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Special meeting

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will hold a special work study session at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in its meeting room at the district's administrative offices at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh in Westland.

The trustees will be reviewing at a Board Code of Ethics and Board Operating Procedures vs. Board Policies.

The study session will be followed by the board's monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

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Library adds hours in advance of new tax revenue

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Funding from the library millage approved in August won't provide revenue until March but the William P. Faust Public Library is starting to restore cuts made to balance the budget this fiscal year.

Starting Nov. 1, the library hours will go from 40 hours per week up to 52 hours. The library will remain closed Sunday and Monday but will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thurs-

day and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"One of the things we had to keep in mind is that only a certain amount of money is available now," said Library Board President Mark Neal. "Extending the hours allows schools kids better access. That requires bringing in eight (part-time) pages and one librarian. We'll take money in the existing budget moving it forward."

Along with the library operations being cut back from 69 hours a week to 40 hours and

program cuts, a dozen library employees were laid off. Getting those positions filled will take some time.

"I was surprised that so many had gotten jobs," said Neal. "I guess I shouldn't be surprised. They are highly educated people who need to support their families. They aren't the type to sit around the house collecting unemployment."

Another factor in laid-off library employees finding new jobs could be that the Faust Library doesn't pay as well as

other area libraries, Neal said.

Part of the library's short-term plan includes a 5 percent raise for current employees effective Nov. 1. Library staffers haven't had a raise for the last four years and will be paying more for health care.

"We already have the lowest paid staff around. We're losing people," said Neal. "We felt we owed to the people who worked there. Even with the raise, they will still be the lowest paid in the area."

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Jo Johnson of the Westland Historical Commission poses in front of the new old barn at the Historic Village Park. The roof and much of the wood were moved to the site from the McKee property.

McKee barn raising: Park's newest addition completed

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The McKee barn has been raised at the Westland Historic Village Park.

Just over two months ago, the roof of the 1930s vintage barn had been moved from the McKee property on Cow-

an east of Wayne Road. Now the barn is rebuilt on a cinder block foundation with a concrete floor.

"The side and front of the barn are the old wood. There is new wood on the rear side," Jo Johnson of the Westland Historical Society said. "I think we are going to keep it

gray with white trim like it was."

New large doors were constructed for the barn, since the late Elmer McKee had installed an overhead garage door on the building. He had used the barn as a garage.

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Fraud charge dropped against school board candidate

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A fraud charge against a candidate for the Wayne-Westland school board has been dismissed after he paid partial restitution to a local service agency.

Appearing on the Nov. 6 ballot seeking a six-year term on the school board, Paul Futch had been charged with keeping nearly \$6,500 he collected from clients of Hegira Programs, a Westland-based social services agency.

During a pretrial hearing in Westland's 18th District Court Sept. 13, Hegira officials accepted \$4,000 in restitution from Futch and agreed that the fraud charge would be dismissed.

"I did something. It was a personal issue. I wanted to take care of it. I'm not denying it," said Futch. "It has nothing to do with the children I wanted to serve. It should not have any bearing. I have put it behind me. I made an honest mistake."

Also a recent applicant for a school board vacancy, Futch, a minister, began working for Hegira in Decem-

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Plymouth man faces trial in fatal motorcycle crash

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth man has been ordered bound over for trial on two drunk-driving felonies stemming from a traffic accident that killed a Garden City man and seriously injured his wife.

Robert John Montgomery, 79, waived his preliminary examination Thursday in 18th District. Free on bond, he

was scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on Oct. 4.

Montgomery is charged with operating while impaired causing death and operating while impaired causing serious injury. Police said he had a .11 blood alcohol level at the hospital following the July 24 accident. The legal limit for drunken driving in Michigan is .08.

Gary West, 56, of Garden City was killed in the

accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park Drive. His wife, Susan, 54, was critically injured in the accident and remains hospitalized.

"My mom is still in the University of Michigan Hospital. She had been released to a rehab center but got an infection in her shoulder and they had to clean it out," said the couple's son Matt West, who attended the hearing. Susan West suffered

injuries to her shoulders, legs, arms and multiple broken ribs, her son said, "She's got to learn to walk again," said West, one of the couple's three children.

The accident happened just before 9:30 p.m. Police said the motorcycle ridden by the Garden City couple was southbound on Hines Drive.

As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail, police said a four-

door sedan traveling northbound attempted to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Trail.

"There were four witnesses at the scene who saw the defendant turn left in front of ongoing traffic," said Westland Police Officer Nathan McRae.

The motorcycle dropped to the pavement and began sliding. Police

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said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle, causing both rider and passenger to be ejected.

Unlike his wife, Gary West was not wearing a helmet when the crash occurred.

"They rode (their motorcycle) almost every night. They rode specifically on Hines Drive because they thought it was a safe area," said Matt West, whose parents have been Garden City residents for 28 years.

Having entered a not guilty plea, Montgomery has no prior alcohol-related offenses, according to police.

"It's been rough for me personally. If my dad is cremated because of this guy (Montgomery), then he should die behind bars," said Matt West. "I hate to put it so bluntly but he shouldn't leave free when my dad is dead at 56."

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Hometown crooner, Gracin gets key to city

Country crooner and *American Idol* finalist Josh Gracin received the key to the city during his performance at this year's Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

A Westland native and former U.S. Marine, Gracin achieved commercial success after appearing on the second season of *Idol*, finishing fourth and going on to record three albums with such hits as *I Want to Live* and *Stay with Me*.

Westland Mayor William Wild made the presentation, joined on stage with his wife Sherri, Westland's First Lady. Wild welcomed Gracin back to his hometown and congratulated him on his success as a recording artist.

"This is the first time Josh has played to his hometown since joining the military and pursuing his career in country music," said Wild. "Westland was fortunate he



Performing at Blues, Brews and Barbecue, Westland native Josh Gracin (left) receives the key to the city from Mayor William Wild, who is joined by his wife Sherri.

graciously accepted our offer to headline what has become our all American city's signature event, Blues, Brews and Barbecue."

In its second year, Blues, Brews and Barbecue expanded into a two-day event.

"Josh drew an overflow crowd Saturday night and helped us exceed our goals and raise much needed funds for a number of local charities, including the Sal-

vation Army, the Westland Community Foundation and the Westland Historical Society," said Wild. "Josh even stayed long after the 90-minute concert, giving autographs and talking to many fans and Westland residents."

Gracin's latest collection includes songs produced by Gracin and long-time collaborator Kevin Murphy, among them *Enough* and *Over Me*.

LIBRARY

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The library is planning to be open 69 hours a week beginning in either February or March when 12 additional staff will be called back from layoff or rehired. The library will also reinstate a full schedule of programs and begin improvements to the collection.

Along with the short-term improvements, Neal said the board and Library Director Sheila Collins will be developing a long-range plan for the library.

A \$190,000 program of energy efficient improvements to the library has recently been completed, including LED lighting and an insulating wrap of the building. The library is also seeking quotes for a HVAC controller, an ongoing issue at the library.

"We decided to correct the parts of the building without protection for heat loss," said Neal. "It was all energy-related. The costs will be paid off in a short number of years and there is a big rebate from the power company. We'll save more than the cost of the repairs."

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ber 2011.

In a report filed May 1, officials from Hegira told police that in his role as a case manager/social worker, Futch was responsible for collecting monthly rent and half of the utilities costs from some of their program clients living at Canterbury Woods in Inkster.

Hegira officials alleged that over a five-six-month period, Futch collected and kept \$6,448 in cash from five clients, who normally paid using checks. Some of the unpaid bills were overdue or the amounts billed were too high, causing Hegira officials to look into the situation.

When questioned about the money and overdue bills, Hegira officials told police that Futch responded with an e-

mail indicating he needed money for his church, the True Love Christian Fellowship Church located in Romulus.

Since Futch had told them he was going to repay the money on May 3, Hegira officials told Westland Police that they wanted to delay seeking prosecution. When the money hadn't been repaid by July 11, police mailed a fraud violation to Futch.

Officials at Hegira declined to comment

regarding Futch, whose employment was terminated once the missing money was discovered.

"I didn't run or hide from this. I admitted it - that's my stand. My goal is still to serve the students in Wayne-Westland," said Futch.

In a resume provided when he applied for the vacant school board seat, Futch doesn't include his time with Hegira. He lists himself as pastor of True Love

Christian Fellowship since March 2011 with an experience as a case manager at the Coalition for Temporary Shelter and Detroit Rescue Ministries, both located in Detroit.

Futch, a Wayne resident, is one of five candidates seeking two seats on the school board in November. The other candidates are Westland resident Jeffrey Hayton, who works performing quality analy-

sis and systems for the state and served as an appointed board member for five months in 2011; and Chandra Cozart, an attorney who works for a local nonprofit; appointed board member Frederick Weaver; and Westland resident Sally Madison, who is a mother of four, school volunteer and a student at Schoolcraft College.

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BARN

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The barn also has a steel I-beam installed for support, a structural addition required by city inspectors.

It's not clear yet how the barn will be used.

"We have a nice winter sled for Christmas. Along the walls we'll have farm equipment," Johnson said. "We'll probably keep the floor open for activities. We (the Historical Commission) haven't met to decide on what we will do."

Initially, the plan had been to move the barn

from the McKee property, where the family had farmed since 1874. The walls of the barn were found to be deteriorated and the bill to move utility lines to facilitate the move came in way over budget. That spurred a new plan to detach the roof and move the structure.

The project was funded with a \$50,000 allocation from Wayne County Parks millage through the efforts of Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia.

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Pastor Earl Duncan: A 'great man of God'

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

It was a somber twist of fate for the Duncan family this week.

Pastor Earl Duncan of Morningstar Church died in his sleep at home on Wednesday. The Rev. Duncan would have turned 60 next month and the family planned to celebrate.

That has changed. "We are using the guest list for his party to tell people that my Dad has died," said his youngest child Jordan.

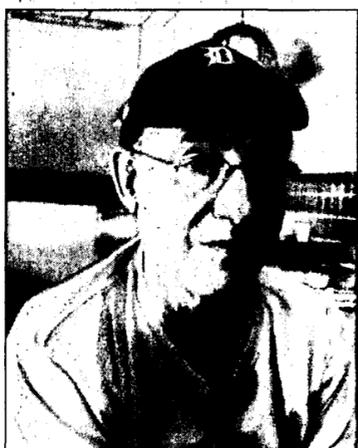
The funeral service was scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the church located at Dawson and Brandt on Garden City.

Earl Austin Duncan was born on Oct. 21, 1952, in Detroit. He graduated from Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights in 1971 and married his high school sweetheart, Monica, on March 30, 1973.

Together they had three children. Daughter Jessica is married to Dale Wardell, a chiropractor in Garden City. They have three children, Bradley — Pastor Duncan's first grandchild — Lindsay and Chelsea Grace. Son Jeremy and his wife Amy live in Wyandotte. And Jordan and his wife, Dusty, are the youth pastors at Morningstar Church and have two sons, Isaac and Jacob.

"At the age of 20, Earl accepted Jesus Christ as his savior and became a Christian," Jordan said.

He worked for more than 30 years for General Motors as a factory worker. During that time, he and his wife were heavily involved in their churches, first at West Chicago Baptist



Services for Pastor Earl Duncan of Morningstar Church were held Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Garden City church.

Church, then at Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights. He also served as a youth pastor at First Baptist Church of Garden City, First Baptist Church of Canton and Taylor Center Baptist Church.

Pastor Duncan worked with teenagers in churches for nearly 20 years as a volunteer while also maintaining his job at General Motors. He also coached Little League baseball for several years and was a coach in a local basketball league, the Metro Basketball Association.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, singing, reading and sports.

He also attended William Tyndale College while working for General

Motors.

After retiring from General Motors, the Duncans started Morningstar Ministries, also known as Morningstar Church, in Garden City. He was the pastor from the start held his first service on Feb. 14, 1999.

Their original goal was to reach Christians who had fallen out of church and bring them back in. The church originally met in the waiting room of Wardell Chiropractic and started with just 11 people.

Since then, they have moved a few times. In 2001, the church purchased its first building in Garden City on Pardo Street.

"We were there from 2001 until October of last year, when they moved to their current location on Dawson," Jordan said.

He was committed to the faith. "He was a great man of God who loved his church, loved preaching and reading scripture and loved being a pastor," Jordan said. "He was also an incredible father and great grandfathers. Some of his favorite things to do with Isaac and Jacob were to tell them stories and take them on 'tours' around the city. Being a father, a grandfather, a great husband and a pastor are probably the things that most people think of when they hear his name."

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Memorials can be made to the family to help defray the cost of the funeral.

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Westland eatery participates in Taste Fest 2012

A Westland restaurant will be a part of Taste Fest 2012, a first-time food extravaganza aimed at helping Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Forgotten Harvest.

Marvaso's Italian Grille, located on Wayne Road just north of Hunter, will be among restaurants participating Taste Fest 2012 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Burton Manor located at 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

Guests will be able to sample food 20 restaurants, fine wines and craft beers from Michigan and all around the world. Food will be available 6-8 p.m. and drinks will be served until 9 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by local indie pop/rock band Sinjon Smith.

Participating restaurants include Bahama Breeze Island Grille, Bar Louie, bd's Mongolian Grill, Brann's Steakhouse, Buffalo Wild Wing Grill & Bar, Burton Manor, California Pizza Kitchen, Chili's of Livonia, Claddagh Irish Pub, Doc's Sports Retreat of Livonia, G. Subu's Leather Bottle & Brick's of Northville, George's Senate Coney Island, Happy's Pizza, Hooters of Novi, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Little Diablo's Salsa, Los Amigos, Macaroni Grill, New Big Daddy's, On the Border, R.U.B. Barbeque and The Bone Yard III-Livonia.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at www.bmdcharities.org or by calling (734) 422-4567. Each entry ticket includes one sample token for every restaurant and 10 drink tokens. Additional tokens cost \$10 for 10. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Sept. 27.

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Grant helps St. Raphael put new computer lab in school

By Sue Mason
 Observer Staff Writer

St. Raphael School Principal DeAnn Brzezinski couldn't be happier about having a new computer lab.

Funded by a \$35,000 grant from the Archdiocese of Detroit, the lab is housed in Building 1 of the Garden City school. It's become a popular destination for teachers and students.

"The lab was moved from the parish center, this really brought technology into the school, it's now a well-used lab," said Brzezinski.

The grant helped the school to buy new computers and a Smart Board for the lab and document cameras for each classroom. The cameras allow teachers to use video or stills and show three-dimensional objects.

"We've really upgraded the school," said Brzezinski. "The teachers can use the cameras to manipulate objects and everyone in the classroom can see it on the screen."

Brzezinski added that the school has a theme of Making a Difference in the school and the community, and students have made a difference. Through bottle and can drives, they raised enough money to place the interactive white boards in the classrooms.

"One year, they raised \$1,600 another year \$1,800," said Brzezinski. "And they took all the bottles and cans back themselves."

Also new this year is a



The Rev. Raymond Lewandowski of St. Raphael Church is joined by students in a special blessing of St. Raphael School's new computer lab.

playscape that with the help of donations was obtained from the Garden City Public Schools.

According to Brzezinski, St. Raphael received a donation from the family of a former school secretary who wanted to do something in her name. The money

was enough to purchase the playscape, and another donation paid to have it professionally moved.

The playscape was moved to a spot behind the church on the parish property. It has provided an opportunity for students of all grades to mix together

and play together, Brzezinski said.

"The donors were people who believed in a Catholic education and believed in support the students and their safety," she added.

Up next for students and their families is an Applebee's/Barnes and Noble Book Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

This is the second time the school has done the book fair which will be 6-10 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble on Haggerty at Six

Mile in Northville.

Families can dine at Applebee's where 20 percent of the bill will be donated to the school and then walk over to the book store. The Rev. Raymond Lewandowski and Brzezinski will read to students at 6 and 6:30 p.m., respectively. There also will be teacher story times, a Student Art Show and a chance to challenge teachers to a board game.

A percentage of purchase will benefit school. Book orders also can be placed online at bn.com/bookfairs Oct. 2-9. Use Bookfair ID 10860971 at checkout.

"It's a nice night for families," said Brzezinski. "They get something to eat, grab some books and get to know what their children enjoy. It's a great evening, a nice event. It also gives Father Ray and myself a chance to read to a larger group of kids."

St. Raphael School is at Merriman and Beechwood, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 425-9771.

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Music faculty recital to benefit summer camp

Madonna University's Barbara Wiltsie, assistant professor of voice, will perform a selection of classical and Broadway songs with her long-time friend and vocalist Jacqueline Putnam at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in Kresge Hall at Madonna. They will be accompanied by pianist Allen Baston.

The show, "Friends Together Again," is free, though donations are being accepted at the door. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for high school students who wish to attend the Summer Lyric Theatre program, a music and theater camp held at Madonna University that gives area high school students a chance to get instruction from top industry professionals.

Wiltsie, who serves as the director for the summer camp, is a former touring artist for the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Putnam has performed in numerous Broadway musicals and currently performs chamber music and Operas in Atlanta. The two have been friends since 1976.

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.



St. Raphael students are enjoying a new playscape that was purchased from the Garden City Public Schools.



St. Raphael students had to wait until the start of school to see their new playscape.



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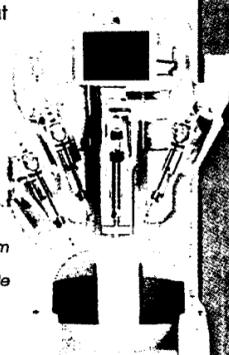
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Project Graduation

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2013 has several fund-raiser planned.

The group, which hosts an all-night party for graduating seniors, will have a dine and donate Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road Garden City. Ten percent all sales will be donated from open to close. There also will be 50/50 drawings and basket raffles.

Project Graduation also will hold a bowling fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 6, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland.

Check-in time is 8 p.m., bowling starts at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoes, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 drawings and basket raffles.

For more information or to donate time or a raffle time, contact Dawn Gabrielson at (734) 308-955 or by email at dawngabby@comcast.net or Carolyn Burek at (734) 981-5243 or by email at carolyn_burek@hotmail.com.

Golf outing

Albert's on the Alley and Fleming Financial Services will sponsor the first ever Golfers Against Diabetes Golf Outing at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road in Canton.

All proceeds from the outing will go to the American Diabetes Association.

The outing will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. The cost is \$85 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, hot dog at the turn, awards luncheon at Albert's on the Alley afterward and goody bags, games and prizes.

People interested in becoming involved as a golfer, hole sponsor or volunteer, or giving a donation can go online to www.AlbertsontheAlley.com and www.FlemingFinancialSvcs.com for more information, or contact John Fleming at (734) 604-0227 or by email at John@FlemingFinancialSvcs.com.

Hole sponsors are \$100 and registrations are due by Sept. 15. Checks should be made payable to the American Diabetes Association. Golfer registrations also are due by Sept. 15 with checks made payable to John Fleming. Payments can be sent to ADA Golf Outing, P.O. Box 819, Garden City, MI 48136.

Super Star Show

The Super Novas — Joe Tackett and Dennis Charles — will present a Las Vegas Super Star Show at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford Road, Garden City.

The emcee will be Dean Martin, with performers Roy Orbison, Johnny Rivers, Elvis, The Everly Brothers and Frankie Valli. Doors open at 7 p.m. Beer and pop will be available.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at Max Printing, 33135 Ford Road, and Video Stop, 30086 Ford Road. For more information, call the Knights Of Columbus Hall at (734) 425-6380 or Dennis Charles at (313) 400-5689.

Coffee hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will host district coffee hours Monday, Sept. 24, in Garden City and Livonia.

Anderson will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, 9-10 a.m. and at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Park and Read

Stop by the Garden City Library at the Maplewood Center for the popular Park and Read program, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the Library of Michigan.

In its fourth year, the program offers library card-holders the option of checking out a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any of Michigan's 101 state parks and recreation areas.

The one-day pass, a \$10 savings, also provides free, one-time access to any of the events taking place within the state parks this summer. Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and are good for day use

only. Park and Read runs now through Oct. 1.

The Park and Read pass also is valid at any of the 11 museums or historic sites within the Michigan Historical Museum system.

In the book

The Lathers General Store, located inside the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman in Garden City, is currently selling the recently released book *Michigan's Haunted Legends and Lore* by Kristy Robinett, a Livonia-based psychic medium and author.

The book includes a chapter detailing her findings during recent paranormal investigations of the Straight Farmhouse. Robinett will host her annual Halloween program, "A Gathering of Souls Seance," at the farmhouse 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. The program offers an great opportunity to have her autograph her new book.

Visit www.tangledwishes.com for more information on Robinett's program and to purchase tickets.

Her book costs \$19.99 during regular store hours, from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, contact the Straight Farmhouse at (734) 838-0650 or go online to www.sfhonline.org.

It's September, time to start thinking about Santaland

It's been a long, hot summer, but it's not too early to start thinking Christmas and the 2012 Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade.

The 52nd annual parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. The theme of this year's parade is a "Rock and Roll Christmas." Participants are encouraged to incorporate the theme into their entry. This year, float entries should declare in advance if they want to be judged for the non-cash award for first through third. Also new this year, there will be a Mayor's Award given to the best overall entry of any kind.

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority is once again the title sponsor of the parade. The DDA contributes \$7,000 toward the operation of the parade.

"Just over \$3,000 goes toward overtime for the police department to provide road closures, traffic control, security and protection for the parade," said Dan York, Santaland Parade Committee member. "The rest is used for items such as parade balloons, barricades and marching bands."

The Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade also is beginning its fund-

raising effort for 2012. The 52-year-old parade is completely self-funded between donations and sponsorships from businesses and individuals.

"The business community has been incredible in their support of the parade," York said. "Last year, businesses contributed more than \$7,000. The top contributor aside from the DDA was Rockstarz Karaoke Bar and Grill with a donation of \$2,000. Rockstarz has already committed to be a major sponsor again this year."

York added that Garden City Hospital, which came through with \$1,000 last year, has committed to a \$1,000 sponsorship for 2012. Making \$500 donations last year were the Santieu family, Gordon Chevrolet, Garden City Medical Center, John Fleming of Fleming Financial, Orin's Jewelers, Dr. Mark Barsamian, Inkorporate Graphics and RG & GR Harris Funeral Homes. Already committed for 2012 are the Santieu family, Barsamian, Fleming Financial, Orin's Jewelers and Inkorporate Graphics.

"We're contacting businesses that have been sponsors in the past," York said. "If someone

would like to be a sponsor of the parade that hasn't been contacted, they can go to the parade's website and view the sponsorship package for complete details."

The DDA again will host the Santaland post-parade event at the site of the farmers market immediately following the parade. It will feature entertainment, hot chocolate and an opportunity to meet with Jolly Old St. Nick. The Downtown Santaland Parade will be sponsoring a photo contest for the day's events. The contest will be open to high school-age youngsters with a first prize of \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25. Rules for the contest will be announced soon.

The Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade is a part of the Garden City Community Coalition, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live in Garden City by promoting a lifestyle free from the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

More information and parade entry and sponsorship forms can be found on the Santaland website at www.santalandparade.com/forms.

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Water project quenches runners' thirst

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

That large group of orange-shirted runners you may have seen moving along Hines Drive on weekends is on a mission – to provide clean water for Zambia through the World Vision organization.

Novi residents Billy Downs, 47, and Tony Hobart, 57, are serving as captains of the contingency, Team Northridge Ridge Runners, which is preparing to run in the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7.

"It started within Northridge," said Downs, who has been a member of the Plymouth church since 2004. "World Vision came to us and asked if anybody might want to do it. Myself and Tony decided this would be a nice project to take on and gather people to run a marathon, change some lives on the other side of the world and work on their own lives."

That was in November last year, and the two started recruiting family, friends and neighbors in January, and marketed the opportunity in their church and others. They number around 250.

"It's amazing," said Downs. "Probably 75 percent have never done a marathon or haven't run in 20 to 40 years. The life-changing that's happening – people losing tons of weight. It's awesome to watch."

Their goal is to raise \$500,000 for a clean water project in two communities in Zambia. They're at \$191,000 two and a half weeks to go.

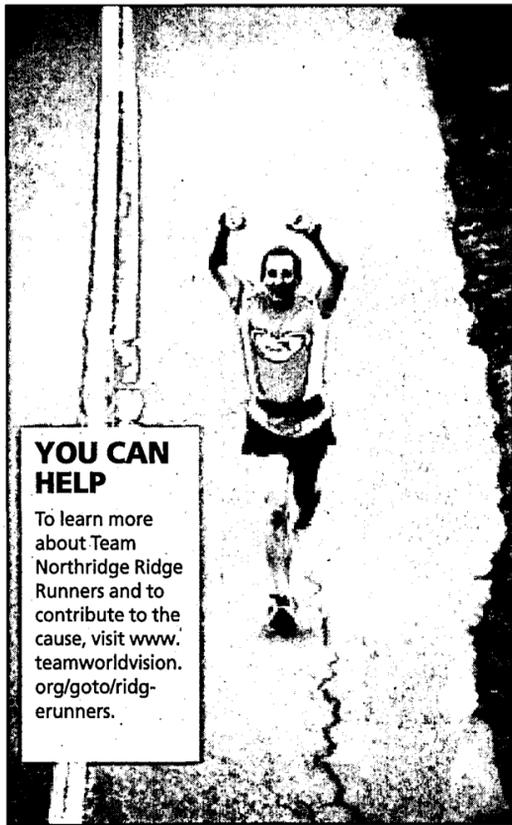
"We still have a great chance to raise our goal," said Downs.

One of those participating runners is Bobbie Murphy, a neighbor of Downs who caught the excitement.



Team Northridge Ridge Runners training on Sept. 15 for the Chicago Marathon as a fundraiser for clean water in Zambia.

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Novi residents Tony Hobart (pictured) and Billy Downs are co-captains of a large group of local runners heading to Chicago in October to run in the marathon.

YOU CAN HELP

To learn more about Team Northridge Ridge Runners and to contribute to the cause, visit www.teamworldvision.org/goto/ridgerunners.

"Billy has just got so much energy and passion for doing something that's productive," said Murphy.

She started the "painful" training in June, and noted that some will have to walk the Chicago Marathon due

to injuries – "but they're committed to finishing it," she said.

The group meets at 7 a.m. on Saturdays behind the First Presbyterian Church in Northville. This past weekend, they did a 20-mile run, and this Saturday's will be 12 miles. Each member is supposed to run at least three other times during the week as well.

"Most are sticking to the plan," said Murphy, who was a sprinter in high school and ran a quite a few road races "pre-children."

"I'm getting there," she said of her conditioning, "but I'm excited to have it over."

Saturday was a hard race. It's a nice training plan, but it's nutritious-everything! They come with tips each week – what to eat, get enough rest, get a good night's sleep two nights prior."

Downs, a resident of Novi since 1995, started running in 2001 when he said he was "working and not really staying fit." He did his first triathlon that year.

"It changed my lifestyles," he said. "I started enjoying the sport, and I still compete. I do different events, probably one or two marathons a year, but my focus is mostly on triathlons."

The local group of runners will all find different ways to get to Chicago, but most of them are staying at the same hotel. Some are going earlier than others to help organize.

"There's one Northville gal who every week writes with sidewalk chalk motivational things (on their path)," said Murphy. "We're out there at 7, so she's got to be out there at 6 a.m. or before! It's been really great. The people I've met are amazing."

She said one of their runners lost 86 pounds in training. Another member organized a 5k run and raised \$10,000 for the team.

"People are using this as a means of changing their lives and helping other people," said Murphy. "And it gives people the opportunity to connect their faith in an active way."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Westland Stars

The Westland Stars are back and they have found a home.

Girls ages 10-14 or in the fifth-eighth grades can learn to dance and cheer at the Wayne-Westland Community Education Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. Practices will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Oct. 1. Information will be available at the first practice for parents about such things as the team, clinics and membership.

Join the Stars and learn to cheer and stunt as well as jazz, pom, lyrical, hip-hop, novelty/prop dance.

Spaghetti dinner

Tickets are available in advance for a spaghetti dinner being held Saturday, Oct. 6, at the St. Theodore Parish Hall, 8020 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for those under age 5. The meal includes, spaghetti, salad, beverage and dessert. Wine will be available for \$1 per glass.

To order tickets, call the church office at (734) 425-4421.

Town hall meetings

Mayor William Wild will continue his scheduled series of town hall meetings to discuss with the public the City Hall project.

The meetings will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church at 29124 Eton, Tuesday, Oct. 9, at P.D. Graham Elementary at 1255 S. John Hix, Thursday, Oct. 18, at Edison Elementary at 34505 Hunter and Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Cooper Upper Elementary at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

Harvest Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its annual Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from the Wayne Post Office in Wayne.

The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12 for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and desert. Pop will be sold for an additional 50 cents. Carry-outs will be available. There also will be crafts, Rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt and bake sale and more.

The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Craft shows

The Westland Friendship Center is hosting its first Holiday Craft Show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, as a fund-raiser for the Christmas Special, being held at the center on Friday, Dec. 7.

Crafters will show off their items, so those who want a jump on the holiday shopping can purchase home made gifts early.

There is no charge for entrance, and there will be food available during lunch

hours for purchase. The Westland Friendship Center is a 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

• St. Damian will hold its annual Fall Arts and Craft Show 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.

• St. Theodore Church will hold its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

The show will feature unique and handmade crafts, homemade baked goods and a variety of filled baskets raffle. Refreshments available, and there will be free parking and admission.

St. Theodore is at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Hiring Day

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will be holding a bell ringer hiring day Friday, Oct. 12. Applications will be accepted at the corps headquarters, 2300 Venoy in Westland between 1-3 p.m.

No musical ability is required for applicants wanting to work as bell ringers collecting donations through the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. Two forms of identifications must be presented when an application is being filled out. The most commonly used are a driver's license and Social Security card.

The position begins Nov. 9 and runs Monday through Saturday until Dec. 24. Paid bell ringers receive \$7.40 per hour and can work up to 40 hours a week. For more information, call the corps at (734) 722-3660.

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 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information please call Doug at (248) 417-0195 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/.

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

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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

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By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I are retired from Ford and we have received buyout information. We've decided that I would not accept the buyout, but my wife would. My pension and both of our Social Security more than cover our living expenses. We would convert my wife's buyout into a Roth IRA. We won't need the money, so why not let it grow tax-free? I am 68 and my wife is 66. Do you think it makes sense to do a Roth conversion? Also, since we are receiving this money this year, do we have to do the conversion before the end of the year?

A: The strategy that you are following, your wife accepting the buyout and you continuing with your pension, is sound and makes sense. It will give you and your wife more flexibility in the future. I believe one of the goals in life is to give yourself options and choices and that is what you are doing.

With regards to the Roth conversion, age generally has nothing to do with it. When I look at an investor, I rarely focus on their age. I focus on their individual goals and objectives. To me, age does not say very much about a person. After all, can someone tell me who the typical 68-year-old is or a 75-year-old, or even a 25-year-old? In today's world, it is impossible. After all, you have 90-year-olds running marathons, some 70-year-olds who are working and, of course, others who are retired.

In addition, in your situation both you and your wife are not old by any stretch of the imagination. After all, you can easily be around another 30 years. The thought that you shouldn't consider a Roth IRA because you're too old is nonsense. At this stage in your life, you are



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I would not recommend it. One of the guidelines that I have for Roth conversions is that you don't want to throw yourself into a higher tax bracket. Based upon your situation, if you

far from old.

With regards to the Roth conversion, you do not have to do it in one year and in your situation I

converted your wife's buyout into one lump sum, it would throw you into a higher tax bracket. From the numbers that you provided, it would make sense to spread your Roth conversion over two years. I recommend you convert half your wife's money into a Roth IRA by the end of 2012 and then convert the other half at the start of 2013. By doing it this way, it will not be thrown into a higher tax bracket.

One of the advantages of taking the buyout from Ford or from any employ-

er is you can take those proceeds and convert them into a Roth IRA. For people who will not need the money for a number of years, a Roth conversion can be a great strategy to follow. After all, when money is in a Roth IRA, it is not subject to the age 70½ rule. In addition, Roth IRAs grow tax-free and when money is withdrawn, there are no tax consequences. Therefore, for people who do not need money for long periods of time, Roth conversions make sense.

Converting money from

a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA is one of the benefits of taking the Ford buyout. There are obviously other advantages, but there are also some disadvantages. We will be discussing both of these at my upcoming free seminar sponsored by *Observer & Eccentric Media*. The seminar will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Two sessions are planned, starting at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. These sessions are designed to be educational and help you make the right deci-

sion for your individual situation. To make a reservation, send an email to seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com or call (248) 932-1379. For more information, check the homepage of my website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Good luck!
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Livonia: Cultural Heartbeat of Michigan Happy Birthday Livonia Symphony Orchestra

By R. William Joyner

1973. Two meetings at Livonia City Hall. In one Francesco DiBlasi met to discuss the new Symphony Orchestra he was starting. Across the hall Electra Stamelos met to discuss saving the Wilson Barn.

One wanting to save a part of Livonia's history and the other wanting to help create a history to be enjoyed for generations to come.

1973 was a great year for our hometown. A continuation of building on our past to enjoy the

vibrant future.

It was 1958 that the Livonia Youth Symphony was founded. 1966 was the first year for the Livonia Civic Chorus. The 1960's had summer theatre at Franklin High School. Arts and culture helping shape a hometown of which neighbors would be proud for years to come.

2013. Right around the corner. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra going strong 40 years later. A vibrant Civic Chorus, educational Youth

Symphony, gleeful Youth Chorus, Motor City Youth Theatre, Paul's Players, Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

When one looks to quality of life there is no need to look any further than those organizations looking to write our history. Art and culture.

We celebrate 40 years for the Livonia Symphony and acknowledge the key role they play while joining other cultural organizations in defining Livonia quality of life.



Bill Joyner

Musical leadership from around the world



Volodymyr Shesiuk



David Ormai



Carl Karoub

The Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, the Lviv Philharmonic Symphony in the Ukraine and the Symphony Orchestra in Livonia have Volodymyr Shesiuk in common. As he enters his 20th season as Music Director of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Shesiuk brings the experience gained as Conductor-in-Residence at the Bolshoi and the Lviv Symphony.

Having emigrated to the United States from the Ukraine in 1991 he became a citizen of the U.S. in 2000.

Having a musical director with his background working with outstanding musicians draws rave reviews on the quality of concerts from throughout southeast Michigan. He is one of the reasons noted soloists are lining up to perform during the 2012-13 season including Ania Sorokhtei, Pianist, who was born in Lviv, Ukraine in 1972. She then attended the Lviv Special Music School for Gifted Children.

Native born Livonian, Anthony Bonamici is marking only the second time in twelve years that he has performed in his hometown of Livonia since leaving

in 1994 to study in Russia at the famed Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

Carl Karoub has served as Assistant Conductor and Principal Horn of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra for many years. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Performance from the University of Illinois and a Masters Degree in Music Education from Wayne State University. A former member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, he serves on the staff of the Livonia Youth Orchestra.

A native of Budapest, Hungary, David Ormai is an active performer and teacher in Michigan. He has served as Livonia Symphony's concertmaster since 2010. He has performed with such ensembles as Ann Arbor Symphony, the Colorado Music Festival, and the Danubia of Hungary. During the summer of 2010, he was the concertmaster and soloist for the music festival on Michigan's own Beaver Island, 'Baroque on Beaver'. As a dedicated teacher, David maintains a private studio in Ann Arbor.

Join the Birthday Celebration



A party like Livonia has never seen before is being organized by a coalition of business, cultural and political leaders. Scheduled for September 27 the event will mark the 40th Anniversary of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

John Hiltz, President of OHM, Steve Futrell, President of Technology Solutions and Brian Parel, Portfolio Manager for Schostak Brothers & Company will be joining with Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, State Representative John Walsh, Council President Laura Toy and Councilman Tom Robinson, and former County Commissioner Bill Joyner in saluting the Symphony.

Planned for the Laurel Park Office Center Atrium, provided in partnership with Schostak Brothers & Company the party will feature entertainment by the LSO String and Brass Ensembles, artwork on display from a number of Livonia artists and a strolling barber shop quartet.

Peggy Gaskill, President of the Livonia Civic Chorus, and Virginia Bosak, President of VAAL, Rose Kachnowski, President of the LSO, are serving as Honorary Co-Chairs of the event showcasing the diversity of artistic programming available in Livonia.

Additional business community support comes from Honorary Co-chairs, Kathy Hoen, Community Alliance Credit Union, Robert Hardkes, Financial

& Portfolio Advisors, Charlie Mahoney, Four-M Associates, Eric Ladwig, Livonia UPS Store and Cory Jacobson, Phoenix Theatres.

Artists on exhibit will include Rosa Paulus and Boris Ristevski of Northville, Paul Joyner of Hermosa Beach California, Julie Cassar of Redford, and Livonia artists Virginia Bosak, Grace Karczewski, Dan Kachnowski and Terry Marecki. Thomas's Catering will be providing the food and catering services.

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One Dream Made a Difference

It takes one person taking the first step. Ideas are easy to come by but the ability of one person to pursue a dream makes all the difference. That is certainly the case of Livonia Symphony founder Francesco DiBlasi.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra was founded on June 4, 1973 as the Oakway Symphony to serve the people of Oakland and Wayne Counties. The name was changed to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in 1988 to better identify and serve the residents of Livonia and to give it a designation easily recognized by music lovers who had long looked to Livonia for regional

leadership in many areas. Francesco DiBlasi attended the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, the Julliard School of Music and L'Ecole de Pierre Monteux.

Maestro DiBlasi performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as assistant 1st trumpet for eight years. He also performed with the American Youth Orchestra, Radio City Music Hall, New York City Opera, American Symphony Orchestra and the Metropolitan Opera.

He has conducted the Buffalo Philharmonic, Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the Michigan Opera Company. He has also conducted the

Grand Rapids Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Scandinavian Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, St. Cecilia Orchestra, Rome Italy; Julliard Opera, and the San Diego Symphony.

Francesco DiBlasi took an idea, a love for symphonic music and a growing community. He turned this desire for sharing cultural excellence with the masses into a Livonia tradition that has grown and prospered for 40 years.

Thank you Francesco DiBlasi for sharing your vision and providing music lovers with the opportunity to enjoy the skills of outstanding musicians; musicians locally and from around the world.



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Volunteer leaders set the tone for Symphony Success

Starting out as the Oakway Symphony with volunteer board members from Birmingham, Livonia and Detroit, among others, the Livonia Symphony continues to excel in attracting hometown volunteers dedicated to cultural excellence, providing quality music throughout Michigan and offering volunteer leadership second to none.

Starting with President Rose Kachnowski who upon retirement as a Director at Madonna University turned her leadership skills to shaping a quality Symphony second to none, the board of directors represents a cross section of volunteer and business sectors:



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Students 'Leap' into science to ready for MEAP

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City fifth-graders bounced balls, weighed a plastic frog and its plastic organs and ground up crayons to make "rocks."

It was a time of discovery and a time of fun, but it also was a Leap into MEAP, a half-day program designed to review their science skills as they prepare to take the state standardized tests next month.

"Science is my favorite subject, I always want to do experiments," said Carly Costello, who decided making a sedimentary rock was the best. "I liked it because I got to sharpen a crayon and got to see how the flakes turned into a rock."

This is the fifth year that School Superintendent Michelle Cline has worked with students on science. Initially, Leap into MEAP was done in school cafeterias, but with the opening of the district's Discovery Center several years ago, they have done their experiments first at the Maplewood Center and now at Henry Ruff School.

Cline is hoping this is the year, the district will see the benefit of the program in the students' MEAP scores. School officials have seen an improvement in writing through such classes as her Crime Scene Investigation-style Missing Millionaire and Squirrely Adventure.

"This is the year we will hopefully see a difference," Cline said. "The fifth-graders have been involved in the inquiry-based activities for five years. The experiences hopefully will allow them to perform better on the MEAP this year."

The classes are what



Students watch as Cline explains the glow stick experiment and what they need to determine. Throughout the day, they refreshed the water in each glass and made their own calculations.



Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline looks over an experiment in which three glow bracelets are submerged on water that's hot, at room temperature and ice water to determine which will be the brightest and last the longest time.

Cline did at her Francis Allen Institute of Teaching and Thinking for the Head and Heart prior to becoming the Garden City school superintendent. Armed with booklets to record their findings, the students worked on their

science processing skills. They measured, observed and describe what they had done.

The experiments they worked on included determining which glow stick glowed the brightest and longest when submerged



Gabrielle Bicknell takes notes on how to do the different experiments for Leap into MEAP.

in water that was hot, room temperature and ice cold. They measured how high balls of difference sizes, weight and material bounced, and used magnets to determine polarity and what objects were attracted and repelled.

In the cafeteria, the students became the earth

as Cline walked around them, holding a yellow and black ball so they could see the phases of the moon. They also used measuring tapes to determine their body shapes by measuring the height and length of their arms in centimeters.

Along the way, they

learned that the length of their shoe is equal to distance from their elbow to their wrist and that the length of their nose is the same as distance from the tip of their index finger to the tip of their thumb when the two are held straight and side by side.

Asked to decide which program year was the best, Carly picked this year as the "best." She voted for the glow stick in hot water as the brightest and wished that the frog they had used at the weights and measures table had been "real."

"It would have been gross, but it would have been fun," she said.

She was off on the glow stick. Heating the glow sticks speeds up the chemical reaction, but shortens the glow time. With lower temperatures, the glow is a little bit duller but the stick will glow for a longer period of time.

Lynn Orzechowski helped students work with magnets. As the last group sorted through the objects, putting them into two piles, she came to the conclusion that students had been sharing their findings.

"My son Ethan wanted me to come in," she said. "I was a preschool teacher for 13 years and I enjoy working with kids. I decided this would be fun."

Cline hopes the things the children do at the Discovery Center will carry over into the classroom.

"It's only one day, but what I hope is that the teachers see the kinds of things they need to do in their classrooms," she said. "Science should be fun."

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Giving the grave marker a sword salute are Sons of the Revolutionary War Honor Guard members, Gerald Burkland, Joe Conger and Rod Wilson.

Revolutionary War soldier's grave site rededicated

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The grave site of a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Livonia was rededicated during a recent ceremony attended by 13 of his direct descendants.

Pvt. David Dean was just 15 when he enlisted in the Continental Army on March 1, 1778, while living in New York. Chronicles have recorded that he marched to West Point and met George Washington. He took part in the famous battle of Minisink and was one of only 30 patriots to survive.

He moved to Livonia Township in 1836 to live near sons David, Gabriel, William and Luther. He died at age 76 on Sept. 23, 1838, and was buried in Newburgh Cemetery.

In 1930, the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution decorated his gravestone with a Revolutionary War Patriot marker. But over time, the marker disappeared and his headstone broke into pieces.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter paid to replace the marker and restore the gravestone, said Kathleen Ripley Leo, the chapter's regent.

"Our mission is to celebrate their sacrifice," Leo said of Revolutionary War soldiers. "They sacrificed their fortunes, honor and sometimes their lives to make our freedom possible."

'They did it up royal'
Descendants came from as far away as Califor-



Descendants of David Dean — John Dean, Ypsilanti; Lawrence Dean Jr., Rochester, and Barbara Hight, Plymouth — watch the rededication ceremony conducted by the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

nia, but also from Canton, Plymouth, Pinckney, Rochester and Ypsilanti to attend the rededication, which included a fife and drum corps, color guard, sword ceremony and taps.

"They did it up royal. They did it full-tilt," said Sue Daniel, chair of the Livonia Historical Commission and a member of the Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR Chapter.

The ceremony was attended by about 60 people total.

Troy David Schmidt, the great-great-great-grandson of David Dean, traveled from California. He has been researching David Dean's descendants for three decades. He said little personal information is known about David Dean himself.

"We know about his military service, some land records and dates for births, deaths and marriages of David and his family, but there are no

known written records to provide us with information about his personal thoughts, beliefs or experiences," Schmidt said.

"His granddaughter, Mary, described the family as 'sturdy Puritan stock, so strict (they refused to cook on Sunday ...'"

"David's grandchildren further described him as a kind man of '(Scottish)' descent who loved children and enjoyed telling stories about the war," Schmidt said. "I imagine him as stern, determined and independent — a man who worked hard everyday and whose life was shaped by his Presbyterian heritage."

Enlisted three times

David Dean was born in 1763 in Little Britain, N.Y. According to the DAR, he served for just three months following his initial enlistment. Much of that service was fatigue duty and guarding

the jail at Goshen, N.Y. Over the next two years, he enlisted twice more to serve for a total of 14 months and 16 days.

He married Phoebe Borland in 1784, and they had nine children who survived to adulthood. The family moved from Goshen, N.Y., to Canandaigua, N.Y., about 1800. Phoebe died Sept. 20, 1831, after which David Dean moved to Livonia Township.

"He didn't live very long (afterward)," Daniel said.

David Dean gave the musket he used in the Revolutionary War to his son, Gabriel, who had accompanied him on the move to Livonia Township, Daniel said. Gabriel served in the War of 1812, as did three of David Dean's other sons. Gabriel's son Henry fought in the Civil War.

Three of David Dean's sons went on from Livonia to Ingham, Eaton and Jackson counties. Luther stayed behind and also is buried in Newburgh Cemetery.

Daniel said David Dean is one of four known Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Newburgh Cemetery, the city's oldest. His headstone was close to a tree, and one of the roots had dislodged and toppled it as the tree grew.

Schmidt said attending the rededication of his great-great-great-grandfather's tombstone was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for him.

"I'm very happy to see it upright," he said.

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Naughton heads up Detroit Metro, Willow Run airports

The Board overseeing the operation of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport has approved a contract with Tom Naughton, removing Interim from his CEO title.

Naughton has served as Interim CEO of Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) since Oct. 31, 2011 when the board terminated the previous CEO,



Naughton

Turkia Mullin, who served for approximately two months.

In less than 11 months, Naughton has shaved \$23 million in costs from the Airport Authority budget, reduced staff by 58 people with no layoffs, reorganized the management structure, implemented an option for free Wi-Fi within the terminals, resolved labor contracts with the majority of WCAA's 10 bargaining units and improved the organization's credit outlook.

"Tom has demonstrated very strong leadership and administrative skills since stepping into the role of Interim CEO," said Board Chair Mary Zuckerman. "His ability to stabilize the airport and keep moving it forward was recognized recently by global rating agencies Fitch and Moody's and he has inspired the confidence of his staff."

"I am grateful to the board for this vote of confidence and will work

diligently to live up to their expectations," said Naughton. "I feel especially honored to lead this team of outstanding and seasoned professional employees whose amazing dedication, creativity and pursuit of excellence makes me proud every day."

Prior to his appointment as Interim CEO, Naughton had served as the Airport Authority's Chief Financial Officer since its inception in 2002, during which time he led the creation of the Authority's finance and technology departments. Naughton was named "CFO of the Year" among nonprofit government agencies by Crain's Detroit Business in 2009.

"Our longstanding commitment to our top priorities of safety and security will not waver. We are also focusing on our responsibility to take good care of some of the state's most critical transportation infrastructure," said Naughton, referring to runway reconstruction projects at both Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports.

"Maintaining and generating new air service for our business and leisure travel communities and stimulating economic development at and around the airports are other areas of key focus," he said. "We are also working on a much-needed sustainability plan for the long-term viability of Willow Run Airport."

Naughton received a three-year contract that pays him \$250,000 annually.

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Local company helping to save the 'SS United States'

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Everyone knows about the RMS Titanic.

But a Livonia business and a growing number of people interested in preserving maritime history want Americans to know about "the greatest ship ever built" — the SS United States.

The massive ocean liner, which sailed from 1952 to 1969, still holds the transatlantic speed record for a passenger liner.

It was 107.5 feet longer and more than 50 percent faster than the Titanic, and unlike the ill-fated luxury liner, it's still floating.

"It's greater in many ways than the Titanic," said David Lawrence, chief administrative officer for AlphaUSA.

Yet, because it didn't tragically fail, it's not nearly as famous, he said.

Lawrence is helping his company, AlphaUSA, along with its president, Chuck Dardas, get the word out about the SS United States, a.k.a. America's flagship, to help save and restore it.

Moored in Philadelphia, it was rescued from being sold for scrap by a Philadelphia philanthropist and is now owned by the non-profit SS United States Conservancy.

Lawrence spoke Wednesday morning to the Livonia AM Rotary Club, showing excerpts from an upcoming PBS documentary on the ship and telling about a website AlphaUSA designed where donors can "purchase" a square inch of the ship for \$1 (savetheunitedstates.org).

Waterfront attraction

Plans are to turn the ship into a permanent waterfront attraction with hotel rooms, restaurants and a museum. The cost for the initial restoration and museum alone is \$25 million, Lawrence said. More money is needed to develop it into a usable



A crowd of Rotarians gathers at 7:30 a.m. to hear David Lawrence talk about the project to save the SS United States.

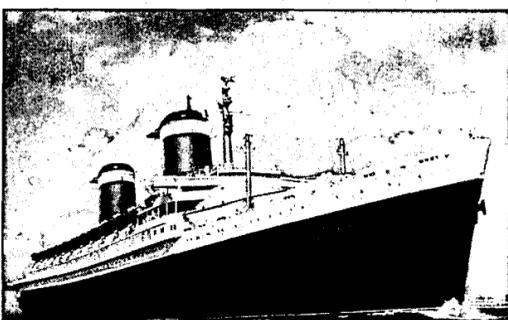


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attraction. About \$6 million has been raised so far.

Lawrence said Dardas heard about the ship's plight from a Philadelphia customer with ties to the conservancy. The customer had asked for contact information for Lee Iacocca in the hopes the retired auto executive-turned philanthropist could help raise the needed revenue as he had for the Statue of Liberty restoration.

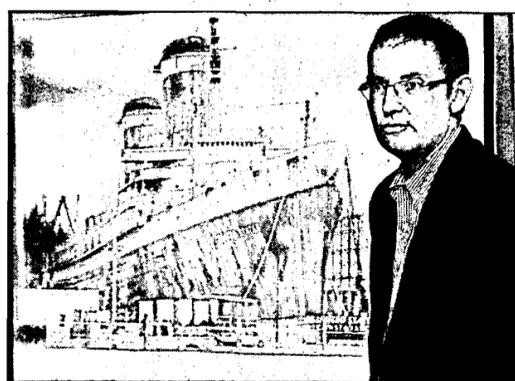
But as soon as Dardas heard of the need, he wanted to get involved in helping to save the ship, Lawrence said. Dardas has a personal connection:

"He owned a model of the ship during his childhood," Lawrence said.

Lawrence himself had never heard of the ship until a year and a half ago, but he said he quickly realized "this was something incredible."

"When you see her in person, she is a mammoth ship," he said, stretching as many feet in length as the Chrysler building does in height.

Lawrence also saw the SS United States as "a model of technology, innovation and American ingenuity," which "aligns with how Alpha approaches



David Lawrence, chief administrative officer of AlphaUSA, talks about efforts to restore the SS United States.

manufacturing," he said. Lawrence now serves on the advisory council for the conservancy.

Only object called 'United States'

Funded under an act of Congress, the superliner was designed by famed

naval architect William Francis Gibbs, constructed entirely in the United States and greatly subsidized with taxpayer dollars.

It is "the only man-made object called the United States," Lawrence said.

Noted for its safety,

speed and style, the ship was designed to serve as the world's finest passenger liner in peaceful times. But in case of war, it could be converted in just two days to a troop carrier, capable of transporting 15,000 troops to anywhere in the world.

On July 7, 1952, the SS United States completed the transatlantic passage in three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes, with an average speed of 35.59 knots (more than 40 mph), shattering the Queen Mary's standing record.

The ship was so fast, the water peeled the paint from its bow.

Even when still, it looked like it was in motion with its slanted red, white and blue stacks and a sharp prow.

The "Big U" made her final transatlantic voyage on Nov. 7, 1969, replaced by the much-faster jet airplane. She was removed from service on Nov. 11 of that year.

The ship's restoration project is getting national publicity. Besides PBS, CBS Sunday morning is doing a program on it as is Time magazine, Lawrence said.

Livonia AM Rotary member Bob Carris hopes school children, including those in Livonia, take the SS United States on as a fundraising project. "It'll help teach American history, and it'll give them a sense of being part of something," he said.

Rotary President William W. Friske said he thinks it's a fantastic project. "As a Rotary Club, we're going to buy a minimum of a couple hundred inches ourselves," he said.

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Friends of the Rouge holds Fall Bug Hunt

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt on Saturday Oct. 20.

Interested volunteers must preregister by Oct. 5. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center on Haggerty north of Six Mile in Livonia. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river.

The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site. Data is submitted to the State of Michigan and Rouge communities which use them to screen for problems and assess restoration progress.

Register online at www.therouge.org. Call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitor-

ing@therouge.org for more information.

The Fall Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed.

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W-W fills four principal positions

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Students at four Wayne-Westland schools started off the school year with new principals.

The school board recently approved the appointment of Adam Martin, Emily Testani, Andrew Rosinski and Rebecca DesJardins to fill vacancies at Stevenson Middle School and Elliott, Hicks and Taft-Galloway Elementaries.

Martin, who had been an assistant principal at John Glenn High School, has moved over to Stevenson. A Garden City resident, he started his teaching career in 2003 as science and social studies teacher with the Detroit Public Schools. He also taught physical science, science and chemistry in the Garden City Public Schools from 2009 to 2010, when he was hired as an assistant principal at John Glenn.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in history and science and a master of public administration degree, both from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Martin thanked the school board and the administration for "being allowed to work in Wayne-Westland and work at John Glenn." He also thanked Glenn Principal David Ingham and the staff for "helping me become a better educator."

"I definitely enjoy kids," he said. "It will be different with 900 seventh-eighth-graders and 60 staff, but I'm excited."

School board Vice President John Goci told Martin that "the students at Glenn are going to miss you."

"You're a great principal," he said. "You'll have your hands full at Stevenson, but remember they're all (Stevenson) Saints over there."

Testani, a former elementary teacher in the South Lyon Community Schools, is the principal of Elliott Elementary School. A Wixom resident, she started as a classroom assistant in the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools in 2001 and was a long-term guest teacher with the Vestaburg Community Schools.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Alma College, a master of arts degree in curriculum/teaching from Michigan State

University and an educational specialist degree in education leadership from Oakland University.

"Thank you for this opportunity, I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be a part of this educational team," said Testani. "I look forward to this year at Elliott."

Rosinski was approved as principal at Hicks Elementary in Inkster. The Canton resident is moving from Wayne Memorial High School where he was an assistant principal for four years. He also was a fifth-grade teacher at Elliott Elementary and an English teacher at Franklin Middle School.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in English and elementary curriculum from Madonna University and a master of education degree in educational leadership from Oakland University.

"I want to thank the teachers and administrators who mentored me, especially (Wayne Memorial Principal) Val Orr," said Rosinski. "I look forward to working with parents and staff to foster learning at Hicks."

"It's going to be a switch going from high school to elementary school," said board President Carol Middel. "I hope you enjoy your stay there."

"I don't know what Wayne Memorial will do without," added school Board Secretary Cindy Schofield. "You've been a real asset."

Returning to where her teaching career started is DesJardins who has been appointed principal of Taft-Galloway Elementary in Wayne.

DesJardins started with Wayne-Westland in 2002 as a fifth-grade teacher at Taft-Galloway. She also taught fifth-grade at Vandenburg Elementary and was a sixth-grade/talented and gifted teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary School.

The Allen Park resident has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and a master of education degree in educational leadership, both from Wayne State University.

"Thank you for the opportunity," said DesJardins. "I also want to thank my husband who supported me. I look forward to working with the parents and the staff at Taft-Galloway."

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HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Noon Time Book Club: noon Sept. 25

In *Let the Great World Spin*, acclaimed author Colum McCann offers a far-reaching account of New York City life in the 1970s. This volume charts the experiences of a diverse group of outsiders as they struggle to come to terms with the challenges fate has placed before them.

Corrigan is an Irish monk battling his dark side on the streets of the Bronx. Tillie is a young grandmother who becomes a prostitute to make ends meet. An artist witnesses a hit-and-run accident that forever alters her life. And a group of grieving mothers deal with the deaths of their sons in Vietnam. The stories of these individuals come together to create a unique, vivid portrait of American life. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. Sept. 26



Join us for a discussion of Susanna Clarke's *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell*. At the dawn of the 19th century, two very different magicians emerge to change England's history. In the year 1806, with the Napoleonic Wars raging on land and sea, most people believe magic to be long dead in England - until the reclusive Mr Norrell reveals his powers, and becomes a celebrity overnight. Soon, another practicing magician comes forth: the young, handsome, and daring Jonathan Strange. He becomes Norrell's student, and they join forces in the war against France. But Strange is increasingly drawn to the wildest, most perilous forms of magic, straining his partnership with Norrell, and putting at risk everything else he holds dear. Copies will be available at the Reference desk a month before the meeting. Snacks and hot cocoa will be provided.

Drug Free Approach to ADHD: 7 p.m. Sept. 26

This program is specially designed for parents, teachers, and day-care workers who want to learn about safe, natural solutions to help improve behavior and performance for those with ADHD. Focus will be on the benefits of alternative healthcare treatments. Featured speaker is Dr. Brian K. Brackney, D.C. and member of The Foundation for Wellness Professionals. Sign up online, call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library to save your seat.

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Saturday Matinee Movie: 1 p.m. Sept. 29

Join us for a Saturday matinee movie showing of a recently-run movie. Today's movie is *What to Expect When Expecting*, a comedy "about five couples whose intertwined lives are turned upside down by the challenges of impending parenthood" (imdb.com). Refreshments will be available.

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Brain's workings

Psychologist focuses on helping with neurofeedback

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Todd Nadeau, a psychologist and Northville native, is interested in how the brain works. With colleagues, he's using brain mapping, a diagnostic tool that shows through an EEG functionality of the brain.

"An EEG does a beautiful job of revealing the source of the problem," said Northville Township resident Nadeau, 51, who recently opened an office in Novi, in addition to his Grand Blanc office.

"Talk therapy can only take you so far," said Nadeau, a therapist for over 20 years who's done the neurofeedback for about seven years. He earned a master of arts degree in psychology from Western Michigan University and bachelor's degrees in psychology and biology from Albion College.

Nadeau attended Northville schools, including the first class at Meads Mill Junior High, and is a 1980 Catholic Central High School graduate.

His new Novi office is at 23965 Novi Road, Suite 120, south of 10 Mile.

"I grew up in Northville so I've got a lot of family and friends in this area," he said. "It's worked out great."

His family had lived in Brighton. He's married to Julie and they have two daughters at Northville High, Hayley in 10th grade and Somer in ninth, as well as son T.J. in first grade at Ridge-wood Elementary.

Nadeau works a cou-



Novi psychologist Todd Nadeau uses a computer-based neuro-feedback system to help stimulate and grow the cortex of kids' brains - which can help in issues like ADD. Nadeau, wiring up his daughter Hayley, 15, for a demonstration, runs Novi's Performance Psychology.

ple days a week still in Grand Blanc, the other three in Novi. He can be reached at (586) 764-0637 or by e-mail at todd.nadeau33@gmail.com.

He works with those of all ages, including closed head injury patients, those with depression and anxiety, or sleep apnea. Children with attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder are often helped with the form of biofeedback and don't need medication.

A cap with sensors is applied to the head in the procedure. Nadeau noted promising results with those who have onset of Alzheimer's, autism and learning disorders.

The scientific community and advocacy groups are coming on board, he said. "I think the biggest challenge is really physicians," he said, adding he works with a believing pediatrician in Grand Blanc who sends his patients. Nadeau likes to start

with the least intrusive treatment, although he's not anti-medicine for all. "The mind's such a mystery anyhow," he said.

Some children who take medication have delayed physical growth or other side effects. Nadeau did 6,000 sessions last year and had good response.

"I've been in the community. A lot of it's word of mouth." He hopes to bring that to Northville-Novu now.

It's grounded in learning theory, he said. "We just reinforce the brain moving into more effective brain wave states."

Most patients are seen twice a week, and get to the point where they can stop treatment. Some with genetic issues like depression may have a life event that brings them back.

"They learn to manage it," said Nadeau, who's generally in Novi Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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Ownership of former prison site in dispute

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The 2011 sale of 323 acres of land to Plymouth Township through a Wayne County tax foreclosure has caught the attention of Detroit city officials, who are questioning the sale's legality.

The rectangular-shaped parcel just south of Five Mile and west of Ridge Road was conveyed to the township a year ago this month for \$606,000 in back taxes. It is part of the former site of the Detroit House of Corrections, a prison dating from the 1920s that was closed in 1986.

The land was forfeited by the county last year from Demco 54, a subsidiary of the Plymouth Township-based DeMattia Group.

But a report by Timothy Beckett, an attorney in Detroit's law department, says 190 acres were still owned by Detroit after part of the land, 133 acres, was sold to Demco in June 2006. The 133 acres sold to Demco 54 were made up of the land closest to the Five Mile-Ridge intersection, a map attached to Beckett's report shows.

Illegal forfeiture?

Beckett contends the division of the parcel was not properly recorded at the time of sale. He said county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz's office improperly forfeited the city's 190 acres, as state law forbids the tax forfeiture of property owned by a city.

Beckett issued his report Wednesday to the Detroit City Council's budget, finance and audit committee, whose members agreed to meet again at 1 p.m. this

Wednesday to discuss possible remedies.

David Szymanski, the county's deputy treasurer, agreed with Beckett that the state doesn't allow city-owned property to be forfeited, but said the county was relying on the foreclosure process on ownership information provided by the township. In addition, he said, Detroit's planning and development department was officially notified in December 2010 that the county planned a tax foreclosure.

"Our belief is that Detroit and Plymouth Township had some miscommunication," Szymanski said. "We're encouraging the parties to amicably resolve their differences."

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume agreed there may be an ownership question, but said the township acted on the information it had. Reaume said he hadn't been aware of Beckett's report.

"If they sold part of the property, why didn't they do a proper land split?" Reaume said. At the time of the 2006 sale, Reaume said, both Demco 54 and Detroit should have approached township officials to have the parcel split, which is an administrative process.

Documentation delay

Beckett's report, however, contends Demco 54 was to pursue the property division, but that the record wasn't corrected in the Plymouth Township assessor's office until February 2009.

DeMattia president Gary Roberts said Friday the split was done by Demco 54, though he couldn't recall the time frame.

"We filed the appropriate documents for a lot split," Roberts said. "As far as we know, the lot split was perfectly fine."

Beckett's report said Demco 54 applied for the parcel division in July 2007. He could not be reached Thursday for followup questions.

Roberts said the 133 acres were purchased by Demco 54 for a planned industrial development that didn't materialize because of the sinking economy.

Taxes in question

Beckett's report says Detroit officials should expect to pay some back taxes if they intend to redeem the land. He estimated those taxes at \$100,000 going back to 2009, and probably more, going back to the 2006 sale of part of the land to Demco 54.

Beckett said he is continuing the investigation of the forfeiture.

The issue was brought to the Detroit City Council by Richard Sharland, a Plymouth Township resident who frequently attends Board of Trustees meetings and is running against Reaume for supervisor as an independent. Sharland did extensive research on the ownership issue.

Sharland says he became interested because a friend used to farm the land, growing corn and soybeans and paying rent to Demco 54 and Detroit.

No crops were planted there this year. Sharland said Detroit could go to court to seek the market value of the property, which the township has put at about \$16 million.

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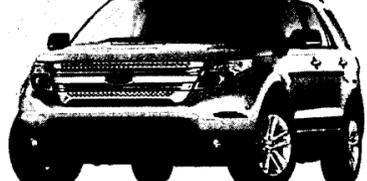
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Botsford resident and WWII veteran Christopher Mattina received a flag from his grandson Ryan Mattina, who served in Iraq. Ryan flew the flag in Iraq in honor of his grandfather's WWII service. The VFW honor guard folded the flag properly for display. Mattina, a Livonia resident for over 40 years, received the folded flag from Tom Bycznski.

True colors

Botsford Commons holds special patriotic ceremony

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

For many residents at Botsford Commons senior living community, retiring a U.S. flag holds a very special meaning.

To properly retire the flag on the Farmington Hills campus, and replace it with a newer flag that has flown over the United States Capitol, residents, staff and guests held an official ceremony on Sept. 14 in the Mlynarek Garden.

The patriotic celebration culminated a week of special activities, marking National Assisted Living Week.

"Our neighborhood is very patriotic," said

WWII veteran and Botsford Commons resident Rudy Smolen. "Many of us were a part of the Greatest Generation and the American flag continues to mean a lot to us today. We appreciate having events like this on our campus, where we are given the opportunity to thank and acknowledge this generation's heroic veterans as well as remember those lost in 9/11."

To help mark the occasion, retired Brigadier Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and the Brighton Honor Guard VFW Post 4357 joined residents in the event.

"As the first woman in the Michigan National Guard to be promoted to the rank of brigadier general, she has admirably served our country and our state in numerous ways," said Camille Purdie, Botsford Commons executive director of Marketing and development officer.

Purdie said the event was meant to honor all of the veterans on campus.

"It's a pretty important ceremony for us," she

said. "It was very moving for the people on our campus — it was a beautiful day."

Members of the Brighton Honor Guard VFW Post 4357 led the campus attendees in a Presentation of Colors, retired the old flag and offered official flag folding service for those who were interested.

Botsford resident and WWII veteran Christopher Mattina requested a very special flag be properly folded for him. He received the flag from his grandson, Ryan Mattina, who flew it while serving in Iraq, in honor of his grandfather's service in WWII.

Barb Smith, a recreation program coordinator at Botsford Commons, said the week of activities recognizing National Assisted Living Week's theme of "Art for the Ages" really showed the residents' true colors.

"Our campus really showed the 'Art of Living,' the 'Art of Caring' and the 'Art of Service' this week," she said.

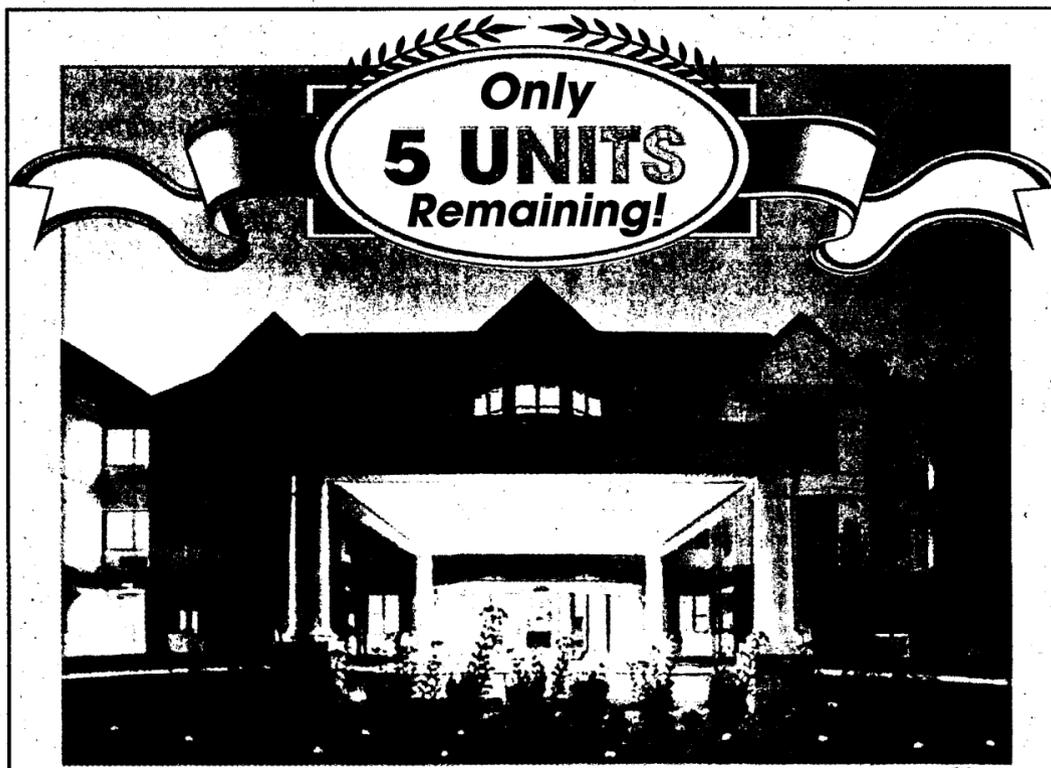
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VFW members Tom Grendon and Dave Neville fold the retired flag as retired Brigadier Gen. Carol Ann Fausone salutes.



Mollie Leonelli, sitting, and Barb Coury watch as the old flag is retired.



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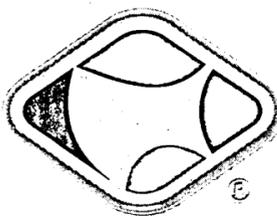
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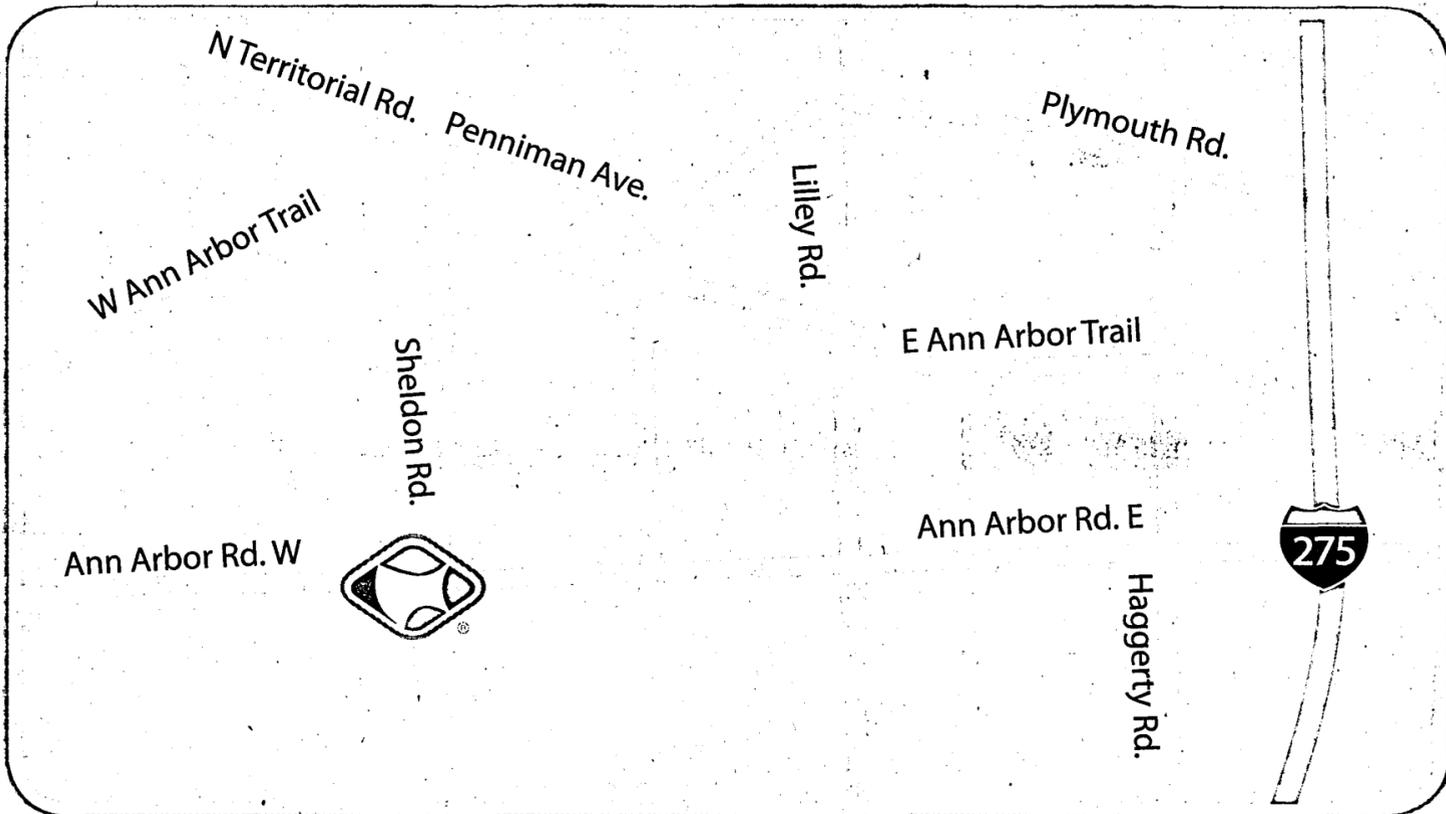
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SPORTS

Chargers zap Canton, 43-40

Brown runs for 204 yards

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Appropriately for a wet night, points were raining down during the first half of Friday's football game between host Canton and Livonia Churchill.

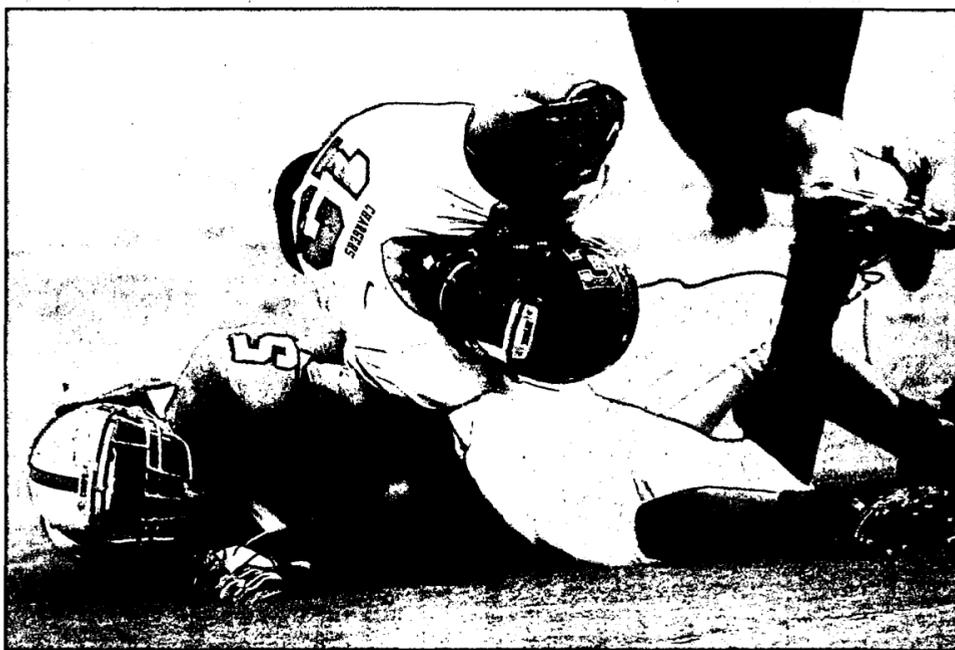
When play resumed following Canton's homecoming festivities, the shootout slowed down, although the rain didn't.

But the Chargers had more than enough to hold off the Chiefs, 43-40, in a KLAA South Division matchup.

Churchill — winner earlier this year against Plymouth — remains undefeated, 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA South.

"We talked the last couple days about how both teams are going to make mistakes, we just got to make

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Romello Brown (13) stretches over the goal line for a TD over Canton tackler Scott Kentfall.

Spring Arbor nips MU, 1-0

Braydan Wiles broke a scoreless tie with the game-winning goal in the 64th minute giving No. 9-ranked Spring Arbor University a 1-0 women's soccer win Wednesday at Madonna University.

The Cougars, now 6-1-1 overall, had a decided shots on goal advantage, 10-2, while peppering MU freshman goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg.

MU's best scoring chance came in the second minute when Katlyn Krysiak's shot rang off the right goal post.

Sarah Yancer had to make just one save for the Cougars.

The loss drops MU to 3-4 overall.

Lady Ocelots boot Kellogg

Unassisted goals by Emily Behnke and Rachel Blackney (Livonia Churchill) carried the Schoolcraft women's soccer team to a 2-0 MCAA victory Wednesday over host Kellogg Community College.

Behnke's goal, her second of the season, came in the 30th minute, while Blackney added her first of the season in the 78th minute to put the match away.

Goalkeeper Tara Gessler made one save to post the shutout as the Ocelots improved to 6-3-1 overall and 3-1-1 in NJCAA Region XII.

Kellogg slips to 2-5-1 and 1-4-1.

Northville hands Spartans 1st loss

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Even under soggy conditions, Northville's brand new synthetic turf proved to be a fast track Friday night.

The Mustangs had unbeaten Livonia Stevenson on the run most of the night as they galloped their way to a 38-24 KLAA Central Division football win.

The trio of senior running back Thomas Huber, junior quarterback Joey Hewlett and senior wide receiver accounted for 317 of Northville's 359 yards rushing as Northville improved to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Meanwhile, Stevenson suffers its first setback and stands 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Central.

"I'm very proud of our offensive line," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We started two sophomores tonight, two juniors and one senior. To be able to run the ball the way we were and to run the ball when we needed it. I was very proud of those guys."

Northville took 24-14 at halftime lead on Zach Wilds' 46-yard field goal with only 15 seconds left after Jake Cheslik picked off a Stevenson pass at his own 17 and returned it 45 yards to the Spartans' 38 with 1:40 left.

The Mustangs then went up 31-14 with 3:06 remaining in the third quarter when Huber (7-for-126) scored on a 1-yard run set up by Nate Priebe's interception at his

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Stevenson's C.J. Weiss (18) tries to fend off Northville tackler Chris Komorov (35) during Friday's rainy KLAA Central Division football clash.

These 2 Titans want to be remembered

Shaw, Martin to face Lions

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Mike Martin will be the first to admit he's been a Motor City sports fan his entire life. "I'm just die-hard Detroit — you know, watching Barry Sanders, so I've been Lions fan, always have been," said the Redford native, now a rookie defensive tackle for the Tennessee Titans. "I was a Tigers fan, Wings fan, everything Detroit. I definitely have my heart there with that."

Tim Shaw was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan growing up. But when the Titans special teams captain returns home to Livonia during the off-season, he works out with several Lions players, including Cliff Avril and Don Muhlbach. "We've become friends," Shaw said. "We work out together as well and play some golf. I've gotten to know Kyle Vanden Bosche, have

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Livonia Clarenceville grad Tim Shaw, line-backer and special teams captain for the Tennessee Titans, goes against the Lions Sunday for the third time in his NFL career.



GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Redford native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad Mike Martin has shown promise on the defensive line for the Tennessee Titans.

Blazers settle for 1-1 draw

Senior Stephanie Mackley stood out in goal with 10 saves Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood battled Birmingham Marian to a 1-1 tie in girls field hockey.

Junior Sabrina Alafita scored from sophomore Christina Meyer for Ladywood, which is now 5-2-2 and 2-1-2 in the division.

Goalie Catherine Szchop had two saves for the Mustangs (4-3-2, 1-3-2).

Hole-in-one

Rose Said of Dearborn Heights used a 7-wood to ace the No. 3 hole, Aug. 28, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

It was the first ace for Said, who has been golfing for 35 years.



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a lot of respect for him as well. Coach Danny Crossman was my special teams coach when I got drafted in Carolina, too. And some former (Carolina) teammates are on the Lions as well — Stephen Tulloch and Justin Durant.”

But for 60 minutes Sun-

day, all friendships will be cast aside as the 1-1 Lions travel to Nashville for a 1 p.m. kickoff at LP Field.

Allegiances aside

“I’ve been a fan of any and everything Detroit,” said the 6-foot-1, 306-pound Martin, a former University of Michigan standout who recorded his first career sack last week against San Diego.

“It’s going to be fun because I get to talk crap to all my friends that are fans of the Lions, and I get to beat on those guys. I’m going to have a lot of family watching and family coming out, so it’s going to be a pretty good atmosphere.”

Although Martin, a Detroit Catholic Central High grad, and Shaw, a former star running back at Livonia Clarenceville, grew up only miles away, they’ve just recently bonded as teammates for the Titans.

“The first thing you notice about Mike is that he’s just a monster of a man,” said Shaw, a linebacker now in his sixth NFL season. “But also what I’ve come to find out is that he’s a good guy.”

“We’ve definitely connected and you have that

hometown bond, which gets you on the right foot. We have a lot in common. We know some of the same people. He’s been a good addition to our team for sure.”

New teammates

Martin and Shaw have permanent stalls right next to each other in the Titans locker room.

“He was voted (special teams) captain,” Martin said of Shaw. “He’s actually a guy I voted for because he’s just a really solid guy and he’s always very dependable as a teammate, but also a really good guy. He would do anything for anybody. There’s quite a few examples that I can recall that really sat well with me about his character.”

“I’m from Redford and he’s from Livonia, that’s

pretty cool. We had a connection at CC. Our basketball coach (Bill Dyer) actually coached him, too, in basketball (at Clarenceville). For us to be on the same team and beat the odds is pretty cool.”

When he was with the Bears during the 2010 season, Shaw played twice against the Lions and had his best game as a pro in a season-ending Chicago victory at Ford Field.

These Titans, however, are off to a 0-2 start after losing at home to New England and on the road in San Diego. They don’t want to dig too deep a hole and put themselves out of playoff contention early in the season.

Time to win

“We’re not reeling, but let’s be honest, we need some urgency,” Shaw said. “It’s a long season. We honestly believe we’re a good football team. We just haven’t put it together yet. We need to come together. It’s a cliché when you talk about teams, but we need to see who we are as a football team. We have a lot of talented guys, but what are we going to be? Are we going to be a throw the ball down the field team? Are we going to be a run team?”

“On defense, are we going to be a hit type of team or get off the field on third down type of team? Those are things we need to find out. We can give you a million excuses, but at the end of the day we have to turn it around. It’s urgent and now is

the time. We’ve got to do it against the Lions this weekend.”

Travel plans

Shaw will have several fans in the stands this weekend, including his former high school coach Greg Hudkins, who is planning to make the trek to Nashville.

“I’m excited to see him this weekend,” said Shaw, who played collegiately at Penn State. “My oldest brother (Steve) is a big Lions fan. He’s the biggest Lions fan I know. (Brother) Drew was Dallas and (brother) Pete was Miami growing up. We all had to have different teams. It’s a brotherly thing.”

Although primarily used a special teams player, Shaw has been getting some limited reps in at linebacker.

In his final preseason game against New Orleans, the 6-foot-1, 236-pound Shaw played nearly every snap at linebacker, recording 14 tackles to go along with an interception.

But he put little stock in the performance.

“It’s preseason,” said Shaw, who wears jersey No. 59. “What can I sit here and tell you? Yeah, I made a lot of tackles and made a couple plays. I got my opportunity to step in a game. I enjoyed it. I love playing the game. To get to play some linebacker was awesome. I loved it. The body felt terrible after that. My body needs only 30 plays a game and I played 80 or so. That was a shock to the system.”

Making plays

Meanwhile, Martin is off to a solid start as a pro with seven tackles, including a sack. And No. 93 is adapting to the rigors of the NFL game.

“Everybody is athletic, quick and fast, that can jump and run,” Martin said. “But the mental aspect of the game is at a whole different level. You have a guy who is a freak athlete, but can’t execute the play or technique, and gets beat by a guy who is not as athletic or as fast as him. It’s adjusting to that and the speed of the game definitely. Other than that, it’s just football.”

Martin grew up in the Telegraph and Plymouth Road area just down the street from old Redford Bishop Borgess High School. It’s his first time away from Michigan and Martin is enjoying his new environment in Nashville.

“I like it,” the Titans’ third-round pick said. “It’s starting to cool down here a little bit, starting to feel like fall. That’s the one thing I love in fall in Michigan, the change of seasons. They have that here a little bit. They don’t have quite the winters we have here (in Michigan), a little milder, but I’ve adjusted well. I like the people, the atmosphere. It’s a good place to be.”

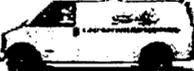
Meanwhile, the veteran Shaw knows Sunday’s game against the Lions is pivotal and a win will put the Titans in a better place as well.

“We’re continuing to work and trying to find out who we’re going to be,” he said. “I think a more focused effort is what we’re going for this week.”

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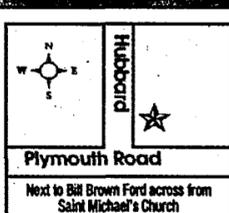
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Volleyball players from host Livonia Franklin and rival Livonia Churchill raised nearly \$3,400 Thursday night at the second annual Dig for Cure to benefit the Side-Out Foundation for breast cancer research.

Side-Out for Pink: Churchill stops Pats in Dig for a Cure

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

State-ranked Livonia Churchill's 25-14, 25-16, 25-15 girls volleyball win Thursday night at Livonia Franklin took second billing because pink was the dominant color.

That's because almost \$3,400 was raised in the second annual "Dig for a Cure" to benefit the Side-Out Foundation for breast cancer research.

"It was a good city match for a good cause," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team is 25-3 overall and leads the KLAA's South Division at 5-0. "And there's more money coming in. It's still growing."

Emily Norscia, a senior outside hitter, led the Chargers with 15 kills and five ace serves.

Other top performers for Churchill, ranked No. 7 in Class A, included Marissa Pomaville (seven kills, two

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blocks), Mackenzie Hamill (seven kills), Katie Chartrand (12 assist-to-kills) and Julie Szuba (15 digs).

Madison Osborn and Maggie Leins led Franklin (8-13-1, 2-3) with five kills apiece, while Mackenzie Lukas added four.

Kelly Newton finished with a team-best 10 digs, while Afton DeWyse, Leins and Lukas each added eight.

Wayne clipped

Madelyn Betts finished with 11 kills, two blocks and three aces Thursday sparking Plymouth to a 25-23, 25-17, 25-16 KLAA South Division victory at Wayne Memorial.

Olivia Beyer contributed nine kills, two blocks and two aces, while sister Emilee Beyer collected seven kills.

Setter Shayla Smalls chipped in with 19 assists, four kills and two aces as the

Wildcats improved to 4-1 in the division.

Senior Katie Horton paced Wayne (6-11-3, 1-4) with 15 kills, six blocks and 14 digs.

"Katie (Horton) once again showed up to play," Wayne coach Samantha Dye said. "She went out there and played fierce. Newcomer to varsity this year, Karley Buford (four kills, two blocks) is stepping up at the backside for us. She is improving each game and becoming a better and better volleyball player."

Other leaders for Wayne included Deja Tamlin (six kills, four blocks); Savannah Monette (26 assists, six digs); Ashley Carey (three kills); and Michelle Janes (four digs).

"We started out strong and aggressive the first match then we sort of lost our way," Dye said. "As a team we are struggling with confidence in ourselves. We still need to grow and learn how to fix our mistakes and finish what we start."

Stevenson falls

First-place Northville improved to 23-3 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA Central Division with a 25-14, 25-23, 25-14 victory Thursday over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Junior Katie Tomasic paced the Spartans (9-11-1, 2-3) with eight kills. She was also 10-of-11 serving with two aces.

Other Stevenson leaders included Allie Koestering (seven assists); Taylor McLaud (four kills); Holly Mossoian (five digs); and Morgan Copperstone (two blocks).

Rockets downed

On Thursday, Canton rolled to a 25-13, 25-6, 25-20 KLAA South Division triumph over at Westland John Glenn.

The Rockets, who slipped to 7-13-3 overall and 0-5 in the KLAA South, were led by setter Claire Truskowski (17 assists) and outside hitter Hannah Staples (eight kills, 12 digs).

Comeback kids

Warriors storm back for MIAC Blue win

Lutheran High Westland roared back from two sets down to earn a 23-25, 19-25, 25-11, 25-18 girls volleyball victory Thursday at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors, now 5-9-4 overall and 1-1 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, got 12 kills from Sam Roberts and seven each from Alissa Flury, Aldreanna Fikes, Marcella Flury and Leah Refenes.

"I was very proud of our effort and how we came together as a team and hopefully we can build on that in the weeks to come," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said.

Other top performances came from Julia Yancy (32 digs, 18-of-19 serving); Refenes (18 assist-to-kills, five aces); Shannon Abbott (17 assists, 12 service points); Chandler Davenport (26-of-26 serving, 19 points, five aces); Alissa Flury (seven solo blocks); Marcella Flury (four assist blocks); Fikes (16 digs); and Natalie Freeman (one solo, three assist blocks).

The loss drops Northwest to 1-

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8-2 overall and 1-3 in the MIAC Blue.

"We were doing a lot of good things we just made some timely errors in the losses," Wade added. "Our game plan never changed despite the deficit, and about midway through the third set, the momentum clearly shifted to our side of the net and from then on we really couldn't do much wrong. We kept Northwest on their heels the rest of the match which ultimately led to our victory."

Dest sparks HVL

Madison Dest made her father proud Thursday night in Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's 25-20, 25-18, 22-25, 25-14 victory at Newport Lutheran South.

The 5-foot-9 sophomore outside hitter turned in a solid all-around performance with 30 service points, including 10 aces, to go along with 12 kills and 18-for-20 on serve reception as the Hawks improved to 14-6-4 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC's White Division.

"She had a great jump serve

going tonight, which led to offensive opportunities for us," Huron Valley coach Mike Dest said.

Other HVL contributions came from Lexus Medina (14 kills, five assists, three aces); Dayna Schroeder (seven kill, seven blocks, 12-of-14 serve receive); Anne St. John (26 assists, three kills, 14 service points); Bethany Schaffer (seven digs).

"Anne St. John is controlling our offense by moving the ball around nicely," Mike Dest said, "and Nikki Alcini was solid up front for us all night."

"I'm happy with the victory, but we still have a lot of work to do."

Blazers triumph

Natalie Panek and Olivia Quinn recorded 13 and 10 kills, respectively, leading Livonia Ladywood to a 25-22, 25-12, 25-16 Catholic League Central Division win Thursday at Warren Regina.

The Blazers, who improved to 12-8 overall and 1-1 in the Central, also received five kills and three aces from Lindsey Wagner, along with 28 digs and two aces from Izzy Porada.

No. 18 Crusaders march by Aquinas

Lutheran High Westland's Emilie Freeman and Stacey Catalano each had 10 kills Friday propelling the host Madonna University women's volleyball team to a 25-18, 25-12, 25-13 victory over Aquinas College.

Junior setter Evia Prieditis finished with 33 assist-to-kills as the 18th-ranked Crusaders improved to 16-4 overall and 3-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Prieditis also had a team-best 13 digs, while, Catalano added 10.

Setter Nicci Thomas had 17 assists for the Saints (4-5, 1-2).

Lady Ocelots win

On Thursday, host Schoolcraft College improved to with a 25-18, 11-25, 25-20, 25-20 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over visiting St. Clair County Community College.

The Lady Ocelots are 13-7 overall and 4-1 in the conference, while St. Clair slips to 11-7 and 2-3.

MU WHAC victory

Junior Stacey Catalano led a balanced attack with 10 kills and 11 digs leading Madonna University to a 25-13, 25-10, 25-12 win Wednesday over Marygrove College in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference home opener.

The Crusaders (15-4, 2-0) also benefited 32 assist-to-kills and a team-best 14 digs from junior setter Evia Prieditis.

Junior Emilie Freeman also aided the MU cause with seven kills.

Marygrove (5-6, 0-2) got eight kills from Katharina Hall, while Jaci Michetti and Shana Tooley chipped in with 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

Setter Megan Gohl also dished out 10 assists.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

FARMINGTON MERCY 183

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 210

Sept. 20 at Walnut Creek

Mercy scorers: Natalie Bozowski, 41; Katie Baird, 45; Olivia Asta, 46; Caroline Bland, 51; Jenna Ajlouny, 56; Tiv Phall, 5-7.

Churchill scorers: Jackie Burdette, 45; Claire Rose, 51; Maggie McGowan, 53; Katie Sherada, 61; Alyssa Mazur, 64; Maddie Spooner, 65.

Churchill's dual match record: 3-4 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 215

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 251

Sept. 19 at Fellows Creek

Churchill scorers: Maggie McGowan, 43 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 47; Megan Hellie, 62; Elizabeth Havlik, 63; Marin McGowan, 64.

John Glenn scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 55; Haley Arai, 62; Lindsey Croskey, 66; Ashley Andez and Jaret Allen, 68 each.

Dual match records: Churchill, 3-3 overall, 3-3 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

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BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

NORTHVILLE 22

LIVONIA STEVENSON 33

Sept. 18 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Dan Sims (Northville), 16:28 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Drew Kanya, 16:50; 3. Sean McCullough, 17:10; 6. Rick Momo, 17:25; 9. Erik Grisa, 17:33; 10. Peter Walkuski, 17:36; 13. Tyler Reamer, 17:43; 14. Luke Green, 17:44.

Stevenson finishers: 3. Stephen Fenech, 16:50; 4. Jacob Colley, 17:03; 7. Michael Sopko, 17:25; 9. Erik Grisa, 17:33; 10. Peter Walkuski, 17:36; 13. Tyler Reamer, 17:43; 14. Luke Green, 17:44.

Dual meet records: Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

NORTHVILLE 18

LIVONIA STEVENSON 41

Sept. 18 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Zimmer (Northville), 19:36 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Emma Hermann, 19:47; 3. Nicole Mosteller, 20:02; 5. Alison Robinson, 20:08; Hailey Harris, 20:40; 8. Grace Doolittle, 20:48; 11. Lexa Barrott, 21:14.

Stevenson finishers: 4. Lindsey Gallagher, 20:07; 6. Karlie Gallagher, 20:13; 9. Barbara Scupholm, 20:57; 10. Emily Kwasiak, 21:13; 12. Natalie Moore, 21:17; 13. Emily Chapski, 21:42; 14. Maggie Law, 22:01.6.

Dual meet records: Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

Stevenson's D'Agostino tallies game-winner, 1-0

Livonia Stevenson junior John D'Agostino continued to show his versatility Friday night when he switched positions and tallied the game's lone goal as the host Spartans earned a 1-0 boys soccer win over South Lyon.

D'Agostino, who started on defense, gathered in a cross from Billy Werthman at the 49-minute mark and finished to provide the final margin of victory.

The win keeps the Spartans, now 6-1-4 overall and 4-0-2 in the KLAA's Central Division, tied for first with Salem at 14 points apiece.

"We moved John out of the back to start the second half and it only took nine minutes for him to strike," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Then we dug in defensively and finished the game off. I thought Ryan Schifano and Jake Zeppa had outstanding games for us."

Goalkeeper Mike Bolin made three saves to post Stevenson's seventh team shutout of the year.

Kellen Michael had four saves for the Lions (3-4-3, 0-4-2), who were out-shot 10-5.

CHURCHILL 7, WAYNE 0: Michael

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Murphy's hat trick carried Livonia Churchill (3-6-2, 3-3) to a KLAA South Division win Thursday at Wayne Memorial (1-10, 0-6).

Pat Martins also scored twice for the Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Joe Devine and Alex Lupu also added goals. Goalkeeper Jay Hague made three saves to post the shutout.

Wayne was coming off a pair of losses including a 7-1 South Division setback Tuesday at Plymouth after a 5-3 loss Sept. 14 at home against Garden City (as Martin Ballah scored twice and Jamil Gharib added a goal).

CANTON 8, FRANKLIN 0: Griffin Parks recorded a hat trick and Dan Ovesea added two goals Thursday to propel the KLAA South Division leading Chiefs (10-2-2, 6-0) to a mercy rule victory over Livonia Franklin (3-7-1, 2-4). Scott Piwowar, Cody Widlak and Bobby Budlong also tallied goals for Canton, which led 5-0 at intermission.

PLYMOUTH 6, JOHN GLENN 0: Six different players scored goals Thursday as the Wildcats (4-7-2, 4-2) downed host Westland John Glenn (7-4, 3-3) in a KLAA South Division match. Plymouth goal scorers included Mario Gruszczynski, Chandler Olah, Teddy Phillips, Alex Decker, Aaron Bergmans and Do-Hyung Kim.

S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 1, CVILLE 0: Garrett Nimmo's goal in the 50th minute Friday gave Southfield Christian the non-league victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-6-1).

Clarenceville goalkeeper Evan Gregg made eight saves, while Southfield

Christian's Andrew Manier had to make just one stop in posting the shutout.

The Trojans got strong play from Ma Sambou Jatta and Cameron Pyffe.

LIGGETT 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 0:

First-half goals by Adante Provenzano and Andrew Heaney enabled Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (6-3, 6-3) to earn the MIAC Blue Division win Thursday at Lutheran High Westland (1-9, 1-9).

Provenzano's goal came in the 33rd minute, while Heaney gave the Knights a two-goal cushion two minutes before halftime.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Jordan Williams made seven saves, while Pat Broder and Mitch Meyer combined for 10 and the shutout for Liggett.

Lutheran Westland first-year coach Bob Regan also singled out the play of Ernie Babon and Troy Gotchev.

CLARENCEVILLE 5, HAMTRAMCK 1:

After an 0-4 season start, Livonia Clarenceville (3-5-1) has turned things around with the latest triumph coming Wednesday at home over the Cosmos. The Trojans got a pair of goals and one assist from David Vanderkerckhove. Ma Sambou Jatta, Alec Jones and freshman Joshua Nimmo (career first) each added a goal, while Steven Spens contributed an assist. Goalkeeper Evan Gregg made a total of six saves for the Trojans, who led 2-0 at halftime.

"The entire team played well and continues to improve daily," said Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson, whose team is 3-1-1 in their last five matches.

Mohammed Shanelli scored for Hamtramck.

Patriots put hammer to Wayne

It was mission accomplished Friday night for the Livonia Franklin football team.

The Patriots built a commanding 35-6 halftime lead and rushed for 377 yards in a 52-12 KLAA South Division victory at Wayne Memorial.

Franklin's senior running duo of Joe McRobb and Jimmy Mazaris rushed for 117 and 109 yards, respectively. McRobb had touchdown runs of 3 and 5 yards, while Mazaris added TD runs of 5 and 17 yards.

Senior linebacker Allen Steele also had a big night as he blocked a Wayne field goal attempt which was recovered by Brandon Davis in the end zone for Franklin's first score.

Steele also had an interception, forced and recovered a fumble.

Jesse McCall added a 3-yard

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TD run, while Alejandro Castillo booted a 40-yard field goal to push Franklin's record to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South.

Quarterback Ryan Tarhanich was 3-for-5 passing for 30 yards. "We're trying to get better every week and I think we got better tonight," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We're getting healthier and getting better."

Wayne was outgained 407-143 in total yards.

The Zebras (0-5, 0-3) got a 77-yard TD run in the first quarter by Brian Williams and a 90-yard kickoff return in the second quarter from Willard Harris.

Wayne, which has lost 25 straight dating back to the 2009

season, used two quarterbacks with Rashad Haley going 1-for-2 and Joe Porter 3-for-7 for a total of 44 yards.

Rockets routed

Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Eiland ran for four touchdowns and passed for another in Friday's 48-13 KLAA South Division victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Eiland scored on TD runs of 76, 24, 3 and 1 yard, while also tossing a 25-yard scoring strike to Matt Janke.

The Plymouth senior QB finished with 141 yards on eight carries and completed 8-of-12 passes for another 105 yards.

Teammate Mike Kennedy added 104 yards rushing on eight attempts.

The Wildcats (4-1, 2-1) led 41-7 at the halftime as Stefan Tur-

rentine also got into the act with a 9-yard TD run.

Glenn (0-5, 0-3) struck first on Tyler Clemens' 4-yard TD run with 7:19 left in the first quarter and Alex Isaevski added the PAT to make it 7-0.

But the Wildcats, who had 299 yards rushing and another 105 passing, scored 48 unanswered points before Glenn quarterback Chris Scheffer hit Greg Walker with a 10-yard scoring passing with 5:25 remaining.

Scheffer was 5-of-17 for 67 yards one interception, while Clemens added 48 yards on 22 attempts.

Clarenceville falls

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard jumped out to a 28-0 halftime lead and never looked back en route to a 35-7 non-league win

Friday at Livonia Clarenceville.

The Fighting Irish (4-1) got a 53-yard punt return from Steve Tracy in the second quarter. Tracy also scored on a 3-yard run.

Austin Hundley added a pair of TDs on runs of 5 and 1 yards, while Blaise Sterns contributed a 9-yard scoring run.

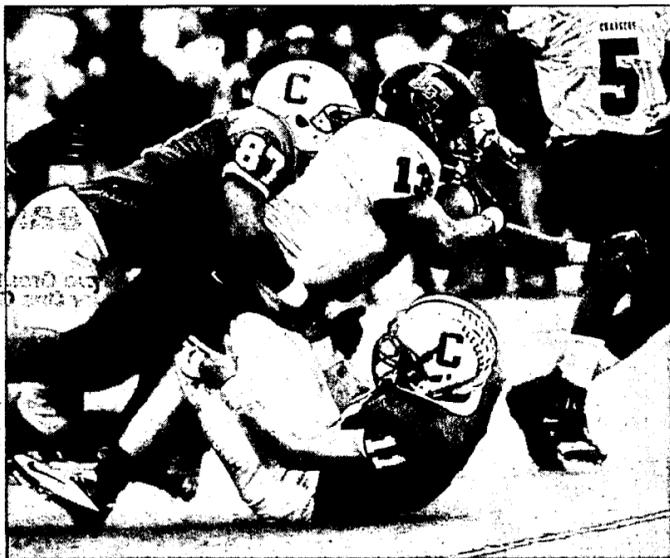
Gabriel Richard outgained the Trojans (3-2) in total yards, 247-194.

Clarenceville averted the shutout in the final period on a 2-yard run by Jalen Bryant followed by Ma Sambou Jatta's point-after kick.

Bryant was Clarenceville's leading rusher with 74 yards on 11 attempts.

Quarterback Zach Kubiak was 6-of-21 passing for 64 yards.

Churchill's Romello Brown (13) bowls over Canton tacklers Austin Lynn (87) and Jake Boucher (11) during Friday's key KLAA South Division clash.



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own 40. Stevenson, however, refused to fold thanks to an 8-yard TD pass from Joe Mims to Devin Kelly with only 9:39 left followed by a 46-yard field goal by Tom O'Brien with 6:18 to go slicing the deficit to 31-24.

The Spartans got the ball back one more time deep in their own zone, but turned the ball over on downs.

Robby Parks then put it away with a 6-yard TD run with only 2:04 left.

After going 3-for-10 for 68 yards in the first half, Stevenson quarterback Joe Mims began to zero in on junior wide receiver Billy Bonanno, who did not have a catch in the first half, but had six catches for 120 in the second half.

"We wanted to run some play-action and couldn't get that working," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said of the first half. "We didn't get in a rhythm early. As far as coverage, they're probably the best we've faced. They played our routes well and covered is well. They didn't give us a ton is room."

A 41-yard run by Dom Ferrara set up Stevenson's first score, which resulted in a 12-yard TD pass from Mims to Kelly with 8:32 left in the first quarter.

Northville then responded on its third possession with thanks to a 45-yard TD run by Huber just 15 seconds into the second quarter.

The Spartans then marched 67 yards in nine plays to score as Mims scored from 1-yard out



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Northville's Sam Tacconelli (right) wrestles the ball away from Stevenson wide receiver Mitch Deacon (left) for second-quarter interception during Friday's KLAA Central clash.

and we got production." Stevenson had 358 yards in total offense with Mims going 12-of-26 for 220 and four interceptions. Ferrara was the Spartans' top rusher with 93 on 12 carries.

"We had success early running some of the run-oriented formations, then when the pressure was on, he (Bonanno) got out, was in the game more and made some big plays," Fielder said. "We can't turn the ball over. You can't win games doing that. I'm saying that's the sole reason we lost, but that was big. It's hard to stay in the game like that when you turn it over four times. We put them in a lot of situations where they left them on the field too long."

"Our first two drives we didn't execute, and that's on us," Ladach said. "After that, we kept composure and continued to do what we do. Our players were able to execute

on a keeper. His 50-yard screen pass to Kelly set up the TD to make it 14-7. Northville, however, answered when VanHulle (7-for-99) carried the load capped by a 12-yard TD with 4:37 remaining in the half. (Wilds extra point made it 14-all.)

Northville's Sam Tacconelli then wrestled a jump ball away from Stevenson receiver Mitch Deacon for an interception at the Spartans' 45 with 3:37 to go in the half.

And three plays later, Hewlett (16-for-92) scrambled to his left and cut back across the grain for a 35-yard TD run with only 2:04 remaining.

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fewer," said Canton head coach Tim Baechler, whose team dropped to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South. "Both teams are going to make big plays, we just got to make a couple more."

The home crowd, already in a festive mood for homecoming, needed just 15 seconds to cheer.

On the first play of the night from the line of scrimmage, Chiefs senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth burst through the line and went all the way for an 80-yard touchdown run.

Then Hollingsworth broke free for a 46-yard TD, with just 3:14 elapsed in the contest, to put Canton up 14-0 (following the second of four extra points by Connor Shennan).

Yet the Chargers didn't fold their tent, answering with an 80-yard scoring drive in 10 plays. Capping off the drive was a 19-yard TD pass from quarterback Seth Suida (12-of-31 passing, 194 yards, four TDs) to one-man wrecking crew Romello Brown — wide open over the middle in the end zone.

Brown (5-10, 246) wore down the Chiefs' D with 204 yards in 26 carries.

"He's a heavy guy, but our defense, we worked our butts off to try to stop him," Canton senior lineman Cameron Dillard said. "We did all we could. At the end of the night, I guess it wasn't enough."

According to Churchill head coach John Filiatraut, "The quick 14 (points) certainly was not what we had in mind, but it wasn't a big shock, either. Those guys

are good and until you play their offense at their speed, those things are going to happen."

Before the opening quarter ended, the Chargers reached into their bag of offensive tricks.

Suida handed the pigskin to wideout Jeremy Lewis on a reverse and Lewis fired it downfield to Andrew Abram for a 46-yard score with 1:54 remaining in the quarter. A two-point conversion pass to Hunter Rimatzki actually evened the score at 14-14.

"They're spread offense is crazy," Baechler said. "We gave up two touchdowns on things we've never seen. The stuff we prepared for, we were darn good at."

The teams combined for 36 points in an even crazier second quarter.

With 9:36 to play in the half, Canton sophomore quarterback Greg Williams (7-of-15 passing, 178 yards, two TDs) connected with tight end Matt McKoy on a 23-yarder down to the Churchill 29.

On the next play, junior tailback Joe Grinage broke free and scampered all the way into the end zone to give Canton a 20-14 edge.

A muffed punt by the Chiefs led to a 29-yard field goal by Churchill's Brian Alsobrooks with 5:42 left to make it 20-17 and the Chargers went up 23-20 on a 53-yard toss from Suida to Robert Foster Jr. (seven receptions, 132 yards and two TDs).

Of course, the way the game went, the Chiefs regained the lead 27-23 just two plays later.

Williams dropped back and hit senior tight end Scott Gring for what

turned into a 78-yard catch-and-run TD. Gring (three catches, 130 yards) reeled the pass in around Canton's 40 and took off down the left sideline the rest of the way.

Churchill, outgaining Canton 352-320 in the first half, scored the next two touchdowns within a minute late in the half to open up a 37-27 lead.

Abram reached down to snare a low pass from Suida for a 16-yard touchdown. With 10 seconds remaining, Suida found Jacob Staff for a 2-yard scoring strike.

In the second half, the Chargers made it a 40-27 advantage on their first series. Alsobrooks made a 29-yard field goal.

Canton chipped away early in the fourth when sophomore back Charles Turfe crossed the goal line on a 1-yard plunge on a series sparked by Williams's 26-yard throw to Gring.

The momentum didn't last. With 6:03 to play, Churchill scored again on a 25-yard field goal by Alsobrooks.

Canton drew closer once again when Williams hit senior back Kendall Scott for a 16-yard scoring pass, with 4:11 left. Those turned out to be the game's final points.

Filiatraut said it was good to see the way his team withstood Canton's early barrage.

"I was real pleased that we kept our composure, stayed with the plan, came back into the game, took a halftime lead," he said. "That was all really positive for us."

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Ocelot men stop Jets

Ardit Dushkaj notched his seventh and eighth goals of the season Wednesday powering the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a 4-0 victory over visiting Jackson Community College.

The ninth-ranked Ocelots improved to 6-1-1 overall and 4-0-1 in NJCAA Region XII as Ahmad Jawad scored what proved to be the game-winner in the fifth

minute off an assist from Carlos Izquierdo to stake Schoolcraft to a 1-0 advantage.

Dushkaj, who prepped at Livonia Clarenceville, then scored in the 55th and 64th minutes to put the match again with assists going to Gino Pasquali and Mustapha Raychouni.

Pasquali's third goal of the year came only two minutes later off an assist

from Dushkaj.

Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin) mae three saves to earn the shutout, while Bobby Beneteau made four saves in 65 minutes and Colin Owen added one in the final 25 for the Jets (2-5, 1-5).

S'CRAFT 3, ANCILLA (IND.) 0: In a Michigan Community College Athletic Association game Friday, visiting Schoolcraft (7-1-1, 2-0) notched the shutout against Ancilla College (1-4-2, 0-2) in Donaldson, Ind.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 28
Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Riv. Richard, 7 p.m.
L. W'sld at Oak. Christ, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 25
Luth. Westland vs. Roper at St. James Park, 4 p.m.
HVL at Macomb, 4:30 p.m.
C'ville at Summit, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Fordson at C'ville, 4 p.m.
Summit at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Baptist Pk. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 28
C'ville at RU (Kraft), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
DeLaSalle at Stevenson, 1 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 25
PCA at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
C'ville at Hazel Park, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Oak. Chr. at L. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
HVL at Roper, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
HVL Tournament, TBA.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 25
Ladywood Quad, 4 p.m.

Churchill vs. Wayne, Franklin vs. Canton, Stevenson vs. South Lyon, John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.

MIAC Jamboree at Oakland Christian, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Falcon Invitational, TBA. Haslett Invitational, 9 a.m. Legends Invitational at Huron Meadows, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Sept. 25
Glenn at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Grosse Ile at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Hastings Invitational, 10 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Sept. 24
Milford Maverick Invitational at Prestwick Village, noon.

Tuesday, Sept. 25
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Iydl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Lady. at N.D. Prep, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Ladywood Varsity Tourney at St. John's G.C., 8:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 28
Churchill vs. Franklin at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Livonia Public Schools Tourney at Fox Creek G.C., 2 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, Sept. 25
Brighton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Howell at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Hartland at Glenn, 4 p.m.
Milford at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Steve. at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Churchill at W.L. West., 4 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. North., 4 p.m.
Mott at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Kettering at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Howell at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Steve. at Brighton, 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Sept. 24
Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
Ladywood at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 25
S'craft at Macomb, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26
Cornerstone at MU, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27
OCC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Schoolcraft at Grand Rapids Raider Tourney, noon.

Sunday, Sept. 30
G.R. Raider Tourney, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 26
MU at Concordia, 4 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. U-M Club at Churchill H.S., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
Cincy St. at S'craft, 1 p.m.
MU at Aquinas, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 25
S'craft at Concordia, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29
MU at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.
Cincy St. at S'craft, 3 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

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.

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 Salloum at (734) 558-1150; or email gasal2112@yahoo.com.

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

Fall golf classes

Gain instruction from PGA professional Tami Bealert and play golf until sunset with tee times starting from 5-5:45 p.m. each Monday, Sept. 24; Oct. 1 and 8, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$25 (plus \$10 cart fee). Space is limited to 12 players. (Fall classes are also forming.)

To reserve a spot, go online and visit www.trainwithtami.com; call or text (by 4 p.m. Mondays) at (734) 731-0238.

Learn to Skate II

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its eight-week Learn to Skate (Session II) classes beginning Monday, Oct. 29 through Dec. 17 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The 25-minute classes for ages 3-and-up will be at 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays, along with boys hockey skills at 6:25 p.m. each Monday.

No equipment is needed for boys hockey skills. No sticks or pucks are used. There is a limited skate rental available at no charge.

Fees are \$62 (residents) or \$76 (non-residents).

Walk-in registration is from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Private lessons are also available for all levels of skating.

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

Churchill Fun Run

The Churchill Family 5-kilometer Fun Run will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 with the start at the high school parking lot.

There will also be a 1-mile 10-and-under fun run. (Donation is a can of pet food.)

The pre-register cost is \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. Family of four can pre-register for \$45.

To ensure a race T-shirt, register by Oct. 21 online at www.chs-cap.com.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

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Classes for All Ages!

Ready, set, sew Livonia man will compete in clothing design contest

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Andy Gilmore was 10 when he sewed his first garment.

"It was really ugly. It was a polka dot, blue and white dress."

The Schoolcraft College student has come a long way in nine years. His latest piece, a "peachy tafeta" prom dress with a bubble skirt, tulle draping and a flower-accented belt, earned him a spot at the 6th Annual Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge.

Inspired by Lifetime's *Project Runway* and Bravo's *The Fashion Show*, the competition runs Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29 during the American Sewing Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck, in Novi. Expo hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The expo will offer fashion shows, classes, hands-on workshops, shopping, displays of cutting edge fashions, sewing machine "test drives" and contests, including a daily sewing challenge in which participants make an accessory, home decor item or craft in just 75 minutes.

By contrast, Gilmore, and the 11 other Passion for Fashion contestants, will get a design challenge and then spend Friday creating their garments. They'll return to the expo the next morning to fin-

ish their creations, fitting them to models who will walk the fashion runway and pose in a photo shoot Saturday afternoon. A panel of industry fashion experts will judge and choose the winner based on creativity, construction, fit, and composition.

Based on a theme

"It's like *Project Runway*. You get a challenge and you have a certain amount of money to buy fabric and notions. And then you have a certain amount of time to make something," Gilmore explained.

Contestants can make their choice of garment, but it must be inspired by the challenge theme.

"Last year it was movies. The year before that it was cars."

Gilmore, who will be up against contestants from Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and North Carolina, would welcome a "decades" or "cities" theme, anything that might enable him to give his project a vintage look.

"I like doing vintage things. I'm making a dress now with a circle skirt," he said, adding that he is practicing for the competition. "It's cotton, top-stitched."

Altering patterns

The Stevenson High School graduate took a sewing class while in high school and initially learned to sew from his mother, Maria.

"I draw but I don't make

my own patterns yet. I try to find a pattern that is similar and alter it," he said.

For the prom dress, he made the skirt portion according to pattern, but added his own touches to the bodice and belt.

"I like making dresses. I like to design women's clothing. I like colors, using prints."

He admires designers Betsy Johnson and Marc Jacobs.

"I like how she (Johnson) has fun with fashion shows," he said, adding that he appreciates Jacobs' chic designs.

Gilmore plans to enroll in a clothing design program at Wayne State University or Eastern Michigan University, after finishing his core classes at Schoolcraft College.

In the meantime, he'll work against the clock and in public view during the Passion for Fashion contest. His parents, grandmother and brothers — he's the middle child — may stop by the expo to cheer him on.

He says the time restriction and fishbowl atmosphere won't rattle him.

"I kind of do work under pressure. I'll just have to pace myself."

Expo admission is \$14. Children, 15 and under, are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14 and all-day workshops are \$130. On-site parking is \$5. For more information visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248)



Andy Gilmore of Livonia works at the sewing machine.

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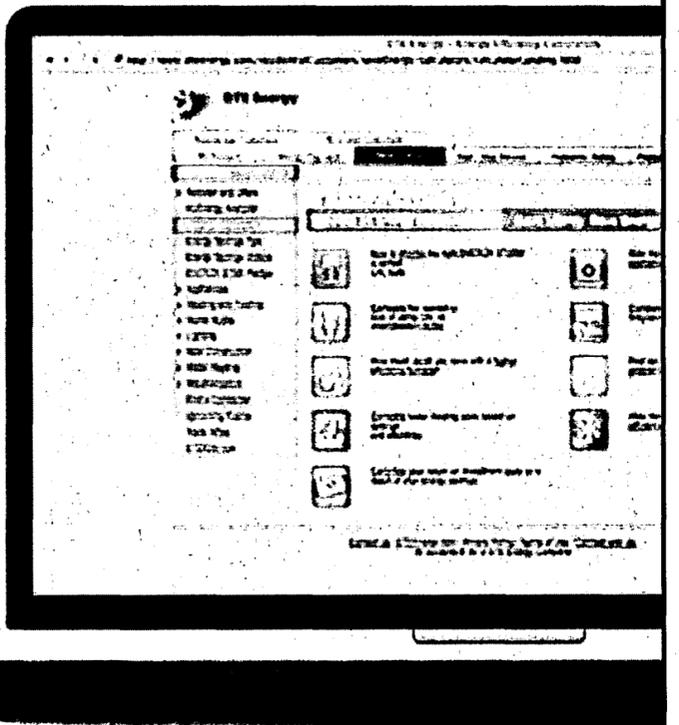
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Where have all the old guys gone?

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I received an e-mail from Joanne, a reader of this column, who said: "Had my son clean the 24-year-old refrigerator using your instructions, including the long brush I bought. Was appalled at what came out. That was several weeks ago. Now the past few weeks I have sensed the milk wasn't cold enough. Check the freezer and it seems to have a

very strong defrost cycle. Have always used A&R Appliance Service, but no answer, only rapid busy signal. Am thinking he is no longer available. Has always given us great service."

I responded to Joanne privately but as a consumer advocate I owe the public an explanation of why the telephone is not being answered at A & R Appliance Service. Ron Hoffman the owner is no longer out on the road doing service work for a few thousand of his loyal customers. In October 2008, Ron suffered a stroke which disabled the left side of his body. My sons Mark and Andrew did his service calls to keep his business afloat and provide an income for Ron and his

wife Patti. Three years ago they sold their business to a gentleman who kept the name A&R until recently, when he fell on hard times.

Wrong address

Today the business is down the tube and Ron's ever loyal customers are calling elsewhere for appliance repairs. In talking with Patti, she tells me that customers of the new owner are appearing at their residence in Canton with complaints of improper service or jobs left uncompleted. I have called the new owner but to no avail. I want to ask him why his service invoices have Ron and Patti's home address on them. I would also like to explain that we have

a law in this State called the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act which dictates that name and address must be true. For all of you readers who used to use A & R Appliance Service, I feel for you because you had the most honest guy in your home and one of the best technicians in America.

Guys like Jack Maynard of Wonderland Appliance and Lloyd Dobbins and Jack McCarthy who worked out of their homes for years and were pure examples of the great appliance technicians in the service industry. Just like Ron Hoffman, they worked six or seven days a week and were always on time to take care of their trusting customers. People used to leave

the door unlocked and knew that the product was fixed the first time around. These were the guys who could listen to your washer run for 30 seconds and tell you exactly what was wrong. These guys and others worked hard and raised families and put their children through college. They could always be counted on to help those in need in the community and walked with their heads high because they knew the basics of good customer satisfaction.

Leaving the business

I think of Mr. Kanack who also had thousands of regular customers. He had to retire recently because nearing the age of 90, the washers were getting just too heavy to carry up the stairs. It's people like these who

have been removed from the industry — good solid citizens that made me proud to know them. Like Joanne, many readers will have to find a new, unknown appliance repair person to come to their home. Just because someone else assumes the company name doesn't necessarily mean they're as good as the old guy. By the way, Patti Hoffman is always by Ron's side and also takes care of her 92-year-old mother who has moved in with them. They live in Canton and you might want to send her a card of encouragement while the lawyer takes care of the guy who purchased their business.

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Brenda Dziejdzic releases butterflies to their new home at the butterfly garden at Barson's Greenhouse in Westland earlier this year. She'll be on hand at the Garden City Garden Club perennial exchange on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Master gardener Paul Rodman will talk about "What is true and what is false," at Livonia the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Rodman writes a garden column, maintains two garden sites and has amassed more than 5,500 volunteer hours. For

more information call Kathy at (734) 513-8655.

English Gardens

- Get tips on pruning, 10 a.m. Saturday Oct. 6. Free
- Find out about the latest trends in seasonal indoor decorating 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13. Free
- Youngsters, 3-12, can make a terrarium filled with tropical plants in a "Make It & Take It Workshop" 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Fee is \$10. Sign up online at englishgardens.com.
- Learn what it takes to put your garden to bed at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday,

- Oct. 20.
- Get free holiday decorating tips at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27.
- Kids can dress in Halloween costume and bring a decorated pumpkin for judging in the store's annual contest, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Register online at www.englishgardens.com
- Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

Chocolate tasting benefits First Step

Get ready to satisfy your chocolate craving. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division presents the 8th Annual Chocolate Affair & Garden Luncheon, Sunday, Oct. 7 at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. The luncheon will run from noon-2 p.m., followed by Chocolate Affair, which is set for 2-5 p.m. Patrons will sample chocolate desserts from restaurants, confectioners and caterers, while

benefitting the fight against domestic violence. Proceeds will aid First Step, which provides emergency, short-term housing for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and their children. Luncheon tickets are \$25 and available only in advance. Chocolate Affair tickets are \$25 and are available in advance or at the door. Buy advance tickets at First Step, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, or from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Call Barb at (734) 453-1459 or Pat at (734) 981-1702.

Rouge River group seeks volunteers for Oct. 20

Register by Oct. 5 if you want to hunt bugs with the Friends of the Rouge on Oct. 20. Why hunt bugs? The event is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

The annual fall hunt will start at 9 a.m. at the VisTaTech Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, located on Haggerty, south of Seven Mile in Livonia. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four-eight individuals that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river. The number and type

of bugs found is used to assess each site. Data are submitted to the State of Michigan and Rouge communities that use them to screen for problems and assess restoration progress. Children may attend the hunt if they are accompanied by a participating adult. For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.

Take a night hike in the Hills

Watch the sun go down Tuesday, Sept. 25, while you hike through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The Nature Center staff will lead a fall night hike from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The hike is designed for families and children, 4 and over. No flashlights are required as participants enjoy the autumn night air, listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten their senses along the way.

A second fall night hike will be held Wednesday, Oct. 24. The cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or online at http://recreg.fhgov.com. Participants also may pay at the door on the night of the program, but space is limited. In case of inclement weather, participants will be notified of a cancellation. The Nature Center also offers hayrides and

campfires 5:30-7 p.m. every Friday through Nov. 2. Cost is \$5 per person. Saturday hayrides are available Oct. 20 and 27. Register in advance online or buy tickets at the door. The Farmington Hills Nature Center is located in Heritage Park at 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135 or e-mail asimons@fhg.gov for more information about upcoming programs.

REUNIONS

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 dianaschofield@sbcglobal.net

or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras 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 EASTERN ALL CLASSES
Annual reunion will run 1:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan, i Warren. Special recognition will go to classes of 1942, 1954 and 1962. The open bar will start at 1:30 p.m., with dinner served at 2:30 p.m. Price is \$30 per person. Make reservations with Nancy Linhard at (586) 268-1187.

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.

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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.

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DECISIONS
Doctors are well aware of the meaning of the phrase: "One size doesn't fit all." Illustration of that saying often comes up in a patient with advanced osteoarthritis of the knee. If the x-ray shows bone rubbing against bone, then needing a knee replacement seems obvious. Is that always the case? If the patient is a 50 year old man, working daily, coaching boys' soccer, and singing in the church choir on Sunday, a physician may pause before recommending an operation that is not a guaranteed success. Furthermore, the 50 year old man could live to age 80, and no joint replacement can likely last that long. In this instance, the better recommendation could be to have the patient keep up his present way of life and to relieve pain and swelling by periodically injecting the knee with cortisone. When that therapy no longer yields benefit, then it is time to reopen the matter of knee replacement. In contrast are the options before a physician in discussion with a 76 year old widow with knee x-rays showing bone rubbing against bone. Older age means less stability of the legs and with the addition of a bad knee, the patient faces an increased risk of falling. Widowed, likely living alone, heightens the importance of sturdy legs to take on the tasks of living previously shared with a husband. Continuous rubbing of bone on bone means increased pain necessitating pain medication, usually as narcotic analgesia. In this instance, the physician likely will tell the patient she hardly has any other alternative than knee replacement. In each case, circumstances determine conclusions.

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Be my baby: Kids Safe offers infant sleep tips

Nearly 150 Michigan infant sleep-related deaths are reported each year — equivalent to six classrooms of children. Unsafe sleep environments are the leading cause of accidental death, among infants, surpassing car crashes, drowning, fire, and poisonings.

Scene reenactments have enabled Mott Children's Hospital to better understand how sleep-related deaths occur, according to Amber Kroeker, Safe Kids Huron Valley Coordinator and Injury Prevention Health Educator for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"Due to this practice, the label of 'SIDS death' has decreased, but suffocation deaths due to unsafe sleep environments have actually increased due to a better understanding of circumstances surrounding these preventable deaths," she stated.

First-time parents may be influenced by older family members who are not aware of the new guidelines for safe sleep.

"Many older caregivers were taught to place the infant on his (or) her belly in the crib," Kroeker said.

But the American Academy of Pediatrics and Safe Kids USA recommends that infants always sleep alone, on their back, and in a safe crib.

The AAP recommends room-sharing



Kids Safe recommends placing infants in sleep sack — not under a blanket — in a crib.

because it is safer than bed-sharing and will decrease the risk of SIDS and the possibility of suffocation, strangulation, and entrapment that might occur when the infant is sleeping in the adult's bed.

Over the past two years, millions of cribs have been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for unsafe conditions. All new cribs on the market today meet the safety standards of the CPSC.

However, if getting a used crib, parents should check to see if it has been recalled at www.recalls.gov. Parents never should attempt to repair a broken crib. Infants should be put to sleep on a firm mattress

that fits snugly in the frame. Nothing should be placed in the crib with the infant. That includes blankets, pillows, toys and bumper pads.

"We encourage parents to keep their baby warm by placing their

baby in a sleep sack, which is a wearable blanket," said Kroeker.

For more information on infant safe sleep habits, visit www.healthychildren.org, www.Sidscenter.org, and www.Tomorrowchildmi.org.

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Milestones



Donald and Rose Mary Miller of Redford

50th anniversary

Donald and Rose Mary Miller of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 11 at a gathering hosted by their children and their spouses.

Their children are: Jennifer (Rick) Bullion, Deborah (Lane) Noble, Chris (Sandra) Miller, and Beth (Eric) Chapman. Their grandchildren are Emma and Madalyn Noble, Owen Miller and Sarah and Thomas Chapman.

The party was held in Canton and featured a replica of the 1962 wedding cake, along with 1960s music. More than 30 family members and friends enjoyed the afternoon event.

In July, Don and Rose Mary, along with granddaughters, Sarah Rose Chapman, and Emma Victoria Noble, attended a Shakespeare play in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. They shopped and toured the area during the three-day trip. "Every year since before we were married we have



Donald and Rose Mary Miller on their wedding day

been taking trips to Stratford," Rose Mary said.

The couple has a family membership at The Henry Ford in Dearborn and enjoys taking grandchildren to the attraction. Rose Mary also likes to garden.

Don, who worked for Cadillac, retiring 18 years ago, is an expert in repairing the Allante model. Allante enthusiasts seek him out to help get parts and make repairs on their cars.

The couple met through Donald's future sister-in-law, who worked with Rose Mary at the time.



Sam and Rosalie Galiano of Westland

60th anniversary

Sam and Rosalie Galiano marked their 60th wedding anniversary on June 14. They met in Birmingham, Ala., in 1950 and were married in 1952 at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Detroit. They celebrated their union with an old-fashioned Italian wedding. The couple lived in Livonia for 50 years and now lives in Westland.

Sam is a U.S. Navy World War II veteran who served in the Philippine Liberation. Sam was 16 when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He quit school to serve his country. In 2002 he received an honorary diploma from Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School. He is a lifetime member of Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post #6896 where he serves as an honor guard. Sam retired from Fisher Body Fleetwood, a division of General Motors, after 32 years. He enjoys growing tomatoes and eggplant, watching sports on television and reading.

Rosalie is a devoted homemaker and proud mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loves to entertain and cook for family and friends. She enjoys crafts and spoiling their grandchildren. She and Sam are fans of Michigan State football and basketball, the Detroit Tigers



Sam and Rosalie Galiano on their wedding day.

and Red Wings. They also enjoy an occasional trip to the casinos.

Their family includes two daughters: Paula (Randy) Forster of Canton and Diane (Brian) Brady of Mason. Grandchildren include Jason Forster who is in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Sioux Falls, S.D., and is married to Crystal; Kristen Forster, who is a social worker in Ann Arbor; Erin Brady, a freelance story producer in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Meghan Brady, who works in Haleakala National Park in Maui, Hawaii. Great-grandsons are Jack Forster, 4, and Tyler Forster, 18 months.

The couple's daughters hosted a small, surprise party at De Luca's Italian Restaurant in celebration of their anniversary.

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ALLES, DONALD C., A.I.A.

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, an avid sailor and Model A car buff, died September 18, 2012. Mr. Alles' memberships include the Lakeshore Sail Club, Motor City Model A Club and Detroit Rotary, and was an accomplished clarinet player. He is the beloved husband of 58 years to Betty; devoted father of James (Susan) Alles and Wendy (Jim) Alles-Bear; and cousin to many. Funeral Service was held Sept. 22, at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington (248-474-5200). Private interment Glen Eden, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Assn., heart.org, or American Diabetes Assn., diabetes.org, heeneey-sundquist.com.



'DAVIS, C. MARIE

Age 85, September 18, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Donald Anthony. Dearest mother of Thomas E., Larry (Debbie) and Cindy (Bruce) Webb. Loving grandmother of Lindsay (Mike), Courtney, Sheila (Chris), Nichole, Michelle and proud great-grandmother of Joshua. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Rosary 7pm. In State Friday 10:30am until time of Mass 11am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



HOCKER, LOUIS MARIO

September 14, 2012, Age 88 of Birmingham. Proud veteran US Army Air Corps WWII and Bronze Star recipient for his intelligence team's contributions for the invasion of Normandy and D-Day. Graduated from the University of Detroit under the GI Bill and spent his career in sales and marketing in automotive and specialty sales. Beloved husband of Mary Ann for 61 years. Dear father of David. Brother-in-law of Eugene and Mary Jo Meso. Also survived by his faithful companion Mia. Services were held Tuesday September 18 at Holy Name Church. Memorial tributes to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or MDS Foundation, 4573 South Broad St., Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



NEWMAN, EDITH L.

Age 83, of Garden City, September 14, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Allen George Newman. Loving mother of Joseph Newman and Kenneth (Wendy) Newman. Dearest grandmother of Seth Allen Newman and Genevieve Anna Newman. She is also survived by her sister Emogene Louise Smith. She was preceded in death by her sister Ethel Lorraine Winter. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



GRIEBEL, BILLIE SUE

Passed away at home on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Billie Sue Griebel was born to John Young and Jonnie (Fullerton) Lawhon in Troup, Texas, on August 12, 1922. In 1937 she became the Southwest United States Women's Skeet Shooting Champion. She graduated from John Taylor High School in 1940 and then attended the University of Texas where she graduated with honors in 1944. Billie Sue returned to Tyler where she was Assistant Recreation Director until becoming a stewardess for United Airlines in 1947. On June 26, 1949, Billie Sue Lawhon married Arthur Henry Griebel, Jr. at First Presbyterian Church in Austin. Billie Sue is survived by her sister Jyl Moose, of Troup, TX and by her children: Lindsey (Joe) Sullivan, of Branson Mo., Leslie (Don) Schultz of Kalamazoo, MI, and Arthur (Kari) Griebel III, of Northville MI. Billie Sue leaves six grandchildren: Jamie (Schultz) Simpson, Lance Schultz, Joseph Sullivan Jr., Savannah Stavrosky, step-grandson Jade Sullivan, Anna Griebel, and Elisabeth Griebel. She also leaves two granddaughters: Ryleigh and Peyton Simpson. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Branson, Mo. on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. with a meal to follow at Lakewood Estates at 4:00. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to PATH in Tyler, Texas, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



CALE, JR. JOHN JULIUS

Age 79, of Issaquah, Washington, passed away the evening of Wednesday, September 12, 2012. John was born on March 13, 1933, in Trenton, New Jersey, as the oldest child and only son of John Julius Cale, Sr., and Ethel Zidalis Cale. John grew up in Trenton before attending the Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach, N.J., for high school. After graduation he was nominated and appointed for attendance at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. Upon graduation John was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. His assignments included duty at Quantico, VA; Fort Sill, OK; Camp Pendleton, CA; along with Hawaii and San Diego, CA. While stationed in Hawaii he met and married Mary B. Looney of Piedmont, CA. After leaving the Marine Corps in 1957 John moved his family to San Jose, CA. where he worked for a few years with Food Machinery and Chemical Company (FMC) before being transferred to Detroit, Michigan. While in Detroit he joined Chrysler Corporation and continued working on military equipment design, development and sales until he retired in 1991. To keep active John became a professor of business at Madonna University, Livonia, MI. An avid athlete, John played numerous sports while in school and continued to be active in lacrosse and sailing long after graduation. In 1975 he became Commodore of the North Star Sail Club of Mount Clemens, MI. He earned a Golden Knight membership for his long time association with the Army/Navy Club, Washington, D.C. In 1996 John and Mary moved to Washington State, living first in Sammamish before residing in Issaquah. John is survived by his wife Mary, their three children: Judy Cale Brown, Kevin Cale, and Terry Cale Rossi; son-in-law Dino Rossi, along with seven grandchildren and his sister Jan Cale Raymond of California. Funeral services will be held at Saint Josephs Catholic Church, Issaquah, WA followed by interment at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Washington. Memorial contributions may be made in the memory of John Cale to the American Cancer Society.

JAHN, THERESA

Age 84, of Livonia passed away September 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late James Jahn. Loving mother of Patrice (John) Schumacher, Michael, Ann (deceased), Paul (Kathryne), Peggy (Michael) Bellaire, Susan and Gail (Frances) Foguth. Grandmother of eight and Great Grandmother of five. Theresa enjoyed many interests in life including card parties, swimming, gardening at Greenmead, bowling, scouting and many arts and crafts with a passion for painting. She was a member of the Altar Society and a volunteer at the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Theresa will be truly missed and will remain in our hearts & memories forever. Visitation is Friday, September 21, 2012 from 2-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Livonia and Mass is Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. with viewing at 9:30 a.m. at St. Colette Church in Livonia.



PAWLAK, JR. ALFRED R.

Age 53, September 19, 2012. Beloved husband of Diane for 11 years. Loving father of Daniel and Benjamin. Son of Rosemary and the late Alfred Sr. Brother of Renée (Paul) Fershee, Toniann (Kim) Taylor and Michael (Kim). Uncle of several nieces and nephews. Dear godfather of Joey. He will also be missed by his beloved dogs, Sammy and Spike. Funeral services were held at the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the family, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



KOCH-GREGORY, JENINE

Born on February 8, 1954 in Long Beach, CA, loving mother, daughter, sister and friend, died of cancer on September 15, 2012, in her home in Livonia at the age of 58. The memorial visitation will be Saturday, September 22, 2012, from 12 p.m. until the memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested in Jenine's name to the Melanoma Research Foundation or family wishes, envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com to view the full obituary and share a tribute of Jenine.

UPTON, DARREL DEAN

Age 77, of Darwin, MN, formerly of Plymouth, died Monday, September 10, 2012. The son of Perry & Inez (Bohnsack) Upton, he was born on August 14, 1935, in Marietta, Minnesota. Darrel loved spending time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren. He was a sincere and easygoing gentleman who always took the time to visit with friends, family and loved to meet new friends. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Darrel is survived by his wife, Sheri Upton of Darwin, MN, daughter, Laurie (Art) Davis of Northville, MI, step-children, Rory (Peggy) Smith of Dassel, MN, and Tracy (Andrew) Lawson of Loretto, MN, 8 grandchildren, Ryan Davis, Julie Davis, Becky Davis, Adam Smith, Courtney Smith, Kelly Lawson, Will Lawson and Drew Lawson, one sister, Marlyce (Ed) Hoium of Madison, MN, and a niece Holly (Gary) Meyer of Revillo, SD. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce on August 9, 1991, and his parents. A Funeral Service will take place Friday, September 21, 2012, 10am at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia. Friends may begin visiting at 9am. Interment services will be held immediately following at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to: The Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Connect Care Home Care and Hospice, 211 Fremont Ave SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350.



HIGGINS, LENORE W.

Passed away September 1st, 2012. Beloved mother and grandmother. Lenore was a longtime resident of Livonia moving there in 1954. Born in England, she immigrated to the U.S. in 1926 with her mother and brother. She was a proud graduate of Northwestern H.S. Summa Cum Laude class of 1937. She worked as a civilian for the Army during WWII. Lenore loved life was involved in many social activities. She served as past president of SOS and was in the Livonia Eagles. She was also a lifetime Democrat. Survived by her children, Mary Carol Campbell (Donald), James (Madeline), Terence (Janice), Kathleen, Maureen Connolly (James). Beloved grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of one. Services were held in Canton. Interred in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery.

LOPPNOW, JR. EDWARD CROMAN

Passed away peacefully on Sept. 11, in Woodstock, IL., four days shy of his 70th birthday. Ed, affectionately known as Bub to his family, was the beloved son of the late Edward and Gretchen Loppnow of Franklin, MI. He is survived by sister Deborah Bishop of Clarkston, MI., and her significant-other, Mark Schmansky; sister Diane Conaglia of Chapel Hill, NC., and her husband, Clyde; daughter Greta Loppnow, of Garden Prairie, IL, and her husband, Tim Banks; sons, Chris of Richland, MI; as well as Edward III and his wife, Julie Lockton, along with grandchildren Pauline "Polly" Loppnow, and Max Edward Loppnow, of Battle Creek, MI. Ed will be greatly missed and remembered by his former wife, Nada Vunovich Loppnow, of Richland, MI; and his loving niece, Lauren Conaglia, of Chicago, IL. The family especially wishes to thank the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois for their tender care of Ed in his final days. A memorial service will be held in Franklin in the spring.



WILCOX, BRIAN J.

September 13, 2012, age 49 of Plymouth. Beloved son of Milton and Susanne. Loving brother of Karen (John) Lankford, Sheri (John) Wilcox-Stein and Craig Wilcox. Dear uncle of Logan and Josh. Loving companion of Sheryl Turner. Nephew of Peggy Wilcox. Gathering Saturday 11:30AM-2:30PM with a 1PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Fit and comfort: Tips for buying kids' shoes

When it comes to buying shoes for your children, there are so many different styles available; it can sometimes be difficult to figure out which one to choose. The most important thing to keep in mind is that your child needs proper foot support during childhood's growth years is critical.

A child's foot can grow up to about the age of 18, and the most important development happens in the first seven years. Here is a quick look at how fast kids' feet grow:

- Under 12 months old, every 2 months.
- 12 months to 2.5 years old, every 3 months.
- 2.5 to 4 years old, every 4 months.
- From 4 to 6 years old, every 6 months.

Shoes that do not fit properly can be uncomfortable and unhealthy.

That is why it is important to always measure a child's feet before buying shoes. Every shoe fits differently, so do not buy shoes based solely on the size printed on the shoebox. Make sure your child tries on every shoe and watch them as they walk to make sure they seem comfortable and fit properly.

Shoe Buying Tips
When you find shoes that you like, hold them in your hand and examine them. The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), experts in foot health and development, recommends you look for the following features:

Flexibility. Typically, the younger the child, the thinner and more flexible the soles should be. The sole should be easily flexible and be able to bend in

your hand without effort. It should bend with your child's toes - where the ball of the foot will be, rather than in the middle of the shoe.

Toe room. While your child is standing, you should be able to press about a half inch, roughly a finger's width, between the longest toe and the front of the shoe. The area of the shoe just below the laces should crease when your baby takes a step.

Materials. The upper part of the shoe should be made of breathable materials such as leather, rather than synthetic materials. The insoles should be cushioned for comfort. Feel around inside the shoe for irregularities in stitching, glue or stapling. Look for a stiff heel cup. Press on both sides of the heel counter.



It should not collapse.

To help parents find shoes that fit properly, here are some helpful shoe buying tips:

- Make sure to see a professional trained in fitting shoes for infants, toddlers and young children. For example, Stride Rite's Fit Training Program received the APMA Seal of Acceptance. The seal recognizes products evaluated by a committee of podiatrists that contribute to better foot health.

- Have your child's

feet measured every 2 to 3 months until toddler years, then every 3 to 4 months after that.

- Feet are seldom precisely the same size. Always buy for the larger foot.

- Do not buy shoes that need "breaking in." Shoes should be comfortable from the beginning. Observe your child walking around in both shoes for longer than a few minutes. Then, check each foot to make certain there are no irritation marks.

- Make sure the shoe is not too heavy. A heavy shoe can make your child walk irregularly, preventing the development of a normal walking pattern.

- If a child complains of foot pain or discomfort, schedule a check-up with your local podiatrist who specializes in children's foot care.

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September

ALS OF MICHIGAN

ALS of Michigan will hold a fundraising walk Sunday, Sept. 30, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration for the "Walk 'n Roll for ALS" event is 10 a.m., with the walk following at 11 a.m. For information on team registration, donation collection and more, visit www.alsfmichigan.org

HEALTHY TAILGATING

The session, from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills, includes recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. Cost is \$10 for the workshop. Get tickets from the store's guest services counter or call (248) 427-7400.

JOINT REPLACEMENT

Dr. David Mendelson, an orthopedic surgeon at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will lead a seminar on joint replacement, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in classroom 10 at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. He'll discuss joint pain, replacement procedures, and implant options. Other sessions are Wednesday, Oct. 24 with Dr. Jeffrey Mendelson and Nov. 29 with Dr. Ryan Molli. The seminars are free. Register by calling (734) 655-2345 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

PELVIC HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical director of gynecological robotic surgery, will present a seminar called "Women and Pelvic Health," 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 and Nov. 14, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Park-

way, Canton, and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 and Dec. 12, at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Makela will discuss pelvic health, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. The seminar is free but registration is required. Refreshments will be service. Call (734) 655-1980 to register.

October

EYE EXAMS

Free eye examinations will be offered as a community service from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Coburn-Kleinfeldt Eye Clinic, 33400 W. Six Mile, in Livonia. Board-certified physicians and staff members will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other serious eye conditions. Patients' insurance will not be charged but appointments are required. Call (734) 421-2020 or (800) 237-EYES (3937) to schedule an appointment.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Botsford Hospital's registered dietician and Busch's Fresh Food Market will demonstrate how to make many of your favorite recipes better for you by substituting healthier ingredients, during a nutrition workshop, 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Livonia Busch's at 37083 Six Mile. The workshop is free. Register at Busch's Guest Services counter or call (734) 779-6100. Seating is limited.

SINUS TREATMENT LECTURE

Dr. David Seel will present a free community lecture on breakthrough technology that helps those suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the community room at Botsford Hospital's

Administration & Education Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register at (877) 477-3621, option #1. He'll talk about balloon sinuplasty, which is a minimally invasive method to help relieve sinus symptoms.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

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

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

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

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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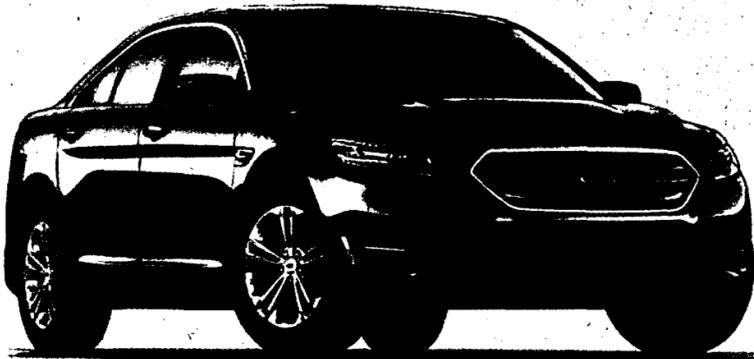
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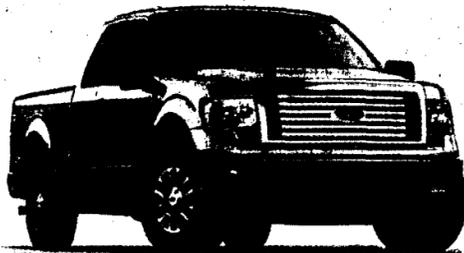
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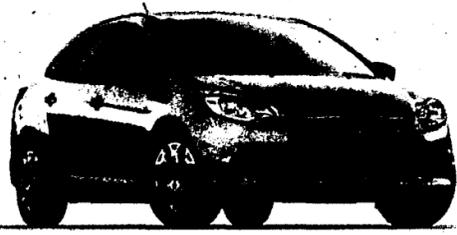
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