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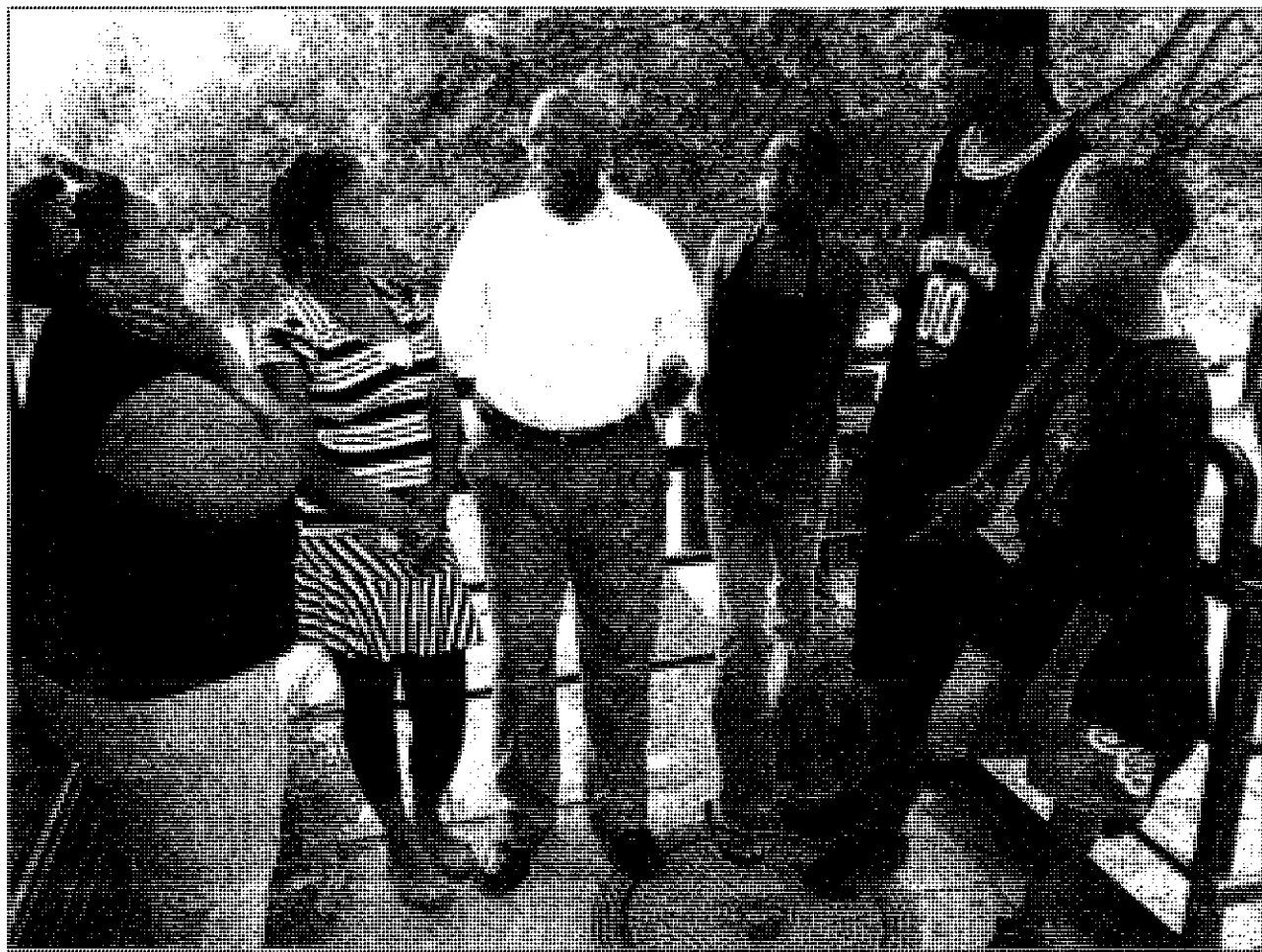
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An attitude of gratitude



Sheldon Hill (center) talks with his daughter Jameika Hill, 17 (from left), Breanne Keys, 12, Jasmine Reese, 17, Twan Reese, 16, and Shawn Reese, 12, outside the Wayne County Family Center.

He uses his life's experiences to teach youth to say no

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sheldon Hill looks at his life and says it's a miracle he's alive today. "I've been shot three times and stabbed twice, I was a pallbearer 14 times between the age of 14 and 17," he said. "They were family members and friends who died because of drugs and violence. But I have to smile because God brought me through it. Now my attitude is gratitude."

Nancy Bass, the resource coordinator at the Wayne County Family Center in Westland, looks at Hill and sees the gratitude, but she sees more. She sees a "rare commodity." "He's grateful to be here and we're grateful he's here, not for the situa-

tion that brought him here, but for what he's doing," she said. "He's paying it forward."

Hill lives at the Westland facility with his 17-year-old daughter. A former drug addict and alcoholic, he has used his life experiences to work with youngsters at the center in a drug and violence prevention program that prepares them to say no.

The two Youth Educational Support Groups meet for an hour on Wednesdays at the center on Michigan Avenue. While one group is for children 12 years and older and the other for youngsters 7-11 years, Hill lets their younger siblings attend.

"I let the preschoolers sit in," he said. "I let them ask questions and they answer questions. We know

they know about drugs. Probably 70 percent of the parents have a problem with addiction and you'd be surprised with what they know."

Hill's program is reality-based. The kids see a man who has turned his life around and openly admits he has messed up.

"He has a soft manner and the kids respond to that," Bass said.

LIFE'S JOURNEY

For Hill, the journey started when he was 8 years old when he took his first drink. By age 10, he was an alcoholic, drinking three to four 32-ounce beers a day.

He expanded to experimenting with drugs and by age 28 was

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City streets get less-costly, 'green' repairs

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland has adopted a new road-repair program that's far less costly and much more environmentally friendly.

If certain neighborhood streets seem suddenly smoother, they probably are.

Illinois-based Gallagher Asphalt on Saturday was finishing weeklong repairs to a series of city-maintained roads and streets that in many cases had become badly deteriorated. Moreover, city officials spent only \$250,000 for projects that typically would cost 10 times that amount, or \$2.5 million.

It's called a "hot-in-place" asphalt program, and it involves work crews using special equipment to heat up the asphalt, break it up, treat it with a recycling agent to revitalize it, reapply it to the road, and roll over it to provide a newly paved surface that's ready for use.

"So far I'm 100 percent satisfied," Westland Public Service Director Kevin Buford said.

Local road crews within 30-45 days will apply a sealant coat to roads that have been fixed, and Buford said the repairs should last for seven to 12 years — or even longer.

One of the most heavily traveled stretches to receive the repairs is Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren. Others include

Koppernick from Hix to the Canton line; Farmington from Hunter to Warren; and streets including August, Louise, Shacket, Roslyn, Barton, Sheridan, Hanlon, Brandon, Martin, Vincent, and a small portion of Randy.

Westland became only the second Michigan community — after Taylor — to benefit from the Gallagher Asphalt program, Buford said.

"We piggybacked off of Taylor," he said. By doing so, Westland officials responded to the call from Gov. Jennifer Granholm for cities to try to pool resources and projects to try to save money. States like Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio already had documented successes with the technology.

Because the asphalt program is considered environmentally friendly, it fits in with Mayor William Wild's Mission Green, a long-term project aimed at making Westland more "green."

"Not only is this more cost-effective and deemed 'green' due to the fact that recycling of the pavement is an integral component of the method," Wild said, "but it also enhances safety through improved ride- and skid-resistance."

In coming years, Buford said he hopes the city will be able to use the new program to repair more of the roads and streets it maintains.

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Man pleads guilty to molesting great-niece

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland serial child molester will spend five to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting his great-niece when she was only 6 years old.

Raymond Lawrence Perkins, 55, has started serving his time in prison after he was recently sentenced in Wayne County Circuit Court for second-degree criminal sexual conduct.

"He has a long history of molesting his relatives," Westland police Sgt. Debra Mathews said. "My hope is that he will do the (maximum) 15 years."

Perkins was charged in February after the girl, now 12, came forward and said she was molested six years earlier. She told authorities she was asleep and woke up to find Perkins fondling her.

Perkins already had served nearly four years in prison for molesting one of his nephews. He had pleaded guilty

to first-degree criminal sexual conduct and was released in 1991.

That nephew and the nephew's mother had been living in the same residence as Perkins on Alberta, in the Norwayne subdivision, when the latest charges arose. The mother told authorities that Perkins had been forgiven.

Perkins also confessed to molesting two other nieces and one nephew, Mathews has said in court, but those incidents happened years ago, and he couldn't be charged because those victims didn't come forward before the statute of limitations had expired.

Perkins' decision to plead guilty to the latest charges against him averted a trial that would have forced the girl to testify.

"I'm glad the child didn't have to testify," Mathews said. "I feel that justice has been served, and I'm glad he's going to prison, where he belongs."

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Recall leaders seek go-ahead on new petition language

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Recall leaders seeking to oust five city leaders for supporting a large development on Westland's north side will appear before the Wayne County Elections Commission on Tuesday, in hopes of getting the go-ahead to circulate petitions and collect voter signatures.

It will mark the second time recall organizers Donna DeWitt and Rosemarie Rembisz have sought approval for recall petition language. An earlier proposal was rejected Aug. 12 by the three-member elections commission, which ruled the wording wasn't clear enough to put to voters.

The new proposal targets Westland City Council members James Godbout, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves for voting to rezone property from single-family

residential to a planned unit development, a move that would allow a senior citizen complex including a 147-unit apartment building, 20 duplex-style condominiums and 54 stand-alone homes.

The latest language contends that city leaders ignored certain city ordinances, although officials have said they acted within their authority by supporting developer Glenn Shaw Jr.'s proposed Nankin Mills Village on Joy east of Newburgh.

The new recall language also seeks to recall Mayor William Wild for failing to overrule the council's June 16 decision to support the senior village, which would be built next to Sts. Helen & Constantine Greek Orthodox Church.

City leaders targeted for recall have said they haven't heard a citywide outcry over their decisions, which would allow a \$35 million development that officials say would generate

\$250,000 in new city tax revenues. Meanwhile, Shaw has said he has amended his plans to try to alleviate some concerns by residents, who have continued their opposition.

"We don't want it," resident Tim Brown said Monday during a council meeting.

Critics have suggested Shaw should find an alternate site instead of building the high-density development near larger, single-family lots. Shaw has called his proposal an upscale plan for accommodating seniors' needs.

City leaders have said the project still faces several hurdles, including marketing studies and funding sources. The plan also will require a final site plan approval.

City officials have said a recall election could cost the city \$60,000.

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Educator touts the role of community college

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick McNally's quick to note the changing perceptions of community colleges. As president of the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College District, it's both his profession and his passion.

Universities are terrific for many, particularly those who can afford them, McNally told the Westland Rotary Thursday. "Unfortunately it's a very small number of our population that are in a position to do that," he said.

WCCCD and other community colleges have an "open door policy" where students



McNally

aren't judged for admission on ACTs or SATs. Testing is only for placement in reading, writing and math, he said.

"Jumping into trigonometry right off the bat, you're set up for failure."

More recently, community colleges like his have become more career-technical schools, teaching needed job skills, boosting the economy and helping businesses, McNally said.

"Colleges are the exact opposite of our economy," he said, with enrollments climbing

when the economy's down.

Employers these days seek workers with a knowledge base: "Everybody understands the importance of an education." In this area, the auto industry's woes have made it especially tough for workers, he said, and knowing how to create a small business is useful to those who've lost their jobs.

The Western Campus on Haggerty in Belleville has some 3,000 students and is one of five in the system. "We are your community college," he emphasized, stressing the "best tie-in and benefit this college can provide for you."

The fall semester starts Monday, Aug. 25, with enrollment up some 40 percent from

last fall, and that figure up 27 percent from the year before. McNally touched on expansion. Wayne Community College has added 43,000 square feet of learning space at the Belleville campus, available for businesses, chambers of commerce and others to use.

Some 40,000 square feet of existing space on the campus was also renovated, "trying to create more of a campus life."

The Student Services Center has been renovated, allowing students to register easily, including online. There's Distance Learning with its popular online course offerings.

"We also understand online learning is not for everybody,"

McNally said. He praised other community colleges like Henry Ford and Schoolcraft, and noted the bargains with WCCCD tuition \$58 a credit hour compared to some \$325 at a university. General education class credits will transfer, he noted.

McNally added that 80 percent of our state's police, firefighters and registered nurses trained at community colleges: "We are having a huge impact on your community."

He invited people to a 4-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, open house at the Western Campus to show off the work wrapping up now.

"I think you'll really be surprised at what you see," he said

of the campus north of I-94.

Rotarian Kim Shunkwiler, a chiropractor, said he liked a medical class he took online recently. "I was so impressed with that technology," Shunkwiler said. McNally said some students do still like the face-to-face interaction, but the flexibility of online learning is popular. McNally, a Garden City resident whose parents live in Westland, is taking online classes and has a camper in his driveway where he goes to study.

He added there's free tuition at WCCCD for students age 60 and up, and the college needs qualified instructors to work part time, including teaching liberal arts classes.

AROUND WESTLAND

9/11 remembered

A memorial service remembering those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on the south steps of Westland City Hall, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne. Residents and local dignitaries will pay their respects. The city will host the memorial service along with St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School.

This marks the fifth year for the service, which also honors those who continue to serve.

"The bravery demonstrated by the men and women in uniform on Sept. 11 cannot — and will not — be forgotten," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "This is our community's way of paying respect to the mothers, fathers, sons and daughters who lost their lives, while honoring our first responders."

Church pastor Kurt E.

Lambart will preside over the memorial service, which will include performances by the St. Matthew children's school choir as well as the St. Matthew adult choir.

Miss Michigan

Westland's Ashlee Baracy, the new Miss Michigan, will sign autographs 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the Encore Dance Academy, 5950 N. Hix Road, Westland.

Dance clinic

The Westland Stars will begin their new season with the team learning pom, jazz, hip-hop and lyrical styles of dance. Clinics will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays on Sept. 11 and 18. Try-outs will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

All classes will be held at the Bailey Recreation Center's multipurpose room. The team is open to children 10-14 years old or in fifth through ninth grades from Westland and

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the surrounding area. Those attending should come dressed to work out and bring a bottle of water.

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

Blood drive

St. Mary Catholic Church at 34530 Michigan Ave. east of Wayne Road will have an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31.

Preschool enrollment

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. The preschool is at

36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Health workshop

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the Arthritis Foundation and American House will host a free health workshop at the American House Senior Living facility in Westland, 1660 Venoy Road. The workshop will meet once a week for six weeks to help people manage ongoing health problems.

The PATH Workshop is designed to provide knowledge and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, emphysema, asthma, bronchitis and depression. The six-week workshop will run 1:30-4 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 11 to Oct. 16.

Pre-registration is necessary and enrollment is limited. To register, call the American House Senior Living Residence

at (734)-326-7777.

Fireside chat

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

For more information, call LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

Residents can also visit his Web site at www.leblanc.house-dems.com. LeBlanc's legislative home page, which is fully accessible to people with disabilities, is a portal for news, district information and video public service announcements on issues important to Westland residents.

Comedy night

The Westland Rotary will present its "Comedy for a Cause" benefit 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Proceeds will support Rotary's charitable work.

Tickets for the comedy night are \$15 each and available through club members and at C&M Printing and Imaging, 5854 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford Road (east side) in Westland. Information is available from Mary at (734) 729-5401.

The event is suitable for adults only.

Outdoor concert

Operas are generally presented amid dim lighting indoors, but not so with the performance at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in the Friendship Center's Coburn Park. The Mary Thompson Foundation is sponsoring a performance by two Michigan Opera Theatre singers with an accompanist and will include songs of George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and more.

Anyone interested is encouraged to sign up at the Friendship Center's front desk. The center is at 1119 N. Newburgh between Marquette and Ford.

Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit jghs88reunion.com.

Community gathering

An evening of free family-friendly fun is coming to the north end of Westland — and the entire community is invited.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild will hold a Community Gathering on 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Corrado Park. The evening marks the first in a series of outdoor gatherings that aim to bring together members of the city administration and residents in an informal setting.

Recent developments regarding the Cooper School property will be discussed and representatives of Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., Westland's consulting engineers, also will be on hand to give an update and answer questions regarding the Ann Arbor Trail resurfacing project.

There will be plenty of games and activities for children, including safety demonstrations by the Westland Police and Fire Departments, a mini golf clinic and inflatable bouncers. A free, old-fashioned barbecue will cap off the event.

Westland's Corrado Park is on Glady's on Flamingo Road, south of Joy. For more information, call (734) 467-3200.

Tent sale

Keep an eye out for the big tent at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 37775 Palmer, Westland.

The church will be holding a tent sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Tables filled with household goods, miscellaneous items and specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts will be on sale. Used clothing also will be for sale in the church for \$2 per plastic grocery bag, and there also will be a food court.

All money raised will be donated to are organizations to help people in the community. Past recipients have included the Salvation Army, Wayne County Family Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, World Hunger (CROP Walk), St. Mary's Outreach Center and the John Bolde Food Depot, the church's mission partner, Trinity Lutheran Church, and for food baskets for Adams Middle School families.

The cost to participate is \$25, if you bring your own table, and \$35 to use one of the church's eight-foot-long tables. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

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using cocaine. He thought it was recreational use, but it quickly became an addiction. Eventually, he gave up his job as manager of five Church's Chicken stores to sell drugs to support his habit.

"I spent so much time dealing, I couldn't hold a job," he said. "It took too much time out of the day and I wasn't good at it."

He was busted by police 77 times, but never spent more than a weekend in jail, that was until five years ago when a judge gave him five months in jail and a warning: come back before him again and the next sentence would be prison.

Hill used the five months to get himself together. When he got out, he checked into a 90-day treatment program. After eight months clean and sober, he went to work for the Detroit Recovery Project where he did "reduction talks" with the residents, sharing information on how to reduce the need for drugs.

He also has done talks for agencies like the DEA, ATF and Michigan State Police, "anybody who would listen to me." His message was and still is: "If I can do it, you can do it. Let me show you, let me



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sheldon Hill is paying forward what he has gained living with his 17-year-old daughter at the Wayne County Family Center in Westland by working with youth there on drug prevention.

walk with you."

Hill also has been a peer support specialist and facilitator for programs like the Weed and Seed Program in Inkster and is currently a youth mentor and program director with Star of Hope Recovery Program and a peer support specialist with Detroit Central City.

He's also president and CEO of his own community service organization, S.D. Hill Inc., offering support for low-income and people in recovery or at risk for addiction, and involved with the Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

Through his work, he amassed 4,700 contract hours of talks that counted toward a state certification as a pre-

vention specialist. In June, he received a waiver of the bachelor's degree requirement from the Southeast Michigan Alliance, quite an accomplishment for a man with a 10th-grade education.

"I try to reach into every agency I can," he said. "I have to have something to do, so I'm giving back to the community I took from. I'm giving back by giving them information."

A REMINDER

Hill carries a photograph of himself sitting on a porch, taken nine years ago. The photo is what keeps him moving forward. He's working on his GED. He doesn't drive, he has no car, so he's up at 6 a.m. to catch the bus to Detroit.

"My success is mandatory, not optional," he said. His work dovetails with the focus of the Family Center where "everything we do is geared toward self-sufficiency," Bass said. Typically, it offers a 90-day program with an extension available, if the people do what they're capable of doing.

"We give people the resources, we give them the tools, they have to use them," she said. "Mr. Hill is someone who uses our tools and has a tool box of his own. We're blessed to have him here."

Hill describes himself as a work in progress. He knows what he needs to do. One thing is to find permanent housing. For the first time in his life he is looking for a place to live and he's excited about the prospect of getting Section 8 housing in Inkster. But even though he's leaving the center, he's said he will remain connected.

"I might not be staying here, but I'm not leaving here," he said. "I'm going to be here on a regular basis."

Bass agrees. "He's able to relate to kids, he has a gift," she said. "He may have a different physical address, but he will be here," said Bass.

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Applicants sought for vacant board seat

Wayne-Westland school board trustee Fred Weaver's resignation Monday has prompted school district officials to announce their plans for replacing him on the seven-member board. Weaver stepped down after taking a new job in Midland and changing his primary residence earlier this year — a move that meant he was no longer officially a Wayne-Westland district resident.

Weaver's successor will serve a 316-day term expiring next June 30.

Letters of interest, resumes and any other pertinent information will be accepted at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office until 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8. The

address is 36745 Marquette, which is east of Newburgh.

The remaining six school board members are expected to have a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, to screen applicants and conduct interviews.

Upon appointment, the new board trustee will file an acceptance of office, affidavit of eligibility and take the oath of office.

For more information, call the district superintendent's office at (734) 419-2010.

Weaver resigned at the beginning of Monday's school board meeting and abruptly left the meeting. Superintendent Greg Baracy said the district "owes a deep sense of gratitude to Fred Weaver."

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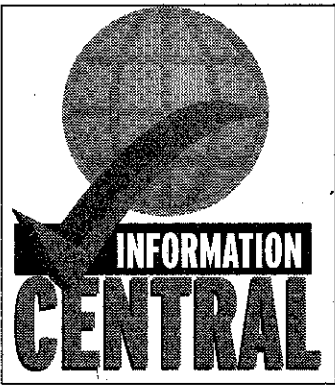
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According to the International Dyslexia Association, 15-20 percent of the world's population has a language-based learning disability. Among special-education students with a specific learning disability, 70-80 percent has reading deficiencies. Dyslexia is one of the most common learning disabilities. Dyslexia results in people having difficulties with specific language skills, particularly reading. Students with dyslexia usually experience difficulties with other language skills such as spelling, writing,



and pronouncing words. Most people with dyslexia have been found to have problems with

identifying the separate speech sounds within a word and/or learning how letters represent those sounds, a key factor in their reading difficulties. Dyslexia is not due to either lack of intelligence or desire to learn. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has a number of resources to help parents if their children have been diagnosed as dyslexic. You may want to check out Everything Parent's Guide to Children with Dyslexia by Abigail Marshall, Secret Life of the Dyslexic Child by

Robert Frank, What Every Teacher and Parent Should Know About Dyslexia by Dave Sargent, How to Teach Your Dyslexic Child to Read by Bernice Baumer, and Helping Your Dyslexic Child by Eileen Cronin. Sally Shaywitz's Overcoming Dyslexia, Dale S. Brown's Learning a Living, Kathleen Nosek's Dyslexia in Adults are titles that focus on dyslexia in adults. You may also want to visit the following websites for more in-depth information and resources: the International

Dyslexia Association (<http://www.interdys.org>) and the Learning Disabilities Association of America (<http://www.lidaamerica.org>). If you or your child is diagnosed as dyslexic, you are in good company. Some of the more famous people who are or would be considered dyslexic include Tom Cruise, Whoopi Goldberg, Robin Williams, Henry Winkler, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Pablo Picasso, and Andy Warhol. Famous business and political leaders include Alexander Graham

Bell, Henry Ford, Charles Schwab, Winston Churchill, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, John F. Kennedy, Woodrow Wilson and George Washington. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smaison@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall enrollment
Registration is now being accepted for the fall for preschool three-year-olds and kindergarten through eighth-grade at St. Oamian School, 29891 Joy, Westland. Call parish office at (734) 421-6130 for more information.

Free workshop
The Foundation for Wellness Professionals is sponsoring a free healthcare workshop, "The Thyroid Gland and Your Health: How Does Your Thyroid Measure Up?" 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road. Dr. William H. Karl, a certified wellness doctor, will share his expertise about the thyroid gland and its function. For more information, go online to www.WellnessSpeakers.org and www.KarlHolisticHealthCare.com. Seating is limited, so call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a spot.

Remote-controlled race day
Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church hosts "Remote-Controlled Race Day," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Racers can bring their R.C. vehicle and race it on the church's large oval track, complete with hill and jump ramp. Ribbons will be awarded to winners. No sign-up necessary. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. If you need more information, contact Jenny

at (313) 532-4310.

John Glenn reunion
John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit the reunion Web site at jghs88reunion.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.Lsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS

Sts. Peter & Paul
Crafters are wanted for the 20th annual arts and crafts show Saturday, Nov. 22, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia (734) 522-9653.

St. Theodore
The St. Theodore's CCW will hold its annual Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the parish social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free, and table rental is available for \$25. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) for rental information.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove
A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest

Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

EDUCATION

St. Raphael
St. Raphael Catholic School, located on Merriman just north of Ford in Garden City, is now accepting open enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year for preschool through eighth-grade. Programs include 3-4-year-old preschool, technology updates and a host of extra-curricular activities. Computer labs, new classroom technology, Japanese class, and chess club are some of the school's newest additions. The school has a strong academic program and also offers religion class, weekly Mass and sacramental preparation including Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Latchkey and bussing is available, and all faiths are welcome. For registration information or to learn more about St. Raphael Catholic School, contact the school office at (734) 425-9771 or visit the Web site at www.straphael-gc.org.

St. Damian
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

Academic Pathways
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, is currently enrolling for 2008-2009 school year. Morning sessions for the 3- and 4-year-old programs are available. Potty training is not required. There is a certified teacher. The 4-year-old program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The 3-year-old program runs 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, call (734) 459-6689 or visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice
Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Writing Group
Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters
The Wayne-Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rana Restaurant, 35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS
TOPS (Take-Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club
The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace
Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

MOMS Club
MOMS Club, a non-profit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

In Harmony
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

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First Step
First Step, which has been active in

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

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Garden City Hospital wellness programs focus on health

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Monday, Aug. 25

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Childbirth Education (fourth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class run-time is 2½ hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program

or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (third of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles, as well as increase your flexibility. Each class will combine a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls, and Therabands in order to isolate and tone each of the major muscle groups. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio,

strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Attention CPAP and BiPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

Diabetes "Summer School" at 6 p.m. During the summer months, Garden City Hospital will be offering its sixth annual Diabetes Summer School as an alternative to the Diabetes Support Group. This group meets at Garden City Hospital's Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classrooms, 6-8 p.m. Each session will include speakers, presentations/discussions, displays and book sales. There is no fee. For more information or to register, call the Community Education Department at

(734) 458-4330 or the Diabetes educator at 734-458-4334.

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 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. These classes will help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or help you to get started for the first time. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

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Friday, Aug. 29

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching. Exercise at your own comfort level. Get in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

Daily Programs
Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center offers daily programs Monday through Friday in Phase II and III Cardiac Rehabilitation/Cardiac Wellness, a Peripheral Vascular Disease

Exercise and Strength Training Program, and a Diabetes Exercise Program. These classes are presented and monitored by certified exercise physiologists. Contact the Health Enhancement Center at (734) 458-3242 to select an exercise program specifically designed for you.

Volunteer at Garden City Hospital
Volunteer opportunities are available at Garden City Hospital for those age 14 and older. Individuals interested in providing clerical support, staffing information desks, transporting patients and assisting on nursing units are needed. Volunteers receive a free lunch on their volunteer day, a uniform and the chance to be involved "behind the scenes" at an award-winning hospital.

To apply to become a volunteer, complete an application form, available at the hospital's main lobby information desk or call (734) 458-4280. The hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road in Garden City. Volunteers also Aug. donate time to the hospital by becoming a member of the Garden City Hospital Guild. The group raises funds to support patient care. Members staff the hospital coffee shop, gift shop and information desks, and deliver mail to patients. For more information, call (734) 458-4421.

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'A chance to stretch your brain'

Westland library book group caters to 20-, 30-somethings

BY JULIE BROWN
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Holly McNabb, 21, keeps busy with her business management studies at Eastern Michigan University. Even so, the college junior from Canton finds time for pleasure reading.

"I like it a lot so far," McNabb said of her three visits this year to the Westland library's book group for people in their 20s and 30s. She likes to talk about the books, as it's "a chance to stretch your

brain."

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has a new book discussion group for people in their 20s and 30s. They meet monthly at Biggby Coffee near Ford and Newburgh in Westland.

"Sometimes the adult book clubs are more attuned to senior citizens," said reference librarian Mary Beth Fixler, 25, of Ann Arbor, co-leader of the group with outreach librarian Andrea Perez, 28, of Ferndale. Both women attend the monthly sessions at the

GOOD READS

These are books the 20s/30s group at the Westland library has read:

- "Still Life With Woodpecker" by Tom Robbins
- "Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs" by Chuck Klosterman
- "Geek Love" by Katherine Dunn
- "Choke" by Chuck Palahniuk
- "High Fidelity" by Nick Hornby

coffee shop.

"We thought that maybe the fact that it was in the library would make people not want to come," Fixler said, add-



Kristy Cooper (clockwise from bottom left), Andrea Perez, Holly McNabb, Mary Beth Fixler and Andrew Fixler discuss 'Still Life With Woodpecker' by Tom Robbins Wednesday at Biggby Coffee.

ing the manager at Biggby Coffee was welcoming as they checked out community sites.

"It just had the perfect layout for our meetings," she said. "It's very cozy" for the six or so regulars who attend.

The group began to meet in March, and discussed Tom Robbins' *Still Life With*

Woodpecker on Wednesday, Aug. 20.

The two librarians have been to reader advisory sessions. "We also are really big readers," Fixler said. They check blogs and see what's popular with younger adults at the library on Central City Parkway.

The public library in Oak Park, Ill., has a good related blog and book discussion, genre X, which they consult regularly.

"I think it has potential to grow into a very solid book discussion group," Fixler said of Westland's group. "We're hoping for that in the future."

Perez said the group reads books by authors in their 20s and 30s, "just kind of edgier books. Mostly we're doing fiction. It's very different the kinds of things we talk about."

Perez, who like Fixler has a master's in library science from Wayne State University, also runs a reading group at the library that draws older adults, although there are no age restrictions. "That's good, too, with the different generations," Perez said.

The 20s/30s group meets 7 p.m. one Wednesday a month with dates posted three months in advance on the library Web site, www.westland.lib.mi.us under the Book Lover's section. September's title is *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer, a fiction account of a boy whose father died in 9/11 in New York City. Titles are available at the library Reference Desk, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford in Westland. The group will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Biggby Coffee in Westland.

"I think library services in general miss this age," added Perez. "There really isn't a whole lot."

So far, the group's been mostly women but Fixler and Perez hope to bring in men with book selections. "That's kind of a difficult age group to get into the library," Fixler said of men in their 20s and 30s. "We're hoping our selections speak for themselves."

At the Aug. 20 discussion, colleague Kristy Cooper, 27, of Ypsilanti, who's a Westland librarian, joined in for fun. "I'm not getting paid right now," she said while relaxing in a comfortable chair at the coffee shop.

Also there was Fixler's brother, Andrew, a 23-year-old Westland resident who just graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in economics. "I've never been here before so I don't know," the younger Fixler said of joining in at the book group.

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No meeting planned to resolve county budget dispute

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A heated dispute between Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Sheriff Warren Evans over a proposed 10-percent cut in the sheriff's budget may have to wait until after the Democratic National Convention to be resolved.

Evans said Friday that many county officials and staff members are attending the convention that begins Monday in Denver. He said he didn't expect any resolution on the budget until after the convention ends Thursday. He said he would not be attending the convention.

Ficano has proposed 10-percent cuts for all county departments. He is proposing a \$17 million cut in the sheriff's budget. Evans said that the cuts would force the closing of the Dickerson jail in Hamtramck and the layoff of 300 deputies.

The Wayne County Commission was scheduled to vote on the 2008-09 budget Thursday, but Wednesday the Ways and Means Committee voted to delay action so that Evans and Ficano could work out their differences. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

"We need County Executive Ficano and Sheriff Evans to sit down together and work this out," said Commissioner Bernard Parker, who chairs Ways and Means. "Their individual staff members have been meeting on the budget for several weeks to no avail. Now it is time for the chief elected officials — Mr. Ficano and Mr. Evans — to resolve this situation."

The county is facing a \$34 million budget shortfall.

On Tuesday, Evans sent a press release proposing a change in the way medical services are provided at the jail. The sheriff said Wayne County spends about \$21 million to provide medical services to a daily population of 2,500 inmates, while Oakland County will spend only \$8 million to care for its population of 1,800 inmates.

The difference, according to the sheriff, is that Oakland County was able to negotiate a rate lower than Medicaid for prisoners and has a "lockdown" ward at a local hospital for inmates.

"Based on the average cost per prisoner, the CEO is over-paying for inmate medical services by \$10 million. If Mr.

Ficano will commit to following the Oakland County example, he can save a major portion of the funding needed to keep our jail open and keep 18,000 prisoners over the course of a year locked up," Evans said in the release.

On Friday, Evans said this is not a new proposal, but he never got "much response" from Ficano's staff when it was offered.

Vanessa Denha, speaking for Ficano's office, said Friday they have yet to see the sheriff's proposal.

"He continues to negotiate his budget via the media, which does not work for us," she said. "It is a bad way to do business. It is difficult to comment on something he has not shared with us and we have only read about in the media. He has to find ways where he can cut in his department."

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

On Monday, Azzam Elder, deputy county executive, said there were many areas where Evans could cut his \$131 million budget by focusing on his primary responsibilities for the jails, courts and county parks. He said other activities by the

sheriff are not mandated.

"Regrettably, we are in a difficult economy," Elder said. "If you look at the general fund budget, we are spending 75 percent on the sheriff, the courts and juvenile justice. We cannot manage without cutting the sheriff."

Evans said Friday that the other programs of the sheriff's department do not significantly affect the budget.

"They wish I would get out of police work, but it is jail and the courts where cuts have to be made to get to that \$17 million. What is the point of nibbling around the edges?" he said.

Elder suggested that Evans could close a police academy at Wayne County Community College and send his deputies to Schoolcraft College.

Evans said he didn't start the police academy, which has been in operation 20 years, and that its operations are not paid from the general fund.

"The cost is in replacing the 30-35 officers who have to attend," he said. He said moving to Schoolcraft wouldn't change that.

Elder said the sheriff's department has added 120

officers over the last four years. He also said the mounted unit has gone from 18 horses to 22 horses.

"He says he gets the money from private sources, but every horse has to have a deputy on it," Elder said.

Evans said the extra police officers are paid from grants and other sources outside of the general fund.

On the mounted unit, he said, "A bale of hay is not going to save \$17 million. They want me to stick to the jails and parks, but the mounted unit is the park patrol."

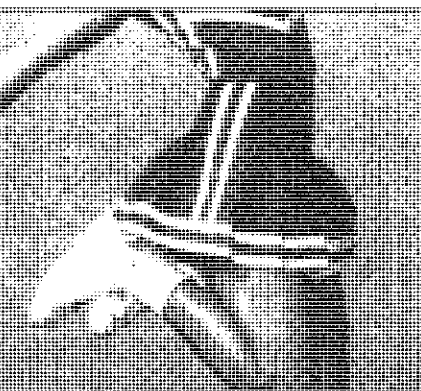
He said Ficano's office has asked for the services of the mounted unit 12 times this year. He said related costs are covered by private contributions.

"His priority is all the police activity he does and it's all extracurricular," Elder said. "Managing a jail is not sexy, but that is his main responsibility."

Evans' response is, "If it doesn't affect the general fund, why would they care?"

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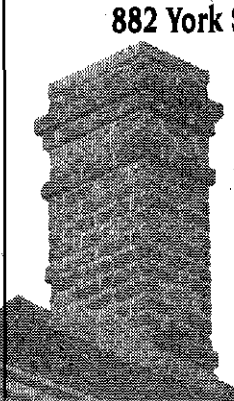
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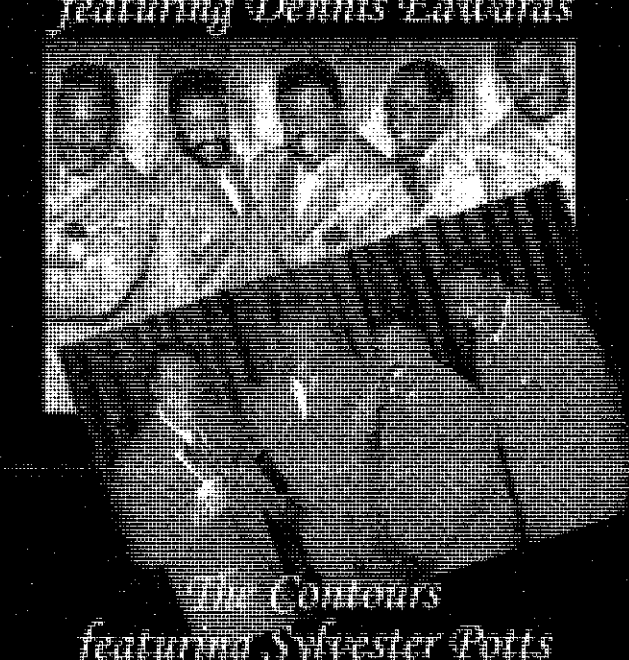
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Rick Bloom

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such as keep it, cash out and pay the taxes or transfer the money into an annuity. I have about \$50,000 of cash surrender value in the policy and my agent said to cash out would cost about \$1,000 in taxes. My thought is to cash out and to pay off my

7 1/2 percent mortgage. I'm a conservative investor. Is this a smart a move? It is a very smart move and one I recommend. Even when you factor in that your mortgage is tax-deductible, it is still costing at least 5 percent. If you invest in CDs, fixed annu-

ties or U.S. Treasuries, by the time you end up paying the taxes you net less than 5 percent. Therefore, cashing out the insurance policy and paying the taxes and then retiring your mortgage is not only conservative, but smart. Why pay for something that you don't need? The

cash surrender value is your money. Why leave it somewhere that is unproductive? One last note: beware of variable annuities. The typical variable annuity is stuffed with costs and hidden fees and makes no sense whatsoever for investors. They have adverse tax conse-

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No. One of the reasons people buy CDs is for their safety. With FDIC insurance, no matter what happens to a federally insured bank, as long as you have less than \$100,000, your money is protected. When you deal with foreign banks, they do not offer the protection.

Many people have invested with foreign institutions and have found a variety of problems when it came to withdrawing money. In addition, many people have lost their money, especially in dealing with some of the off-shore banks. This can't happen when you deal with a federally insured bank.

Many people use foreign institutions to avoid U.S. income taxes. Our tax laws provide that as an American citizen, no matter where you earn money, it is subject to U.S. taxes. Many people think since foreign banks do not report to the IRS, they don't have to pay taxes. Again, this is not the case.

Taxpayers who use foreign institutions and who do not report their tax liability like to think of themselves as being smart when it comes to taxes. However, they are breaking the law and are nothing more than tax cheats.

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Cell phone test proves too much for compulsive caller

Since my husband and I are older parents — we'll be facing college expenses just as Social Security kicks in — we tend to be more cautious about our children and technology.



Sue Mason

Yes, they have all sorts of gaming systems, and yes, they have computers in their rooms — older model iMacs — neither of which are hooked up to the Internet. The only computer that is in contact with the World Wide Web sits in the living room and use of the "good" computer requires parental permission. The lack there of can lead to all kinds of unfortunate bans — no e-mails, no surfing the net.

And yes, they have cell phones ... sort of. My son has a real one, having graduated from a Fly Phone when he went to middle school. It's meant to be an emergency phone, the numbers he can call are programmed in and there's no text messaging. Once in awhile he slips up, but in the past two years, he's proven to be quite responsible with it.

Now, along comes my daughter, also is a

middle schooler, who looks at acquisition of electronics based on grade not age. She's a year behind my son, but almost two years younger. He started school late, she started early.

She believes that since her brother got a cell phone in sixth grade, she should have one, but not that hand-me-down Fly Phone. Too childish, and I've got to agree. But with both kids at the same middle school, we've decided one phone will do, especially since most of the calls are to tell us that my daughter has missed the bus home. (That call is usually followed quickly from the school office with a cheery "Hey, Mom, guess what?")

Well, we decided to see how she would do with a cell phone by letting her use up the minutes on her late uncle's pay-as-go cell phone. You'd have thought we had given her \$1 million. She was as happy as a clam, so much so that she called everybody she knew to tell them she had a cell phone.

When the novelty of calling people wore off, she started text messaging — 17 messages in all. I had to tell her I appreciated the 6 a.m. message saying she loved me, but saying it would be better since I had to pay 15 cents for the text.

We kept cautioning her about how she used

the phone and eventually had put it up for awhile to curtail her obsessive-compulsive behavior. It seemed to have worked, we thought, until my son broached the subject of her cell phone while we were out shopping.

You can tell what his motive is when he prefaces his comments with "I don't want to get Carolee in trouble ..." Sure, he does, and this time it was a doozy.

It seems my daughter had fessed up to him and the baby sitter that she had been calling the Gold Kit number on her cell phone. When asked if it was true, she vehemently denied it — she usually does — but the look on her face when I said we'd check the call record was enough to tell me she had.

Well, my cell phone maniac had called several 800 numbers, the Gold Kit one at least twice. No, she had no gold to sell, and no, she didn't talk to anyone. She just listened to the person saying hello, hello. Yes, she admitted, they were prank calls, and was crestfallen when she was told she flunked the responsible use of a cell phone test. No cell phone in seventh grade, she'll have to rely on her brother.

My daughter is impetuous, she doesn't think before she acts and, in most instances, doesn't

know why she does something. We saw that when she spent \$10 meant to go into her cafeteria account on lunch and snacks for her and her friend not once but twice in one week. She had "forgotten" to put it in her account, but didn't factor in mom counting the change.

We used to get frustrated because she couldn't explain her behavior, but we've now come to realize it's her ADD. And as much as we try to tell her to look before she leaps, we know she's going to jump and ask questions later.

We also know we can't keep her from a cell phone much longer. When her brother moves to the high school in ninth grade, she'll need something more than the school office's phone. I'm in favor of tin cans on a string. Her calling circle will be quite limited and if she loses then, all I have to do is open a couple of cans of green beans.

I know I'm dreaming. I guess I just have to hope her responsibility gene makes an appearance sometime between now and next September.

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OUR VIEWS

Locally produced food is good for you and the economy

With food prices rising, in part because of higher gas prices, you can get more bang for your buck and help the local economy by purchasing fresh produce this fall at your local farmers markets.

Because locally produced food is fresher, it lasts longer and doesn't turn moldy before you have a chance to eat it. According to Local Harvest, an organic and local food Web site, most produce in the United States is picked four to seven days before being placed on supermarket shelves, and is shipped for an average of 1,500 miles before being sold.

Besides lasting longer, local produce can be healthier. Some of the nutrients in some produce diminish after it is picked. Shopping at the farmers market usually shortens the time between picking and eating so the food has more of what your body needs. And, locally grown produce almost always tastes better.

Shopping at farmers markets also keeps money circulating locally. Says Dr. Susan

Smalley, director of the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University: "If you spend a dollar at the farmers market with a local farmer, he or she will invest some of that dollar back into the farming operation — helping to pay the mortgage, perhaps at a local bank, paying local people who work on the farm, purchasing gas for the tractor locally, etc. Some of your dollar will hopefully be profit — profit that provides the farm family with its income and keeps the land in farming. If you spend a dollar on food in the supermarket, only about 20 cents on average makes it back to the farmer."

For your health and the health of the local economy, enjoy produce this fall from these area farmers markets.

Royal Oak — The Farmers Market in Royal Oak, owned and operated by the city of Royal Oak, is open weekends all year and additional days May through December. The market is at 316 E. 11 Mile Road two blocks east of Main Street. Hours are 7 a.m. to 1

p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Rochester — Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market runs 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 25, at the corner of Water and Third Street in Rochester.

Southfield — The Southfield Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Cornerstone Development Authority and Providence Hospital, will be held 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 30 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, across the street from Northland Center.

Farmington — The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 25 at the Walter Sundquist Pavilion on Grand River, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington.

Livonia — The Livonia Farmers Market, operated by Friends of Wilson Barn, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 11 at the Wilson Barn on the northeast corner of West Chicago and Middlebelt.

Plymouth — The Plymouth Farmer's Market takes place 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through mid-October in The Gathering on Penniman Avenue and around Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Canton — The historic Bartlett-Travis property in Cherry Hill Village, which includes an old house and restored barn, is the site of the Canton Farmers Market every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 26. The weekly event features entertainment, as well as vendors.

Garden City — The Garden City Farmers Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority, is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through October at Ford and Middlebelt just south of Kroger.

Northville — The Northville Farmers Market is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the parking lot across from Northville Downs, Seven Mile and Center Street, through October.

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Detroit Shock a winner to Orchards foster kids

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Eric Robertson, 8, had no trouble answering when asked whether it was more exciting to get a new school backpack stuffed with supplies or to meet and make a few free throws with Detroit Shock players.

"Meeting the Shocks and playing basketball," said Robertson, of Detroit, still bouncing a basketball on the makeshift court outside of Orchard Children's Services on a sunny Wednesday morning in Southfield.

Nevertheless, he knew the importance of the school supplies, donated by the professional women's basketball team.

"I'm looking forward to going to college and being a Piston and meeting the Shocks -- the whole team, not just a few of them," he said.

Robertson was one of the foster care facility's clients who turned out for its annual Backpack Day.

It included a Women's National Basketball Association "fit clinic" with activities hosted by Year Round Hoops Director Aaron Smith; and hotdogs, fruit, vegetables, ice cream and pop.

Giving back

Shock player Taj McWilliams-Franklin, who attended with team member Deanna Nolan, said she finds it rewarding to give back.

"I love doing this. I love kids," she said.

The mom of three and Auburn Hills resident added "I know the challenge and importance of back-to-school shopping and how expensive it can be."

They had earlier shopped for the backpacks, along with team member Elaine Powell. They were bought at a discount



Shock players Taj McWilliams-Franklin, left, and Deanna Nolan unpack backpacks for donation Wednesday.

at Meijer, the Shock's presenting sponsor.

The Shock is currently on a break as team member Katie Smith goes for Olympic gold in China as a member of the U.S. women's basketball team.

Jamie Murdoch, Shock community relations assistant, said the donation of 240 backpacks will ease the budget for foster parents in a tough economic year when even school supplies cost more. Murdoch said according to a recent survey, parents spend \$600 on supplies for returning K-12 students and one-fifth of parents are using some of their economic stimulus check to pay for them.

Role models

It's the first year the Shock has hosted the agency's backpack day, although they've worked with them in other areas.

Michael Williams, president and CEO of Orchards, said "grateful is an understatement."

"The Shock players understand the value of education and show it by providing our

children and families with the necessary tools to start the year on a positive note," he said.

Among parents attending were Brenda Perrin, of Taylor, with her two adopted daughters, Kidesia, 14, and Kimberly, 17, and foster daughter Porshe Moss, 17. Perrin said the backpack received for Moss is a big help.

She also praised the Shock saying, "They are showing children that whatever they accomplish, they must give back to the community."

Shirley Davis, 54, of Detroit, said she was touched with Orchards' invitation to the basketball event, as she has transitioned from being a foster mom to the adoptive mom of eight daughters, ages 9 to 16. She is also the mom of four grown biological children and multiple grandchildren.

Her daughters were not eligible for backpacks, but they love the Shock team; They were all having a wonderful time, she said.

"I think the world of Orchards," added Davis.

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Austin White returns for his junior year after rushing for over 1,600 as Livonia Stevenson reached the Division 1 state football finals.

Tom Hoffmeyer | Staff Photographer

Spartans retain potent attack

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's magical run last season to the state football finals may be hard to duplicate, but no opponent is going to underestimate the Spartans on their 2008 schedule.

Coming off a 13-1 season and a runner-up finish in the Division 1 playoffs, Stevenson lost a bulk of its key personnel to graduation, including seven first-team All-Observer players.

But the Spartans' backfield remains strong with the return of its top two rushers including 6-foot, 187-pound junior Austin White, who had 1,603 yards and 25 touchdowns, along with 6-foot, 174-pound senior Wade Stahl, who rushed for 815 yards (8.8 per carry) and caught 24 passes for 401 yards.

Throw in last year's capable back-up quarterback Jacob Gudeman, and Stevenson is going to provide plenty of sleepless nights for opposing defensive coordinators.

"Wade and Austin are a dynamic one-two punch, and they complement each other very well," said Stevenson 14th-

year coach Tim Gabel. "Austin has assumed a much greater leadership role on our team as well, and he has the ability to make everyone else around him better."

"Jacob is as complete a quarterback as we've had, and he did get tested last year in a starter's role late in the season. We're anxious to see him lead our offense this season. He has a lot of upside and a lot of different abilities."

Stevenson's offensive line must be completely rebuilt, along with the defensive front.

Senior captain Kyle Hobbins (6-0, 194) will anchor the offensive line and will step in at linebacker, while Wyatt Stahl (6-0, 170) returns as a starter in an experienced defensive secondary which also includes twin Wade, the team's second leading tackler, and senior Mark Grisa (6-0, 162).

"Kyle was very committed in the off-season, and saw enough time last year to really set himself up for a big year," Gabel said. "Wyatt is the consummate high school player in absolutely everything he does, and a great team leader. Mark (Grisa) started every game in

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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Stevenson.

Head coach: Tim Gabel, 14th season.

Last year's record: 13-1 (Division 1 state runner-up).

League affiliation: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Central Division).

Key losses: Mitchell White (first-team All-Area); Myles White (first-team All-Area); Matt Broome (first-team All-Area); Ricky Bell (first-team All-Area); Trent Judis (first-team All-Area); Jason Bajas (first-team All-Area); Pat York (first-team All-Area); John Saaman (second-team All-Area); Emanuel Onwumene, Chris Golonka, Joey Cantrell, Joey Doulette, Travis Austin, Mike Flynn, Derek Buskey.

Returning starters: Austin White, Jr. RB-DB (6-0, 187; first-team All-Area); Wade Stahl, Jr. RB-DB (6-0, 180; second-team All-Area); Mark Grisa, Sr. DB-SE (6-0, 162); Wyatt Stahl, Sr. DB-SE (6-0, 170); Jonny Myshock, Sr. K (5-7, 153).

Promising newcomers: Jacob Gudeman, Sr. QB (5-10, 170); Jordan El-Sabeh, Jr. TE-DE (6-4, 188); Stephen Pollard, Jr. SE-DB (6-1, 170); David Bogart, Jr. C-DT (5-10, 241); Kyle Hobbins, Sr. OG-LB (6-0, 194); Jon Aneed, Soph. OG-DT (6-1, 225); Zac Whalen, Sr. OT-DT (6-1, 229); Andrew Nelson, Sr. OT-DT (6-3, 254); Zeb Bacigal, Sr. SE-DB (6-5, 178); Steve Eideh, Sr. RB-DB (5-8, 168).

Coach's quote: "Our first week of practice has been as good or better than any we've had. These kids have a great work ethic, and our captains and veterans are providing the leadership we need to fight through the rough parts of practice one would expect with relatively inexperienced players."

Schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 28 (Livonia Franklin); Sept. 5 (at Howell); Sept. 12 (Salem); Sept. 19 (at South Lyon); Sept. 26 (at Northville); Oct. 3 (Novi); Oct. 10 (South Lyon East); Oct. 17 (KLAAC crossover); Oct. 24 (at Livonia Churchill).

Perfect ride, record swim buoys Sheila

Livonia's Sheila Taormina, the first athlete in the modern Olympics to compete in three different sports, rebounded nicely after a difficult start to place 19th overall in the women's modern pentathlon Friday at the Beijing Games.

The 39-year-old Taormina, who captured a gold medal in swimming (4 x 200-meter freestyle relay) at the Atlanta Games and made two appearances in the women's triathlon (2000 in Sydney and 2004 in Athens), found herself in a deep hole after the two of the first five events of the day-long competition which tests both skill and endurance.

The Stevenson High grad ranked 28th out of a field of 36 after the 10-meter air pistol shooting portion scoring 1,012 points and dropped to last-place overall after losing 31-of-35 one-minute bouts in epee fencing (496).

The former University of Georgia All-America swimmer then made her comeback in the 200-meter freestyle at the Yingdong Natatorium by setting an Olympic record for the modern pentathlon during the fourth heat in 2 minutes, 08.86 seconds to garner 1,376 points.

Wearing a red riding coat in the show jumping event at the OSC Stadium, Taormina was one of three competitors to post a perfect score with a 71.54 aboard the horse Lingliang, earning the maximum 1,200 points along with Laura Asadauskaite of Lithuania and Qian Chen of China.

But despite the strong ride, it moved Taormina up to only 28th place overall.

Taormina then moved from the equestrian course to the staggered 3,000-meter run - the final event - where she started 2:05 behind the leader and eventual Olympic gold medalist Lena Schoneborn of Germany.

Before a roaring crowd, Taormina wound up seventh in the race in 10:25.05, scoring 1,220 to move all the way up to 19th, two spots ahead of fellow American Margaux Isaksen, a 16-year-old from Fayetteville, Ark., and one spot in front of defending gold medalist Zsuzsanna Voros of Hungary.

Taormina earned a total of 5,304 points with Shoneborn scoring 5,792 to take the gold followed by silver medalist Heather Fell (Great Britain) with 5,752 and bronze medalist Victoria Tereshuk of the Ukraine with 5,672.



Taormina

Sidelines

Trinity boots MU

Madonna University suffered a 2-1 overtime loss Friday to host Trinity International University (Ill.) in the women's soccer opener for both schools.

Jennifer Brantsen was credited with the game-winner in OT, while Michelle Smith tallied the game-tying goal in the 64th minutes after MU's Jaclyn Ventimiglia tied it at the 50-minute mark.

MU goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made four saves in the loss, while Trinity counterpart Rebekah Niedermayer stopped four shots.

LW battery signs

First-team All-Observer catcher Dan Abbott and second-team All-Area pitcher Derek Fleetham, who helped Lutheran High Westland to the Division 4 state baseball finals, recently signed NAIA letters-of-intents with Siena Heights University of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The 6-foot-3, 185-pound Abbott hit .478 with 10 doubles, two homers and 31 RBI.

The 6-1, 175-pound Fleetham, a left-hander, finished 6-3 with a 1.12 earned run average for the 25-8 Warriors.

Both players also considered Wooster College (Ohio) and Adrian College before signing with the Saints, who finished 14-26 overall and 8-16 last spring in the WHAC.

Two recently attended at Baltimore Orioles tryout camp in Marion, Ill. conducted by scout Rich Morales and have also received instruction from Clarence Hucul of Plymouth.

Helgren elevated

University of Toledo Athletic Director Mike O'Brien recently announced the promotion of Livonia native Paul Helgren, to the position of associate athletic director for media relations.

Helgren has served the UT Athletic Department as assistant athletic director for media relations since April of 1998. His duties include overseeing the media relations efforts for UT's 16 varsity sports, producing the department's publications and maintaining the official Athletics website.

Helgren grew up in Westland and graduated from Livonia Franklin High School in 1981.

A 1985 graduate of the University of Michigan, Helgren began his career as an assistant media relations director at Eastern Michigan University. He also worked as the media relations director at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from 1990-98.

Gorski leaves Ladywood for collegiate job

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Andrea Gorski, who had been fixture as the varsity girls basketball coach the past 12 years at Livonia Ladywood, is moving on to the collegiate ranks.

In a surprise move, Gorski stepped down as the Blazers' coach last month to take the women's head coaching position at Concordia University where she will succeed Joshua Steffen, who left for a similar job at Concordia (Ill.)-Chicago after posting a 14-17 mark in 2007-08.

Gorski guided Ladywood to an overall record of 184-99, including a 20-4 mark last winter, to go along with 11 district and two Catholic League A-B Division titles.

The former Bradley University (Ill.) standout guard and Dearborn Divine

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C'ville aims for the full package

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Ryan Irish promises that Livonia Clarenceville's 2008 football fortunes will not hinge upon one or two players.

It's going to take all 11 players, according to the fourth-year coach.

Coming off a 1-8 season, Irish wants the complete package even though there's no denying the Trojans boast one of the state's top players in Jeremy Gainer, who has committed to Indiana University.

Detroit Cody transfer Dominique Jones, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound tight end and defensive end, also gives Clarenceville a formidable one-two punch.

"It's just not Gainer and a bunch of scrubs," Irish said emphatically. "It's Clarenceville football, which is also guards and tackles. He's important, but so is everybody else. We're just not one guy. We're not playing golf. On my team everybody can be a leader."

The 6-2, 220-pound Gainer is moving from quarterback to running back. He will also play linebacker after leading the team in tackles in 2007.

Senior Darryl Whitaker (5-10, 160) moves over from running back to quarterback and will be joined in the backfield by junior Levonte Brooks (5-8, 150) and senior Brad Pozniak (5-9, 160).



Clarenceville's Darryl Whitaker, slated to start at quarterback, pulls in a pass during a recent practice.

"We'll be more balanced offensively than what we've been here," Irish said. "We've got a lot of guys and it's going to be hard to give guys a lot of carries. But that's the good thing because it just can't be one guy."

All five offensive linemen for the Trojans return including seniors Taylor Hall (6-0, 220), Joe Baer (6-3, 260), Derek Robbins (6-0, 170) and James

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2007 and he had a good season. We hope he produces like last year."

Stevenson joins the newly created Central Division of the KLAA with the likes of Novi, Northville, South Lyon, South Lyon East and former WLAA-Lakes Division member Salem.

And the Spartans open their season with two non-division tests against Livonia Franklin and Howell.

"Our whole season is going

to be a series of rapid-fire questions and answers," Gabel said. "The new league set-up, combined with some coaching changes amongst our opponents, means we're really not positive now what we're going to see week-in and week-out."

"No small part of the challenge will be figuring that out as we go. We have a lot of solid, hard-working kids who have never started a varsity game. Finding out who can make plays when it matters won't happen until we get into the season."

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Jaber (5-10, 180), along with junior Tim Siencinski (6-2, 200).

Help will also come from the Hogan brothers, sophomore fullback-linebacker De'ondre (6-2, 220) and safety Leonard (5-8, 140). Also returning is junior fullback-linebacker Dan Schiffman (5-9, 210).

But there's no denying that both Jones and Gainer will have a huge impact on the upcoming season.

"Dominic was a very good player for Cody, he had a good relationship with their coaches and he did not want to leave, but his mother had to move to be closer to her job," Irish said. "We're fortunate and lucky to have him. To get a kid that size in the Metro Conference - that's special. He's just not a big blocker. He has the height, the weight and the athleticism. He's an edge for us because he can catch the ball. He's a big target in the middle of the field for the quarterback to see."

"Jeremy is a big-play guy. And with his speed, he's such a threat. And if you don't respect him on the outside, he's gone. We'll be getting him the ball in different places. As a quarterback it was hard for him to be deceptive because everybody knew he had it."

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Clarenceville.
Head coach: Ryan Irish, fourth season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
2007 record: 1-8.
Key losses: Terry Line, Chris Nickel.
Returning starters: Jeremy Gainer, Sr. RB-LB (6-2, 220); Levonte Brooks, Jr. RB-LB-SS (5-8, 150); Joe Baer, Sr. OL-DL (6-3, 260); Derek Robbins, Sr. OL-DL (6-0, 170); Tim Siencinski, Jr. OL-DL (6-2, 200); Darryl Whitaker, Sr. QB (5-10, 160); Brad Pozniak, Sr. RB-LB (5-9, 160); James Jaber, Sr. OL (5-10, 180).
Promising newcomers: Dominic Jones, TE-DE (6-3, 230); De'Ondre Hogan, Soph. FB-LB (6-2, 220); Leonard Hogan, Jr. SS (5-8, 140); Dan

Schiffman, Jr. FB-LB (5-9, 210).
Coach's quote: "Our big emphasis is finishing. Last year we'd play a good half, but did not play well - especially the third and fourth quarters, and that's where it matters. We have to understand the game is not over until it's over because high school football is a damn long game."
Schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 28 (Detroit University Prep); Sept. 5 (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Sept. 12 (at Harper Woods); Sept. 19 (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 26 (at Macomb Lutheran North; 7:30 p.m.); Oct. 3 (at Lutheran High Westland; 7:30 p.m.); Oct. 10 (at Birch Run; 7:30 p.m.); Oct. 17 (Hamtramck; Oct. 24 (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep).

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
 Thursday, Aug. 28
 Luth. Westland at Ann Arbor, 4:30 p.m.
 Univ. Prep at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Hartland, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Waterford Mott at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Ladywood at Saline, 8 a.m.
 Luth. Westland at Riv. Gab. Richard, 6:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 6:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
 Monday, Aug. 25
 Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Milford at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Warren DeLaSalle at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 26
 S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28
 Clarenceville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29
 Stevenson at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 Thursday, Aug. 28
 N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
 Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28
 Wayne State Invitational, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
 Monday, Aug. 25
 Franklin at F.H. Harrison, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 F.H. Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28
 Churchill at F.H. Harrison, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
 Monday, Aug. 25
 Brighton Inv. at Oak Pointe, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Whispering Willows G.C., 2 p.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Ladywood at Saline, 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Friday, Aug. 29
 Schoolcraft at Owens Express Classic, TBA.
 (Point Loma Nazarene, Calif. Invitational)
 Madonna vs. Ashford, noon.
 Madonna vs. Mt. Marty, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30
 Schoolcraft at Owens Express Classic, TBA.
 (Point Loma Nazarene, Calif. Invitational)
 Madonna vs. College of Idaho, 1 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Point Loma, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Wednesday, Aug. 27
 Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29
 Madonna at Point Loma (Calif.), 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30
 Madonna vs. MidAmerica Nazarene at Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.), 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Tuesday, Aug. 26
 Madonna vs. Houghton College (N.Y.) at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30
 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Spartans stamp out Pats, 5-0; Krugers scores 5 for Warriors

Livonia Franklin boys soccer coach Vic Rodopoulos took some positives from Thursday's 5-0 setback at Livonia Stevenson in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover match. Stevenson, which improved to 1-0-1 after settling for a 1-all tie two days earlier against host Saline, led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Ricky Chrzasz (from David Simor) and Simor (from Adrian Fylonenko). The Spartans then broke it open with three second-half goals - Chrzasz's second (from Nate Sergison); Simor's second (from Brian Klemczak); and Reilly Mullett (from Brendan Mulcahy).

Goalkeepers Justin Collins, who played the first half before giving way to Conner Burton, combined for the shutout. "Our guys handled them well defensively, especially the first half," said the Patriots' coach, whose squad fell to 0-2 overall. "We did have the opportunities on offense even though we made it through. We could not get it done offensively, but all-in-all I'm not upset because Stevenson is a great team and Klemczak is a great player."

BOYS SOCCER

Franklin got sterling play, according to Rodopoulos from midfielder Steve Trapp along with sweeper Mike Geraci. Goalkeeper Brad Mangune also stood out.

"Brad played a great game, he was outstanding," Rodopoulos said.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 7, LUTH. SOUTH 1: Senior forward Josh Kruger scored five times Friday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0) opened its season with a win over Newport Lutheran South (0-2) in the first-round of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament.

Laith Francis and Trevor Sultana also tallied goals for the Warriors, who led 3-0 at intermission. Freshman center-midfielder Mitchell Boehm contributed three assists, while junior Gage Flanery added two.

Micah Hausch made three saves en route to the win.

Tony Southern scored for South. **MICH. LUTHERAN 4, HURON VALLEY 3:** Matt Trelenberg's header with 10 minutes remaining gave St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran (2-0) the opening-round victory Friday over the host Hawks in the opening round of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament.

Benjamin Weber, Jason Reinhardt

and Scott Gephart also scored for the Titans, who led 2-1 at halftime.

Matt Kempainen, Matt St. John and Austin Tranchida each tallied goals for Huron Valley.

CLARENCEVILLE 3, YPSILANTI 0: On Friday, Matt Garant tallied a pair of goals and goalkeeper Garrett Gregg sparkled with nine saves to lead host Livonia Clarenceville (1-0) blanked the Phoenix (0-2) in a non-conference encounter.

Garant scored unassisted in the first half and added his second during the second half on a header off a corner kick from Jimmy Moody.

Phil Strachan also scored unassisted to put the game away.

Junior sweeper Dustin Csokasky also stood out in the victory.

W.L. WESTERN 2, JOHN GLENN 0: Goalkeeper Blake Hunter posted the shutout, while Nick Lewin and Adam Wright each had a goal and assist Thursday to lead host Walled Lake Western (1-1) to the KLAA crossover victory over Westland John Glenn (0-1-1).

Despite the loss, Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada singled out the play of center-midfielder Nelson Kenne, along with Jacob gates and Sergio Pavan.

Zach Redden was in goal for the Rockets.

MOTT 8, WAYNE 0: In a KLAA crossover Thursday, host Waterford Mott (1-0) opened its season invoking the eight-goal mercy rule against Wayne Memorial (0-1-1).



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore Daniel Amaya is one of the Madonna returnees who could help the Crusaders make up for losing key players from the 2007 conference champions.

California dreamin'

MU men's soccer team seeks 2nd trip: Nationals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

MENS SOCCER

Madonna University's men's soccer team would love it if the 2008 season went full circle.

If it does, the Crusaders will happily make two trips to California. Madonna will open the schedule this weekend with three matches in San Diego.

But should the Crusaders make the NAIA national tournament for the second year in a row, they will be competing for all the marbles in Fresno.

That scenario would be more than fine with Madonna head coach Timo Scicluna - the 2007 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference coach of the year after guiding the Crusaders to a title (14-4-2 overall, 10-1-1 in the WHAC).

But he is only concerned about getting the current team up and running for the conference matches that begin Sept. 13 at Aquinas.

"We're using California as preparation for our regular season," said Scicluna late last week. "I'm looking to get as

many guys healthy and get all our guys ready to go."

Scicluna knows from the get-go that the Crusaders' lineup is going to have somewhat of a makeover after losing several key players.

Goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons, defender Darrel Quinn and midfielder T.J. Djokic all graduated and dangerous goal scorer Makes Lewis (a team-leading 11 goals) left the college.

Making up for the offense provided by Lewis will be one of the challenges facing Scicluna and his staff, but it's an issue he's dealt with before.

"No question that we're losing great, great players and great people," Scicluna emphasized. "But that's always been the case every single year. There's a turnover in senior leadership and you wonder how you'll fill those shoes. But (younger) players have been developing and improving every year."

The Crusaders do have hard-nosed senior "grinders"

Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson/Schoolcraft) and Doran Draai at midfield, which could be a position of strength. Another midfielder who could be heard from is Eric Kiebert, a transfer from Auburn Montgomery (Ala.).


Players who could pose offensive threats include junior forwards Emilio Giorgi and Mark Pikula (both listed as midfielders last year), sophomore Daniel Amaya and junior Cody Pickren (Plymouth Christian Academy).

Junior and Schoolcraft College product Nick Dordeski (Stevenson) will be a defensive mainstay, as will junior Dan Pichler (Stevenson).

One area pretty much set is goalkeeping, led by junior Steven Besk (Schoolcraft) and sophomore newcomer Anthony DeMarco who has a "pretty high pedigree."

Scicluna said Besk gained important experience late last season and during the post-season run, following an injury to Lyons.

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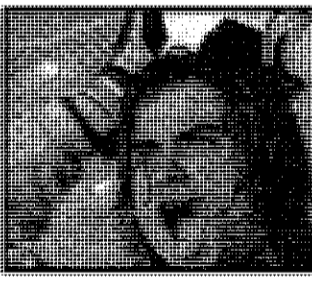
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Canton's Allison Schmitt wears her bronze medal as she displays a USA Olympic flag that is decorated with signatures of her fellow U.S. swim team members. She was part of the U.S. women's team that took third place in the 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay. Schmitt returned to Canton Monday following a 13-hour flight from China.

Bronze medal, golden memories

Olympic experience 'Like a dream come true' for Canton's Schmitt

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

She posed for snapshots with LeBron, Kobe and George W. — all within the span of a few days.

She loosened her muscles in the same Olympic warm-up pool as swimming icons Michael Phelps and Darra Torres, both of whom she calls not only teammates, but good friends.

And to give you an idea how crazy wonderful last week was for Allison Schmitt, all of the above didn't even come close to claiming the No. 1 spot on her list of personal highlights.

When you win an Olympic medal, everything else comes in a distant second.

Hollywood has produced feature films that have had far less excitement than what the 18-year-old Canton resident soaked in last week at the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

The epic experience that included meeting basketball royalty (LeBron James and Kobe Bryant) and the most powerful man in the free world (President Bush) was elegantly capped when she earned a bronze medal as part of the U.S. women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team.

"The whole week was an amazing experience," Schmitt recounted Wednesday afternoon while sitting at the dining room table of her family's Canton home. "I will cherish every moment of it for the rest of my life."

"When we were standing on the podium for the medal ceremony, I couldn't stop smiling. It was like a dream come true. I still don't really believe it all. It was so cool just to be able to participate in the Olympics. To get a medal, too, was very special."

Home, sweet home

Schmitt left the Olympics last Sunday so that she could spend a few days with her family before she departs for the University of Georgia, where she'll be a freshman member of the Bulldogs' women's swimming team this fall.

"I've been gone for over two straight months, so it's definitely good to be home," said Schmitt. "I had mixed emotions when I left Beijing though because my teammates became like family to me. I'm going to miss being around them every day."

Over the past several weeks, Schmitt has gotten an opportunity to see a side of legends Phelps and Torres that the general public rarely gets to see.

"I've been teammates with Michael on Club Wolverine since December, so we've become pretty good friends," she said, referring to the winner of a record-setting eight gold medals. "He's just like a normal person out of the pool. He's a lot of fun. We tease each other a lot and joke around."

"Darra's a lot of fun, too," she said of Torres, who won three silver medals at the age of 41. "She doesn't act like she's 41; she acts like she's our age."

"She knows how to get ready for a race. But she knows how to have fun and laugh, too."

Star-studded fans

Schmitt said the members of the U.S. men's basketball team were regulars at the Water Cube, the site of the Olympic swimming events.

"We got a chance to meet the whole team, which was pretty cool," she said. "They

were very nice, very friendly. They probably came to four or five sessions, so they really got into swimming."

Schmitt barely missed an opportunity to double her medal total when she failed to qualify for the 200-meter freestyle finals by one-hundredth of a second.

"I was disappointed, but I wasn't devastated," she said. "I made it to the semifinals, so I couldn't complain. Plus, I had one more race to go (the 800-meter freestyle relay), so I had to get prepared for that."

Schmitt's life has definitely slowed down a notch or two since she returned to Canton, but it hasn't come to a complete halt. She's attended a string of ceremonies on her behalf, including stops at Xerox in Southfield, where her father Ralph works, and at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, where her mom Gail is employed.

On Thursday evening — the night before she leaves for Athens, Ga. — she'll be honored at halftime of the Canton-Brighton high school football game that is being played at the PCEP junior varsity field, which is located just south of Plymouth High School.

Schmitt said she's already motivated to improve upon her performance at the next Summer Olympics, set for 2012 in London.

"Seeing what my teammates did in Beijing and watching Michael win eight gold medals, it really was a great feeling watching it all," she said. "I definitely want to work hard and get back to the Olympics and, hopefully, win gold in 2012."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

O&E Men's golf tourney

The 2008 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open 36-hole medal play event will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) with a maximum handicap of 20.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Entries will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

(Starting times and pairings will be available after noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.)

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

Coaches wanted

■ Livonia Stevenson is seeking a varsity boys cross country coach for the fall season.

For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2894.

USBC provides certification process to train instructors

So you want to be a bowling coach?

There is always a need for people who want to teach others, based on their own skills and knowledge in bowling just like many other sports which require a good amount of expertise.

Just about anyone who has a good working ability in a sport can teach these skills to others.

To be serious about coaching bowlers, one should consider becoming certified by the official governing body, the United States Bowling Congress and look into its certification program.

For those in the metro area, the USBC will conduct a Bronze Level coaching certification conference, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 19-21, at two locations in Livonia.

Registration and brief classroom activities will be Friday, Sept. 18, located at the Comfort Inn, 29235 Buckingham Drive. The on-lanes portion of the seminar will followed at Cloverlanes, 28900 Schoolcraft Road.

Participants will receive training to prepare them to coach intermediate-level bowlers.

The course will develop coaching skills in the four essential areas of bowling including the physical game, lane play, equipment and the mental game. Videotaping, video analysis and instruction on giving lessons will be also covered.

"Bowlers of all ages and abilities need quality instruction to improve," said co-director of USBC Coaching David Garber. "Being a coach is a rewarding experience. Let USBC coaching train you to help others reach their bowling potential."

To register for this conference, download a registration form from the coaching section of bowl.com; or call USBC Coaching at (800) 514-BOWL, Ext. 3169. The registration fee for Bronze Level conferences is \$275.

The fact that it takes place locally will save more money for the usual travel and lodging expenses.

The USBC coaching program — the only coaching program for bowling recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee — offers four levels of certification: Level One, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The prerequisite for attending the Bronze Level class is successful completion of the USBC Level One course or past Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) Level 1 certification.

Bronze certification must be completed for a year as a qualifier to step up to the Silver Level conference.

The finest instructors in the country teach the USBC Coaching Certification, which trains and certifies coaches to teach the sport of bowling. The seminars also provide opportunities to learn from and network with these renowned instructors.

■ The Recent BOWL-4-Animal Rescue benefit held recently at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills was a huge success.

Over \$12,000 was raised for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN).

The house was totally packed with enthusiastic participants and a good time was had by all, myself included.

There were several rescued pets on hand, which received plenty of attention and adoration.

It was a great job by Aleta Sill, Michelle Mullen and lots of volunteers who helped out.

Both Aleta and Michelle are USBC certified coaches and Michelle is one of only 22 Gold Level coaches in the world. Along with Lisa Bishop, they operate Aleta Sill's Bowling World, a pro shop inside Country Lanes.

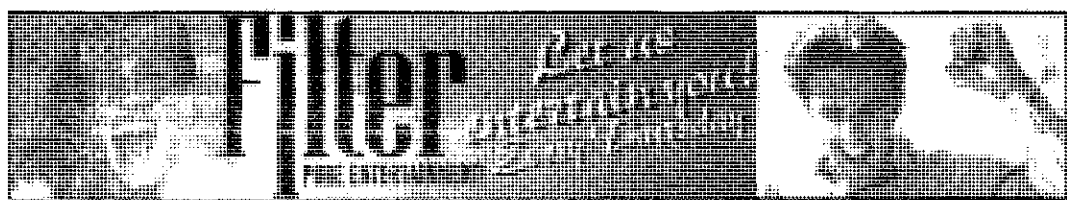
Jim Hamlin, Country Lanes proprietor, also donated the use of the lanes for the event. He also wanted to thank the many donors who came up with a load of fine door prizes and raffle items.

One particular bowler had a very grand time, Jeremy VanMeter, of Farmington Hills, who enjoyed the 9-pin "No-Tap" format and most of his strikes were 10-down. He shot 35 of a possible 36 strikes en route to an 878 series on games of 300-300-278.

Jeremy didn't win any money for the effort, but he walked away with some fine door and raffle prizes.

The real winners were hundreds of dogs and cats.

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MU wins 2 at Early Bird

Madonna University's volleyball team continues to get an early jump on the season — and fittingly so — at the annual Early Bird Classic hosted by University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The 10th-ranked Crusaders improved to 3-0 on the young season with two victories Friday, on the first day of the tourney.

Both wins were impressive 3-0 triumphs, over Marian and then Robert Morris (Ill.).

Against Marian (0-1), 20 kills by senior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia) and a 45-assist match by junior setter Inta Grinvalds sparked the Crusaders to wins of 25-18, 25-23 and 25-18.

Chipping in with 13 and 11 kills, respectively, were junior outside hitter Mary McGinnis and senior middle hitter Whitney Fuelling while junior defensive specialist Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College) registered 13 digs.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Against Robert Morris (0-2), it was more of the same as Madonna rolled to a 25-12, 25-18, 25-14 win.

Keying the wins were Tihomirova (14 kills), Fuelling (11 kills), Grinvalds (33 assists, 10 digs) and Kerr (10 digs).

MU whips Spring Arbor

Tihomirova finished with a team-high 15 kills and McGinnis added 13 as the Crusaders opened the 2008 season Wednesday at home with a 25-15, 25-13, 25-18 triumph over Spring Arbor University.

Grinvalds led the way with 15 assists, while Kerr had a team-best 12 digs, while Amanda Koszela added eight.

Taria Olds had nine kills and Christina Becker contributed 17 digs for Spring Arbor.

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New software saves Web videos to your PC for offline viewing

Question: I love watching movies and TV shows on Web services like Hulu and Fancast. Can I download these videos for offline viewing on my PC or iPod?

Answer: Wouldn't that be great?



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Then you could stock up on *Arrested Development*, *The Dana Carvey Show*, *Firefly*, and other criminally underrated shows to watch while traveling. Unfortunately, Hulu, Fancast, and similar video-on-demand services don't allow you to download their media. Instead, it's streamed in real-time, with nothing actually getting stored on your PC.

And because the services rely on Flash software for playback, you need a desktop Web browser. Sorry, iPhone owners. Of course, if you're willing to put a little time, money, and effort into it, you can work around these limitations. Applian Technologies Replay Media Catcher 3.0 (applian.com) can capture just about any streaming media and save it to your PC, where you can then watch it at your leisure (without an Internet connection) or convert it for viewing on a mobile device. I used the \$39.95 program to record the Jim Carrey classic *Liar, Liar* from Hulu. It was incredibly easy—press the record button, then start and pause the video—but it took a while to finish. That's because Media Catcher records in real-time, so whatever the duration of the video, that's how long it'll take to capture.

The program stores files in a format called FLV, which can be viewed on your PC using an included player. However, if you want to convert them for, say, your iPod or iPhone, grab a copy of Videora iPod Converter (tinyurl.com/9stry). This free utility easily converts FLV files to an iPod-ready format. But it, too, takes time: just over an hour for a 90-minute movie.

Question: I heard that Vonage just rolled out a new voice-over-IP service. What do you know about it?

Answer: Vonage Pro (vonage.com) is actually the same old Vonage service, but with a few extra features mixed in.

In case you're unfamiliar with it, Vonage offers inexpensive home-phone service via your broadband modem. You get unlimited local and long-distance calling, plus a boatload of services, for a flat monthly fee.

The new Vonage Companion software lets you make and take calls on your PC. Install it on your notebook, for instance, and you can make a call from a hotel room just as though you were calling from home. At the same time, you can receive calls directed to your home number even if you're traveling.

Vonage Pro also includes 25 "visual voicemail" messages per month. If someone leaves you a message, you can opt to have it transcribed and delivered to you via e-mail or text message.

However, because humans are involved in the transcription process, I have concerns about privacy.

Vonage remains an excellent home-phone service, but I don't think the new features justify Vonage Pro's higher price: \$34.99 per month, or \$335.99 annually.

Instead, stick with the Residential Premium Unlimited Plan, which runs \$24.99 per month.

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Attention



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Mitchell Lamarand (right), 11, of Canton falls in line during a meeting of the Canton Young Marines at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp.

Canton young marines command respect

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Catherine Morris recently spoke to a crowd of 1,000 at a Memorial Day service in Belleville. That's quite a feat for any age but especially a 13-year-old.

Morris credits her public speaking skills to the Canton Young Marines program, which attracts boys and girls from ages 8 through high school from around the area. The youth group meets weekly to focus on character building, leadership, physical fitness, and a drug-free lifestyle. The nonprofit organization is not a recruiting tool for the U.S. Marine Corps but the focal point of its Youth Drug Demand Reduction effort. Morris does want to follow in her father's footsteps to join the U.S. Marine Corps when she's old enough.

"I like the discipline and the life lessons of the Canton Young Marines," said Morris, a student at Discovery Middle School in Canton. "It teaches you things you can use."

Many of the boys and girls join just for the fun activities and learning opportunities, like the firearms safety session with NRA certified instructor Don Gaines at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp. last Monday. David Rumley, Canton Young Marines executive officer, says firearms safety is an important lesson for today's youth. It is one of many they learn at Monday evening meetings at the Summit on the Park recreation center in Canton. The next session or "boot camp" for the Canton Young Marines begins Sept. 22 and runs for 13 weeks.

"It's important that if they're at someone's house and see one, they know what to do because sooner or later there's going to be access for them," said Rumley, a Westland resident who served in the Marines 17 years, the last two as a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Charles Volker believes strongly in the mis-

YOUNG CANTON MARINES

What: A youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through high school
When: 5-7:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 22 for 13 weeks.
Parent orientation: Sept. 15
Where: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Fee: \$45 registration plus a \$125 charge for the uniform after 4 weeks.
For information, visit www.cantonyoungmarines.com or call (734) 981-5059

Please see **MARINES, C4**



Fifteen-year-old Devin Stratton of Canton listens to instructions on safely handling a rifle during a meeting of the Canton Young Marines.

Members of the Canton Young Marines listen to Don Gaines, a NRA certified firearms instructor, before shooting on the range at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp.

St. John's concert series spotlights variety of music

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

What: Opens the 2008-2009 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violist
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12
Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-0190

Scott Woolweaver opens the 2008-2009 Music at St. John's concert series Friday, Sept. 12.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Scott Elsholz says the 2008-2009 Music at St. John's looks to be an exciting series and he isn't kidding. As artistic director he's planned to showcase internationally renowned violist Scott Woolweaver, a spooktacular featuring ghastly and ghoulish organ music, a festival of lessons and carols, the Collegium Musicum baroque orchestra and choir from Eastern Michigan University, and The Saline Fiddlers at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The church staff has been conducting a weight loss challenge to raise money for the music series so there's no charge for all but the last concert by the fiddlers which is \$7. A free will offering will be taken for the rest of the programs.

This is the second season for the series since Elsholz became minister of music at St. John's in January 2007. The Canton resident earned bachelor and master of music degrees in organ performance from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He is currently an adjunct professor of organ at EMU and a candidate for a doctoral degree in organ performance and literature at Indiana University.

Please see **SERIES, C3**



St. John's minister of music Scott Elsholz (center as The Phantom) together with members of the Eastern Michigan University organ studio and James Wagner (right), an EMU faculty member, formed a tag team to perform a Bach toccata at the Halloween Pipes Spooktacular last year. Teddy Dowswell (left) was the child Elsholz randomly chose from the audience to assist them.

Livonia woman leads way in supporting hospital

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Roberta Palmer was looking for a special way to remember her mother when she learned the money raised by a 5K run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital helps uninsured and underinsured cancer patients.

Palmer's mother died at age 74 from colon cancer about 7-weeks after diagnosis. By becoming a Silver Sponsor of the race for \$1,000 the Livonia woman continues to support the hospital where she not only volunteers but has set up a living trust for cancer services. At the time of Palmer's death it's estimated the trust will amount to \$500,000. In recognition of the gift, the Image Recovery Center at the hospital was named after her mother Helen Palmer. The center helps cancer patients feel better about themselves by providing services such as prosthetic and bra fittings; medical manicures, pedicures and massage; information on problems patients incur during treatment



A 5K run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital helps uninsured and underinsured cancer patients.

such as mouth sores and nail discoloration, and Reiki, a form of hands-on healing. There is a charge for the services available to cancer patients no matter where they receive treatment, but the center also offers free head shavings and a celebratory styling when hair grows back after chemotherapy.

"This year would have been my mother's 90th birthday,"

said Palmer. "I was thinking of maybe purchasing gift certificates at the recovery center to give to patients in need and they told me they have the race to do that. Most of the money goes to the Helen Palmer Recovery Center."

Palmer first became interested in helping the hospital when her mother came to live with her while undergoing chemotherapy.

"I was having to drive to Clinton Township. It would have been a lot more convenient to have this service closer to where we were," said Palmer. "St. Mary had been talking about building the cancer center for about 8 years. I had become a patient at St. Mary's when I heard about it so I started donating to it on an annual basis. I like that it's in this community."

Palmer isn't only donating money as a Silver Sponsor but participating in the Celebrate Life! 5K Run/Walk for Cancer which begins on hospital grounds and winds through a nearby neighborhood. She's been working out 3 to 4 times a week at home on her treadmill.

"I have an inflammatory type of arthritis so I'm going to be a walker," said Palmer, 58. "They're giving out awards for different age groups so I probably have a good chance of getting an award. Last year's was quite a nice event."

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Pets of the week

This is a special situation that only a special person can help. Sky & Jazz were rescued as kittens from their first owners. They were put in a bucket of water and left to drown by a cruel individual. However, their rescuer has become sick and can't take care of them anymore and now they need a home. These two cats depend on each other for comfort and never are more than a few feet apart. They sleep together curled up in a ball. They love to sit on laps, play with toys and play chase. They are fine with other cats but are afraid of dogs. They are three years old and currently at Metro Area Animal Adoption Association. They do not like the cage and need a home fast. If you are willing to make these affectionate siblings members of your family please call (313) 571-2985, e-mail metroaaaa@aol.com or visit www.metroaaa.petfinder.com

Livonia Symphony counting on community support

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Rose Kachnowski doesn't know for sure if the Livonia Symphony Orchestra is going to perform all 5 concerts of the 2008-2009 season, but the board of directors is printing a brochure listing the events anyway. She's sure the community will come through to support the programming which ranges from Viennese classics to Christmas favorites and ballet masterpieces.

As the new president of the nonprofit, Kachnowski is shaking up the status quo of years past by changing the day and time of the concerts from Saturday evenings to 4 p.m. Sunday to allow for more family participation. The location remains the same at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

The first concert, a pops program, takes place Oct. 18, followed by A Christmas Festival Dec. 6, Viennese classics Jan. 24, ballet masterpieces March 7, and Romantic Brilliance April 18.

'We're opening with a popular program to draw on the biggest crowds we can get in there from the start. Our free summer concert is always jam packed with 900 people but we don't get 900 at a concert. We hope our big fund-raiser, New York Vibes in November, brings people in. We try to make it exciting with a theme and the live musicians playing.'

ROSE KACHNOWSKI, LSO president

Anyone wishing to get a taste of the new season can attend the LSO's annual Music Under the Stars concert presented by the Livonia Arts Commission. The orchestra closes the summer concert series 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the Parks and Recreation Center gym at Lyndon and Five Mile.

"I am concerned about the new season. We have a very enthusiastic board but may

have to cut a concert if we don't get funding," said Kachnowski. "We're opening with a popular program to draw on the biggest crowds we can get in there from the start. Our free summer concert is always jam packed with 900 people but we don't get 900 at a concert. We hope our big fund-raiser, New York Vibes in November, brings people in. We try to make it exciting with a theme and the live musicians playing."

Kachnowski says she's excited about being president because she's been involved with classical music and the LSO for years.

"I've sat on the board since it was Oakway Symphony. It's a challenge at this time to keep it going at this time. I'd like to see us have a visible home, an office," said Kachnowski. "It's rare for a community to have its own orchestra. We're hoping the community comes through. We're kind of struggling along and need the backing."

According to Kachnowski, "funding remains a critical

issue for the Livonia Symphony as the Challenge Grant given by the National Endowment for the Arts for the last two years will not be available this season." The nonprofit orchestra will not be able to apply for it again until June 2009. This leaves the LSO with \$10,000 less to provide cultural musical activities for the citizens of Livonia and surrounding communities.

Funding is also needed to produce the Aug. 28 concert as Local 5 of the Detroit Federation of Musicians union is no longer able to sponsor the concert due to a lack of funds. About \$500 in additional funding is needed to put on the free concert.

The LSO's major fund-raiser, a dinner concert, is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor but money is needed before then. To make a donation, call (734) 421-1111 or mail to Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 37637 Five Mile, No. 398, Livonia 48154. Visa or Mastercard accepted.

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Christian Cash (left back row) and Kimberly Adams, both Farmington natives; Drex Morton, Canton; Maureen Paraventi (left front row), Redford, and Erin Hildebrandt, Walled Lake present "Hello, Dolly!" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Spotlight Players say hello to Dolly

Spotlight Players, the resident adult theater company at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, present the musical "Hello, Dolly!" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, 26-27, and Oct. 3-4; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Go to www.spotlightplayers.net to get a coupon code for a discount on tickets which is available online only. Regular ticket prices are \$18 adults, \$16 seniors and children under 18.

The musical comedy tells the story of a gregarious wid-

ower and matchmaker, Dolly Gallagher Levi, who creates a stir wherever she goes.

While conducting her match making, she secretly harbors designs on one of her customers. Lyrics and music are by Jerry Herman.

Novi resident Barbara Bloom directs and choreographed the production. "Hello, Dolly!" was first produced on Broadway by David Merrick in 1964 and won a record of 10 Tony Awards that year including Best Musical.

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SERIES

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"Our rector, Rev. Dorian McGlannan, wanted some fresh energy, wanted it to be musical outreach to the community and present a venue for good music and art," said Elsholz.

This season internationally known violinist Scott Woolweaver performs Friday, Sept. 12, to give a recital in memory of his teacher Peg Bunge who introduced him to the instrument in fourth grade in Garden City.

Elsholz takes the stage 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, for a Halloween Pipes Spooktacular. A dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The program includes Bach's terrifying Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and a monster medley with selections from the Pink Panther and The Addams Family.

"It's a blast," said Elsholz. "We had a spooky dinner last year. Our last two events we had artists within our congregation present their work so people could look at art before and after the events. We always have receptions. We always have food."

Connie McNutt applauds Elsholz's effort "to get kids interested in good music." She directed musicals at Garden City West High School where she was a counselor for many years.

"He's introducing classical music to children and they love it," said McNutt, a church



The Saline Fiddlers perform Sunday, May 17, as part of the music at St. John's church.



The music ministry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth performs a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 7, to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

volunteer who's organizing the concert by Woolweaver. "At Spooktacular they had such a ball last year."

Once the scary stuff is over the music ministry of St. John's prepares for the coming of the Christ child with a festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The service

features the Parish Choir, SonShine, and the Handbell, Youth and Children's choirs.

"We have an eclectic music group called SonShine, a traditional choir with organ, a 5-octave handbell choir, youth choir for grades 3 to 6, and a children's choir for really young kids like a cherubs choir," said

Elsholz whose wife Melissa, a flutist, will also be performing. "We have a lot of soloists and instrumentalists. One of the tenors is in a barbershop choir."

Cantatas and selected instrumental works by Collegium Musicum welcome spring 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29. The early music ensemble, under the direction of Elsholz, perform music from the 17th and 18th century.

The season ends 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, with The Saline Fiddlers (salinefiddlers.com) Founded in 1994, the ensemble consists of Saline Area High School students. Over the years the group has performed in 17 states and 5 countries.

"I first heard them on A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor (public radio program)," said Elsholz. "They play bluegrass type music but are very eclectic."

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The most common cause of bone edema is not from an injury such as a fall or a fight. Rather, the greatest incidence is in the elderly, and the edema seemingly comes on spontaneously. The feeling among doctors is that the cause of the edema comes from a slight fracture followed by weakening of the surrounding bone. However, many individuals experience bone edema at a time when their bone density test results are normal.

The most common area involved is the lower leg though bone edema can occur in the shoulder and hip. In the leg, the pain may move to the knee or down the leg giving the appearance of arthritis or a leg fracture. X-ray of the knee or leg shows no abnormality, prompting the physician to order an MRI. The expectation is that the MRI will reveal arthritis or a torn meniscus; instead, the imaging uncovers bone edema. Treatment consists of assurance and time, no splint or operation does better.

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Time to immunize

Vaccinations prevent infectious diseases

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Just because four cases of measles were confined earlier this year to the Cadillac area 200 miles away, Pat Vranesich says there's always a fear the infectious disease could spread. As section manager of the immunization division for the Michigan Department of Community Health in Lansing, she's warning parents to make sure their children's vaccination records are up to date. There were outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough), mumps, chicken pox, and measles in southeast Michigan in 2007.

Vranesich was able to see first hand the damage caused by these diseases while working as an R.N. at Children's Hospital of Michigan in the 1970s.

"Diseases are just a plane ride away although parents might not see these every day," said Vranesich of Oxford. "They're not really sure about these injections because they haven't lived to see these diseases. With haemophilus influenzae many of the kids lost hearing. There were rubella babies who were blind and children with mental disorders from measles. We have to be reminded that many of these diseases cause mental disorders."

Bob Swanson, director of the immunization division is concerned as well that children aren't receiving the vaccines that protect against infectious diseases. The MDCH monitors schools and child care centers for immunization rates.

"We've seen an increase in child care centers for parents opting out of one or more vaccinations. It's setting us up for an outbreak in those areas," said Swanson. "The Olympics is an opportunity for spread because of less coverage. Measles has been an issue in China."

Some parents are anxious about a possible link between vaccinations and autism. How does a parent know what to believe? Sources on the Internet are not always reputable.

"Parents become concerned about the number of vaccines," said Vranesich. "We're exposed to so many different things that their immune system has to respond to. With the vaccines they're getting small amounts of antigens for their immune systems to respond. Parents ask how many shots does my child need. There's also a risk of leaving that office without the vaccine and going to the mall."

Sharon McMahon was surprised to see a case of measles diagnosed in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia about a year ago. Like Vranesich she's troubled by the number of parents signing waivers not to vaccinate their children. The



state of Michigan requires children to be vaccinated unless a waiver is signed for religious or philosophical reasons.

"It's not a normal thing to see because of the vaccines and I've been doing infection control 20 years," said McMahon, an R.N. for 38 years. Currently she works in the infection control department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "Because travel is so common nowadays and parents are signing waivers if not vaccinated they can get disease. Vaccination is such a simple thing we found works. Why would someone not want their child to be protected? I'm sometimes leery when any drug is brand new. How do we know long term what any therapy will produce, but with the number of people who have benefited from these vaccines, who can argue?"

There is a lot of fear over vaccines being linked to autism and that has Dr. Bagir Malik more than concerned. Malik is a pediatrician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"We are alarmed the number of parents opting not to immunize their kids because of fear. There's a lot of misinformation out there. They're getting information from sources not based on scientific or medical

sources. I recommend parents go to the Web site cdc.gov or the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org) and educate themselves. As a pediatrician it's hard to convince parents in two to five minutes that immunization is safe because they've heard so much on thimerosal, preservatives and autism but there's no evidence that they can cause any harm."

Malik has two children and both have been vaccinated.

"I highly recommend vaccination and would not give it to my kids if it's harmful but they don't have to go just on my words. As a pediatrician I have very little monetary gain giving shots to children," said Malik. "They not only do this disservice to their child but put kids at risk around them. They need to learn, read and ask questions. Hepatitis B is a fatal disease and we can do very little to treat it. Polio there are cases in South Asia and Africa and you never know when it can fly to the United States and can be fatal. Measles can cause severe high fever, rash, skin lesions, neurological damage and death, or brain damage."

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CDC recommended immunizations for babies from birth to 15 months are HepB against hepatitis B; D'TaP against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough); Hib against haemophilus influenzae type b; PCV against pneumococcal disease; Polio; Rota against infections caused by the rotavirus; Influenza; MMR for measles, mumps and rubella (German measles); Varicella (chickenpox), and HepA against hepatitis A.

For pre-teens the CDC recommends Td booster for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis; Meningococcal meningitis, and HPV for 11- and 12-year-old girls against human papillomavirus types that most commonly cause cervical cancer, and make sure hepatitis B is up to date as are MMR, Polio and Varicella (chicken pox). Adults might need hepatitis B, Influenza, MMR, Pneumonia, Hepatitis A, Tdap/Td, Varicella, and Zoster (shingles).

■ Oakland County Health Division provides immunizations for all ages in clinics at 1200 N. Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road, south of Dixie Highway, Pontiac, call (248) 858-1305; 27725 Greenfield at 11 1/2 Mile (Catalpa), Southfield, call (248) 424-7046, and 1010 E.W. Maple, east of Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, call (248) 926-3361. For more information, visit www.co.oakland.mi.us/health. Hours are noon-8 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Fees are charged to individuals who are not eligible for federal and/or state programs that cover vaccination costs.

■ Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Walk-ins 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and by appointment Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-7100. For information on school immunizations, call (734) 727-7036. For general information, call (734) 727-7000.

Walk to raise awareness about food allergies

Metro Detroit area residents are joining together in the third annual Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network Walk to raise funds for education and advocacy, and advance research 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

More than 12 million Americans suffer from food allergies including 1 out of every 17 children under age 3, and 3 million school-aged children, with the numbers increasing at an alarming rate.

"Thirty years ago food allergies were almost unheard of, especially life-threatening ones. Now one in 25 Americans are affected," said Melissa Dalton of Waterford, walk co-chair. "The walk is definitely a step in the right direction to help inform the public of the seriousness of food allergies."

Unfortunately, Erik Morganroth of Birmingham had heard about food allergies 30 years ago. He has lived his life with allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish. Morganroth knows first-hand the fears of having food allergies as a child. He also understands what parenting a child with food allergies means. Both of his children have severe life-threatening food allergies. Emma, 7, is allergic to tree nuts, peanuts, fish and shellfish. Max, 5, is allergic to tree nuts and peanuts. Although Max hasn't developed other food allergies, these can come on later in life. The peanut and tree nut allergies may stay with both of them for life just like their father. There is only a 20 percent chance either may outgrow these. Morganroth and his wife Andrea are serving as Ambassadors for the walk.

"Food allergies affect the entire family and multiple facets of every day life," said Morganroth. "Not only do we worry about what we eat, but for the children

we worry about their surroundings — what others have eaten and did they wash their hands, what are they eating at the lunch table, will food be used in the lesson plans at school, will the birthday party be safe, do teachers, administrators, babysitters and other parents understand and know what to do? It affects so much more than what's on your plate."

Eight foods account for 90 percent of all reactions in the United States: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, pistachios, etc.), wheat, soy, fish and shellfish (lobster, shrimp, etc.).

Sesame allergies seem to be growing rapidly as well and more companies are labeling for this. Food-allergic reactions result in over 30,000 emergency room visits each year. It is estimated that 150-200 people die annually from anaphylaxis due to food, including children and young adults. There is no cure for food allergies and no one knows why food allergies are growing so rapidly. Complete avoidance of the allergy-causing foods, including any cross-contaminants and encounters through touch or smell, are the only way to prevent a reaction.

"With more and more Americans reporting food allergies, especially among children, there is an increased need for widespread awareness," said Dalton. "Of those two million children with a known food allergy, 600,000 are believed to be allergic to peanuts."

To sign up for the walk go to www.foodallergywalk.org or contact Melinda Miller or Melissa Dalton at mifaanwalk@yahoo.com. Founded in 1991, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network is a nonprofit organization based in Fairfax, Va. Education materials and information about special programs are available at www.foodallergy.org, www.fankids.org, and www.fanteen.org.

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Total joint replacement

Educational seminar 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in classroom 10 of the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register, call (734) 655-2400.

Divorce support group

Overview of divorce process with Connie S. Kelley, attorney 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

IBD symposium/update

For patients and family members, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Topics include medications, diet, emotional issues, and a lesson on the digestive system. Call (248) 737-0900 or (888) 737-2322. IBD Update for the Practicing Physician same date, time and place. Information available at same phone numbers. Not open to public. Registration deadline Aug. 31. No charge.

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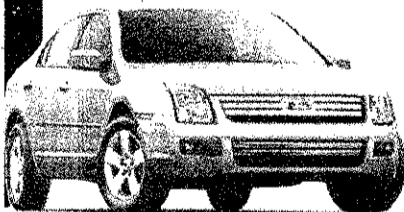


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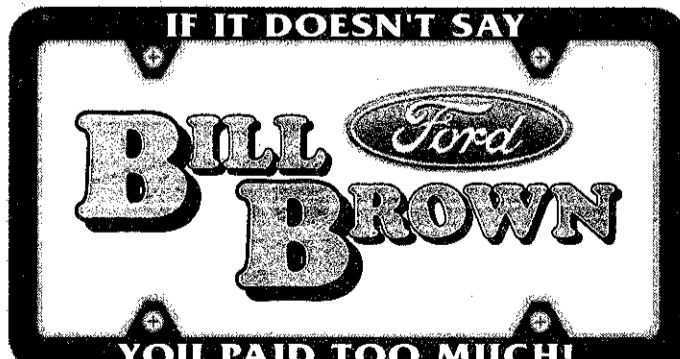
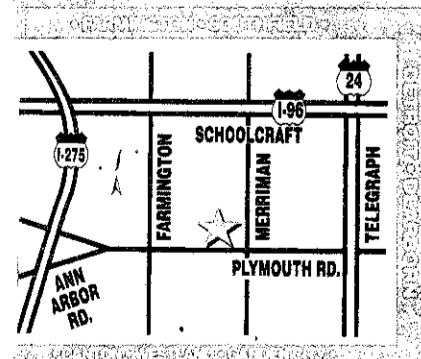
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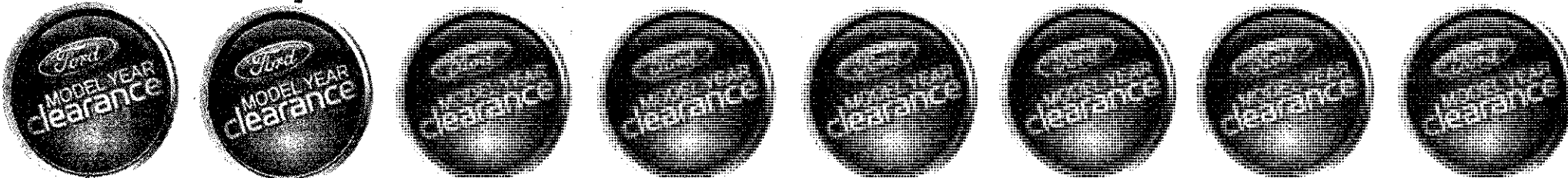
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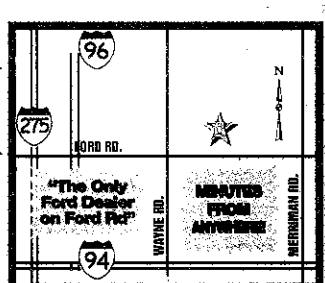
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