one-hour, pre-show reception with appetizers and treats from Main Street Catering, Fat Chef in a Little Coat, Sweet and Savory Caterers, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa.

The event is sponsored by Western Wayne Urgent Care. Tickets are \$30.

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County commissioners approve 2011-12 budget

The Wayne County Commission voted unanimously Thursday to approve the county's \$2.1 billion fiscal year 2011-2012 budget. The budget takes effect October 1 and shows a 2 percent decline overall from the current budget and 7 percent decline in the general fund.

"I am pleased that the commission and the executive's office were able to come together and get this budget done," said Commissioner Bernard Parker (D-Detroit), who serves as chairman of the commission's Ways and Means committee. "Even though it is a very tight budget, the changes we made in there are something that's really going to make a difference."

Despite the lower numbers, several areas of concern received funding to continue services operating for county residents.

One critical matter was the proposed closing of Chandler Park. Even though money wasn't allocated into the Chandler Park fund directly, it was decided by both sides that \$500,000 would be deposited into the parks fund with the hope for private or public partners to help keep the facility running. "The county has wanted the opportunity to go out and look for somebody to come in and partner with," Parker said. "There is a commitment between the administra-

tion and commission that Chandler Park will open next year and will continue to operate."

The rash of mortgage foreclosures was also addressed, and thanks to a continuous push from County Commissioner Martha G. Scott (D-Detroit), help is on the way. Money will be allocated for personnel to help "ensure a person's rights are maintained," Parker said.

"Homeowners will be contacted to make sure they have every opportunity to save the home. This will make the banks wake up and realize we are serious that we want to keep people in their homes."

"I am truly grateful Commissioner Parker took the time out to work with me on this foreclosure," Scott said. "It could happen to any of us because we don't know from day to day what is going to happen. I do know that when we are in a position to serve people, we have to make sure we served them in a manner in which they deserve."

Two other critical areas included funding for PASS (Prevention Action Services Systems) and CMO (Care Management Organization) programs. It was agreed that \$1.2 million would be restored into PASS, including \$700,000 for Detroit services, and \$1 million into CMO accounts.

Franklin grad tours U.S. with drum and bugle corps

Dylan Serwatka, a 2011 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, spent the summer performing and competing with the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps of Toledo.

"It was amazing; it was really awesome," the Westland resident said Tuesday, adding the experience combined his interests in music and physical fitness.

Serwatka, 18, who played trombone in Franklin's marching band, senior jazz band and orchestra, said he auditioned for the non-profit youth drum and bugle corps because he wanted to better himself in music and continue with marching. He plans to start classes at Schoolcraft Community College in January and then transfer to Bowling Green State University



Dylan Serwatka, a trombone player while at Franklin High School, learned to play the baritone in two weeks before auditioning for the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps of Toledo.

to become a band director and teach music.

Serwatka auditioned on the trombone, but Glassmen needed baritone players so Serwatka borrowed

friend Dan Monti's baritone, learned to play it, and returned two weeks later to audition on the baritone. He was accepted.

He left for the corps May 20 and returned Aug. 14. He spent the first month in training, learning the show and how to be a Glassmen member. Then it was on the road to tour the United States, performing and competing against other world-class corps. They traveled in Glassmen tour buses, ate from a food wagon and slept on high school gym floors, rarely taking a day off. "I didn't think it was going to be hard physically and mentally all day, every day," he said.

They went as far as San Antonio, Texas, performing just once in Michigan in Grand

Rapids on June 25.

A highlight for Serwatka was when the corps played at Bowling Green State University, and members of the Franklin band and their teacher, Kristi Jasini, attended.

The corps ended its season the weekend of Aug. 13-14 at the world finals in Indianapolis, where Glassmen placed 13th overall.

Serwatka said he would like to audition again next summer for Glassmen — he has until he's age 21 to try out.

"I like being in the moment with it, knowing hard work pays off in the end," he said of being in a marching band. "It builds bonds, and I like being physically fit and playing music."

—By Karen Smith

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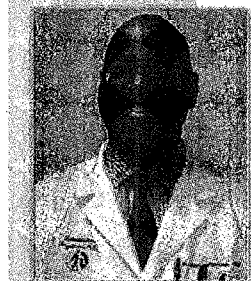
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Double donation

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum has received financial commitments from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the Friends to help boost the general operating fund for the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Historical Museum, Lathers General Store and Grande Parlour.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-for-dollar matching grant is Aug. 31. If a person donates \$10, the total donation to the Friends is \$20.

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and does not receive financial support from the city of Garden City for its operation and

maintenance. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Meriman, Garden City, MI 48135. Visit www.sfhonline.org for more information.

Garage sale

Garden City's Farmer's Market will be having a Treasure Mart/Garage Sale 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the market area at northeast corner of the Town Center Plaza at Middlebelt at Ford Road.

Booth fee is \$12 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot. For more information or questions, call Dianne Thurner at (734) 765-7999 or Pat Squires at (734) 748-0514.

School supplies

School starts very soon, and the Rotary Club of Garden City is collecting school supplies and backpacks for students in Garden City who cannot afford these items.

The club has drop boxes at Garden City Hall on Middlebelt north of Ford, the school district's administrative offices on Radcliff south of Ford, Henry Ruff Elementary at Henry Ruff and Maplewood and Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy.

This is the second year that Rotarians are collecting school supplies. They plan to have the backpacks available for delivery the first week of September for each principal to distribute to their students.

Crowd protests McCotter's jobs stance

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Some 100 people gathered in front of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's Plymouth office Friday morning to let McCotter, a candidate for president, know they don't think he's doing enough to bring jobs to his state.

The protesters tooted whistles, chanted and waved American flags, even going so far as to pound on the windows of McCotter's Main Street office. They represented a group called "We Are The People," which organizes people from all around the metro area to ask the question, "Where are the jobs?"

"The protest was about good jobs now... We had a great turnout," said Natalie Mosher, a Canton resident who lost to McCotter in the 2010 election and attended

Friday's protest. "It's unfortunate the staff inside his office didn't even want to come out and acknowledge there were a lot of constituents out there. This guy is running for president, you'd think he'd want to have a conversation with the people he represents."

The group was protesting McCotter's support of a plan to cut 10 percent of the federal workforce, cuts they believe would cost 2,000 jobs in his 11th district, resulting in the loss of \$80 million in revenues. They carried signs with sayings such as "Don't Destroy My Pension and the American Dream" and "You Vote for War and Cut Jobs."

McCotter, on the campaign trail, shrugged off the protest as a union group wanting to protect "Big Government."

"This public union protest to prop up Big Government at taxpayers' expense is the failed policy of the 1970s," McCotter said. "As president, I will lead the fundamental restructuring of the federal government for the 21st Century so the economy can grow and generate jobs, opportunity and prosperity."

Martin Van Valkenburg, who manages McCotter's Plymouth office, also downplayed the protest.

"The congressman wants to reduce the size of federal spending and big government," Van Valkenburg said. "He wants to send control back to the states. America knows that prosperity lies with the private sector, not the public sector."

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Marlena Megerian, 16, of Livonia, who crochets hats for premature babies at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, is the August winner of the PAWS for Applause contest sponsored by *The Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

She won four tickets to the Aug. 21 Detroit Tigers game against the Cleveland Indians, an autographed photo of Tiger Miguel Cabrera and a Little Caesars Pizza gift card.

Marlena's mom, Candy, nominated her for the contest, which honors young people who go above and beyond to make their neighborhood, school, community or family better.

One winner a month is selected from among the submitted essays.

Here is what Candy Megerian wrote about her daughter:

"I would like to tell you about an extraordinary 16-year-old, Marlena Megerian. Last year Marlena began crocheting premie hats to donate to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Last April she donated 50 hats, and this March she donated 80 more and she currently has another box of 91 hats which is growing by the day that she is planning on donating soon.

“Donating the hats wasn’t just a random act of kindness; Marlena was particular about which hospital she would give them to because she wanted to give back to a place that saved her life 16 years ago. When she was born, she was in the NICU at U of M for seven weeks and because of that, University of Michigan has a special place in her heart. Marlena’s goal is for every baby in the NICU to have at least

one of her crocheted hats that fit each preemie perfectly.

"In addition to donating the hats, in December of 2010, Marlana obtained a donation of four Boppy Pillows from the Boppy Pillow Co. to give to the NICU at U of M. Many new mothers find the Boppy Pillows essential for daily life with a baby, especially in the NICU. Marlana certainly has tried her best to give back in whatever way she can to the NICU at U of M.

"She may not be a donor who gives a substantial amount of money to the hospital, but what she is giving are things that come from the heart. Almost every day Marlena takes the time to make the preemie hats unique, something that cannot be mass-produced or bought in any store. She even made some hats in blue and orange, Detroit Tigers' colors, for some of your smallest fans. I do hope that you would consider Marlena as a winner of your contest because she truly is making a difference in the community."

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

If you love Detroit, you need to know this woman. Belle Isle, Hart Plaza, Greektown, Corktown, Mexican Town, Tech Town, Midtown, Eastern Market — and all points in between — Linda Yellin has got it covered.

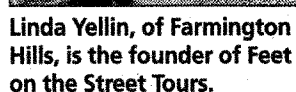
The Farmington Hills woman founded Feet on the Street Tours after turning her own passion and curiosity about Detroit into an official business in which she can connect people to the Motor City.

An Oak Park native and Wayne State University alumna, Yellin has loved Detroit for years — and hasn't been shy about getting into its nooks and crannies by talking to people wherever she finds herself hanging out.

A 'people person'

"I enjoy meeting new people," said Yellin. She has befriended many downtown Detroit and Eastern Market merchants and vendors, who welcome her tours into their stores. She's pals with several artists who call downtown home and who invite Yellin's tour groups into their warehouse studio spaces.

She loves Detroit and it shows. Yellin said she's privileged to be able to allow others to experience the culture, the food, the art, the music, the architecture and the people of



Detroit through her "experiential" tours that can be tailored for just about any group or occasion.

"I'm having such a good time bringing people from the suburbs to acquaint and reacquaint themselves with the city," said Yellin.

Tours of all kinds

Feet on the Street Tours offers walking tours in Detroit, bus tours, art tours, strolling dinner tours, neighborhood tours of Indian Village, Boston Edison and Palmer Woods and special themed tours such as the sold out Prohibition and all that Jazz tour on Aug. 25 and the ever-popular Eastern Market: Come Hungry, Leave Happy tours.

She's even hosted a bach
elorette party tour for a
bride who didn't want a
traditional party — she
loves history and loves the
city, so Yellin was happy to
take the group on a tour.
“I designed a tour for

them and they ended up making a day of it," said Yellin. "It was really special."

Good impression

Feet on the Street Tours is a great way for native Detroiters to introduce their out-of-town guests to the city in a positive way. She also does school group tours and has a great relationship with the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

"Our students really seem to enjoy Linda Yellin and her staff. Many students have changed their opinion about the city since being on the tours," said Jacquelyn Laymac, International Center director, at the International Academy, in a letter. "Linda loves Detroit and is a true advocate of the city."

City renewed

The tours explore the history of Detroit through its monuments and architecture and also discovers the redeveloped areas downtown, Midtown and in Corktown.

"Now we are seeing a revival," she said of Detroit, noting that things started happening after Computware moved in and when Superbowl XL came to town.

The events bring a good boost, but it's the people who make the difference. "There's always been people who support Detroit; there are people who have kept the lights

on," said Yellin.

She wants to encourage people to rediscover the city, frequent the city and support it.

"We need to bridge the gap, the divide that's occurred over the years," she said. "I want to let people know that they can experience the city in different ways."

Bus tours start and end at pickup points in the suburbs, so tour participants do not have to worry about parking or getting lost downtown.

"The focus, the mission, of Feet on the Street Tours is to reconnect people from the suburbs with the city," said Yellin. "And with these opportunities for cultural tourism."


Making connections

Yellin, who is a social worker, has found a way to incorporate city tours with continuing education programs by partnering with Core Learning to offer programs worth five credit hours.

These specially crafted tours meet the criteria for continuing ed credits and focus on social aspects such as food issues and concerns in Detroit; African American history in Detroit; the rise of the city and a special program that explores southwest Detroit and its culture, people and community.

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For more information, call president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327.

The 11th Congressional District Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at UAW Local 900, 38200 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 1.

The club includes the cities of Westland and Wayne. More information is available online at www.11thDistrictDems.org.

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Summer reading fun at the William P. Faust Public Library continues in August with the Children's Nonfiction Challenge.

Children will read books at their own reading level from different subject areas. Each category com-

pleted will earn an entry for a chance to win a jar of treats, a gift card or another cool prize. Youngsters also earn weekly coupons and other prizes along the way. Finishers can choose a free book to keep.

The Nonfiction Challenge runs through Sept. 2. Pick up a challenge sheet at the Children's Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For more information, call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

Comets honored

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is putting out a call for members of the 2001 Comets varsity football championship team.

WYAA plans to honor the team during halftime of the 2011 Comets varsity Homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 24, at John Glenn High School on Marquette west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Former players can contact Keith Demolay at 734-516-9269 for more information.

Golf Outing

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 14th annual Golf Outing Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at www.rockettwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information is also available on the website. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

Farmers Market

Westland Farmer's Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by

and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many other great items.

For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner returns to the Dyer Senior Center in Westland Friday, Sept. 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. Dinner is served 4-7 p.m.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Blues and barbecues

Make sure your calendar is clear of engagements, except for one, Saturday, Sept. 24.

That's when the city of Westland and the Westland Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a new event sure to please those who love good music, food and drinks.

Blues Brews & BBQ will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road.

The event will feature some of the best BBQ around, great blues bands — Front Street Blues Band from noon to 1:40 p.m., The Boa Constrictors 2-3:40 p.m. and The Alligators 4-6 p.m. — a wide variety of Michigan-brewed craft beers, a car show and a kid zone.

Bring the whole family to enjoy the day. For updates, check the city's website and Facebook page.

Auditions

Inspire Theatre is holding auditions for *It's Christmas Eve on Woodward Ave.*, the premiere

show of its 2011-2012 season Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 12-13.

Take a local celebrity, add in the re-telling of classic Christmas stories, great music, lots of laughs, several Santa sketches, some adorable children, and you have the recipe of Inspire Theatre's Christmas production., Inspire Theatre announced auditions for mid-September. An original show written by Artistic Director, Len Fisher, *Christmas Eve* is a retelling of some of those Christmas specials that people watched and heard growing up. The script includes an *Andy Williams* Christmas special, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Gift of the Magi*, *Charlie Brown's Christmas* and others. It's a wacky trip down memory lane filled with lots of music, comedy fun, and surprises.

Inspire Theatre is looking for males and females of any age with musical or comedy experience or both. The requirement is to be able to have fun on stage. Singing is an option. Those interested in auditioning should plan on doing cold readings and dress comfortably.

Auditions will be 7-9 p.m. at Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot

going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to linda-miller@nationalfaith.org.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weather-

ization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

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Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

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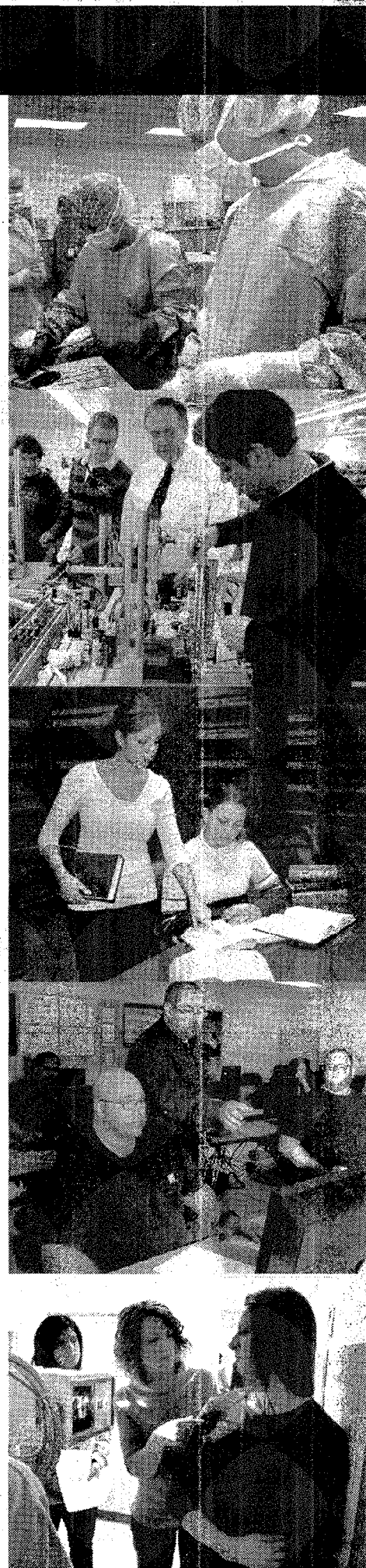
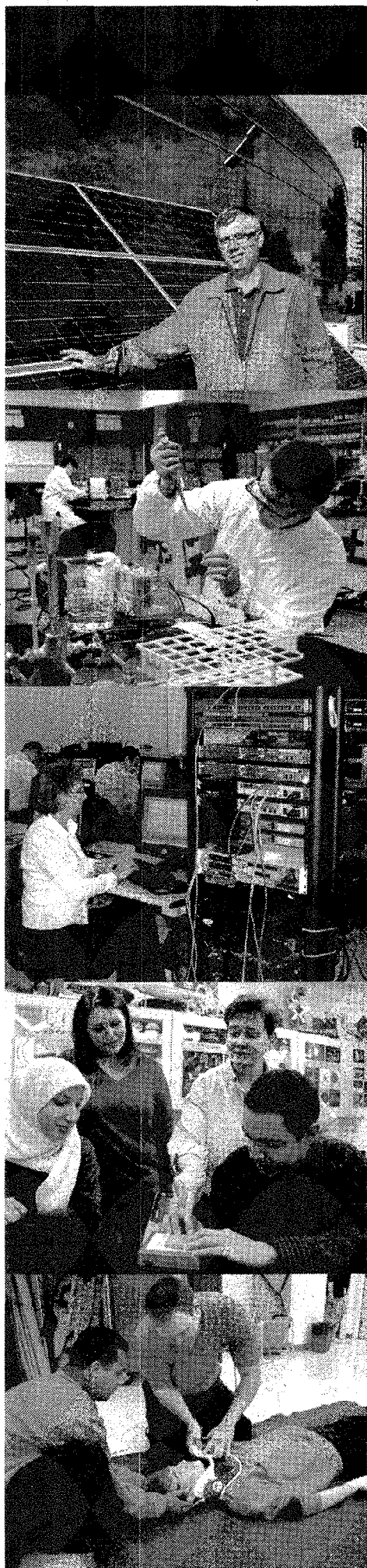
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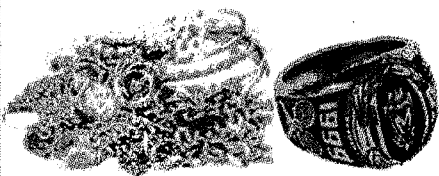
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Pats run over Spartans, 42-13

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

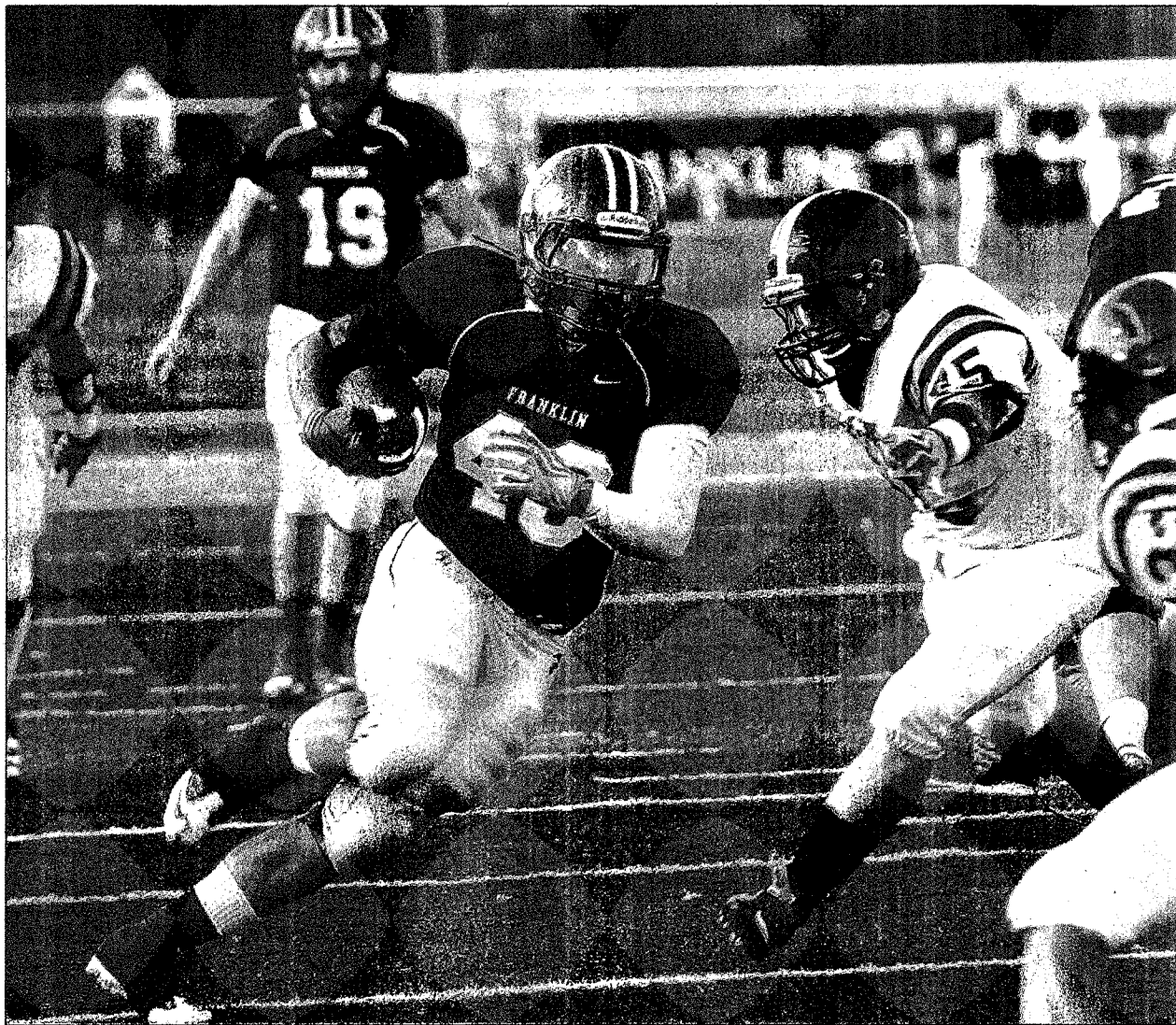
Livonia Franklin played football the old-fashioned way in Friday's 2011 season opener.

The Patriots, behind a big and experienced offensive line, used the standard trap play to carve out a convincing 42-13 victory over rival Livonia Stevenson and spoil Matt Fielder's debut as the Spartans' head coach.

Jacob Tennant, a senior, led the Franklin's three-headed backfield monster with 230 yards on 17 carries. Junior Joe McRobb added 138 yards on eight carries, while fellow junior Jimmy Mazaris contributed 76 yards on 15 attempts.

The Patriots had 517 total yards, including a 445 on the ground.

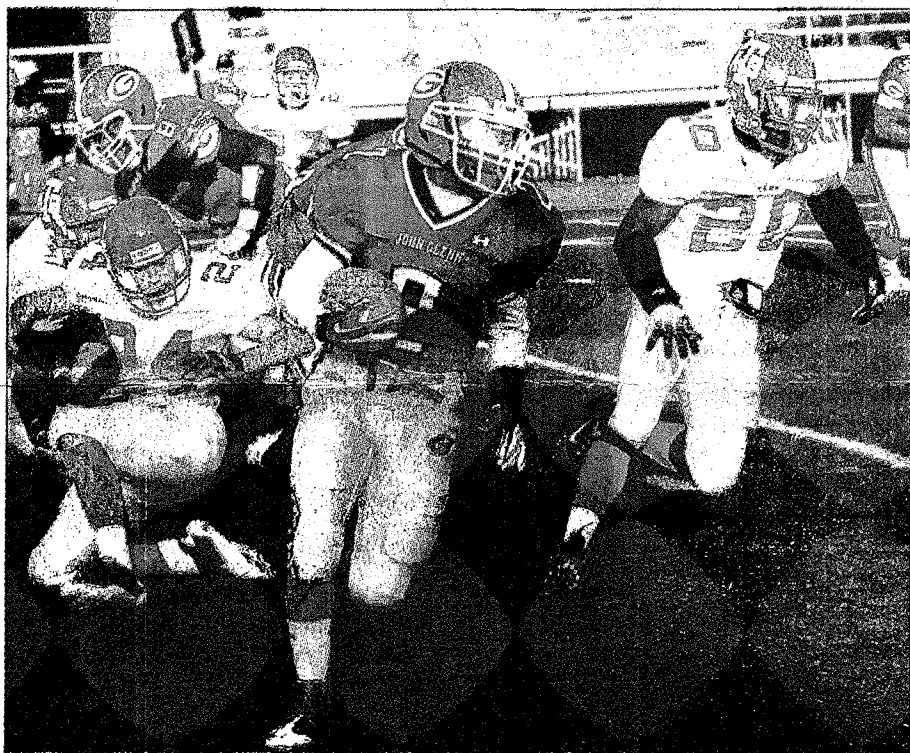
"I told the offensive line, 'If we give those guys holes, they're going to be tough to get,'" Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "They took away the outsides and we kept going to it, getting a little bit here and a little bit there. It's just going to open up that mid-



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Franklin's Jacob Tennant (40) finished with 240 yards on 17 carries in the Patriots' season-opening 42-13 win over Stevenson.

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

John Glenn's James Williams (2) comes up with an 18-yard kickoff return down the sideline in Friday's 35-33 non-league win over Anchor Bay.

Rockets sneak out 35-33 win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

A big sigh of relief is the only way to describe Westland John Glenn's season-opening 35-33 football victory Thursday night over visiting Anchor Bay.

The Rockets won the turnover battle decisively, but nearly squandered 35-12 fourth-quarter lead as the Tars were denied on game-tying two-point conversion attempt with only 1:36 remaining in regulation.

"We're happy and lucky to come out with a win here," said Glenn coach Tim Hardin, whose team was out-

gained 367-278 in total yards, but was the recipient of eight Anchor Bay turnovers. "Number one, our defense stunk and we've got to play better defense. Number two, we've got to get in better shape. I didn't think our stamina was very good out there. I'm not very happy about that and we'll get that fixed."

Anchor Bay took a 6-0 lead with 2:52 remaining in the first quarter on a seven-yard touchdown run by Kyle Head following Nick Black's interception of a Jeff Kuhary pass near mid-field.

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Trojans' defense pitches shutout

Quarterback Zach Kubiak tossed a pair of touchdown passes Friday night to lead host Livonia Clarenceville to a season-opening 18-0 football victory over visiting Southfield Bradford Academy.

Kubiak, a junior, connected with Jalen Bryant on a 9-yarder and Austin Douglas on a 52-yard scoring strike both coming in the opening quarter.

Romel Wright, who led the Trojans with 77 yards on 16 carries, added an 18-yard TD run in the final period.

Kubiak converted 6-of-12 passes for 95 yards and the Trojans added a total of 115 on the ground.

Bradford Academy quarterback Nate Matthews accounted for 94 of Bradford Academy's 115 total yards.

Matthews was picked off twice, once by Wright and the other by Niguel Evans.

"It was definitely a team effort defensively," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry. "It's a new offensive line and Bradford was a lot better this year, I give

them credit. They were ready to play."

Warriors fall, 33-6

Christian Croom scored four touchdowns Friday as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook downed host Lutheran High Westland, 33-6.

Croom, a transfer from Bloomfield Hills Andover, finished with 176 yards on 13 carries and scored on TD runs of 12, 13, 48 and 17 yards.

Lutheran Westland took its first drive of the opening quarter 67 yards in 13 plays capped by Matt Sylvester's 1-yard run for a 6-3 advantage.

The Warriors had 207 total yards, including 190 on the ground led by Jacob Richter, who had 96 yards in 21 carries.

"We ran 55 plays and had 12 first downs, but special teams killed us," said Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse, whose team trailed 20-6 at halftime. "We did not have our kicker or our back-up and they (Cranbrook) started on their 40 just about every possession. We gave them a lot of short fields."

Crazy start
Churchill wins 56-55 shootoutBy Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Help wanted: Assistant varsity football statistician, Livonia Churchill High School.

A total of 16 touchdowns were scored Thursday night as the host Chargers opened their season by outlasting Walled Lake Northern, 56-55.

Northern rallied from a 27-0 first-quarter deficit with 27 fourth-quarter points of its own.

The Knights went for the game-winning two-point conversion attempt with only 1:57 remaining after Jake Ginster's three-yard touchdown run, but senior linebacker Connor Dwyer came up with a big fumble recovery to thwart the comeback bid.

"It was definitely looked like the first game for both sides," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "It was sloppy both ways. We did not play many kids and they didn't either. It was two tired groups at the end. We're young and we need more experience, but it was good to be on the winning end."

As far as the numbers go Northern outgained Churchill in total yards (540-390). The Chargers had more first downs (24-21), but the Knights had five turnovers (to Churchill's one).

Churchill couldn't have asked for a better first-quarter start.

Junior running back Romello

Brown, who finished with a game-high 232 yards on 37 carries, scored a pair of one-yard TD runs with 5:27 and 2:57 left in the opening period put Churchill ahead 13-0.

Senior quarterback Charlie Hicks, who went down late in the second quarter with a sprained ankle, was involved in a pair of Churchill TDs during the final minute of the opening period scoring on a 5-yard run followed by a 54-yard pass to Jaylin Freeman to increase the lead to 27-0.

Matt Bosas recovered a Northern fumble to set up Hicks' first score, while Brown scooped up another Knights fumble to set up the Freeman TD.

Northern got back in the game with 14 second-quarter points to cut the deficit to 13 at intermission as Ginster scored twice during the final 4:12 on runs of 9 and 31 yards.

"Defensively we just lost our focus after the first quarter," Filiatraut said. "The first quarter we were playing well and we were dialed in. The kids just relaxed. We're really young and don't have a lot of experience."

Just 44 seconds into the third quarter, Matt Kosmalski scored for Northern on a 34-yard TD run, but Freeman answered on the ensuing kickoff with an 80-yard return.

Northern's Kirk Thomas, who was 12-of-18 on the night for 217 yards, connected with Ted Lilley on a 69-

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McCowan gets cage position

Matt McCowan is the new varsity girls basketball coach at Livonia Churchill.

The 2003 Livonia Stevenson grad was one of five candidates interviewed for the position after Robert Etue, who was named coach in June to replace Chad Jenkins, stepped down earlier this month to take an assistant principal position at Churchill.

McCowan spent the past four years as JV girls basketball coach at Stevenson under Jen Knoph and also served as a freshman boys assistant the past two years.

McCowan played football and basketball at Stevenson. He also played football at Rochester Community and Technical College (Minn.).

"We feel he will bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the program and has many bright ideas concerning the sport of basketball," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "I remember watching his style as a JV coach and was very impressed with knowledge of the game, sets, demeanor, but most importantly — how he treated his players. I think he will be a nice addition to the staff."

Hage said Walt Power will remain as freshmen coach and Rick Austin will be the new JV coach.

The 27-year-old McCowan, who said he has not yet met with the players, inherits a team that finished 2-19 last season.

"We have some athletic girls who work really hard and we'll build a good program going through," said McCowan, a purchasing manager for the Learning Tree Centers. "We'll put them in the best situations possible to be successful. Hopefully we'll have some good fall workouts, since we can work with three (players) at a time, and I look forward to the season."

Learn To Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its seven-week Learn To Skate Session I classes beginning the week of Sept. 12 through the week of Oct. 24 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each class is 25 minutes and classes include:

4-and-up — 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills — 6:25 p.m. Mondays; and 3-year-olds only — 5 p.m. Monday.

The fee for residents is \$55 or \$67 for non-residents. (Free skate rental is also available.)

Walk-in registration will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

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

WSU gridders ready



Wayne State University, coming off a school-record nine-win season, is ranked No. 21 in the American Football Coaches Association NCAA Division II national preseason poll and picked to win the South Division this season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Warriors, who begin their season Saturday, Sept. 3 at home against Urbana University (Ohio), feature local products (top row, from left) Ethan Walsh (Salem), freshman tight end; T.J. Arancibia (Westland John Glenn), sophomore center; Will Khoury (Canton), senior tackle; Jon Robinson (Livonia Churchill), senior defensive end; Pat Cecile (Livonia Franklin), junior defensive tackle; Greg Haase (Northville), junior defensive end; (bottom row, from left) Michael Pack (Garden City), sophomore wide receiver; and Jon Alandt (Northville), freshman wide receiver.

PREP FOOTBALL

Wayne bites off more than it can chew, 44-0

There wasn't much to cheer about as Wayne Memorial opened its 2011 football season Thursday night with a 44-0 setback against host Brighton.

The Zebras, coming off an 0-9 season in 2010, couldn't overcome a 30-0 half-time deficit as the Bulldogs invoked a running clock with 9:02 remaining in the third quarter on Shane Dokey's 54-yard touchdown run.

Dokey scored on a 6-yard TD run just 56 seconds into the game and John Oberpeul tossed a 35-yard scoring pass to Dokey with just 1:31 left in the first quarter to make it 15-0.

In the second quarter, Wayne failed to capitalize on a pair of Brighton turnover as Torrey Cooper came up with an interception and San Ekanem recovered a fumble.

Brighton put 15 more points on the board on Andrew White's 24-yard interception return on Oberpeul's 6-yard TD pass to Bill Albert.

Following Dokey's 54-yard third-quarter scoring run, the Bulldogs' Jordan Salmon ran in from 4 yards out with 5:04 remaining to complete the scoring.

Brighton had a total of 265 yards, including 173 on the ground led by Christian Vorias (3-for-67) and Dokey (5-for-62). Oberpeul was 9-of-12 for 92 yards.

Wayne managed just 115 total yards as senior quarterback Dean Caldwell was 7-of-20 passing for 63 yards. The Zebras also lost two fumbles.

Defensively, juniors Abdullah Myles and Ekanem recorded four and three solo tackles, respectively.

PATS

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dle. That's just about our game plan in everything."

Franklin took its opening possession 75 yards in nine plays capped by Tennant's 26-yard run through the gut of the Spartans' defense.

The Patriots added another TD before the first period ended on Justin Forrestall's 19-yard TD toss to Mazaris.

Tennant scored again with 6:26 to in the second quarter on a 9-yard scoring run, but Stevenson answered when junior quarterback Joe Mims connected with Devin Kelly on a 20-yard scoring pass with only 2:38 remaining in the half.

The Spartans, however, got the extra point blocked (by Brian Johnson) and trailed 21-6 at halftime.

Franklin wasted little time in scoring to start the third quarter with methodical eight-play, 71-yard driving resulting in a 3-yard TD run by Mazaris to make it 27-6 (following Ryan Tikey's extra point).

Stevenson, meanwhile, ran just three plays during the third quarter.

"The trap killed us," Fielder said. "That (Franklin) offense is tough. You make one mistake and it's going to hurt you. I thought in periods, we were OK (defensively), but then they'd bang us for four, five and six yards, and it's second-and-short. We had a real hard time controlling that."

"They controlled the ball, got big gains on first down and it got our heels underneath us."

Stevenson showed some life with 6:04 remaining in the fourth quarter when Kelly, a sophomore, scored his second TD of the night when he scooped up a Franklin fumble and ran 36 yards for a touchdown to cut the deficit to 28-13.

But the Patriots were far from done chewing up big chunks on the ground as Tennant busted through the middle on a 70-yard scoring jaunt with 5:27 to go (following Trevor Mimnaugh's second pick of the night).

McRobb then scored on an 85-yard TD run basically on the same play with 2:02 to play.

The Spartans finished with 218 total yards with Mims going 11-of-25 for 122 yards. The Spartans added only 96 yards on the ground in 23 carries.



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Stevenson's Devin Kelly (31) tries to elude the grasp of Franklin tackler Jesse McCall during Friday's season opener.

"I learned a lot, that's going to be part of the process here," Fielder said of his varsity coaching debut. "I got a ways to go, but I think just the experience of calling a game ... that was hard. I thought we could have had opportunities to take advantage of things they were doing, but we didn't get quite around it. In retrospect I should have been more balanced."

"At times we moved the ball and at times we had some success, but we didn't put anything together consistently enough to really move the ball down the field and I think a lot of that is on me."

Meanwhile, Forrestall connected on his first five passes (for 72 yards) in his first start as a Patriot quarterback. And Kelbert was pleased to see the way his entire team performed after doing some soul-searching during the preseason.

"When we play these guys (Stevenson) the first game it gives meaning to our summers," the Franklin coach said. "This has been a tough two weeks to get these guys to where we needed them to be, kind of a resistance on both sides. But they did what we asked of them tonight and that's why I'm proud of them."

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ROCKETS

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Despite getting a 40-yard field goal attempt blocked, it was all Glenn during the second period as the Rockets ran a total of 32 plays and scored three times — Kuhary (on a scramble out of the pocket) and a 26-yard toss to DaMario Jones; Terrance James on a three-yard run; and Jones again on a 16-yard sweep around end.

Meanwhile, the Tars turned the ball over on each of their three second-period possessions and failed to come up with balls on two straight kick-offs including a recovery of a pooch kick by Duron Govantes which led to Glenn's second TD.

The Rockets, however, failed to capitalize on another score, running out of time after mismanaging the clock at the end of the first half after driving to the Anchor Bay 2.

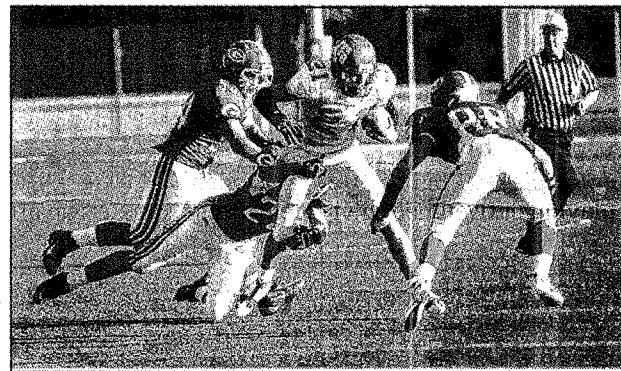
Anchor Bay's Alex Hamilton then picked off a Glenn pass to start the third quarter and the Tars responded five plays later on Melvin Lewis' 3-yard TD run.

But three more lost Anchor Bay fumbles led to two more Glenn third-period scores — a four-yard run by Kuhary followed by a 1-yard dive by Tyler Clemons. (The second TD came after an errant Tars' lateral pass play which landed in the hands of Glenn defensive end Mike Cach at the Tars' 2.)

When junior Alex Isaevski, who was key all night with his clutch punts, pooch kicks and booming kickoffs, converted his fifth straight point-after to make it 35-12, it appeared that Glenn would coast home.

But the Tars refused to fold and got their running game going behind quarterback Anthony Misiewicz, who led all rushers with 204 yards on 21 attempts.

Misiewicz scored on runs of 34 yards (with 10:08 left), 6 yards (with 7:20 to go) and 43 yards (with only 1:36 remaining)



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

John Glenn tacklers Alex Ryan (54), Jake DeMoss (23) and Mike Cach (88) try to contain Anchor Bay quarterback Anthony Misiewicz (with ball) during first-quarter action.

to cut the deficit to two, 35-33.

"It was just a counter play," Anchor Bay coach Phil Latona said. "We just rode one of our big line-men. I don't know what else to say. We were just executing the second half. That's all it was ... execution was the name of the game. You've got to execute and we had a couple of lapses. You've got to be perfect, and if you're not perfect, the team that wins the game is the best team that executes."

The Tars tried their patented counter-play on the two-pointer to tie, but Clemons came out of the pile for the tackle to deny Misiewicz as Glenn held on.

Despite the victory, Hardin was mystified by his team's inability to stop Misiewicz's naked bootleg runs. The Tars rushed for a total of 319 yards.

"You've got to ignore the fakes and just play your position," the Glenn coach said. "If you do your responsibility you should be fine, but we didn't do that."

"We tried to make all kinds of adjustments, and nothing seemed to work. I think our guys were just getting fooled by the fakes and trying to find the football instead of just doing their responsibility and getting to where they were supposed to be."

Kuhary, Glenn's returning starting quarterback, rushed for a team-high 72 yards on 22 carries and hit 9-of-17 passes for 106 yards, but was intercepted twice.

"I thought overall he managed the game well,"

Hardin said of his senior signal caller. "I thought he got his reads well, he ran the ball well. He did not do well on the passing game, but we'll get that fixed."

Jones, the speedy 6-foot-1, 180-pound transfer from Skillman, N.J., missed most of the second half after scoring two first-half TDs.

"He had cramps, so he'll be fine," Hardin said. "Every time he got up to run on sideline he just kept cramping up."

Despite the loss, Latona was proud of his team's fourth-quarter rally.

"We didn't execute like we wanted to the first half," the Anchor Bay coach said. "I tell you what, I give my kids the credit because they battled. You know, you don't give up. We just don't give up and I'm so proud of my team and they showed a lot of heart. The resiliency to come back and drive just shows what we could be. But hats off to John Glenn. They played a great game."

Meanwhile, Hardin did find something for his team to hang its hat on heading into next week's encounter at Brighton (1-0).

"The kicking area was the one area I thought we did well today," he said. "And really, it was the difference in the game I think. The punts, making all the PATs (5-for-5), and of course, those pooch kicks. The kicking game, and Alex Isaevski in particular — that was outstanding today."

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CHURCHILL

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yard TD pass with 8:01 to go in the third and Churchill back-up quarterback Seth Suida answered with a one-yard run 2:39 later.

The touchdowns came in rapid order during the final 8:35 of the fourth — Brown on a 12-yard run; Northern's Thomas on an 18-yard pass to Ryan Soulet; Brown's fourth TD of the evening on a 13-yard run (followed by Suida's two-point conversion pass to Charlie Yost); Thomas again on a four-yard toss to Ryan Towns; and Ginster on a three-yard run (with 1:57 left).

Hicks was 3-for-8 passing for 84 yards, while Suida hit 6-of-10 for 70 yards.

"Charlie (Hicks) was playing well when he went out," Filiatraut said. "It was valuable for him to get those snaps because he didn't play (quarterback) last year. It was his first varsity game experience."

"Seth came in and played like he'd practiced, and did a good job. Charlie got the first 27 points and Seth got the rest. He (Suida) didn't turn it over. He did just fine."

Yost recorded a team-high 12 solo tackles for the Chargers, while Dwyer and Mike Hogan added 10 and nine respectively. Robert Foster came up with a fumble recovery on the last play of the game and had interception. Jake Staff also picked off a Northern pass.

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ED WRIGHT

Wayne Memorial's Martin Ballah (left) and Redford Union's Brady Hooker race after a ball during the second half of Thursday's non-conference game.

The other cheek

Panthers turn away Wayne Memorial, 4-1

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

When the Wayne Memorial boys soccer team came out playing with an aggressive edge Thursday afternoon, Redford Union players didn't get mad or get even.

The Panthers did, however, get a win. A pair of first-half goals from Jarrett DeKlein and two second-half net-finders by Lewis Ellis powered RU to a 4-1 victory over the host Zebras.

Panthers coach Jim Gibbs said he was as proud of his team for what it didn't do Thursday — retaliate — than what it did accomplish.

"Wayne Memorial has some very talented players, but the way they were playing outweighed their talent," said Gibbs. "I was pleased with how our guys didn't retaliate to some of the stuff that was going on out there. At halftime, I told the guys to take a deep breath and count to 10 anytime they thought about retaliating."

The main ingredient in the Panthers' successful recipe Thursday was a healthy dose of "D," Gibbs emphasized.

"Our defense was stellar; rock solid," Gibbs said, noting center-defender Jeff Swinea's top-shelf effort. "We're going to rely a lot on quick counter-attacks this season, and we did it well today. Corraling the ball in the back, getting it up the line and then — boom! — getting a rush out of everybody. That's exactly what we want and that's exactly what we did today, at least in the first half when we were carrying the

play."

Gibbs was also mightily impressed by the play of freshmen outside defender Brady Somsel, who looked anything but intimidated while playing in his first varsity high school soccer encounter.

"He plays for Waza, so he's used to the aggression," Gibbs said. "I told him to look at this as a U-18 premier game, which is basically what it is."

Earning the win between the pipes was Nate Longman, whose better save of the afternoon came 10 minutes into the second half when he punched a high, bending ball out of harm's way.

"Starting Nate in goal was a last-minute decision," Gibbs said. "There will be games this season when I start our JV goalie and play Nate in the field. He's an offensive player, but he has a great head for the game in goal. He makes some incredible aerial saves."

Trailing 2-0, Wayne mounted some impressive pressure early in the second half, but RU's defense defused the threats.

The Panthers eventually pushed their lead to 3-0 in the game's 46th minute when Ellis broke free through the Zebras' defense and chipped a soft shot past Wayne keeper Sheldon Crumme.

Approximately eight minutes later, the Zebras lit up the scoreboard when Gabe Drake punched home a point-blank shot from Alex Draper.

Ellis capped the scoring with another chip shot off a counter with just over four minutes left in the contest.

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BOYS SOCCER

Mason's goal fuels Rockets' 3-2 win

Junior Bobby Mason scored the game-winning goal in the second half to lift Westland John Glenn to a 3-2 non-league boys soccer victory over visiting Belleville.

Justin Bean (first half) and Alex Isaevski (second half) also tallied goals for the Rockets, who improved to 2-0 overall.

"The scoring was back-and-forth and most of the game was spent competing for the ball," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "This was by no means a beautiful game, but our teams' heart at the end of the game was beautiful."

Roderick Walker scored a goal in each half for the Tigers.

Glenn goalkeeper Austin Valentine made 13 saves.

"We stayed determined on defense and kept being ambitious when we had our chances around their net," Tomlinson said. "Shear force of will is what won the day. I'm proud to see how my guys reacted when adversity showed up. I'm proud of the character they showed on the field today."

CHURCHILL 1, FARMINGTON 1: Both goals came in the first half Friday as the host Falcons (2-0-2) and Livonia Churchill (1-1-1) battled to a draw.

Bryan Barnum scored for the Chargers off an assist from Evan Schweizer, while Donald Payne countered for the Falcons.

Junior goalkeeper Colton Robison also stood out for Churchill.

"We had too many shots to count and couldn't finish," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Many of those shots were not on goal."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1, LUTHERAN SOUTH 0: Mitchell Boehm's direct free kick in the 78th minute gave Lutheran High Westland (1-1) a MIAC crossover win Friday at Newport Lutheran South (2-1).

Center-fullback Seth Whitehouse was outstanding in the back and senior goalkeeper Taurrek Fikes made six saves for the shutout.

CRANBROOK 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Sophomore goalkeeper Evan Gregg was heroic in defeat with 18 saves as Livonia Clarenceville (0-2) fell at home Friday to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

CHURCHILL 2, SOUTH LYON 1: Goals by Luke Otto and Mike Murphy sparked Livonia Churchill (1-1) to a KLAA crossover victory Thursday over the host Lions (1-1).

Otto, a sophomore, tallied his first varsity goal when he knocked home a rebound off a shot from teammate Evan Schweizer.

Murphy made it 2-0 with 25 minutes left in the match off an assist from Austin Henson.

South Lyon made it interesting with a corner kick goal with only three minutes left but the Chargers held on for the victory as sophomore goalkeeper Colton Robison made a key second-half save.

ROEPER 6, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Brothers Jordan and David Veillette combined for four goals Thursday as Birmingham Roeper (3-0, 1-0) blanked host Lutheran High Westland (0-1, 0-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division match.

Spencer Solys and Erik Bubulla (penalty kick) also tallied goals for the Roughriders, who led 4-0 at halftime.

"We changed our formations the second half and did a better job," Lutheran Westland assistant coach Bob Regan said. "We started figuring it out."

Senior Taurrek Fikes, making his debut in goal for Warriors, recorded nine saves.

WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 4, HURON VALLEY 1: Brian Stout's hat trick carried Saline Washtenaw Christian (0-1) to non-conference win Thursday at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1).

James Pipe also scored for the Wildcats, who led 2-1 at halftime.

Justin Howell scored the lone goal off an assist from Kyle Schaffer for the Hawks.

Nate Kempainen and Adam Hodgson divided the goalkeeper chores for Huron Valley.

FRANKLIN 2, EDELS FORD 1: Senior Craig Beebe's two first-half goals held up Wednesday as host Livonia Franklin (1-0-2) downed Dearborn Edsel Ford in match stopped during the second half because of lightning.

Beebe's first goal was unassisted and his second came off a penalty kick.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made six saves for the Patriots.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Boys hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the seventh-grade AAU Livonia Rebels boys basketball team will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2), located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile). For more information, call Joe Jakacki at (734) 223-1070.

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Stingrays swim

The Farmington YMCA Stingrays swim team will have its annual fall kick-off registration meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the YMCA. Swimmers

from ages 6 to 18 and their parents are welcome. Evaluations of the swimmers will be Wednesday, through Friday, Sept. 7-9 at the Farmington YMCA.

Fall practice begins Monday, Sept. 12. Call head coach Rich Bennetts at (248) 615-3733.



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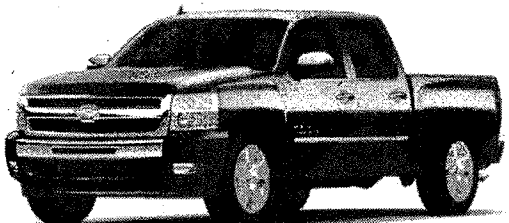
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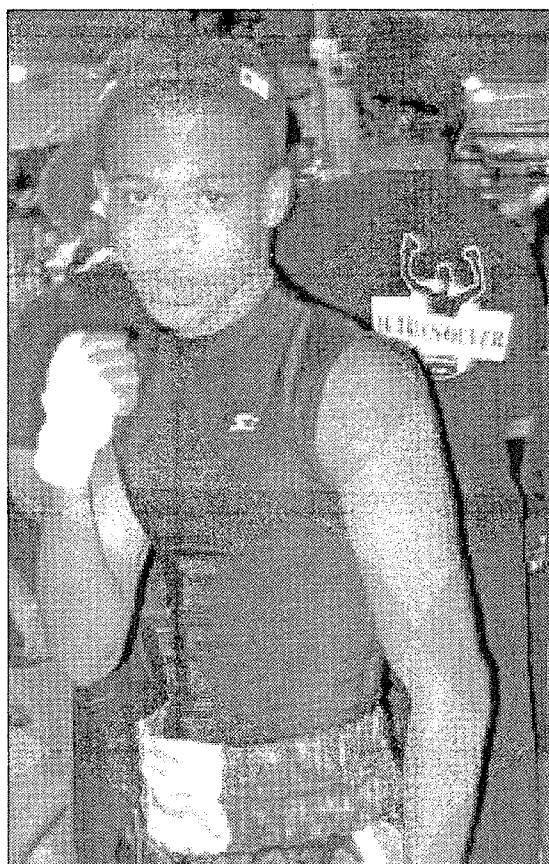
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 1
 Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
 Franklin at Hartland, 7 p.m.
 Waterford Mott at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Brighton, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Milford, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 2
 Churchill at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 29
 Wayne at Romulus, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 30
 Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sid., 4:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31
 Clarenceville at Romulus, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 1
 Crestwood at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 5:30 p.m.
 S.L. East at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 30
 Roeper at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 1
 Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 2
 Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Dearborn Invitational, TBA.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Aug. 30
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
 Annapolis at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31
 Ladywood at East Lansing, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 1
 G.P. North at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Wednesday, Aug. 31
 Mustang Invitational
 at Cass Benton Park, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 2
 Old Skool Classic
 at Wolcott Farm, 10 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 29
 Churchill vs. Wayne
 at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Canton
 at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. South Lyon
 at Fox Creek G.C., 9 a.m.
 John Glenn vs. Plymouth
 at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Mercy

at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 30
 Ladywood vs. Cranbrook
 at Stonecroft G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31
 Churchill vs. Franklin
 at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Canton
 at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Salem
 at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
 Plymouth vs. Wayne
 at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 1
 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep
 at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, Aug. 30
 Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 1
 Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Aug. 30
 Regina at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 1
 Dearborn at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 2
 Schoolcraft at Owens CC, 2 p.m.
 (Embry-Riddle, Fla. Tourney)
 Madonna vs. Jamestown, 2 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 3
 Schoolcraft at Owens CC, 10 a.m.
 (Embry-Riddle, Fla. Tourney)
 Madonna vs. Ashford, 2 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Rocky Mountain, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Aug. 28
 S. Suburban at Schoolcraft, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31
 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 2
 Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 3
 Cuyahoga at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Aug. 28
 Madonna at Univ. of Windsor, TBA.
Wednesday, Aug. 31
 Schoolcraft at UM-Dearborn, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 3
 Waubesa at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

National champ



Rico O'Quinn of Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club captured the Ringside World Championship Junior Division (Boys 15-16) title Aug. 20 with a unanimous decision in the 114-pound weight class over Bradley Wilcox of Vancouver, B.C. at the KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, Mo. O'Quinn, now 39-6 as an amateur, also scored unanimous decisions over Uriel Valbovinas (San Antonio, Tex.) and Raymond Cardenas (Phoenix, Ariz.) en route to his second junior national title of the year. "It was tough, I had to dig deep for it, but everything I did in training camp paid off," said the 16-year-old Detroit, who attends University High in Ferndale. O'Quinn returns to action this weekend in the James Toney "Lights Out" Tournament in Ann Arbor.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

GROSSE ILE INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
Aug. 26 at West Shore G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (23 teams): 1. Lansing Catholic Central, 311 strokes; 2. Rochester Stoney Creek, 329; 3. Flint Powers Catholic, 340; 4. Grosse Ile, 343; 5. Saline, 352; 6. Northville, 355; 7. Brighton, 361; 8. Holt, 362; 9. Hartland, 367; 10. (tie) Temperance Bedford and Rochester, 368 each; 12. Livonia Churchill, 369.
Co-individual medalists: Chloe Lawrie (Powers) and Gabby Yurik (Stoney Creek), 72 each.
Churchill scorers: 10. Jordyn Shepler, 81; 31. Jackie Burdette, 89; 71. Nicole Kruse, 99; 76. Maggie McGowan, 100; 113. Lauren Pickworth, 143.
DEXTER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Aug. 27 at Hudson Mills
TEAM STANDINGS (17 schools): 1. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 348 strokes; 2. Birmingham Seaholm, 369; 3. Chelsea, 375; 4. South Lyon, 378; 5. DeWitt, 379; 6. South Lyon East, 386; 7. Tecumseh, 388; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 389; 16. Livonia Franklin, 457.
Individual medalist: Essence Biggs (Seaholm), 76.
Stevenson scorers: 3. Becca Bubenheimer, 84; Sarah King, 96; Maddie Omietanski, 103; Mary Peltz, 106; Dana Smityh, 107.
Franklin scorers: Alexis Smith, 89; Kelsey Gregorio, 110; Kayla Buchanczenko, 124; Jamie Buchanczenko, 128; Allison Karczynski, 153.
BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM INVITATIONAL RESULTS
Aug. 22 at Forest Lake C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rochester Stoney Creek, 333 strokes; 2. Birmingham Seaholm, 342; 3. Plymouth, 346; 4. Battle Creek Lakeview, 359; 5. Troy, 360; 6. Utica, 362; 7. Bloomfield Hills Marian, 366; 8. Walled Lake Central, 369; 9. Northville, 378; 10. Milford, 379; 11. Novi, 380; 12. Flint Powers Catholic, 381; 13. DeWitt, 391; 14. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 393; 15. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 394; 16. Bloomfield Hills Academy of Sacred Heart, 397; 17. Clarkston, 401; 18. Warren Regina, 405; 19. Livonia Churchill, 412; 20. Birmingham Groves, 422; 21. Lake Orion, 427; 22. Troy Athens, 433; 23. Dearborn, 444; 24. Dearborn Divine Child, 452.
Individual medalist: Gabby Yurik (Stoney Creek), 75.

AREA TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Seaholm (342): 2. Essence Biggs, 76; 4. Rachel Wilson, 81; 31. Megan Lam, 90; 45. Kelsey McClear, 45; 75. Riley Miller, 104.
Plymouth (346): 3. Kelsey Murphy, 77; 6. Sarah Thompson, 82; 8. Sydney Murphy, 83; 75. Danielle Allen, 104; 95. Kayla Whatley, 113.
Marian (366): 12. Kelly Lunghammer, 85; 37. Ellen Manson, 92; 38. Macy Hudson, 93; 48. Victoria Li, 96; 69. Bridget O'Hara, 102.
Northville (378): 31. Camilla Zhao, 90; 38. Lindsey Matych, 93; 45. Emily Folland, 95; 63. Chloe Page, 100; 64. Megan Ye, 101.
Novi (380): 31. Lauren Cojei, 90; 48. Kathleen Koomen and Ally Krick, 98 each; 55. Hannah Waugenberg, 98; 88. Apama Yedhoor, 109.
Country Day (393): 38. Monika Hedni, 93; 55. Corrin Hepburn, 98; 64. Meghan Gatward and Ellie Miller, 101 each; 69. Piumi Jayatilake, 102.
Cranbrook (394): 10. Cardelia Chan, 84; 27. Greer Clausen, 89; 88. Chase Sui Wonders, 109; 91. Holly Meers, 112; 99. Lily Thompson, 115.
Sacred Heart (397): 21. Sarah Dilts, 87; 55. Elizabeth Fox, 98; 78. Elizabeth Robbins, 105; 85. Elia Wilson, 107; 108. Kelsey Hildebrand, 123.
Churchill (412): 62. Jordyn Shepler, 99; 69. Maggie McGowan, 102; 75. Nicole Kruse, 104; 85. Jackie Burdette, 107; 125. Taylor Cutting, 125.
Groves (422): 8. Jessica Turner, 83; 91. Katie Quasarano, 112; 95. Kelly Greer, 113; 98. Courtney Graham, 114; 120. Anna Butkovich, 120.

Crusader spikers take 1st 3 matches

The Madonna University women's volleyball team is off to a 3-0 start following two victories in Friday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic.

Karie Altman, a senior All-America, had 15 kills, while Megan Fricke and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) added 13 and 10, respectively, in a 25-21, 27-

25, 30-28 victory over Trinity Christian (Ill.).

Setter Evia Prieditis added 42 assist-to-kills, while Amanda Koszela added 16 digs in the win.

Trinity Christian (1-1) got 12 kills from Kaitlin Feddema.

In the first match of the day, Altman recorded a team-best 16 kills in a convincing 25-14, 25-17, 25-13 over Shawnee

State (Ohio).

Amanda Sechler added eight kills, while Prieditis contributed 35 assists.

Koszela led the defense again with 15 digs.

Hannah Gephart had 19 assists for Shawnee State (1-4).

In Wednesday's season opener, host MU hit at an impressive .469 percentage to beat visiting University of St. Fran-

cis (Ind.), 25-13, 25-13, 25-16.

Altman led the way with 15 kills and four blocks while hitting at a sizzling .609 clip.

Nastija Baranovska and Sechler each added eight kills, while Freeman added a career-high six.

Prieditis chipped in with 35 assist-to-kills and eight digs, while senior libero Koszela finished with a team-high 13 digs.

BOYS TENNIS

Payne goes perfect 36-for-36 in Classic

Einstein's may want to have Livonia Franklin tennis player Stephen Payne as its new spokesperson.

The Patriots' No. 1 singles player, a Division 1 state qualifier a year ago, posted three bagel jobs in last week's Monroe Olson Classic en route to the first-place medal.

Payne, who was 26-3 a year ago, dominated all three of his matches with identical 6-0, 6-0 wins against opponents from Carleton Airport, Canton and Monroe to win the top singles flight.

Senior Joe Bastas added a third-place medal at No. 3 singles with wins over opponents from

Woodhaven (6-1, 6-3) and Walled Lake Western (7-5, 6-2). His only setback came against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central (3-6, 3-6).

Franklin's other six flights each scored a point as the Patriots finished with a team total of 11 on the day.

Spartans net 1st

On Aug. 17, Livonia Stevenson captured three of four singles flights en route to a team-high 21 points to quad tournament victory at home over runner-up Brownstown Woodhaven (17), Walled Lake Northern (14) and Carleton Airport (2).

Going 3-0 on the day in singles for the Spartans included Chad Northey (No. 1), Sam Tabor (No. 3) and Johnson Yang (No. 4).

Meanwhile, Marcus McCathney (No. 2) was runner-up after going 2-1. Stevenson also captured a pair of doubles titles - Jason Wysocki and Chase Tinham (No. 3) along with Matt Lackey and Tom Cwiek (No. 5).

The Spartans' No. 1 doubles team of Doug Giroux and Kaemen Holman-Rayos added runner-up honors.

Stevenson's quad meet Wednesday with Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin and Dearborn Edsel Ford was rained out.

VOLLEYBALL

Chargers go 0-4 in tournament

Livonia Churchill ran into a buzzsaw in Wednesday's Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

The Chargers took on some of the state's elite programs and finished 0-4 losing to two-time defending Class A state champion Birmingham Marian (20-25, 14-25), Class A state semifinalist Mercy (17-25, 16-25), Rockford (22-25, 20-25) and Lake Orion (25-23, 20-25, 14-16).

Senior Erin Menard was Churchill's top attacker with 31 kills and three blocks.

Junior Marissa Pomaville added 29 kills and four blocks, while junior Emily Norscia added 27

kills.

Jackie Tolles paced the defense with 54 digs.

"This was a good early season tournament to play some good competition and to see where we are really at," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team is 4-5 overall. "We competed all day, and once we settle into a set lineup, we should be more consistent."

Patriots downed

On Wednesday, Livonia Franklin finished 0-3-1 in the Northville quad.

The host Mustangs defeated the Patriots twice (25-19, 25-16 and 25-18, 25-23). Ann Arbor Skyline also downed Franklin (25-15, 25-18),

while the Patriots split with Hartland (18-25, 25-10).

Top performers for the Patriots included junior Kelly O'Brien, who registered 10 kills.

Junior Brittany Fowler and senior Andrea Thompson added five kills apiece.

Setters Rachael Kapphus, a senior, and Julie Madowski, a sophomore, contributed 15 and 10 assists, respectively.

Madowski also had six ace serves.

Franklin, now 1-7-1 overall, lost senior middle hitter Jackie Shields to a sprained ankle during the first match against Northville. She was unable to play the rest of the day.

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Study at Wayne State helps develop cancer treatment

Lori A. Pile, assistant professor of molecular cell biology at Wayne State University, recently received \$1.39 million from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to study how a DNA-protein structure called chromatin regulates cell division and growth.

Her findings are aimed at supporting the development of cancer treatments that are currently undergoing clinical trials.

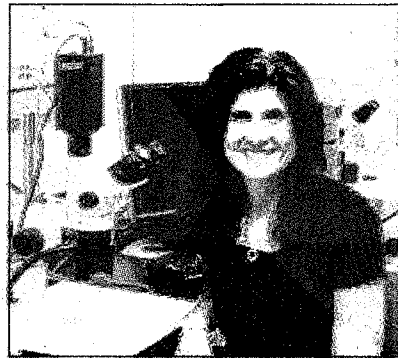
Chromatin resembles a long DNA "string" wrapped around protein "beads." When certain molecules, called chromatin modifiers, react with the protein beads, the entire chromatin structure either decompresses or coils up tightly. "Chromatin modification depends on whether the proteins were acetylated or deacetylated — in other words, what kind of modifier react-

ed with the protein," said Pile.

There are two main types of chromatin modifiers. One loosens the structure and the other tightens it. A balance of both is required for normal cell division and cell multiplication. But when the balance tips in favor of one kind, called histone deacetylases, cells can multiply too much, Pile said. Cancer is often the culprit.

That's why deacetylation is being targeted by researchers looking for a way to treat patients with cancer.

"While a number of chromatin modifiers are currently being tested as anti-cancer agents in clinical trials, the molecular mechanisms behind their cancer-killing properties are not well understood," said Pile. "Our study is anticipated to clarify these mechanisms and



Lori A. Pile, WSU researcher

refine the molecular tools designed to target cancer."

For more information about research at Wayne State University, visit <http://www.research.wayne.edu>.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUPS

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

CPR CLASSES

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

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Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Parents, drivers can help walkers stay safe

With the start of the school year quickly approaching, physicians from the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital are urging parents and drivers to do their part to keep kids safe as they walk to school. To avoid potentially fatal accidents, both pedestrians and drivers need to take extra precautions this fall.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 25,000 children, ages 5-14, are injured as pedestrians each year in the United States. Injuries sustained from a pedestrian-related incident, which often includes severe trauma to the brain, are a leading cause of injuries at

C.S. Mott.

"Kids who are struck by cars are among the most severely injured children we see in the Emergency Department. Because of their height, when a car hits a child, the impact is to the head and torso. This puts the brain and internal organs at risk for serious injuries," says Dr. Michelle Macy, M.D., a clinical lecturer of emergency medicine at the U-M Medical School.

To avoid an accident, experts suggest parents familiarize their children with the route to school prior to the first day of classes.

"Parents should be proactive and take the time to talk about safety with their kids

before they head back to school," says Amy Teddy, injury prevention program manager at C.S. Mott. "It's recommended that parents walk the route to school with students before the start of the year to assess hazards and select a course with the least number of traffic crossings."

"It's also important to remember that school-age children don't have the ability to judge distances or speed, so they are more likely to try to cross a street when a car is too close to stop in time," Teddy says.

Adults can teach and model safety behavior for their children:

- Always cross the street with an adult until age 10.

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks when possible.

- Look left, right and left again when crossing.

- Always walk, never run, when crossing streets.

- Walk on sidewalks or paths.

- Walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible if there are no sidewalks.

Many pedestrian-related injuries treated at U-M are caused by distracted drivers. Physicians recommend that drivers who are passing by schools pay particular attention to their surroundings, put their cell phone conversations on hold, and slow down.

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Cosmetologist enlists peers to aid at-risk girls overseas

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

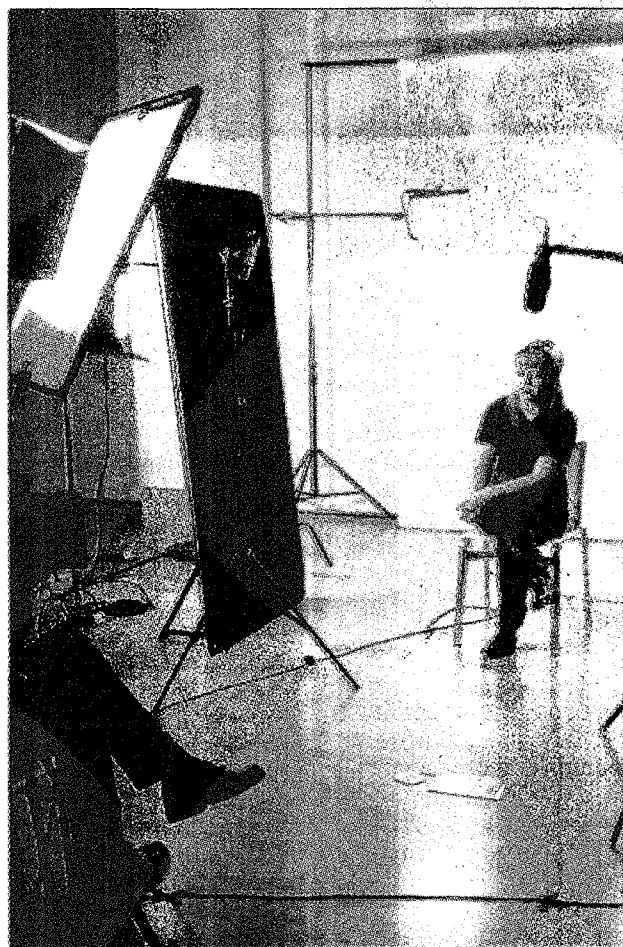
Kayla McCormack spent the last six months travelling from coast to coast, learning the ins and outs of the cosmetology industry.

The 21-year-old Livonia resident took the lessons she learned to heart.

Since returning home Aug. 14 from her tour with the "Spread the Love" program sponsored by Matrix hair products, McCormack has been busy organizing her first benefit, Fashion for Freedom, which will raise money for Rapha House, a Missouri-based nonprofit that rescues children and teens from slavery and sexual exploitation in Southeast Asia. Proceeds from the fashion show and auction on Sept. 9 at the Village Theater in Canton will benefit Rapha House's prevention program for at-risk girls.

"I really wanted to put together an event that would compile the industry — cosmetologists, make up artists, musicians, photographers, fashion designers — something that would connect all of us, highlight new talent and, of course, benefit the prevention center."

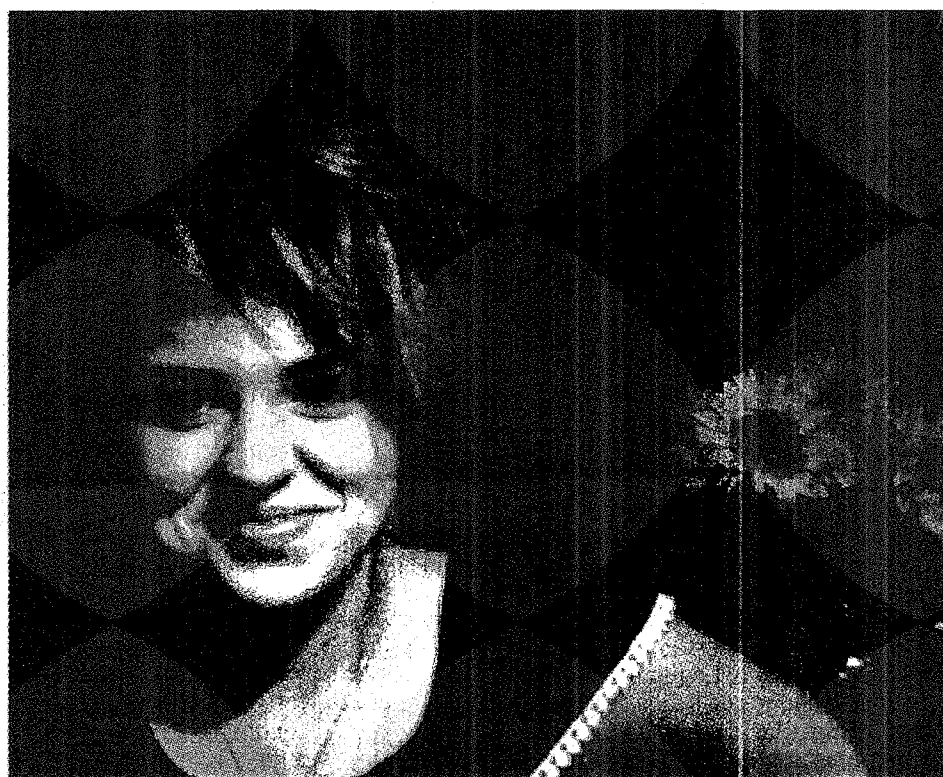
"When we were travelling we had so many opportunities to be involved in (charitable) events. I loved doing



Kayla McCormack is interviewed during the Spread the Love contest sponsored by Matrix.

fashion shows. It was so cool to see how much the beauty industry — the external stuff, makeup, hair, nails and skin care — really does change people's lives. I really believe if we can touch people on the outside we'll be able to touch them on the inside. That's always been my personal experience with the industry."

The 2008 Churchill High School graduate earned a spot on the Spread the Love team after applying for the program online, garnering support from fellow students at L'Esprit Academy, and edging out 16 other candidates from across the country in a round of formal interviews in New York. She was one of six recent beau-



Kayla McCormack is organizing a fashion show and silent auction to benefit Rapha House, an organization based in Joplin, Mo., that rescues children and teens from slavery and sexual exploitation in Southeast Asia.



Kayla McCormack's photo is shown on stage at Matrix.

ty school graduates accepted into the program.

"We were in 30 states in six months. I worked with some of the leading artists in the industry. Matrix gave us the opportunity of a lifetime to travel and be

hands-on in our careers as cosmetologists."

Personal interest

After learning about Rapha House from a stylist she met during her travels, McCormack contacted the organization and

inquired about internships in Cambodia.

"I've always had a heart for girls who have been human trafficked. I became interested in Rapha House because their main goal is to rescue children and rehabilitate and train them in a career. One of the career paths is cosmetology, which I thought was pretty cool."

After months on the road, she decided to finish requirements for an associate's degree at Schoolcraft College this fall and began organizing the charity event in lieu of an internship.

"Anyone in attendance will be blessed because they will be a blessing to others. All of the models are awesome and the show will be fun."

McCormack person-

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Popular flea market returns

by Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

If you like garage sales, you'll love the Livonia Historical Society's annual flea market on Sunday, Sept. 11.

"You never know what you'll find," said Linda Wiachek, recreation supervisor for the city of Livonia. "One gal I know bought a silver tray. She said 'I paid 75 cents for this.' She cleaned off the tarnish and it looks like a million bucks."

"If a person likes going to garage sales and finding treasure, this is a great place."

Treasure-hunters will shop 160 vendor booths from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Greenmead Historical Park, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

Admission is \$2. Children under 12 are admitted at no charge. Refreshments will be available.

Wiachek expects



Judy Opiela checks out a tea pot at a previous Livonia Historical Society flea market.

between 3,000-5,000 visitors to attend the show, which includes a mix of collectibles, antiques and garage sale items.

"We don't allow used clothing, which makes it appear a lot better and look neater. Most people bring out household items ... a lot of whatnots from their houses."

Proceeds from the event benefit preservation of the historic park.

"Our current huge project is restoration of the Simmons Hill House. That's where the money will be funneled," Wiachek said.

"The entire building (interior) is under restoration. It's going to be absolutely awesome."

Joshua Simmons, a farmer, built the Greek Revival farmhouse in 1841. When Sherwin Hill, an attorney, bought

the property in 1920, he modernized the house with indoor plumbing and electricity. The city of Livonia bought the house in 1976 from the Hill estate.

"The Hills changed the staircase. They created a library out of a woodshed. The kitchen looks like it came from the 1950s. It was modernized not just once, but a couple times."

When restoration is complete, the inside of the house will look "more like Hill than Simmons" and the exterior will maintain its 19th century appearance.

The Simmons Hill house is closed because of architectural work, but other buildings in the village will be open for tours from noon to 3 p.m. during the flea market.

For more information about the flea market or other Greenmead programs, call (248) 477-7375.



Kayla McCormack works on a customer.

GIRLS

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ally experienced her profession's healing touch a few years ago while struggling with the aftermath of a sexual assault. She was preparing for the fall semester at the University of Minnesota — and hadn't told her parents about the assault — when she went to her hair stylist.

"She spun me around in the chair and looked at me in the mirror and put her hands on my shoulder and said, Kayla, you are beautiful and I believe in you. Even if you can't believe in yourself right now there are people who will believe for you and we know you're going to do great things in your life and that your hands will touch people's lives."

McCormack cut short her university experience because she was still wrestling with issues stemming from

the assault. She went home to her family, Jeff and Katrina McCormack and younger sister, Rebekah, and her church, Northville Christian Assembly.

"I've had a great supportive family and church family. Fortunately the Lord has given me a lot of peace."

She started classes at Schoolcraft College and then switched to L'esprit Academy, realizing her heart was in cosmetology.

"I started learning how to feel good about the outside and take care of my skin and hair. I started investing in myself externally and I'm not saying that's what made me better, but it definitely aided in my healing process. It was at that point I remembered what my cosmetologist had said to me. She had touched my life. And I didn't realize it until then what a great impact cosmetologists can have on the life of their clients."



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In arthritis one condition may make another appear worse than it really is. The best example is if a person has both a back problem and osteoarthritis of the knees.
The knee arthritis causes a loss of normal gait and posture. The person walks slightly bent and favors the side of the good knee. This change in posture strains the back. If the back has previously developed a slight arthritis from aging or past injury, this new strain suffices to cause a persistent back pain.
When evaluating a patient with back strain, the physician, after checking out the back, will next examine the knees. If he finds arthritis of the knee, he will attend to that problem first. If the knee arthritis clears, and back pain remains, then the doctor will start investigating the back problem with X-rays, MRI and possibly a trial of physical therapy.
Experience tells doctors that the best course of action is that treating the knee arthritis often improves the patient's walking and standing sufficiently that stress on the back either disappears or becomes a minor problem.
A similar combination of problems exists in the shoulder. A patient with arthritis of the shoulder feels the arthritis is "spreading" because pain is now in the neck or down the arm. What has happened is that impaired shoulder motion puts strain on neck muscles and arm tendons causing them to ache from overuse. The physician will treat the shoulder problem. Only if the shoulder pain resolves, and arm or neck pain remains, will the doctor evaluate those problems.

Rescue groups appeal for donations, foster help

Zena, a mastiff/boxer mix, has had a tough year.

When the Wayne County Sheriff's Department found Zena in January at a house they raided for drugs, she was chained to a fence, emaciated — next to her dead canine companion — in the snow.

Livonia-based Tail Waggers' 1990 assisted with her rescue and Debbie Groves of Redford stepped up to foster Zena. Groves, a vet tech, decided to make the arrangement permanent and adopted her.

When Groves recently noticed a lump on the dog's ear, she took her to the vet for a diagnosis and "the results came back confirming it was a mass-cell tumor."

"After everything Zena had been through and survived I couldn't believe she had to conquer something else as traumatic."

Zena's ear was amputated and her veterinarian is waiting for lab results to determine the best course of treatment. She will require additional surgeries if more cancerous "bumps and lumps" develop.

Tail Waggers' 1990 runs an emergency assistance program for pet owners who need help paying for veterinary care in an unexpected medical crisis. The organization is accepting donations to help pay for Zena's medical care through Paypal at www.tailwaggers1990.org. Contributions also can be mailed to Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154.

Tail Waggers' 1990 is a nonprofit organization committed to helping individuals help animals. For more information call Laura Zain, Tail



Zena may need more surgery to stay cancer-free in the future.



Emma Frost, a three-year-old Husky enjoys a belly rub.

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Emma Frost beat the odds. The small, blue-eyed, white Siberian Husky had been left at the door of a veterinarian's office with instructions from her former owners to euthanize her. They no longer wanted their three-year-old pet. But a member of Guardian Angels Animal Rescue (GAAR) happened to be there on the day the



dog was scheduled to die and intervened. The rescued pup is safe, but the Livonia-based organization is looking for a foster home. Emma Frost gets along with children and other animals, according to Sandy Mezza, GAAR founder.

Anyone interested in fostering Emma Frost can e-mail to guardian_angels_rescue@hotmail.com. GAAR offers dogs and cats for adoption from 1-4 p.m. every Saturday at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty, in Commerce Township. For more information visit its Web site at www.gaarmichigan.org or call its hotline at (734) 516-2171.

— By Sharon Dargay

Detroit Zoo welcomes educators this week

The Detroit Zoological Society will present its fourth annual open house for school teachers, administrators and superintendents 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center. Zoolastic Achievement 2011 will offer educators and youth group leaders the opportunity to enjoy food, fun, fellowship and live entertainment as they learn about science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics offerings at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

The free event will give insight into programs that teach important concepts about animals, habitats and ecosystems in alignment with the Michigan curriculum framework, grade level content expectations and high school content expectations. The event will also offer tips on planning and optimizing school group visits with guided tours, self-led tours, scavenger hunts, interactive education presentations and backpack pro-

grams. Tram tours of the zoo will highlight animal habitats and exhibits that feature interactive learning options.

Attendees will learn about the Detroit Zoological Society's newest educational opportunities — including Science On a Sphere, the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater and the Berman Academy for Humane Education as well as the Ford Education Center's Interpretive Studios, DTE Energy Foundation Humane Science Lab and Handelman Discovery Studio. Guests will meet David Gakure, a Kenyan conservationist and Detroit Zoological Society education specialist, who engages students at the zoo and in the classroom with stories of people and wildlife in the African Grasslands.

Online registration for Zoolastic Achievement 2011 is available until Aug. 30, at www.detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1954

A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

CLASSES OF 1943-45

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 16, at Park Place, 23400 Park, Dearborn. Luncheon will be served. Cost is \$20 per person. Send a check payable to Class of 1944 to Dolores Dysarz Hausch, 2100 N. Martha, Dearborn, MI 48128. For more information, call Dolores at (313) 278-4707.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmstangs@msn.com; (734) 595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD

CLASS OF 1981

30-year reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaian) Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.

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CLASSES OF 1950-69

Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, the Plymouth-Riverside Recreation Area, just west of Haggerty, in Edward Hines Park. Bring your own lunch and beverage or you can purchase hot dogs, chips, pop, and ice cream at the park. There will be an area reserved for Classic Cars (hot rod or custom), and music with a DJ. For more information, contact www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960 or call Janet Cable Lauster at (734) 377-4009 or Dick Jankowski at (248) 685-8031.

JUNE CLASS OF 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

CLASS OF 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1961

4:10-4:25 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, gathering time at the high school, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. at Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. The reunion continues at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, with a social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Weekend concludes with a final farewell and snack 12:30-1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Dugan's 31501 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Bill Stenbak at (231) 544-6522.

GARDEN CITY EAST & WEST

CLASSES OF 1966-67

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1986

25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 15. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

GARDEN CITY EAST

CLASS OF 1981

30-year reunion, 7 p.m.-5 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the Sheraton of Novi. \$75/person and discount on rooms. Includes entrée, beer, wine, soft drinks and many extras. Classmates from other year classes also are invited. Contact Glenn at JudeGT@wowway.com or (734) 564-0324.

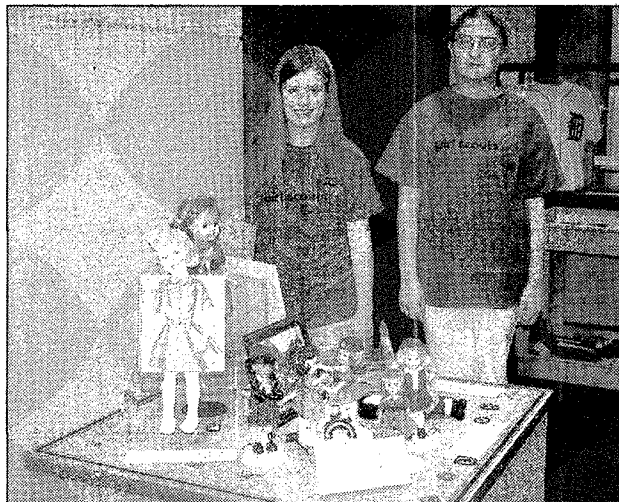
GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1981

30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, Livonia. \$45 per person; \$90 per couple. Payment must be received by Sept. 1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send a check or money order made payable to GC West Class of 1981, 32511 Windsor, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions? Call Erin, (734) 751-2424.

Girl Scouts lend a hand at state museum

Local Scouts to help with milestone



Megan McHugh (left) and Elisabeth Goetz work with Girl Scout dolls.

Megan McHugh of Plymouth spent a week last month working at the Michigan Historical Museum. She helped create a display to promote a major exhibit that will kick off the Girl Scout centennial next year.

Megan and other Girl Scouts who attended the Historical Museum Day Camp discovered just how much work it takes to assemble a 2,000-square-foot exhibit. Sponsored by the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, the exhibit will open to the public on March 10, 2012.

After two intense days in the classroom, the girls toured the Museum's storage facility, learned how to care for Girl Scout artifacts and created three display cases to promote next year's 100th anniversary exhibit, "Follow the Girls! 100 Years of Girl Scouting." Their displays are on view in the museum.

Megan said she has

"much more appreciation for museum exhibits, now that I know how hard they are to create."

Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan Historical Center, was a Girl Scout in the 1960s and attended the national 1962 Girl Scout Round-up in Button Bay, Vt. Clark's mementos of her experience became the basis of one of the girls' displays, complete with scrapbook, newspaper clippings, patches and a jacket.

Susan Cooper, team leader for the Girl Scout exhibit, JoAnn Arasim, educator, and Scott Peters, collections historian, organized the day camp for the Girl Scouts.

"The girls' interest and enthusiasm were just delightful," said Cooper. "It was exciting

for all of us to see them succeed at actual historical research," she said, explaining that the girls used old Detroit city directories to verify names of early Girl Scouts in vintage photos.

Volunteers on the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan "history team" are collecting Girl Scout artifacts for possible use in the museum exhibit, which will run through Aug. 31, 2012. The history team also is looking for Girl Scout alumnae to record their stories. Former and current Girl Scouts who are interested in helping with the museum exhibit, can contact the team at HistoryTeam@gshom.org.

To learn more about Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, visit www.gshom.org.

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Aug. 28-31

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Time/Date: Accepting applications now

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product

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PROGRAMS OFFERED

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 28

Location: St. Hilary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford

Details: A short meeting will be held to explain the programs offered by the church for both adults and children

Contact: Sr. Marie Miller at (313) 533-1560

Sept. 1-14

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m., Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13, through Nov. 15

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study will focus on the Book of Acts. Registration fee is \$15. Free program for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, in Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes are given to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9

Location: School cafeteria at St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Guest speakers Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House marriage apostolate, will kick off "Covenant of Love," a monthly program that explores Christian marriage. Dennis and Rose Wingfield of Northville will lead the sessions, which meet the second Friday of the month. Open to all couples, married or engaged, of all religious denominations

Contact: The Wingfields at (248) 305-5941 or e-mail to jeremiah2911@comcast.net

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Time/Date: Through Sept. 10

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, P.O. Box 871262 Canton, Mi. 48187

Details: Religious and cultural school open enroll-

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Contact: betchaverim@yahoo.com or visit Bet Chaverim on Facebook

WORLD PRAYER DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. meditation, 7-8 p.m. prayer service, Sept. 8

Location: Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Unity World Day of Prayer program "Together We Shine"

Contact: (734) 421-1760

Sept. 15-30

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Walk-ins welcome, but appointments also can be made at redcrossblood.org with the sponsor code "NewburghUM"

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WALK/RUN

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Milliken State Park, 1900 Atwater, Detroit

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Contact: Sister Margereta at (313) 534-9000 or Maureen at (313) 402-0074

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Church of Christ

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Women's Bible study with discussion-based study from the Gospel of Luke; preschool child care provided

Contact: (734) 427-8743

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits of the past.

Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7

a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: Way of Life Christian Church

9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: (734) 637-7618

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-

3643 for MOPSnext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Contact: (313) 563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: (734) 459-3333

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays

Location: In the church rectory conference room, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: St. Monica's Prayer Group is open to all women who want to support one another in praying for their children, regardless of age.

Other prayer sessions: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday, includes parish prayer and Eucharistic adoration, with Benediction service following.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

PRESCHOOL

Ward Preschool

Time/Date: 2011-12 school year

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec. 1.

Contact: (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

Details: Divorce Overcom-

ers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, ¼-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 12, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **September 12, 2011 at 6:58 p.m.** regarding the proposed ordinance to revise Chapter 40 by Adding Section 40.11 to provide for special assessment for street lighting.

Ordinance To Revise Chapter 40 By Adding Section 40.11

An ordinance to revise Title III, Chapter 40 by adding Section 40.11 to the Code of the City of Garden City; providing for an assessment district for street lighting and similar services, City Manager's report, rates and charges, rules and regulations; providing for penalty; providing for repeal or severability; providing for publication and effective date.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. ORDINANCE REVISION.

40.11. Assessment District for Street Lighting and Similar Services.

All improvements consisting of the construction, installation, maintenance and operation of systems, facilities and equipment for street lighting or other similar services shall be accomplished pursuant to the improvement procedure provisions provided under Sections 40.03 to 40.08, both inclusive, of this chapter; except and provided, however, that where such construction or installation is performed by the Detroit Edison Company, or some other public utility company, and the cost thereof is not charged to the city or the users of the service, then in such case:

A. The report and recommendation of the city manager, which may be required under Section 40.03, shall omit all information as to cost of construction and shall include all other information required by said Section 40.03, together with such schedules of existing rates and service charges as may be submitted to the city by the Detroit Edison Company or other public utility; and the council, in acting on such report pursuant to Section 40.05, shall consider only such matters as are required by this subsection;

B. Neither the whole or any part of such cost of construction shall be assessed against any property within the proposed special assessment district;

C. The regular, approved rates for such service, as charged to the city, less the amount thereof constituting a general obligation of the city, shall be annually assessed upon the property especially benefited, as provided in Sections 40.05, 40.06, 40.07, and 40.08;

D. All other sections of this chapter which are inconsistent with or contrary to the intent of this section, are hereby made and declared to be inapplicable to all assessments made under this section; and

E. The department of public services is hereby authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the administration of this section.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Publish: August 28, 2011

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Megan Danielle Bahr and Frederick Carl Shier, Jr. announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Shelly Bahr of Westland, graduated in 2010, from the Frederik Meijer Honors College at Grand Valley State University, with a bachelors of business administration degree from the School of Accounting. She works as a production coordinator

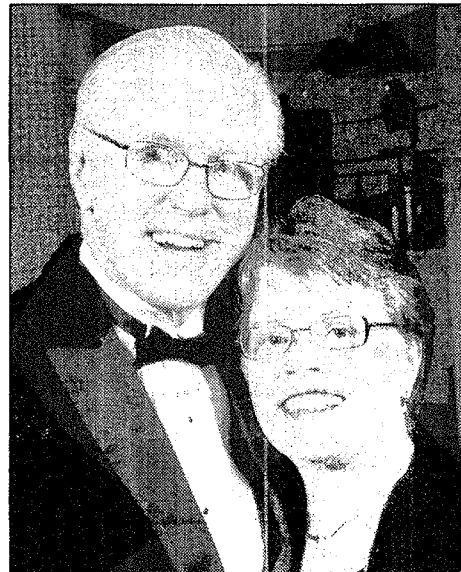
for Autocam Medical, in Kentwood.

Her fiancé, son of Frederick C. and Anne Shier, Sr. of Traverse City, graduated in 2009 from Grand Valley State University with a degree in hospitality and tourism management. He works for the Gilmore Collection as a general manager at the Big Old Building (the BOB), in downtown Grand Rapids.

An October 2011 wedding is planned at Ada Bible Church, at the Kentwood Campus in Calcedonia.

Milestones**Golden anniversary**

Roger and Jean Schwartz on their wedding day



Roger and Jean Schwartz of Livonia

Roger and Jean (Relyea) Schwartz of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 17 with their sons, Paul and Steven — both Churchill High School graduates — and their families at the Great Wolf Lodge near Cincinnati. They were married in 1961 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit, the same day as their graduation from the University of Michigan, where they met.

Roger is retired from many years with the automotive industry. Jean is a retired piano teacher and a past president of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

They arrived at their Lodge room to find it completely decorated with streamers and banners. At breakfast the next morning, Roger and Jean looked across the room to see their five grandchildren and their parents all sporting a golden T-shirts with a picture of the anniversary couple on the front and the wedding invitation on the back.

At that evening's banquet, they received a photo album of their life together, and Roger, on bended knee, presented Jean with the diamond ring she'd always wanted.

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BARBER, RUTH MARIE

Age 86. On Monday July 18, 2011 Ruth Marie Barber died peacefully at home when called to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was born on May 13, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of the late Owen and Margaret (Dahn) Ivey. She was the second of five children & was raised in Detroit, Michigan. On September 8, 1945 she married Edward Barber (deceased January 26, 1984), husband of 38 years. Settled in Plymouth, Michigan in 1959 & raised a family of five children. She was a long time member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church. She is survived by Dianne Barber, Richard (Virginia) Barber, Margaret Carter, Gayle Nelson, Alecia Barber, 16 grandchildren, & 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four siblings, & a son-in-law. A memorial service was held at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dexter, Michigan on August 5, 2011. Cremation has taken place & burial of remains will be at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, Michigan.

**BURGESS-BROWN, SUSAN K.**

Age 62, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family. Studied and taught Ikebana and yoga. Loving wife of Brian. Devoted mother of Hillary. Wonderful daughter of Joyce and the late Willard N. Brown. Sister of Bil Brown (Marguerite). A Memorial service will be planned for a later date in Williamston, MI. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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**CONAT, MARION**

August 25, 2011, Age 91. Wife of the late Arthur. Dear mother of Christine Herfurth, Karen Carr (Phil), Suzanne Bell, Arthur Conat (Susan) and the late Donna Flannery (James) and Martha Tattan (Michael). Also 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Sister of Elmer Coon, Lloyd Coon and David Coon (Jo Ann). Memorial Service Sunday 1 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Advent, 3325 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. Memorial tributes to the church. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**DUMAS, MARY E.**

Died August 17, 2011 at the age of 89. Mary served as Wayne County Commissioner for 14 years and was a Schoolcraft College Trustee. She is survived by her husband, Victor and children Cordelia, Charles and Julianne, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A Memorial Service was held at 3:30 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Gathering from 1:30 until time of Service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Program or the Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com

EVICH, STANLEY P.

of Detroit, 8/3/2011; age 82; husband of Charlotte. Father of Gail Raczak, Pamela Evich, Kathleen Kugel, Diane Stege and the late Gary. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

GREEN, GEORGE

Age 73, beloved husband of Barbara, father of George and Joel Green both of Rapid City, Michigan. Also survived by two brothers, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Celebration of Life Service, was held Sat., Aug. 27 at 11am at the Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd, Canton (W. of Lilly Rd.)

**HOLDEN, AUDREY J.**

Died May 3, 2011, age 78 of Plymouth Loving mother of Jeri Lynn (Danny) Holden-Taylor, Teri Ann Ritchison, and Jamie Holden. Proud grandmother of Ben Ritchison, Christian Taylor, Audra Taylor and James Holden. Dear great-grandmother of Patchoulie, Lotus, Willow and Hattie Joe Ritchison. Audrey retired from Hertz after 25 years of service. During her retirement she volunteered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, The Henry Ford, and the YMCA in Livonia. She was also a very active member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Her memorial service will be held Saturday September 3, at 10:30 AM at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Center or American Heart Association. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

**HOWLAND, FRANK T.**

Age 63, of Northville, died unexpectedly August 23, 2011. Most cherished and loving husband of the late Cynthia (Benes). Beloved dad of Jennifer (George) Linart, Sarah Anne (Wm. Jason) Lowe, and Emily (Steve) Morneault. Dear son of Helen Howland Andrews and the late Robert Howland. Proud grandpa of Luke and Kelly Linart, Wm. Henry and Charles Lowe, and Stella Morneault. Caring brother of John (Kris) Howland and Paul (Karen) Howland. Visitation Friday 3:30pm-7pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Funeral service Monday 11am at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, (east of Center St.), Northville, MI 48167. Memorial contributions may be made to The Henry Ford. To share memories, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MCKINNIS, JAMES WILLIAM, Jr.

Age 58, of Belleville, died, Monday, August 22, 2011. Born July 4, 1953 in Dearborn, to the late James & Dorothy (Sims) McKinnis, Sr. Survived by his wife, Renee (Berger) McKinnis, children Amber McKinnis of Adrian, and James McKinnis of Willis, sisters Yvonne Eskie and Pamela (David) McGinnis, both of Canton, MI, in-laws John (Molly), Scott (Kimberly) and Nick Berger. Funeral service was Thursday, August 25, 2011 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

NESTOROVSKI, MILICA

of Bloomfield, 8/15/2011; age 85; wife of Trpko. Mother of Vince, Jonathon & Mike. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

POST, BETTY L.

Age 70, of Farmington Hills, MI, formerly of Whitehall, MI, passed into the arms of her savior, Jesus Christ, on August 17th, 2011, after a short but graceful battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on March 8, 1941, to Peter Hutchinson & Jean Reed Hutchinson at her grandparents' home in Six Lakes, MI. In December 1970, she suffered a spinal cord injury in a motor vehicle accident that left her paralyzed from the waist down. Betty was an inspiration to all who met her; they were amazed by her ability to overcome her disability & accomplish more than most with enthusiasm & always with a bright smile & warm heart. She especially enjoyed water color & oil painting, reading, teaching Bible study & Sunday school, playing Bridge & crafting. Betty was an extraordinarily talented seamstress & created many beautiful outfits for her daughters, grandchildren & others seeking her professional touch. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Betty is preceded in death by her parents Pete Hutchinson & Jean Hutchinson Cannon, her brother Donald Hutchinson & her infant son Marc Verplanck. She is survived by her sister Wanda Roach of Tawas, MI & Sharon (Wayne) Cannon-Ariss of Whitehall, MI; her daughters Dr. Marcy (Michael) Verplanck-Kanitz of Traverse City, MI, & Dr. Michelle (Kurt) Verplanck-Kralovich of Farmington Hills, MI; her six grandchildren: Arielle, Marc, & Delin Kanitz, Jon-Luc, Georgia, & Alexis Kralovich; as well as many nieces & nephews. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at 2:00 pm at Faith Covenant Church-35415 West 14 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331-1300; Reverend Ken Larson officiating. In lieu of flowers, consider memorial donations to: Faith Covenant Church, Betty Post Memorial (address as above).

SCRIVO, ELLEN T.

of Harrison Twp., 7/13/2011; age 58; beloved wife of David. Dear mother of Matthew and Mark. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (586)777-0555.

SMITH, NORMA L.

of Dearborn Hts., 8/4/2011; age 91; Mother of Susan Brostean, grandmother of Candice Hunter and Lucas. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313)382-1181.

WITT, CAROL

Age 67, of Livonia, MI. August 24, 2011. Beloved sister of Betty, Grace and Stanley. Arrangements entrusted to the Dearborn Chapel of Vora Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Rd., (313) 278-5100. Carol was a long time cook for the Northville Public School District as well as a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, any monetary donations may be made to the American Kidney Foundation and/or the American Cancer Society. Obituary/Guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

Alexander-Dubay

Kim Dubay and Todd Alexander were married July 9, 2011, at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. The Rev. Tim Stotler officiated.

The bride, daughter of Tom and Peggy Dubay of Westland, earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2001 and a master of science degree in childhood education in 2008. Both degrees are from Eastern Michigan University. She teaches in the Wayne-Westland Community School District and also is a dance instructor at The Dance Academy in Westland.

The groom, son of Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa., and the late Carl Alexander, earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1993 from Youngstown University. He is an engineer with Navistar Defense in Madison Heights.

Jennifer Lyons, the bride's cousin, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Alexander, the groom's sister and Michelle Chuck, the bride's friend.

Best Man was Larry Verna, the groom's friend. Groomsmen were Ted Huff and Don Nakic, the groom's friends.

A reception was held at Burton Man-



or in Livonia.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Paradise Island, Bahamas. They reside in Commerce Township.

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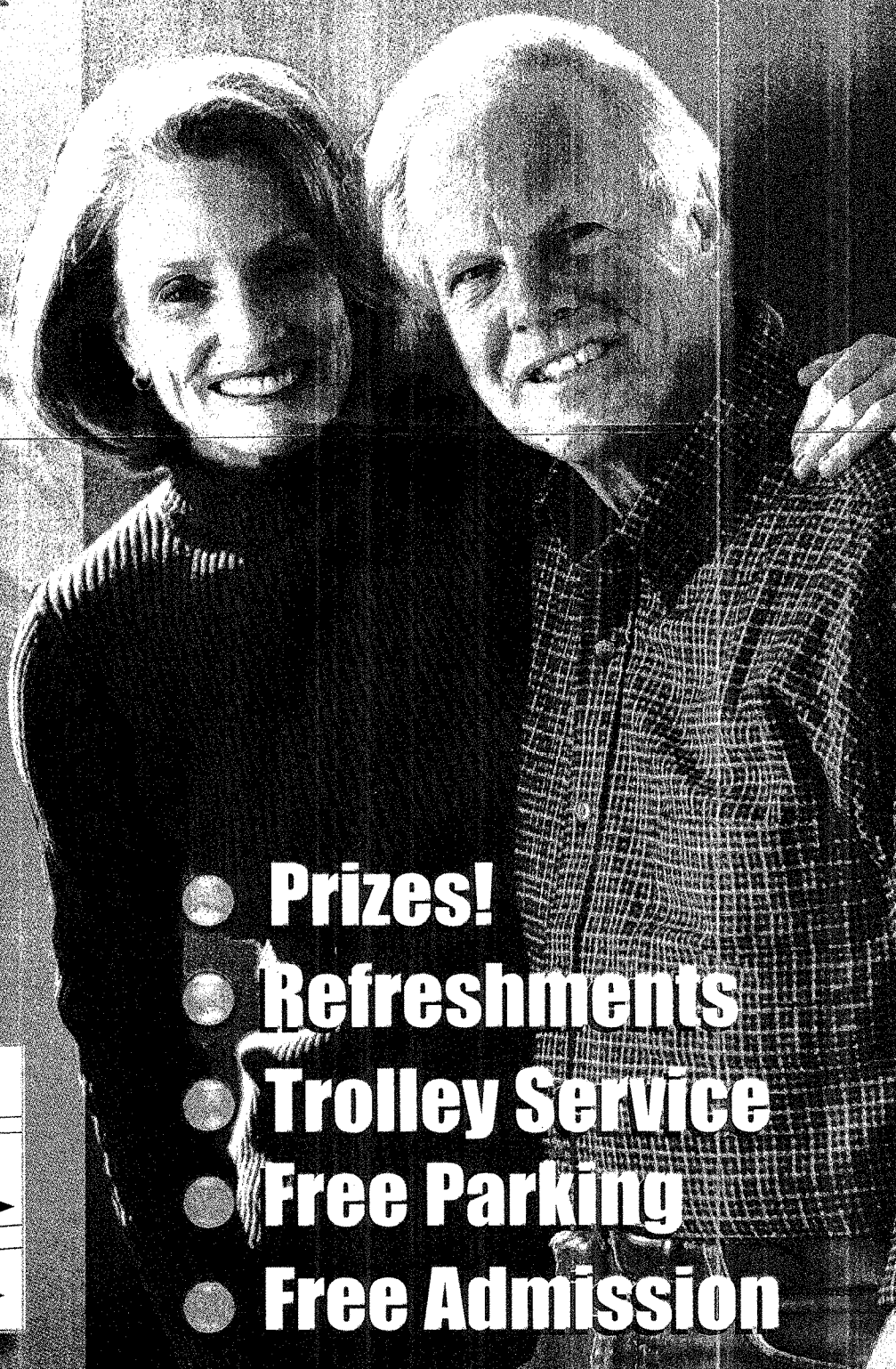
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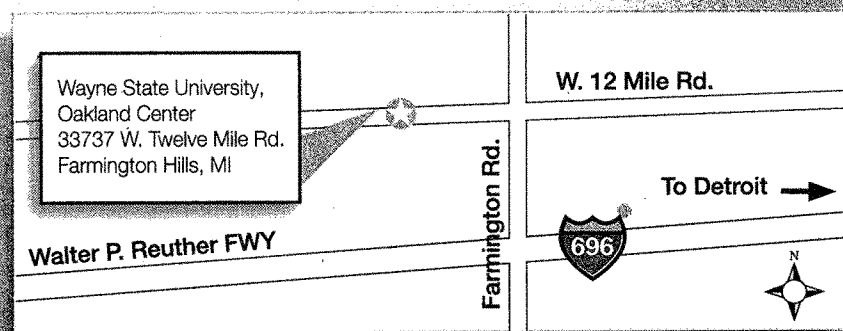
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