



Alternate elector

Everyone knows about those electoral votes — 17 in Michigan — that are cast for presidential candidates. Now, Westland resident Henry Johnson has been nominated to be an alternate elector for the upcoming presidential election.

"On a specific day after the election, the electors gather at the state capital. If (President Barack) Obama wins, then he gets the 17 votes," said Johnson. "There is a ceremony for casting the vote. If the elector isn't able, then I will cast the ballot."

President of the Norway Community Citizens Council, Johnson would be alternate for Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton. Both men were nominated by U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, as a thank you for their efforts on his recent election campaign.

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Opponents get OK to launch recall of mayor

By LeAnne Rogers
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A petition to recall Westland Mayor William Wild has been approved, adding to earlier approved efforts to remove five City Council members from office.

The petition submitted by resident Burke Rock cites Wild's May 16 recommendation to enter an inter-local agreement

between Westland and the City of Wayne for sharing or consolidation of recreation services which resulted in the closing of the Bailey Recreation Center on July 1.

An earlier petition, citing Wild's appointment of two married couples to the Tax Increment Finance Authority, had been rejected due to unclear language.

"The language was not

approved for clarity, so we submitted another one with different language," said Rock, a long-standing critic of Wild.

Wild didn't attend the Wayne County Election Commission meeting at which the petitions were approved.

"I spent the day working in my office. It doesn't seem like anything I do or say with this resident (Rock) matters," said Wild, who at one point announced that

he would no longer respond to Rock's questions or comments.

The merger of the parks and recreation departments is exactly the type of cooperative effort between communities that is being sought by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"The lieutenant governor (Brian Calley) was just here and lauded us for the fire depart-

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Used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold a used book sale Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 6-8, at the library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. Hours will be noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday which will \$4 bag day — bring your own bag.

There will be a special sale of hard cover fiction books — buy one for \$1, get one free — and audio books on cassette — the whole book — for 25 cents. Other prices are \$2 for coffee table books, \$1 for hardcover nonfiction, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for magazines.

A preview sale for Friends members will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. People can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Bring your own bags when you shop at the book sale, or buy one of the Friends' cool green bags for \$2. The book sale provides funding for all the library programs provided by the Friends of the Westland Library.



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Celebrating being honored as Biggby Coffee store of the year are employees Cassie Sanders of Westland (left), Alaina McDaniel of Dearborn Heights, Danielle Peel of Westland, Westland store owner Mo Elfakir of Canton, April Smith of Westland, Jess Murphy of Plymouth and Becca Tanner of Westland.

Westland's Biggby brings home Big 'B' Cup Award

The Biggby Coffee Big "B" Cup Award — sort of a coffee version of the Stanley Cup — is on display with other awards at the Westland Biggby Coffee.

Owner and operator Mohammad Elfakir and his crew took

home the 2012 Store of the Year along with the Big "B" Cup Award at the recent Biggby Coffee annual franchise meeting.

"It is an incredible honor to be named Store of the Year

and be recognized by Biggby and our customers in particular," Elfakir said. "Without our customers, we would not be where we are today, and I can-

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Low turnout expected for special election

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Not many Westland voters are expected to make to the polls Wednesday to select candidates who will move forward in November to fill a temporary vacancy in the 11th Congressional District.

"Absentee ballots have been slow. We sent out 3,500 — we send out the same amount each election using the permanent absentee voter list," said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof. "We've received less than 2,000 back. There is not a whole lot of interest in the election. It might pick up."

Schoof is predicting a voter turnout of less than 10 percent for the special election Wednesday.

The Republican candidates seeking replace U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July amid controversy, are Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Crider, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia, who are running for the Republican nomination.

The winner would presumably face David Curson of Belleville, who is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket, in the Nov. 6 general election. The winner would be sworn

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Westland man faces trial in sexual assault case

By LeAnne Rogers
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A Westland man has been ordered bound over for trial on charges that he sexually molested an 11-year-old autistic girl.

Joseph Petri, 27, waived his preliminary examination Thursday before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicerelli. He is charged with two counts of second-

degree criminal sexual conduct.

The girl's mother had contacted police to report the July 26 incident which was alleged to have occurred in the Westland apartment Petri shares with his wife and two young children.

The mother told police that she had become acquainted with Petri and his wife earlier

in the year while attending community college. Since then, the mother said the families had visited each other's home several times.

On this particular date, the mother said she had dropped her daughter off at the Petri's apartment for a visit. When her daughter later shared details of the visit, the mother contacted police.

The girl told police she had gone to bed in Petri's bedroom about midnight. Petri came into the bedroom and showed her photos of himself and his wife as children, the girl told police.

Subsequently, it is charged that Petri got into bed with the girl while fully clothed, pressed against her, then began kissing and fondling her, hav-

ing pulled down her pants. The girl also told police Petri showed her what were apparently a pair of dildos that he described as "fat sticks."

Petri remains free on \$10,000/10 percent bond. His Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment is set for Sept. 13.

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Wayne, Westland treat parks to eliminate mosquitoes

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

There should be fewer mosquitoes in Westland and Wayne thanks to a fogging of city parks in response to the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus epidemic which has claimed five lives.

Just in time for the Labor Day weekend, the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department's combined 40 parks, along with the Westland Municipal Golf Course, were fogged for mosquitoes.

On Wednesday, contracted pest management officials treated the 19 parks located in Westland and the Westland Municipal Golf Course with Biomist 4+4. The product was applied from a truck-mounted ultra-low volume sprayer. The treatment is effective for approximately two weeks. The application rate is one-three ounces per acre.

The 19 parks located in the City of Wayne were also treated by Advanced Pest Management with the Biomist 4+4 technology on Friday.

"We did spray once a few years ago when West Nile was coming up — we had an event coming up," said Mayor William Wild. "This is the first time we did all of our parks."

The mosquito fogging cost each city \$1,000. "It will be a little comfort for Labor Day, then we hope there will be some cooler weather," Wild said.

In addition to the parks and golf course, Westland's Department of Public Service is doing the second round of their

Mosquito Abatement Program by treating more than 11,000 storm drains with Vectolex Water Soluble Pouches.

"The City of Westland is committed to the health and safety of our residents," said Wild. "Labor Day weekend is a time for families to enjoy the last weekend of summer and we want the residents to visit our golf course and parks to enjoy the great amenities."

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in after the election and serve through the end of the year.

Filling the short-term vacancy will be the end of Westland residents voting in the 11th Congressional District.

Due to redistricting, Westland will become part of the 13th Congressional District at the start of 2013.

That means on Nov. 6, Westland voters will help select McCotter's replacement but also vote for their choice to serve as the new 13th District representative.

For their U.S. representative in the 13th, voters will have a choice between current 14th District U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, and Republican Mark Sawicki of Dearborn.

The special election is expected to cost about \$650,000 district-wide and \$60,000 in Westland.

"That includes Wayne County paying for the ballots — that's taxpayer money, too," said Schoof. "For a federal election, we can't consolidate precincts — it's against the law."

The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Westland to get new police chief

Westland will soon have a new police chief.

Current Chief Greg Angelosano will be retiring effective Friday along with Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick. Both are retiring under a program that allowed city staff to purchase generic time for an early

retirement.

Since Karrick was the only person on the promotional list to fill the chief position, that means the new chief won't be selected until after a promotional examination is completed. Deputy Chief Michael Matich and Lt. Jeff Jedrusik are eli-

gible to test for the chief's position.

"I'm not sure if I will appoint an interim chief," said Mayor William Wild, adding it would take about six weeks to complete the promotional testing.

Canine Officer Grant Allen also retired last week.

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ment merger," said Wild. "That agreement saves us \$900,000 a year. We went from 19 parks to 40 parks and a much nicer community center."

The merger agreement was approved by the council unanimously, Wild said, as was the budget.

"I stand behind the decision, we need to take a longer view," said Wild. "This doesn't mean it (the Wayne Community Center) has to be our long-term recreation facili-

ty. Short-term, we're saving money. Our Parks and Recreation director and the deputy director were retiring."

Rock and other recall supporters plan to kick off their efforts to gather more 5,600 signatures Wednesday — the date of the special election to replace former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

"We will be collecting signatures simultaneously at a lot of different places," said Rock.

Along with Wild, the recall effort also targets Council President James Godbout, council members Adam Hammons, Meriam Kadi, Michael

Kehrer and Dewey Reeves.

That petition cites council approval of a TIFA plan amendment that includes construction of a new city hall, possibly behind the William P. Faust Public Library.

Wild had no plans to appeal the recall petition approval.

"At this point, it's up to them to get signatures. At the end of the day, it's up to resident, if they don't agree with my decisions," said Wild, noting he will be up for re-election in 2013.

It's not the first time a recall petition has been

filed against him, Wild said, and there was one successful past recall of council members.

"It was a horrible black eye for the community and it took a long time to get over it," said Wild. "We've been making a lot of progress. It's unfortunate to have a recall (effort). It's a step back for our community."

The recall supporters will have 90 days to gather sufficient valid signatures on the petitions once the first signatures are obtained.

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not thank them enough for taking the time to vote for us and for the incredibly nice things they had to stay about my store and my staff."

The Biggby Store of the Year Award is based on customer nominations, in which one Biggby location from every market is selected as a finalist. Based on customer's reviews of the store, along with the total number of votes, Biggby of Westland was not only recognized for Wayne County but also as the overall winner of the award, named in honor of Biggby co-founder and vice president Mary Roszel.

The Big "B" Cup Award, one of the most sought-after awards, was also presented to Elfakir and his store, which will celebrate its fifth anniversary in October. Selected for best embodying the Biggby Coffee core values and operating philosophies, Elfakir and

his store join this list of recipients, made up of some of the most successful stores in the system.

Nine baristas franchise-wide were also recognized with the My Favorite Barista Award, also based on customer nominations. From the nine finalists, Wayne County's representative was April Smith of the Westland store, who was honored on stage by Biggby CEO and co-founder Bob Fish.

Smith was also nominated for the Barista of the Year Award.

"It was great to be there as a store and hear April's name being called on stage for a finalist in the award," Elfakir said. "She definitely deserves this recognition as she continually brightens the lives of our customers on a daily basis. I'm so honored in general to be recognized by way of these awards, and it feels great to bring some hardware back to our community."

The Westland Biggby store is located on Ford Road just west of Newburgh.

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W-W's Goci fends off calls for his resignation

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland school board Vice President John Goci is making it perfectly clear that he is confident he will be cleared of allegations that he lied to federal agents about a loan he had with Tomo Duhanaj, the owner of Bray's Hamburgers in Westland.

Goci is free on bond after being arraigned Aug. 22 on the charge, a five-year felony. Duhanaj was also charged with lying to federal agents. However, federal officials have moved to dismiss charges against him, citing the need for time to obtain evidence against him and investigate other suspects.

"At this time my case is still proceeding, and as I stated before, I look forward with the utmost confidence of being vindicated of the false allegations being made against me," Goci said at last week's school board meeting.

His comments came after two fellow board members — Frederick Weaver and Cindy Schofield — and resident Chris Staley called on him to resign.

Staley expressed "utter disappointment in lack of integrity displayed by a board member," saying that "every human is born with a conscience and, therefore, the ability to know right from wrong. Choosing the right, regardless of the consequences, is the hallmark of integrity."

He also told the board that among its responsibilities is the creation of a "set of sound ethical policies," communicating them to the staff and students and letting them know deviation from any of them will not be tolerated.

"The problem for the leaders that create and implement the policies is that they must then live by them," he said. "You cannot set policies that employees and students need to live by and not live by them yourself."

Saying that the federal charge is "incompatible with the duties of an elected official," Staley called on school board members "to rise to the occasion."

"Examine your values and principles and join with us to call for this board member's

immediate resignation," he said. "The residents, employees and, more importantly, the students deserve to have the leaders of this school district lead."

Weaver said he agreed that Goci's personal life is his own, but when elected and put into public office, "your personal life becomes public and, in part, is up to review and criticism by the public."

"I realized that you have not been convicted yet and I understand that," Weaver added. "While it's maintained that it is separate from this school district, I believe it might become a detriment to this district."

Citing a comment made by a resident at a previous meeting that "board members be held to a higher standard," Schofield said Goci should resign his position so he "can concentrate on his personal issues."

"Board members are the face of a district to its local citizens and through the media to the public at large," she said. "As a result, whether right or wrong, the perceived reputation of a school board member becomes intertwined with

the reputation of the district and it is for this reason that I would like to ... ask Mr. Goci to resign."

The comments came after board President Carol Middel read a statement saying that it was not the policy of the school board "to speculate when an investigation or litigation is under way, particularly one that does not involve the district."

"While human nature is to want to discuss these concerns, we would urge the community not to be drawn into needless speculation or discussion," she said. "Let the justice system work and remember that allegations are not a basis for judgment. If there are questions or concerns regarding the investigation or litigation, they should be directed to the proper authorities."

Goci did get support from Trustee Thomas Buckalew, who said he was troubled to hear the comment that Goci was "not convicted yet with the assumption being that the conviction is something coming down the road."

"That isn't the way our system works," he said. "We have

a legal system that presumes innocence and, until guilt is determined, that innocence needs to be assured."

He added that he also looks "forward to Mr. Goci's vindication."

"I hope that's the case. Until I learn otherwise, that is the assumption I intend to work on," he said.

The federal indictment charges that Goci lied to federal agents, who found paperwork indicating he had obtained a \$30,000 loan from Duhanaj at a more than 45-percent interest rate. A recent unsuccessful congressional candidate, Goci told federal agents that the interest was 15 percent.

In wiretaps placed on Duhanaj's phone, the indictment charges Goci contradicted his statements made to federal agents.

Goci remains free on \$10,000 unsecured bond, while Duhanaj, a Troy resident, remains in federal custody as an illegal alien and faces deportation.

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Nankin Mills hosts Native American Heritage Day

The Wayne County Parks and the North American Indian Association will host Native American Heritage Day at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

This special social gathering includes a traditional drumming circle and dancers in Native American regalia. Native American crafts and food will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome to enjoy in a celebration of Michigan's first people.

Due to limited seating, plan to bring a lawn chair. There is a free out-

door event.

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. The purpose of the organization is to promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment and training and awareness of available human services, and to foster and preserve Native American culture.

"The City of Westland appreciates the variety of events that the Wayne County Parks brings to

the residents of our All American City," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "These events are a great way to bring the residents out to our beau-

tiful parks and with most of these events being free of charge, it allows our families to have a good time with no effect on their budget."

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Hines Drive will be closed due to Saturday in the Park, however, people can go

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Local resident wants to bring business experience to Schoolcraft board

Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia announced she will seek a six-year term on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees in the Nov. 6 election.

"Schoolcraft College will continue to play a significant role in providing the Detroit metro area communities with an excellent and diverse set of educational opportunities at a reasonable cost. Whether you're seeking an associate degree, looking for a head start on a bachelor's degree, or looking for continuing education opportunities, Schoolcraft College has it all," said Alaniz. "The downturn in the economy has identified an ever increasing need for low-cost, flexible education, retraining and continuing education programs. Parents, veterans, the



Alaniz

employed and the unemployed see the benefits of community colleges for lowering the costs for education to increase their hiring and earnings potential."

Alaniz serves on the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as well as on the Executive, Scholarship, and Governmental Affairs committees. "Representing the Livonia business community has been rewarding and has awakened a desire to further serve the community in the educational area," she said. "College was my first step in building a stable life for my family. My

desire is to help others understand how valuable this first step can be to their future."

After attending Delta College, Alaniz graduated from Central Michigan University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in management information systems.

Alaniz has worked in the Detroit metro area for the past 25 years with increasing responsibility in governance and compliance roles with internal audit organizations in both the utilities and manufacturing industries.

Alaniz works in the Internal Audit department as a senior manager for TRW Automotive, headquartered in Livonia. TRW is ranked among the world's leading automotive suppliers of safe-

ty products, employing more than 60,000 in 26 countries.

"The trustee position, while an elected position, isn't a 'political' position from my perspective," she said. "As a governance and policy making body for the college, the responsibilities include governing the college by establishing broad policies and objectives, appointing and supporting the chief executive, ensuring the availability of adequate financial resources, and giving an accounting for the college's ability to meet its mission and objectives. My experience in the internal audit profession includes policy development and compliance activities covering corporate, business and technology operations."

Alaniz said current Schoolcraft trustees are respected professionals with valuable life experiences and political and community involvement. "What's missing on the board is a trustee with experience in a multi-cultural global company who can provide a valuable perspective on the needs of employees and companies in today's economy," she said.

Local companies are looking for skilled workers in both blue and white collar jobs, she added. However, with companies now forced to cut their training budgets, employees are taking on more of the cost for their continuing education. And with the current unemployment levels, individuals need to enhance their skills or

retrain for new careers to increase their opportunities to obtain employment and to fill that need of our local employers. "Both these groups need a trustee at Schoolcraft who understands and can speak to these challenges they face," Alaniz said.

"My goal as trustee will be to ensure Schoolcraft College can continue to meet the college's founding mission to provide a transformational learning experience that fits the needs of all individuals in our communities."

Further information is available by e-mailing Alaniz at Gretchen.Alaniz@gmail.com, calling (734) 765-5499 or visiting <https://www.facebook.com/GretchenAlanizSchoolcraftCollegeTrusteeCandidate>.

Hat trick: W-W wins third Muth Award

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has scored a hat trick, when it comes to student achievement.

For the third time in as many years, one of the district's elementary schools has been awarded the Robert and Patricia Muth Excellence in Leadership Award by the Middle Cities Education Association.

Wildwood Elementary in Westland is the

latest recipient of the award that comes with \$1,500 prize to be used for school improvement. Hoover Elementary in Wayne received the award in 2010 and Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton in 2011.

"We are honored to have one of our schools selected for the Muth Award," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent. "The team at Wildwood is a dedicated group, who are committed to their students. The whole com-

munity is proud of their efforts."

"Wildwood Elementary School serves as an excellent example of how effective school improvement efforts can make a real difference in student learning," said Ray Telman, executive director of Middle Cities, who presented the 2012 honor to Wildwood Principal Shannon Blick.

"Thank very much for this opportunity," said Blick. "I can't tell you how proud I am, it was just an incredible process

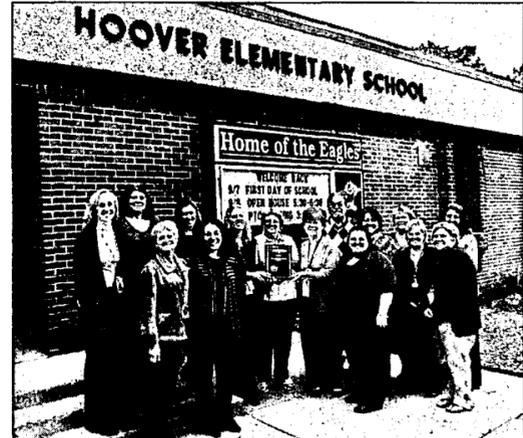
to go through with this team."

Joining her in accepting the award were Julie Rutherford, intervention specialist, second-grade teacher Lisa Sheppard and kindergarten teacher Jennifer Ferris, members of the leadership team who helped developed the plan to improve student learning.

The award honors K-12 schools in Michigan's urban school systems that demonstrate leadership in school improvement, specifically improvements that reflect gains in student achievement.

Schools applying for the award were required to provide information on how teachers, administrators and staff worked together to address school improvement, professional development, student achievement goals and community involvement among other areas. Each of the schools selected for this year's award was successful in preparing a comprehensive award entry that outlined their school improvement efforts and provided the evidence and data necessary to prove that their efforts were successful in helping improve student achievement, Telman said.

According to Telman, the judges were "very impressed" by Wildwood and cited four things: its strong professional learning community creat-



The staff of Wayne-Westland's Hoover Elementary School in Wayne - Lisa Rotenheber, Diane Deluca-Smith, Linda Goodin, Andrea D'Amico, Maureen Twomey, Amy Morse, Cheryl Rujan, Katherine Brake, Principal Jennifer Chambers, Kim Renas, Rachel Dean, Pamela Cusumano, Kimberly Lepish, Donna Carol and Rachel Slovinac - show off the Muth Award the school received for excellence in leadership in school improvement.

ed by the principal and the staff, the focus on the overall goals of the school in making decisions, the use of data to inform decision making and the high quality imbedded professional development.

"This requires not only a great amount of work through the course of the school year, day in and day out, by a dedicated staff and a dedicated administrator, it also requires a lengthy application process," said Paul Sallah, deputy superintendent for instruction. "It was 50 pages of data and research and there was obviously a considerable amount of time spent

in sharing what Wildwood does."

This is the second year that Telman has gone to the winning school districts to present the award.

"I'd like to be back here next year," he said.

School board President Carol Middel told Telman she hopes there is "a well-worn path" to the district for him.

"I'm very honored to be in your presence," she told the Wildwood staff. "You are hardworking people and people see how hard you work. Your efforts are appreciated."

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Six vie in primary for McCotter's unexpired term

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

In case you didn't know, Westland and Garden City are having an election Wednesday.

Most of the candidates are spending their own money. Many are political newcomers who want to serve in U.S. Congress. Some are taking their first plunge into a political campaign.

Five candidates are running for the Republican nomination and one candidate for the Democratic nomination in a special primary election Wednesday in the current 11th Congressional District to fill the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6. The district serves Redford and the township will have to cover its share of holding the election, estimated to be over \$30,000.

The special election, which is expected to cost a total of \$650,000, was scheduled by Gov. Rick Snyder's office to fill the vacated seat.

Kerry Bentivolio of Milford, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Crider, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia, are running for the Republican nomination, with the winner to face David Curson of Belleville, who is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket, in the Nov. 6 general election.

Kavanagh, Crider and Curson have never run for political office before, though Crider was recently elected a precinct delegate in Livonia.

Wednesday's special election will occur in the old 11th Congressional District. In the newly reconfigured 11th District, Bentivolio, who won the Republican primary Aug. 7, will face Syed Taj, who was victorious in the Democratic primary, in the Nov. 6 general election.

Kerry Bentivolio

Bentivolio, 61, a veteran of the Iraqi and Vietnam wars, a former school-



Bentivolio

teacher and currently a reindeer farmer, ran for the unexpired seat because he was already

running for Congress and because he believes the 11th District deserves representation through the end of the year.

Bentivolio is tired of the "overspending, overborrowing and overregulating" of government and wants to end any more debt increases.

"It will give me a head start," Bentivolio said of the special election. "There will be budget issues, and all kinds of issues. I'm still wrapping my head around it, and I'll have to do a lot of homework."

Bentivolio has spent the past few weeks contacting supporters and thanking them, he said.

Should Bentivolio win the special primary and special general election in the old 11th District and win the general election in the new 11th District, it will help him better represent the district, according to campaign manager Robert Dindoffer. "He will get a couple of months of seniority, which will help him get better committees," Dindoffer said.

Nancy Cassis

Cassis, 68, a former state senator, decided last week that she is not "actively



Cassis

campaigning" for the special election. She emailed reporters with a statement, but stopped short of endorsing Bentivolio.

"Much has been made of my comments from earlier this summer on *Off the Record* in which I stated that if I did not win the 11th District primary I would withdraw from the special election," Cassis said. "I would like to clarify that, at that time, I made the remark in the context of only two filed candidates and for one to withdraw would save taxpayers the \$650,000 expense of a special election. That all changed when three more people from Livonia filed to run. Thus my name is on the ballot along with four other Republicans and one Democrat.

"The voters will go to the polls, see the names that are on the ballot, and our democratic process will work itself out as it has

done for over 200 years in our great nation.

"It is time to lay our differences aside and work to get our Republican ticket elected in November starting with Mitt Romney."

Ken Crider

Crider, 47, a superintendent of heating and air conditioning at Kelley Bros., a Livonia company, is running because he believes voters should have more than one option on the ballot. Crider decided to run after Bentivolio was the only candidate who filed.



Crider

"We have a lot of the same views," Crider said of Bentivolio. "But he takes his views too far."

Crider describes himself as a "Christian conservative Republican." He acknowledges that Bentivolio is the candidate to beat in the race and knows it will be a challenge in his first campaign and election. "The best thing about it is that I have no baggage," Crider said.

He said his campaign is a grass-roots campaign. He has spent money on campaign signs and wrist bands, Crider said.

Crider said he is opposed to abortion. He said he was raised by adoptive parents. "My biological mother was homeless," he said. "If she had the choice to abort me, I wouldn't be here."

Crider also has participated in protests in Washington, D.C., with his wife Penny. "We weren't happy with the health care bill," he said. "I understand that we need some change. But I'm a free market person and I don't want the government involved."

Crider said his campaign consists of four people going door to door, making phone calls and placing campaign signs.

Carolyn Kavanagh

Kavanagh, 33, a restaurant and wine consultant, is the daughter of 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh. She ran because she enjoys public service. She volunteered to assist in Haiti after the earthquake



Kavanagh

and in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina struck there several years ago.

"Politics is a natural progression for me to represent my community on a larger scale," she said. "The opportunity here is really unique. It is a month-long campaign versus a six-month campaign."

Kavanagh has assisted with previous local campaigns. She's raised some money for her race from friends and family, and has put up campaign signs along major roads in the 11th District.

Her demographic, a younger female in Congress, isn't prominent in Washington, so she'd like to represent her generation in Congress, she said.

Kavanagh expects Congress will work on budget issues and vote on income taxes. She would vote to maintain tax cuts, she said. "This will be a lame-duck session," she said. "The community needs to be represented on every single vote."

Reactions are positive from the community about her campaign run, Kavanagh said. "Everyone is shocked that this seat is available, but I hear from a lot of people who say to me, 'That's great; we need a younger person,'" she said.

Steve King

King, 57, a musician and certified teacher, is running because he sees the opportunity to serve the



King

public, even if it is only for a few weeks. King doesn't know if any votes will take

place in Washington the final weeks of the year. He said he would keep employees who remain after the criminal charges were filed against four former McCotter staffers. "I would reach out to residents who have not been able to get help over the past few years," he said. "I would help them. You aren't going to be able to go and change Washington."

King, a former Livonia school board member, decided to run as a Republican because he considers himself a "moderate Republican." When asked why he ran as a Democrat for state representative against Republican John Walsh in 2008, King said: "I wanted to beat him. That goes on all the time."

King is running because he doesn't think Bentivolio will serve the district well. "He might be a great guy or a nice person, but that doesn't set you up to be a legislator," King said.

King said he has met many residents of the 11th District during his summer concerts with his band, Steve King & the Dittilies. He is also maintaining an online presence through Facebook.

David Curson

Curson, 63, served in the U.S. Marines, then worked at Ford Motor Co.'s Rawsonville plant. A



Curson

tool-and-die maker, Curson, the lone Democrat on the ballot, was also active with the

UAW and worked on a task force with Ron Gettelfinger on the government loans to Chrysler and GM.

Curson said he was outraged when McCotter's petitions were duplicated and then McCotter resigned, leaving the 11th District without representation. "It was just foolish," Curson said. "For him to abandon the citizens of the 11th District, I was outraged because there will be important legislation going on. With all of the health care debate and legislation, I felt it was our duty to have representation."

Curson said his experience in the UAW in negotiating disputes between workers and management trained him well for Congress. "When there were problems or issues, I'd sit down with someone across the table," he said. "We want a win-win for both sides. That's the way government used to work, but now, it's just obnoxious."

Curson expects the jobs bill to be up for a vote before the end of the year. "It affects the economy at all levels," he said. "I would work to get support to get that passed." Curson said he also would work on veteran and health care issues.

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ACHIEVERS

Christie Mouzourakis of Garden City was awarded a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design during commencement ceremonies Lawrence Technological University's 80th Commencement Exercises, in May.

Lawrence Tech's class of 2012 included some 900 graduates.

Bethany Thrun of Gar-

den City recorded perfect grades and was named to the President's List at Saginaw Valley State University for the winter 2012 semester. To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 semester grade point average.

Westland residents Bethany J. Dudley, Ken-

dall C. Gilbert, Calynn I. Lustig and Michael A. Moore were among almost 4,000 students who earned degrees from Grand Valley State University during the last academic year.

Dudley received her bachelor of social work degree, Gilbert a bachelor of arts degree and Lustig and Moore, bachelor of science degrees.

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Library staffers "geek" the Garden City fire truck which was on hand for youngsters to see during the summer reading program finale party.

Library wraps up summer reading program

There was a lot of laughing, dancing and singing at the Garden City Library's summer reading finale party, headlined by family musician Jim Gill.

"We are honored to have Jim Gill performing for us this year," said Stephanie Charlefour, youth and teen librarian. "It capped off a fantastic summer of programs, reading and celebration."

The concert was followed by the party where participants redeemed tickets they earned for prizes - everything from water guns to rings and bracelets.

"Everyone who attended seemed thrilled with their prizes," said Charlefour.

Summer reading is meant to be fun but also serves the purpose of maintaining the bridge between grades, according to Charlefour. By reading all summer long, students will have an easier time going back to school than their counterparts that did not read all summer.

"I was so pleased with how everything went and



Zack and Kyle Parks listen to Jim Gill who performed at the Garden City Library's summer reading program's finale party.

we received much praise from those in attendance" said Lawrence Marble, library director.

The library staff has a special thank you for the sponsors who supported the summer reading program:

John Santeiu and Sons Funeral Home, Garden City Medical Center, Gordon Chevrolet, Cherry Hill Dental, Urgent Care One, Dr. Kundan Sata, the Rotary Club, Friends of the Garden City Library, Hayden's

of Canton, American Pie, Gamerz U.S.A., Detroit Zoo, Imagine Theater, Jungle Java, Dairy Queen, Riverside Skating and The Skating Station.

"I also want to send out a thank you to the Garden City Fire Department, which stopped by to show the fire truck to the children" Marble added. "Here at the library, we geek Summer Reading, and our proud fire fighters who protect our community."

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Mom 2Mom Sale

Garden City High School is having a Mom2Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

The price is \$25 for an 8-foot table, including space for a standard size clothes rack you provide or small shelf. The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. A large item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under the seller's table - high chairs, strollers, exercisers, swings, etc. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table. More than 65 tables will be available. Set-up will be Friday evening.

Admission to the sale is \$1. A concession stand will be open throughout the sale and there also will be a bake sale. All profits from this sale will go to the GCHS PTSA.

For more information, or to reserve a table, call (734) 367-0898. Email Sheryll at Gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com for a table agreement. No Vendors please.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road north of Ford.

The second Monday of each month in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, at 10 a.m.

The third Monday of each month in Dearborn Heights at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson Road, at 10 a.m. Office hours at the Eton Center, 4900 Pardee, are by appointment only. Call to schedule a meeting.

The fourth Monday of each month in Redford Township at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, at 10 a.m.

The hours are scheduled to provide constituents the opportunity to discuss important issues and express concerns in a comfortable setting with Webb.

For residents who are unable to attend daytime office hours, Webb will host evening hours by appointment only. Call (313) 224-0930 to reserve an evening hour meeting.

Outdoor Flea Market

An outdoor flea market is being held the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Saturday of the month through September at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road.

The cost is \$15 for a 10-by-10-foot space, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations are accepted. The flea market is held outside at the Straight Farm House and is cancelled during inclement weather. Upcoming market dates are Sept. 8 and 15.

Call Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999 for more information.

Challenge Grant

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received financial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit 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.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Zumba classes

Zumba classes are returning to Merriman Road Baptist Church in September - Come on Back!

The Girlfriends of Grace Women's Ministry will provide an eight-week session Thursday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Nov. 1. Check-in/registration begins at 7:30 p.m., the Zumba session begins at 8 p.m. and lasts for approximately one hour.

Attendees must be 18 years or older. Wear comfortable workout wear. A sweat towel and a bottle of drinking water is also recommended. A donation will be taken at the door for every class to cover the cost of the certified Zumba instructor. Each attendee will be required to sign a liability waiver releasing the church and the class instructor from any and all liabilities related to the attendee's participation in the exercise class.

Enter the building through the gym doors on the north side of the building. To save a spot arrive at 7:30 p.m.

District hours

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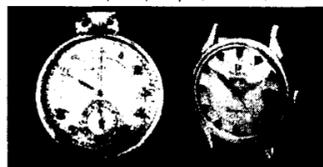


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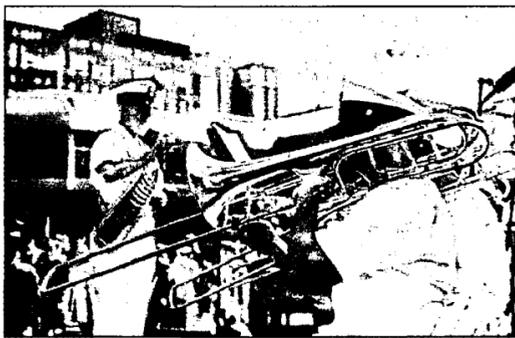
The Wind Ensemble of the Navy Band Great Lakes, joined by members of the Marine Corps Band New Orleans, will present a free patriotic concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, on the steps of Livonia City Hall.

(Please note: The starting time of 6 p.m. is accurate; it was listed as a different time in the City Newsletter.)

The concert will commemorate the 200th anniversary of both the War of 1812 and *The Star Spangled Banner*. The show is among the area events to mark Detroit Navy Week 2012.

No tickets are required for this free concert, which will be held on the south-facing side of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Visitors are asked to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating on the lawn.

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supports all units of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing, Fourth Marine Division, Marine Logistics Group and Marine Corps Mobilization Command.

No rain date is available for the concert.

Navy Week in Detroit (Sept. 4-10) will feature numerous events, including the opportunity for residents to get an up-close look at the tall ship Niagara, a replica of the ship sailed by Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie,

and two modern U.S. Navy ships, the USS De Wert and the USS Hurricane.

For more information on Navy Band Great Lakes, log on to <http://www1.netc.navy.mil/nstc/NAVYBAND/index.html>. More information on Marine Corps Band New Orleans can be found at <http://www.marines.mil/unit/marforres/MFRHQ/Band/Default.aspx#MFRBanner>.

For more details, contact the Mayor's office at (734) 466-2201.

Foundations holds third annual Veterans' Summit

Attorneys and advocates may earn required continuing education credits at the Canton Community Foundation's third Annual Veterans' Summit Sept. 12.

Since its first summit in 2010, the Canton foundation has provided continuing education for more than 110 attorneys and advocates.

The training is part of the annual two-day Veterans' Summit. The first day, Sept. 12, is devoted to continuing education training and the second day, Sept. 13, is entirely for veterans and their families to learn about potential VA benefits.

Events on both days will be at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000

Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Attorneys, advocates, veteran service offices and Michigan county counselors who want updated information about VA benefits are invited to the Sept. 12 program from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Attorneys and Veterans Affairs Accredited Claims Agents are required to be certified through Veterans Affairs to legally represent veterans who seek benefits. Certification requires continuing education credits every three years. CLE credits are provided through the State Bar of Texas.

Attendance at the Sept. 12 program provides attorneys and advocates with the required three credit hours of continuing education, including a half credit for ethics training.

The foundation is the only organization in Michigan that provides training. The VA does not provide training for attorneys and advocates or for veterans seeking benefits.

During the afternoon session, attorneys and advocates will learn about the benefits claim process, including types of claims, ways to prove a claim, veteran status and discharge status. Also on tap is discussion about the appeal process, followed by an ethics review.

Legal education for advocates and attorneys at the summit is supported with a grant from the Dewitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust. This is the third year the Canton Community Foundation has received a grant from

the trust, which supports legal education in Wayne County.

"The grant recognizes the valuable resource this CCF program is to the veterans' community in Wayne County and the surrounding communities," said CCF board member and attorney Jim Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn LLP and Legal Help for Veterans PLLC in Northville and Westland city attorney.

The importance of training attorneys and advocates to work for veterans is significant because Michigan is home to more than 704,000 veterans, making it the 11th largest population of veterans in the country.

Yet Michigan ranks poorly at 53rd of 53 in the geograph-

ic distribution of VA expenditures in the country. If Michigan's share of the pie increased to even the national media of \$4,703, the state could bring in an additional \$1.03 billion in benefits for veterans, boosting the southeast Michigan economy, said Joan Noricks, Canton foundation president.

The fee for the event and CLE is \$150 for those who are an attorney or Veterans Affairs Accredited Claims Agent. Attendance is complimentary for those who are a veteran services officer of Michigan county counselor.

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Drive aims to ease diaper deficit

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Calling it "a labor of love," area volunteer Marybeth Levine has distributed nearly 1.4 million diapers to social service agencies and non-profits across southeast Michigan since she founded the Detroit Area Diaper Bank in 2009.

An impassioned advocate for struggling families, Levine needs help of her own as she launches her campaign to collect 200,000 diapers by Thanksgiving to restock supplies and help children and incontinent adults.

"The demand never decreases," she said. "It's always up."

Though the diaper bank already helps over 60

agencies serving Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Redford, Livonia, Garden City, Farmington and numerous other communities, Levine has a waiting list of other groups needing help.

Yet, she never seems to tire of helping people, such as struggling, single mothers who burst into tears when they realize the diapers they can't afford will be provided by an agency Levine assists.

"That gets me going," said Levine, who, with husband Steven, has three elementary-age boys.

Safety net

Levine started her volunteer work to help agencies meet a need not covered by safety-net pro-



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Marybeth Levine continues to collect diapers as part of her efforts to help the Detroit Area Diaper Bank provide diapers for families who can't afford them.

grams such as WIC (Women, Infants & Children), food stamps and Medicare.

Her website, www.detroitareadiaperbank.org, keeps a running tally of donated diapers but, just as importantly, it offers myriad ways people and businesses can help by donating diapers or money, setting up diaper drop-off locations or organizing diaper drives. Partial containers of diapers are accepted.

One of the diaper bank's biggest supporters, the Canton Public Library, plans to help again by parking a donated truck outside the library 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 14-15 for its annual Stuff the Truck diaper drive.

Library Director Eva Davis hopes to collect a record-shattering 40,000 diapers this season.

"We have had such a great response every year that we have done the diaper drive, and it has grown steadily," she said. "I'm willing to bet we're going to make (our goal)."

Library patrons include children, seniors and disabled people, many of whom Davis said "are acutely aware of how much these diaper supplies cost and how great the need is," especially during tough economic times.

Levine has doubled the diaper bank's distribution tally since last fall's campaign, when the *Observer* reported that 639,000 diapers had been donated to nonprofits, charities and social service agencies. The latest total of nearly 1.4 million diapers has helped organizations such as Starfish Family Services, which serves much of Wayne County; the Westland-based Wayne County Family Center; The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps; the Redford Pregnancy Counseling Center; and the regional Senior Alliance, among many others.

"Marybeth and the Detroit Area Diaper Bank have provided over 30,000 diapers to us since they started," Pau-

la Brown, Starfish chief development officer, said. "That's 30,000 wet bottoms that would not have been covered without her."

Need for help

Diaper bank recipients say many struggling families face decisions whether to buy food or diapers, and often they don't have the facilities to wash cloth diapers and reuse them.

"I don't know what we would do without Marybeth," Brown said. "This lets us focus on other problems such as getting resources to help stabilize families. One of our goals is making sure young students arrive at school ready to succeed."

Levine has said parents who can't afford diapers can't leave a child at day care to go to work or school. Some children with disabilities never outgrow the need for diapers, she said, and seniors who can't afford incontinence supplies are pushed closer to becoming homebound or in a nursing home.

Levine initiates a fall campaign to help the diaper bank's recipients survive a holiday season when demand for supplies grows and donations can slow down. She has repeatedly acknowledged the help she receives from supporters such as Canton-based Extra Storage Space and MSA Delivery Service — companies where she stores diapers and receives shipments.

Levine relies on diaper drives from schools, community organizations, places of worship and other entities to help the diaper bank, which she said will be needed as long there's no other safety net.

"The diapers go out just as quickly as they come in," she said.

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Attention students ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades in the Livonia-Westland area. The Westland Stars have moved to the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and will be practicing at the Livonia Community Center. There will be opportunities for students to learn dance and cheer and be a part of the team.

Offered will be a jazz and lyrical class 5:30-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 12 (seven weeks), a cheers and chant class 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, also starting Sept. 12 (seven weeks), and the Stars Team (pom-pon/cheer) which meets 9-11 a.m. Saturdays, starting Sept. 15 (seven weeks).

Students don't have to be from Livonia to be on the team. The team is open to anyone from the area. For more information, call (734) 466-2900, check out www.ci.livonia.mi.us or email the coach at iluv16n19@aol.com.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, 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 rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Further information also is available at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

Fund-raiser

AmVets Post 171 is holding a Vendor Sale/Garage Sale/Swap Meet/Mom 2 Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

In addition to the vendors, there will be food available, hourly raffles and entertainment. Indoor spaces (hall) are \$25, with \$10 for table rentals, outdoor (parking spaces) are \$20. Proceeds will be kept by individual vendors.

For more information, contact Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by email at taylorsskt@gmail.com or Jennifer Basco at (636) 221-9573 or by email at j_basco08@yahoo.com.

Bottle, Can Drive

The John Glenn High School Boys Soccer Team is holding a can and bottle drive 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Team members will be going throughout the city, collecting returnable cans and bottles to benefit the soccer program. Donations also can be dropped off at the soccer field John Glenn High School on Cherry Hill south of Wayne Road, Westland,

or picked up in advance by calling (734) 516-2045 or (734) 620-9602. Money raised will benefit the soccer program.

Open House

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool, at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland, is holding an open house 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6. Parents are invited to tour the preschool, meet the staff and enroll their child for the 2012-2013 school year.

The preschool offers a program for four-year-olds 8:45-11:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday that costs \$150 per month or \$37.50 per week, and a program for three-year-olds 9:15-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday that costs \$110 per month or \$27.50 per week. There also is a \$50 enrollment fee due upon enrollment.

For more information, call (734) 728-3559.

Rummage Sale

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a fall rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 13-15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 13-14, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15. Saturday will be bag day. A grocery bag will be \$2 and a plastic lawn bag \$5. Home made bake goods and refreshments will also be available.

For more information, call the church at (734) 722-4801.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information please call Doug at (248) 417-0195 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to westland-easytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org/.

Movie premiere

Join writer Mark A. Knudsen and director Daniel Knudsen for a special Michigan premiere of the film, *Creed of Gold*, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Warren Road Life and Light Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

The film follows three college students as they investigate this shadowy secret group of individuals who influence national economies for personal advantage. For centuries, this group has manipulated finances around the world and is now using the Federal Reserve to undermine the U.S. economic situation.

Seating is limited, and tickets cost \$10. For tickets or more information, email Gerry at the box office at forsalegw@gmail.com.

Craft show

Applications are being accepted for St. Damian's annual Fall Arts and Craft Show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the parish, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Table space is \$25 to \$40, depending on size.

For more information, call the parish at (734) 421-6130 or download an application at www.stdamian.com.

Monday Madness

Visit the Westland Municipal Golf Course at 500 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill every Monday from noon to 5 p.m. for the Monday Madness Lunch and Golf Special.

For \$20, or \$15 for seniors, patrons will enjoy nine holes of golf, electric cart, hot dog, medium soda and a bag of chips.

For more information, please call (734) 721-6660 or visit the city's website at www.cityofwestland.com.

Farmers Market

Maxwell's Art and Treasures and the Plymouth Westland Grange Maxwell's will be doing crafting at the Westland Farmers Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. There will be a different craft each week and it will take 30 minutes to a hour to make.

The Westland Farmer's Market takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. very Tuesday through Oct. 23 in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road.

Volunteers needed

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers to help with office tasks or to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place at the Compassionate Care office at 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at jgalat@cch-

net.net or call (888) 983-9050.

Support groups

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has formed a new support Caregiving Support Group for those people who care for someone with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic conditions.

The group meets 6-7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman.

Wayne Metro also facilitates a Caregiver Support Group on 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday each month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., in Westland.

Call Nancy Coman at (734) 955-6752 for more information.

Book sale

There's bargains to be had at the summer book sale in the Friends Shop at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Stock up on hardcover fiction books only with the shop's buy two get one free. Hardcover books are \$1 each, so get three hardcover fictions for just \$2. Also on the sale are audio books on cassettes for 25 cents each.

The sale doesn't include hardcover biographies, nonfiction and large-print books.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music, fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandHRC or call (734) 722-3660.



Josh Gracin will be the headliner at Westland's second annual Blues, Brews and Barbecues.

Fans have chance to win Josh Gracin backstage passes

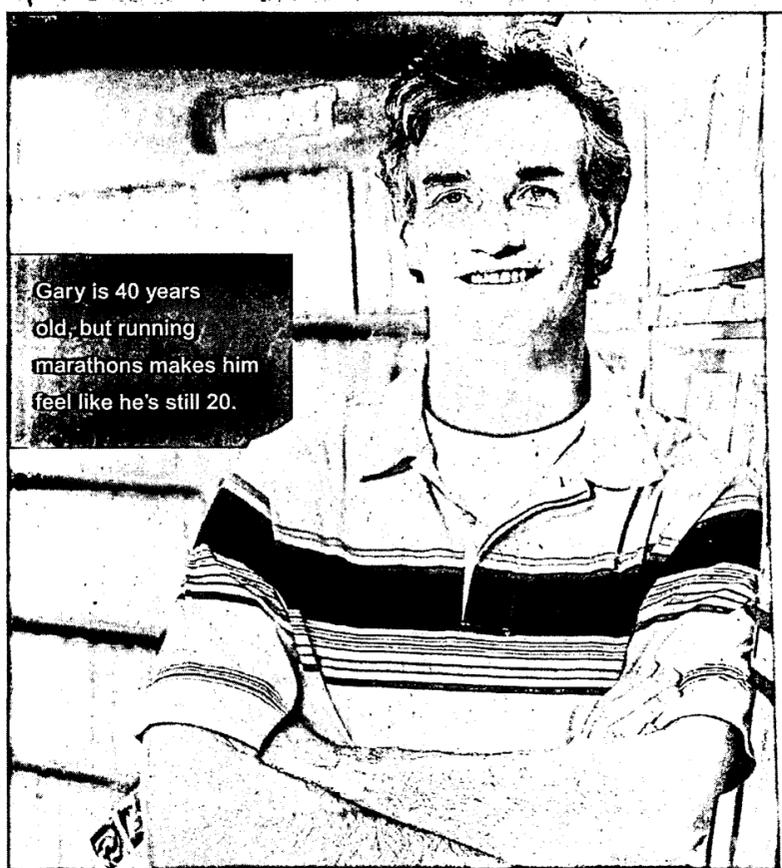
Ten lucky fans will have a chance to meet singer and Westland native Josh Gracin courtesy of Westland Mayor William Wild.

If you think you're a Josh Gracin super fan, answer five trivia questions that only his biggest fans will know correctly to be entered in a drawing to win a pair of VIP Behind the Scenes Passes. Winners will have the opportunity to meet Gracin before he takes the stage to rock the 2012 Blues, Brews and Barbecue Saturday, Sept. 15.

"This is such an excit-

ing time for the City of Westland having its own hometown favorite and *American Idol* finalist back for this special occasion," said Wild. "I am honored to welcome Josh back home and be joined by some very lucky winners for this one-on-one visit with him."

Visit www.cityofwestland.com/bluesbrewsbq or visit the Mayor's Office for a copy of the trivia questions. The contest will run from Tuesday, Sept. 4, through Wednesday, Sept. 12.



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Pastor pleased with turnout for Hope 4 Western Wayne

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Dan McGhee remembers the day he and Ian Mulvaney stood behind the former Patchin School in Westland and looked at the field.

The pastor of Harvest Bible Church, McGhee told Mulvaney that "if God gives us this property, I can't see us not doing what we saw in Battle Creek."

The church was able to purchase the building and property from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and McGhee and Mulvaney were able to recreate Battle Creek's one-day event that offered residents of western Wayne County and beyond a plethora of services free of charge.

"The wheels started turning and that was the genesis of Hope 4 Western Wayne County," said the Canton resident.

Prayers answered

People from throughout Wayne County and some from Oakland County attended Hope 4 Western Wayne County Aug. 18. McGhee believes that social media helped "get the word out beyond far beyond what we expected."

"I'm very pleased with what is happening here today, we didn't have any idea as to what to expect," McGhee said. "We put out invitations and waited to see who would come. We trusted God to bring people here."

"Our prayers were definitely answered here today and our hopes and prayers are to use the whole field not half next year," added Ian Mulvaney.

White canopies dotted the church field, where free services were offered. The event provided families with free bags of groceries, family portraits, medical and dental checkups and a hot dog lunch. The Westland Fire Department had its mobile smoke house on



Mary Williams of Inkster prays with Harvest Bible Church member Bethany Moses of Garden City.



Pastor Dan McGhee of Harvest Bible Church in Westland couldn't help but smile at the number of people who turned out for Hope 4 Western Wayne, a free community event.

was the kids play area. Kaden also was scheduled to get his haircut, and the family was waiting to have their picture taken.

"It was something to do to get the kids out of the house," said Danielle Ribitsch. "I think something like this is good for the community, it keeps people together."

Catrina McCulloh of Westland heard about the event from her aunt who's involved with Common Ground. Like the Ribitsch family, she, too, took advantage of the family portrait - "I can never can get them to sit down and do it."

"I'm very thankful for it, this is a great kids' event," she said. "It's very well organized. The kids love it."

There comments were music to McGhee's ears who was thankful for the all the groups, including 30 churches, that joined in to make Hope 4 Western Wayne a success.

"It's really exciting to have all these folks here," he said. "It's a real joy for us to help the community like this."

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Rick Marshal of Westland helps hand out many of the 4,000 bags of food provided during the day. Ivy Cook of Lincoln Park also helped.



Daniel Ribitsch of Garden City watches as his four-year-old Brianna considers going in the Bounce House at Hope 4 Western Wayne.

site to help teach fire safety. There also was a children's area with games and inflatables.

Common Ground, a women's ministry of Connections Church in Canton, was there to give out sacks filled with school supplies.

"Our mission is take the love of God from the pew to the pavement and meet people right where they're at," said Tami Frailey. "We have an opportunity to do that with this."

The group held an event and women from 32 different churches gathered more than \$4,000 in school supplies in one night, using them to make up 943 bags

to give out.

"A man who was doing the groceries went and got the rest of the stuff so we could give out 1,000 bags," said Frailey.

Close to 300 volunteers from businesses, churches and services organizations helped with the event. It was scheduled to open at 10 a.m., but according to Melissa Mulvaney, the line started forming at 8 a.m.

"When they come in they're free to go wherever they want, the last place they enter is the prayer tent," said Mulvaney who worked on the project with her husband.

Paul Citkowski of Canton

heard about the event in the newspaper. A parishioner at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, he decided to come and help out.

"I'm very impressed with what they're doing here," he said.

"We're doing guest services and security," added Barry Brice of Canton. "We reach out to them, if

they look lost, and make them smile. Our principle is that everyone is a guest of honor today."

Visitors

Among the guests were Daniel and Danielle Ribitsch of Garden City and their children Brianna, 4, and Kaden, 7. Among their stops

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REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
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The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items

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Group hopes for 100 'Roofs for Woofs'

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Mobilizing to help dogs that are living — and dying — in deplorable conditions, a Canton-based Home Depot store and Detroit Dog Rescue are hoping to marshal a small army of volunteers to build 100 doghouses.

An event dubbed 100 Roofs for Woofs happens 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, outside the Home Depot store at 45900 Michigan Avenue, just west of Canton Center.

"We're excited to have an event for needy dogs," store operations manager Laura Chevrette said.

Kelly McLaughlin, Detroit Dog Rescue's director of programs and development, cited a dire need for housing to protect dogs, often in poor neighborhoods, that are penned in or chained up



Detroit Dog Rescue is teaming up with Home Depot in Canton to try to build 100 doghouses in the "Roofs for Woofs" campaign Sept. 8.

in places with no escape from scorching summer weather and frigid winter conditions.

"We have found dogs that have frozen to death or died from the heat," McLaughlin said.

The first 100 Roofs for Woofs comes as Detroit Dog Rescue launches an effort, In The Dog House, to encourage dog owners to provide proper shelter, though some have difficulty affording housing for outdoor pets.

"Dog houses are expensive," McLaughlin said. "There's a huge demand." Doghouse-building vol-

unteers or those willing to donate to 100 Roofs for Woofs can go to www.detroitdogrescue.com, call McLaughlin at (313) 458-8014, ext. 308, or send an e-mail to kellymddr@gmail.com. Detroit Dog Rescue also has a Facebook page.

DDR is asking for a minimum four-hour commitment for the event. Organizers also advise donors that even \$1 can help save a life, while \$50 can build an entire dog house.

Chevrette said 20 Home Depot associates already have signed up for the

all-ages 100 Roofs for Woofs. Company employees already have been involved in outreach programs to benefit schools, veterans and Canton's Christmas in Action event, which provides home repairs for low-income seniors and the disabled.

Chevrette said 100 Roofs for Woofs is set to happen outside the Home Depot store's garden gates. Though no dogs will be on site, she said, pictures will be available for rescued dogs that need homes.

This marks the first time the doghouse-building event has occurred without being linked to another effort, such as DDR's Pet Pantry Project, which offers free dog-food distribution.

DDR already has 50 pet owners ready to receive 50 of the new doghouses, while the rest will be distributed as colder weather approaches, McLaughlin said.

She said 100 Roofs for Woofs, with a DJ and lunch, promises a fun time for a good cause.

"It's going to be a good time," she said, though most importantly, the effort will help dogs in desperate need of shelter. "The problem is huge."

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Garden City Department of Public Services Director Jack Barnes (left) and DPS employee Sandy Lyngvar treat the basins on a residential street.

Garden City treats catch basins to fight mosquitoes

The Garden City Department of Public Services has begun treating more than 3000 catch basins in the city in an effort to fight mosquito breeding and to combat the possible spread of the West Nile Virus.

Water soluble packets are being dropped through the grates from street level and the chemicals act as a larvicide to bring a quick end to the breeding cycle.

The chemical is not harmful to the environment nor to wildlife that relies on mosquitoes as a food source.

DPS Director Jack Barnes did a random sampling of catch basins and found that about 50 percent of them were actually dry due to the lack of rain this summer.

"We decided to err

on the side of caution and proceed with treating these catch basins" Barnes said. "While we are not aware of any cases of West Nile Virus in our community, it certainly doesn't hurt to take this proactive step."

The West Nile Virus has claimed five lives in Michigan. All five have been among people older than age 50. The outbreak should peak sometime in September, then drop when cooler temperatures end the mosquito breeding season.

West Nile disease is a mosquito-borne illness. Those at greatest risk are people older than 50, pregnant women and people with compromised immune systems, such as kidney disease and cancer patients.

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Churchill tames Bobcats

Chargers roll to 44-16 win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was only fitting during the week of the Republican Party convention that there was another big elephant waiting in the room.

Livonia Churchill made quite a statement Thursday night with a resounding 44-16 over Grand Blanc, a team that was ranked one of the top five in the state in preseason.

Churchill rallied from a 16-13 halftime deficit with 31 unanswered points to improve to 2-0 overall.

The Chargers, although outgained 495-345 in total offense, took advantage of eight Grand Blanc turnovers, including six by the Bobcats in the second half.

"It seems to me high school football is all about mistakes and getting rid of them," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "The first half we made some mistakes, and it was a good game. The first half luckily we were able to stay in it, to be honest with you. The sec-



Churchill's Jeremy Lewis (18) goes high to make the catch over Grand Blanc's Trevon Avery during Thursday's non-conference encounter.

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Spartan effort

Mims, defense sink Vikings, 41-7

Livonia Stevenson quarterback Joe Mims is off to a hot start and the Spartans' defense did some heavy lifting of its own as the Spartans improved to 2-0 Thursday night with a resounding 41-7 football win at Walled Lake Central.

Mims threw for 233 yards and four touchdowns, including a pair of 10-yard tosses to Devin Kelly, another 10-yarder to C.J. Weiss and a 24-yard pass to Billy Bonanno — all coming in the first half as the Spartans built a 28-7 lead.

The 6-foot, 170-pound

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senior was coming off a sterling effort in a last-second 26-20 season-opening victory over Livonia Franklin, when he completed 15-of-20 passes for 238 yards and two TDs.

"Joe played a very good game," Stevenson second-year coach Matt Fielder said. "We used some play-action stuff and were able to get him out of the pocket."

Mims also executed a fake punt to help set up Stevenson's first TD in the opening quarter.

Weiss also contributed

an 8-yard TD run in the third quarter, while Ross Shaw scored on a 1-yard run for the Spartans in the final quarter.

Stevenson finished with a total 123 yards on the ground, with Mims leading the way with 63 yards on seven carries.

Bonanno, a junior, was the top receiver with three catches for 75 yards. Nick O'Brien went 5-for-5 on extra points.

Meanwhile, Stevenson's defense limited the Vikings (1-1) to a mere 56 yards in total offense

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Hartland QB throws for five TDs vs. Glenn

Quarterback Stephen Milarch threw five touchdown passes Thursday night and Hartland's defense held host Westland John to minus-15 yards rushing in a convincing 47-13 football victory.

The Rockets, who slipped to 0-2 overall, trailed 19-0 after one quarter and 40-7 at halftime.

Milarch's favorite target was Bryan Ridley, who had four catches (all TDs) for 172 yards. Ridley caught scoring passes of 60, 37, 56 and 37 yards, while Austin Pierce also had a TD grab.

Milarch was 7-of-8 pass-

ing for 246 yards and one interception (by Devin Spalding).

The Eagles (2-0) also added 173 yards rushing for a total offense of 409.

Glenn junior quarterback Chris Scheffer hit 10-of-22 passes for 122 yards and a pair of TD passes, including a 33-yard strike to Spalding in the second quarter followed by a 52-yard toss to DaMario Jones in the third.

Wayne falls, 36-7

Buck West threw touchdown passes of 5 and 7 yards to Joe Growen to

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Shaw makes 14 tackles

Former Livonia Clarenceville High star and Penn State University standout Tim Shaw made 14 tackles to go along with an interception that he returned 12 yards in the Tennessee Titans' 10-6 NFL exhibition victory Thursday night over the visiting New Orleans Saints.

Shaw, a special teams captain who is entering his sixth NFL season, recorded five solo stops and nine assists.

Parent lifts MU women

Ashley Parent tallied her second and third goals of the season on a hot Friday afternoon as the Madonna University women's soccer team defeated Fanshawe (Ontario) for the second time this season, 2-1.

Fanshawe's Marisa Oliveria scored unassisted in the third minute before Parent answered in the 51st minute off an assist from Amanda Ferrick.

The Amherstburg, Ontario, native then notched the game-winner in the 72nd minute from Katlyn Krysiak.

Blaire Schmalenberg made three saves as MU improved to 2-1 overall.

Fanshawe falls to 0-2.

Owens stops Lady Ocelots

Taylor Avers' goal in the 31st minute proved to be the difference Wednesday as host Owens Technical Community College edge Schoolcraft College 1-0 in a key NJCAA Region XII women's soccer match held in Toledo.

Jill Burkholder assisted on the game-winner and goalkeeper Erika Brinkman made four saves en route to the shutout as the Express improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in Region XII.

Goalkeeper Tara Gessler made six saves for the Lady Ocelots (2-1, 0-1).

"We put a lot of pressure against Owens in the second half, but couldn't finish the opportunities that we had," said Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivra-man, whose team held a 14-3 shot advantage during the final 45 minutes.

Knoph an ace

On Aug. 24, Greg Knoph Jr. used a 7-iron to ace the 127-yard, par-3 No. 13 hole during a four-man scramble at Springbrook Golf Club just outside Petoskey.

It was first ace in 20 years.

Trojans' duo of Bryant, Jatta burn RU

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Thursday night's "Battle of the Unbeatens" gridiron clash between Redford Union and Livonia Clarenceville was decided by a foot and two legs.

The foot belonged to Clarenceville senior placekicker Ma Sambou Jatta, who drilled a 47-yard field goal, nailed four extra points and boomed three kickoffs into the end zone in the Trojans' 31-13 victory.

The legs belonged to Trojan junior running back Jalen Bryant, who followed the blocking of his undersized, but technically sound offensive line on the way to a 197-yard, three-touchdown night.

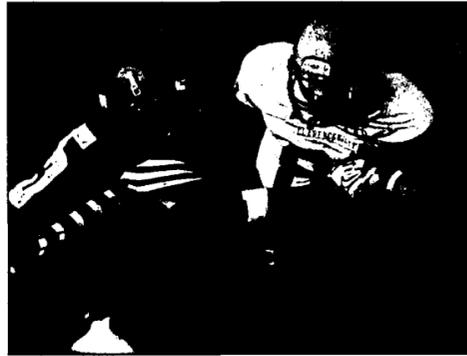
Clarenceville improved its record to 2-0 with the decisive triumph at Kraft Field, while RU slipped to 1-1.

Jatta, a 6-foot-3 first-year player who excels as a sweeper for the Trojans' soccer team, also prevented RU's Tyler Ouellette from scoring on a long kickoff return when he hauled down the speedy Panther at the Clarenceville 7 late in the third quarter.

"I told the soccer coach I wouldn't let (Jatta) get too involved, so he's probably not going to like me after that play," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry jokingly said, referring to Jatta's TD-saving tackle. "He came out for football for the first time in August. He loved it and he can really kick."

Bryant was kicking it into high gear from the get-go, racking huge chunks of yards with slick cut-back moves. In addi-

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Redford Union's Christopher Curry (left) tries to bring down Clarenceville's Carlton Davis during Thursday's matchup.

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Home cookin' to Zebras' liking

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There's no place like home as far as the Wayne Memorial girls volleyball team is concerned.

Miss Volleyball candidate Katie Horton led the way as the Zebras returned to the friendly confines of Alumni Arena to defeat visiting Livonia Clarenceville in three sets, 25-19, 25-18, 25-17.

"Tonight was our first home match," said Wayne coach Samantha Dye, whose team is 3-6-1 overall. "We wanted to come out and get the job done and we did. We struggled a little at the beginning of each set with communication. As a team we are still working on being aggressive."

Horton, the 6-foot senior, finished with 11 kills, eight blocks and five digs.

Katie stepped up in the front and back row," Dye said. "She was aggressive on the court and had no problem protecting her house."

Junior Danielle Robbins chipped in with six kills and five digs, while Deja Tamlin, also junior, added six kills and five blocks.

"Danielle found her swing in the front row and started to put the ball to the floor in the second set," Dye said. "She also did some amazing things in the back row and had some amazing saves."

Junior Paige Chalmers had a team-best seven digs, while sophomore

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Karley Burford chipped in with four blocks.

Savannah Monette, a junior, finished with seven ace serves and had a run of seven straight points in the final set.

"Overall, tonight's match was a good start for us," Dye said. "We got our feet wet and now are focusing on what we have to do to get ready for Canton next week."

Meanwhile, top individual performers for the Trojans (2-5) included Ashley Murphy, five kills; Jodi Ankiel, seven digs, two aces; and Ayanina Buckley, nine digs, two blocks.

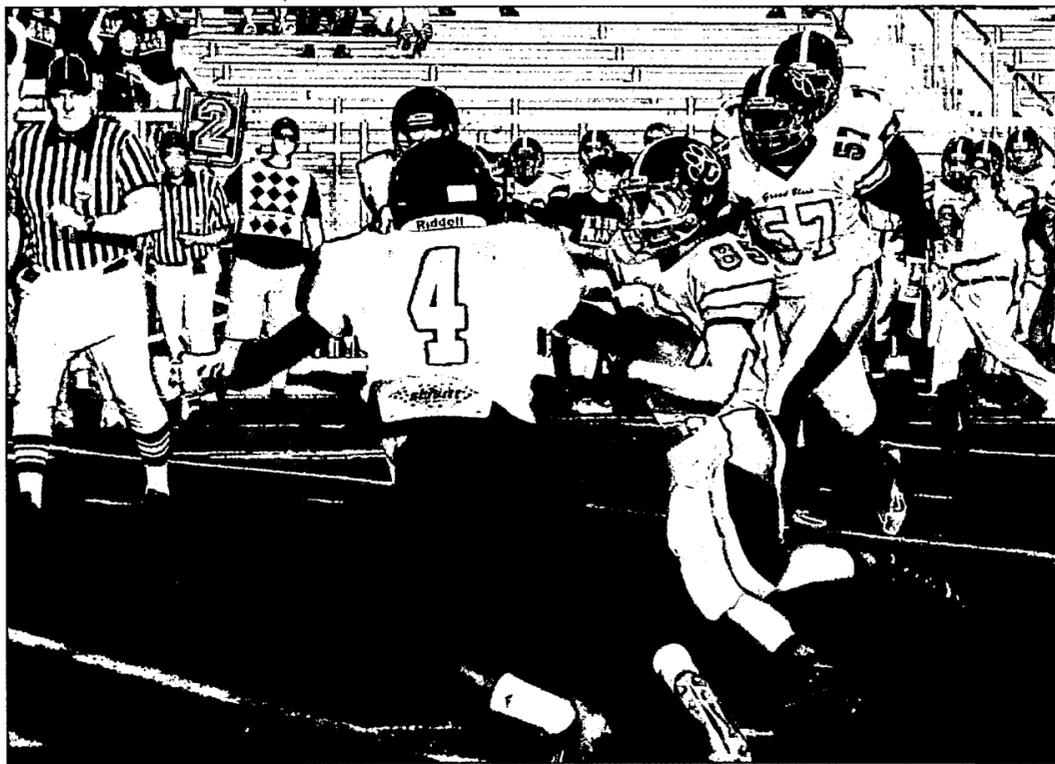
"Wayne Memorial played better than us tonight," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We just need to communicate better. We will get there. The girls just have to keep working hard."

Blazers win in 5

Olivia Quinn finished with 20 kills and Allison Malick chipped in with 10 kills and 22 digs as Livonia Ladywood captured a five-set thriller Wednesday night at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 17-25, 25-22, 12-25, 25-22, 15-13.

Izzy Porada added a team-best 23 digs as the Blazers improved to 7-4 overall.

"The girls played incredible and really came together to gut out this win," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said.



GARY SHATTER

Churchill's Robert Foster Jr. (4) hones in to make the tackle an Grand Blanc wide receiver Caiden Walter (85) during Thursdays non-conference encounter.

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ond half we eliminated mistakes and forced them into some mistakes."

The second half was all Churchill — and then some.

On the first play of the third quarter, Churchill's Adam Sheppard recovered a fumble on the Bobcats' 14-yard line and three plays later senior quarterback Seth Suida connected with Andre Abram on a 7-yard TD pass for a 20-16 lead (following Brian Alsbrooks' extra point).

The Chargers' defense, which was shredding for 534 yards rushing the previous week in a 56-54 win over Walled Lake Northern, then stopped Grand Blanc on fourth-and-inches on its own 35:20 left to set up another score.

Suida, who completed 12-of-20 passes for 175 yards on the night, then scrambled on a keeper with 4:19 remaining, zig-zagging his way for 50 yards and a TD to increase the lead to 27-16.

"Honestly, I forgot the motion, but it still opened up and I just ran," Suida. "It was a broken play, but it still ended up working out. I still had my pitch key and he (a Grand Blanc defender) went out with my running back, so I just cut it back. It was open green and just had to make some moves."

Linebacker Romello Brown then stripped Bobcat ball carrier Isaiah Collins of the ball at the

Grand Blanc 33 with 3:57 to go in the same quarter.

Just two plays later, the 5-foot-10, 246-pound Brown, who led all rushers with 88 yards on 18 carries, barreled into the end zone from 4 yards out to increase the Churchill advantage to 34-16.

Grand Blanc's 6-foot-6 senior quarterback Bart Williams, who was 30-of-45 on the night for 360 yards, was picked off four times, including once in the third quarter by Matt Bosas and two more times in the fourth. The first pick-off was an acrobatic one-handed snag followed by a 56-yard return down the sideline by Dwayne Scott, while the other came late in the game by Jeremy Lewis.

"We forced some turnovers in the second half and those are big momentum plays," Filiatraut said. "That was really the story of the second half, that we got some takeaways. They (Grand Blanc) were able to move the ball and I'm sure our yardage wasn't terrific, but we got the takeaways when they counted. How about (Scott's) interception? Was that something or what? That was nice."

Things, however, didn't start out so well for the Chargers, who got caught by surprise on a pooch kick that Grand Blanc recovered at the Chargers' 47.

But a 10-yard sack by Jacob Staff near midfield and a fumble recovery by Hunter Rimatzki at the Chargers' 7 took away one potential Grand

Blanc score.

The Bobcats threatened again to score later in the first quarter, only to be denied on fourth-and-goal at the Churchill 1 when linebacker Charlie Yost hurried Williams into an incomplection.

But the Chargers took a two-point safety on the ensuing play and Grand Blanc opened up a 9-0 lead with 2:24 remaining in the first on a 38-yard TD pass from Williams to his go-to receiver Malik Fisher, who left the game late in the first half with an injury and did not return.

Churchill's first TD, meanwhile, came with 10:39 left in the second quarter on Suida's 15-yard TD strike to Lewis.

Williams was intercepted by Rimatzki with 8:53 to go until intermission, but the Grand Blanc QB came right back on the next series hitting Fisher again for 7 yards and a TD (making it 16-7 with 2:29 remaining).

Churchill recovered the ensuing pooch kick and got a 19-yard scoring pass from Suida to Abram, but the extra point was blocked, keeping the count at 16-13.

The Chargers got the ball back one more time before the half ended, but Alsbrooks missed wide left on a 28-yard field goal try as time expired.

"We missed a few opportunities early," Grand Blanc coach Joe Delaney said. "In the second half it was just a matter of hanging onto the football. I thought we had some good plays and

some good things happen, and then we wouldn't finish. You've got to go down to the ground with the ball and we didn't do that."

Four lost fumbles also contributed to Grand Blanc's 0-2 start.

"Turnover fest doesn't even accurately describe it," Delaney said. "You can't give the other team eight turnovers and give them eight more times to score because that's a good team (Churchill). They're going to score and take advantage of things."

With the game well in hand, Churchill's final score of the night occurred with only 39.6 seconds to go on a 43-yard keeper by Alsbrooks, the booming kicker-punter who also serves as Suida's backup.

"Our defense played great," Suida said. "They had (eight) turnovers, which helps me. I love it. We knew we were going to score every time we got the ball. Our line blocked great and our receivers ran perfect routes. Romello ran great. Everything just went together."

And despite giving up 495 yards, it was a step in the right direction for the Chargers.

"I think for us, this year, it was a good matchup," Filiatraut said.

"We're a bad matchup for them (Grand Blanc) because we're really fast. With what they want to do on offense suits our defense."

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Oklahoma Baptist edges MU in five

This was no day at the beach Friday for the Madonna University women's volleyball team in the opening round Embry-Riddle (Fla.) Labor Day Tournament.

Oklahoma Baptist's Kristin Pressley proved to be a major thorn in MU's side as she recorded a match-high 22 kills in a 20-25, 25-22, 25-17, 20-25, 15-13 triumph over the Crusaders.

Patricia Moura added 11 kills and setter Sabra Clark dished out 46 assist-to-kills as the Lady Bison improved to 5-0 overall.

Gabby Samuels was one of four Oklahoma Baptist players to record double-digits in digs with a

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match-high 28.

The 16th-ranked Crusaders got 12 kills apiece from Taylor Dziewit, Stacey Catalano and Nastija Baranovska. Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) added 11.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with a match-best 51 assists.

Defensively, Catalano posted a team-high 25 digs followed by Roxy Duzey and Prieditis with 19 and 18, respectively. Samantha Geile added 12.

MU rebounded later in the day to beat Montreat College (N.C.) in straight sets, 25-19, 25-9, 25-15, to improve to 6-2 overall.

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lead Pinckney to a 36-7 football win Thursday night at Wayne Memorial.

Ryan Haney, who rushed for a game-high 115 yards, added TD runs of 1 and 10 yards. Tyler Schingek also scored on a 53-yard touchdown run for the Pirates (1-1).

Dion Byers' 14-yard run in the final quarter proved to be Wayne's lone TD.

Pinckney had 279 total yards, including 231 on the ground.

All of Wayne's 114 yards total offense also came on the ground with

Byers gaining 48 yards on four carries.

Wayne (0-2) attempted three passes and did not have a completion (with one interception). The Zebras fumbled three times and lost two.

Cameron Lucharski was Wayne's top tackler with five solo and four assists. Devontae Cooper added five tackles.

It was the Zebras' 23rd straight defeat dating back to the 2009 season.

Warriors doused

Quarterback Nathan Drews passed for two touchdowns and ran for another Thursday as host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (1-

1, 1-0) opened Michigan Independent Athletic Conference play with a 43-14 triumph over Lutheran High Westland (0-2, 0-1).

The Crusaders also keep the coveted traveling trophy "Rusty" for the fifth straight year. The last time the Warriors held a piece of hardware was 2007, when they defeated Northwest 16-14.

Drews finished with 208 total yards, including 11-of-14 passing for 92 yards and two TDs of 15 and 12 yards. He also ran for 116 yards on 15 carries and one TD on a 6-yard run.

Drews went 5-for-5 on extra points and added

a two-point conversion pass.

Josh Morrison also contributed a 76-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the second quarter as Northwest led 28-14 at halftime.

Jacob Richter scored both TDs for the Warriors, the first coming on a 12-yard reception in the opening quarter followed by a 22-yard run in the second.

Northwest then put it away in the third quarter on a 12-yard pass from Ben Augustus from Drews, followed by a Josh Macks 18-yard interception return. Macks scored the game's first TD on a 2-yard run.

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and only seven first downs.

Senior tackle Matt Rodey was the run stopper up front, while Cody Coleman came up with two fumble recoveries and one interception. Kelly also picked off a Central pass.

Central's lone TD came on a 95-yard second-quarter kickoff return by Nick Krumm to cut the deficit to 21-7.

Patriots blanked

In a defensive struggle Thursday night, Howell evened its record at 1-1 with a 13-0 victory at Livonia Franklin.

The Highlanders took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter on a 2-yard touchdown run by Jonny Cheshire.

In the third quarter, Franklin's Danny Cline stopped a Highlander scoring drive with an interception at his own 1-yard line.

But the Patriots dropped the exchange

from center on the ensuing play and Vincent Patriitto pounced on the ball in the end zone to complete the scoring.

Howell had 197 yards in total offense, including 135 on the ground, with Cheshire gaining 79 yards.

Franklin was limited to 123 yards total offense, including just 77 on the ground and only 46 in the air (5-of-20 with one interception).

After an Allan Steele sack, the Patriots' best

chance to score came late in the first half, only to miss a 32-yard field goal.

Steele paced the defense, while Jesse McCall also had an interception.

"Other than the first score, when we gave them good field position and the fumble, our defense was unbelievable," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team slipped to 0-2 overall. "We're trying to teach our guys how to win right now."

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Lady Ocelot spikers gear up for season opener

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

When it comes to passing tests — both on the court and off — Schoolcraft College's volleyball team usually comes through with flying colors. Honored nationally for their classroom excellence in 2011, the Ocelots have been acing their early preseason exams in the gym. "We've done very well against the four-year schools we've scrimmaged so far," said third-year head coach Rod Brumfield. We're definitely holding our own." Impressed by the sweat equity his team has invested during the off-season, Brumfield is confident SC can match or better last season's 29-14 record. The Ocelots finished 9-5 and in a tie for third in the MCCA's Eastern Confer-

ence last season. They lost to Columbus State (Ohio) in the NJCAA District F Tournament at Grand Rapids Community College. "This team's work ethic is unquestionable," he said. "These girls come to practice and they work, work, work. They all share the same desire to get better every time they touch the ball." Brumfield said the Ocelots have earned an "A" in team chemistry early on. "The girls played in a lot of open-gym stuff the past six months and they've gotten to know each other really well," he said. "Since practice started, the freshmen and sophomores have meshed seamlessly." SC will be energized by sophomore captains Nicole Kempinski — a setter from Livonia

Churchill — and defensive specialist Brooke Rycerz (Farmington). "Nicole is a natural leader," said Brumfield. "She demands so much from herself and that rubs off on her teammates. "I call Brooke our five-foot giant. In terms of work ethic, she like a quiet worker bee. Both Nicole and Brooke are well-received by all of our players." Among the big hitters Kempinski will be setting for include fellow sophs Brittany Sprinkles (Carlton Airport) and Monika Rudis (Livonia Stevenson). "Brittany is our silent giant in the middle," Brumfield revealed. "She's not real vocal, but she leads by example. She comes to practice every day and gets it done. "Monica is a right-side player who is very talented and a huge

contributor. She hits the ball very decisively." Rounding out the Ocelots' sophomore class are Nicole Molnar (Canton) and Kara Kempinski, the 5-foot-5 twin sister of Nicole. "Nicole is a very stable force on this team," Brumfield said. "She helps give us a very solid foundation. "And with Kara — you talk about bringing some physicality to the game. She has great natural instincts to play defense. She's the real deal and is very vocal back there. She contributes a lot to this team." The Ocelots' freshmen class is loaded with talent and potential. First-year front-row standouts include Emily Bondar, a 6-foot outside hitter from Allen Park Cabrini; Danielle Hopson, a 6-1 middle hitter from Albion; and Stephanie Gibson, a 5-5 all-around force from Brighton.

"Emily is a very solid hitter and she's very smart on offense," said Brumfield. "Danielle has an outstanding work ethic and she has very athletic bloodlines; her father played basketball at the University of Michigan. She's getting better every time she touches the ball. And Stephanie is our trojan horse. She's 5-5, but she brings a game no one will expect. She has one of the fastest arm swings on our team and her instincts are very good." Freshmen Megan Wright (Taylor Kennedy), Paige Schmidt (Westland Huron Valley Lutheran), Allie Dest (Huron Valley Lutheran) and Kortnie Bush (Southgate Anderson) will help solidify the Ocelots' defense and passing game. SC opened its season Friday in the Owens (Ohio) CC tourney.

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Clarenceville's Aaron Bibik (with ball) fights for yardage as he's brought down by Redford Union's Christopher Curry.

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tion to his three scoring runs of 7, 15 and 8 yards, he also added a 74-yard sprint and a 28-yard scamper. "I told the linemen from the beginning that as long as they blocked, I would hit the holes as hard as I could," Bryant said. "I couldn't have asked my line for more than they did tonight. They were great. "If we can keep this up the rest of the season, we can go as far as we want." What did Bryant think of his team's new kicker? "I love this guy," he said, smiling, giving Jatta a friendly push. "Jatta's the man." The result was disheartening for the Panthers, who seemed to be turning the corner with their 35-22 win over Romulus one week earlier. "Defensively, we were a little over-aggressive and their cut-backs hurt us," RU coach Tony Crawley said. "Overall, as a team,

we stopped doing some of the things we've been working on since the first day of practice." RU's defense set the tone early when it forced Clarenceville to punt on its first two possessions. The Panthers' second drive was promising, as they moved from their own 25 to the Trojan 40 thanks to the passing of junior quarterback Alex Shimmons and the up-the-gut running of fullback Carl Keeney. But the tide turned in two plays: Shimmons' third-and-four pass from the C'ville 42 was picked off in the end zone by Kimani Dooley; one play later, Bryant ripped off a 74-yard run to the Panther 6. Bryant scored two plays later with 10:35 left in the first half. Jatta's point-after made it 7-0. The Panthers moved the ball efficiently to midfield on their next drive, but Trojan linebacker Jesse Stallings stuffed RU's Tommy Dawson on a fourth-and-one run. The Trojans capital-

ized on their golden field position quickly, scoring three plays later when quarterback Zach Kubiak connected with a wide-open Dooley for a 30-yard scoring strike at the 6:17 mark of the second quarter. C'ville capped the scoring 92 seconds before the intermission when Jatta lased a 47-yard field goal. "I've been working hard on my kicking, so it felt really good," said Jatta, who said he's hit one from as far as 60 yards out in practice. "Forty-seven is probably his limit right now, with the pressure and everything," Fry said of Jatta's range. "We have to do a better job of protecting; they almost got to him a couple of times." The Trojans stretched their lead to 24-0 when Bryant found paydirt from the 15. RU countered moments later when Keeney plowed in from 1 yard out. The TD was set up by Ouellette's electrifying 86-yard kickoff return.

Bryant sealed the win with an 8-yard scoring jaunt with 8:07 left in the game. RU's final points came on freshman Jalen's Smith 38-yard run with 1:44 to go. C'ville's strong defensive effort was anchored by DeAnthony Price and Austin Douglass, among others. Jawan Nelson added a second-half interception. The Panthers' defense was paced by senior linebacker Collin Rankin, who registered double-digit tackles for the second straight game. Mark Brunet contributed a sack. Kubiak completed 4-of-6 passes for 42 yards. He also picked up 28 yards on six carries. Shimmons was 7-for-15 for 77. Jacob McKiddie hauled in three Shimmons spirals for 43 yards. Smith paced the Panthers' ground game with 44 yards on two hauls.

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Wisconsin-Parkside hat trick does in MU

Ocelots roll past Lakeland

Sophomore redshirt Jorge Ontiveros was a one-man wrecking crew scoring all three goals Friday carrying host University of Wisconsin-Parkside to a 3-0 men's soccer victory over Madonna University. Ontiveros scored in the 22nd minute (from Jon Gourlay), 42nd minute (from Luke Klees) and 80th minute (unassisted) to complete the hat trick as Parkside improved to 1-0-1 overall.

Goalkeeper Nick Huftalin made four saves to record the shutout for Rangers, who have not allowed a goal in 200 minutes. Meanwhile, senior Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) had six stops for the Crusaders (0-2). **S'CRAFT 8, LAKELAND (OHIO) 1:** Playing under 90-plus degree temperatures Friday afternoon, host Schoolcraft College (2-1, 1-0) came up smoking with a pair of goals in the first 1:12 to beat NJCAA Region XII foe Lakeland (1-2, 0-2) of Ohio. Goals by Ahmad Jawad and Romario Georgis staked the Ocelots to a 2-0 advantage.

"We wanted to set the tone early because we didn't do a good job of it in the previous game," Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said. Nate Motta (Livonia Churchill) and Gino Pasquali tallied two goals apiece, while Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson) and Carlos Izquierdo rounded out the Schoolcraft scorers. Nick Brnada's second-half goal ruined the shutout bid for the Ocelots, who led 6-0 at intermission. Tom Duquette and Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) split time in goal for Schoolcraft. **MCKENDREE (ILL.) 4, MADONNA 1:** Alex Risdale had a goal and two

COLLEGE SOCCER

assists to spark McKendree University (1-0) to a season-opening victory Thursday night over Madonna University (0-1). McKendree's Mike Williams scored on a penalty kick in the 29th minute and Kavel Smith added another goal just before halftime off an assist from Risdale to make it 2-0. The Bearcats increased their lead to 3-0 on Risdale's unassisted goal in the 47th minute before MU's Keith Swistock scored from Barsalona Matteo in the 63rd minute. Eddie Wilding's goal from Risdale completed the scoring in the 73rd minute. McKendree goalkeepers Scott Armistead (0 saves) and Matt Derington (three saves) played the first and second halves, respectively. Adrian Motta (four saves) went all 90 minutes for the Crusaders. "We came out flat, and if you do that you lose 4-1," MU coach Eric Scott said. "McKendree is a good squad, but we did not help ourselves with our effort to keep the ball. It was nice to see (Keith) Swistock get his first goal and (Brandon) Hess played well. We have some maturity issues to tend to as well." **MARYGROVE 1, S'CRAFT 0:** Jordan Berry chipped a shot over goalkeeper Ryan Tikey in the 88th minute Thursday to give visiting Marygrove College (1-2) a win over host Schoolcraft College (1-1). Christian Bryant made seven saves for the victorious Mustangs. Schoolcraft, used two goalkeepers with Tom Duquette playing the first 45 minutes before giving way to Tikey. The two combined for four saves.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**
Friday, Sept. 7
C'ville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Chavez at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 4
S'field Chr. at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Macomb at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
C'ville at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.
Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6
Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
HVL at Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
Crestwood at Wayne, 4 p.m.
L. W'sld at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.
Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Stevenson at D.C.D., 5 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6
Franklin at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

- Clarenceville at Holly, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Pioneer Invitational at Croswell-Lex, 8:30 a.m.
Grand Blanc Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Lakeland Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
Luth. South Tournament, TBA.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 4
Connolly Relays, 4:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Public Schools of Livonia Inv. at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
L. W'sld at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Bath Invitational, 8:55 a.m.
KLA Invitational at Willow Metro Park, 9:45 a.m.
Woodhaven Classic, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 4
Churchill at Saline, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6
Stevenson at G.P. North, 6 p.m.
Churchill at N'ville, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Marian at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Coyote G.C., 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 6
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
N'ville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Sept. 6
Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
(Martin Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Windsor, 3:30 p.m.
Madonna vs. Ill. Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
S'craft at Alpena (2), 11 a.m.
(Martin Classic at Madonna)
MU vs. Rochester, 9:30 a.m.
MU vs. St. Francis, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Rochester at MU, 2:30 p.m.
S'craft at Owens, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
Calumet at MU, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
Parkland at S'craft, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Sunday, Sept. 2
S'craft at Parkland, noon.
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Delta at S'craft, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7
Ferris St. at MU, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8
S'craft at N. Mich., 11 a.m.

4-0 Rockets topple Crestwood

Westland John Glenn notched its fourth straight boys soccer victory Wednesday night with a 3-1 triumph over host Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The unbeaten Rockets got a pair of goals from Alex Isaevski, while Carlos "En Fuego" Santiaago also scored on what Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson called "an amazing solo effort" late in the match. Glenn goalkeeper Adam Valentine made seven saves for the Rockets, who were tied at halftime 1-1. "Our defensive efforts

were led by Eric Cheek, Ryan McCarthy, Austin Hartford, and Frank Kenne, Tomlinson said. "Bobby Mason was extremely efficient relieving the pressure on our team and Tyler Simpson played out of his mind on both sides of the ball. Great effort across the board. It was a gutsy win." **WL CENTRAL 2, CHURCHILL 0:** Goals by Bryan Maxwell (eighth minute) and Andrew Balou (12th minute) propelled Walled Lake Central (2-1-1) to a victory Wednesday over visiting Livonia Churchill (0-2-2). Danny Heyn posted the shutout in goal for the Vikings, while Colton Robinson made five saves for Churchill.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: John McGreevy, 17th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: second, MSU Invitational (Green Division); third, KLAAs South and Wayne County Invitational; fourth, conference; fifth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Ryan Wise (first-team All-Area); Joe Hage (second-team All-Area); Robert Howard (second-team All-Area); Derek Puishes.

Leading returnees: Ben Yates, Sr. (second-team All-Area; 15th, conference); Sam Yurgil, Sr.; George Bowles, Sr.; Andrew Malik, Jr.; Colin Murphy, Jr.; Sean McKeon, Jr.; Jon Allesandrini, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Matt Cohan, Soph.; Jonathan Hovermale, Fr.

McGreevy's 2012 outlook: "We have to replace four of our top seven runners. That is going to be a challenge. It is time for our juniors to step up and meet this challenge. There is a quite a bit of potential there and only time will tell if they meet mine and their expectations. We might struggle early, but I expect the team to improve as the season progresses and the team matures as competitive racers. They are very dedicated and I'm very optimistic that they will rise to the challenge. I expect senior Ben Yates to develop into one of the better runners in the conference and region."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Walt Reasor, ninth year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAs South; conference, ninth; 11th, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Gabe Martinez, Andrew McGaughey.
Leading returnees: Keenan Jones, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Ross Cecil, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Nick Robertson, Soph.; Jacob Forgacs, Soph.; Mike Elrod, Jr.; Noah Verellen, Jr.; Alex Perelli, Jr.; Graham Tyrell, Jr.; Andrew Barnes, Sr.; Josh Robertson, Sr.; Bryan Fetner, Sr.; Kevin Kerpet, Jr.; Ian McCracken, Sr.; Finn Newcomb, Soph. Paul Sturgis, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Calvin Hill, Fr.; Tony Floyd, Fr.; Damon Plasencia, Jr.; Jonathan Quecke, Fr.; Spencer Opie Jr.; Eddie White, Soph.; Francis Mina, Jr.; Marlon Hengtgen, Jr.; Matt Bagazinski, Jr.

Reasor's 2012 outlook: "I am looking forward to a really good season. We have a young, talented, and steadily improving team. Many of our runners have worked extremely hard since the end of last season in the attempt to reach their goals this year. With the addition of some talented freshmen and newcomers, our record should improve significantly. With the excellent help from my assistant coach, Evan Sirena, I will continue to expect our student-athletes to work hard everyday and make it a top priority to do well academically in school."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Chris Inch, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: second, KLAAs Central; sixth, conference; ninth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: John Lynch, Ryan Petrul, Ben Lambert.
Leading returnees: Jacob Colley Sr. (first-team All-Area); Stephen Fenech, Jr. (first-team All-Area, 19th, regional); Michael Sopko, Sr.; Peter Walkuski, Sr.; Erik Grisa, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Alex Mikonczyk, Fr.
Inch's 2012 outlook: "We have strong front

runners in Fenech and Colley. Michael Sopko has the ability to run with those guys as well. Erik Grisa is positioned for a strong sophomore season. We have a number of juniors and seniors who will battle it out for our fifth through seventh positions on varsity. Keeping a tight one-five spread will be the key to our success this season."

WESTLAND GLENN

Head coach: Jess Shough, 24th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fifth, KLAAs South; ninth, Division 1 regional; 10th, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Ruben Maya (second-team All-Area); Jason Suarez, Keven Wacker.
Leading returnees: Jewell Jones, Sr.; Chris Codd, Jr.; Austin Hickerson, Soph.; Jason Morhan, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Kimari Johnson, Soph.; Jeff Busick, Fr.; James Demsky, Fr.

Shough's 2012 outlook: "We are not blessed with large numbers of runners, but those who are returning have a good deal of experience and have been working very hard all summer. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable season as the team members enjoy working together and are highly motivated to have a successful season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Tom Gibson, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: Fifth, Division 1 regional; sixth, KLAAs South; 11th, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Leading returnees: Daniel Malcolm, Sr. (second-team All-Area; 13th regional, state qualifier); Devin Gibson, Soph.; Michael Gibson, Soph.; Zack Williamson, Jr.; Tim Flores, Jr.; Jordan Whitehouse, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Kyle Saavedra, Sr.; Tyrell Hicks, Soph.

Gibson's 2012 outlook: "Our top five runners are returning, which includes Dan Malcolm, the first state qualifier from Wayne in 20 years. Each boy increased the number of summer miles over last year with Dan Malcolm, Devin Gibson and Michael Gibson exceeding 500 miles. The top four runners look to do well from the beginning of the season and the team looks to finish in the middle of the pack at the beginning of the season rather than the bottom as we did last year. We are starting the year with twice as many runners as the beginning of last year. The key to our success will be Tim Flores, Jordan Whitehouse and the newcomers battling for the fifth through seventh spots."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Allie Unger, third year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
Last year's finish: first, MIAC; third, Division 4 regional; 22nd, state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Jake Fairbairn, Caleb Kempf, Phil Welte.
Leading returnees: Eric Smith, Sr.; Dan Bunge, Sr.; Pete Sillanpaa, Sr.; Ian O'Banion, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Hunter Roedel, Fr.; Weslee Warren, Fr.

Unger's 2012 outlook: "I am very optimistic about the boys team this year. We have most of the top seven returning along with some talented newcomers. I'm hopeful that we will place in the top three for both the conference and regional meets."



Stephen Fenech Stevenson

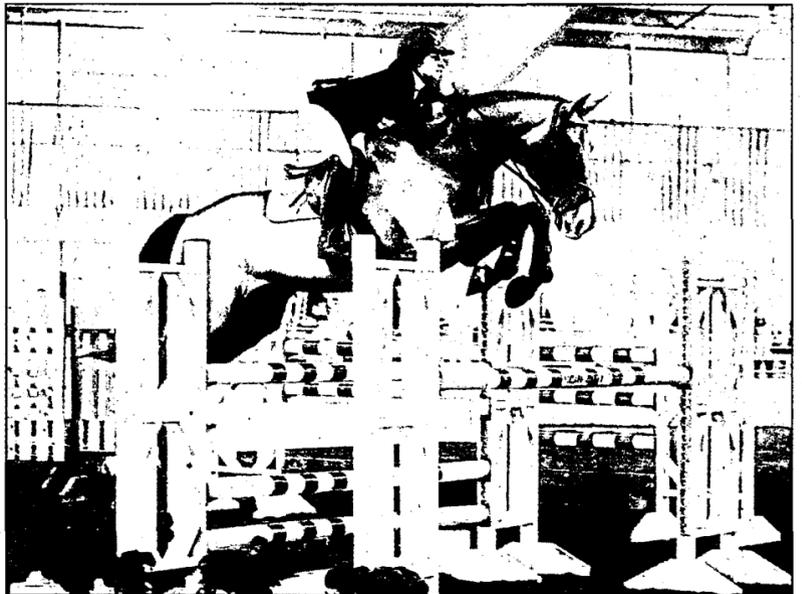


Jacob Colley Stevenson



Bulldogs champs

The Michigan Bulldogs posted a 15-4-2 division record to place first in the Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association 14-and-under Advanced League. Team members include (front row, from left): Andrew Klopfer, Livonia Franklin; Ben Zammit, Livonia Stevenson; Cory Linsner, Franklin; Nate Bunton Stevenson; Jack Engel, Franklin; Frank Carlin, Stevenson; Zack Lauer, Novi Detroit Catholic Central; (back row, from left) coach Joe Fetter, coach Jim Hopson, Joe Chinavare, Franklin; Griffin Riley, Livonia Churchill; Gavin McAuliffe, Canton; Kyle Richards, Stevenson; Jay Hopson, Franklin; Jack Fetter, Stevenson; coach Nick Hopson, manager Scott Linsner and coach Tom Chinavare. (Not pictured Brendan Dudek of University of Detroit Jesuit.)



Rider advances

Livonia's Alexandra Joseph, riding Zwolle, has qualified for the Maclay Regional Horse Show, Sept. 19-23, in Lexington, Ky. Joseph, who trains at Hedgeturf Farm in Ann Arbor, has qualified for the Maclay A shows in equitation and jumper classes. She has been riding since the age of 3.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Thirst for Life 5K

The Thirst For Life 5-kilometer walk-run will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, Livonia.

The 5K walk-run will benefit Team World Vision. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. followed the race at 9 a.m.

For more information and obtain a registration form, visit www.ThirstForLife5k.org.

Pom pon clinic

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom team will host a clinic for girls ages 6-14 from 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 29 at the high school gym.

The cost is \$30 (includes T-shirt, music C.D. and snack).

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Participation is limited and you must register by Sept. 12.

For more information, or to register, call Sherri Carpenter at (313) 268-3302; or Gina Barden at (734) 891-5401.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

Glenn mat outing

The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Churchill softball

The Livonia Churchill girls softball program will stage a benefit golf outing Sunday, Sept. 30 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Check-in for the four-person scramble is 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$75 (includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Dinner only is \$20. Also included are longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, 50-50 raffle, door prizes and silent auction.

For more information, call George Saloum at (734) 558-1150; or email gasal2112@yahoo.com.

You can also call Roger Garvin at (248) 890-4506; or email raragar@aol.com.

Archery range

Registration to obtain a pass for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range is under way at the Parks and Recreation desk, located at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

The range will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (through October); 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, (through October); 4 p.m. until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursday, September-October.

Resident season pass rates are \$25 (individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more members).

Non-resident season passes are available for \$40 (individual); \$50 (two); \$60 (three) and \$70 (four or more).

Daily resident rates are \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-resident daily fees are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 158
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 224
Aug. 29 at Fox Hills (Classic)
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 36 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 37; Sydney Murphy, 42; Danielle Allen, 43; Kayla Whately, 45; Katie Chipman, 49.
Churchill scorers: Maggie McGowan, 45; Jackie Burdette, 46; Claire Rose, 63; Katie Shereda, 70; Taylor Cutting, 75; Alyssa Mazur, 76.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAAs South.

CANTON 178
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 250
Aug. 28 at Idyl Wyld
Canton scorers: Kelsey McDougall and Kayla Lagola, 43 each (co-medalists); Chloe Luyet, 44; Rachel Pisano, 48; Alyce Krumm, 54; Katie Adams, 55.
Franklin scorers: Kendall Payne, 57; Jacquelyn Hahnson, 60; Allison Karczyski, 64; Adjanee Anderson, 69.
Dual match records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

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In the spotlight

Community, college theaters gear up

By Sharon Dargay
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Christy Mayhew is on the hunt for a 1948 Hudson. Or any Hudson — maybe even a Cadillac — for that matter.

Jason Wilhoite will need a dog by spring 2013. Luckily, he has a lead on a chihuahua.

And Pat Hutchison must locate a huge quilt over the next few months. In the meantime, she hopes she'll find enough actors to audition for 15 roles.

Such are the challenges that local theater directors and board members face as the new season of plays gets underway.

Mayhew, who handles marketing for Barefoot Productions in Plymouth, wants to station a Hudson outside the theater during the run of *Driving Miss Daisy* in November. She also hopes to find a car dealership interested in sponsoring the show. In return, the name of the business will be written into dialogue in the play.

"When we do *Strangers on a Train* I'll try to connect with Amtrak," Mayhew said. "If someone sponsors a show we can act out commercials at intermission."

Barefoot, known for its cutting-edge material, will mix a few better-known, mainstream shows into its schedule this year, along with some first-time events, including improv and an opera chat.

"Craig (Hane) the artistic director picks the main-

stage shows. He always picks cutting edge, but he also realizes the need to pick some plays that everyone knows."

Ticket-holders shouldn't be surprised if Barefoot takes a non-traditional approach to well-known works. Last year actresses in *The Vagina Monologues* — which returns this year — spoke their memorized parts while sitting in a living room set that suggested a girl's night out. The play has been performed elsewhere on a bare stage with actresses reading the script.

"It was cute because they interacted with each other," Mayhew said. "At the end, one woman in the cast sang a song and all the women held hands. It wasn't like 'I am woman, here me roar' but it was bonding."

Songs will take center stage in the Farmington Players' new season that will include two musicals in addition to a comedy and a drama.

"We don't normally do two musicals," Wilhoite said. "It's a first in a long time."

From film to stage

The theater will present *The 1940's Radio Hour* and *Legally Blonde*, which is based on the film with the same title. Wilhoite will direct *Legally Blonde*, which includes at least one canine cast member.

"It's a relatively new musical that has not been on the scene for a long time. They did a good job



Some Kind of Players improv troupe will perform Sept. 8 at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

adapting it to stage. I'm looking forward to have that show be the anchor of our season."

Wilhoite said at one point in its history, the Farmington Players shied away from musicals because it didn't have many singers in its membership.

Avenue Q, which it staged during the summer, brought new, young talent to the organization, enabling it to broaden its repertoire.

"We're interested in doing what we do well. If we can't do it well, we don't want to do it."

In Livonia

Wilhoite and Allison Soranno Boufford, both Hutchison's former students, sang love songs in concert earlier this year as a part of Paul's Players first season. Hutchison, a former Livonia public school teacher, founded the theater at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

This year, former Livonia music teacher Jerry Smith will perform with friends

in a mid-season concert for Hutchison's organization.

She also plans to produce *The Man Who Came to Dinner* this fall and *Quilters* next spring.

"We're getting an audience every time. We're getting 100 people or more and we're pleased," Hutchison said. "Actually, folks auditioning is our hardest thing. But I'm lucky. I taught so long I have resources."

She relies on contacts at St. Paul's and in Livonia schools to help with productions and has offered internships to high school and college students.

Community college

James Hartman and Dennis North never rely entirely on students for their twice-annual productions. Hartman, who heads the drama department at Schoolcraft College, and North, head of Oakland Community College's theater program at the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, open auditions to all.

"It has worked beautifully," Hartman said.

He'll stage two classical pieces this season, a French farce and his own edited version of *Hamlet*.

North said OCC's theater produced serious dramas last year but will take a lighter approach this season with a comedy and a musical.

"Think of a white trash musical and that is what it is," he said, describing *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* that he'll stage this fall. "It's a very funny piece."



Canton resident Christine Kapusky Moore portrays Eliza Doolittle in the much-loved musical "My Fair Lady" at Spotlight Players. David Andrews of Ypsilanti plays Professor Henry Higgins.

Busy theater season gets under way

Here's what is coming up at local theaters:

• Barefoot Productions: Six shows make up the main performance schedule this season. They are *Sleepy Hollow*, Oct. 19-20, 26-27; *Driving Miss Daisy*, Nov. 9-11 and 16-18; *A Christmas Carol*, Dec. 8-9; *Kind Sir*, Feb. 14-17, 22-24, 2013; *The Vagina Monologues*, April 5-7, 2013;

Strangers on a Train, May 10-13, 17-19, 2013. Folk-singer Josh White, Jr., will be in concert Sept. 29. Lecturer Louis Brown talks about Giuseppe Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* Sept. 7. Tickets are \$15. Some Kind of Players, an improv troupe, takes over the Barefoot stage

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Peace: Yoga fans find love, calm at Livonia gathering



Linda Venko of Livonia colors a mandala.

By Sharón Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Colleen Mills says she felt peace and love flow last weekend as yoga enthusiasts stretched and posed their way through a daylong series of workshops at the Livonia Senior Center.

"It was awesome. When you do yoga you connect with peace and love. We had a wonderful day," said Mills, founder of the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace and a student of both yoga and meditation. "Yoga is like giving yourself a huge hug with both arms."

Lynda Herman, president of the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit, suggested the event and asked yoga teachers to volunteer their time. Sharon Brand, an instructor at the Livonia Senior Center — and Mills' yoga teacher — helped turn the day into a fundraiser for Citizens for Peace, splitting the proceeds between Mills' organization and the Yoga Association.

Participants had the opportunity to attend several different yoga classes, color a mandala design, watch a film about Deepak Chopra on the keys to happiness, and meditate with Kathy Bindu Henning, who teaches classes in meditation at Schoolcraft College and the Livonia Senior Center. Mills' husband, George, and his crew of volunteers made and served lunch. Karen Farkas, Brand's yoga teacher, gave a keynote address, encourag-



Instructor Sharon Brand works with yoga students.

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Students in Sharon Brand's yoga class stretch.



Freda Dawson and her mandala. She's from Detroit.

ing attendees to take the practice off their mats and into their daily lives. "It was a fabulous day. People loved it," Mills

said, adding that the event drew yoga practitioners of all skill levels. "There were all ages. One lady in my yoga class

brought her daughter and granddaughter."

Mills said yoga "keeps the body fit, flexible and balanced," but also helps focus and reduce stress.

"It turns off the chatter in the brain. We go into an experiential peace zone."

For more information about Citizens for Peace, visit www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com. For more on the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit, visit www.yagd.org. For more on meditation, see www.livinginthepresentmoment.com.



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Dan Huckins is the new pastor at Northville's First Church of the Nazarene at 21260 Haggerty Road. Huckins moved to the area from Lima, Ohio, and just recently took over shepherding of the congregation.

Pastor aims to help his church grow in faith

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Dan Huckins understands the tendency to blame God when things go wrong.

"I think that's pretty normal," said Huckins, 47, the new lead pastor at First Church of the Nazarene in Northville. Even devout worshippers get irritated with God, he says.

"I think it's to stay engaged with God," he said of the answer, not turning your back on God. "Rather than run from God, I think the best course is to run to."

Some of us tend to take credit for our successes and blame God for shortcomings.

"So many of those bad things are just a part of life," often arising from our own and others' choices, he said. "He's not the cause of what's going on. Rather, he's the healer and redeemer of all those things."

Americans often expect affluence, Huckins has found, unlike Christians elsewhere. "They understand that life is not always easy. They're less likely to be blaming God."

Huckins and his family recently arrived from Lima, Ohio, where he served at Lima Community Church, a Nazarene congregation. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Illinois University, and only worked briefly in that field.

Graduate school took Huckins to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., for a master of divinity degree and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., for a doctor of ministry degree. He was given his first small church in Illinois at age 21. This is his 27th year as a pastor.

"God called me to do it. There's no easier way to explain it, quite honestly," said Huckins, who felt an inner voice calling him to the ministry.

He was born and raised in the United Methodist Church, with his dad a United Methodist pastor. The Nazarene church came out of the United Methodist in the early 20th century, he said, and shares a similar historical background.

Attendance at the two Sunday services at his Northville church adds up to a little over 500.

"My theme is outreach, particularly to those who do not have a church home," Huckins said.

The church has a strong focus on local and foreign missions, with the latter done through the denomination.

Huckins and wife Pam have three children ages 24, 22 and 13. Their oldest son is in North Carolina, the next oldest son in Ohio and their daughter at home with them.

The family's in the process of buying a home in Farmington Hills. Huckins preached his first sermon Aug. 19 on courage, acknowledging with a smile it takes some courage to preach "even after many years of doing it."

He appreciates the warm welcome. "It's been terrific," he said, citing a welcoming reception. Huckins works with three other staff pastors, two part-time pastors and support staff.

He'd like to grow the church beyond attendance in terms of fully devoted followers of Christ. His predecessor, Ron Blake, became a district superintendent with the church in Indiana.

In free time, Huckins enjoys being with his family. "I like to fish, I like to read." He likes sports, exercise, and motorcycles, although he doesn't own one.

The church's location near Eight Mile and Haggerty, with visibility from I-275, helps.

"It is a great location, I've got to say that," the pastor said.

"It's a challenging time for churches in our country. We hope to be part of the solution," Huckins said.

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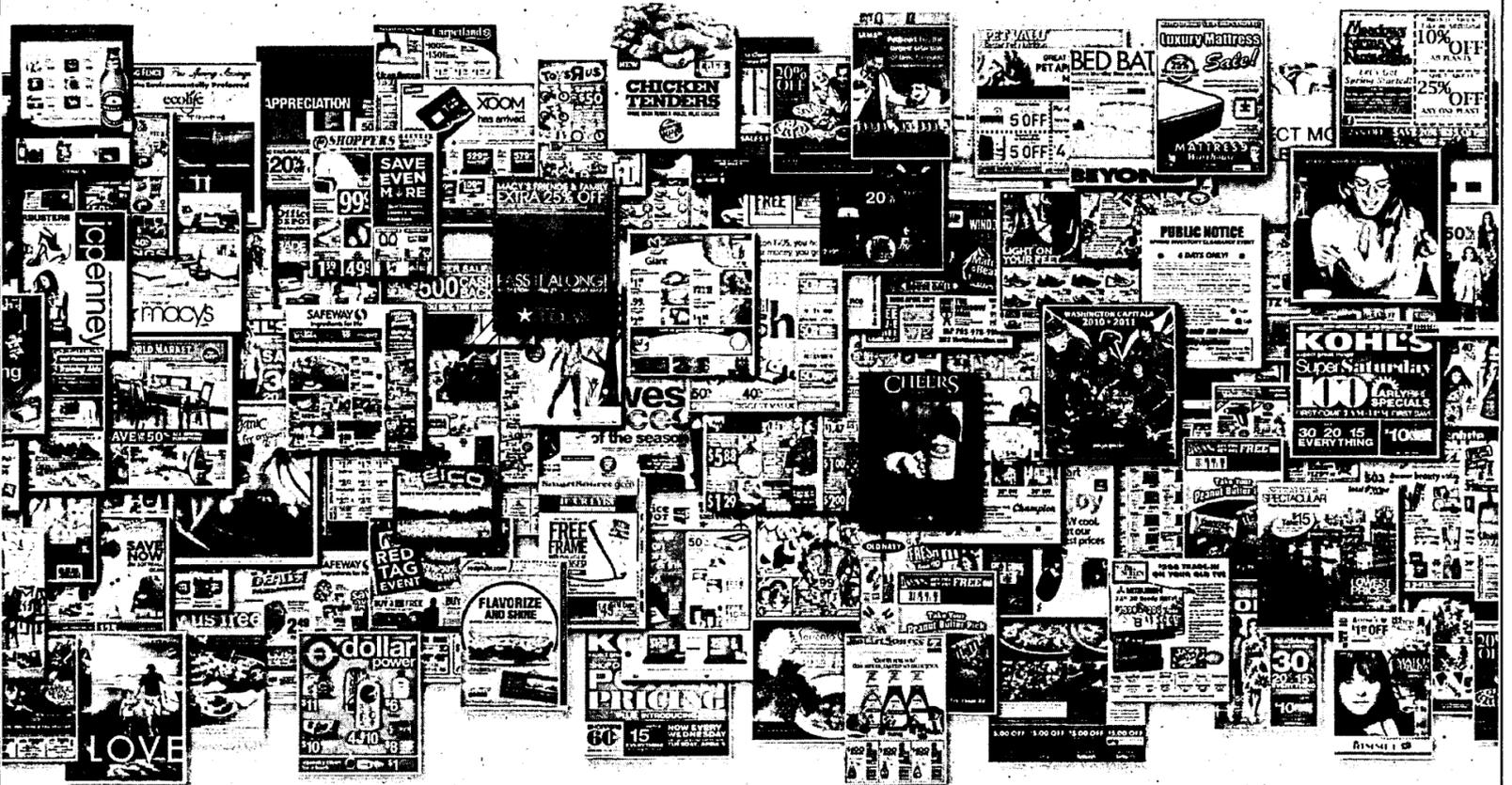
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on Sept. 8. Tickets are \$10. Barefoot Productions is located at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Call the box office for tickets at (734) 560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

• Farmington Players: *The Dixie Swim Club* kicks off the new season in October, followed by *The 1940's Radio Hour* in November, *Rabbit Hole* in February 2013 and *Legally Blonde* in April and May 2013. Performances are held at The Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Ticket hotline is (248) 553-2955.

• Farmington Hills Youth Theatre: Youngsters, teens and adults may audition for Peter Pan Sunday, Sept. 9 at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Times are 12:30-2 p.m., grades 3-4; 2:30-3 p.m., grades 5-7; 3:30-5 p.m., grades 8-12 and adults. Bring a recent school photo; all other materials will be supplied. No prior preparation for the audition is necessary. Audition forms are available on the City's website www.fhgov.com, under Cultural Arts/Youth Theatre. The show will be staged in November. Call (248) 473-1859 for more information.

• Inspire Theatre: Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* kicks off the theater's new season, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2-3, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Tickets are \$13



Two Muses Theatre's first production of the season is a new play, "A Little Work." Author Anita Diamant calls her work "a mash-up of 'Nip/Tuck' and 'The Man Who Came to Dinner.'" in advance and \$13 at the door; (734) 751-7057.

• Motor City Youth Theatre: *A Little Princess*, based on the story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, will run Nov. 9-11 and 16-18. Youngsters can audition for roles at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Callbacks will be held the following day. Participants should e-mail nancy@mcyt.org to schedule an appointment. They should prepare a short reading appropriate for the role they hope to attain. Find character material in the book, *A Little Princess*, at <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/146/146-h/146-h.htm>

• OCC Orchard Ridge: Auditions for *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* are Sept. 11-12 in Smith Theatre on campus, located on Orchard Lake Road just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. Two audition time slots are available. The first runs 6-7 p.m. followed by

a movement audition at 7 p.m. The second is 7:30-8:30 p.m. with a movement audition at 8:30 p.m. E-mail denorth@oaklandcc.edu for preferred audition time, or show up a few minutes early to make sure there's room. Actors should be familiar with the scripted material found on the OCC Theatre website and prepare 16 bars of a song to sing. There will not be accompaniment. Participants may sing a cappella or bring their own music source. The musical will run Nov. 8-10 and 15-17. The second show of the season is Alan Ayckbourn's comedy *Relatively Speaking* in March 2013.

• Paul's Players: *The Man Who Came to Dinner* kicks off the new season Friday-Sunday, Nov. 16-18 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Its spring show is *Quilters*, May 3-5, 2013. Jerry Smith and Friends, a musical program, takes over the Paul's Players stage Feb. 9-10, 2013.

• Schoolcraft College: Auditions for Moliere's *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, a French farce, are set for 7 p.m. Sept. 11-12 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Auditions are open to the public. The theater will produce *Hamlet* in the spring of 2013. For more information, call James Hartman at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5270.

• Spotlight Players: Look for four shows this season, starting with *My Fair Lady*, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14-15, 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sept. 15-16 and 22-23; *The Glass Menagerie*, Nov. 9-11 and 16-17; *The Complete Works of William*

Shakespeare Abridged, Feb. 15-17 and 22-24, 2013; *Barnum*, April 19-21 and 26-28, 2013. From the Shadows, a cabaret set for Oct. 12-13, will bring the villains of musicals and film to life. The theater presents "Reunion at Hippie High" in spring 2013. Tickets for *My Fair Lady* are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors over 59 and students, under 19. Buy them at the Village Theater box office, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton, or call (734) 394-5300.

• Spotlight on Youth: The group starts the season with *Beauty and the Beast*, Oct. 18-21, followed by *Santa's Shoes*, Dec. 13-16, *Sound of Music*, March 14-17, 2013 and *The Velveteen Rabbit*, May 9-11, 2013. The group performs at the Village Theater in Canton.

• Still Got It Players: The senior troupe associated with Spotlight Players in Canton performs the comedy, *One Foot in the Gravy*, March 13-17, 2013 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Auditions are 7 p.m. Jan. 8, 2013. Their second production of the season, *The Gangster Priest* is set for May 2013.

• Two Muses: *A Little Work*, a new comedy, runs Sept. 7-30 at Barnes & Noble Theatre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield. Advance tickets are \$18 and \$15; \$2 more at the door. Look for *Greetings!* a play by Tom Dudzick in Nov. 23-Dec. 16. For more information or tickets, call (248) 850-9919 or visit www.TwoMusesTheatre.org

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Brady Andrew Turri was born July 20, 2012, at home in Canton. His parents are Jason and Kalin Turri.

Grandparents are Jill and Brian Albertsen of Livonia and Gary and Theresa Turri of Westland. Great-grandparents are Marge and Terry Byrd of Livonia.



Vincent William Johnson

Vincent William Johnson was born June 27, 2012, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Proud parents Rob and Angela Johnson of Westland. Grandparents are Robert and Norma Johnson and Elias and Sheryl Moran, all of Westland.



Jaeger-Groh

Suzette Jaeger and Justin Groh announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Anny and Dan Jaeger of Howell, graduated in 2005 from Farmington High School. She owns iClean Maid Service in Denver, Colo.

Her fiancé, son of Terry and Robin Groh of Clarkston, is a 1999 Clarkston High School graduate. He earned an AAS degree in business administration and works in the oil and gas industry in Lonetree, Colo.



A September 2012 wedding is planned at Oakhurst Country Club in Clarkston.

REUNIONS

BELLEVILLE

CLASS OF 1957

55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. Call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donnagotts@aol for more details.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASSES OF 1946-47

65th and 66th reunion Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Stitt Hall in Dearborn Heights. Call Earl Berry at (313) 277-7130 or (313) 727-8983.

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

CLASS OF 1952

60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. E-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linares at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASSES FROM 1950-69

Second annual picnic noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs. No need to pre-register. Call Janet Cable at (734) 377-4009 or e-mail mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

ALL CLASSES

Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of

school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook. Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, SuzieWright Rogiero at suziewright@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackiedeson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1972

6:30 p.m. Oct. 27. For more information e-mail to Janine (Alioti) Brown at jbrown@psm.inc.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at MarilynJSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

CLASS OF 1972

40-year reunion Saturday Sept. 15. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com.

OAK PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 at Tam O'Shanter Country Club in West Bloomfield. Make reservations at www.Classof62reunion.myevent.com, where you also will find information about the weekend's planned events and more. Or Carol Rochlen Crotty at (248) 553-4904 for additional information.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkivestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for information.

Passages

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GARVER, LOUIS WM., "LOU"

Age 87, of Redford, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2012. Mr. Garver was a graduate of Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from his beloved MSU "GO GREEN!" He proudly served in the Navy during the Korean War as an Intelligence Officer. Mr. Garver retired as a stock broker after 30 years, where he enjoyed his family, especially his beloved grandchildren. Beloved husband of 62 years to Joan; dear father of Diane (Fred) Herman, Mary Ann (Doug) Reschke, Richard (Sue) Garver, Carolyn (Garth) Cappy, Cathy (Tom) Mertz, Gerald (Julie) Garver; proud grandfather of nine; caring brother of Dan Garver and the late Blodwen Rogers. The Memorial Service will be Friday, August 31, 2012, at 11 a.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI. The family will greet friends at the church on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations suggested to Veterans Administration Hospital Volunteer Program- Ann Arbor: www.volunteer.va.gov Please visit www.harrywillfuneralhome.com and share a tribute of Lou.



GUST, ROCKWELL T., JR.

Died Monday, August 27 in Naples, FL, formerly from Grosse Pointe Farms and Bloomfield Hills, MI, the age of 88. Born June 23, 1924 in Morenci Michigan, he is the son of the late Rockwell T. and Anne (Sexton) Gust. Rockwell is survived by his wife, Joan Walsh Gust. He was the loving father of five with first wife Anne Baldwin Gust; Ruthie Tyler, Rockwell III (Julie), Robert, Anne (Jerry) Brown, and William (Karen). His stepchildren are Tom (Kimberly) Walsh and Cathie Fosth. He was a fun-loving "Gramps" to 19 grandchildren and 7 great-children. Rockwell graduated from Detroit Country Day School, Williams College and University of Michigan Law School. He was a Lieutenant in the Navy, serving aboard a PT boat during World War II. Rockwell began his career as an attorney with his father's firm Butzel, Long, Gust and Kennedy and went on to become general counsel at Alexander Hamilton. After moving to Naples, Rockwell went into private practice in real estate development. Rockwell had a lifelong interest in politics. He was nominated to run for Lieutenant Governor in 1962 alongside George Romney. He was also elected to the Michigan State Constitutional Convention in 1961-62. He is father-in-law of current California Governor Jerry Brown. Rockwell was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, The Detroit Athletic Club, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Otsego Club, Kirk in the Hills and First Presbyterian Church of Naples, FL. Rockwell will always be remembered as a man devoted to his family, his religion and his friends. He loved his annual family reunions with his children and, until recently, would make his daily four-block trip to watch the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. He will be dearly missed. Memorials may be made to the Big D Scholarship Fund, Camp Deerhorn, 3725 Deerhorn Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501 or Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Funeral services and interment were held at First Presbyterian Church of Naples, FL on August 31 followed by a private memorial and service at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI on September 2.

HENSLEY, (TRAYNE) DIANE

Age 68 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN lost her battle with cancer on August 29th. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jack; daughters Marci Hensley - Tate (Ryan) of Chicago, IL; Karin Hensley - Stern (Jacob) of Carlsbad, CA; son Bill Hensley of Chicago, IL; grandchildren Reagan, Zachary and Emma Stern all of Carlsbad, CA; brothers John Trayne (Brenda) of Rhinelander, WI; James Trayne (Leona) of Calumet City, IL; Susan Bakker (Richard) of Schererville, IN; Laura Thornton of Bald Knob, AR; Jeanne Satterfield (Chuck) of Eagle River, WI; many nephews, nieces and cousins, one uncle, Thomas Trayne (Marie) of Hammond, IN and two special cousins, Norene Marnen and Frank Kocka. A Memorial Service will be held September 15 at 2pm at the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive guests immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in memory of Diane Hensley. Click Funeral Home, Tellico Village, is handling arrangements. Memories or condolences may be shared at www.clickfuneralhome.com



PINIS, CONNIE S.

Passed away on August 21, 2012 in Boynton Beach, Florida, her residence for the last 24 years. Connie was born in Marysville, Ohio in 1926 to Herman and Helen Shibley (Campbell). She attended Antioch College, graduating from Ohio State University with a B.S. in Education in 1949. At OSU she met Frederick (Fritz) Pinis of Massillon, Ohio. They dated, fell in love, and within a few months of meeting, Fritz brought her home to meet his parents. They married in Highland Park, Michigan in 1949. Connie taught in Lorain, Ohio before moving to Ypsilanti, Michigan with Fritz and starting a family. Mark was born in 1956 and after moving to Birmingham, Michigan (where Fritz became principal at Adams School), Marci arrived in 1958, Laura in 1963. While raising her children, Connie volunteered in her field of education, especially the American Association of University Women (AAUW), where she attained the Presidency of the Birmingham chapter. Connie acquired her Masters degree and secured a position as a guidance counselor at Ferndale (Michigan) High School where she remained for 14 rewarding years, retiring in 1985. Fritz and Connie enjoyed their retirement in Boynton Beach and the Birmingham area for many years, traveling, playing golf, and enjoying the company of their many friends and their family. After Fritz passed in 2003, Connie had the loving support of her children, grandchildren, and her siblings. Her sister Marcia lived nearby and was a dear companion and caretaker in her last years. Connie is survived by her children and their spouses, Mark Pinis and Pamela Frorer, Marci and Roger Heller, Laura and Eric Simmons; her grandchildren Sy Schotz, Theo Frorer-Pinis, and Emma Li Frorer-Pinis; her sister Marcia McManamny and brothers Michael Shibley and Stephen Shibley. Memorial service is tentatively planned for October. Check: obits.dignitymemorial.com

HOWE, STELLA

Aug 28, 2012 Age 93. Beloved wife of the late Harry. Loving mother of Lawrence Howe and Kathryn (the late Michael) Howe-Vandelinder. Dear grandma of Derek and Kalie. Aunt of Joan Walker. Predeceased by her siblings William, Edward and Helen. Visitation: Tues Sept 4, 1-3pm. Funeral Service immediately following at 3:00pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information: www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

LIVELY, WILLIAM E.

Age 88 of Tecumseh passed away Saturday, August 25, 2012. A full obituary may be viewed at www.HandlerFuneralHomes.com

MIELKE, DELORES A.

August 30, 2012. Loving wife of Donald for 64 years. Beloved mother of Bruce (Jennifer) Mielke and Janet (Stephen) Pinkham. Proud grandmother of Matthew (Angela), Andrew and Hannah Mielke, and Alyssa Pinkham. Dear sister-in-law of Lillian Vallee. Long time member of the Plymouth Newcomers Club, and volunteer with the American Red Cross, and the Plymouth Library. Private family services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Assoc., Detroit MI Office, 30200 Telegraph Road Suite 105, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



SCHLESING, DOROTHY L.

Age 84, died Thursday, August 23, 2012 at Terrace Assisted Living in The Woodlands. Born in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of the late George and Audrey Headrick. She was predeceased by her husband Darwin Schlesing. She is survived by her son, Bill Schlesing, and his wife, Michelle; her daughter, Nancy Stock, and her husband Mark; her sister, Marie Headrick; and grandchildren, Erin Schlesing, Elyse Schlesing, Janet Stock and Elliot Stock. A memorial service was held on Monday, August 27th at the Terrace with the Rev. Cliff Ritter officiating. There will also be a second memorial service held in Greenwood, SC at Wesley Commons in December, officiated by the Rev. Carol Peppers Wray. It is respectfully requested that flowers be omitted and memorials be made to the American Heart Association, American Arthritis Foundation or Hospice. Condolences can be sent to Bill Schlesing at 76 N. Chandler Creek Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77381 or Nancy Stock at 520 Miner St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

WASHBURN, SUSAN KAY

Age 68, of Royal Oak, passed away August 21 at Beaumont Hospital. A teacher in Ferndale and then in Whitmore Lake for over 30 years, Susan touched the lives of hundreds of children. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Amy Irene Washburn and William James Simon, of West Allis, WI. A memorial service will be held on September 1 at 10:30 AM at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak (fcro.org). In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Susan's name to the Lupus Foundation of America (www.lupus.org) or the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org).



WELLS, G. JEAN

Passed away August 28, 2012 after a brief illness, she was 84 years young. She was born June 15, 1928 in Paris, Arkansas to Gus Edward Phillips and Carrie Ophelia (Wilson) Phillips. She was a dear companion to Kenneth L. Green, beloved mother of Jeanne Abbott, Kathy Constantine, Nancy Nelson and the late Thomas Abbott. Jean is the dear grandmother of four and great grandmother of six. She is also survived by two brothers. Jean was a 56 year resident of Livonia. She was a retired Medical Records Administrator having worked at Outer Drive Hospital in Lincoln Park and Heritage Hospital in Taylor. Jean loved to travel around the country in an RV, having visited most every state. A Funeral Service took place Saturday, September 1, 2012, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with interment at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or American Cancer Society.

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"The holiday weekend falls during the peak of mosquito season, so it is important that when spending time outside with friends and family, residents exercise caution when applying insect repellents," said Jamie Clover Adams, MDARD Director. "You should always follow the guidelines listed on the bottle, especially when applying repellents on children."

Follow these tips to reduce mosquito bites and mosquito population levels:

- Consider using non-chemical means to prevent biting, such as screens, netting, long sleeves, closed shoes, and pants.

- Practice prevention by eliminating breeding grounds for mosquitoes,

such as standing water near the home.

- Consider using biological controls for small lakes and ponds you own, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, which is available at many stores.

When applying insect repellents on children, follow the guidelines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Environmental Health:

- Do not use repellents with DEET on infants less than two months old.

- Apply repellent on your hands and then rub it on the child.

- Avoid spraying children's eyes and mouths, and use the repellent sparingly around their ears.

- Never apply repellent to children's hands or their skin under clothing.

- Do not allow young children to apply insect repellent to themselves.

- When a child goes indoors or the repellent is no longer needed, wash the treated skin with soap and water.

- Keep repellents out of reach of children.

Additional precautions to keep in mind regarding applying repellents and eliminating possible breeding grounds for



summer insects:

- Avoid mosquitoes during their prime feeding hours of dusk and dawn.

- Before applying repellent, read all label directions; not all repellents are intended to be applied to the skin.

- Repellents with low concentrations (10 percent or below) are effective and may be preferred in most situations. Start with a low-concentration product and re-apply if necessary.

- If applying repellents over a long period of time, alternate the repellent with one that has another active ingredient.

- Do not use repellents on broken or irritated skin or apply to eyes and mouth.

- Avoid breathing sprays and do not use near food.

Reactions to repellents are rare, but exposure to excessive levels of DEET may cause headaches, restlessness, crying spells, mania, staggering, rapid breathing, convulsions, and possibly coma. MDARD and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also warn consumers to stop using a repellent if they experience any of those symptoms. If the product is swallowed, consumers should contact a poison control center or the hospital emergency room immediately.

To determine if a repellent is registered for use in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/mdard.

Class benefits parish

Joe Mason, a certified personal fitness trainer, will offer a six-week exercise class beginning Monday, Sept. 17 at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton.

The class will run from 10-11:15 a.m. and costs \$36. A portion of all class fees will be donated to the parish.

The workout is aimed at all skill levels and will begin each week with gentle aerobic movements. The sessions will include strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, abdominal and back exercises, body stretching and balance work. Each participant will receive handouts with easy-to-follow workout recommendations. To be successful, daily home exercises must be completed.

Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga or exercise mat to class, along with light hand weights and bottled water.

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In addition to being certified as a personal trainer, Mason is a certified instructor in yoga and indoor cycling. He also is certified in CPR and defibrillator use.

St. John Neumann Parish is located at 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-5910 with questions or to register.

LEARN ABOUT P.A.D.

More than eight million Americans suffer from peripheral arterial disease, commonly known as P.A.D., a serious but often unrecognized condition with life-changing consequences. Without timely detection and treatment, P.A.D. can make walking difficult and increase the risk of heart attack, stroke, leg amputation, and even death.

In support of September as P.A.D. Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present a community seminar designed to help identify and reduce the acceleration of P.A.D. among high-risk individuals.

Dr. John Iljas, DO, limb salvage specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will speak from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, about leading medical technology that will help reduce the risks and alleviate P.A.D.

Individuals who are at risk for P.A.D. include anyone over age 50 who has a history of smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

P.A.D. occurs when fatty deposits block or narrow arteries in the legs, reducing blood flow to the lower extremities and other areas of the body. According to recent research, vascular disease such as diabetes and P.A.D. is the leading cause of amputations. Symptoms include painful cramping in the lower body after an activity and sores on legs and feet that won't heal. Sometimes there are no symptoms.

The event on Sept. 18 is free. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Limited space is available.

To register for the community seminar and for more information, call (734) 655-2255.



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