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Study looks at creating 'downtown area'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The looks of the Ford Road corridor from Central City Parkway to Wayne Road could be changing.

The city's Downtown Development Authority has hired the planning firm of McKenna and Associates to do a redevelopment and design study of the city's main downtown corridor.

"We have a lot of confidence in them to develop a plan for us that will ensure the target area prospers and enhances the quality of services for shoppers, residents and visitors," said Lori Fodale, DDA board chair. "They'll look at what's there, do a market analysis and determine what we could potentially put in the area."

McKenna and Associates will evaluate existing conditions along Ford Road and do a market analysis that will include an economic development strategy.

The firm also will conduct a design charrette, a form of an open house, where it will talk about the key structures to be redeveloped as well as identify key civic spaces and architectural design components.

The charrette, according to Fodale, will be similar to what was done for Cherry Hill Village in Canton.

"They'll bring all the stakeholders to the table - the DDA, the city, Planning Department, City Council, business owners and residents - for a visioning session," said Fodale. "They'll tell us

what they see for the area, they'll tell us what will work and then we'll take the pieces and put it together."

For the Westland project, the firm will look at:

- Providing a greater variety of goods and services to shoppers and residents in the area,

- Upgrading the appearance of current and future buildings to create an inviting environment.

- Enhancing visitor confidence to facilitate money to expand existing businesses and attract new development.

"This stretch of Ford Road is in the heart of Westland and arguably our city's most traveled thoroughfare," said Mayor William Wild in announcing the contract. "This area offers

immense opportunities for redevelopment, and this plan will be the driving force in spurring economic development in downtown Westland."

He added that the intent is for the study to be "a driving force" in creating more job opportunities in the area.

According to Fodale, the DDA board is "thrilled" to have McKenna and Associates do the study. The planning firm has been involved planning midtown Taylor, downtown Ferndale and the Main Street development in Novi.

"We truly don't have a downtown area, and the dream of the DDA is to have a walkable downtown area," she said. "We have a plan in place overall, but this will be a specific plan for a specific area."



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Cathy and Dennis Flowers spend a little time spoiling their dog Hope with treats of cut-up chicken during a checkup at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animals in Westland. The Flowers adopted Hope after they had seen a story in June about the puppy found abandoned in a crate behind a Livonia business.

And then there was Hope

Abused, and abandoned, puppy gets a new life, a new home

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

In June, she was the poster pooch for neglected animals with a large portion of her head and neck inflamed from a severe ear infection. Today, it's hard to believe black Labrador mixed-breed dog is the same puppy that had been left in a too-small crate behind a Blockbuster store on Middlebelt in Livonia.

The infection is gone, her wounds are healed. She has a new home and a new family.

All is well for a dog called Hope. "I think she chose the right family," said Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator for the Michigan Humane Society. "I think she knows that."

At the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland for a checkup last week, Hope nibbled



When found, the then six-month-old Hope had a severe ear infection that had spread to the left side of her head and neck.

on treats, chased balls and barked a people who walked passed the windows of the center's training room.

"Her puppiness is finally coming out," said Cathy Flowers. "She's put a lot of fun in our lives, she's a really character."



Antibiotics cleared up the ear infection that was so severe doctors thought they might have to amputate Hope's ear.

Flowers and her husband, Dennis, were among 25 people who had expressed interest in adopting Hope. They decided to call after seeing a story about her.

According to Baron, Hope's

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Attorney requests psychiatric exam in shooting case

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A distraught Shirley Susalla lashed out at the man accused of killing her daughter Tammy, calling him a murderer.

The Westland resident was in 18th District Court Thursday to hear that Timothy Joseph Catalano will undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine if he is competent to stand trial for the Aug. 27 shooting death of Tammy Susalla.

Joining her were the couple's 19-year-old daughter Jessica, friends and members of the deaf community. Tammy Susalla was deaf, as is Catalano.

"She was a great person," said Susalla, who came to court wearing a Justice for Tammy T-shirt. "She was a loving, caring person. She worked at McGrath School with the special education students."

Attorney Jeffrey Schwartz requested the forensic examination, saying that he there were concerns about Catalano's competency.

"As best we could, we explained this to him," Schwartz said in waiving his client's right to a preliminary examination within 14 days of arraignment.

Catalano through an interpreter told 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos that he had

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O&E seeks 'SuperMoms' for Web site

Are you faster than a sprinting 2-year-old? More powerful than a schoolyard bully? Able to leap in reaction to a single 'ow'? Look, there in the minivan. How does she stay sane? ... It's SuperMom!

The *Observer & Eccentric* is joining www.MichiganMoms.com, and we're looking for SuperMoms to join our online community.

MichiganMoms.com is a brand new Web site that allows parents to connect in cyberspace over issues that hit close to home. It follows the lead of other social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook that connect people with similar interests.

The site includes articles relevant to local families, a calendar of events full of family-friendly activities and photo galleries posted by proud parents themselves.

Above all, it features Mom-to-Mom message boards that touch on topics relevant to parents from all walks of life, with children of all ages. Whether you're looking for a great pediatrician, or seeking advice on anything from potty training to

body piercings, you can jump into a discussion or start one of your own.

MichiganMoms.com is based on successful "mom" sites launched by Gannett newspapers across the country, and is already well-established in Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Livingston County, Lansing and Port Huron.

The *Observer & Eccentric* is bringing MichiganMoms to metro Detroit. We are seeking a few everyday heroes to step up as SuperMoms, offering their expertise to MichiganMoms with regular postings. If you are interested in applying, contact Wensdy Von Buskirk at (734) 953-2019 or wvonb@hometownlife.com.

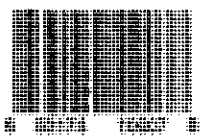
Those who apply as SuperMoms must agree to post at least four new topics and respond to at least five current topics each week. Posts should be spread out over the week, not put up all in one day. SuperMoms selected will be paid a monthly stipend.

If you would simply like to dabble in the discussions, log on and register now at www.michiganmoms.com.

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Coming Thursday in **Filter**



Comedian Artie Lange, a regular on 'The Howard Stern Show,' visits the Fox Theatre Sept. 15.

HOPE

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foster mom determined that, based on what Hope had been through, she needed to be the sole dog in the house. Of those who called, many had other pets, but not the Walled Lake couple. They had lost their dog, Kuma, who died in March from complications of kidney failure brought on by eating tainted dog food.

"They fit what we were looking for," said Baron. The first time the couple met Hope, she didn't want to be separated from her foster mom.

"She wouldn't come near us, and I thought, 'OK, what are we getting ourselves into?'" said Cathy Flowers. "But when my husband and daughter came to get her, she was like a different dog."

Hope is now firmly attached to their daughter, Amy, a second-grade teacher in the Walled Lake schools. According to Cathy Flowers, Hope cries when Amy leaves the house, but is excited when she comes home.

"She'll wake me up so I'll get Amy up to take her outside," she added. "She still has some anxiety when we leave, but now she realizes we'll be coming home."

It did take awhile for Hope to get close to Dennis Flowers. He lay on the floor in a nonthreatening position and let her come to him. Within in a couple of weeks, she was coming to him for treats and lying in his lap.

Her fear of men may be reflective of what the dog had been through before being left in the crate. According to Baron, Hope had puncture wounds on her neck and hind legs, wounds consistent with dog fighting.

"She may have been a bait dog, the bait dog has to be calm," Baron said. "She's been through a lot for the first six months of her life, but to see her now ..."

Hope has her own pillow and blanket as well as blanket in a crate that she sometimes goes in. If she doesn't get enough attention, she'll drag a shoe around the house.

She spent last weekend with the Flowers at Big



Dennis Flowers sits on the floor to be with Hope who has had to overcome a fear of men.

Manistique Lake in the Upper Peninsula, and "had a wonderful time" swimming and playing with a German Shorthair.

"She's doing really well," said Cathy Flowers. "I know we'll do things she doesn't like and she'll do thing we don't like, but we'll get along."

"It's amazing that with all she's been through, she's very gentle," added Dennis Flowers. "She's definitely not an Alpha dog."

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Backpack donation project helps local students succeed

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Class by class, the kids at Jefferson-Barns Elementary entered the gymnasium Thursday, eager to get their hands on backpacks filled with school supplies. Westland Rotarians were the workers in a busy scene Sept. 6 that had also taken place earlier in the day at Lincoln Elementary.

"It's extremely important," Jefferson-Barns Principal Laura Beckman said of the donated backpacks. "We appreciate the donations from Westland Rotary so much. In these hard economic times, everyone appreciates the donation."

About 170 kids got the backpacks at Jefferson-Barns. Another 270 were given out at Lincoln. Each backpack was filled with 70-page note books, glue sticks, pocket folders, 24-pack crayons, rulers, pencils and baseballs. "The Rotary Club goal is to help kids have big dreams and believe dreams

come true," said club President Lou Toarmina, taking a break from asking children about their plans beyond high school.

"This is all part of the program. All the supplies were donated, some by the Rotary Club," he said.

Making donations to the project were Mayor William Wild, Attorney Mark McConnell, Wayne County Community College, District Judge Sandra Ference Ciccirelli, Councilman James Godbout, State Sen. Anderson, Toarmina's Pizza, Gary Bulson and Men on the Move, Harlow Tire, Juenemann Insurance, Metropolitan Title, C & M printing, Westland Police Department, LaSalle Home Lending, Westland Community Foundation, Dr. Joe Tseng, Rhonda Williams and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Each child had his or her name written on a backpack, to make sure they didn't get mixed up. Beckman and Jefferson-Barns teachers

helped with the spellings, although the kids did a good job with their spelling, some writing their names out to help.

Beckman said she's grateful to the service club for working with fifth-graders, "helping them plan their futures." She cited a partnership with Wayne County Community College.

"It's all about believing in themselves," Beckman said. "We believe every student can achieve."

The Rotarians were glad to cut their weekly meeting a little short to get to the second school to receive supplies.

Jennifer Jones, the district governor for Rotary that includes Westland, offered words of encouragement. Jones wrote the club: "Congratulations to you all on an outstanding community contribution! I have been reading of your planning and your efforts and I am filled with such pride! Well done — enjoy the smiles — this indeed is your payment for all of the hard work."

SHOOTING

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been told about the request.

Bokos ordered Catalano to the Forensic Center for an evaluation and that he continue to be held without bond. He also set a date of Nov. 1 for the preliminary examination.

"If we get the information sooner, we'll bring you back sooner," Bokos told the defendant.

Catalano is charged with first-degree murder and felony firearms charges. If convicted as charged, Catalano will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Police Sgt. Steve Borisch has stated that Catalano confessed that he shot Susalla in the head with a rifle while she was in

bed at the home they shared on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Borisch also stated that after the shooting, Catalano woke their daughter, Jessica, who had been sleeping in the basement. The daughter's boyfriend also was in the basement.

The 44-year-old Susalla had been Catalano's girlfriend of 24 years. Borisch has said in court that Susalla was planning to end her relationship with Catalano, and he "was very upset about that."

According to Shirley Susalla, her daughter had left Catalano once before, but he had "come after her and she went back."

"He was very possessive," she said. "You couldn't wash clothes in the washing machine without

asking his permission."

The Susallas had adopted their daughter when she was six weeks old. Her mother recalled the nurse telling her that "she had a personality all of her own."

"We would do anything for her, we were a loving family and did a lot for our daughter," she said.

She said her husband is "a basket case" about the death of his daughter.

"That was his baby," she said. "He can't handle any of this. It's horrible."

She added that her granddaughter, who also was court for the hearing, "was coping."

"Tammy was a fantastic person, a great person," she said.

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Michigan Municipal League holds youth essay contest

If you were an elected official like a mayor or city council member, how would you improve the quality of life in your community?

That's the question being posed by the Michigan Municipal League Foundation to local high school youth, and the answer could earn them a trip to the Congress of Cities Conference in New Orleans, La.

"This is an excellent opportunity," said Westland Mayor William R. Wild. "The experience allows these students to

share their concerns with elected officials who will be taking note of what they have to say."

The winner or winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the Congress of Cities Conference hosted by the National League of Cities in New Orleans Nov 13-17. The winners must be accompanied by an adult and the scholarship fund will contribute \$500 towards the accompanied adult's expenses.

In order to be eligible, students must write an essay — 500 words maximum — about

how they would improve the quality of life in their community.

Only one essay per student is allowed and should include the student's name, municipality, grade level and address.

Applicants must also include a completed application form along with the essay. The application form is available by calling (734) 669-6370. They also are available at the Mayor's Office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, Oct. 1.

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The 'diabetic rock star'

Author's rocky journey leads him to help others with diabetes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

For weeks, Christopher Thomas felt his life crashing around him and on July 7, he reached his breaking point.

Thomas, a fledgling author and publisher, was no where near close to literary success.

In fact, he had just been rejected for a job as a waiter.

On top of that, the uninsured 27-year-old had recently been diagnosed with type-one diabetes and was grappling with his blood-sugar level.

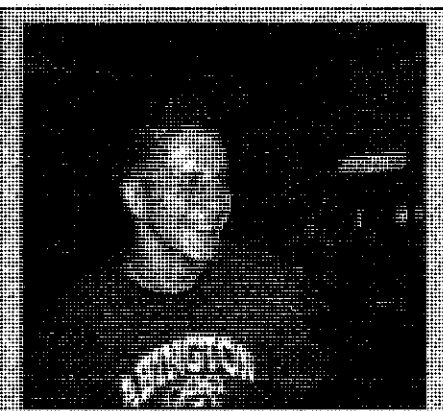
"When I was leaving that job interview at the restaurant and I looked over and saw the book I wrote, but was too broke to promote," he said. "I thought about me trying to deal with diabetes and the college degree that I had framed on the wall. I started thinking 'What did I go to school for?' I couldn't even get a job in a restaurant."

The 1998 Westland John Glenn High graduate, who dropped his last name, Polack, and goes by his first and middle, said he decided to leave Canton — and the state — as soon as possible.

"I was going west or east and east was a shorter drive," Thomas chuckled. "But really, if you want to be a writer, one place to give it a go is New York."

Two days later with "zero plans," Thomas arrived in Manhattan and began sleeping on the kitchen floor of a distant cousin's home. The two had never met.

"Everything there is go, go, go," said Thomas, who soon found a job and a roommate. "I realized how complacent I



CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
 ■ Age 27
 ■ Grew up in Canton and is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School who has dropped last name of Polack
 ■ Author of novel, 'An American Scene' that also has had a Web site, DiabeticRockstar.com, and a non-profit agency, Fight It. He has provided support to people with diabetes.

"I'm blessed to have a support system, but I've realized there are a lot of uninsured diabetics who are struggling," Thomas said. "They're working two jobs just to buy test strips."

Fight It, which has already raised its first \$100, will be centered around helping uninsured diabetics get medical care and other items, such as insulin.

Thomas, who went from 150 pounds to 115 just before he was diagnosed in May, has the support of his mother and stepfather, Rose and Michael Burns of Canton and father, Thomas Polack of Ypsilanti.

"When he first told me, I said 'OK, another kid with a Web site' but then I really thought about it," Rose Burns said. "This could be something big and not only that, it's important."

Like any mother, Burns said she worries about her son, but said he appears to be doing better and has gained some weight.

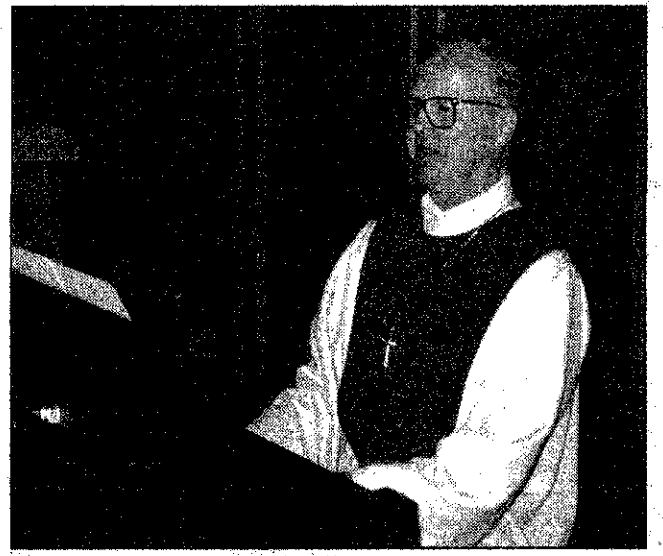
"I was nervous when he said he was going, just because I want him to take care of himself but I'm thrilled to death for him," she said. "I know he can do this."

Thomas, who authored the 210-page novel *An American Scene*, said he went to New York with the goal of nurturing his writing career, but stumbled onto something "even bigger and more important" through DiabeticRockstar.com and Fight It.

"It seemed as if my life had become worst-case scenario," he said. "But there I was complaining when thousands of people are struggling and don't have support. I realized that I've got one life here and I want to make a difference."

To learn more about Thomas, make a donation to Fight It or purchase his novel, log on to www.DiabeticRockstar.com.

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Heavenly selections

Canton's Curtis Mathison will present a concert of organ and piano music at First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16. Mathison recently completed 31 years as organist of the church, which is located in downtown Wayne at 3 Town Square. Since 1999, his concerts have become a biennial event. The organ selections will include music by Bach, Franck, Widor and others. Piano pieces will include spirituals and hymns, as well as Debussy's "The Sunken Cathedral," Chopin's "Ballade in A-Flat" and Mendelssohn's "Serious Variations." Mathison, who holds a doctorate in music education, has given concerts in five states and has more than 30 students in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. The concert will have a freewill offering, and will be followed by light refreshments.

Family welcomes exchange student

Glenn McCormick and Michele Whitman of Garden City will be welcoming a new member to their family — "daughter" Nicole Jasmin Blabst, a Youth for Understanding student from Germany.

Blabst will join the family and attend Garden City High School for the 2007-2008 academic year.

As a family member, she'll be involved in all activities, from vacations to doing household chores. She'll learn about the American culture while sharing her culture with her host family and schoolmates.

McCormick and Whitman are among more than 2,000 U.S. families who open their homes to YFU international students every year. One of the oldest and largest international exchange programs, it has provided exchanges for more than 200,000 students since 1981.

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Public hearings to help decide fate of controversial mine

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

For many people living in southeast Michigan, the wilderness near the Upper Peninsula town of Big Bay probably seems a million miles away. Yet, to others like Bill Serchak, an engineer with Canton Township, it is a home away from home - a wilderness paradise where his family has vacationed, fished and hunted for years.

Serchak is just one of many people opposing the proposed Eagle Mine, which would be the first sulfide mine in the state's history. Kennecott Minerals Corp. wants to mine nickel, copper and other minerals from an area called the Yellow Dog Plains, not far from Big Bay, which is northwest of Marquette. Despite the opposition, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has given preliminary approval to Kennecott's permit application to build the mine.

Critics of the project, like Serchak, are concerned because sulfide mines elsewhere have a history of polluting the areas where they have been built. The main problem with these sulfide mines, they contend, is a by-product called acid mine drainage, which occurs when a company drills into sulfide rock that is below the ground. When this sulfide rock is brought to the surface, it leaches sulfuric acid and toxic heavy metals, which can cause major damage to local waterways.

The Yellow Dog Plains, where the mine is being proposed, is home to the headwaters of the Yellow Dog and Salmon-Trout rivers.

Serchak, whose father-in-law owns a hunting cabin near the Yellow Dog River about two miles from the proposed mine site, questions why the MDEQ has approved the permit.

"I've reviewed the permit application," said Serchak, who lives in Milford. "My concerns are related to whether the DEQ is doing a good enough job evaluating the application. I don't think the DEQ is being objective."

Serchak, who is a civil engineer, said he understands the MDEQ's permitting process. He is also quite familiar with the particulars of the Eagle Mine. He says the mine will



Gene Champagne, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in the U.P. town of Big Bay, stands in front of his barn, which pretty much says what he feels about a proposed sulfide mine near town.

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Sept. 10, 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9:30 p.m. at Northern Michigan University's Great Lakes Room in the University Center, Marquette.
- Sept. 11 and 12, 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9:30 p.m. at the West Branch Community Center, 253-299 Avenue A, Forsyth Township (located on the old K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, just behind the MDEQ U.P. District office).
- Sept. 13, 1-4:30 p.m. at the West Branch Community Center, 253-299 Avenue A, Forsyth Township (same as above).
- Sept. 19, 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9:30 p.m. at the Lansing Center, Rooms 203 and 204, 333 E. Michigan Avenue in Lansing.

The MDEQ will also accept written comments through Oct. 17. You can send them either through the mail to DEQ/DNR Kennecott Comments, Office of Geological Survey, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, MI 48909-7756, or via e-mail to DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov.

only be open for 8-10 years, and he doesn't believe that is worth the risk. "There is just too much to lose for the short term gain this mine will provide," he said. That is a sentiment shared

by many residents of the Big Bay area, including Gene Champagne, who grew up in Livonia but has lived in Big Bay for more than 30 years. He is concerned that if the area's pristine natural resources are spoiled, it will lead to a crash in the tourism that helps sustain the area.

"The remoteness of this area is the reason people from Chicago and Detroit come up here. It sustains our economy year after year after year," said Champagne, who is the spokesman for a group called Concerned Citizens of Big Bay. "I'm afraid this will put people out of business if our tourism dries up. This is not just an environmental issue - it's economic, it's also social."

For many people living in the rugged Upper Peninsula, where mining has a long history and is ingrained in the social fabric, the dangers of a sulfide mine are just too great to risk the magnificent natural resources that are also a big part of life north of the Mackinac Bridge.

Mary Takala, who grew up in Redford Township, now lives in the Keweenaw Peninsula, which is located west of the proposed mine. She said most people she knows are very opposed to the project.

"I'm against anything that is going to wreck the natural environment up here. It is what we are known for," said Takala, who is a 1970 graduate of Thurston High School. "This is God's country."

Beginning Monday, the MDEQ will hold a number of public hearings on Kennecott's mine proposal. Only one of the hearings, Sept. 19 in Lansing, is in the Lower Peninsula. The department is also accepting written comments about the mine proposal until Oct. 17.

Champagne, who is disappointed with the lack of help from elected officials, hopes the state is flooded with public opposition.

"This is one of the few wild places left in Michigan," he said. "We're selling our grandchildren's future for pennies on the dollar."



Holly Wytka accepts the keys to a new Pontiac G-6 from Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe president, Dennis Coggins (right) and Quentin Kleber (left), Uncle Ed's district manager.

Uncle Ed's celebrates 25 years giving back to kids, customers

Uncle Ed's, the largest independently owned fast oil change company in Michigan, will celebrate 25 years of business as a sponsor for the Make-A-Wish Foundation's radiothon on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford Road, Garden City.

Listeners can tune into 100.3 WNIC from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 for the 4th annual "Making Wishes Come True."

Make-a-Wish and radiothon sponsors hope to make at least five children with life-threatening medical conditions experience a "special wish experience" through the generosity of donors.

Last year's radiothon raised more than \$30,000 for metro Detroit children.

Dennis Coggins, president of Uncle Ed's, says "thank you" gifts to loyal customers also is part of the milestone celebration.

Each month this year,

Uncle Ed's customers at all 29 Michigan locations have chances to win \$25 gift certificates and free oil changes.

Last month, Holly Wytka received a free 25-month lease on a new Pontiac G-6. Wytka was the winner of a statewide drawing for the car.

"Our customers have been responsible for our growth and success, and we want to show them our gratitude," said Coggins.

"We believe the best customer is a knowledgeable customer," said Coggins. "And we look forward to 25 more years of living up to our promise - 'We Don't Just Do It Fast, We Do It Right!'"

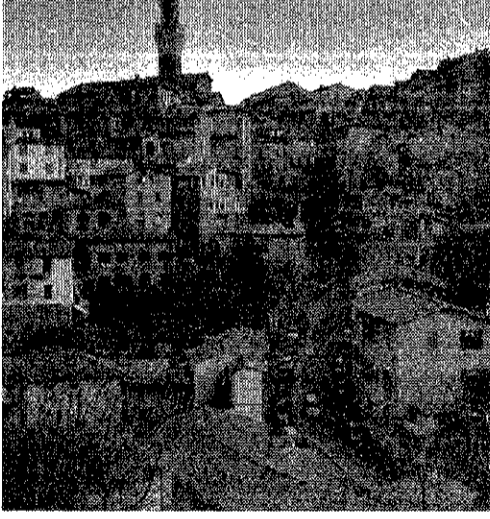

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Senior Summit

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will once again be sponsoring the annual Senior Summit, which takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 10 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. The event, which is in its 5th year and is open to Western Wayne County senior citizens, will feature numerous health care professionals and vendors, who will be on hand offering advice and products related to seniors. In addition, the Summit will feature free health and hearing screenings as well as workshops and assistance programs. The event includes bingo, food, door prizes and informal discussion on senior issues. The first 400 attendees will receive a box lunch and a free goodie bag.

Hospital sponsors wellness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

Monday, Sept. 10

Childbirth Education (first of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group at 7:30 p.m. Group support is offered to cardiac patients and/or their significant other. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Smoke Free, Your Choice at 3:30 p.m. (second of four classes). The four-week series will help

the smoker identify the triggers and addictions associated with cigarettes/nicotine. The planning process then begins by setting a quit date and putting strategies in place that will help the smoker become a non-smoker with the least amount of withdrawal. There is a \$45 fee. For more information or to register, call (734) 458-4330.

Yoga (first of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information or to register.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BiPAP users: Did you know that most insurers cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the

Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) at 7 p.m. Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? You're not alone. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every third Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

Alzheimer's Support at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hos-

pital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330.

Thursday, Sept. 13
"Focus on Living" Cancer Support at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge. Call (734) 458-3311.

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Solar home open houses are set

Students and recent graduates of Lawrence Technological University are rushing to complete construction on their solar-powered, energy-positive house in time for the Solar Decathlon competition on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in October.

They have designed and built a house with nearly 700 square feet of living space that will use the sun to generate all the power needed for heating, cooling, lighting and appliances - with some left over to operate a small electric vehicle.

Two open houses supported by NextEnergy, a nonprofit that promotes the development of alternative energy technology in Michigan, will be held Friday, Sept. 14, and Friday, Sept. 21, from 4:30-8 p.m. at Lawrence Tech's campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield. Shortly thereafter, the house will be taken apart, shipped to Washington and then reassembled for the Oct. 12-20 Solar Decathlon competition sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy.

"The team at Lawrence Tech has built a quality sustainable home that is both

economical and earth-friendly.

"The thinking that went into this structure is frankly astounding," said NextEnergy President and CEO Jim Croce. "This is an amazing achievement for this internationally recognized student competition and is further evidence of Lawrence Tech's academic strength in the alternative energy sector."

Lawrence Tech's Solar Decathlon team has also received major sponsorship contributions from Denso International, Masco Corporation Foundation and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

The field of 20 Solar Decathlon competitors includes teams from MIT, Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, Germany, Spain, Canada and Puerto Rico. Lawrence Tech is the smallest university in the competition and the only one from Michigan.

The Lawrence Tech team took the name AL0eTERRA, which means to nourish the earth. More than 40 students have been involved in the project, and a core of 16 students and recent graduates put in very long hours over the summer to build the house they designed.

Faculty advisor Philip Plowright, an

assistant professor of architecture, said the students have taken advantage of construction products that are already available to the public.

"This is not the house of the future. It is the house of now," Plowright said. "We are using well-vetted products and technology, and the focus has been on keeping it simple. As a team, we made a conscious decision not to go for the wow factor."

The primary source of energy for hot water and heating is an array of evacuated tubes that has a payback period of about two years. That system can store a day's worth of hot water.

All of the home's electricity will come from photovoltaic panels that cover much of the roof.

When sunlight isn't available, the home's battery system will meet all the home's energy needs, including a backup for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The other half of the self-sustainability equation is a reduction in the amount of energy required. Very few American households are taking advantage of some of the construction strategies used by the Lawrence Tech team to reduce energy consumption.



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People with low vision enjoy daily activities once again with help from Dr. Sheldon Smith.

By Elena Lombardi



Octavius Germany, from Dearborn Michigan, with his new Bioptic Telescopic glasses.

Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. Affecting 3.3 million Americans today age 40 and over, blindness or low vision can be debilitating. For many, specialized low vision care is the answer they have been seeking.

Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other types of eye disease.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

"Many of my patients find that with telescopic glasses, things look bigger, closer and much easier to see. This is like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars," Dr. Smith says. "These devices permit patients with low vision to see things they previously couldn't and do some of the things they want to."

The most common cause of low vision in seniors is macular degeneration. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a

blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test. UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition, and aging all contribute to this condition.

Although there is no cure for the disease, there is hope. "My job is to figure out what devices enable the patient to function best," says Dr. Smith. For some this can mean maintaining independence or the ability to drive.

Octavius Germany, age 91, from Dearborn was seen in January. A retired architect and engineer, Octavius had a goal of driving again. With his new glasses he states, "Everything in the distance looks clearer...I'm impressed with my new lenses. This is what's going to win the day for me."

"There are different solutions based on each individual's vision needs. Bioptic telescopic driving glasses have the option of built in automatic sun-

glasses," says Dr. Smith. Special prismatic reading glasses are another way to help low vision. They make reading a little easier. Sun filters and nutritional supplements help stabilize and protect the macula against progressing degeneration.

There are many low vision devices for the many various kinds of activities. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500. "Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing the things they most wish to do."

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. To see if low vision care can help you or your loved one, call Dr. Smith today at Suburban Low Vision.

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Don't let market volatility allow you to overreact

I've been reading that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates soon. Should I change my portfolio?

Investors should not react to economic reports or to what the Federal Reserve may do over the short run. To be successful, focus on the long term. Reacting to every piece of economic data would be all-consuming and eventually one would be paralyzed by analysis. A more prudent approach is to focus on the long term and your individual situation.

That being said, if the Federal Reserve does cut interest rates, a couple of things may happen. First, bonds would increase in value. When interest rates go up, the value of bonds goes down. The opposite is also true. If interest rates do go down, bond investors should be one of the beneficiaries.

Also, when the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, stocks generally perform better. However, this is not always the case. Once again, markets are affected by many factors — including what happens around the world, not just here in our country.

In February, when there was a crisis in the Chinese market, the U.S. market experienced a downturn. Even though many pundits said the downturn in China would cause a major crisis, it didn't happen. In fact,



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

since that time period, China's stock market has been one of the best performing in the world. I've talked with many portfolio managers. In managing the hundreds of millions and even billions of dollars, they do not let short-term economic reports dictate investment decisions.

Don't let market volatility cause you to overreact.

I'm single and I have a significant other. We've been together over 10 years and for many reasons we will not be married. We want to make sure that if something happens to the other, the survivor is taken care of and remains in control of the other's affairs. We were told all we need to do is put each other's name on our assets and everything would be OK. What do you think?

Putting property in joint names does not resolve your issue.

Yes, if you own property with someone as a joint tenant with full rights of survivorship, upon death that person automatically becomes the owner. However, it does not

resolve the issue of control.

Control over someone's affairs is different while that person is living vs. dead.

While someone is living, if they are unable to handle their affairs, and if there has been no legal documentation, then a court will appoint a custodian over that person's assets.

Typically, the court looks to family members to serve this role. In addition, some courts will appoint third parties to fulfill this role.

The way around this is to have a Durable Power of Attorney. It allows you to handle someone's affairs without court supervision. Particularly, for non-traditional types of relationships, a Durable Power of Attorney is essential in allowing a significant other to handle one's affairs.

Another problem non-traditional relationships run into is in a medical crisis. The significant other has no legal rights, and that can cause problems. A Medical Durable Power of Attorney, along with a HIPAA Release, allows a significant other to make medical decisions and speak with the medical team without problem.

The powers of attorney, both durable and medical, take care of the control aspect of non-traditional relationships. The issue of passing money upon death can be accomplished by a number of different meth-

ods. First, wherever there is a beneficiary designation such as on a life insurance policy or retirement account, those assets can pass directly to the significant other by naming them as a beneficiary. In addition, when you have a brokerage account, you can also name a beneficiary on those accounts.

Another alternative is to put the investments in both names as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. This will allow money to pass to the other upon death. The downside of this arrangement is if one person has legal troubles, or if the relationship ends, the money can be at risk. To avoid this, use a Living Trust and your assets will go directly to whomever you choose. The other alternative is a will naming the individual as a beneficiary.

To keep the other individual in control of the estate, he/she should be named in the will as the personal representative or in the Living Trust as the successor trustee.

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Take precautions to prevent fire deaths

Following several particularly deadly months of fire in this country, I would like to address the many ways that we can reduce the risks we face in our homes. Sadly, most of those fire deaths were preventable.

This is the year 2007, and smoke alarm technology has virtually eliminated the downside of these life-saving devices.

There is simply no reason why every home in Livonia should not have a working smoke alarm. The fact that there are still homes without smoke alarms mystifies me, especially when they are so easy to obtain and maintain. Stop by any fire station and we will come out and install them for you for free. Having working smoke alarms in your home reduces your risk of dying in a fire by half! You cannot argue with statistics like that.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tells us that 96 percent of all U.S. homes have smoke alarms, so it becomes obvious that the majority of this country's fire deaths (approximately 3,500 per year) happen in the small percentage of homes that do not have working smoke alarms. Don't fall into that category.

Carbon monoxide alarm technology is fairly recent, but should be a part of your home safety package. Unless your alarm specifically states that it is a dual function alarm, your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm ARE NOT interchangeable. Carbon

monoxide is a byproduct of unburned natural gas, and can be detected by alarms in cases where there is a leak of gas and not a fire. Carbon monoxide leaks in the home kills several hundred citizens in our country every year.

Test all your alarms once a

month. Usually this is done by simply pressing and holding the "test" button until the alarm sounds. Change the battery at least once a year, or sooner if the manufacturer recommends it or if your alarm's batteries get weak and emit a warning "beeping"

sound. Some alarms have ten year lithium batteries, and some are hooked in to your home's electrical system. Find out what type you have and how to test and maintain them before it is too late.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.



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INFORMATION CENTRAL

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

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When we think of international soccer tournaments, the FIFA World Cup comes to mind. Worldwide, soccer is the most popular sport, and the men's World Cup is by far the most televised event throughout the world.

We won't see another men's World Cup until the summer of 2010, but the FIFA Women's World Cup 2007 begins in China on Sept. 10 and runs through Sept. 30. For a schedule of games, go online to www.fifa.com/womenworldcup/matches/index.html.

The United States Women's National Soccer Team earned one of the 16 places in the event. This is nothing new for the U.S. team. They were the victors of the 1991 and 1999 games and came in third in 1995 and 2003. Not too shabby for a team that was just created in 1985 in a country that historically prefers most any other sport!

Although a number of Women's U.S.



national team players have retired recently, women's soccer brings to mind Mia Hamm, Michelle

Akers, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Kristine Lilly and more. The library has available biographies about Hamm, Foudy and Chastain.

In the U.S.A., youth soccer continues to increase in popularity. If you have a young girl (or boy) involved in the sport, you might want to read "Winning Soccer for Girls" by Crisfield, "Absolute Beginner's Guide to Coaching Youth Soccer" by Hanlon or "Soccer Rules Explained" by Lover.

Don't forget to check out the many videos and DVDs we have on soccer skills and coaching, along with the DVD, "FIFA Fever: Celebrating 100 Years of FIFA."

More soccer information can be found on the Internet. Three Web

sites that stand out are www.fifa.com, www.usoccer.com and www.women-soccer.com.

For more information about soccer, the World Cup or any other subject that might strike your interest, visit the library or call us at (734) 326-6123.

Highlighted Activities

A Drug Free Approach to ADHD: 7 p.m. Sept. 10.

Join us for another installment in our medical lecture series hosted by The Doctor's Speaker Bureau and featuring Dr. Brian K. Brackney. Specially designed for parents, teachers and daycare workers to learn safe, natural solutions to help improve behavior and performance. No registration is required.

Internet 101: 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11.

A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration or fee required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Internet 201: 2 p.m. Sept. 13.

An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Janet Sowards. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hearings set on bills aimed at helping military veterans



Anderson

The State Senate's Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee will begin hearing testimony Wednesday on a legislative package that would establish a sound support system for veterans during their service and upon their return home.

According to State Sen. Glenn Anderson, the package significantly addresses the emotional, mental and financial challenges that acclimation back to civilian life can bring.

"We are forever indebted to Michigan's military veterans for serving our state and our country abroad in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan," Anderson said. "They face many obstacles as they return to Michigan, resume their lives and reenter the workforce, and this package helps ease their transition and offering opportunities to build a future."

The 32-bill bipartisan plan is unprecedented in its approach to support Michigan military personnel. The package would allow returning Michigan soldiers to participate in a post-traumatic stress disorder program to aid their transi-

tion back to civilian life. It also establishes a Disabled Veterans Tuition Assistance Program that would provide disabled vets

with a tuition grant for a public university, based on the severity of their disability.

One highlight of the economic incentives in the legislative plan is to establish a "Michigan Patriot Business" designation for companies with at least 50 percent ownership by an active service member or veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts. The MEDC would promote these businesses on their Web site and the Michigan Strategic Fund would maintain a list of the qualified businesses.

The package also calls for an increased veterans' preference in state purchasing from the current 3 percent to 5 percent of total expenditures for construction, goods and services.

Other bills in the package would:

- Allow children of active

military personnel who are transferred out-of-state to retain their in-state residency status for determining college tuition.

- Permit spouses and children of an armed forces member stationed in Michigan to be considered a resident when determining college tuition.

- Require public schools to provide excused absences to students participating in an event for their parents who are departing for active duty or returning from active duty;

- Prohibit the lapse of life insurance policies for active duty military personnel.

- Safeguard the property of military personnel from sale or foreclosure while they are serving and for six months after they return from active duty.

"This package serves the needs of the children and spouses of our servicemen and women as well as our active veterans," Anderson said.

"They also face extenuating circumstances while their loved ones are away on their tour of duty, and hopefully these bills will ease the strain on the families of our veterans."

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday, September 9th, 2007 and end Sunday, September 16th, 2007. Interested persons should:

1. visit www.aiteanton.com
2. click on the "Auctions" tab
3. in the right column, click on the "Click here for live auctions!"

The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Sharp LC-TV, 2 HJC helmets, 2 Joe Rocket jackets, Husky air compressor, work light stand, impact wrench, Dell laptop computer, mountain bike, 3 chain saws, Honda power washer, cologne, Samsung camera, DXG camera, 4 Canon cameras, fishing line, Okuma Epixon fishing reel, Minolta camera, Coby DVD player, Norelco rechargeable razor, Toshiba DVD player, and RCA 5 disc player.

All items are sold in "as is" condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, MI 48034 (248)263-3880 9/25/2007 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 654 - Raymond C. Dennis- refrigerator, toolbox, golfclubs
- 600 - Alicia Jackson- mattress, microwave, totes
- 1134 - Gerald Ouellette- bed, mattress, couch
- 101 - Mathew Jordan Relter- camero
- 617 - Nicole Rhodes- bags, boxes
- 1004 - Jessica Vernille- mattress, couch, totes
- 158 - Rachael Wesley- bed, mattress, chair
- 1116 - Jennifer Wheeler- mattress, chair, couch
- 1007 - Ladawna Harden-boxes, totes, bags
- 1013 - David Vassallo- boxes, toys, dresser
- 1022 - Faye Guerra- boxes, boxes
- 1029 - Brian Keith Jones II- boxes, toys, bags
- 104 - Hiliary Mesler- tools, box, bag
- 1121 - Joseph Swiney- refrigerator, dresser, mattress
- 1126 - Willie F. Hodge Jr.- sofa, dresser, bed
- 125 - Mark Deason- bike, boxes, dresser
- 126 - Stephanie Gestrich - snowblower, box, bag
- 135 - Nyla Bagwell- boxes
- 162 - Anthony E. Barton- tools
- 213 - Rolando J Garcia- bike, boxes, bags
- 226 - Scott Hayes- bike, washer, floorlamp
- 233 - Debra Hitts- boxes
- 238 - Kimberly Sidar- boxes
- 405 - Christine Lockhart- boxes, bags, totes
- 512 - Janet Pielak- bike, boxes, speakers
- 518 - Annmarie Swift- sofa, dresser, boxes
- 940 - Jeffrey Woodward- boxes
- 947 - Susan Dalimonte- tv, vacuum, cabinet
- 600 - Alicia Jackson- microwave and totes
- 617 - Nicole Rhodes- bags and boxes
- 621 - Steve Molnar- boxes, clothes, chair
- 654 - Raymond C Dennis- lawn equipment, golf clubs
- 657 - Kymane R Clark- totes, boxes, bags
- 715 - Barbara J. Sleeman- sofa, dresser, loveseat
- 719 - Ladawna Hardin- bags, boxes, totes
- 721 - Nicole Keno - bags, boxes, totes
- 835 - David Moore- bags, boxes, bike

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As a retired science teacher, I was drawn to the wetlands and beautiful nature trails that surround Oakwood Common. Little did I know how much I would come to love other aspects of living here, particularly the many volunteer programs they offer. Recently, I was able to use my skills and teach local 4th and 5th graders about the wetlands. Turns out, they taught me a few things, like the fact that you don't stop learning when you grow old, you grow old when you stop learning.

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- B072 - Michael Kowalski- 15 totes, boxes, tools
- B118 - Robert Smith- dryer, entertainment center, 2 end tables
- B310 - Melissa Henry- fan, bags, suitcases
- B322 - Jon Rhodes- microwave, bag, chairs
- B331 - Robert Lewis- vacuum, totes, old LP records
- C039 - Ali Yassine- boxes, mattress set, coffee table
- D014 - Rhonda Jackson- refrigerator, washer, couch
- B068 - Perry T. Christy- desk, boxes, filing cabinet
- B198 - Rick Landrum- chair, dresser, microwave
- B226 - Adt Security Services. Curity Services- misc. boxes
- B298 - Monique Smith- sofa, totes, boxes
- B327 - Francisco J. Reyes- bags, suitcase, tools
- C030 - Melissa Blevins- couch, TV, toolbox
- D025 - John Jackson- boxes, couch, sofa
- D042 - Linder Magwood- boxes, bags, mattress
- F012 - Martha Staley- dresser, microwave, mattress
- F033 - Phylandria Johnson- mattress, box spring, bags
- F040 - Barry Tucker- bags, kitchen chairs
- F044 - Natalie Garcia- dryer, fan, exercise bike
- F018 - Bradley Moscarello- dresser, boxes, stereo
- F002 - George Donavan Jr- tools, air compressor, jack
- E030 - Laurie Minni - washer, dryer, TV
- E007 - Kristy Smith- TV, dresser, table
- D044 - Cortny Smith- boxes
- D042 - Linder Magwood- boxes
- D037 - Charmaine Land- washer, sofa, bed
- D025 - John Johnson- bikes
- D016 - Racheal Cabral- washer, dryer, stove
- D007 - Sharon Mitchell- boxes
- C034 - Nasir Khan- table, tubs,
- C014 - Lynne Ray- dresser, washer, boxes
- C013 - Ted Konesky- boxes, TV, exercise equipment
- B406 - Cheryl Chase- totes, boxes, bags
- B379 - Anthony Johnson- nite stands
- B362 - Joanne Holmes- boxes
- B286 - Robin Addison- TV, boxes, bags
- B224 - Ronald Hill- misc boxes
- B149 - John Mason- bags and boxes
- B117 - Engrid Gudger- washer, dryer, box
- B085 - Daniel Loesch- mattress, bags, TV
- B056 - Antoinette Stallworth- boxes
- B048 - Keyanna Wafford- boxes
- B002 - Joseph Minni- sofa, dresser, boxes

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OUR VIEWS

9/11: Excellent time to fly flag

The question used to be where were you when you heard President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. His brutal death, captured on a grainy 8mm film, was a shock to the American psyche.

But it can't compare to Sept. 11, 2001.

That day, Americans watched in real time as a passenger plane crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. As Americans grappled with the horror of that crash and an earlier one into the North Tower, another airplane crashed into the Pentagon and another into a field in Shanksville, Pa.

It was the worst attack on the United States since the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. It was the first salvo into what has become the global War on Terror.

Tuesday marks the sixth anniversary of what has simply become known as 9/11. In New York and Pennsylvania, at the Pentagon and in communities around the country, people will come together to remember the more than 3,000 people who died and to honor those who are fighting today's War on Terror.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, is a good time to stop and reflect on the past, present and future and a time to fly the flag. In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, many of those flags have disappeared.

An e-mail campaign has been launched to get the word out to fly the flag on 9/11. It notes that we should make it our duty to display an American flag on Sept. 11, 2007, in "honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms."

We can't agree more. We urge residents to fly the American flag on 9/11. We also encourage them to keep the flag flying year-round.

As the e-mail so aptly states: "Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds."

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Smokers' rights

I must disagree with your Aug. 30 editorial supporting a government enforced ban on smoking in bars and restaurants. A bar or restaurant is a private place, not a public place. Forcing property owners to ban smoking in their establishment is a violation of their rights and those that choose to smoke. Just as you have the right to decide whether someone can smoke on your private property or not, the bar owner has that same right to make that decision for his property.

It is not the purpose of the government to protect your health; it is to protect your rights. Health decisions should be made by the individual. It is your decision whether to smoke or not or go into a bar that allows smoking. Just as it is you that should decide for yourself whether to eat properly and exercise, or not. The choices you make and their consequences are your responsibilities, not the government's.

The bar and restaurant owners are perfectly justified in fighting this proposed ban.

Craig Paul
Beverly Hills

No smoking

I do support the banning of smoking in public places: bars and restaurants.

I travel quite a bit on business including frequent visits to California and New York. These states have instituted said ban and I can tell you it is a wonderful thing. No more worries about what toxins you are breathing or having to fumigate yourself (and wear) immediately upon arriving home. I do not see this as an individual rights issue whatsoever.

The smokers can still light up, their rights are not being infringed upon. In fact, let them smoke until the cows come home, but I should not be subjected to the effects of their vice. I am all for civil liberties, for example I should be able to drive my car without a seat belt if I so choose, or ride my motorcycle without a helmet.

These are my choices not impacting others safety on the road, however, I would rather not feel like I have smoked a box of cigarettes over dinner and a drink when in fact I had never lit up.

G. Gordie
Canton

Freedom the key

I would like to respond to the weekly letters published in the *Observer* asking for the impeachment of President Bush.

President Bush has stated that one of the long-term strategies for reducing the conflict in

the Middle East that breeds terrorism is to build democratic states with greater personal freedom. This would give individuals greater control over their own destiny and reduce many of the motives for self-destructive terrorism.

It's ironic that so many "liberals" calling for an immediate pullout of all American troops from Iraq are distrusting of this strategy. Almost all Americans believe in personal freedom.

The real question is do we believe that other people can be trusted with it? Do we believe a free Iraq will make for a safer Middle East and a safer world? Do we believe the Iraqi people want a free and democratic nation? Our nation asked itself that same question in 1861. Should all people be trusted with freedom? Is it possible to change the slavery culture of the South? Why shouldn't we let the South secede from the nation? What right do we in the North have to impose our will on the South?

Look at the Plymouth Veterans Park and you may find some answers. Plymouth had a total population of 1,500 people in 1861 and 91 of those were lost in the Civil War. How many of those 1,500 Plymouth citizens were between the ages of 17 and 25?

Those veterans and the people of Plymouth had the wisdom to understand the value to themselves for providing freedom to others and courage to act on that belief. Thank God for those who have courage to understand the world has shrunk and events in Baghdad affect us as much in 2007 as events in Atlanta did in 1861, for those are the ones who make this the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Greg Pappas
Plymouth

Media missed target

Among the many things that make our country great is the fact that we have a free press. However, just because the press is free and independent does not always make it right. As far as I'm concerned, the free press, broadcast and print media have missed the target in the Michael Vick story.

To listen to and read our free press, one would think that Vick was training Fido and Lassie to fight in a dog pit. I am certainly not approving of anything that Vick did; the dogs in question were not Fido and Lassie but were born and bred to fight their own breed. They would not attack humans or dogs of a different breed. Pound for pound, they are the most efficient and effective fighting machine on the planet. This type of dog should be prohibited. These dogs have no reason to be except to fight.

The way we raise calves for veal is far crueler than anything Vick did to his dogs. The surgery

that made a normal horse into a Tennessee racing horse was finally outlawed a few years ago. That surgery was crueler than anything Vick did. The NBA official who bet on games he officiated at did far more damage to the sports world than anything Vick did, but he is now yesterday's news.

I think the free press should take a hard look at the nature of the dogs involved. Thank you for your time and consideration of my views on this subject.

Gerald McNally
Clarkston

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State Rep. Richard LeBlanc

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Mayor William Wild

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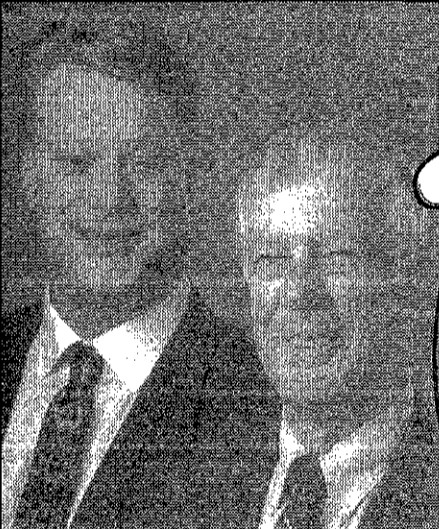
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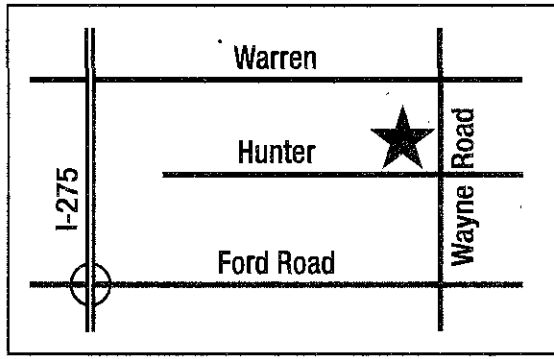
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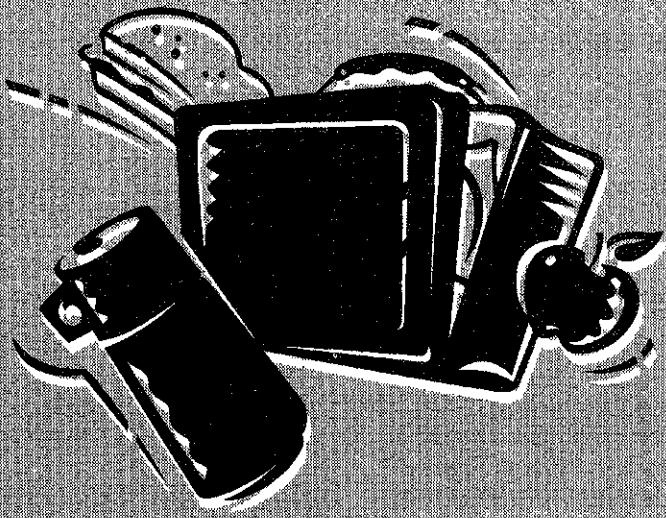


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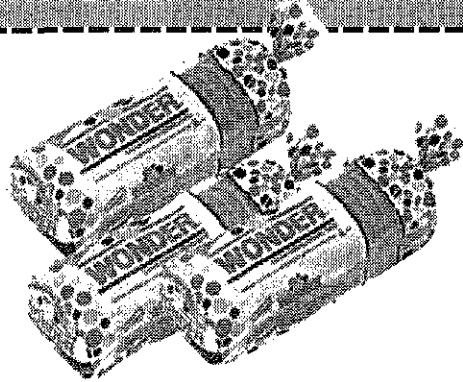
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Churchill overhauls Vikings, heads home at 3-0

Livonia Churchill is off to a 3-0 football start and yet to play a home game.

The Chargers earned their third straight road victory Friday night with a pair of fourth-quarter scores to beat host Walled Lake Central, 28-21, in the Lakes Division opener in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill broke a 14-all deadlock with 9:10 left in the game on a Matt Kowalis 1-yard touchdown run set up by Jeff Ricketts' 45-yard halfback pass to Ryan Whittum, capping an 11-play, 80-yard drive.

The Chargers' Devin Moynihan, who led defense with 15 tackles, then recov-

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ered a fumble at the Churchill 49 to set up Kowalis' 51-yard TD run on the very next play. Whittum converted his fourth straight extra point to make it 28-14.

Central quarterback Cody Rzeznik, who figured in all three of the Vikings' scores, scored on a 24-yard run with 4:21 to go to cut the deficit to seven. But Churchill's defense stiffened on the Vikings' final possession thanks to Darius Miller-Wells' second sack of the game on third down followed by Daran

Carey pass break-up on fourth down. Rzeznik opened the scoring with 2:50 to play in the first quarter on a 49-yard run, but Ricketts' answered right back on a 75-yard kickoff return.

Churchill led 14-7 at the half when Kowalis scored the first of his three TDs on a 3-yard run with 10:35 to play set up by Ryan Dolan's 35-yard punt return.

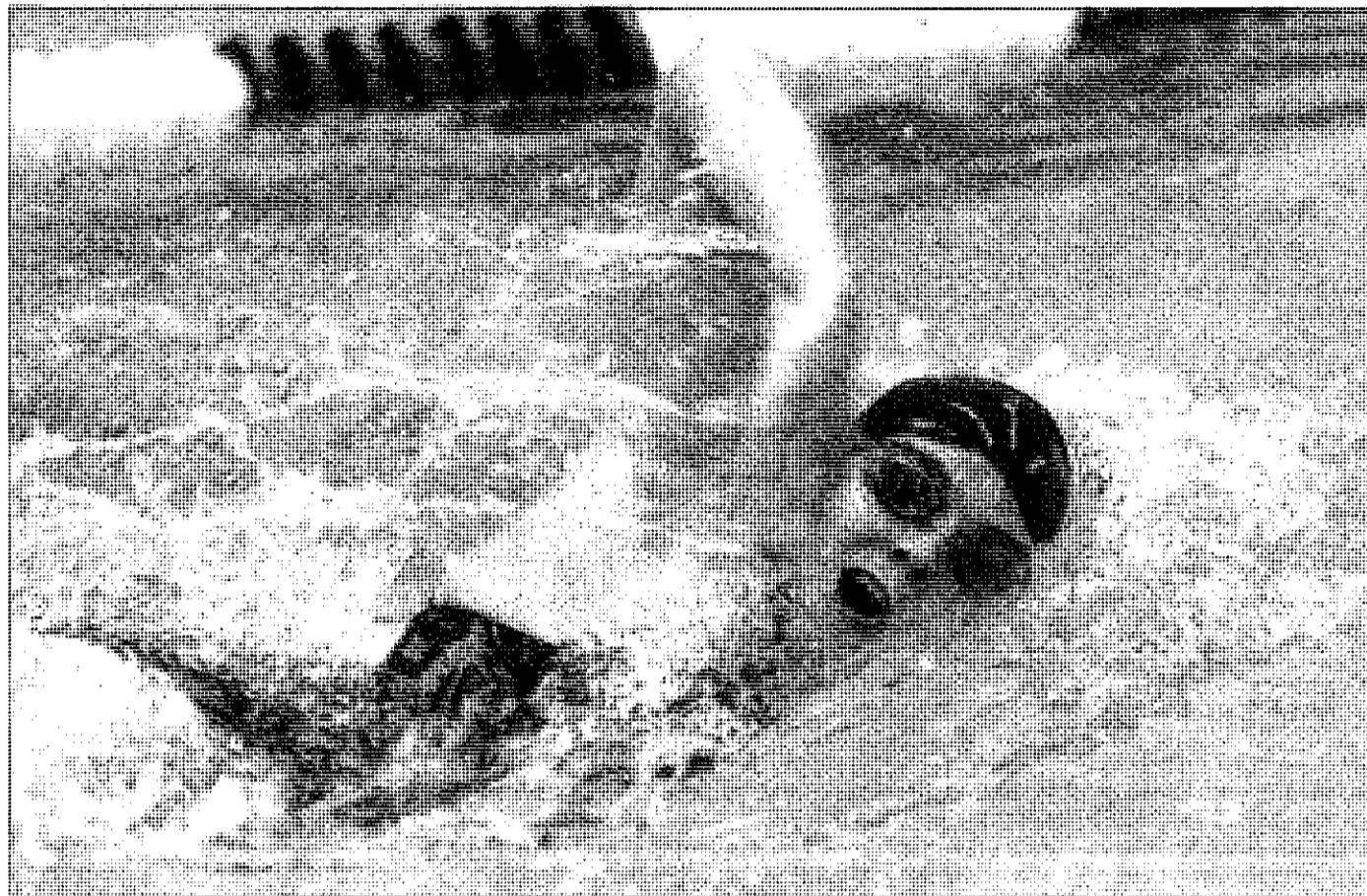
With two minutes left in the third quarter, Rzeznik scored his second TD on another 49-yard run to knot the game at 14-all. Rzeznik had 166 yards rushing on 18 attempts as the Vikings had 272 total yards. He was 1-

of-6 for 32 yards with one interception (Whittum's fourth of the year).

Churchill finished with 227 total yards, 91 on the ground in 35 attempts. Quarterback Grant Morgan was 4-of-7 for 91 yards.

Whittum had four catches for 103 yards, including three grabs inside the Central 5, two leading to scores. Central, winless in three starts, had the edge in first downs, 9-8. The Vikings lost two fumbles with the other recovered by Kevin Tabone.

Churchill will play its home opener Friday against Salem. Game time is 7 p.m.



Ashley Sells earned first-team All-Area honors last year in the 100-yard butterfly.

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Talented Area swimmers will make waves

See capsule outlook of area girls swim teams, B2.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There's plenty of big fish swimming this fall in the Western Lakes Activities Association pond.

You can start with Canton senior Allison Schmitt, a national caliber performer who came away last year with Division 1 girls state titles in the 200-yard freestyle (1:47.54) and 500 freestyle (4:50.79). Not to be outdone is



Laura Timson Stevenson



Brynn Marecki Stevenson

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Lady Ocelots stymie Mott in 3 straight

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

One day after tightening up their defense in practice, Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team took it to Mott Community College.

The Lady Ocelots Thursday swept the visiting Bears, 30-13, 30-12, 30-20 to improve to 7-4 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"I thought our defense picked up tremendously," said Lady Ocelots first-year head coach Richard Lamb. "That was one of the issues over the weekend and earlier during the week."

Lamb was referring to a so-so performance at the Owens Community College Tournament (Schoolcraft split six matches) and an up-down showing Tuesday at Jackson Community College, where the Lady Ocelots defeated the Alma JV before falling in three games to the host Jets.

But on Wednesday, sophomore Livonia Churchill grads Cary DeClercq, Stacy Urbats and the rest of the Lady Ocelots insisted they go to work on some of the problem areas ahead of Thursday's home contest.

"The girls came to us (coaches) and said we need to work on our defense and they really dedicated themselves yesterday at practice to start that process," Lamb said. "We worked real hard yesterday, all defense, all ball control, and we're starting to see the results even today."

"I think they responded real well to what we had to do."

Schoolcraft clinched the opening game with an exclamation point when freshman right-side hitter Virginia Butler (Canton/Westland John Glenn) spiked the ball over the net.

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B3**

Defense shines in Wayne triumph

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Seconds after Plymouth recovered a game-opening "pooch" kick-off Friday, it appeared as if Wayne Memorial was on the way to enduring a dog-day afternoon.

However, the Zebras' defense stiffened and set the tone for what would evolve into a pivotal 18-13 victory in the opening WLAA-Western Division game for both teams.

Wayne improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the division while the Wildcats slipped to 2-1 and 0-1, respectively.

"That was huge when we stopped them after they got the ball on the opening kick," Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. "I thought our defense played fantastic the entire game. Our kicking game kept setting our defense up with horrible field position, but those guys were making

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plays all over the place. Even Plymouth's touchdown pass was well-covered; their quarterback just made a perfect pass."

For the second consecutive week, Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk pointed to his team's lack of consistency.

"We made way too many mistakes," the first-year coach lamented. "We're not improving from week to week like we should be. We had our chances - we had the ball inside the 15-yard line three times - but we came away with nothing because we missed three field goals. If we make those field goals, we win."

Plymouth's chances to jump on top early were literally blowin' in the wind - a strong, gusty one out of the southwest that pushed freshman kicker Kyle Brindza's 32-yard effort and - one series

later - senior Mike Korona's 22-yard try wide left. The second miss was set up by a dazzling 55-yard punt return by senior speedster Myron Puryear.

Wayne's second drive of the day was stymied by Wildcat defensive back Michael's Rose's interception at the Plymouth 40.

After Plymouth's offense went three-and-out, the Zebras mounted the game's first scoring drive led by senior lefty quarterback D.J. Freeman, who hooked up with junior wide receiver Antwain Calloway on a 25-yard seam-finding spiral on a fourth-and-17 play.

Two snaps later, Alan Freeman, D.J.'s younger brother by one year, plowed into the end zone from six yards out with 8:51 left in the half to stake the Zebras to a 6-0 lead. Josh Gonzalez's extra-

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Sergison provides lift in 2-0 Spartan victory

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson had to play methodically in its 2-0 boys soccer win Wednesday night over rival Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans got a pair of goals from junior midfielder Nate Sergison, one in each half, to down the defensive-minded Chargers in a Lakes Division matchup in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"You try not to change everything, maybe shoot from a longer distance, draw them out and make the extra pass, or go wider and find a way to get somebody open," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the division. "You try and think your way through instead of building into their numbers."

Churchill, meanwhile, falls to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in the Lakes.

"Early on we did not do a great job, we counter-attacked too much and Churchill made us play their

game," Richters said. "When you try and build into their end, that's difficult, because they have so many guys committed back. We got close to the goal, but couldn't get it in on goal."

Sergison scored an unassisted goal in the ninth minute, wheeling around and firing a shot from 10 yards out to beat Churchill goalkeeper Adrian Motta. Officials did not signal the goal right away, but eventually ruled it was a goal.

Sergison, a second-year varsity player, then scored with 33:10 left in the match on a header off an assist from Bob Smith.

"I haven't checked the numbers, but Nate (Sergison) may be our leading scorer," Richters said. "He's not a great, natural finisher, but he has a great work rate. He's brave at going to the goal and always makes things happen. And this year he's doing a better job at finishing his chances." The Chargers' best scoring chances came with 22 and 20

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Churchill's Ian Guerin and Garden City's Marco Mattioli battle for the ball during Friday's non-league matchup. Churchill earned a 5-1 triumph. See a roundup of area boys soccer games on page B2.

SideLines

Warriors spike foe

Becca Refenes recorded 13 kills and added five solo blocks Thursday as Division 4 regional finalist Lutheran High Westland opened its 2007 girls volleyball season with a 25-15, 25-18, 25-19 triumph at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Katey Ramthun added nine kills, while setter Lauren Gieschen chipped in with 18 assist-to-kills for the victorious Warriors. Abi Gieschen also played a pivotal role with 15 service points, including five aces.

Junior golf divots

Livonians Josh Proben and Drew Mossian earned age-group titles in the Top 50 Junior Fall Tour Zone Cup Championship Series held Aug. 30 at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.

Proben took the 16-and-over crown with an 18-hole round of 78. Brian Bint of Livonia added an 86.

In the 15-and-under division, Mossian carded a 75 to earn the crown, while Christian DeBay of Livonia placed sixth with an 86. Brothers Ben and Nick Proben, also of Livonia, posted scores of 106 and 122, respectively.

LJAL fastpitch

The Livonia Wild of the Livonia Junior Athletic League will be staging girls fastpitch tryouts from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Sept. 15 at Ford Field.

Those interested should contact Eric Carrier at eric.carrier@ljal.com.

Recruiting realities

The Recruiting Realities Team will make a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Northville High School Auditorium.

The one-hour presentation will inform parents and student-athletes about the value of academics in high school and college, along with unknown financial opportunities, NCAA guidelines and standards, the 10 VIP rules for parents, along with the role of the coach and athletic director.

The event is for high school athletes in all sports.

For more information, visit www.recruitingrealities.com.

Lutheran Westland continues hot streak with 3-0 triumph

Rich Block couldn't have asked for a better start for his inexperienced Lutheran High Westland boys soccer team.

The young Warriors raised their overall record to 6-0 and 2-0 in the Metro Conference with a 3-0 triumph Friday over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

All three goals came in the second half.

Junior Josh Kruger scored the game-winner in the 42nd minute from sophomore Gage Flanery, while seniors Ryan Baglow and Adam Zehel teamed up to make it 2-0 for the Warriors eight minutes later.

Laith Francis then notched his fifth goal of the year from Zehel in the 75th minute to complete the scoring.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who did not have to make a save, notched his fourth shutout of the year.

On the other side in goal for the Crusaders was Lutheran Westland transfer Andy Cave.

"We faced our old goalie," Block said. "He had his guys fired up. We didn't have the wind in the first half and we couldn't do much."

CHURCHILL 5, GARDEN CITY 1: Sophomore forward Max Washko unloaded for three goals Friday as Livonia Churchill (3-4) cruised the non-league win over the host Cougars.

Washko scored the first three goals of the match.

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"They were set plays, he (Washko) is a big target and he finishes well," Garden City coach Bill Torri said. "We played better the second half, but it was way too late."

The Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime, also got a goal and assist from junior Chris DeNapoli, along with a goal from senior Kyle Schwarz.

Andrew Sieber and Patrick Beier also red assists in the win.

Freshman Christian Adams also saw his first varsity action during the second half for the Chargers.

Marco Mattioli's goal from Kyle Smith in the second half spoiled Churchill goalkeeper Adrian Motta's shutout bid.

NORTHVILLE 7, FRANKLIN 1: Alex Marille's hat trick carried the Mustangs (7-1, 2-1) to the WLA Western Division triumph Wednesday over host Livonia Franklin (1-5, 0-2).

Doug Beason also scored for Northville, which led 4-0 at halftime. Andrei Ionescu and Jeff Cheslik tallied the other goals.

Steve Trapp scored a second-half goal for the Patriots off a free kick from Travis Matthey.

Franklin goalkeeper Brad Mangune made nine saves.

"The first half we got off to a slow start, more defensive and got out of control with our marks," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we won 50-50 balls, switched the ball and had much better opportunities."

W.L. NORTHERN 3, JOHN GLENN 0: Cory Sheema, P.J. Tsurui and Brendan Rogers each scored goals Wednesday as Walled Lake Northern (6-1, 3-0) tripped host Westland John Glenn (1-

5-1, 0-3) in a WLA-Lakes Division game.

"It was a well-played game, we just came up short," Glenn first-year coach Reavis Olive said.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: In a WLA Western Division match Wednesday, the host Chiefs (5-0-2, 2-0) jumped out to a 6-0 halftime advantage en route to the win over Wayne Memorial (0-5-1, 0-2).

A pair of Joey's - Massel and Krizanek - paced the Chiefs' assault. Both players notched two goals and one assist each. Other goal-scorers for the winners were Logan McGraw (two), Sherif Hassanien and Eric Caron. Tim Belcher (two), Caron, Pat Nolan and Scott Zech added assists.

Nick Turnbull recorded the shut-out in net for the Chiefs, who owned a commanding 6-0 halftime advantage.

The game featured brothers on opposite sides of the bench - Wayne first-year coach Evan Baker and Canton junior midfielder Colin Baker.

"He (Colin) played a nice game, he hit the post once and put another over the (cross) bar."

LUTH. WESTLAND 5, HARPER WOODS 0: Junior Josh Kruger scored twice, while Brad Larose chipped in with three assists to give Lutheran High Westland (5-0, 1-0) the Metro Conference victory Wednesday against the host Pioneers (1-1, 0-1).

Senior Aaron Derminer contributed a goal and assist for the Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime. Sophomores Gage Flanery and Ben Derminer had the other goals. Justin Palka contributed an assist.

CHAVEZ 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Detroit Cesar Chavez (1-0) opened its season Wednesday with a non-conference win at Livonia Clarenceville (1-4,

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Aaron Rieder, fifth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: seventh (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Timson (second-team All-Area 500 freestyle); Lauren Krupsky, Nleri Avanesian, Becky Larson, Connie Klein.
Leading returnees: Lorie Avanesian, Jr. (IM-backstroke-fly); Emily Hiser, Sr. (backstroke-fly); Meghan McGowan, Sr. (breaststroke-sprint freestyle); Ashley Cabadas, Sr. (fly-freestyle); Eren Ural, Sr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Stephanie D'Annunzio, Jr. (backstroke-freestyle); Lisa Ceza, Jr. (fly-freestyle); Katina St. Pierre, Soph. (diving); Kalea Stancer, Soph. (diving); Carolyn Mustatics, Sr. (diving); Katie Mustatics, Sr. (diving).
Promising newcomers: Tamara Marek, Fr. (IM-breaststroke); Ashley Robertson, Jr. (fly-freestyle); Katie Gilhooly, Soph. (freestyle-breaststroke); Kaitlyn Gluth, Fr. (diving).
Rieder's 2007 outlook: "My goal, as a coach, is to continue to build a high quality program, giving my student-athletes the best quality equipment, training and mentoring as I can. As a team, our goal is always to be competitive in the Western Lakes championships, send a contingent of girls to the state championships, and achieve a team grade-point average that exceeds the academic All-American standards."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Kevin Hafner, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: 11th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Gina Howell, Megan Truitt, Samantha Sheddick.
Leading returnees: Katie Kent, Sr. (50-100 freestyle); Jordan Haymour, Jr. (backstroke-IM); Rose Carpenter, Sr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Trisha Custer, Jr. (backstroke-freestyle); Marissa Birrell, Jr. (fly); Dominique Jordan, Soph. (IM); Jessica Gilbert, Soph. (backstroke).
Promising newcomers: Natalie Cote, Fr. (freestyle-IM); Kayla Douglas, Fr. (backstroke-fly); Colleen Anthony, Fr. (freestyle); Catherine Studzinski, Fr. (breaststroke-freestyle).
Hafner's 2007 outlook: "Franklin hopes to move into the top 10 in the league this season. The team is also hoping to be competing at the state championship meet for the first time in eight years. The year-round swimmers that we have at the beginning should make an impact this season. We should be a much improved team this year with incoming freshman Natalie (Cote) and Kayla (Douglas). Combining with Katie (Kent) and Jordan (Haymour), we should have some solid relays this season as well. Catherine (Studzinski) will add depth in the breaststroke events as well as in the 500 freestyle. Colleen (Anthony) brings a good amount of year-round

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experience to the team and will be major contributor in several events as well as the relays."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Greg Phill, 23rd year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (Division 1 state meet); WLA champions (7-2 dual meets).
Notable losses to graduation: Anna Polkowski (first-team All-Area, 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); second-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay and 100 butterfly; Stephanie Buckley (second-team All-Area 200 freestyle).
Leading returnees: Brynn Marecki, Sr. captain (first-team All-Area 100 breaststroke; 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Laura Timson, Sr. captain (first-team All-Area 100 freestyle; 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Ashley Gordon, Soph. (first-team All-Area 200 IM; 200 medley relay; second-team 200 freestyle relay); Blake Holtz, Sr. captain (first-team 400 freestyle relay; second-team All-Area 100 freestyle; 200 freestyle relay); Megan Holycross, Sr. captain (fly-backstroke); Carla McNamara, Soph. (diving); Charlotte Buckley, Jr. (backstroke-IM); Nadia El-Sabeh, Sr. (fly-500 freestyle); Laura Holtz, Soph. (breaststroke-IM); Kristin Turbiak, Jr. (freestyle); Allison Kellehan, Soph. (breaststroke); Sarah Cauzillo, Sr. captain (200-500 freestyle); Sarah Opdyke, Soph. (fly-freestyle); Savannah Hatt, Fr. (fly-backstroke); Emily Montini, Fr. (freestyle).
Phill's 2007 outlook: "We should be as good, if not better than last year, so our goal is to win the conference and finish in the top five at state."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Randy Ferguson, fifth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).
Last year's finish: fifth (WLA); 4-4 dual record.
Notable losses to graduation: Jill Peterson (first-team All-Area 50 freestyle; second-team 200 medley relay); Jordan Burgess, Jr. (second-team All-Area 200 medley relay); Casey Peterson, Soph. (second-team All-Area 200 medley relay); Kim Raley, Sr. captain (sprint freestyle); Danielle Gunther, Sr. captain (IM-distance freestyle); Ashley Britt, Sr. (fly-IM freestyle); Katy Harris, Jr. (diving-breaststroke).
Promising newcomers: Khiry Sparks, Fr. (freestyle-fly); Jessica Fielhauer, Fr. (sprint freestyle-fly); Desiree Glenney, Fr. (diving); Jennie Hurnbach, Fr. (diving-distance freestyle); Rachel Alhollina, Fr. (distance freestyle); Kate Moran, Fr. (IM); Jacquelyn Hewitt, Fr. (sprint freestyle-backstroke); Ashley Solberg, Fr. (backstroke-freestyle).

2007 outlook: "You can never replace a swimmer like Jill Peterson, but when you have a freshman class come in like the one we have this year, it makes it a little easier to handle. This is the best freshman class that I have ever coached here at Glenn. Our entire freshman class has a lot of potential. I want to see them prove their talent in the upcoming meets. This will be a lot of fun."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Mike Grueber
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).
Last year's finish: 12th (WLA meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Kathy Hansen, Brittany Bowling, Angie Szabo, Olivia LaFortune, Katie Szostek, Samantha Cruse.
Leading returnees: Chelsea Randles, Sr. (IM-fly); Madelyn Bevil, Jr. (sprint freestyles); Amanda Hill, Sr. (freestyle-backstroke); Chelsea O'Mara, Sr. (distance freestyle); Rachel Roth-Fuller, Sr. (freestyle); Mari Farmer, Sr. (freestyle-fly-backstroke); Paige Bawcum, Fr. (district freestyle-backstroke); Krystle Crandall, Jr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke); Sadi Earnest, Jr. (IM-fly); Brittny Grubbs, Jr. (backstroke-IM); Kara Windsor, Jr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke); Kellie Woodard, Jr. (diving); Dominique Nestor, Soph. (freestyle-fly); Ashlee Szabo, Soph. (breaststroke); Xi'an Wang, Soph. (freestyle-breaststroke); Edina Whittenberg, Soph. (freestyle); Kaylee Artman, Soph. (freestyle-backstroke); Ili Lopez, Soph. (freestyle).
Promising newcomers: Kaitlin Durden, Fr. (IM-breaststroke); Kelly Sphar, Fr. (freestyle-fly); Kestie Honeycutt, Fr. (freestyle-backstroke).
Grueber's 2007 outlook: "We'll lean a lot on our seniors (Chelsea Randles and Madelyn Bevil) and hope young kids will come around. We'll be much better in November than we are now. We're in a tough spot in our league. We look for continual improvement."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Jamie Perrine, seventh year.
League affiliation: Catholic League.
Last year's finish: third (Catholic League meet).
Notable losses to graduation: Mikayla Armbruster, Megan Hodges, Emily Rozanski, Cailey Ryckman.
Leading returnees: Kelley Hodges, Sr. (captain); Mandy Nameth, Sr.; Annemarie Brinkman, Jr.; Shannon Kelly, Jr.; Mollie Pelon, Jr.; Allison Spitzley, Jr. (diving); Brianna Wilson, Soph.; Emily Doyle, Sr.; Jessica Hadash, Jr.; Haley Jackson, Jr.; Marlee Knuth, Sr.; Sarah Leoford, Sr.; Courtney Lyskawa, Sr.; Abigail Winter, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Emily Hadash, Fr.; Keri Santel, Fr.; Monica Thibodeau, Fr.
2007 outlook: The Blazers are off to a 1-0 dual-meet start.

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minutes remaining on attempts by sophomore Max Washko. Another shot grazed the crossbar.

Stevenson used two keepers, Jordan Collins (first half) and Conner Burton (second half).

"We had some success, but it's the small mistakes that will cost you," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "A guy gets in the backside and you make a poor clearance. And when you don't clear it, you pay for it. If you make mistakes against

Stevenson, you lose. They capitalize."

Friedrichs had to juggle his inexperienced varsity lineup around.

He was minus starting sophomore midfielder Adam Bedell, who was red-carded the night before in a 2-1 Lakes Division loss to Walled Lake Northern.

"We're a young team that is not communicating," Friedrichs said. "There's no leadership and it's starting to show. For as young as we are, they're a good bunch of kids. But there's no driving force on this team right now. We're good in the locker room, but I have to be the cheerleader when we go back out on

the field. We have to play more as a team and help each other out. Hopefully we've live and we'll learn as we go along."

Richters, meanwhile, was glad to get out of Churchill with the victory.

"We respect Churchill because they work hard and you're always in for a physical game," he said. "They're always dangerous on free kicks, corner kicks and throw-ins because Reid (Friedrichs) always has them prepared. They (Churchill) had a few good chances that we were fortunate to dodge."

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Livonia Stevenson's talented senior duo of Brynn Marecki and Laura Timson, who helped the Spartans to a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:50.27) and a ninth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:39.0) the D-1 state final.

Marecki was also runner-up in the 200 individual medley (2:07.08) and third in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.04), while Timson added a sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:13.27) and was 11th in the 200 IM (2:11.32).

Both have already earned state cuts after just one meet - Marecki in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke, and Timson in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

"With Laura, we'll decide what event is best for her at the state meet and she'll swim wherever we need her for the league (Western Lakes) meet," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "With Brynn we will do the same thing. We have high expectations for both of them."

The Spartans also return first-team All-Area pick Ashley Gordon (200 IM), a sophomore, and second-team All-Observers selection Blake Holtz (100 freestyle), a junior.

"I think we'll be a better state meet team than last year," said Phill, whose team finished fifth a year ago. "I believe we have five who can score this year at the state meet. Our depth is not bad."

With the MHSAA reconfiguring its state finals format to three separate divisions instead of two, the door is



Ashley Gordon Stevenson



Blake Holtz Stevenson



Jordan Burgess John Glenn



Casey Peterson John Glenn

open to earn a higher place this season.

"Ann Arbor Pioneer is still the team to beat in Division 1," Phill said. "But it should be tight second through fifth. I think we'll be there for sure. (Farmington Hills) Mercy is now in Division 2 and we won't see Holland, Jenison or Zeeland. I really don't know what to expect."

Another talented team in the Western Lakes will be Westland John Glenn, which returns junior Ashley Sells, who placed 10th in Division 1 in the 100 butterfly (clocking a 1:00.01 during the prelims). She also qualified for the state meet in the 200 IM.

Sells was also part of Glenn's school-record 200 medley relay team, which included teammate Jordan Burgess, a junior, who has already qualified for the 2007 state meet in both the 200- and 500 freestyles. Burgess helped the Rockets to a 20th-place finish at the state meet (1:54.65).

Another valuable member of that relay team, sophomore Casey Peterson, also returns. Coach Randy Ferguson features a talented freshman class.

"When I look at this year's team, I see a lot of potential,"

Ferguson said. "We just need to keep working on a great attitude and work effort each day at practice."

And speaking of freshman, Livonia Franklin could cause a ripple in the WLA with the emergence of two talented freshmen - Natalie Cote' and Kayla Douglas.

"They (Cote' and Douglas) should be able to provide a lot of leadership and a strong work ethic in the pool as freshman," said Kevin Hafner, who takes over the coaching reins for the Patriots from his wife Christine. "Both should be aiming to qualify for the state championships. This addition should make us a stronger team at the WLA meet in November." Junior Jordan Haymour also added a seventh at the WLA meet in the 100 backstroke last season, while senior Katie Kent hopes to break into the top six in the league this year in the sprint freestyle events.

Meanwhile, Livonia Churchill hopes to improve on last year's seventh-place finish in the WLA, while Wayne Memorial hopes to escape the basement.

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CANTON 97
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 89
 Sept. 6 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Kaitlyn O'Sullivan, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:02.3.
200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:50.6 (state cut); 2. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:01.97 (state cut).
200 individual medley: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:17.41 (state cut).
50 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 26.8; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 27.88.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Glenney (WJG), 156.85 points; 3. Katy Harris (WJG), 135.0.
100 butterfly: 1. Schmitt (C), 58.16 (state cut); 2. Peterson (WJG), 1:09.3; 3. Ashley Britt (WJG), 1:13.99.
100 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 58.53.
500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:28.5 (state cut).
200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton, 1:04:08.0; 2. John Glenn, 1:50.22.
100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:04.1; 3. O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:13.3.
100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:13.4; 2. Peterson (WJG), 1:16.39.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton, 3:50.1 (state cut); 2. John Glenn, 3:35.25.
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0; John Glenn, 0-1.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 114
GROSSE POINTE NORTH 49
 Sept. 6 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Savannah Hatt, Blake Holtz), 1:53.97 (state cut); 3. Stevenson (Megan Holycross, Allison Kellehan, Sarah Opdyke, Ashley Montini), 2:04.74.
200 freestyle: 1. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:03.49; 3. Emily Montini (LS), 2:10.62.
200 individual medley: 1. Marecki (LS), 2:12.61 (state cut); 2. Gordon (LS), 2:15.9 (state cut).
50 freestyle: 1. Laura Timson (LS), 25.56 (state cut); 3. Holtz (LS), 26.93.
1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 196.05 points.
100 butterfly: 1. Hatt (LS), 1:03.35; 2. Holycross (LS), 1:06.63; 3. Montini (LS), 1:09.98.
100 freestyle: 1. Timson (LS), 54.97 (state cut).
500 freestyle: 1. Dolinski (LS), 5:28.81; 3. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 5:58.19.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Holtz, Timson, Dolinski), 1:45.33 (state cut).
100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:04.05 (state cut); 2. Hatt (LS), 1:07.0.
100 breaststroke: 1. Marecki (LS), 1:07.26 (state cut); 3. Kellehan (LS), 1:18.74.
400 freestyle relay: 1. North (Jenny Rusch, Maresa Leto, Jackie Shea, Emily Turnbull), 3:56.74; 2. Stevenson (Kristin Turbiak, Dolinski, Hatt, Marecki), 4:07.99; 3. Stevenson (Catherine Moeller, Cauzillo, Montini, Nadia El-Sabeh), 4:39.37.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 121
REDFORD UNION 64
 Sept. 6 at RU
200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Lorie Avanesian, Olivia O'Neil, Emily Hiser, Katie Neilson), 2:19.0; 2. RU, 2:27.0; 3. Churchill, 2:27.0.
200 freestyle: 1. Haley Fox (LC), 2:33.0; 2. Horst (RU), 2:34.0; 3. Meghan McGowan (LC), 2:37.0.
200 individual medley: 1. Samantha Reid (LC), 2:36.0; 2. Miracle (RU), 2:51.0; 3. Tamara Marek (LC), 2:54.0.
50 freestyle: 1. Ashley Cabadas (LC), 29.1; 2. Sarah Dominas (LC), 31.4; 3. Ashley Robertson (LC), 34.3.
1-meter diving: 1. Kalea Stancer (LC), no point total; 2. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 3. Abdel (RU).
100 butterfly: 1. Schmidt (RU), 1:16.0; 2. Grange (RU), 1:18.0; 3. Avanesian (LC), 1:22.0.
100 freestyle: 1. Miracle (RU), 1:08.0; 2. Nelson (LC), 1:09.1; 3. Horst (RU), 1:09.3.
500 freestyle: 1. Hiser (LC), 6:27.0; 2. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 6:31.0; 3. Keyandwy (RU), 6:53.0.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Cabadas, Fox, Avanesian, Reid), 1:57.0; 2. Churchill, 2:09.0; 3. RU, 2:10.0.
100 backstroke: 1. Lisa Ceza (LC), 1:16.0; 2. Emily Parker (LC), 1:20.0; 3. Riley (RU), 1:35.0.
100 breaststroke: 1. Keyandwy (RU), 1:27.0; 2. Marissa Davis (LC), 1:37.0; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:42.0.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (D'Annunzio, Cabadas, Hiser, Reid), 4:30.0; 2. RU, 4:47.0; 3. Churchill, 5:01.0.
Churchill's dual meet record: 1-2 overall.
TRENTON 97
WAYNE MEMORIAL 76
 Sept. 6 at Trenton
200-yard medley relay: 1. Trenton (Loveland, Swiwest, Briker, Kasza), 2:03.07; 2. Wayne, 3:10.3.
200 freestyle: 1. Sauter (T), 2:17.73; 2. Mari Farmer (WM), 3:05.2.
200 individual medley: 1. Ritthaler (T), 2:23.87; 2. Chelsea Randles (WM), 3:28.92.
50 freestyle: 1. Racovites (T), 27.7.
1-meter diving: 1. Redmond (T), 180.41 points).
100 butterfly: 1. Weaver (T), 1:11.47; 2. Kelly Sphar (WM), 1:14.04.
100 freestyle: 1. Racovites (T), 59.78; 2. Amanda Hill (WM), 1:14.85.
500 freestyle: 1. Baker (T), 6:00.43.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Trenton (Racovites, Stackpole, Osborne, Martine), 2:22.73; 2. Wayne, 2:33.21.
100 backstroke: 1. Kaylee Artman (WM), 1:16.71; 2. Fifi (WM), 1:25.82; 3. Paige Bawcum (WM), 1:35.51.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Chelsea O'Mara, Artman, Kara Windsor, Fifi), 4:14.07; 2. Wayne (Kestie Honeycutt, Rachel Roth-Fuller, Bawcum, Sphar), 5:56.72.
Wayne's dual meet record: 0-2 overall.
DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 109
WAYNE MEMORIAL 72
 Sept. 4 at Wayne
200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Madelyn Bevil, Kara Windsor, Chelsea Randles, Krystie Crandall), 2:16.8; 3. Wayne, 2:37.99.
200 freestyle: 1. Assenmacher (DHA), 2:17.93.
200 individual medley: 1. Randles (WM), 2:37.15; 3. Windsor, 3:09.33.
50 freestyle: 1. Bevil (WM), 28.12.
1-meter diving: 1. Reeves (DHA), 84.30 points).
100 butterfly: 1. Randles (WM), 1:11.93.
100 freestyle: 1. Bevil (WM), 1:02.96; 3. Amanda Hill (WM), 1:12.41.
500 freestyle: 1. Morgan (DHA), 6:22.18.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Annapolis, 2:01.07; 2. Wayne (Bevil, Randles, Windsor, Crandall), 2:02.16.
100 backstroke: 1. Fifi (WM), 1:25.35; 3. Kestie Honeycutt (WM), 1:37.09.
100 breaststroke: 1. Fabris (DHA), 1:28.24; 2. Crandall (WM), 1:29.92; Windsor (WM), 1:36.31.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Annapolis, 4:40.07; 3. Wayne (Kelly Sphar, Chelsea O'Mara, Fifi, Paige Bawcum), 5:32.91.



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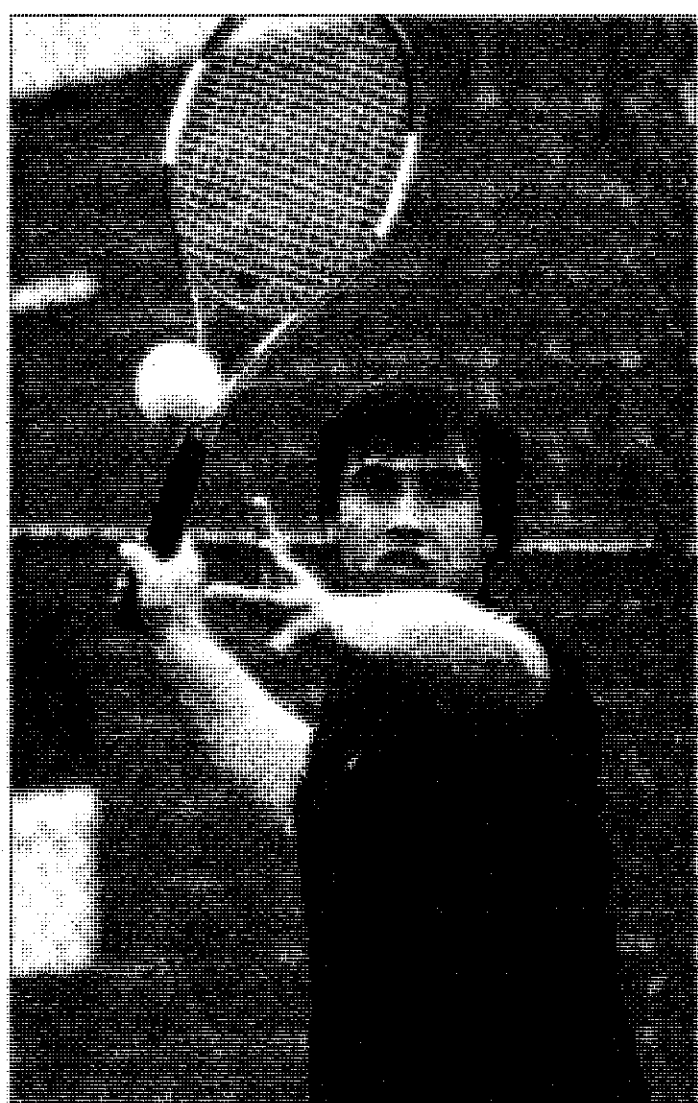
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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 HOWELL 0
Sept. 6 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated Neil Anderson, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Aaron Reed, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Joe Behan, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Austin Wright, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Justin Pless-Jon Nedrosick, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 2: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Evan Annis-Tim Yaros, 6-2, 6-3.
No. 3: Ben Bagazinski-Alex Cook (LS) def. Ryan Humphries-Andrew Phillips, 6-2, 6-3.
No. 4: Matt Nguyen-Giang Nguyen (LS) def. Jimmy Holton-Kyle Brasler, 6-0, 6-0.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 6 WAYNE MEMORIAL 2
Sept. 5 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Eric Hamann (WLC) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5.
No. 2: Mike Hicks (WM) def. Derek Mitchell, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 3: Tommy Pattenau (WM) def. Ryan Hulteen, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 4: Kyle Yanalunas (WLC) def. Eric Robertson, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Jake Pavison-Matt Mueller (WLC) def. Andrew Morton-Kanay Mahotra, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 2: Karl Boedecker-Kyle Sertley (WLC) def. Josh Phillips-Jack Zimmerman, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 3: Vinnie Bouchard-Mustafa Khan (WLC) def. Jesse English-Keandre Williams, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Jared Graitz-Paul Gregory (WLC) def. Austin Hassen-Brandon Harnos, 6-2, 6-3.
Wayne's dual meet record: 2-1 overall, 0-1 WLA.
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 6 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
Sept. 5 at W.L. Western
No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (W36) def. Michael Chou, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 2: Garek Ng (WLW) def. Rob Fraser, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 3: Brad Stone (WLW) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4: Gordie German (WJC) def. Arjun Mahahad, 5-7, 7-5, 3-0 (retired).
No. 1 doubles: Blair Globberman-Lenny Kugel (WLW) def. Zach Ernat-Jeremy Proffitt, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2: Adam Goldman-Dan Wang (WLW) def. Zach Edwards-Shahid Hussain, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Josh Feinberg-Jeremy Gomez (WLW) def. Chris Tolentino-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4 doubles: Western wins on walkover. Glenn's dual meet record: 1-2 overall, 0-1 WLA.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
Sept. 5 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Tony Semonick, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2: Antik Patel (LC) def. Walt Woods, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 3: Akshay Moorthy (LC) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Alex Cios (LC) def. Eric Robertson, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Ryan Hudie-Garrett Gumm, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 2: Eric Newman-Eric Slusarski (LC) def. Ryan Henderson-Nate Spesse, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).
No. 3: John Taber-Ziwin Deng (LC) def. Joe Kosinski-Nate Warrick, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.
No. 4: Skene Milne-Walt Alfonso (LF) def. Pat Moroney-Kyle Stopa, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0-1, 1-0 WLA; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-1 WLA.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 0
Sept. 5 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Gino McCathey (LS) defeated David Criss, 6-0, 6-4.
No. 2: Ian Petty (LS) def. Nick Magie, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 3: Chris Martin (LS) def. Alex Gaucher, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 4: Erik Koch (LS) def. Matt Roitcoff, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Bob Bee-Steve Olson, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 2: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranuc, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 3: Alex Cook-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. John Andrew-Cole Davis, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 4: Grand Campbell-Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Grant Furnier-Paul King, 6-4, 6-4.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLA.
DEARBORN EDEL FORD 5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3
Sept. 5 at Shelden Park
No. 1 singles: Jesse McIntyre (DEF) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 2: Walt Woods (LF) def. Tyler Wyndendorf, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3: Drew Wyndendorf (DEF) def. Tony Semonick, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Ryan Westra (DEF) def. Dan Camilleri, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Ryan Gaura-Tom McMillan (DEF) def. Chad Dorton-Nate Warrick, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 2: Renan Ludscer-Jacob Crumb (DEF) def. Ryan Henderson-Nick Wegala, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.
No. 3: Eric Robertson-Garrett Gumm (LF) def. Nolan Anwar-Chad Westra, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 4: Skene Milne-Walt Alfonso (LF) def. Jeff Slezakian-Crowe-Sittig, 6-1, 6-0.
Dual meet records: Edel Ford, 1-0 overall; Franklin, 0-1 overall.



Stevenson's No. 1 singles player, Gino McCathey, winds up for the shot during Thursday's 8-0 dual-match triumph over non-league foe Howell. McCathey won in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, as the Spartans improved to 2-0 overall.

Franklin boys rule own invitational

Evan Sirena captured first place Wednesday as host Livonia Franklin ran away with the Franklin Early Season Invitational boys cross country title at Nankin Mills. The Patriots scored 21 points followed by Walled Lake Northern and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day with 51 and 62, respectively. Sirena, a senior, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 12 seconds. Teammate Mike Krcatovich was runner-up in 18:20 followed by Dylan Taylor, fourth (18:33); Doug Cole, sixth (19:13); Jason Riffel, 10th (19:48); Austin Jones, 12th (20:05); and Alex Curry, 13th (20:16). Warriors split meet Only one point separated Lutheran High Westland and Dearborn Heights Annapolis in the boys and girls dual meets Thursday at Nankin Mills. The Lutheran Westland girls, getting a first from junior Hannah Mielke edged the Cougars, 29-30. Mielke's time

CROSS COUNTRY in the 5,000-meter race was 24:12. Other top finishers for the Warriors included Miriam Pranscke, fifth (25:45); Danielle Voetberg, sixth (27:23); Megan Fisher, eighth (28:32); Emily Meier, ninth (28:23); Ashley Pniewski, 10th (28:36); and Amber Pniewski, 11th (28:52). The Lutheran Westland boys, however, lost, 27-28, despite junior Spencer Lyle's first-place time of 17:56. Other finishers for the Warriors included Josh Rice, third (19:20); Ross Pursifull, seventh (21:42); Cameron Banks, eighth (21:48); and Paul Bealafield, ninth (22:36). Patriot girls runner-up The host Patriots were runner-up with 53 points followed by Walled Lake Central and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day with 55 and 79, respectively. Country Day's Alissa Ott

was the individual winner in 20:59.47. Franklin finishers included: Brittany Dilley, seventh (22:45.79); Mallory Church, ninth (23:23.47); Megan McPherson, 11th (23:32.16); Victoria Church, 12th (23:39.71); 14. Tiffany VanOrden, 14th (24:28.29); Kelsey Kaplan, 16th (24:41.21); and Breanna Minnick, 22nd (25:39.06). Rocket girls place 7th The Westland John Glenn girls cross country team placed seventh out of 16 teams in Tuesday's Erie Mason Relays. The girls are paired up with the first runner going miles 1, 3 and 5, while the second runner runs miles 2, 4 and 6. Stacey Richardson (19:24) and Megan Nikula (19:50) combined for a 14th place; Ashley Bailey (20:21) and Danielle Levy (21:02), 24th; Jaimie Medel (21:37) and Michelle Levy (22:47), 43rd. Glenn's non-scoring runners included Evi Cenillo (24:27) and Amy Selewski (26:30). Butler and freshman-eligible middle blocker Lauren Braun chipped in with 14 and 13 kills, respectively while Urbats had 37 assists. On the defensive side, leading in digs was sophomore libero Amanda Ballnik, with 26. But Schoolcraft then lost 23-30, 27-30, 20-30 to Jackson, despite 18 kills from Butler, 31 assists from Urbats and 15 digs from Ballnik. "Jackson really came to play," Lamb said. "They are very skilled and brought a lot of energy to the court. Unfortunately, we were not able to match it." OWENS CC TOURNEY: Schoolcraft alternated wins and losses over the course of the two-day tournament. Day 1 had the Lady Ocelots sandwiching a 31-29, 30-24 victory over Clark State between losses to Lansing and Parkland. Sunday, Schoolcraft defeated Mott in two games before dropping a 2-0 match to Columbus State and getting past St. Clair (30-19, 31-29). Butler (48 kills), Urbats (122 assists, 38 digs), DeClercq (33 kills, 31 digs), Ballnik (64 digs) and Braam (13 blocks) were top contributors for the Lady Ocelots. tsmith@hometownlife.com

VOLLEYBALL

FROM PAGE B1 And that just set the tone. In the second game, DeClercq went off on an eight-point service run to make it 9-0 and Schoolcraft never wavered. For good measure, freshman outside hitter/defensive specialist Marissa Damon served seven consecutive points to open up an 18-2 lead. Only in the third game did the Bears (0-1 in the MCCA) provide some resistance, even holding brief leads of 6-5 and 7-6 before Schoolcraft slowly pulled away. A nifty tip at the net by DeClercq gave Schoolcraft a 13-11 margin and she then reeled off four service points (with a spike by freshman outside hitter Sarah Button of Livonia Churchill providing one of those points). Lamb said the play of DeClercq continues to rattle the

cage of opponents who never really know where she'll be. On Thursday, she dominated both from the outside hitter and middle blocker spots. "We move her around as much as we can," Lamb said, "so teams can't really key on her at one position." DeClercq concurred after Thursday's triumph about the benefits of throwing different looks at other teams. "We've got very good hitters that can play in different spots which is really good," she said, "because a lot of times we mix it up in the front and it tricks the other team, and we do a lot of combo plays. It's been real effective so far." DeClercq added that "Whether the person gets the ball or not, being loud and going in for that hit will confuse the block. And it just makes a difference." JACKSON TRI-MATCH: The Lady Ocelots defeated the Alma JV 30-19, 30-25, 30-28 in Tuesday's first matchup.

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Madonna wins first 2 in Martin tournament

Madonna University's women's volleyball team came away with a pair of wins in Friday's opening day of the eighth annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament. The tourney host Crusaders (7-4) defeated Davenport 3-0 and followed up with a hard-fought three-game triumph over Taylor University (Ind.). In the opener against the Panthers (5-7), Madonna won 30-20, 30-17, 30-12 and ben-

efited from a 20-kill performance from junior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova and 44 assists from sophomore setter Inta Grinvalds. The Crusaders were challenged by Taylor (6-1), but were able to earn a 30-24, 30-24, 30-26 victory. Taylor took a brief 23-20 lead in the third game, but MU answered

the call and roared back thanks to kills from Tihomirova and junior outside hitter Whitney Fuelling (22 and 11 kills, respectively). Grinvalds contributed 47 assists while senior libero and Livonia Churchill product Jacqui Gatt posted 18 defensive digs (Gatt had six against Davenport). MU finished up the Martin tourney on Saturday scheduled to face Georgetown (Ky.) and Cedarville (Ohio).

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 14 Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m. Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, Sept. 10 Ferndale at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 Riv. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 Ferndale at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 Stevenson Tournament, 8 a.m. W.L. Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m. UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m. BOYS SOCCER Monday, Sept. 10 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at G.P.W. Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 Univ.-Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 5 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Salem (P-CEP), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 Huron Valley at Ypsilanti Calvary, 4:30 p.m. Lutheran Westland at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Churchill at Salem (P-CEP), 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Troy Athens at Stevenson, 1 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 11 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep, H.W. Regina at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 Wayne at John Glenn, 4:10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Holy Invitational, 7:40 a.m. DeSalle Invitational, 9 a.m. N.S. Huron Invitational, 9:30 a.m. W.L. Western Inv. at Willis Park, 10 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Wednesday, Sept. 12 Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 Ladywood at John Glenn, 7 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Monday, Sept. 10 Stevenson vs. Canton at Hilltop, 2:45 p.m. Churchill vs. Wayne at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Franklin vs. John Glenn at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 Churchill vs. Northville at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Fox Creek, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Franklin at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m. Wayne vs. W.L. Northern at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m. BOYS TENNIS Monday, Sept. 10 Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Friday, Sept. 14 A.A. Greenhills at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 11 Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m. Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Schoolcraft at Muskegon CC, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Tuesday, Sept. 11 Madonna vs. Concordia at Greenmead, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Kellough CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 12 Madonna vs. Concordia at Greenmead, 4 p.m. Rochester College at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 Madonna at Aquinas College, noon. COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY Friday, Sept. 14 Spartan Inv. at Michigan State, 2 p.m. TBA - Time to be announced.

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Candidates should have manufacturing experience & must be able to read a tape measure and have basic math skills. Hi-lo experience is a plus. We offer a competitive salary and benefits. If interested, apply in person Mon. thru Thurs., 9am-4pm @ 12600 Beech Dale Road, Redford. No telephone calls. EOE</p> <p>ALL STUDENTS/OTHERS SEPT. OPENINGS Flexible schedule, \$14.25 base/shift, customer sales/service. Conditions apply. All ages 18+ Visit: workforstudents.com (248) 428-4405</p> <p>APARTMENT MANAGER Needed for apartment complex. Duties incl: Leasing, paperwork, collections. Need experience, reliable transportation. Travel throughout Detroit area required. Fax or email resume & salary requirements to: 248-855-3192 or vsvion@cormorantco.com</p> <p>APPOINTMENT SETTER Ideal for anyone who cannot get out to work. Work part-time from your home. Scheduling pick-ups for Purple Heart call 9-5PM, Mon-Fri. (734) 728-4572</p> <p>ASSEMBLY A local manufacturing company located in Livonia has immediate assembly position openings. You must be committed to working any shift and work overtime as necessary. We offer a competitive benefit package. Resume to: Box 1608 Observer & Eccentric 38251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 careersne@hometownlife.com (Code 1608)</p> <p>ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER With a strong background in collections & accounts receivable. Strong organizational skills. Quickbooks exp is essential for this position. Previous office manager exp helpful. If qualified please fax resume to 734-729-4813 or send to Midwest, PO Box 51155 Livonia, MI 48151.</p> <p>AUTO PORTER Full time opening with benefits. Valid driver's license required. Must pass drug screen. Please apply in person: NORTH BROS. FORD Used Vehicle Dept. 33300 Ford Rd., Westland or call Mark: 734-524-1207</p>	<p>Help Wanted-General 5000</p> <p>AUTO SALESPERSON (M/F) No prior sales experience necessary. We offer training, a fun environment and excellent income potential. Fax resume to Eugene at 734-946-0084 or Call 734-946-0011</p> <p>AUTO SERVICE ADVISOR Due to an upturn in business, we have an immediate opening for an experienced auto service advisor. Applicant must have strong sales, customer handling, and CSI skills. Reynolds and Reynolds experience very helpful. Please call Dan Markovitch, Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-Buick-GMC. 734-451-7125.</p> <p>Automotive Light Service, Oil Change Now Motive, 21530 Novi Rd. btwn 8 & 9 MI. 248-349-0230</p> <p>Banking</p> <p>Looking for a challenging career?</p> <p>dfcu FINANCIAL</p> <p>Michigan's largest Credit Union needs enthusiastic people to provide superior service to our members in a goal driven sales environment. Now hiring for all locations including our Madison Heights Branch located at 14 Mile and John R - Opening Winter 2007</p> <p>Mandatory paid training in Dearborn area. Monday, September 17, 2007 and Monday October 22, 2007</p> <p>Part-Time employees \$11 per hr. One year financial or retail goal driven sales exp. required.</p> <p>Monday through Saturday hours. Earn base + incentives. Career path training in cash services, product sales, and member service. See complete job description at: dfcufinancial.com</p> <p>Accepting applications through Friday, September 28, 2007</p> <p>Apply in person at any DFCU Financial Branch Office. Credit record in good standing required. E.O.E.</p> <p>BENCH HAND Must be familiar with air, electronic, functional & indicator gaging. Must be able to process the flow of details through the shop & perform gage assembly. Minimum of 5 yrs. in the gage business required. Competitive pay, full benefits. Apply in person: 36310 Industrial Rd., Livonia, MI 48150</p> <p>BOOKKEEPING ASSISTANT needed for multi-site medical group. Experience with accounts payable, Excel and ability to multi-task required. MAS90 exp. preferred. Please send resume and salary requirements to: jobsacc@notmail.com or fax 248-522-6225 EOE</p> <p>CAR PREPS Part-Time Oakland County locations. Must have valid drivers license, exp. driving record. Available Mon-Sat. \$9/hr. 30-35 hrs/wk. Apply online: www.entropy.com or call: 248-426-1445 EOE/DFV</p> <p>CARPET CLEANING ASSISTANT Needed for evening shifts. Must have good driving record & be able to pass drug test if hired. No exp needed, will train. Call Midwest: 1-800-570-5104</p> <p>"It's All About Results"</p> <p>1-800-579-SELL (7355)</p> <p>CHILD CARE GIVER Needed for Clawson Center. Exp. preferred. Part or full-time available. (248) 280-1380</p> <p>CLEANERS NEEDED PT. Mon-Fri. After 4pm in Wayne area. 734-642-0064</p> <p>CNC MILL PROGRAMMER/ OPERATOR A Troy, MI based Aerospace parts manufacturer is in search of a qualified programmer/operator to add to our vertical machining dept. This individual must have 10 years experience and be able to program & axis (3-2) close tolerance work. Additional requirements are G & D, and the ability to program, set-up and run independently. Familiarity with HAAS controls is a plus. We offer a clean A/C facility, good benefits and competitive wages. Email resume to: Human Resources Dept. Info@trutron.com or FAX to: 248-583-4750</p>	<p>Help Wanted-General 5000</p> <p>CONSTRUCTION LABORER/ FOREMAN Great opportunity with growing company for a responsible individual. Concrete shot blasting and epoxy coatings. Requires some overtime. Travel involved. Valid driver's license necessary with clean driving record. Possible to work into foreman position. Starting wage is \$15.00 per hour. david@stopvapor.com or Fax: 734-416-3377 734-223-2914</p> <p>A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!</p> <p>CREDIT COUNSELOR Will train. Degree & finance experience helpful. Send or fax resume with salary requirements to: 27621 Ford Rd. Garden City, MI 48135 Fax: 734-522-2338</p> <p>CUSTOMER SERVICE Customer service person needed to work with people who are moving their household goods locally or across the country. Applicant should be pleasant, computer literate, and able to work closely with other move coordinators. The position is at our headquarters in Farmington Hills. Please send resume to: dely@corriamoving.com</p> <p>DELIVERY PERSON Must have clean driving record & be familiar with Metro Detroit. Full/Part-time available. Mail resume to: KAC Ent. 510 Highland Avenue PMB #354 Milford, MI 48361-1586</p> <p>DIETARY & HOUSEKEEPING Part-Time. Apply at: American House Northville, 42007 7 Mile Rd Northville MI 48167</p> <p>DIRECT CARE WORKER Westland & Canton Group Homes, afternoon & midnight. Competitive wages/benefits. 734-397-8955</p> <p>DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE This position requires supervisory experience, general knowledge of building codes, rules/regulations regarding the operation of plant equipment, certification in a maintenance trade (plumbing, electrical, carpentry, HVAC etc.). Compliance with OSHA and other safety requirements and skill in directing and motivating the workforce are important. Should have the ability to communicate effectively with residents, families, and other facility staff at our nursing home. Five years experience in building maintenance and one year of supervisory experience is preferred with basic computer skills and knowledge of computer wiring/ local networking. Offers an attractive benefits package for full time employment including medical/dental insurance, PTO, 401(K), tuition reimbursement. Premium salaries commensurate with experience. Fax resume to: 734-425-4327 Attn: Administrator</p> <p>Economic Development Assistant City of Rochester Hills \$21.61-\$25.42 per hour plus benefits (FT union position). Required: Bachelor's Degree in closely related field, such as Planning, Public/Business Administration, Economics, or Communications and two yrs professional level work exp. in economic development, finance, market research, statistical analysis and/or communications; or Associate's Degree and five years directly related exp. as described; Research, computer, excellent written/verbal communication skills required. Application Process: Submit City of Rochester Hills Employment Application. To: Human Resources, City of Rochester Hills, 1000 Rochester Hills Dr. Rochester Hills MI 48309. Applications & position posting are on-line at: www.rochesterhills.org or in Human Resources. A resume alone is not considered an application for employment. Include transcripts. Apply by 9/24/07; 5:00 pm. EOE</p> <p>FOOD SERVICE ARAMARK, South Redford Schools, is hiring part time Food Service workers, \$7.50 per hr. to start. Call 313-535-4000, ext. 1164. ARAMARK is EOE-M/F/D/V</p> <p>FRONT DESK Exp. preferred. Afternoon & Nights. Part-Time. Fax resume to: 734-721-1300</p> <p>GENERAL LABOR \$7.00 - \$9.00 per hour Call Phoenix Personnel 734-284-2121 EEOC</p> <p>HOTEL The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel is currently seeking experienced applicants for Sales & Catering Administrative Assistants. Apply in person or send resume to: 21111 Haggerty Novi, MI 48375 E.O.E.</p> <p>HVAC & R Maintenance & Service Commercial/Industrial Full-Time & benefits. Fax resume to MECC (313) 535-4403 \$18-\$32 per hour.</p>	<p>Help Wanted-General 5000</p> <p>ID GRINDER Parker Majestic Machine Exp. Required. Day Shift. Apply in Person: 11865 Globe Street Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-464-2225</p> <p>JANITORIAL Part time, early morning, multiple locations. 734-425-0121.</p> <p>LABORERS To work in the seismic industry. No exp necessary. Pre-employment drug screen required. Out of state travel required. Call: 248-446-9533</p> <p>LEASING AGENT For apts. in Clearwater, FL. Close to beaches. Must have experience. Fax resume: 850-576-3664</p> <p>LEASING CONSULTANT Full time. Seeking sharp individual to lease apartments at an upscale West Bloomfield apartment community. Fax resume to: 248-661-2170 EOE</p> <p>Library/Computer Aide City of Troy Part-Time. Starting \$10/hr. Requires 2 yrs college. Prefer public library and PC support exp. Applications and details at Human Resources, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy or www.troy.mi.gov. Deadline 4pm on 9/21/07. EOE.</p> <p>Light Industrial</p> <p>MACHINE OPERATOR CNC machine shop in Westland is looking for CNC Lathe Operators for afternoon & night shift only. Experience in reading micrometers helpful. Great benefits & overtime. Email: info@robmar.com Fax: 734-326-2506 No Phone Calls</p> <p>MACHINIST-MANUAL LATHE Exp Required. Day Shift. Apply in Person: 11865 Globe Street Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-464-2225</p> <p>MAINTENANCE/ HVAC Florida, close to beaches, hunting, fishing. Live in & work at apt complex. FT. Fax resume: 850-576-3664</p> <p>MAINTENANCE/ MACHINE REPAIR Must be able to read wiring diagrams & blueprints. Arc & MIG Weld, cut & fabricate material, cut/thread pipe. Full-time, 401k, competitive pay. Apply at: 13170 Merriman Rd., Livonia</p> <p>MAINTENANCE Must know all phases of maintenance for apt. complex in Canton. 1 yr. or more exp. Must know heating. Cooling exp. a plus. (734) 981-4490</p> <p>Maintenance Supervisor Experienced maintenance supervisor needed for a mid-size apt. community in Westland. Knowledge in all aspects of maintenance must be HVAC certified. Competitive salary and benefits. Call: 734-261-7394 Fax resume: 734-261-4811</p> <p>MANUFACTURING MANAGER Precision aircraft, automotive, gage company. Must have strong managerial, problem solving & production control skills. Knowledge of advanced manufacturing techniques along with gears a plus. Send resume to sales@foggagegear.com or fax 734-525-8400 Tito Gage & Gear 33067 Industrial Road Livonia, MI 48150 734-525-8000</p> <p>MECHANICALLY INCLINED people needed to train on specialized machinery for Apprenticeship Program. Career minded people only. Apply in person 9am-3pm, Mon.- Fri., Husky Envelope, 1225 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake, MI 48390. EOE</p> <p>MICHIGAN'S LEADING INSTALLATION CO. is seeking qualified chem dry managers & technicians. Also need qualified carpet & hard surface installers, & fencing sales team. Please apply at 12000 Globe, Livonia, or call 734-462-8711.</p> <p>OFFICE CLEANERS Needed Mon-Fri evenings, 58/ hr. 6pm-12. Novi area. Also needs Suds, 2 nights weekly. Call btwn 10am-5pm ONLY: (248) 676-1012</p> <p>Search local businesses</p> <p>hometownlife.com</p> <p>YELLOW PAGES</p> <p>PAID BAKEWARE SURVEY \$25. Need 200 females ages 25-45 for 20 minute survey at Ann Arbor location week of Sept 7th. 734-332-1049 Fax 334-332-0241, 734-823-9821</p> <p>Part-Time STUDENTS/OTHERS Flexible schedules, good pay, conditions apply, must be 18+ www.earnparttime.com 248-426-4405</p>	<p>Help Wanted-General 5000</p> <p>PARTS COUNTER PERSON Opening at VIP Truck Center, Livonia, MI. Must be experienced in automotive parts retrieval. Requires demonstrated communication & computer skills. Must have good driving record & be drug free. Infrequent travel required. Great benefits. Mail resume to: 11757 Globe St., Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: HR or Email: jobsvip@aol.com</p> <p>POLLUTION CONTROL ACT NOW \$15.00/ START Downriver company has several positions in our pollution control dept. • No Experience Necessary • Must Have Own Transportation • Start Now • No Layoffs • Free Training • Management Call Monday and Tuesday only, 10am-4pm: 313-382-6022</p> <p>PROPERTY ASSISTANT Large commercial office building in Southfield for on-site property management. Must have knowledge of Microsoft Word & Excel. Benefits include medical, dental and 401k. For consideration, please submit resume with salary requirements to: info@haymanco.com with advance requirements. No telephone calls or walk-ins accepted.</p> <p>QUALITY SERVICE MANAGER For Wayne County private non-profit. Exp. or certified. For appt. (313) 937-4170</p> <p>RECEPTIONIST, PT wanted for Westland beauty salon. Please call 734-414-0214</p> <p>RETAIL SALES Full or Part-Time. Retail exp. preferred. Apply in person at: The Teachers Store, 16911 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia.</p> <p>ROOFERS/PDM & LABORERS Exp. for commercial roofing firm. Own transportation req. Full-time. Apply at: 1055 Manufacturers Dr., Westland.</p> <p>SHEET METAL WORKER Commercial roofing firm seeks exp. fabricator & installer for roofing related work. Apply in person: 1055 Manufacturers Dr., Westland.</p> <p>SHUTTLE DRIVER Valid Drivers License. Clean Driving Record, Dearborn Area, \$10.00 hr. Call Phoenix Personnel 734-284-2121. EEOC</p> <p>Tired of Punching in Everyday? Learn how to earn exciting level income by working less. 1-800-808-3564</p> <p>TOOL REPAIR, P/T To repair air & electric tools. Experience necessary. Flexible hours. (248) 919-7800. jobs@steamcenter.com</p> <p>WAREHOUSE LABORERS NEEDED 40 - 50 individuals needed for a logistics operation in Redford. Must be able to perform various physical labor functions including lifting up to 40 lbs \$7.75 per hour 1st & 2nd shifts avail. For more information Call 313-388-3215 (Prompt #1 for Employment Opportunities)</p> <p>WAREHOUSE SUPPORT Virginia Tile in Farmington Hills is looking for a FT Warehouse Specialist to support the Sales Department. Must have: an understanding of shipping & receiving practices, basic computer skills, and be able to operate hi-lo and wet saw. Full benefit package. Send resume to: hrmanager@virginiatile.com or fax to 734-421-0993.</p> <p>WEB DESIGNERS/GRAPHIC ARTISTS Experience with Photoshop, Frontpage, Dreamweaver, HTML, Illustrator. Self motivated, project oriented, organized. Call 734-459-1970</p> <p>WELDER Mfg. co. is looking for a fabricator/welder (Mig and Tig) with 1-3 yrs exp. Responsibilities incl: reading blueprints, laying out from drawings, welding, cutting (with both gas and plasma torch), grinding, bolting, loading/unloading, and cleaning. Will be required to operate an overhead crane and forklift, and must be able to lift up to 50 pounds, and be capable of welding in flat, vertical, and overhead positions quickly and accurately. Apply in person or send resume with wage req's to: HR-WD, 22700 Heslip Dr., Novi, MI 48375. Fax 248-380-7868, email aptefiler@belaengrinc.com</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE/ SALES ASSISTANT PART-TIME We are looking for an outstanding person who really cares about customers and the people they work with. Beyond Components is a 20 year old company with 10 locations including Novi, MI. This multi-task person will be responsible for word processing, data entry, phones, filing, customer support and other general office duties. • Part Time (20-25 hrs/wk) between 8-5pm Mon-Fri. • A positive team environment • Flexible hours • An equal opportunity employer Please stop by to fill out an application. Beyond Components 46892 West Rd. Unit 110 Novi, MI 48377 We hope to welcome you to our team! www.beyondcomponents.com</p> <p>BOOKKEEPER Exp'd. for real estate office. Full-time. \$14/hr. No benefits. Fax resume to: 313-277-5632</p> <p>BOOKKEEPER For truck, body & paint shop. QuickBooks exp. a must. Competitive salary & benefits. Send resume: P.O. Box 700823, Plymouth, MI 48170</p> <p>BOOKKEEPER/ RECEPTIONIST F/T, for local CPA firm. Creative Solution exp. a plus. Reasonable compensation w/ benefits. Resume to: P.O. Box 700823, Plymouth, MI 48170 preferred. Fax resume to: 734-464-3368</p> <p>CLERICAL OPPORTUNITIES Permanent, Temp-to-Hire, Temp. General office experience with computer skills a must. Accounting experience a plus. Fax 248.737.5886 or mmarshall@pcinonline.com</p> <p>DATA ENTRY Southfield office seeking data entry clerk for fast paced accounting department. Ideal candidate must be organized, able to multi-task and possess strong computer skills. Position requires high volume of data entry. Prior accounting department experience/knowledge is a plus. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Accounting Dept. 21301 Civic Center Drive Southfield, MI 48076</p> <p>EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Self starter, motivated, organized, good typing skills, trustworthy, reliable. Microsoft Office & Excel exp. Call 734-459-1970</p> <p>LEGAL SECRETARY/ PARALEGAL Part time experienced for practice with heavy emphasis on probate & trust administration in Bingham Farms. Must be detail oriented and organized. Please fax resume to 248-642-9001 EOE</p> <p>MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Management company seeking maintenance technicians & managers for the Metro Detroit area. Applicants must have knowledge in light electrical, plumbing, carpentry and HVAC. Opportunity for growth and benefit package offered. Fax resume to (248) 799-5497.</p> <p>OPTOMETRIC Assistant/Receptionist Part-Time, immediate opening. Serious inquiries only! Fax resume: (248) 661-5096</p> <p>SECRETARY City of Farmington Hills. Performs a variety of administrative functions at busy Ice Arena. See job posting and application at: www.fhgov.com & apply by: 9-21-07 Human Resources Dept. 31555 W. 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336 EOE</p> <p>SECRETARY Law offices of Alexander, Zelmanski & Lee, PLLC, are seeking Secretary to fill full time opening in Plymouth office. Please submit resume and salary requirements to: 1436 Prestbury Ct., Canton, MI 48187</p> <p>CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTANT Experience preferred. Call: (248) 855-2261 Fax Resume: (248) 855-2261</p> <p>DENTAL ASSISTANT 12 Mile & Evergreen. Full or Part-Time. Great office. Friendly & exp. 2 or more yrs. X-ray certified. (248) 353-4747</p> <p>DENTAL ASSISTANT & FRONT DESK Exp. for Royal Oak dental office. Exp. with Dentrix software is a plus. If you are organized, friendly & a team player call: 248-544-9000 or email dzramier@dramier.com</p> <p>DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE Southfield (10 Mile/Beach). Our patient focused high-tech practice has a great opportunity for an experienced Patient Coordinator. Full-time opportunity with benefits. Mon-Thurs. work week. Practice works computer background a plus. Join the team that gives the best care anywhere. Fax resume: (248) 354-2486 regaladdods@comcast.net</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Dental 5040</p> <p>DENTAL OFFICE Progressive Troy Office seeking FT experienced applicant with exceptional customer service, computer and/or chairside skills. A high level of professionalism required. Dr. Ted Degenhardt 248-643-6551</p> <p>ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT Full-time position in Plymouth orthodontic office for a clinical assistant. Hours are 8am-5pm, Mon-Thur. & 8am-1pm Fri. Orthodontic/dental exp. preferred. Computer skills favorable. Please fax resume to: 734-455-8033, Attn: Michelle</p> <p>Help Wanted-Medical 5060</p> <p>BUSINESS OFFICE COORDINATOR</p> <p>The Bone and Joint Surgery Center In Novi, Michigan, projected to open in January, 2008, is seeking a Business Office Coordinator. Position to start in mid November 2007. Candidates must have healthcare supervisory experience, preferably in an ASC setting. Knowledge of surgery scheduling, insurance verification, A/P preparation, credentialing, CPTs, medical terminology, medical records required. Excellent computer (Word, Excel, QuickBooks) and communications skills a necessity. Competitive salary and benefits. Please e-mail resume to: ykms@surgeon.com Attn: Nov 80C</p> <p>CARDIOLOGY PRACTICE ADMINISTRATOR Needed in Livonia. Proficient in QuickBooks & Excel. ACCESS a plus. Fax resume to: 734-464-3368</p> <p>CAREGIVERS Immediate openings for mature professionals to work 24 hrs/live-ins in Oakland County. Must have a valid driver's license. Own transportation. We are drug free and smoke free. Apply Mon-Fri. 9am-3pm. Trillium Home Care 248-539-0714</p> <p>CHIROPRATIC ASSISTANT 3:30-6pm Mon thru Fri. Experience helpful but not necessary. Must have 4 arms & 6 legs and be able to do 10 things at a time. Leave the kids at home and come talk to adults for awhile. Tepper Chiropractic Clinic 6/Newburgh. (734) 464-9595</p> <p>CLINICAL DIRECTOR Seeking an experienced Clinical Director for the Bone and Joint Center, an orthopedic and pain management surgery center in Novi, Michigan, projected to open in January 2008. Position to start September 2007. Responsibilities include management of clinical activities for all peri-operative and central sterile areas. Candidates must have current Michigan RN license and have a minimum of 5 years of OR experience with at least 2 years of management experience. CNOR certification and ACLS preferred. Must possess leadership, communication, organization, and clinical expertise. Competitive salary and benefits. Please e-mail resume to: SCA (Attention: Novi OD): pachurchwell@bellsouth.net or Fax to: Novi OD at 396-423-3667</p> <p>SECRETARY City of Farmington Hills. Performs a variety of administrative functions at busy Ice Arena. See job posting and application at: www.fhgov.com & apply by: 9-21-07 Human Resources Dept. 31555 W. 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336 EOE</p> <p>SECRETARY Law offices of Alexander, Zelmanski & Lee, PLLC, are seeking Secretary to fill full time opening in Plymouth office. Please submit resume and salary requirements to: 1436 Prestbury Ct., Canton, MI 48187</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Medical 5060</p> <p>Healthcare</p> <p>Tri-County Pain Consultants A well established interventional pain management practice with an outstanding reputation, is expanding and currently recruiting for the following positions in our Farmington Hills, Livonia and Royal Oak locations: Physician Assistant/ Nurse Practitioner (FT) Strong clinical and interpersonal skills with a desire to work independently and collaboratively as a critical member of our health care team. Pain related experience helpful but not required. RN's (FT/PT) Outstanding team attitude and a minimum of 2 years clinical experience, preferably in an outpatient procedure setting. Medical Assistants (FT/PT) Minimum of 1 year clinical experience and a demonstrated ability to work well in a highly-motivated team environment. If you: -Enjoy no weekends or holidays -Thrive in a team environment -Desire leadership opportunities and professional growth -Strive for outstanding patient care and customer service -Want a competitive salary and benefits package Apply online at or send, fax or email a current resume to: Deanna, 844 South Washington Suite 100 Holland, MI 49423 fax: 616-828-2878 or email: EmploymentTCP@procareersystems.com</p> <p>Licensed Physical Therapists/ Certified PT's Rapidly growing group of Physical Therapists is recruiting for Michigan offices in Novi, Livonia, Bay City, Flint and Portage. Synergy Physical Therapy Group LLC is a private practice dedicated to excellence in clinical integration with other providers for the treatment of chronic and complex conditions. Emphasis on mentoring, continuous learning, collaboration with academic programs, and research supports best practice initiatives. Compensation and benefit package are excellent. Please send resume to: synergypt@procareersystems.com or fax to: 616.940.8826</p> <p>LPN Presbyterian Villages of Michigan is looking for a part-time LPN. Please make note on your resume that the position desired is for: LEN-CON. Please send your resume to: jobs@pvm.org</p> <p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT Internal Medicine office. Fax resume to: 248-855-1323</p> <p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8-5pm. 2 Saturdays, 8-12. 1 yr. exp. required for Troy Dermatology office. Fax resume: 248-362-1165 troyderm@comcast.net</p> <p>MT/MLT Needed for our Lab dept in busy Troy doctors office. This is a contingent position. Please fax resume to: 248-267-5001 Attn: Oebble</p> <p>Nurse Practitioner & Physician Assistant For large behavioral Healthcare Company for evaluation services in nursing homes & assisted living facilities. Qualified individuals preferred but willing to train. Part-Time, Full-Time & Contracting available. Competitive salary + benefits, 401k, vacation. 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Apply within: 26271 W. 7 Mile Rd., btwn Inkofer & Beach Daly; email: info@blinorhino.com</p> <p>DELI HELP Northville liquor store. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Full time, 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat. 248-722-1937</p> <p>Golf Course Banquet Center Job Openings If you are energetic, highly motivated, & customer-oriented, Warren Valley Banquet Center is the place for you. Immediate openings available for: Banquet Servers & Dishwashers. Now accepting applications from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at 26116 W. Warren Av., Dearborn, MI 48127</p> <p>RESTAURANT COOK (CHINESE SPECIALTY) Incl. specialty platters, soup appetizer, beef, pork, poultry, seafood & vegetable; determine food quantity, quality & cost. 2 yrs. exp. 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Glenn manhandles Knights, 46-7

Westland John Glenn used the big play early and often Friday night, breezing to a 46-7 Lakes Division football victory over visiting Walled Lake Northern.

The Rockets, who piled up 465 yards in total offense, improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Northern falls to 0-3 and 0-1.

Glenn bolted out to a 27-7 first-quarter lead, scoring on the first play from scrimmage as quarterback Keshawn Martin hit C.J. Woodford with an 86-yard touchdown pass, second longest in school history.

Woodford added a 71-yard TD run with 5:57 left in the same period and Victor Sanders converted the extra

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point to make it 13-0.

The Rockets then scored again just a minute later after Pat Jensen recovered a Northern fumble at the 30. Woodford then carried it in from 23 yards to put Glenn ahead 20-0.

The Knights scored their only TD on the ensuing possession when quarterback hit with a 76-yard pass.

Glenn answered with a seven-play, 78-yard drive to end the quarter as Martin scored on a 10-yard keeper. Sanders extra point put the Rockets up 27-7.

With 2:28 remaining in the second quarter, Glenn struck again, this time on a Ryan

Lopez 6-yard TD run to go up 33-7 at halftime.

The Rockets invoked the 35-point mercy rule and a running clock with a pair of third-period scores - Woodford on an 84-yard kickoff return to start the second half followed by Martin's 60-yard TD toss to Ivan Thomas with 2:52 remaining.

Leading rushers for the Rockets included Woodford (6-for-111), Martin (7-for-77) and Daz Bragg (6-for-52).

Martin, a senior, completed 6-of-9 passes for 204 yards and two TDs.

Glenn's defense - sparked by Kyren Boyd, Josh Reed, Lopez and Scott Brown - limited the Knights to 151 total yards, including just 61 on the ground in 24 attempts.



Cup champions

The under-12 Novi Jaguars Green Team captured the Vardar Cup Tournament held recently in Saginaw with wins over Vardar Red (7-0), Vardar (5-3), Michigan Burn (5-4), along with a tie against WAZA East (2-2). Members of the Jaguars include (front row, from left): Joey VanHouten, Novi; Devon Cairns, Livonia; Jacob Hackman, Brighton; goalie Jimmy Hague, Commerce Township; Jacob Davis, Fenton; Mitchell Stark, South Lyon; Kevin Nimmo, Livonia; (back row, from left) coach Paul Tinnion, Nick Eastlake, Livonia; Nick Oakley, Novi; Matthew Kiura, Novi; Travis Hamers, South Lyon; Jon Rice, Novi; Derek Blunden, Northville; Griffin Wasik, Novi; and assistant coach Scott Lemay.

WAYNE

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point attempt was blocked by Plymouth's Kyle Wallath.

The Wildcats promptly countered by moving the ball to the Wayne 11 thanks in large part to a 28-yard C.J. Gregory-to-Ronnie Goble strike. However, the threat was thwarted when Wayne junior defensive back Anthony Baskin picked off a tipped pass in the end zone.

Plymouth took advantage of some golden field position on its next drive and capitalized when senior wide receiver Mike Hanchett one-handed a 31-yard Gregory pass in the back corner of the end zone with 1:44 remaining in the first half. Korona tacked on the extra point and Plymouth led, 7-6.

Wayne didn't trail for long. Sparked by a back-to-back 15-yard pick-ups by Baskin, the Zebras grabbed a 12-7 halftime advantage when D.J. Freeman threaded a perfect 24-yard scoring pass to Calloway. The two-point conversion attempt was picked off by Plymouth's Connor Martin.

The Zebras extended their lead to 18-7 with 2:47 left in the third quarter when Alan Freeman scored from two yards out.

D.J. Freeman appeared to put the game on ice for Wayne with a dazzling 30-yard TD run early in the fourth, but the play was nullified by a holding call. The Wildcats forced a punt, which was returned 84 yards by Puryear to the Wayne 3. Plymouth running back Terrance Guthridge breezed in to the end zone on the first play from scrimmage, cutting the 'Cats' deficit to 18-13 with 9:32 to play.

Powered by its big and mobile offensive line, the Zebras possessed the ball for 17 of the game's final 21 plays to seal the win.

"I know it's early, but this is the best offensive line I've ever coached," Hnatuk said. "We have two three-year starters (Mike Davis and Zac Kyle) who can play anywhere."

Plymouth made drastic improvement from what we saw on the tape from last week's Salem game. We saw a lot of flaws on the film, but we didn't see any flaws today. They defended us very well." D.J. Freeman completed 7-of-15 passes for 128 yards. Calloway nabbed six Freeman aeriels for 96 yards. Baskin was the Zebras' top ground-gainer, picking up 101 yards on 12 attempts.

Gregory completed 7-of-17 passes for 152 yards. Hanchett grabbed three for 91. The Zebras held Guthridge to 41 yards on 13 carries. The slick-running junior had eclipsed the 140-yard mark in his first two games. Wayne's defensive charged was led by Alex Bledsoe, Ramsay Hart and Ryan Nesbitt.

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Sept. 7 at Whispering Willows
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Franklin scorers: Georgia Patrick, 53; Paige Scopace, 57; Laura Beahon, 58; Natalie Polakowski, 61; Samantha Nesbitt, 65; Samantha McKee, 72.
Dual match records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 0-2 W.L.A.A.

Western keeps Pats winless

Walled Lake Western found its way out of a hole, rallying from a 7-0 halftime deficit to post a weather-delayed 17-14 Western Division football victory at Livonia Franklin.

Franklin took a 7-0 lead in the second period when quarterback Jesse Carpenter connected with tight end Jeff McCullough on a 16-yard touchdown pass.

But the game was stopped with 7:59 left because of lightning in the area and the Warriors backed up at their own 1-yard line.

After play resumed, the Warriors clawed back in the third quarter on Matt Watko's 49-yard field goal and took the lead for good early in the fourth quarter on Sam Welch's 10-yard scoring pass to Montel Nix-Fleming.

Andy Buchanan, who rushed for 107 yards on 10 carries, gave the Warriors (2-1, 1-0) a 10-point cushion, 17-7, with six minutes left when he broke through the middle for 74 yards and a TD.

Franklin answered with its final TD when Jesse Carpenter hit Israel Woolfork on a screen pass for 47 yards with 4:30 to go.

Carpenter was 10-of-28 passing for 206 yards and one

GRID ROUNDUP

interception, but the Patriots could only muster 27 yards on the ground. Woolfork had six catches for 119 yards.

Franklin's defense, led by linebacker Jordan Short, held Western to a total of 199 yards. Welch was 9-of-17 for 67 yards. Buchanan rushed 11 times for 150 yards.

"We played really good defense, better than the last two weeks," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team fell to 0-3 overall. "But we just can't play without making mistakes."

Stevenson romps, 49-0

Following the opening kickoff and the first play from scrimmage, Friday night's WLAA-Lakes Division game between host Salem and Livonia Stevenson was stopped by threatening weather for nearly two hours.

After play resumed, the Spartans rolled their third straight win without a loss. Salem, meanwhile, is winless.

Due to deadline constraints, more details will not be made available until Thursday's Observer.

Blazer lacrosse team ties

After one week of play in the Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League, Livonia Ladywood stands 0-1-1 in Division II play.

On Thursday, the Blazers battled host Bloomfield Hills Kingswood to a 1-1 draw.

It was 1-1 at the half as Jenna Sheahan scored for the Blazers at the top of the circle, while Kingswood's Nisha Choksi tallied the game's first goal.

Ladywood sophomore goalie Sara Burnosky made 13 saves, while Jessica Sparks had nine stops for Kingswood.

Ladywood is 1-2-1 overall, while Kingswood is 4-2-2 overall and 1-2-1 in Division II.

On Tuesday, Ladywood opened suffered a 2-1 league setback at home to rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

Mercy's Egan Franks started the scoring off the initial shot of a corner, while Ladywood's Kristen Selasky answered to make it 1-1 at halftime when she took the ball all the way into the circle from the 25-yard line after beating a Marlins defender on a drive to the goal.

Maura Gregory then tallied the game-winner in the second half for the Marlins, now 1-1-1 overall and 1-0 in the division. Junior Jill Bacon made four saves for Mercy.

Burnosky had nine saves for the Blazers.

CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals

September 25, 2007 - 7:30 pm
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-08-55: David and Arlene Tarbet, south side of Fargo (31015) between Merriman and Sunset, seeking to construct an accessory building resulting in excess building area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-60: Michael Naimola, north side of Plymouth (32590) between Mayfield and Hubbard, seeking to maintain a wall sign on the west elevation of the building resulting in such sign not placed on the front elevation facade, which is not allowed. This increases the nonconformity of signage on this property because the existing ground sign is nonconforming due to its height of 10 ft., where only 6 ft. is allowed and the existing setback of 7 ft., where 10 ft. is required.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-62: John and Veronica Finch, east side of Lathers (19304) between Seven Mile and North End, seeking to construct a cover over an existing porch attached onto a nonconforming dwelling resulting in deficient front yard setback. Nonconformity is based on the existing front yard setback of 45.4 feet, where 50 feet is required.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-63: Duane Lach, north side of Bennett (31530) between Merriman and West End, seeking to convert the existing attached garage to living area and construct a detached garage with incorporated storage space resulting in excess building area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-59 (Rescheduled from September 18, 2007): Leo Soave, 20592 Chestnut, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to construct a single-family dwelling upon property located on the north side of Eagle (37478) between Newburgh and Richfield, resulting in excess lot coverage.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Local standoff

Lady Ocelots get 2 late goals to tie MU

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Women's soccer teams from Livonia's two colleges battled it out Friday afternoon at Greenmead Field, with the upstart Schoolcraft College scoring two late goals to secure a 3-3 tie with Madonna University.

But the tie kind of felt like a victory for Schoolcraft.

With the final seconds ticking off, Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman urged on his squad to play hard to the end.

"It's all about the passion now," he yelled, after his sophomore goalkeeper, Jessica Tuggle, chipped the ball out of harm's way.

The Lady Ocelots played with plenty of passion down the stretch, scoring two goals less than a minute apart with less than 10 minutes remaining in the annual scrimmage.

"We talked a lot about being passionate about playing soccer and just coming out with a lot of energy," Shivraman said later. "Madonna, what a great team to play against, being only a mile away from us. I have a lot of respect for Paul (Thomas) and Toni Deacon, their coaches. These are the kind of teams we need to play and these are the kind of games we need to play in to kind of get us ready for the road we have to take."

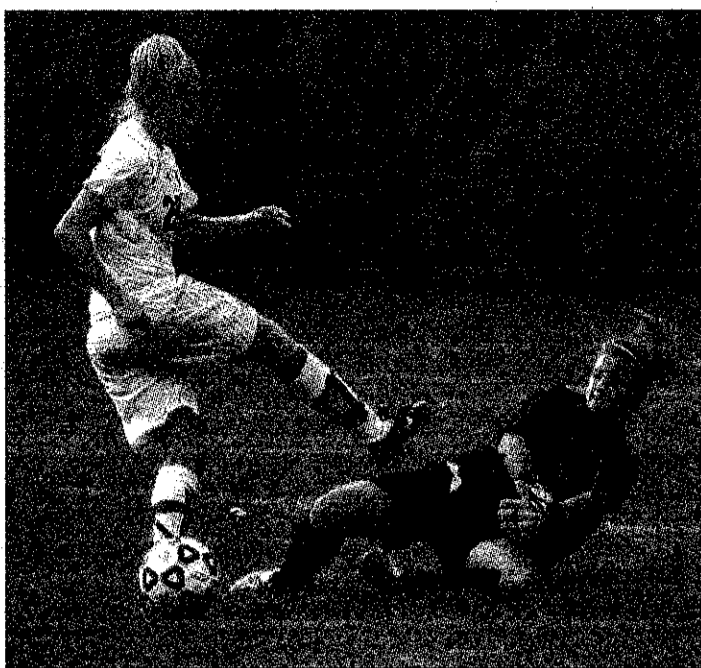
That extra energy Shivraman talked about came to the fore to bring the Lady Ocelots from behind.

First came a sharp goal by freshman forward and Plymouth grad Clare Baptist to cut MU's lead to 3-2.

Sophomore midfielder Nicole Polite sent a pinpoint crossing pass from right-to-left and Baptist finished the play with a header past MU freshman goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

"That was a beautiful goal, really pretty," Shivraman said.

But Schoolcraft wasn't done. Sophomore midfielder Allyson King (Livonia Stevenson) drilled a shot from the left side



JOHN WIRTH

Sliding out of her goal Friday to make a key stop against Madonna University sophomore forward Kati Germane (No. 22) is Schoolcraft sophomore keeper Jessica Tuggle, an alum of Livonia Ladywood. The two Livonia colleges tied 3-3 in the scrimmage staged at Greenmead Field.

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of the 18-yard box to knot the match.

The Crusaders quickly made a bid to regain the lead. But Tuggle came far out of her goal area to make a sliding save against sophomore forward Kati Germane, who was breaking in down the right side of the pitch. Madonna dominated the first half, with freshman forward Chelsea Skinner scoring twice and sophomore forward Kati Germane also finding the goal behind Tuggle.

Assisting on Skinner's first tally was Germane while junior midfielder Andrea Muscat (Stevenson) set up her second.

The Lady Ocelots also scored before intermission, when freshman defender Sally L'Esperance put a shot past MU starting keeper Traci Anderson. The scrimmage contest is viewed as a positive by both coaches, but for different reasons.

According to Shivraman, it is almost like an audition for his players who might be interested in sticking with college soccer

after leaving Schoolcraft.

"It's a good opportunity for Paul to look at some of our girls," Shivraman said. "My ultimate goal is for our girls to continue to play soccer after two years."

Because his team gave up two late goals and lost the lead, Thomas said the draw was a disappointment.

"We've come off the field like we've lost," he said. "They've come off the field like they've won."

Still, Thomas said any time the two colleges can come together for a game it's a positive thing.

"The game helps us out, helps not only to look at their players but also to look at a few things and figure a few things out," Thomas said. "It's a good learning curve for us."

He added that it was good "to see the girls care and battle and fight. They had a little more bite in them the last 10 minutes to tie it up."

Celebrate Life 5K

The first annual Celebrate Life St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K run-walk for cancer will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Grounds in Livonia.

Early registration (on or before Sept. 7) is \$20 (includes T-shirt). Registration (after Sept. 7 or race day) is \$25. Awards will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

For more information, call (734) 655-1402; or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Women's hockey

An adult women's beginner hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be schedule for 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

You can register online at macrhl.com.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball program for age groups 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Sept. 19 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

The fee is \$125 (due at registration). Each registrant will receive 25 raffle tickets at \$5 each that can be sold and earn money, or fill out the tickets for yourself. The grand prize is a 2008 Pontiac G6 donated by Red Holman Pontiac.

For more information, call Mark Rodriguez at (734) 276-1979; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Learn to Skate program

The City of Livonia

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its six-week Learn to Skate fall program (session I) for the following age groups, beginning the week of Sept. 17 through the week of Oct. 25, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile Road, just west of Farmington Road):

Ages 4 and up: 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. Mondays; 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. Thursdays;

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Each class is 30 minutes. There is a limited skate rental available at no charge.

The fee for residents is \$47; non-residents, \$57.

Walk-in registration is from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

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

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity competitive cheer and girl JV competitive cheer coach for the 2007 winter sports season.

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Archery range

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation has announced its fall archery range hours. The range is located on Glendale Avenue off of Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road).

Hours will be from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays through Oct. 28; and 4-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 30.

Daily pass rates for residents is \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-residents are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under).

Season pass individual rates are \$25 (resident) and \$40 (non-resident); two members, \$35 (resident) and \$50 (non-resident); three members, \$45 (resident) and \$60 (non-resident); four or more, \$55 (resident) and \$70 (non-resident).

The season pass will grant the bearer unlimited use of the archery range during posted hours for the entire season.

It does not include archery classes or Shoot to Score competition.

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

Youth baseball tryouts

A final tryout and evaluation session 2008 Beverly Hills Bobcats 13-and-under will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at Birmingham Groves High School.

Interested players must be age 13 or under on April 30, 2008.

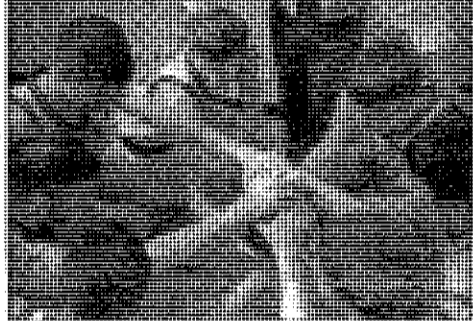
The Bobcats, coached by Mark Sackett, will compete in the North Oakland Baseball Federation.

For more information, e-mail bobcats@lessnai.com.

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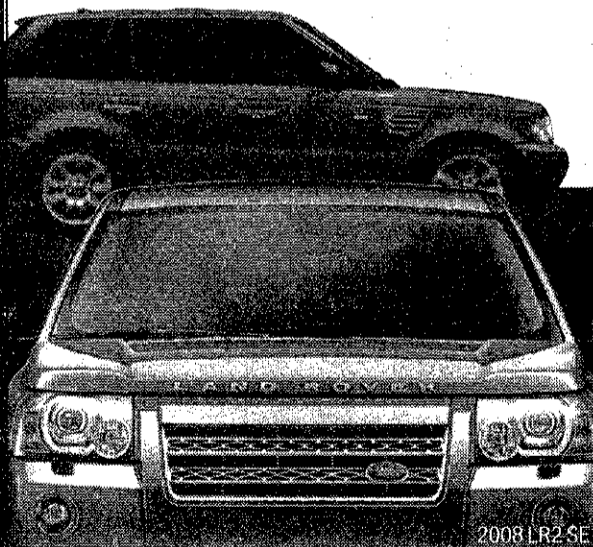
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Being OK marks midlife transition

In some ways, midlife is similar to adolescence. It is a time of transition. The adolescent is no longer a child but not yet an adult. He/she is in the process of taking off their childhood and trying on their young adulthood. They are pulled in each direction. They are contemplating a great deal of the time.

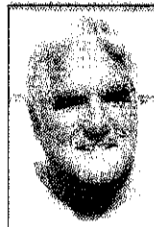
Some say midlife comes when we hit our 40's or 50's. It is a time of wondering what matters and what is important. An article in a recent addition of Men's Lifestyle Magazine put it well: "The midlife stew often starts with some garden-variety boredom. If you have been hoeing the same row for 20 years, only an idiot wouldn't wonder if there aren't some more interesting rows somewhere else. On top of tedium, we often get our first bolt of serious bad news: the death of a parent, trouble in a marriage, a career setback, the transformation of the 8-year-old who thought you were God into the adolescent who thinks you are the devil. Crushing chest pain and the word "biopsy" can set a fellow to thinking about what he has done with his life."

A very introspective person I know suggested that midlife is a state of mind rather than a chronological time. He said that it occurs when one realizes one's worst fears nor fondest dreams are not going to come true: and that that will be OK. It is the "being OK" with who we are by midlife time that sets the stage for our transition beyond - into the last half of the lifecycle. We all want to age gracefully. We can all increase the odds of doing so by how we navigate through our midlife (and prior stages) of development. This is the key to building resilience.

An expert on aging is Dr. George Valliant, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He will be the featured speaker at the Michigan Psychological Association Fall Convention in Livonia this October. In an interview, Dr. Valliant has recently pointed out that positive emotion, such as altruism, work well for people. He notes that positive emotion seems to help older people adapt well. He said it helps if you live in a kind environment. Dr. Valliant's initial interest in the development of adult goes back more than 35 years.

He said he had a few patients who recovered from schizophrenia that led him to look at how people recovered and how they made a positive adaptation in life. When he followed people over the years, he could see that some things remained stable. He reports that positive emotion such as joy, compassion, and trust are very important for adults and they improve every aspect of mental

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Len McCulloch



Church tours reveal the Greek Orthodox religion as it has existed since the time of Christ. Iconography and chanting will be demonstrated and explained.

Food, dance and music color weekend festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A TASTE OF GREECE FESTIVAL

When: 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16

Where: Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 420-0131 or visit www.nativitygochurch.org.

Cost: \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Additional fee for food, platters \$10-\$15 include rice, peas, bread, and a Greek salad. Proceeds go to reduce church mortgage.

Teena Fafalios is living proof you don't have to be Greek to love the food or join Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth. As media director, Fafalios is inviting the community to the third annual A Taste of Greece Festival Sept. 14-16, to enjoy homemade Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts) and tour the church.

"The festival is something a lot of Greek churches tend to do. It comes from a tradition in Greece, Panayiri, a celebration of feast days for the Virgin Mary," said Fafalios, who's Italian but married to a Greek man. "There will be a cafeteria tent to purchase homemade food - spanikopita, flaming cheese saganaki, a Taverna with Greek wine and beer and ouzo, and a Greek coffee house with Frappe, an iced coffee popular in Greece right now."

Along with the food, entertainers will serve up traditional Greek dance to the music of Ellas.

"We will have the Kyklos and Opa Dancers, and our own Nativity Church dancers. The children (ages 3-12) came every Tuesday all summer long to dance," said Fafalios. "There will be a Marketplace to sell Greek specialty items from jewelry to icons. One of the biggest features is Oasis Golf sponsoring the Kid's Corner inflatable fun area. It costs \$10 per child and you can play all day."

Festival chair Thekla Szlinis is hoping to attract more than the 6,000 people who attended last year even though it meant spending her recent vacation coming up with ideas and shortcuts for cutting and skewering kabobs.

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Oasis Golf is sponsoring the Kid's Corner at the Taste of Greece Festival, a fund-raiser to reduce the mortgage for Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth.



Homemade food and pastries play a big part in the Taste of Greece Festival at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth.

Garden City girl battles rare Pearson's syndrome

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Seeing their daughter Paige's flag raised atop the crane erected to help build the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor brightened the late August day for Teara and George Doutre of Garden City.

The 2½-year old girl is battling the rare Pearson's syndrome. Her low red cell counts require Paige to not only receive blood transfusions and platelets monthly at the old children's hospital, but to drag

a cart of formula behind her 24-hours a day. For a child so young, Paige is consistent about not leaving the cart behind as she plays, but occasionally her parents have to remind her to take it along.

The three are inseparable. Paige and her parents designed the flag together during the young girl's recent hospitalization. Paige's blue and maize handprints decorate the flag flown over the area where the University of Michigan Health System is constructing the 1.1 million-square-foot facility, a new and

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Teara and George Doutre with their 2½-year-old daughter Paige



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larger home for specialized services such as the pediatric liver transplant program. "She's been in and out of the hospital since she was 9 months old and was finally diagnosed with Pearson's syndrome a month after her first birthday," said Tera (pronounced Tara) Doutré. "Pearson's is one of the mitochondrial disorders. There are just 60 cases in the world. Paige is case 61, the first in Michigan. The syndrome causes a loss of energy in your cells and affects different organs because they don't have enough energy. "The symptoms started when she ended up with a rapid heart rate and doctors found she was anemic. She started getting transfusions and was in and out of the hospital a lot. Doctors called it a failure to thrive. Then in December 2005 she began vomiting and losing weight. "This one is fatal. Life



Tera, George and Paige Doutré joined Barton Malow crane operators for the flag raising event.

expectancy is 14 with one child living to 15." An experimental drug, triacetyldurine taken every six hours, is helping Paige absorb nutrients in the formula. She's gained 12 pounds since starting the medication. "We contacted Dr. Bruce

Cohen at the Cleveland Clinic. You can only get it in Italy," said George Doutré. "Paige was absorbing none of the formula," added Tera. "Since going on an experimental medication doctors have been able to reduce the amount of electrolytes in the formula. Every six hours we must switch the bags of two different formulas." Paige goes up to the wide-screen TV saying she wants to hear the song and video created just for her by Songs of Love, a New York foundation. Before long she's at the

computer looking for the Sesame Street Web site to play games. "Hurry up," she says to the computer. Paige looks like a normal 2½ year old, but her parents know their little girl is battling a devastating disease. Luckily George's employer, SER Communications in Center Line, has given him a medical leave with full pay. His insurance plus Children's Special Services through Medicaid pays for most of the expenses. But the costs do add up,



Paige Doutré and her parents Tera and George created this flag together.

says George who stayed in a hotel for three weeks when Paige was in the Intensive Care Unit during a 153 day hospitalization from February to July. To help the couple, family and friends are holding the second annual golf outing Just for Paige Saturday, Sept. 22, at Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. Deadline for registration is Sept. 10. Call (734) 485-2683 or (734) 260-3846. Paige could care less about the golf outing, she's excited about seeing "The Mouse". Thanks to the Make-a-Wish Foundation the family is

visiting Disney World in Florida. "The social worker put a rush on it 'cause nobody knows what's going to happen," said George. "Her organs are still going to deteriorate." "We're trying to take it day by day," added Tera. "We don't know what's going to happen." "It's tough," said George. "At one time they said we're going to be coming home with hospice. She's probably beaten the odds four times. She's a strong little girl." lchomin@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2145

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functioning. He says that what makes the positive emotion so vital for aging well is that they focus on things outside of us. He notes that people who live happier are more focused on the positive emotions (as reported in The Michigan Psychologist Newsletter, 3rd Quarter, 2007, pg.1) I would agree with Dr. Valliant's remarks and am reminded of the old bromide of the glass being half full or half empty and its applicability for the 50-year-old. Perhaps it has similar applicability for the 75-year-old by asking; is the glass 25 percent full or 75 percent empty? Or, perhaps better yet, is the glass as full as I want it to be with positive emotions no matter what my age? Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and is credentialed in mental health, social work, brain injury and substance abuse. His monthly column "Our Mental Health" has appeared in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and other publications for six years. He can be reached at 248 474-2763 ext. 22.

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"We have a lot of support from the Greek community in southeast Detroit, but we're looking to attract other people," said Szlinis of Canton who is chairing the event with Jacob Espinosa. "We used to do this on church property about 20 years ago but then got involved with Spree and Plymouth Fall Festival. We brought the festival back to church grounds so we could showcase more our heritage and faith. It keeps getting more popular. People enjoy coming out. They really enjoy our Greek food.

"We're also going to give lessons for anyone who wants to learn how to dance. It's just fun and nobody cares if you don't do it just right. I just love it all, seeing the people gather, watch them taste the food and loving it. I live there on the weekend."

The food reminds Szlinis of the trips she's taken to the island of Cyprus where her parents were born.

"The food is similar. The ladies that are baking some of them were born over in Greece," said Szlinis. "My husband's co-workers are always asking when is the festival so they can come and eat."

Jerry Takis says the sights and sounds found inside the Greek Orthodox church are as much a part of the Greek culture as the food and dancing. He especially looks forward to leading tours of the facility which opened its new doors in April 1994. The Rev. George Vapouris will be greeting visitors as well in the church and throughout the festival grounds. The church was originally established in 1975 in a ranch house across the parking lot.

"There's a lot to see in the Orthodox church. It's ornate but it's not just what they'll see but hear and smell. We'll explain how the sights and sounds are part of the Orthodox church and how the structure teaches about heaven and earth," said Jerry Takis of Plymouth Township. Takis has been a church member eight years. Three of his grandparents came from Greece. "We had an iconographer paint above the sanctuary and on the icon screen that separates the altar from the knave of the church. The church has been using icons from the very beginning. The service is the same practiced by the 12 apostles."

Iconography and chanting will be demonstrated and explained, said Takis.

"Orthodox is Byzantine chant, Roman Catholic is Gregorian chant and does sound a bit different. Byzantine style of chant was adapted from original chant which is basically as old as the church. The Orthodox church and Roman started in the time of Christ and split in 1054. Most people think the Orthodox and Roman Catholic are the same, but they're not — 98 percent of Greece is Orthodox, 1 percent is Muslim, the rest is other."

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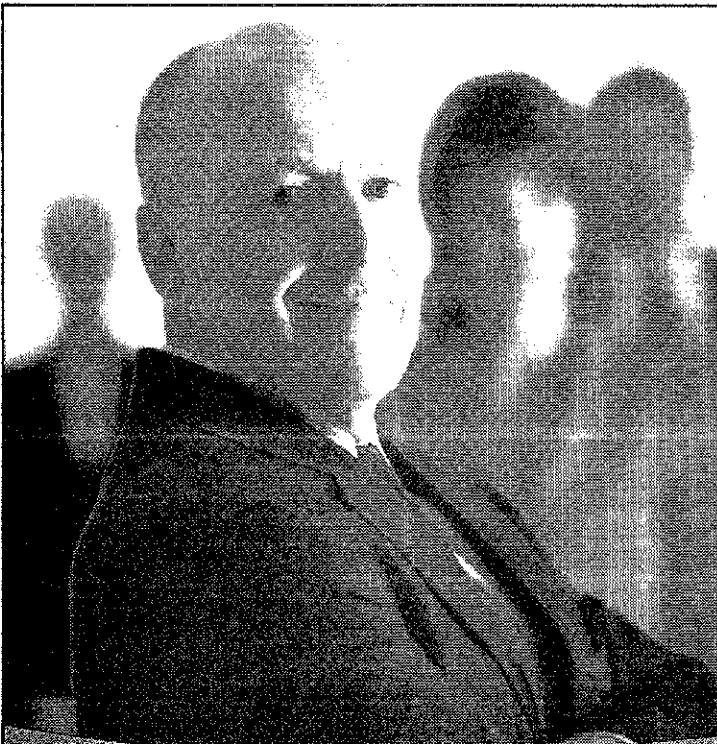
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BARBARA J. SIPE

August 28, 2007, age 58, of Westland. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Connie Molner and Jamie Golick. Loving grandmother of Bud Molner, Michael and Jessica Golick. Sister of Patricia (Gary) Seaman, Larry (Marie) Reeves, Tim (Donna) Reeves, and the late Dave Reeves and Jeff Reeves. Sister-in-law of Connie Reeves. Services were held Friday, August 31, 2007 at the UH Funeral Home, Westland, with the Rev. Gerard Bechard officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhfun.com

DANIEL WILLIAM DOIDGE

Died unexpectedly on September 1, 2007. Dan was born on April 20, 1969. He graduated from North Farmington High School in 1987 and from The University of Michigan in 1992. He received a Master's Degree from the Center for Humanistic Studies. Dan loved children and devoted his working life to their nurture and development while employed as a preschool teacher at the Birmingham Community House Early Childhood Center. He is survived by his parents David and Mary Doidge of Hendersonville, North Carolina, sister Amy (Talon) Harvey and Nephew Jack Harvey of Lyon Township, brother Michael of Walled Lake. Dan's cremated remains will be interred at The Memorial Garden in Bay View, Michigan, at a later date. There was a gathering of friends and family on Friday, September 7, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, Michigan 48178

GLADYS MASON

Passed away September 5, 2007 at Arbor Hospice, Ann Arbor. She was born September 26, 1914 in Greenfield Twp, daughter of the late Chauncey & Pearl (McClure) Price. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Boston. She retired from the Ford Plant in Ypsilanti in 1976. She was a member of the Local #849 and September Days Senior Center. Survived by her four children Charlotte (Cornell) Anton of Belleville, Richard H. (Donna) Mason of Ypsilanti, Phillip C. (Linda) Mason of Saline and Thomas (Deborah) Mason of Canton, 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband Charles Mason, also a brother Cluetus Prince. Visitation Friday 5-8 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Funeral Services 10 AM Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Boston. Interment Hillsdale Cemetery, Belleville. Memorials to the Church or Arbor Hospice. www.davidcbrownfh.com



KAREN ANN WINGERSZAHN MIKA

Age 60, September 5, 2007. Loving Mother of Jason-Paul, Matthew, and Meghan Leigh Mika. Predeceased by Parents Paul and Ada Wingerszahn. Visitation Saturday 2-9 PM, Sunday 2-7 PM at Gramer Funeral Home, 705 N. Main St., Clawson. Funeral Service Monday 11:00 AM at St. David's Episcopal Church, 16200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield. Inurnment in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to The Family of Karen Mika.



LUCY E. AINSLEY Ed.D.

65 of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Port Austin, Michigan, succumbed to cancer on September 1, 2007. Dr. Ainsley was born on June 29, 1942 in Bad Axe, Michigan, daughter of the late Kenneth and Mildred (Grekowicz) Smith. She was raised in Bad Axe and subsequently in Port Austin, by Kenneth and late stepmother Rita (Mayes) Smith. She enjoyed an illustrious career as a Michigan schoolteacher in Saginaw and Waterford and then as Coordinator of Media Services and Instructional Technology for the Birmingham, Michigan school district. She retired in 1990. Lucy was a graduate of Central Michigan University, earned a Masters Degree from Michigan State University and both a Masters degree and a Doctor of Education from Wayne State University. Dr. Ainsley was a past president of the Association for Educational Communication and Technology (AECT), the Michigan Association of Media in Education (MAME) and the Arizona chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARPS). She was actively involved in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Phoenix where she was an Ecumenical Minister, a Lector and past president of her parish Saint Vincent DePaul conference. To say that Lucy touched the lives of everyone who met her would be an understatement. She will be remembered as a vibrant, witty, fun-loving person who gave of herself to all in need. She will also be remembered as "the lady with the little black dog and the big hats." Lucy is survived by her ex-husband and best friend, Alan of Port Austin; six brothers, Ken (Rita Saniere) Smith, Dahn (Lori) Smith, Hugh, and John Smith, all of Phoenix; Leo (Linda) Smith, of Sterling Heights; Michigan, Joe Smith of Bonita Springs, Florida; one sister, Joan (Brad) Fletcher, of Howell, Michigan, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. One sister, Mary Smith, preceded her in death. Lucy loved to travel and left very few locations on her list of places she wanted to go. She also loved to ski and had enjoyed many of North America's winter resorts at one time or another. Some of her other interests were, genealogy, nature photography, reading, knitting, socializing (Phoenix Ski Club) and philanthropy. In her final act of giving, Lucy donated her body to medical science. Memorial services are scheduled for September 29, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Phoenix and on Oct. 13, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin.

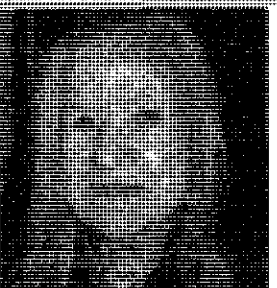
PATRICK JOSEPH O'CONNOR

Age 47, of Howell, formerly of Livonia. Passed away Monday September 3, 2007. He was born on October 10, 1959 in Detroit, the son of Leo Joseph and Margaret Mary (Scharbach) O'Connor. Surviving are his beloved daughters Shaina and Lauren O'Connor, both of Livonia, his father Leo O'Connor and the late Margaret. Also surviving are his brother and sisters; Helen (Roy) Herb, Nancy O'Connor, Steve (Nancy) O'Connor, Mary Lou (Mark) Miller, Sheila O'Connor and his nieces and nephews Trevor, Tyler, Scott, Peter, Andrew, Matthew and Andrea. Patrick enjoyed traveling, playing golf and was a sports enthusiast as well as an alumni and fan of Michigan State. The family will receive friends Thursday, September 6, 2007 from 2:00-8:00 P.M. with a scripture service at 7:00 P.M. at the Kechn Funeral Home, 706 West Main Street, Brighton (810) 229-9871. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. Friday, September 7, 2007 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton. Final visitation will begin at the church at 9:30 A.M. Friday.



PATRICIA WHITING FERGUSON

September 5, 2007, age 81. Beloved wife of the late Hugh Cardwell Ferguson, Sr. Dear mother of Hugh C. "Rip", Jr., Richard W. (Michele), Peter J. and Catherine "Kitty" (William) Kindred. Loving grandmother of Amy Ferguson Karbo (Keith), Andrea Ferguson Stamps (Erik), Ryan, Molly and Hilary Ferguson and Devon and Hannah Kindred. Great-grandmother of Natalie Ryan Stamps and Stella Rose Karbo. Sister-in-law of William and Anita Ferguson. Dear friend of Susan Phillips, Katharine Parker and Myriam Valleococcia. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Pat was the youngest of seven children of Leffingwell and Catherine Whiting. She graduated from Immaculate High School in 1943, attended the University of Detroit, and married Hugh C. Ferguson on November 22, 1947, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2006. She was an active member of the Christ Child Society, Providence Hospital Guild, and Brother Rice and Marian High Schools Mothers' Club. Services were held at Holy Name Church, Birmingham on Saturday. Memorials appreciated to Odyssey Hospice, 25925 Telegraph, Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48034. Obituaries and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



MARILYN BRANDT

Of Clarkston, formerly of Davison, age 65, passed away Thursday, September 6, 2007 at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center. A Funeral Service will be held 11 AM Monday, September 10, 2007 at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Rd., Davison, Rev. James Kleintank officiating. Burial will follow in Meadowview Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 3-8 PM Sunday, A VFW Memorial Service will be held 7:30 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Marilyn was born in Flint on January 25, 1942, daughter of the late Arthur and Mary Evelyn Worvie. She was a member of the Davison VFW Auxillary. Marilyn enjoyed playing cards, shopping and going out to eat. She loved flowers and Elvis Presley, but most importantly, spending time with her grandchildren. Marilyn is survived by her children, Laurie (Tom) VanHollebeke and Darin Brandt; grandchildren, Gabriel Paul and Jaclynn Anne; siblings, Larry Worvie, Joyce (Ken) Jackson, Dale (Carol) Worvie, Dennis (Debbie) Worvie; sister-in-law, Debbie Broecker; several nieces and nephews and best friends, Dee and Murray Magrath and Sherry Macias. Please share your thoughts with the family at: www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com

PHYLLIS C. CARNOCHAN

September 4, 2007. Age 93, longtime resident of Birmingham. Mrs. Carnochan resided for the past few years at the Baldwin House in Birmingham where she made many new friends and will be missed. She attended the Arts and Crafts Center in Detroit and had a profound interest in Fiber Weaving. Her beloved husband William preceded her in death in 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Daphne Carnochan of Medford, OR. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

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The club has contributed over \$25,000 to Schoolcraft College and the Woman's Resource Center, thanks to continued community support.

Charlotte Austin, from the Visiting Historians, will show a glimpse into the life of Annie Oakley, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at One Under Banquet Facilities, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Like Annie, Charlotte is a sharp shooter and has won many competitions. Annie's husband, Frank Butler, will also make an appearance. It will be a really wild west afternoon. Wear your

western gear and plan on a good time. Tickets are \$30

A wine tasting party will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Wine Styles, 17386 Haggerty, Livonia. Kathy Groman, the owner of WineStyles, does a wonderful job of explaining the qualities and characteristics of the many wines sampled. Crackers, assorted cheeses and meats are served. It's a perfect time to stock up for holiday guests, buy a few Christmas gifts or just treat yourself. Tickets are \$25. Spaces are limited so reserve early.

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Kristi DiBasio of Livonia and Joshua Jones of Toledo were united in marriage on Aug. 24, 2007, by the Rev. Bob Shafer at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Jan DiBasio of Livonia.

The groom is the son of Bill and Kathy Jones of Indian River.

Kristi graduated from Livonia Stevenson, Albion College and Wayne State Law School. She is currently practicing as an attorney with The Michigan Children's Law Center in Wayne County.

Josh graduated from St. John's in Toledo, Miami of Ohio and Wayne State Law School. He is currently employed as a corporate attorney for Dow Chemical in Midland.

The bride was attended by Matrons of honor Laura (DiBasio) Cesa and Carrie (DiBasio) Hodrosky. Also attending were Junie (Jones) Gibbs, Courtney Holloway, Elise Lafrate, Jessie Jones, Jodi Jones, Carrie Kovach, Andrea Khoury and Marie Wilson. Molly Cesa was the flower girl. Attending the groom were Josh's Dad, William Jones and Matt Brandman his best friend. The other groomsmen were Ryon Burill, Steve Cappellino, Steve DiBasio, Jason Jones, Craig Major and Nguyen Vu. Luke Gibbs and Tyler Major were the ring bearers.

A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

The couple honeymooned in Traverse City.

Jewish to observe the High Holy Days

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Observance of the Jewish New Year at the Rosh Hashana service on Wednesday evening is just the beginning of a time of reflection for Rabbi Peter Gluck and members of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton.

Ten Days of Repentance follow, ending with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement when the faithful ask forgiveness for misdeeds during the previous year. Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are the two most sacred holidays in the Jewish faith and are referred to as High Holy Days.

"Rosh Hashana officially marks the New Year on the Jewish religious calendar as prescribed from the Bible," said Rabbi Peter Gluck, leader of the congregation which practices Reform Judaism. "This New Year on the Jewish religious calendar is 5768. The way the number is derived is by adding up all the generations in the Bible dating back to the first chapter of Genesis so Rosh Hashana is not only the celebration of a new year, but since the counting of the years is based on the text that talks about the Creation of the world then Rosh Hashana is also known as the birthday of Creation.

"And since the tradition teaches that God created the world then it's a time to celebrate the creative power of the one God that created the whole world including us. Thus it is a time for us to reflect upon our lives as human beings. It's a special time to highlight in the

new year the unique human capacity to become responsible for our own personal lives and this requires reflection."

Special prayers said during the Rosh Hashana service not only call Jews to reflect, but grants forgiveness for any wrongs done during the prior year.

"It's a time to focus the community's attention to make corrections in their life to make the coming year better than the past year. You're always trying to get better," said Gluck. "The concept is you can't hang on to the past. You have to engage the present with a renewed spirit. You engage the God of creation in creating your life anew."

One very special ritual during Rosh Hashana is the Sounding of the Shofar, the ram's horn.

"We do that to awaken this spirit of renewal within the congregants," said Gluck. "To sound the Shofar is a special honor. In our congregation it's usually a youngster who has been trained. It's a non-valve instrument. There are three notes or main sounds done in a special order. It's quite a moving moment. It dates back to Biblical times. The commandant is there that you shall hear the sounding of the Shofar."

Congregation Bet Chaverim is open to all interested in learning more about and practicing Judaism, said Gluck. For more information, call (734) 480-8880 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Religious School begins 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

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REUNIONS

Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967

The Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967 gathers for its 40th reunion on Saturday Oct. 27, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Livonia Stevenson High School Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Oak Park High School Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 29, 2008. Only about 50 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy

Suites, Livonia.

For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral74@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Marnia@comcast.net

Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo.com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

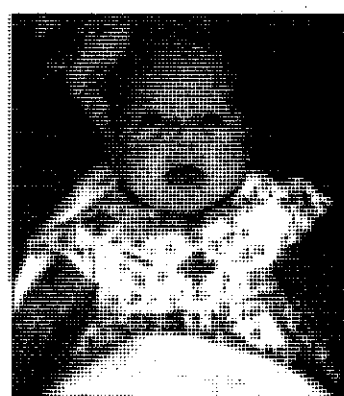
Redford Union High School Class of 1977

The Redford Union Class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com or visiting ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Inkster Roosevelt High School Class of 1957 and 1958

A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or e-mail ymack@twml.rr.com or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

BIRTHS



Rachel Marie Carravallah



Luke David Carravallah

Rachel and Luke Carravallah

Ann-Marie Carravallah and Dave Carravallah of Canton announce the birth of their daughter and son, Rachel Marie Carravallah and Luke David Carravallah on July 18, 2007, at Mott's Children's Hospital.

At birth Rachel Marie weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Luke David weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Lou Abundis of Westland and Gerry Carravallah of Livonia.

A baptism will be held 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at St. Thomas A Becket Church.

May peace
be with
you in this
time of
sorrow.

Beautiful blossoms

Club celebrates 15 years tending gardens at Meadow Brook Hall

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Summer unofficially ended Labor Day weekend — and autumn is just two weeks away — but the 14 gardens surrounding Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills look as good as they did in June.

"We're just proud of everything," said Nan LaRosa, president of the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. "And even though the gardens have a tendency to be in decline at the end of August-beginning of September, I think you can see that these are so well-cared for, that they look absolutely splendid."

About 40 of the club's 141 members gather every Tuesday morning at the former Matilda Dodge Wilson estate to keep bugs at bay, flowers in bloom and greenery free of weeds. They spent more than a total 4,000 hours last year planting, watering and pampering the flower beds. And if the still-blooming gardens are any indication, they'll likely log similar hours again this year.

"We have garden captains and co-captains in every garden. We garden to a plan that we develop in January," LaRosa noted. "Of course, we have to be flexible because Mother Nature doesn't always give us what we expect. We've learned to deal with that."

"We had an attack of Japanese beetles that caused some major damage. We have rabbits and we had the drought, so some of our annuals in particular have struggled, but we move plants around to fill in the void created by that and sometimes we purchase new plants. Because of the drought we had to revitalize some of our plants, but they are looking wonderful now."

CELEBRATING

Members gave themselves a pat on the back and celebrated

the club's 15th anniversary recently with a garden tour and reception. Captains and co-captains staffed reception tables in nearly all of the gardens, offering hors d'oeuvres, desserts, salads and beverages.

Lynn Beckerman of West Bloomfield, served a pasta salad and plate of fresh, home-grown tomatoes with cheese, from her station near Tilly's Garden, which she captains and Knot Garden.

"Many of our members don't work in the gardens any more — they do other things or donate money — so this was an opportunity for everyone to walk around and see all the gardens," said Beckerman, who joined the club after attending some of its fall and winter programs. She spent Tuesday mornings weeding, dead-heading and trimming in Tilly's, and sometimes would lend a hand in other gardens.

Mary Ann Crawford of Rochester Hills is winding up her first summer as a club member. She tended the Rock Garden, but during the anniversary tour and reception, directed guests in the Orientation Garden, where annuals bloomed in shades of pink and purple.

"I just love to weed," Crawford said. When she mentioned her green thumb to a friend, the woman suggested Crawford join Meadow Brook Garden Club.

"She said, 'I have the perfect project for you,'" Crawford said, with a laugh.

IMPROVED

Chris Harris, of Rochester Hills, a co-captain of the Rose Garden, said the estate's gardens have come a long way the past seven years. In the Rose Garden, for example, volunteers planted new roses, new perennials and changed the soil by using natural products.

"Little by little, we redid all the beds and got them up to where they are," Harris said.



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Elle Steele, publicity chair for the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, stops to smell the Black-eyed Susans in the Rose Garden.



Marilyn Brooks of Rochester Hills strolls through Meadow Brook Hall's rose garden, which was decked out in balloons for Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club's 15th anniversary. That's the Pegasus Fountain in the background.



The Hillside Garden, topped by a gazebo, offers a shady spot to admire its mix of rock, perennials and pine trees at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

"Now it's just maintaining and fighting the elements."

And fund-raising. The club buys hundreds of plants each year and has purchased utility vehicles and mowers. Fund-

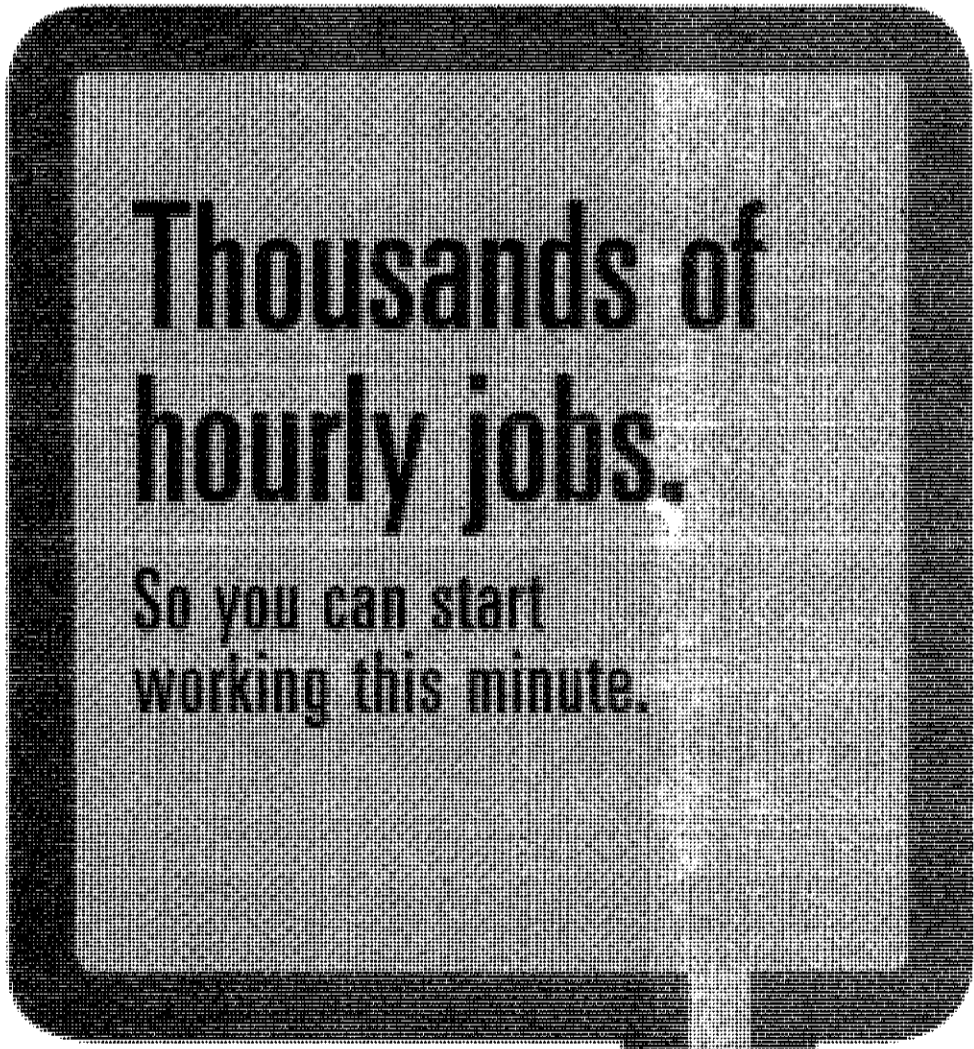
raisers like the club's annual Colossal Indoor Garage sale held every fall, help pay for improvements.

The sale this year will be held Oct. 17-19 in the Shotwell-

Gustafson Pavilion on the Oakland University campus. For more information on the sale or the club, visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

The gardens are open to

the public at no charge from dawn to dusk, except during a private event. Meadow Brook Hall is located on the Oakland University campus at Walton and Adams in Rochester Hills.



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IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/Drugs, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Call ☎224748

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'7", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎282305

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 5'8", blonde, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining. Seeking a W/M, 66-76, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. ☎207161

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young, 62, widowed, well-groomed, nice-looking, 5'3", 158lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, party retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-58, for fun, friendship, date, etc. ☎99242

SHORT GUY'S PLUS
SWF, 46, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for life partner, who's life is as together as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great girl for LTR. ☎113552

HIDDEN TREASURE
I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+, ☎212790

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SBF, 42, 5'3", 130lbs, medium complexion, easy on the eyes, curvaceous, intelligent, classy and educated, with a beautiful heart, seeking compatible man to share my life. ☎218806

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spry and pretty. Only Jewish man please. ☎962317

SEEKING FRIEND
DWCF, 70, 5'2", looks much younger, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 58-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. ☎856264

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBOCF, 38, 5'8", 120lbs, smoker, loves jazz. Seeking BF, 30-45, smoker, for dining out and movies. For friendship, possible romance. ☎192399

ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN...
wanted, 40-year-old SBF, 5'8", looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old. I like Italian or Italian, and cooking. ☎211952

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWF, 37, attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with grown son likes walks, movies, dinners, park music. Seeking SM, 36-55, for friendship, possible romance. ☎223332

UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...
strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. ☎235816

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'8", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Seeking N/S or W/M, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎308008

SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest, trustworthy down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SM, 27-35, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. ☎508061

CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. ☎217813

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. ☎218297

BUSY GIRL
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5'11lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. ☎230116

IN THIS BOX
SBF, 35, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy curvy, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all it offers, I enjoys water sports, travel, fine dining, art. ☎218968

MAYBE US?
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty SWF, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. ☎214333

FRIENDS FIRST
WWF, 68, 5'8", 140lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, cooking, travel, dining, outdoor, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

MAYBE US?
Sociable, employed SF, 63, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. ☎218936

LOOKING FOR ME?
Energetic SBF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk. ☎13317

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CLASSY LADY
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS
Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, seeking for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. ☎198785

WORTH YOUR CALL
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. ☎201967

A GOOD WOMAN 4 U
Laid-back, nice SWF, 42, N/S, N/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relating to a SM, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. ☎209055

SINCERE ONLY
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights on the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. ☎210670

HELLO GENTLEMAN
SBF, 38, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SW/M, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? ☎213418

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. ☎226294

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gen SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎178497

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SWF, 59, 5'8", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO food-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. ☎223957

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎212528

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎184114

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE
SBF, 56, Gemini, very feminine, sexy and cute, loves travel, cooking, movies, gardening, candle-light dinners, theater, good people. Seeking companionship with interesting, open-minded lady, who can intrigue me. ☎215971

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

MAKE ME LAUGH
DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SD/W/M, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. ☎209862

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
WWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. ☎211330

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SW/M, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎393381

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced W/M, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

BOUND LIKE YOU?
SF, 28, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. ☎207859

CALL ME SOMETIME
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. ☎209762

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 42-49, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

I NEED A LADY...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 49, no kids, seeks SW/M, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

NO DRAMA
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 26-36, who like interests, to share special times. ☎172728

HOW ARE YOU?
Attractive, caring SBF, 32, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-spoken, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎211919

LET'S TALK
SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games. ☎509772

GIRL NEXT DOOR
SWF, 22, 5'5", brown-haired, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. ☎182872

SENT FROM HEAVEN
SBF, 21, loving, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. ☎201386

THE GOOD LIFE
SBF, 27, 5'7", seeking a SF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. ☎198864

LET'S MEET
SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a SM, 46-60, who likes cooking, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎205287

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, looking for a SM, 18+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. ☎209772

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING
SWF, 23, searching for a SM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎208814

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. ☎210494

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎211979

LET'S TALK
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. ☎213013

I'LL MAKE U SMILE
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/M, to share friendship, fun times, talks, laughs a little romance and see what happens next. ☎212804

AMERICAN MADE
WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/bls, athletic, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

PRINCE CHARMING
SBM, 41, 5'7", 185lbs, independent, cook by trade, clean-shaven, glasses, seeking a woman, 29-40, who understands mature, honest, for romance, fun, possible LTR. ☎218557

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, outdoorsy, working around the home, camping. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SW/F, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, sports-outdoors, working around the home, camping. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

HOPE IT'S YOU
DWM, 58, father with grown children, semi-retired, car mechanic, home owner, enjoys fishing, working around the home, camping. Seeking active, happy lady with like interests for companionship, smiles, special times. ☎207555

HI LADIES!
D/HM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a HW/F, 37-57, N/S, for dining, mature, honest, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. ☎218527

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature walks, concerts. I seek a lady and counterpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

THE REAL DEAL

SWM, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5'9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. ☎134098

LOOKING FOR LOVE
26-year-old, marriage-minded male, seeks for a lovely female. Must be sweet, caring, and attractive. ☎192333

WHAT'S UP LADIES?
Fun-loving, genuine SBM, 30, 5'5", brown complexion, good-looking fun, looking for a lovely, sexy lady to kick it with. I like cooking, board games, nights out, more. Call me. ☎223957

HI LADIES
SBM, 30, no kids, employed, independent, 5'7", medium complexion, outdoors, looking to meet a sweet, cool lady level-headed and real to share all the good things in life. ☎225791

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, culling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎92418

ANOTHER STATE OF MIND
SWM, 35, enjoys action/adventure films, day trips, weekend getaways, music/punk/indie. Seeking sociable, fun-loving, creative SF, with interested in art, indie music, exploring life and new adventures. ☎223363

MAYBE?
SWM, 47, 6', 185lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing, cool lady, slender and beautiful, who knows how to have a good time in life and knows what she wants. ☎220989

TAKE A LOOK
SM, 47, muscular build, attractive, employed, outgoing, 6'2", 230lbs, dark hair/eyes, olive complexion, ISO outgoing, loving SWF, 50-62, fit, active and fun to share life and its simple pleasures. ☎221496

VERB Y NICK!
SWM, 40, personable and sincere, a good listener, has a gentleman's touch and a strong shoulder to lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. ☎222811

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
SM, 52, enjoys BBOs, time spent by the water, sunsets, jazz, cooking, travel, long walks and much more. Looking for a kind-hearted, affectionate woman to treat like a queen. ☎224287

WORTH IT!
SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. ☎168397

SINGER SEEKS SINGER
SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship. more. ☎183597

READY FOR FUN?
SWM, 37, true gentleman, N/S, if you like to laugh, be silly, play around then you should get in touch with me. ☎231347

I'M A BIG MAN
SBM, 43, daddy best type, can be very romantic, likes quiet times at home, movies, going out for walks, family time. Seeking similar female, for dating and more. ☎225770

TRY THIS ONE
Loving, young-looking SM, 38, 5'9", 200lbs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking a nice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun. ☎218707

ASIAN PRINCESS
WM, 37, enjoys travel, clubbing, walks, video-games, and concerts. Seeks 18-45 AF for LTR. ☎220654

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN
Hardworking, friendly, outgoing SW/M, 32, enjoys evenings of drinking, socializing, may-be more. Seeking sexually expressive lady, 18-45, with similar interests, for serious relationship. ☎236074

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friends/LTR. ☎220115

ELECTRICIAN
SBM, 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies, tofu. Seeking a SF, 30-45, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with similar interests. ☎221121

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 45, enjoys simplicity, art, fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
Sociable SM, 57, 5'7", gray/brown/bls, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation and romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, nice lady to share the adventure. ☎223411

WORTH YOUR CALL
Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the adventure. ☎223411

TRY ME!
SM, 18, 180lbs, dark complexion, 5'5", smoker, enjoys dining out, movies, good talks, good company, parks. Seeking a cool lady to chill with. ☎224377

TAKE A CHANCE
SBM, 27, 6'1", 238lbs, brown complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, employed, independent, seeking a sexy, intelligent, sophisticated SW/F, 21+, to share a little romance, I enjoy bowling, movies, pool, dining, more. ☎225288

SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE
SBM, 61', 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes being like-minded and good conversations, let's talk. ☎216183

AMERICAN MADE
WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/bls, athletic, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

PRINCE CHARMING
SBM, 41, 5'7", 185lbs, independent, cook by trade, clean-shaven, glasses, seeking a woman, 29-40, who understands mature, honest, for romance, fun, possible LTR. ☎218557

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, outdoorsy, working around the home, camping. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SW/F, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, sports-outdoors, working around the home, camping. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

HOPE IT'S YOU
DWM, 58, father with grown children, semi-retired, car mechanic, home owner, enjoys fishing, working around the home, camping. Seeking active, happy lady with like interests for companionship, smiles, special times. ☎207555

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. ☎84501

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/bls, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. ☎587540

A GOOD CATCH
SBM, 35, 5'8", 220lbs, dark complexion, shaved head, mustache, correctional officer, father, looking for a loving, good-hearted, child-friendly lady with whom to share life and all it offers. ☎144895

CALL ME SOMETIME
Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycle, outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to oldies, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friends/LTR? ☎146487

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, enjoys casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176478

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/glasses, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys soul food, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. ☎189723

HI!
SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-pepper hair, seeks this SF under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. ☎192324

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 38, good looking, seeking a SWF, 25-41, slender, N/S, D/D-free, who enjoys movies, dining, walks and romance. Give me a call. ☎196782

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. ☎222811

NO DRAMA!
SBM 48, N/D, very open-minded ISO easygoing, drama-free lady to hang out with for fun, travel, movies, more. You name it. ☎200215

TAKE A CHANCE
SM, 35, 5'11", brown/bls, 180lbs, attractive, looking for HW for friendship and fun times. ☎202889

BET DAY EVER
Even a modern day superhero needs a little help. SWM, 40s, fun, outgoing, adventurous, seeks SF, HW/F, sexy, with similar qualities. ☎234559

WILD SCOTCH GUY
SWM, 26, occasional smoker, likes concerts, movies, roller blading, being crazy, working out. ISO similar woman, to have fun and more. ☎231821

GENTLE TITAN
SWM, 32, seeks intelligent woman, 25-35, who knows how to express herself and her desires. Let's talk soon. ☎23333

TRY THIS ONE
SBM, 18, 140lbs, tattoos, piercings, father, looking for a cool, sweet lady who likes children, sports and just having fun. ☎209159

WORTH YOUR CALL
SM, 53, employed, outgoing, enjoys times at home, movies in/out, (westerns, classics) good food, good company. ISO a good woman to share the fun times, happiness and possible LTR. ☎222209

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎908147

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HW/F, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining, Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. ☎84967

NICE LOOKING JEWISH GUY
Very honest SM, 62', 225lbs, 48, business owner, attractive, enjoys life, loves boating, fishing, LTR. Seeks attractive, slim, physically fit, emotionally open and intimate SF, 25-48, who loves good communication, sharing thoughts, long walks, and days on the lake. ☎209278

IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE
SWM, likes camping, bling, dining, walks, romance and having fun. Seeking a W/F, 40-60, who enjoys the same, for companionship, maybe more. ☎218421

LOOKING FOR A SOUL MATE
SBM, 60, caring and thoughtful. Likes movies, travel, dining out and more. Seeking a SF, age and race open, for LTR. ☎132889

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys background dancing, working out at Bally's, piano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, N/S, HWF proportionate. ☎218627

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH
SBM, 28, 6'1", 175lbs, N/D, N/Drugs, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, long hair, goes to church, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, etc. seeks SBHF, 23-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎960453

NICE GUY
SW/MF looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company, I like movies, sports, and other things. I'm 68, 150lbs, 5'8", and an active professional. ☎708126

TRY THIS ONE
SCM, 34, 5'7", 170lbs, brown, medium build, student, employed, sociable, fun-loving, friendly, enjoys music, writing, hockey, football, more. Seeking nice lady to share talks, good times, friendship and possible LTR. ☎211236

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 48, 5'9", 180lbs, a little about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

FRIEND AND COMPANION
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139832

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share such others heart, and life's daily adventures. ☎148279

ATTRACTIVE ROMANTIC
Attractive DWM, 60, N/S, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks attractive woman, who enjoys wine and good conversation. Let's share our hearts and enjoy life. ☎141780

UNUSUAL REQUEST
Nice-looking, extremely busy, Grosse Pt. SW/M, 63', 228lbs, N/S, N/Drugs, ISO over 45 also extremely busy SW/F, pretty lady, for great friendship and special times. I know how to treat a lady and produce the worthy one. ☎143494

WORTH THE CALL
SM, 33, ISO comedy films, hanging with friends, laughter, ISO loving, light-hearted SF, with great SOH to get to know, share good times, friendship and maybe more. ☎191211

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 59', educated, employed, seeking a laid-back, affectionate, romantic mature BW/F, 45+, to spend time with. Let's get to know each other. ☎165696

GETTING REAL
SWM, 65, tall, slim, athletic, affectionate, seeking a woman, 35+, kind-hearted, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎198679

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Affectionate, true SBM, 21, likes home-cooking, nights out. Seeking loving, sexy, sweet lady who knows how to have a good time, for sharing, dates, talks, friendship, fun. Possible LTR. ☎200931

WHY NOT CALL?
Honest, fun, easygoing SM, 18, 6'4", brown/brown, seeks sexy lady who knows how to have a good time, is it you? ☎200202

LET'S GET TOGETHER
DWM, D/D-free, east area, great sense-of-humor, interested in music, outdoors, pets, gardening and evenings in front of a fireplace. ISO WF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎202143

HELLO SWEET LADIES

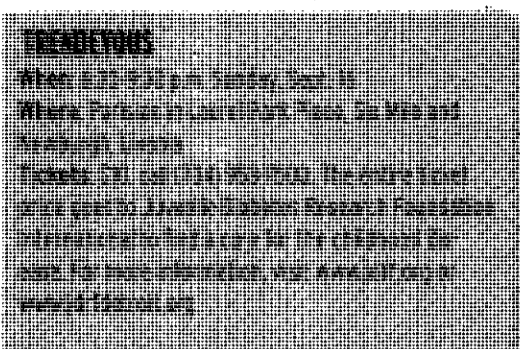
Shop till you drop at juvenile diabetes benefit at Parisian

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jill Engel couldn't be more excited about this year's extravaganza to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) on Sunday, Sept. 16. As special events coordinator for Parisian at Laurel Park Place, Engel is working with Ford Motor Co. and Hour Detroit to host a private shopping event with discounts galore and a runway fashion show hosted by Hour Detroit magazine's fashion editor Susan Howes.

"The event this year has been combined with another event we host called Trendevous, a fashion show with complimentary refreshments and a focus on trends for the season," said Jill Engel. "It's going to be held out in the mall after hours. It's going to be just fantastic. The bonus is the 20-percent discount covers almost every vendor in the store including cosmetics and fragrances, and misses better sportswear and ladies salon designer shoes are going to be 30 percent off that night. We have some bigger and better things that we put together to raise funds for JDRF. We want to bring awareness to the public about the cause. When you talk about children it's always near and dear to the heart."

Last year three restaurants from the mall dished up complimentary treats. This year Sweet Lorraine's, Station 885, Max & Erma's, La Bistecca, PF Chang's China Bistro, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Ernesto's, Five at the Inn at St. John's, Pastry Palace, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Bar Louie, and Coffee Beanery are each donating enough food or beverages to serve 500



people. Last year 275 supporters attended the event. This year Engel is planning for 500 to 1,000 people.

"It was just overwhelming that they wanted to help us. It makes me want to go because they're doing great things in the community," said Engel. "People have contacted me saying what can we do because how great is it to have something like this here in Livonia. A spa in Novi called to donate a prize for this event. Everyone's going to receive a ballot that night and be put in to register to win over 15 prizes - Marriott and Sheraton overnight packages, an Orin Jewelers certificate, Fleming's Steak House and Bravo's certificates.

"This year we increased the ticket prices from \$5 to \$10 to help raise additional funds for JDRF. A ticket like this would cost \$25. We wanted to keep it reasonable. It's something that the families could come and everyone can enjoy. It makes you feel good about where you shop, where you live, where you have dinner."

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Young actors needed for School House Rock Live, Jr

The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre announces auditions for its Junior Theatre production of the musical, School House Rock Live! Jr, directed by Anthony Heaphy. Auditions take place 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, and 4-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24. Callbacks, if needed, are 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25. All auditions take place at A2CT's Rehearsal Studio at 322 W. Ann St. in Ann Arbor.

School House Rock Live, Jr, is a staged version of the popular children's educational TV program. Delightful songs and upbeat humor drive this fast-paced musical about a gang of kids who show a nervous, first-time teacher how to imaginatively teach grammar, science, history, and math.

School House Rock Live, Jr has roles for up to 25 young actors in grades 4-12. Those auditioning must prepare a 16 bar selection of an up-tempo musical theater song. An accompanist will be provided,

though actors are welcome to bring either a CD or tape recording of their song's accompaniment. Actors need attend only one of the two regular auditions but should be available for callbacks. No pre-registration required.

Production dates are Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Auditorium.

For more information, visit the audition page of the A2CT Web site at www.a2ct.org or call (734) 971-2228.

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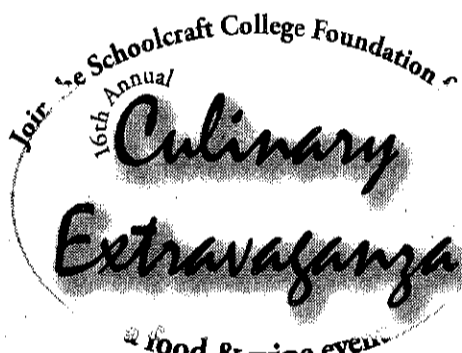
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Cut out red meat for health

Matt from Waterford emails asking about the dangers of eating red meat. He has heard it is not good for him, but just how bad is it?

Matt, it is time to cut back or cut out red meat from your diet. It is just not good for you! In fact studies show a high fat diet, especially with a lot of red meat, increases a person's risk of developing colon cancer. And it is worse for those who are already battling the disease. A new study followed more than 1,000



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

colon cancer survivors. Researchers found those who ate red meat and fatty foods are more than three times more likely to suffer a recurrence or die from colon cancer. Skip the red meat and load up on fish, and vegetables, which have been known to actually help fight cancer. Rose from Ypsilanti emails she has 10-year-old twins, one is overweight, one is not. The boy, who is overweight, seems to miss a lot of school. Is this common?

Actually Rose yes it is. A new study found obese elementary school children miss a couple more school days than their normal weight classmates. School officials found the more days of school children miss, the greater their chances for negative outcomes such as drugs and crime. Researchers believe the children may be skipping class not because of medical issues, but to avoid teasing. Our children are facing an obesity nightmare! Obesity rates have nearly quintupled among 6- to 11-year-olds and tripled among teens and children ages 2 to 5. Lack of exercise and poor nutrition are to blame.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Emergency response

Flu shot clinics to test preparedness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If this year's mass influenza immunizations are as successful as 2006, George Miller can rest a little easier knowing Oakland County is prepared for a public health emergency. As Health Officer for the Oakland County Health Division, Miller is responsible for testing Oakland's Modular Emergency Medical System to provide medications or immunizations for its 1.2 million residents in case of a pandemic, natural disaster or biological attack.

Miller is expecting more than 9,500 people to attend the fourth annual Community Flu Vaccination Clinics Saturday, Oct. 27, for ages six months and older.

"We hope people want to assist us because this is an exercise to make sure if this was a real event we can do it," said George Miller. "Over the years we learned we can expand and stretch our staff and still be effective. If there was an emergency we can meet CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) criteria, to put 1,000 an hour through vaccination clinics. If there is an emergency, the medical community will be taxed. We're blessed to have 14 hospitals but even 14 will be overloaded if there's a pandemic or if people are concerned they're infected or affected. We want to be able to assist with that. These are called dispensing sites for medicines or vaccinations whichever is available at that time."

Last year more than 9,500 people received flu shots over a period of five hours at seven sites in Oakland County. About 1/3 pre-registered online. The National Association of Counties was so impressed they recognized Oakland's system with an achievement award for the online registration program which cut waiting time to no more than five to

MASS FLU SHOT CLINICS

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
Where: Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen; Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford; Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake Rd.; Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes; Lake Orion High School, 495 Scripps; James Giesler Middle School, 46720 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, and Older Person's Commission, 650 Letica Dr., Rochester (no walk-ins, pre-register only)
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eight minutes. The CDC and state of Michigan have both requested Oakland County's plan to use as a model program.

"Last year for the first time we did pre-registration that assigned people according to their ZIP codes and specific times of day. Because they followed instructions we had no bottlenecks or jam up. This year we will have two lines, preregistered and those who have to fill out the forms," said Miller. "We've been learning a lot through this process. We have a great partnership with people in the community."

Oakland County started working on the plan four years ago by offering a mass flu vaccination clinic at Summit Place Mall.

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Once again this year, Oakland County residents can not only receive their flu shots quickly and inexpensively, but participate in an emergency preparedness exercise.



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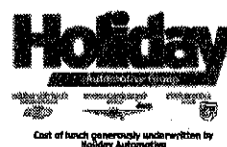
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Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Township. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with walk kick-off at 10 a.m. Presented by ALS of Michigan to raise funds for Michigan programs and services to benefit people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. For information and to register, call (800) 882-5764 or visit www.alsmichigan.org.

Dawn Farm fund-raiser

1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Jamboree includes pony rides, moon bounce, farm animals to pet, entertainment for the family and tours of the 74-acre working farm. Live and silent auction. Admission is free. Funds raised through the auctions help Dawn Farm to provide care for recovering addicts and alcoholics who have no financial resources. For more information, call (734) 485-8725 or visit www.dawnfarm.org.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meets Monday, Sept. 10 at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, just east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. with the program running 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Janet Rosen PhD, an Educational Specialist giving Tips and Strategies for your AD/HD Child to be Successful in School. The Adult Group will have Philip Parker MD, psychiatrist, speaking on Medication Treatment for Adults with AD/HD: Back to the Future. Meetings free to members, \$5 donation per non-member family. For information visit www.chadd.net/527 or call (248) 988-6716.

Fall prevention class

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, Safety City U.S.A. is offering its Senior Fall Prevention Program at 6 p.m. in Safety City U.S.A. in the Northwood Shopping Center, 30955 N. Woodward at 13 Mile. Fee for the class is \$7. It is the first in a series of four classes for seniors. The Sept. 11 program will be followed by Fire Prevention for Seniors on Oct. 9; Personal Protection, Nov. 13; and Decking the Halls Safely, Dec. 1. Each class is \$7. Special pricing is available for those interested in attending all four classes. Call (248) 551-0100 to register or for more information. Safety City U.S.A. is Michigan's first and only year-round nonprofit injury prevention center. Its programs are dedicated to instructing children, teens, adults and seniors in safety education. Safety City U.S.A. is a collaboration of Beaumont Hospital and the Royal Oak Fire and Police departments.

Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally III begins the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI web site at www.ami.oakland.org.

Diabetes presentation

Take care of your feet and they will last a lifetime presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital podiatrist, Peter Galea, DPM. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members at no charge. Pre-registration not required.

Treating thyroid disorders naturally

7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, with Dr. William Kari, D.C., at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive on south side of Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

Diabetes expo

Presented by the American Diabetes Association 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Rock Financial Showplace (Novi). The event features speakers discussing the latest diabetes treatments, healthy cooking demonstrations and exercise sessions. Free health screenings available. A special Youth Zone provides interactive games for the children. No charge. Free parking. Pre-register at www.diabetes.org/detroitexpo. For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6697.

Celebrate Life

A 5k run/walk Saturday, Sept. 15, to raise money St. Mary Mercy Hospital cancer patients who are uninsured or underinsured, begins at 9 a.m. (7-8:30 a.m. registration) on hospital grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Volunteers needed on race day. Call Carlos Junca at (734) 655-1402 to volunteer or for more information. Register online to participate in the race at www.stmarymercy.org and click on Celebrate Life. Fee is \$20 on or before Sept. 7, \$25 after or on race day.

What to do when a child is injured at school

Now that kids are back in school, where much of their exercise and play time will be restricted to physical education classes, organized sports and the playground, parents sometimes presume these are safe activities. Still, kids will be kids, and try as we might, parents can't always prevent and protect them against every potential mishap.

So, what does one do when a child is injured at school? How can one tell the difference between a simple scrape or bump on the head and something much more serious?

To help prepare for and respond to medical emergencies among school children, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is partnering with Safety4Kids, producers of public television's Emmy-award-winning SeeMore's Playhouse, to launch a campaign aimed at improving children's health and safety - at school and at home. As part of this effort, ACEP is sending educational materials to elementary schools for distribution to teachers and parents.

"More than 200,000 kids under age 14 visit the emergency department every year for playground injuries alone," said ACEP President Brian Keaton, MD. "In addition, approxi-

mately 135,000, or 65 percent, of sports-and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries treated in emergency departments each year involve youngsters ages 5 to 18. As emergency physicians who treat these injuries, we recognize how important it is to know the warning signs of serious bodily, and especially brain, injury in school settings. That's why we are making ACEP's When Your Child Has an Emergency brochure available to schools, teachers and the public."

To help educate children and ease their fears with regard to emergency medical situations, the producers of SeeMore's Playhouse plan to air an episode on the topic in the spring of 2008. The episode, "9-1-1: ER Visits," features a character from the show being taken by ambulance to the emergency room where he receives the treatment he needs from friendly, caring doctors and nurses.

According to the ACEP childhood emergency guide, the warning signs of potential traumatic brain injury or other medical emergency can include:

- Confusion, delirium, severe headache, unconsciousness or vomiting, especially following a head injury
- Strange or withdrawn behavior or

any significant change from normal behavior

- Abnormal or difficult breathing, inability to stand up or unsteady walking, decreasing responsiveness or alertness

- Excessive sleepiness, irritability, skin or lips that look purple or blue (gray for darker-skinned children)

- Uncontrolled bleeding, increasing or severe, persistent pain, severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea

If a child is exhibiting any warning signs of a medical emergency, it is important to remain calm and seek professional medical help.

Alert the school nurse, if one is available, and dial 9-1-1 if immediate help is needed. If the child has stopped breathing and you or someone nearby knows how to perform rescue breathing or CPR, start employing this medical technique immediately.

If the child needs first aid and you or another adult on the scene know the techniques involved in stopping serious bleeding, managing shock, handling fractures or performing basic choking rescue procedures, begin employing them.

In the event of a seizure, place the child on a carpeted floor with his or her

head turned sideways, and stay there until help arrives. To ensure better preparedness for emergency situations, ACEP recommends taking a first-aid class and learning CPR. Such courses are typically available through local American Red Cross and American Heart Association chapters.

For details on how to prevent and prepare for potential childhood injuries, or for a copy of ACEP's When Your Child Has an Emergency brochure, see www.acep.org/NR/rdonlyres/5EA90578-52C3-462B-8468-72371AC7AB3B/0/brochChildHasEmerg.pdf. The brochure also includes the symptoms of illness in children.

However, that not all the warning indicators of a medical emergency are included, and that some children may have previous medical problems, the signs and symptoms of which may require additional monitoring.

To access a new tool kit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) titled "Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports," see www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports. For details regarding concussions, traumatic brain injury and injuries in general, see the CDC's Injury Center Web site at www.cdc.gov/injury.

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"We decided to expand capacity. With 1.2 million people you need to expand without jeopardizing quality of care," said Miller. "We're trying to demonstrate that public health is ready if something like a pandemic can occur. We don't want to practice this during the event."

In case of an anthrax or other biological attack, a Head of Household program was developed to administer medication. Originally, Oakland County was to use postal employees to deliver medication accompanied by two police officers. School districts were also considered as dispensing sites but that would reach less than half of the population.

"We would ask one to come and pick up as much medicine for family members as they need," said Miller. "It's a lot less traffic, congestion. We would put out through media we would be opening dispensing sites and a head of household would come in and collect medication because there is a large population base. With anthrax your time frame of getting medica-

tion to people is at best 48 hours before the morbidity and mortality rate begins to increase. This is really an exercise. With anthrax you wouldn't be handing out shots, but medication."

According to Dennis Niemiec, Wayne County is preparing for an emergency by holding an exercise that's going to simulate a biological attack on an as yet to be determined day during the week of Oct. 23-27.

The CDC has selected Detroit as one of 72 major cities and metropolitan areas in the U.S. to lead a pilot program called the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) to prepare to effectively respond to a large scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to their entire population within 48 hours.

"It will be done in conjunction with the National Disaster Medical System. The public won't be aware of anything. It's a simulated exercise to prepare in case of a biological attack," said Niemiec, Wayne County spokesperson. "It's a joint effort with the health department, hospitals, local agencies such as police, and Wayne Homeland Security Department."

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Vision problems affect students' ability to learn

As children begin the new school year, Michigan Optometric Association optometrists recommend comprehensive eye exams for all students, especially those entering preschool and kindergarten, as a vision problem may inhibit their ability to learn and negatively affect their quality-of-life.

According to a survey commissioned by the American Optometric Association (AOA), 44 percent of parents don't realize behavior problems in school can be an indication that a child's vision is impaired. Additionally, children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having a learning disorder. Because of these compelling statistics, MOA optometrists are calling for all children to get an eye exam before school starts.

"Children are especially at risk from undiagnosed vision problems because they are often unaware of what normal vision should be. The visual requirements of today's classrooms are more demanding than in past years and children who struggle to see often assume they are academically deficient in reading or writing or simply lack the ability to concentrate," said Dr. Mark Swan, MOA president. "Most of the time, the visual conditions that cause these problems are subtle or come and go throughout the course of the day. The student can overcome the condition for a short time with extra effort, however, over time, their visual system tires and they begin to struggle and become frustrated."

Children entering preschool or kindergarten benefit the most from comprehensive eye exams though they rarely receive them early enough. Currently, only 14 percent of children under age six have received a comprehensive eye exam, according to the U.S. Center for Health Statistics. Vision impairments in children of this age can be detected through an eye exam and are typically easy to correct when diagnosed early.

An eye exam will help correct common vision problems such as nearsightedness and farsightedness as well as more serious conditions such as amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye. Amblyopia affects about 5 percent of children nationwide.

The condition is completely treatable and preventable if detected within the first few years of life. The lack of early eye care has allowed amblyopia to escape detection and it remains the leading cause of blindness in Americans under 40.

"There are proven methods for eye exams on young children that can be done efficiently and effectively," said Swan. "The back-to-school season is an ideal time for parents to take their child to an optometrist for a comprehensive exam. I can't stress the importance enough especially since so much of what children learn is obtained through their eyes."

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association optometrist in your area, visit www.themoa.org.

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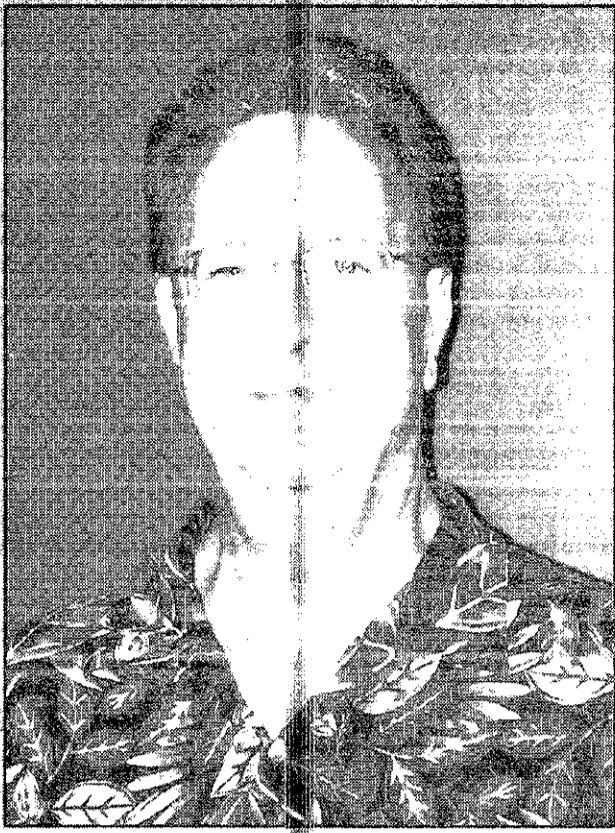
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