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Teachers offer extension with class size cuts

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials had until 7 p.m. Friday to let its teachers union know if it would agree to a one-year extension of the contract — with one change: a reduction in class sizes at all levels.

The Wayne-Westland Education Association made the proposal Thursday evening, giving the district's negotiators 24 hours to respond.

"Class size is such an important issue - for the sake of our students, we can't drag this on any longer," said Nancy Strachan, WWEA president. "This offer is a great opportunity for the district to do what's right for students and their education. It's also a critical issue for the community. The administration has all the information they need now it's time to make a deci-

sion." The contract expired Ang. 25. The proposal, if agreed to by both sides, would extend the contract through August 2009 and reduce class sizes by nine students.

The district indicated that

it would need seven days to respond to the proposal. The union, however, views the request "as another stalling tac-

"They did give us a partial proposal but because it is so farreaching through this district, it will take some time to analyze and price out and determine how

much disruption there will be in the schools and the community," Superintendent Greg Baracy

Baracy compared the work

needed to determine the cost of the proposal to the two years it took to develop a redistricting plan 14 years ago. "It's an impossible task for

anybody to do in that amount of time," he said.

The contract talks have become contentious with the union filing several unfair labor

practice charges and a lawsuit claiming the school board has violated the Open Meetings Act by not moving its meeting to a larger venue to accommodate larger attendance. The union had maintained that previous school board meetings have been held in rooms with limited capacity and limited notice, effectively minimizing public input of board

The two sides reached an out-of-court settlement in the lawsuit, with the school board

deliberations.

agreeing to post notices of special meetings on the district's Web site and move its meetings to the Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School to

accommodate a larger audience. "We see this decision to allow more members of the public to be part of these important meetings as some progress," said Strachan. "We're hopeful the board will be as cooperative when it comes to our latest bargaining proposal."

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Golden opportunity



Angelo Brothers rolls back prices to mark 50th anniversary

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Standing outside of Angelo

promers Restaurant &

including

(from left)

Angelo Jr.,

Caterina, and Perry. The

restaurant is

celebrating its 50th year.

Angelo Sr., Delia,

Pizzeria is the

Tomei family,

Listening to Angelo Tomei Sr. remember the time he and his brother, Dario, started their own restaurant 50 years ago, it almost seems like the setting should be the old Italian countryside rather than Westland. Tomei's thick accent rose over

soothing Italian music as he, his wife, Delia, and their three children - Caterina, Perry and Angelo Jr. — sat around a dining room table amid soft lighting inside Angelo Brothers Restaurant & Pizzeria, on Ford Road east of Wildwood.

"I have put my heart into this place," said Tomei, who is nearing his 75th birthday.

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In a show of appreciation to their customers, the Tomei family will celebrate the restaurant's 50th year on Oct. 6-13 by rolling back dine-in prices for pasta and pizza to what they charged in

The family, which lives in Garden City, has survived five decades by working hard. Tomei, one of six children born to Cataldo and Antonia Tomei, was only 15 years old when he, his mother and some other family members came to America to join his father, who worked as a Pennsylvania coal miner before moving to the Detroit area to

work for Ford Motor Co. Tomei became a first cook

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Families turn off violence at event

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Westland event featuring a Hannah Montana impersonator, an animal magic show, a guitar hero contest, children's games, remote-control cars, an inflatable moonwalk, face-painting and — yikes! — a reptile trailer will give parents and children a chance Thursday evening to spend quality time together away from home.

And it's free except for some inexpensive food. Events like Turn Off the Violence, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday at the Bailey Recreation Center, have become increasingly popular as struggling families seek an evening out without depleting the family bud-

"We've been averaging about 1,500 people a year," Westland Park Kosowski said.

City officials, with help from corporate sponsors, offer Turn Off the Violence every year as a way to encourage families to spend time together and shun television violence. Officials hope the event can spur parents and children to more often consider alternative activities that can improve their relations.

"I think it's going to be even better this year, because we've got a lot more stuff," Kosowski said. "It's a free night out for the family."

All events are held in or outside the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Events like the Hannah Montana impersonator and the animal magic show are new this year, and parents also can prepare for what they hope they'll never need by getting involved in a child identification program.

Children will get to see animals like a tiger and chimpanzees, and Kosowski said those who feel brave may want to visit a reptile trailer.

"That's new this year," he said.

Turn Off the Violence, also offered by The Wild About Youth Force and the Westland Rotary, comes on the heels of another free event, sponsored in September, in which Mayor William Wild invited local residents to an old-fashioned cookout in Tattan Park, near Ford and Carlson. Hundreds of people attended.

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Deputy mayor Conover receives University of Michigan alumni award Recognition

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover has been chosen to receive a prestigious award from the University of Michigan African-American Alumni Council for her professional achievements and her contributions to the community.

Conover has earned the council's "5 Under 10" Young Alumni



Conover last 10 years.

"I'm humbled and thrilled at the same time," Conover said Friday, one day before she

was to receive her award during the 32nd Annual Black Alumni Reunion Dinner at the Michigan League Ballroom in Ann Arbor.

"Being a graduate of the University of Michigan means so much to me," Conover said, adding that her association with U-M not only helped her career, but "I'm confident that the personal relations I've made through the institution will last nıe a lifetime."

Conover, a graduate and vale- city cable station WLND. dictorian of John Glenn High School, earned her bachelor of arts degree in communications from U-M in 1999. While at the university, she interned at WCBN-FM radio, which led her to the field of broadcast journalism. Before she became Westland's deputy mayor last year, she had worked at WJRT-TV, an ABC affiliate in Flint, WLTX, a CBS affiliate in Columbia, S.C., and at Westland

Conover's community involvement includes serving as a board member for the Westland Youth Assistance Program and Second Chance at Life, an organization that supports organ donation awareness. She also enjoys participating in 5K runs to raise money for charitable causes.

Conover's husband, Scott, a former Detroit Lions offensive lineman turned NutriSystem

spokesman and personal chef, said he is proud of Conover's achievements.

"It's an honor not only to know Courtney as my wife, but as a beautiful person both on the inside and outside," he said. "She does so much for humanity and asks for so little in return. And for that, I'm extremely proud of her and her many accomplishments."

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Coming Thursday



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while serving in the U.S. Army in Germany and England in the 1950s. He then worked at Great Lakes Steel as he and his brother embarked on their dream of starting a restaurant. Their father gave them \$10,000 to get started.

"He was a good man," Tomei

Over the years, the Tomei family has built three additions onto their restaurant, including a new dining room, a banquet hall and a new kitchen. They're now remodeling part of the business to accommodate a new lounge.

Tomei recalls losing nearly everything in 1976, when tragedy forced the restaurant to close for two years. It had closed for the night when Tomei got a phone call at home that the building was burning. When the fire had ended, only one wall was standing, but amid the rubble was a 25-gallon, stainless steel pot that Tomei's wife still uses to make pizza sauce.

With that pot, Delia Tomei takes some credit for the restaurant's 50-year success. "It's because of my spaghetti sauce," she said, smiling.

Perry Tomei, 42, studied culinary arts at Schoolcraft College, and he pitches in to cook along with chef Keith Noonan, who has worked for the Tomeis for 30 years, since



Head Chef Keith Noonan prepares a pizza at Angelo Brothers Restaurant with Delia Torgei. Noonan, who has worked a the restaurant for 30 years, is joining the family in celebrating the eatery's 50th anniversary.

he was hired as a dishwasher when he was only 15.

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"Keith is like our brother," said Caterina Tomei, 40. "He's part of the family."

Caterina, Perry and Angelo Jr. have taken on most of the responsibilities from their father and their uncle Dario, who runs another business.

"My dad taught me to do the book work when I was 10 years old," Caterina said.

Angelo Tomei Jr., 38, said family members work together to ensure that the restaurant survives, even during tough economic times. His wife, Jennifer, also helps out.

"There's so much character and heart here," he said. "We stick together as a family. We carry on with our father's guidance."

Over the years, Angelo Brothers grew to offer a banquet facility and off-site cater-

ing, and it still has a loyal customer base.

"We still have people come here who were original customers," said Caterina Tomei, who added that her teenage children, Kevin and Delia Nowak, have occasionally helped out as third-generation family workers.

Far from the old country, and long past the days when Angelo Tomei Sr. hardly slept while working at Great Lakes Steel as he and brother Dario started their beloved restaurant, Angelo Brothers still stands. It's a reminder of how love of family - and hard work - can survive the years.

"We all just do what we have to do as a family," Angelo Tomei Jr. said, "and it works

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'Poker without the drive'

New 'casino' rolls the dice for good cause

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those looking to scratch a Texas Hold 'Em itch can save the drive to Detroit and head to the Shark Club in Canton.

The Canton Charity Casino, open every Thursday through Sunday, is located inside the club, 42070 Ford Road.

'We are getting bigger by the day," said Tom Benoit, the casino's floor director. "We have about 20 regulars and now we are seeing a lot of new faces."

The casino, which opened Sept. 4, features Texas Hold 'Em tournaments and cash games. The casino, a venue for all skill levels and featuring trained dealers, works by offering itself to non-profit, charitable organizations for fund-raisers. The organizations are required to get temporary charity gaming licenses.

Benoit said the casino's calendar is nearly booked for the rest of the year and organizations have come from Northville, Garden City and Rochester. The biggest turnout was during the fund-raiser for the Salem High School football and wrestling booster club.

"Wę get a mix of people," the Westland resident said. "Obviously some people come with a goal of winning, but for others, it's a little more relaxed. It's poker without the drive."

Benoit said the charity casino has a less competitive atmosphere than a traditional gaming hall and believes the popu-



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Tom Benoit, organizer of the charity gaming at the Shark Club, works with volunteers Greg Roell and Carl Wiltshire. Both are members of the Knights of Columbus in Garden City.

CANTON CHARITY CASINO

What: Weekly casino features Texas Hold 'Em tournaments and cash games that will raise funds for local charities.

When: Thursdays through Sundays. Hours are 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Where: The Shark Club, 42070 Ford Road, Canton

More information: Call Tom Benoit at (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokertb@gmail.com.

larity of the concept could allow it to expand into a nightly event. "We're already talking about

(fund-raisers) for 2009 with some groups," he said. "Charity casinos have replaced the single Vegas Nights that a lot of groups were doing."

Benoit got his start by doing Vegas Night fund-raisers and said the Shark Club contacted

him after one of the events and suggested the idea of him heading the charity casino.

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought it was a great idea," he said, adding that he wants to bring other games to the venue. "We are going to turn this into a mini casino."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Job Fair

Westland Shopping Center and its merchants have teamed up to hold a holiday job fair, 1 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11 in the East

Potential job applicants will be able to sit down with store representatives from A & W, Aeropostale, Bath & Body Works, Charlotte Russe, In Touch Cellular, JC Penney, Kohl's, Lane Bryant, Lenscrafters, Macy's, Mastercuts, Perfumania, Sears and Westland Center Customer Service, to name a few. Stores

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will be recruiting not only for their Westland location but also their other locations in the

Westland Shopping Center is a Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

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two months off, but the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps is already putting out the call for volunteers. People can give a few hours or a day. They can be bell ringers during the annual Red Kettle campaign, adopt a family or a child or help with Christmas in-take

People can sign up by calling Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or

volunteer coordinator Sandy go online to www.ringbell.org and choose Wayne/Westland. The Wayne-Westland Corps is at 2300 S. Venoy between Palmer and Glenwood iu

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Trio to face trial on robbery charges

they appeared Thursday for a

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three men will face trial amid accusations they robbed a Taylor man who was visiting a Westland apartment complex where they live near Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail, on the city's northeast side.

The trio - Anthony Shane Jones, 21, Anton DeAngelo Mills, 18, and Stephen Louis Riley, 20 — face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on armed robbery and felony firearm charges. If convicted as charged, their penalties could range from two years to life in prison.

Jones, Mills and Riley were ordered to stand trial after

preliminary hearing in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos. Not-guilty pleas have been entered for them, and all three defendants remain jailed with \$250,000 bonds.

Westland police Sgt. Todd Adams has said the 24-yearold Taylor man had gone to visit Jones at Hawthorne Club Apartments, where police said the robbery happened around 11:30 p.m. Aug. 24. Following an investigation

that led to the three arrests, Adams said that Jones was accused of inviting the victim to the apartment complex, that Riley was suspected of supply-

approached the visitor and robbed him.

No one was injured during the incident.

Police accounts of the incident have been questioned by one woman who has told the Observer that she doesn't believe the events unfolded as authorities have described. She has said Jones, too, was robbed.

However, Bokos ruled on Thursday that there was enough evidence to convince him that Jones, Mills and Riley should be ordered to appear in Wayne County Circuit Court for a trial that ultimately will decide their guilt or innocence.

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Westland man to stand trial for robbery at CVS store

BY DARRELL CLEM

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A serial robbery suspect was ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

Michael James Stachowski, 28, faces trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for a Sept. 17 incident that happened at the CVS store near Wayne and Palmer roads. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

His problems escalated Thursday when he was ordered to stand trial during a preliminary hearing in front of

Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Stachowski is accused of going into the store, putting several items on the counter, handing a note to an employee, implying he had a gun, and demanding money.

The worker complied, and a lone bandit fled during the afternoon robbery.

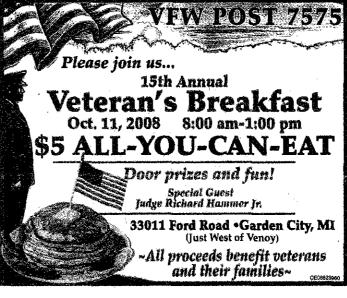
Stachowski had been staying in Wayne with a sister who faces charges along with him for robberies in other communities, Westland police Sgt. Thad Nelson has said.

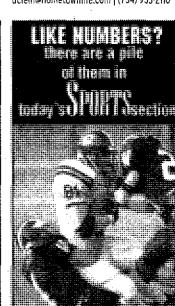
During Stachowski's arraignment in Westland on Sept. 19, Nelson said the defendant had confessed to robbing three places in other communities, including Richardson's in Canton and CVS and Rite Aid stores in Wayne.

Stachowski remains jailed with a \$500,000 cash bond, and a not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him as he awaits trial.

Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick has credited an alert Westland officer, Steve Jaworski, with helping to bring Stachowski and his sister into custody by spotting their car at Curtis Woods Park, on Palmer near Carlson.

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Scott ready to be of service to WCCCD

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With no challengers facing her on the Nov. 4 ballot, Sharon Scott appears ready to clinch a six-year term as a 9th District Wayne County



Community College District trust-

Scott will replace departing Trustee Elizabeth Potter to claim an unpaid position once

held for 12 years by Scott's husband, Ted, longtime WCCCD board chairman and former Westland fire chief.

"I think I can be of service to our community and the Wayne County Community College," Scott, 69, said.

As the 9th District trustee, Scott will represent an area that includes part of Westland, Canton, Belleville, Romulus and three townships, Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron.

Scott formerly served as the Wayne-Westland school board president and as a Westland City Council member, a position she quit in 2000 amid threats she would be recalled for her role in the firing then-City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

SHARON SCOTT

Age: 69 Residence: Westland Education: Wayne Memorial High School graduate, attended Henry Ford Community College. Family: She and husband Ted have three adult daughters and five grandchildren. Community involvement: Westland Community

Foundation, Westland Downtown Development Authority, St. John's Episcopal Church, Wayne High Alumni Association, Westland First Citizen Award 1990. Westland Summer Festival co-chair 1976

Scott has moved on, and she has continued to stay involved in her community as a board member for the nonprofit Westland Community Foundation and the city of Westland's Downtown Development Authority. She also has remained active in St. John's Episcopal Church.

As she represents a WCCCD area that includes the expanding Belleville-based campus, Scott said she hopes to get the word out that local high school students can apply for college scholarships through

Foundation, which provides educational money every year.

Scott also vowed to work with WCCCD Chancellor Curtis Ivery, describing him as "a very capable chancellor who has got a lot of great ideas" for the 72,000-student, five-campus community college.

Scott's decision to seek a trustee seat marks a return to her involvement in education. She said she served over eight years on the Wayne-Westland school board before leaving in June 1991 and becoming a city councilwoman several months later.

"I enjoyed my tenure on the Wayne-Westland school board very much," she said. "Those were the best years of my political career."

Scott also has personal ties to WCCCD. Her 19-year-old grandson, Theodore Scott Moore, attends the western and Downriver campuses.

Although she had supporters and detractors as a city councilwoman, Scott described herself as pleased by the reception she received when she talked with people about seeking a WCCCD trustee position.

"It was very positive when I got out and started meeting people," she said. "The reception was very good."

What do you think? Survey seeks views

Are you happy with Westland's public safety response? Have a recommendation for the senior center?

If you do, Westland Mayor. William Wild wants to know.

The City of Westland's recently launched the Westland Insider newsletter that offers the opportunity to comment. Inside the newsletter, which was recently sent to residents, is a four-page survey designed to collect the opinions and ideas of citizens.

The survey allows residents to rate a variety of city services and facilities from rubbish pickup, recreational services, the city's government access channel, WLND-TV, and more. The survey also gives citizens the opportunity to write about their priorities and/or any specific concerns.

The newsletter is sent on a quarterly basis and includes municipal information, including news updates, community activities and administrative contact information. Completed surveys can be mailed, faxed, or submitted personally to the Mayor's Office at Westland City Hall, at 36601 Ford. The fax number is (734) 721-2310. All surveys must be returned by Friday, Oct. 31.

Residents who did not receive a copy of Westland Insider can get one at the Mayor's Office or call (734) 467-3200 to have a copy mailed to their home.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Who: Mike Penhollow, 17, a 12th-grader at John Glenn High School and William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and son of Erik and Gail Penhollow. What: Nominated as Student of the Month in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools by Gloria Joseph,

Digital Media II teacher Why: He is an outstanding student in Digital Media II class as well as his core academic classes at John Glenn. His overall grade point average is 3.69 and 4.0 in Digital Media. He has per-

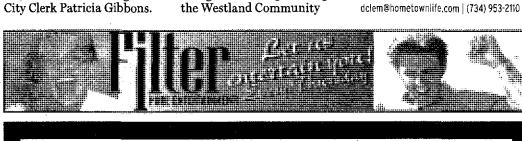
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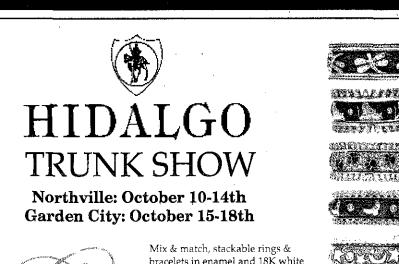
created a Student Manual video for incoming William D. Ford Career-Technical students

incorporating Assistant Principal Steve Kay covering rules of conduct that was appealing to students. He also has worked with district cable to have busy schedules.

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produce media. What: Penhollow, who wants to be a professional sports video editor, loves digital media and being creative. It happens to be his favorite subject because he loves "thinking and having the freedom to do projects I enjoy working on, being creative, expressing the creativity in a multimedia format." His role models are his parents who both have jobs and are very committed to their family even though they







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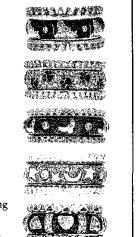
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Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th and 30th days throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2008. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

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Kevin L. Buford City of Westland Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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DTE increases rewards for copper theft info

Detroit Edison has boosted the amount it will pay for information leading to the arrest of people stealing copper and urged its customers to help stop the growing problem of copper cable and transformer theft by reporting illegal activ-

Copper thieves have not only targeted live power lines, but in recent months have taken transformers from Detroit Edison utility poles. Both practices are not only illegal, but extremely dangerous.

"We have to put a stop to copper thievery," said Michael Lynch, DTE Energy chief security officer. "This is a dangerous activity for the people stealing copper, but also for the stolen, Lynch said. Last year, people affected by power outages caused by copper theft. As Recently as last week, we had 4,000 feet of power lines stolen from one location alone."

DTE Energy is raising the amount to \$2,500 that it will pay for information leading to the arrest of people stealing copper. In addition, the company will pay \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of people buying stolen copper.

The number of copper theft incidents this year is keeping pace with 2007's record incident rate, but what has increased dramatically is the

number of transformers being Detroit Edison experienced nearly 250 incidents of thieves taking copper from Detroit Edison power lines and equip-

"The danger and service reliability factors associated with copper theft makes this a substantial problem, Lynch said. "Thefts are progressing in frequency, blatancy, danger and even death, as we've witnessed in the last several months."

While a majority of the thefts have occurred in the Detroit area, copper cable theft is a growing problem across the state and across the country.

Both the Detroit City Council and the Michigan Legislature has acted to try to stem the tide of copper thefts. The city council amended an ordinance to place stricter regulations on scrap metal dealers and scrap iron and metal processors, while the state legislature placed tougher penalties on certain entities caught buying or selling stolen copper cable. However, thefts have continued to rise as the local economy has soured.

Detroit Edison customers with information about copper theft can call the company's security department at (313) 235-9119.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@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.

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State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, in cooperation with AMC Theaters of Livonia, will host a free movie screening of Clint Eastwood's film, "Flags of Our Fathers" at 3 p.m. Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Livonia AMC 20, 1950D Haggerty, north of Seven Mile. Concessions will also be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theaters of Livonia. The event is being held to honor the service of America's military veterans. Tickets are limited and required for admission. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by e-mail SenatorAnderson® senate.mi.gov or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306.

Amateur radio training

Interested in amateur radio? The Garden City Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring an 11-week beginner's class for the technician license. Classes will meet 7-9 p.m. Oct. 6 through Dec. 8 at the Cambridge Center, on Cambridge east of Middlebelt in Garden City. The final week of class will be the FCC license exam. No prior knowledge or experience is required, but a personal computer with Windows 98 or Windows XP is strongly recommended. Morse code is no longer required for any amateur license, but an optional code class also will be offered and will run concurrently with the technician class. For further information contact Fred Comps, K8KUZ, at (734) 261-6441 or k8kuz@aol.com.

Bua hunt

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must pre-register before Oct. 10. On Bug Hunt Day, volunteers meet at a central location - Waterman Room of Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center on Haggerty north of Six Mile, Livonia - where they are assigned to a team. Volunteers take on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river. The hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, Interested volunteers can register by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org

before Oct. 10. Melanoma Walk

The third annual KO8 Melanoma Walk will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, at the East Boat Launch in Kensington Metropark in Milford, Registration will be at 9 a.m., with the walk starting at 11 a.m. Registration fees are \$30 for adults, \$2D for youths ages 10-17 and seniors and free for children age 9 and under. Register online at www. melanomawalk.org. For more information, call Tricia Edwards at (313) 505-2445 or by e-mail at triciae363@ comcast.net.

Halloween haunting

Come, if you dare, to "A Victorian Haunting Experience" at Wyandotte's Ford MacNichol Home/Wyandotte Museum at 2610 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 25-26. Experience a Halloween Party with a Victorian feel at, hear local ghost stories and learn ghost hunting how to's. There also will be a paranormal Investigation and a séance at the event 6-10 p.m. Oct. 25, and 4-8 p.m. Oct. 26. Afterwards, Psychic Medium Kristy Robinett and Paranormal Investigator Amy Williamson, the hosts, will take quest to a local. cemetery for "Tombstone Tales," "A Victorian Haunting Experience" will be held Tickets are \$40 per person through Oct. 1 and \$50 per person thereafter, Tickets for "Tombstone .Tales" are \$10 extra and donations will be given to the Cemetery Association. Seating is limited. Tickets must purchased in advance and are available online at www.kristyrobinett.com.

Discover astrology

Learn to apply some basic astrology in your every day life, for personal awareness and better decision making at an astrology discovery class 6:30-8 p.m. either Thursday, Oct. 16, or Monday, Oct. 20. The class will introduce some fundamentals and offer a variety of helpful tips and practical uses, appropriate for the novice student and anyone who might like some general knowledge before they decide to seek a professional consultation. The classes will meet at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Tuition is \$12, plus a \$3 material fee (cash) payable in class. Call (734) 722-7620 to enroll. For questions, contact the instructor at cedena-heidi@sbcglobal.net.

Free workshops

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Do you diet and not lose weight? Do you suffer from irritability, cold hands or feet, and fatigue? Are you stressed? Need answers? Attend this no charge workshop. Thisis no charge workshop, however, seating is limited to the first 30 guests. Reservations are required. Call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHalisticWellness.com.

■ Dr. William H. Karl, a certified Brimhall wellness doctor and a nutritional expert, will talk about lifestyle choices that will help you lose toxic fat and your excess weight 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 25000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington, Karlwill explain why it is important to have fats in your diet, how hormones and stress influence your weight, and why. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization serving the community since 1985 promoting natural and preventative healthcare. Seating is limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for more information and to reserve a seat or register online at www. KarlWellnesCenter.com.

Charity casino opens

If you are looking for a place to show your skills at Texas Hold 'Em, the hottest game in town, the Canton Charity Casino, Western Wayne County's only charity poker room is coming to the Shark Club on Ford in Canton every Thursday through Sunday. The Canton Charity Casino offers nightly tournaments as well as continuous cash games and a venue for players of all skill levels. Custom tables and equipment, trained dealers, and a professional staff all lend itself to the gaming experience. Non-profit, charitable organizations are licensed by the State of Michigan to sponsor each weekend, allowing them to raise funds for their special causes. The hours are 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday (tournament at 8 p.m.) and 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (tournament at 5 p.m.) The Shark Club is at 42070 Ford, just west of Haggerty in Canton. Non-profit groups interested in sponsoring a fund-raising weekend can call (734) 502-7033 or send an e-mail to scpokertb@gmail.com.

Class reunion

Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983 and 1984 will hold a reunion 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriman north of Warren Road, Westland, The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner and open bar (casual attire). Advanced tickets only must be purchased by Sept. 30. Contact one of the following committee members for additional information: '83'- Lori Westerholm at (734) 834-6796, '83'- Mary McCollough (Potvin) at (734) 658-1014, '83'- Mary Ann Brefka (Stempien) at (734) 729-6783, '83'-Mark Tyl at (313) 587-0092, '83'- Lori Hagedorn (Schuler) at (313) 730-13D3 or '84'- Renee Liske (Scott) at (734) 425-7826

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 nonemergency 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.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS Garden City Knights of Columbus

Crafters are needed for the Garden City Knights of Columbus second annual craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22, at the hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373 or Vicki at (313) 538-0204.

St. Ineodore

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.

St. Sebastian

Crafters are needed for St. Anne Altar Society's Fall Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20710 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266. St. Sebastian Catholic School needs vendor for its craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the school, 2D700 Colgate Ave., Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Michelle, at (313) 586-1133 or (313) 563-6640.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at:

www.gardencitymi.org

You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day. Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Friends of Rouge looking for bug hunters

Volunteers are needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Fall Bug Hunt 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.. This is a great opportunity to get outside, learn about your local stream and have a good time.

Volunteers need no experience but must pre-register before Oct. 10. Children five and above are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. On Bug Hunt Day, volunteers meet at a ceutral location (Schoolcraft College) where they are assigned to a team. Each team carpools to two sites where they sample under the direction of a trained team leader. Volunteers take on the job of "picking" anything moving from sample trays brought up from the river.

Each team hopes to find lots of mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies at their site because the presence of many of these sensitive insects tells them that the stream is in good shape.

The Hunt is part of a long term monitoring program designed to track the health of Rouge streams. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality uses the data to screen for problems and Rouge communities use it to track the health of their streams. The Fall Bug Hunt is funded by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Interested volunteers can register by calling 313-792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org before October 10. Volunteers are instructed to dress for the weather because they go out rain, snow or shine.

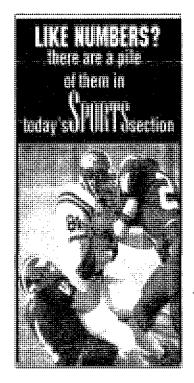
Feds make money available to deal with foreclosed property

Under the Housing Recovery Act 2008, Wayne County will receive \$25.9 million in congressional allocated funds to help deal with vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties in the county.

The federal government dispersed \$3.92 billion around the country to help governments deal with areas hardest hit by foreclosure and abandoned properties. County Executive Robert Ficano will present a plan to the commission that will focus on reversing the negative impacts created by the country's housing financing crisis.

"Thanks to a team effort, Wayne County will be able to put a plan in place to tackle these serious issues in our municipalities due to the downturn in our economy, said Ficano. "We will be able to buy properties, refurbish them and put them back into productive use or demolish the ones that are abandoned and unsafe. This is a great tool to rid our communities of blight and revive many communities."

The plan also needs approval from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before it is implemented.



Ficano leads 4th trade mission to China

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will lead a 2008 trade delegation to four cities in China Nov. 7-16. The delegation is scheduled to tour the following four cities: Wuxi/ Wuji, Chongqing, Changchun and Beijing with an option to visit Chengdu.

Each city is a leader in automotive manufacturing and economic centers for their respective regions. The delegation will visit government officials

and numerous companies and conduct seminars that include one-on-one meetings to help Michigan businesses establish contacts in China.

A highlight of the trade mission will include participation in China's International Auto Parts Expo (www.iapechina. com) where the Wayne County delegation will present a highly anticipated seminar to promote awareness for our region and local companies.

The Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Chinese Business Association, United States Department of Commerce, Warner Norcross & Judd, Comerica Bank, Butzel Long, Miller Canfield, Clayton and McKervy and others are supporting the trade mission to make sure that it is successful

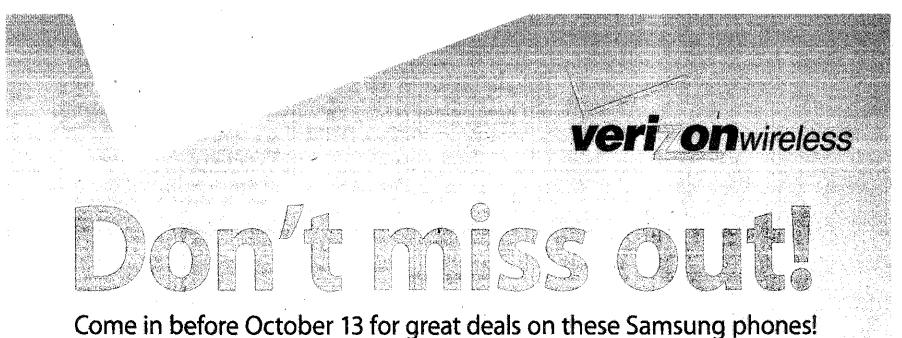
for all participants. The goal of the trade mission is to match delegates with potential business partners,

automotive OEMs and suppliers, environmental technology engineering and equipment suppliers, real estate companies, travel and tourism services, logistics companies, financial institutions, schools, universities and technical colleges, service firms, trading companies and local govern-

"This is our fourth trade mission. To date we have had over one hundred delegates travel

with us with many positive outcomes reported. The interest in our trade mission. continues to grow with those interested in learning how to do business with and in China or expanding business operations," said county executive Ficano.

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The Michigan Secretary of State's Web site, www.michigan.gov/vote, offers information on voter registration, your voting location, who are the candidates running for office, what are the ballot proposals.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County - www. lwvnww.org - provides informative voter guides which include brief candidate biographies and responses to pertinent questions. Print copies of this information will be available at the library by mid-October.

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ACHIEVERS

The artwork of Morgan Thomas of Westland is being

featured in the October issue

Morgan's drawing, titled "My New Puppy, Max," is featured

on the "Your Own Pages" sec-

ming, drawing, reading and

bowling. She hopes to be a nurse like her mom when she grows up. Each year, Highlights read-

ers send the magazine more

than 35,000 submissions. The

magazine selects work by boys

and girls of all ages and from many different places in the world to showcase and foster

Seven Westland and Garden

City residents received their degrees during the spring commencement ceremony at Lawrence Technological University in Southfiled. Among the 900 graduates were Michael Parker of Garden Citv. bachelor of sci-

ence degree in information technology; Paul Phillips of Garden City, master of science degree in industrial operation; Suseel Bokkasam of Westland, master of science degree in electrical and computer engineering; Stanford Dickson of Westland, bachelor of science degree in electri-

cal engineering, Amanda

Fairbairn, bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering; Ramadan Ghmati of Westland, master of science

degree in mechanical engineering, and Jvothi Kallempudi, master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

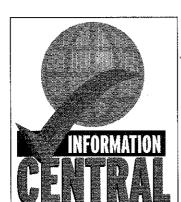
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children's creativity.

tion of the magazine. The son of Larry and Robin Thomas, Morgan enjoys swim-

of Highlights for Children. A seven-year-old student at Hayes Elementary School,



Michigan voter guide, created in conjunction with the Michigan League of Women Voters - www.publius.org. At this Web site, you can see if you are registered to vote, see a copy of the ballot that will be used in your voting district and see a map to your polling location.

The Annenberg Political Fact Check - www.fact check.org - is a non-partisan, non-profit "consumer advocate" that monitors the factual accuracy of ads, debates, speeches, interviews and new releases.

During the month of October, through the election, you will find an election display at the library, promoting available election resources. It will include a sample of the local ballot and handouts from the League of Women Voters, Vote

Smart, and hopefully the AARP, as soon as they arrive at the library. You may also browse the Election Binder housed at the Reference Desk, which includes pertinent newspaper clippings from our local newspapers.

Monday, Oct. 6, is the last day to register to vote. If you aren't already registered, you can register at either the City Clerk's Office or the Secretary of State's Office on Monday.

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HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Poetry Workshop with Keith **Taylor**: 6-7 p.m. 0ct. 6

Adult and Teen Poetry Groups Poet Keith Taylor will lead a workshop for Adult and Teen Poetry Group members. He also will direct a writing exercise for all attendees. Check out his work and biography at

www.keithtaylorannarbor.com Poetry Reading with Keith Taylor: 7 p.m. Oct. 6.

All adults and teens are welcome. Hybrid Lilies and Their Origins: 7 p.m. Oct. 8.

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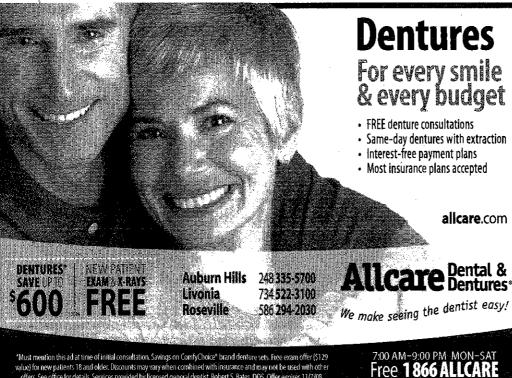
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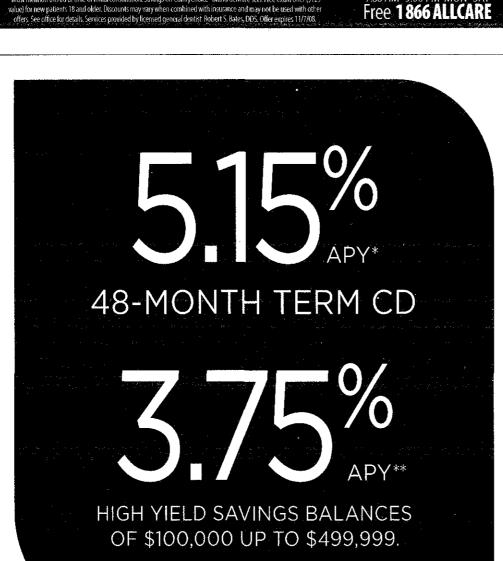
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Rick Bloom

handful of what I would term middleaged people in the room and there were even fewer young people. Does Money Matters it really take most people

a lifetime to

learn that they

need to be careful with their money? Thanks for coming to the seminar. It's always exciting to see young faces in the audience. I, too, question why more young people don't take an active interest in understanding how money works.

What has happened in the financial markets the last few weeks should be a motivator for people to recognize the importance of being able to take care of one's money in our

society. After all, if we get into financial trouble there's no one to bail us out. For kids who are still in school, there's no doubt that the financial world will play a key part in their lives and thus the sooner they learn about finances the better it will be for

Being involved with money is more than being involved with your investments. It is understanding how money and finances work so you can make good decisions. We all make more decisions today regarding money than we have ever done in the past.

For example, it wasn't that long ago when we only had one phone company and one carrier for long distance. Fast forward to today, and the decision as to phone service is a lot more complex.

Teaching kids to have the methodology to make the right financial decisions is a skill. I encourage all parents to make sure their child gets a step up in life by teaching them the importance of making sound financial decisions.

Dear Rick: I read your column on a Roth IRA. Do I have to complete the conversion before the end of the year?

Roth conversions must be completed before the end of the year, however, you do not have to convert your entire IRA in one year. You can spread it out over multiple years. The advantage of distributing the conversion over multiple years is that you can spread out the tax consequences over multiple years as well.

It is an excellent time (down market) to convert traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. By doing the conversion now (for the same dollar) you can convert more shares than you could have just a few months ago. If you were thinking about doing a Roth conversion, now is the time to be proactive and do it.

Dear Rick: I know you don't like to margin accounts but with the market so low don't you think now is the time?

No. I'm not in favor of margining accounts whether the market is good, bad or anything

Margining is where you

use your portfolio to borrow money to invest. Your portfolio is the collateral to secure the outstanding debt. I believe borrowing money to invest is a bad strategy.

If the value of your portfolio declines, you could be forced to come up with additional collateral or you will have to begin to sell to repay the loan. The worst time to sell is when the market is low. In fact, in most of margin agreements, the brokerage house does not have to give you the option to increase your collateral or choose what you sell, it can do so

automatically. In a volatile market, you could lose control of your portfolio. I don't recommend margining accounts no matter what the conditions.

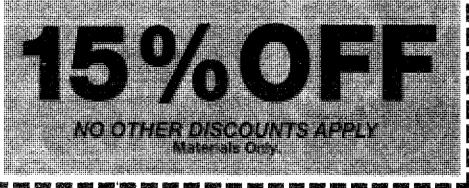
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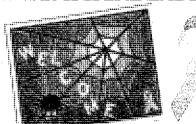


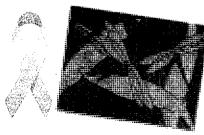


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The teachers are asking for a 2 percent pay increase each year for the next three years.

Allowing all teachers to have MESSA CHOICES Health Insurance, or pay extra for MESSA Super Care 1. By moving members from MESSA Tri-Med (which is being discontinued by BC/BS) to MESSA CHOICES, the district SAVES money.

While management has agreed to decrease class overloads by one student and decrease physical education classes down to 37, WWEA and the community have made decreasing class size a priority.

Management has offered 1.5% for first two years; a formula for the remaining two years which virtually guarantees no future salary increase.

The teachers' proposal costs approximately \$1 million per year. The district falsely claims it costs more than \$20 million. When asked for proof, the district refused to produce any.

The district is not offering a 6 percent increase; it is built into the contract for new teachers. It takes a teacher 12 years, and a masters' degree, before she/he makes the maximum salary.

After moving up steps, teachers receive only the negotiated increase (in this case, approximately 1.5%). Fifty percent of Westland teachers are at that step.

The district is proposing teachers pay ALL increases in health insurance to continue with a MESSA health plan, but no increases if they choose an insurance plan which costs MORE. Administrators pay nothing for health insurance even though their insurance costs about \$1,500 per family per year more than teachers' insurance.

The district is not offering a Blue Cross plan. Their offer is just "a full family health insurance plan" with a \$10/\$20 drug card. There are no other specifics. **This is an unfair labor practice.**

Unions have the right to bargain specific coverage.

The district refuses to agree to a binding fact-finder's report. They can just ignore whatever an unbiased report shows and do as they choose. A district that claims to have financial problems can throw away taxpayer money.

For more information, parents and community members may visit the Wayne Westland Education Association website at:

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LETTERS

Continue to negotiate

My name is Steve Becher. I am currently the treasurer of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education. A few years ago I retired after teaching in the Wayne-Westland Community School District for 29 years I taught at both Madison Elementary School and Marshall Middle School. My wife also taught in the district for 33 years. Both my children graduated from Wayne-Westland Schools, and they are now well-educated, successful adults with children of their own.

I am extremely proud of this district and proud to have served as a teacher in this district. In fact, I was elected to the office of president of the WWEA, our teachers' union, and held that position for three years. While WWEA president, I sat at the negotiating table representing the teachers' union and successfully negotiated a contract. So I am very familiar with the negotiation process – proposals are given and then counter-proposals are given, and so on until an agreement is reached. I am also extremely familiar with the current WWEA contract as well as the negotiation process that has occurred over the past several weeks.

I am extremely disheartened with the path the WWEA's bargaining team has chosen to take in negotiating a contract for their teachers. I believe Wayne-Westland teachers continue to be highly regarded and respected professionals that care about our students. I also believe that Wayne-Westland teachers have not been given accurate, timely information about the proposals that have been on the table and are currently on the table.

I have met with the entire Board of Education many times to give the board's team direction regarding negotiations. I have carefully reviewed the last proposal to the WWEA from the Board of Education. Both President Martha Pitsenbarger and Vice-President Skip Monit have observed the negotiation process and have sat in at the negotiation table. I believe the board's proposal given on Sept. 30 is an extremely fair and equitable proposal that addresses the concerns of the teachers I have talked to

As a board member, I have had to take many things into account as I carry out my responsibilities. I am elected to serve the parents of the community and to do what is best for the children, and, yes, to balance the school's budget. At the same time I want to provide all bargaining groups within the district with fair and equitable contracts. I know my fellow board members feel the same way.

I am asking teachers and community members to do two things:

I. Go to the district Web site – www.wwcsd. net – and read for yourself a copy of the last board proposal given to the WWEA leadership on Sept. 30. The proposal on the Web site is exact, verbatim language – word for word – as it was handed to the WWEA at the negotiating table.

2. I encourage the WWEA leadership to stay at the table to continue to bargain in good faith until these issues are resolved. We cannot put the children of this district in the middle. We all have the responsibility and moral obligation to teach our children what is right and what is wrong. What is right, is for adults to settle their differences through agreed upon legal means.

We are all concerned in our country and in our state about our economic future. Each time I turn on the news I am shocked by the latest economic problems. Now is not the time for divisiveness. We need to pull together as a school district and protect the jobs that we have. More importantly, we need to prepare our students for the volatile, ever changing global economy.

It is important to remember the board's proposals gives raises to ALL Wayne-Westland teachers. NO ONE will lose health insurance. Three of the board's proposals on insurance have the teachers paying NOTHING for health insurance. Class size is lowered in the second and third years of the proposal.

In this school year, cuts in state aid and the loss of approximately 400 students will cost the district approximately \$1.6 million. The cost of fuel to bus our students approximately 1,000,000 miles per year has increased the last couple of years from \$300,000 per year to \$554,000 last year.

For the past eight years, the district has won national awards for accounting and financial reporting. We were one of three districts out of 534 in the state to win these prestigious awards. We will receive our ninth award at the October school board meeting. No one is hiding

or mismanaging money in the Wayne-Westland district. As Michigan's and the nation's economy continues to slip closer and closer towards recession and families are losing their homes, their health insurance and their pensions, what we can afford to offer the teachers is fair and equitable.

I am proud to be a member of the Board of Education. I am equally proud to be a former teacher and former president of the WWEA. But most importantly, I am proud to be a resident and parent in the Wayne-Westland Community School District, a district that always has and must continue to put our children FIRST.

Steve Becher

Real facts are needed

This is addressed to all board members and Dr. Baracy,

Yesterday morning I sent an e-mail to the board re: the teacher contract proposal posted on the Web site, after reviewing the document this evening I have further comment and question.

1. Regarding compensation, all the board is really offering the teachers is a 1.5 percent increase annually over the next four years, the 6 percent step increase is simply a pay grade increase and is actually misleading as has been stated earlier in information released by the board. With this in mind a rescind my earlier comment about agreeing with the board. 1.5 percent is not enough.

2. Regarding the proposed health benefits, I see that there are several options, what are the cost savings to the school district for each plan versus the current plan which I assume is option 6? We can figure out what the cost to the school district is for option 5 and 6, however, it should be known what the district costs are for the other plans, for all we know these other plans might not be a cost savings at all or such a small savings that it would be ludicrous to hold up a contract on PRINCIPLE.

3. Regarding class size, I have passed comment and frustration to school and district personnel on this subject every year since my seventh-grade daughter was in kindergarten and it does not seem to go away. The ideal class size

in the vast majority of parents opinion is 22 to 24 children, this is for all schools - elementary, middle and high school. There would be some exceptions based on the particular class curriculum, but very few exceptions.

I have been told that nothing could be done and on one occasion told there were no studies showing any relation to class size and poor learning. I can tell you as a concerned parent all you need to do is run a Google search, "relationship of class size to poor learning" and take you pick of research that shows this fact as true. It would seem to me that if this class size issue has been a consistent for the eighth year now that my eldest daughter has been attending Wayne-Westland schools that there are issues regarding estimating enrollment to properly staff, possible incorrect boundaries drawn for schools to move students from one street to another school, and even the number of classrooms available at each school to hold classes.

4. The last sentence in the above paragraph 3, brings up another rather delicate subject of available money, I have heard statements, while watching televised board meetings, of which I am going to generalize and I hope that I will not take out of context, that sinking fund money can only be used for capital improvements, and not teachers salaries, if so and I will still be doing some homework to find out how true this is. The board should have used it to build additional classroom space needed for the additional teachers that it needs to hire to reduce class sizes at some schools, rather than football field improvements (there are a lot of small colleges that would love to have the John Glenn field, this is a waste of money that needs to addressed at the next school board election), flat screen TV's (I don't even have a flat screen TV in my home), the John Glenn soccer field although it looks nice was not necessary either. Don't get me wrong I am not against sports, I played football, basketball and ran track in junior high school and high school.

I am not sure whether it is the board being untruthful or the union being untruthful, all I know is that the real facts need to be known by the parents in the Wayne-Westland School District who elected the board that is supposed to keep the best interest of our children a priority.

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Yep, got scores, too."



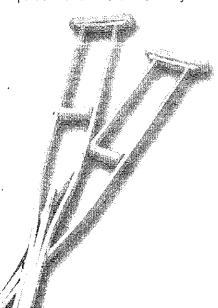


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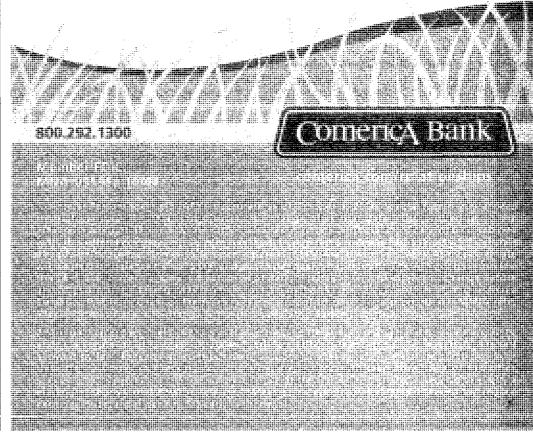
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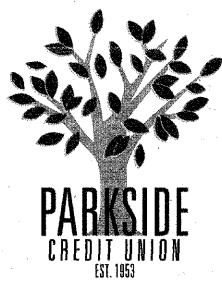
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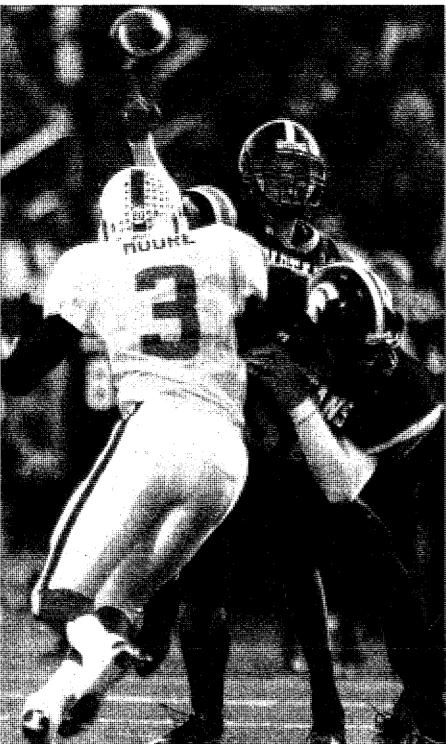
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Stevenson quarterback Jacob Gudeman puts the ball in the air during Friday night's KLAA-Central Division clash against Novi.

Gamble pays off Novi 2-pointer stuns Spartans, 28-27

BY JEFF THEISEN **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

a 28-27 football win Friday at Livonia

The Wildcats pulled within 27-26 after a Paul Favorite 5-yard run with 1:41 left

Novi coach Tab Kellepourey sent his kicker in to tie the game, but the Spartans jumped offsides on the attempt. The decision to go for two crept in, and the Kellepourey sent the goal line offense back out.

Favorite got the handoff and after being hit around the 2, bulldozed into the end zone to give Novi its only lead of

"Sometimes we gamble like that," said Kellepourey, whose team is 5-1 overall and leads the KLAA-Central Division all alone at 4-0. "We were behind at halftime and the kids really fought hard. To the credit of these young men from Novi, they never gave up.

"It came down to the two-point conversion. I think that had to do a lot with that thing called momentum.'

Up to that point, the Spartans held the lead from the opening drive. Jacob Gudeman capped off a five-min-

ute drive to open the game with a 1-yard plunge. The lead grew to 13-0 when Wade Stahl ran it in from the 4 with 8:11 left

in the half. The extra-point attempt was tipped and came up short.
Favorite got the Wildcats on the board with an 8-yard run with 3:47 left in the

half, but the point after was wide, leaving the Cats down 13-6. Austin White broke free for a 63-yard run two plays later, and the Spartans looked in complete control up 20-6 at

the half.

PREP FOOTBALL

Novi took a gamble and it paid off with ing the second half with a drive that lasted 7:01, finished off by a 19-yard scoring pass from Chris Bellamy to Brandon Bradford.

> The lead was quickly pushed back to 14 when Gudeman found White over the middle for a 22-yard score on a fourthand-six with 3:32 left in the third.

Novi cut back into the lead on the opening play of the fourth quarter when Bellamy hit Jimmy Pitcher for an 11-yard score, setting up the wild finish.

"I don't think we made a lot of plays all night, but especially down the stretch," said Spartan coach Tim Gabel, whose team falls to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA-Central. "I think Novi is a very well-coached team, and their kids certainly didn't quit."

White led all rushers with 157 yards on 18 carries. Add two catches for 32 yards and he finished just shy of 200 total

Both quarterbacks had strong games. Bellamy went 8-for-14 passing for 113 yards and two scores while rushing 10 times for 83 yards. Gudeman went 9-for-14 for 140 yards and picked up 25 yards on five carries.

Favorite led Novi with 93 yards on 20 carries, but none were bigger than his final carry for the two-point conversion.

"I got hit at about the three, I'm like I'm fighting to get in," Favorite said. "They are not taking me down here. The blockers were absolutely phenomenal "This was a big game."

Defensively, Kirster Engja led the Wildcats with 13 tackles, while Austin Micallef had nine for the Spartans.

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A personalized brick will be placed in front walkway at the entrance to the Stevenson stadium to honor those athletes, who will be admitted free by obtaining an invitation ticket.

Game time is 7 p.m. To reserve a spot, email Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lhyman@livonia.k12. mi.us.

Doc's sports raffle

A reverse raffle to benefit Madonna University Athletics, the Livonia Stevenson High Boosters and the National Kidney Foundation will be from 4-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, Doc's Sports Retreat, located at 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

The event, sponsored by the Foresters, is \$100 per couple (includes buffet dinner, drink tickets and a chance to win a firstplace prize of \$2,000). Only 200 tickets will

be sold. Other major prizes include \$1,000, \$300

and \$200 (two). More reverse raffle cash prizes are available, too. To obtain tickets, call

Gary Deschenes of the Foresters at (734) 542-7360 or Doe's Sports Retreat at (734) 542-8162.

Blazers nip Cranes

Emann Freij's goal assisted by Kelly Lorenz with only 1:30 to play Thursday gave host Livonia Ladywood a 2-1 Michigan Metro Girls Field Hockey League victory over **Bloomfield Hills**

Kingswood. Shea McParlane also scored for the Blazers, who improved to 5-3-2 overall and 4-1 in Division III of the Michigan Metro.

Goalie Marissa Ellswood needed only one save for Ladywood, while Missy Bassey stopped nine for the Cranes (1-8, 0-4).

Running wild

Canton offense mows down Pats

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it came to distributing doses of dominating physicality Friday night against Livonia Franklin, Canton's football team didn't discriminate.

"They physically beat us tonight, on both sides of the ball - everywhere," lamented Patriots' coach Chris Kelbert.

In a shoulder pads-crackling showdown that developed the up-and-down pace of a basketball game, the Chiefs prevailed 49-34 on homecoming at Franklin to move within a victory of securing a berth in the first-ever Kensington Conference championship game.

Canton improved to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA-South Division.

Plymouth, along with Franklin, is also

3-1 in the South, but a Canton victory over Livonia Churchill next week would give the Chiefs the tiebreaker based on their Week 3 26-16 win over the Wildcats

The Chiefs scored on 8-of-10 possessions while churning out 497 total yards to the Patriots' 395.

"The offensive linemen were our MVP's tonight," emphasized Canton coach Tim Baechler. "I've been tough on them the past two weeks and they've really improved a lot. I'm very proud of them. Our backs are running harder and blocking better for each other, too.

Three Canton running backs eclipsed the 100-yard mark: Kiere Daniels, who picked up 170 on 16 carries; Adam Payter (108 on 13) and Ron Gaudi, who

Please see CANTON, B2



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Stevenson clinches division; Churchill on tap

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There was no debate who the clear-cut winner was Thursday night between the Livonia Stevenson and Northville boys soccer teams.

In a steady rain, Stevenson clinched the Central Division title outright in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association with a convincing 4-0 triumph over the host Mustangs.

BOYS SOCCER

The Spartans, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, improved to 12-1-3 overall and finished 8-0-2 in the division, one point ahead of top-ranked Salem. Stevenson will face rival Livonia Churchill (12-2-1) for the KLAA's Kensington Conference championship beginning 7 p.m. Monday at

Nate Sergison scored a pair of goals for D'Agostino to make it 2-0 and Brian

the victorious Spartans, who pulled away from a 1-0 halftime advantage with three second-half tallies.

Sergison, a senior midfielder, intercepted a Northville clear-out and scored unassisted with 2:52 left in the half. He also scored Stevenson's fourth and final goal with 21:49 left in the match off an assist from Reilly Mullett.

Ricky Chrzasz added a goal with 34:05 remaining off an assist from Joey Klemczak's goal with 24:10 to go off a pin-point feed up the middle from Alec Îwasko gave the Spartans a three-goal cushion.

"I'd say in a lot of ways it's as good a win as we've had all season," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "And we competed harder than maybe any other we've played. It was a good overall team effort with contributions coming from so

Please see SOCCER, B3



Metro harriers battle down to wire

Perhaps mirroring the race for the Metro Conference boys cross country championship between Lutheran Westland and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, runners from each team battled it out for first place at Thursday's jamboree held at Nankin Mills.

Almost in a dead heat were Lutheran Westland's Spencer Lyle and the Cranes' Daniel Suber.

But Lyle turned up the gas with 200 meters to go and finished in first with a time of 16:19 for 5,000 meters as the Warriors took third overall with 73 points.

"Spencer just went out and ran him down," Warrior coach Jeremy Fabris said. "Suber tried to regain the lead coming up the final hill into the finish (the final 50), but Spencer leaned in just enough to pick up the win."

Macomb Lutheran North took first with 33 points

followed by Cranbrook-Kingswood with 37. In the final two spots were Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, fourth, 112; and Livonia Clarenceville, fifth, 116.

Other Lutheran Westland finishers included: Theodis Washington, 11th, 18:49; Alex Kemp, 15th, 19:15; Jeremy Kohtz, 22nd, 21:23; and Joshua Kirk, 24th, 21:45.

On the girls side, Lutheran North, led by individual winner Kayla Pfund (20:04), captured first with 17 points followed by Lutheran Westland (66), Cranbrook-Kingswood (73), Lutheran Northwest (105) and Clarenceville (135).

Lutheran Westland finishers included: Sarah Maynard, sixth, 21:53; Miriam Pranschke, 11th, 22:34; Erin Lyle, 14th, 23:32; Ashley Pniewski, 16th, 24:00; Amber Pniewski, 19th, 24:50; Jessica Rice, 22nd, 25:55; and Kelsey Krueger, 25th, 26:59.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS TRI-MEET RESULTS Sept. 30 at Nankin Milis TEAM SCORES: Dearborn Divine Child 23,

Livonia Ladywood 28; Ladywood 20, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 37. Individual winner: Michell Kerr (Divine Child), 20:05 (5,000 meters).

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Ladywood finishers: 4. Julia Kenney, 20:43;
6. Meredith Houska, 20:53; 7. Becky Babon,
20:54; 9. Cathy Wojtanowski, 20:58; 12. Morgan
Zuziak, 21:42; 13. Shannon Scarlett, 21:57; 14. Siobhan Aldridge, 22:07. Ladywood's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 4-1

(Catholic League).
BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 24, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 31

Sept. 30 at Plymouth Individual winner: Elmar Engholm (Plymouth), 16:37 (5.000 meters).

Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Derek Lax, 17:11; 5. Warren Buzzard, 17:20; 7. Matt Neumann, 17;24; 9. Joe Porcari, 17:40; 13. Derek Glelarowski, 18:29; 15. Jimmy Eiben, 18:31. Churchill finishers: 3. Mark Waterbury, 17:15; Matt Szado, 17:17; 6. Nathan Wise, 17:22; 8. Steve Zoski, 17:34; 10. Tom Windle, 17:45; 11. Quinn Osgood, 17:50; 12. Ryan Keeling, 18:12; 14. Kyle Mireles, 18:30.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 4-0 KLAA-South Division: Churchill, 2-2 KLAA-South

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 10 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Płymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m. S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Lutheran Westland at Luth, N'west, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Birch Run (M.S.), 7:30 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Oct. 6 Northyille at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 6:30 p.m. Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. Joha Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 Warren Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at S'field-Lathrup, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Madonna Tourney at Plymouth, 8:30 a.m.

Sturgis Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Mega-KLAA Challenge at N'ville, 8:30 a.m.

Whitmore Lake Tournament, TBA.

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Monday, Oct. 6 John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m. Franklin at South Lyon, 7 .m.
Wayne at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Champlonship)
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 S.H. Parkway at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. (Metro Conference Samifinals) Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 Wash, Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10

Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m. Franklin at Novi-Detroit CC, 7 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Oct. 7
Wayne at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
(at Northville's Cass Benton Park)
Stevenson vs. Northville, 3:50 p.m.
Franklin vs. Churchill, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Canton, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11
Gab. Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Oct. 7 Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11 MISCA Meet at EMU, noon. GIRLS GOLF

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Catholic League Championships
at St, John's G.C., 8 a.m.
Ki AA-Kensington Conf. Championship at Pheasant Run G.C., 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 Division 1 regional at Giant Oak, 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10 Division 1 regional at Tanglewood, 9 a.m. Division 2 regional at Pontiac C.C., 9 a.m. BOYS TENNIS

Division I regional at Novi, 8 a.m. on I regional at Woodhaven, 8 a.m GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Wednesday, Oct. 8 Edsel Ford at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 E. Grand Rapids at Ladywood, 10 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 7Aquinas College at Madonna, 7 p.m.
St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Schoolcraft at Harper College I MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Oct. 8 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

Madonna vs. Aquinas College
at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Oct. 11 Madonna vs. Aquinas College

at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon. Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Franklin Pom Pon clinic

The Livonia Franklin varsity Pom Pon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the high school.

The cost is \$22 (includes T-shirt). Clinic participants will also perform at the Franklin varsity boys soccer match that evening.

For more information, call Nancy Kuzara at (734) 261-2598.

Glenn needs coaches

Westland John Glenn High School has coaching openings for varsity girls soccer, boys diving and girls bowling. Those interested can apply online at www.wwcsd.net.

Youth CYO basketball

■ Tryouts for the Livonia St. Colette Cougars Catholic Youth Organization boys basketball teams, both JV (grades 5-6) and varsity (grades 7-8) teams, will begin the week of Oct. 27.

Boys from St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Priscilla are eligible to try out. The Cougars are also seeking a JV coach.

If interested, or for more information, call Michele Belczak at (734) 953-5746; or e-mail michele-

bel@sbcglobal.net. ■ Tryouts and signup for St. Genevieve CYO boys and girls basketball (grades 4-8) will begin Monday, Oct. 27.

Members of St. Genevieve, St. Maurice, St. Priscilla, St. Aidan and Our Lady of Loretto are eligible to play.

For more information, e-mail Tim Jeter at tjet923@sbsglobal. net; or call (734) 462-0517.

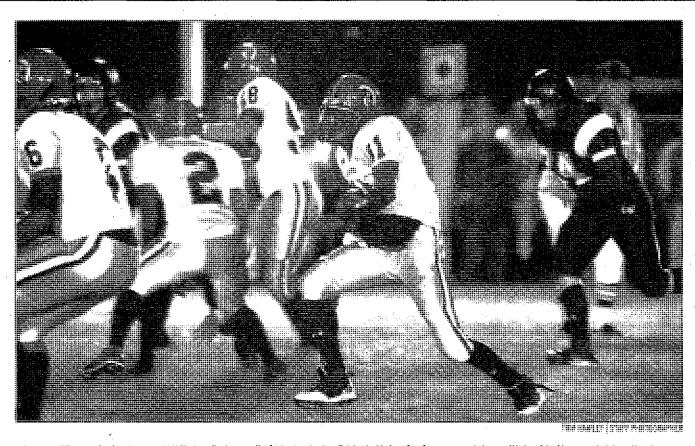
Learn to Skate II

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation sevenweek learn to skate (fall session II) will begin the week of Oct. 26 through Dec. 18 at Eddie Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road). Each class is 25 minutes.

The programs offered include: ages 4-and-up - 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. Mondays or Thursday; tot (3-year-olds - 5 p.m. Mondays or Thursdays; and boys hockey skills (no equipment, pucks or sticks - 6:25 p.m. Mondays or

5:25 p.m. Thursdays. Skate rental is available at no charge. Helmets are recommended. Walk-in registration for residents will be 6:30-8 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. for non-residents Wednesday. Oct. 22 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100

Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). The fee is \$55 for residents and \$67 for non-residents. Private lessons are also available for all levels of skating. For more information, call (734) 466-2412.



Clarenceville quarterback Darryl Whitaker finds a wall of blocks during Friday's Metro Conference matchup with host Lutheran High Westland.

Shotgun approachTrojans spoil Lutheran Westland's homecoming

BY LARRY O'CONNOR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A slippery-when-wet posting might have been appropriate at Friday's game between Livonia Clarenceville and Lutheran High Westland.

The warning could have applied to the football, which slipped through the fingers of numerous players on both teams as the night time dew.

Otherwise, the caution should have been affixed to Clarenceville quarterback Darryl Whitaker, who scored three rushing touchdowns and passed for another in the Trojans' 45-12 thrashing over the host Warriors.

Clarenceville, 5-1 overall and 4-1 in the Metro Conference, is one win away Warriors fall to 2-4 and 2-3. Running back Levonte'

Brooks scored on TD runs of 16 and 17 to go along with 131 yards on 15 carries. Junior Ben Watts provided the coup de grace, hauling in a 37-yard pass from Whitaker with only eight seconds left in the half.

The TD put Clarenceville ahead 21-12 and capped a seven-play, 70-yard drive, which Brooks commenced with a 23-yard end-around.

"Since I've been here, we've never been a pass-happy team," Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish said. "I'm more of a traditional, run-it-out coach. Our kids our athletic and we believe in them to make plays."

Lutheran Westland led

29-yard TD run and quartertakes." back Eric Shoats' 1-yard dive.

But the Warriors became unhinged in the second half, fumbling several times and committing costly penalties. After stopping the Trojans

on fourth-and-goal at the 2, Shoats was tackled in the end zone for a safety in the final quarter.

Another fumble on Lutheran Westland's next drive set up Clarenceville on the Warrior 1, which set up Whitaker's second rushing

"The last touchdown before the half really killed us emotionally," Warriors' coach Paul Guse' said. "We were running 14 guys in-andout and they were getting tired. We lost our composure.

from a playoff spot, while the 12-7 on junior Ethan Haller's A lot of it was mental mis-

In the first half. Clarenceville had its own miscues.

A block-in-the-back penalty negated Brad Pozniak's TD run back on the opening kickoff and a botched punt on a snap led to Lutheran Westland's second score with 5:23 left.

The Trojans then switched from the shotgun to settle things down.

'We were moving the ball at-will down the field, but we turned it over," Irish said. "The shotgun was definitely giving our QB some good angles. As the night got colder and the ball became more slippery, we had to get under center to protect the football."

Rockets defused by Plymouth's defense

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After wreaking havoc on opposing defenses the past few weeks, Westland John Glenn's offense wrecked Friday night at Plymouth.

The wrecking ball was a Connor Martin-led Wildcats defensive unit that paved the way to a 19-0 thumping of the Rockets on homecoming night at Plymouth.

Martin, who registered 11 solo tackles and seven assists, was the primary catalyst for

the defense that held previously said Plymouth coach Mike red-hot Glenn quarterback Jerome Scales to a 5-of-20 passing night.

The Rockets accumulated just 95 total yards compared to the winners' 254. The victory improved the

Wildcats to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Glenn slips to 2-4 and 2-2, respectively.

"We worked all week on the guys staying in their passrushing lanes and containing Glenn's quarterback,"

Sawchuk. "They did a great job of both."

habit of forcing turnovers as Martin and Michael Rose both picked off passes. Plymouth lit up the score-

board first less than five minutes into the contest when senior quarterback Matt Skubik connected with Connor McKinney on a 19-yard TD strike.

The ensuing extra point was no good, leaving the hosts' lead

The Wildcats extended their advantage to 13-0 two minutes later when Skubik scrambled in The Wildcats continued their from two yards out.

> Sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza capped the first-half scoring at 16-0 with a 31-yard field goal with 13 seconds left. Brindza's 29-yard field goal

with 6:54 to go with the third quarter closed the scoring. Skubik finished 10-of-18 for 152 vards, while Terrance Guthridge picked up 94 yards

on 23 carries for Plymouth. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

Churchill 'spreads out' Zebras in 43-16 victory

Livonia Churchill's spread offense was hitting on all cylinders Friday night as the Chargers bolted out to a 34-0 halftime lead en route to a 43-16 KLAA-South Division football win at Wayne Memorial.

Churchill, now 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the division, amassed a total of 465 yards, including 249 on the ground and another 216 in the air against the winless Zebras, who fall to 0-6 and 0-4.

Quarterback Grant Morgan, who was 9-of-9 passing for 183 yards, figured in all three of Churchill's first-quarter scores.

PREP FOOTBALL He connected twice on touch-

- both to Jeff Ricketts, and added a 1-yard TD run to make it 21-0. In the second quarter, Morgan threw his third TD

pass of the half, a 4-yarder to Jordan Sytsma for a 27-0 advantage with 7:11 left. Matt Kowalis, who led Churchill and all rusher with 136 yards on 16 carries, then

broke loose for a 46-yard run.

But the ball came loose and

Ricketts gathered it up and ran end zone. the final four yards for a TD with 5:40 to go in the half.

Matt Andrzejewski's fourth down passes of 63 and 53 yards extra point in five tries made it 34-0 at intermission. Wayne answered with a pair of TDs in the third period

- Richard Haley on a 49-yard run to cap a 79-yard drive and quarterback Nick Kostora added a 4-vard run followed by Sean Ogle's two-point conversion cut the deficit to 34-14 with 1:24 remaining.

Wayne then scored on a twopoint safety when Churchill recovered a fumble in its own

The Chargers, however, put the game away in the final quarter on a 1-yard run by Kowalis followed by Andrzejewski's 35-yard field goal.

Wayne had a total of 285 yards, including 251 on the ground led by Haley's 71 yards on 10 carries and Kostora's 60 on 10 attempts.

Back-up Churchill Jordan Grohoski made 3-of-4 passes for 33 yards.

Leading tacklers for Wayne were linebackers Keith Agee (10) and Alex Bledsoe (eight).

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rolled to 103 yards on 14

Canton quarterback Kevin Delapaz completed 3-of-7 for 69 vards and a TD, but the stats didn't do him justice, in Baechler's eyes.

"He's playing great," said Baechler. "We don't throw a lot, so if Kevin's 3-for-6, everybody's like, 'That's terrible.' It doesn't look as good as if a quarterback who goes 10-for-20, but he's very efficient and he's getting better every week."

Franklin senior quarterback Mark McRobb turned in a stellar effort, completing 10of-19 passes - many while on the run - for 175 yards and two

Mike Gadsby ran for 97 yards on just five carries while Chris VanTuyl picked up 68 on 10 hauls.

"Our offense did some good things," said Kelbert, whose team is 4-2 overall. "We were" able to throw the ball OK, but we didn't run the ball the way I wanted to. They really got the better of us on both sides of the ball tonight."

Of the 111 plays from scrimmage, the biggest unfolded with 7:05 left in the second quarter.

With the Chiefs leading 21-14 and facing a fourth-and-6 from the Patriot 10-yard line, Baechler opted to forego the chip-shot field goal for a chance to build a two-TD lead.

The gamble paid off when Delapaz kept the ball around

the left end and picked up the first down before getting pushed out at the 4. Two plays later, he scored on a 3-yard keeper to make it 28-14.

Canton led 21-14 following an explosive opening 12 minutes during which Daniels found the end zone twice from 19 and 51 yards and Payter tallied the third TD on a 22-yard scamper.

Franklin's pair of firstquarter TD's came on a 3-yard Mike Baumgardner plunge and a 63-yard strike from McRobb to Gadsby.

The Chiefs roared to a 35-14 halftime advantage thanks to a 3-yard scoring run by Delapaz and a perfectly placed 23-yard scoring pass from Delapaz to Satish Subramanian, who caught

the ball at the 2 despite being covered like Saran Wrap by a Patriot defender.

The teams swapped thirdquarter touchdowns - VanTuyl found paydirt from nine yards out for Franklin and Daniels sprinted in from 58 yards away for Canton. After VanTuvl and Payter

scored for their respective teams in the fourth quarter, Franklin capped the night's fireworks with a 5-yard TD pass from McRobb to Gadsby. Led by its path-clearing blockers, Canton earned a huge advantage in first downs

(23-14) and time of possession (29:04-18:51).There were no turnovers in

the contest.

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Warriors control Clarenceville in Metro Conference playoffs

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Metro Conference varsity boys soccer teams moved into tournament mode on Thursday.

The games will be harder, tougher and more important from here on out and the Metro Tournament playoff opener between Livonia Clarenceville and Lutheran High Westland fit the bill.

The host Warriors earned a 2-0 victory on a cool, rainy afternoon, scoring goals in each half, while clamping down on defense much of the way.

Lutheran Westland, now 11-4-1 overall and 6-2 in the Metro, outshot the Trojans 16-4 and controlled most of the second half.

"We came out the first 20 minutes and I thought we were the better team on the field." said Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson, whose team slipped to 7-8-1 overall and 2-6. "And then we had one lapse, that's been the story of our season. We get a lapse, we give up a goal and it changes the total momentum of the game."

Scoring that goal for the Warriors, with 19:02 left in the first half, was junior forward Laith Francis.

Senior Josh Kruger moved the ball up to junior forward Gage Flanery who fed a crossing pass from right-to-left in front of Clarenceville senior goalkeeper Garrett Gregg coming off back-to-back shut**BOYS SOCCER**

outs). Francis, standing near the left post, finished the play even

though he had been injured earlier in the half and convinced his coaches he could return.

"In the beginning of the game they (Trojans) were really tackling hard and going for every ball," Warriors' coach Rich Block said. "A couple of my guys went down and one of them was Laith Francis. We brought him off the pitch and we were icing his leg, and my assistant, Ken Shingledecker looked at him and asked him 'How does it feel, is it broken or can you go?' Laith said, 'It's sore, but I'll go.'"

Francis did sit out the second half with the shin injury, but his contribution underscored that the season is entering crunch time.

"This time of year," noted Block, "all the games are tournaments now."

Lutheran Westland doubled its lead to 2-0 with 32:23 remaining when freshman Mitchell Boehm's corner kick bounced over a wall of players in front of Gregg and junior Gage Flanery re-directed it into the goal with a header.

"I'm supposed to have a guy on the back post and he stepped up on somebody when he should have stayed on the post," a dejected Johnson said.

"And the ball went in."

Block praised the work of Austin Baglow and Flanery against Clarenceville junior midfielder Phil Strachan, who collected the Trojans' lone shot on goal against Warriors' senior goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who notched his sixth shutout.

"We knew their big guy (Strachan), they moved up from the back when they needed goals," Block said. "I thought that's where Austin did really well picking him up in the second half and not allowing him to be creative. Gage did a real good job in there, too."

The Warriors' coach added that Baglow "is just so energetic, he goes, goes, goes," Block said. "He just never quits, he's good on the ball."

Johnson cited Strachan, Gregg and junior sweeper Dustin Csokasy for playing solid games.

"He (Strachan) does it every game, plays 80 minutes, startto-finish," Johnson said. "My keeper also goes hard, every single game. Those two I always know what I'm getting."

At 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lutheran Westland travels to Macomb Lutheran North in a semifinal matchup. North whipped the Warriors 5-1 earlier this season.

We just want to go back and show them we're not the team they saw the first time," Block said. "So it's kind of a redemption thing."

Stirring comebackKnochel leads Stevenson division triumph in 5

Brooke Knochel recorded 15 kills and four blocks as Livonia Stevenson rallied for a 19-25, 14-25, 25-18, 25-16, 15-10 KLAA-Central Division girls volleyball victory Thursday at Novi.

Meg Iafrate added 12 kills and eight blocks, while serving 18-of-19 for the victorious Spartans, who improved to 8-13 overall and 2-2 in the division.

Other contributions came from Shelbie Wilson (12of-12 serving, three aces, nine digs); Katie Vellucci (22 assists); Christine Armstrong (19 digs, 7-of-7 serving); Reina Tyl (five kills); and Coley Favaro (two solo blocks).

The loss drops Novi to 19-5 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA-Central.

Glenn fends off Patriots

Brittany Holbrook was a force in the middle and Brooke Zywick set the table Thursday as the Westland John Glenn girls volleyball squad defeated visiting Livonia Franklin in four games, 25-18, 25-27, 25-13,

Glenn is now 7-3-4 overall and 3-1 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

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The 6-foot Holbrook, committed to Oakland University, led the Rockets' offensive attack with 21 kills and four blocks, while Stacev Truskowski paced the defense with 12 digs and added four ace serves.

Zywick, filling in at the setter position for Lauren Baker, also performed well in her first start.

"She looked more comfortable as the team's play caller," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "She got the ball where we needed it to be." Glenn also got a lift off the

bench serving from senior Shelley Sportsman and junior Mackenzie Stephens.

Franklin (6-11, 1-3) was led by sophomore Chelsea Williams, who finished with eight kills and five aces. Setter Liz Hollaway added seven kills and three aces, while Nicole Williamson finished with a team-high nine

Churchill stops Wildcats

Senior outside hitter Kristen Nalecz finished with 15 kills, seven digs and three aces Thursday as Livonia Churchill swept host

Plymouth in three games, 25-17, 25-19, 25-21.

Setters Cory Urbats and Kristy DeClercq combined for 26 assist-to-kills as the Chargers improved to 22-3 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA-South Division.

Junior Cierra Yetts added 10 kills, while senior libero Lindsey Graciak added 11 digs. Other contributions came from Darcy DeRoo (two kills, five digs) and Taylor Kerr (five digs).

The loss drops Plymouth to 9-8-3 overall and 1-3 in the KLAA-South.

Canton dumps Wayne

In a KLAA-South Division match Thursday, Canton defeated host Wayne Memorial in three straight, 25-11, 25-4, 25-4.

Canton is now 17-4 overall and 3-1 in the division, while Wayne falls to 6-17-1 and

Samantha Dye led the Zebras with three kills, while Catie Badrak, Kristen Miller and Emily Rudy added two

"Our back row defense is struggling, due in part, to have our two starting backrow defensive players out with injuries," Wayne coach Carolyn Thomas said.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS Oct. 2 at St. John's G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 364 strokes;

2. South Lyon, 370; 3. Warren Regina, 372; 4. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 414; 5. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 415; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 422; 7. Livonia Franklin, 426: 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 442; 9. Saline Washtenaw Christian, 495. Individual medalist: Maria Raffoul (Regina),

Romano, 104; Val DiMilia, 109; Marissa Briden, 110; Amanda Molin, 115.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 209 PLYMOUTH 242 Oct. 1 at Whispering Willows G.C.

Individual co-medalists: Jessica Burdette and Jordyn Shepler, 49 each; Sarah Linder, 52; Stephanie Panaretos, 59; Alex Harakas, 66; Alexis Hickson, 75.

Plymouth scorers: LeAnn O'Shaughnessy and Liz Cizek, 59 each; Maggie Furlong, 61; Stephanie Sgambati, 63; Christy Pattison, 76; Megan Haggerty, 82 Churchill's dual match record: 10-0 KLAA-South Division (outright champions). LIVONIA CHURCHILL 209

CANTON 218
Sept. 30 at Hilltop G.C.
Individual medalist; Chelsea Osburn (Canton), 46. Churchili scorers: Jessica Burdette, 47; Lexi

McFarlane, 49: Jordyn Shepler, 54; Samantha Proben, 59; Stephanie Panaretos, 61; Sarah

Other Canton scorers: Erin Lixie, 56: Kara

Gregory, 57; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 59; Megan Baumgart, 63; Michelle Nagy, 69. Dual match records: Churchill, 9-0 KLAA-South Division (clinched title); Canton, 4-2 KLAA-South Division.
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LIVONIA LADYWOOD 231 Sept. 29 at Stoneycroft G.C. Individual medalist: Kristen Lunghamer (Marian), 46. Ladywood scorers: Katelyn Papler, 54; Val

DiMilia, 57; Taylor Romano, 61; Amanda Molin and Erin Reece, 62 each, **Dual match records**: Marian, 4-1 (Catholic

Crusader spikers improve to 19-1

Three players recorded kills in double figures Thursday as host Madonna University improved to 6-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 25-21, 23-25, 25-18, 25-13 women's volleyball victory over Cornerstone

Riga, Latvia native Lubovj Tihomirova led the attack with 19 kills, while Mary McGinnis and Whitney Fuelling added 16 and 15, respectively. Fuelling also had seven block-assists. Setter Inta Grinvalds finished with a game-

high 48 assists and team-high 14 digs and three ace serves (tied with teammate Liz Dempsey of Livonia Franklin). Brynn Kerr (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft

College) added 11 digs, while Amanda Koszela added 10 as the Crusaders, ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA poll, improved to 19-1 overall. Holly Cousins and Jodi Grandholm paced

Cornerstone (11-13, 2-2) with 14 and 11 kills, respectively. Setter Marcie Blacquiere added 29 assists, while Kayla Wilson had a game-high 29

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Ocelots win twice

Schoolcraft College earned a pair of MCCAA-Eastern Conference wins during the week including a 23-25, 25-23, 25-14, 27-25 win Thursday at home over Oakland Community College and a 25-18, 25-19, 25-19 win Tuesday night at Flint Mott CC.

Schoolcraft is now 22-5 overall and 10-1 in the conference. OCC falls to 12-9 and 3-5.

Against Mott, Kaitlyn Litteral led the Ocelots with seven kills, while Whitney Clay (three solo blocks) and Brittany Denter (two solo blocks) also played big up front. Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill) led the win-

ners with 14 digs and three aces, while Virginia Butler (Westland John Glenn) was a perfect 14-of-14 passing. Kerr and Marissa Damon were also perfect with their passes.

Mott slipped to 4-14 and 4-7.

many players in a game where so much was on the line and meant so much. It was a total team victory."

Goalkeeper Conner Burton also had a stellar night, stopping Northville's top offensive threat Latif Alashe on a penalty kick to preserve the shutout with 14:43 left.

"I looked at the rest of our group and wondered what else could go our way?" Richters said. "Latif (Alashe) is a fantastic player, and more often than not, he isn't going to miss when he gets those kind of opportunities. It certainly took a great effort from our goalkeeper to keep them off the board."

It just wasn't Northville's night as the Mustangs fell to 11-6-1 overall and finished 5-4-1 in the KLAA-Central, settling for third place behind Stevenson and 7-0-3 Salem.

The Mustangs' senior defender Nick Sclabassi went out with an injury during the first half and never returned.

Senior midfielder John Donikian was also sent off 10 minutes during the second half with a yellow card and the Spartans took advantage.

"When Sclabassi went out it changed our whole set-up," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "The game took a different cut. Stevenson is strong and fast and I thought early on we covered number five (Brian Klemczak) pretty well early on, but with our two senior captains out back there, we had to put kids into the game playing against their top forwards, and that wasn't an ideal situation for us to be in."

Despite Sclabassi being out of the lineup, Northville was only down a goal at intermis-

"The first goal was a gift," Klimes said. "We pushed it right to him (Sergison). The second half we tried to open it up. The second goal (by Ricky Chrzasz) was deflating. We've had a hard time scoring this year and giving up timely goals. But the credit goes to Stevenson. They put together a solid effort. Up-and-down they were better."

Stevenson, meanwhile, has another stiff opponent awaiting on Monday.

With the type of season Churchill's had we're going to have to survive another obstacle against a very good team," Richters said. "We have to turn right around and face another challenge. Churchill is on a great roll and the games with them are always competitive. Monday is going to be a different kind of test.

On Monday, Northville will face Westland John Glenn (6-10-1, 5-5) of the South Division in the Kensington Conference third-place crossover.

Klimes can only look ahead. "I thought (Andrew) Kelleher and (Nick) Tacconelli played with a lot of heart and desire, even when the chips were down," he said. "The way they played I hope trickles down to other guys and they're able to see what it takes to succeed."

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Bo Derek would be proud of the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

The Chargers are a perfect 10-0 when it comes to South Division matches in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association following a 9-3 victory Thursday night at Livonia Franklin.

Churchill, 12-2-1 overall, is unbeaten in its last 13 matches and will try and avenge a 4-1 loss on Aug. 29 to Livonia Stevenson in the KLAA's Kensington Conference's first-place crossover matchup. (Game time is 7 p.m. Monday at Stevenson.)

"It's quite an accomplishment for the boys to go 10-0 in the division," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. Seven different players

scored for the Chargers, who led 4-1 at halftime.

Churchill rolls 9-3 in division finale

Leading the way was senior Chris DeNapoli, who finished with two goals and three assists. Max Washko also scored a pair of goals, while Adam Bedell and Etienne Lussiez added one goal and one assist each. Drew Sieber and Simon Bank rounded out

the goal scorers. Matt Regan and Erik Bird each chipped in with two assists, while Ian Guerin also had one.

Franklin goal scorers included Chad Dorton, Brad Tatro and Zain Qureshi.

The Patriots (2-12-1, 2-7-1) received two red cards and the match was called

with less than two minutes remaining because of light-

CANTON 3, JOHN GLENN 0: On Thursday, a pair of second-half goals enabled the Chiefs (11-4-3, 8-2) to pull away and wrap up second place in the KLAA-South Division against host Westland John Glenn (6-10-1, 5-5).

"We gave up three cheap goal, but overall we played very well," Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We had a strong attack, just very unlucky. We played with very good technique. Things just didn't go our way.

Kyle Willingham made six saves in goal to post the shutout for Canton.

Joey Krizanek, Collan Baker and Mitch Posuniak scored for the Chiefs, who led 1-0 at halftime. Assists went to Sherif Hassanien, Brandon Tolinski and Brandon

Warriors blitz Liggett in 3

Lutheran High Westland continues to roll in girls volleyball.

The latest win came Thursday with a 25-9, 25-9, 25-19 Metro Conference triumph over host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett to improve to 23-4-3 overall and 3-0 in the Metro Conference.

Leading the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in Class D, was 6-foot-2 senior Becca Refenes, who finished with 14 kills, 10 defensive digs and two aces was Becca Refenes.

Also putting in strong per-

VOLLEYBALL

formances were Abi Gieschen (nine digs) and Katey Ramthun (seven kills.

Other contributions came from Lauren Gieschen (13 assists), Allyson Yankee (six kills), Rachel Storck (five kills), Cathy Haller (nine assists), Lauren Switzer (four assists) and Nicole Zehel (five digs).

The defeat dropped Liggett to 3-11-2 overall and 0-3 in the Metro.



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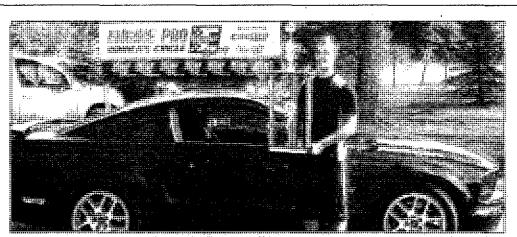
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Nicholas Promo, 16, a junior at Livonia Churchill High School, finished second in the Bracket 1 racing class with his 2007 GT Mustang at the Fall High School Nationals held Sept. 20 at Milan Dragway.

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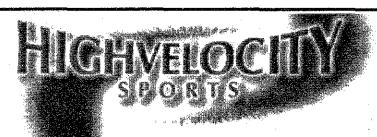
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Pianists play unrehearsed

here's a lot to be said for experience. Improvisation comes easy only to musicians who have played jazz for years. On Sunday, Oct. 12, pianists Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini combine over 100 years of performances to complement, more than duel, on Steinway grand pianos at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Even though the two won't rehearse



Linda Chomin

beforehand, it's sure to be an interesting, intense afternoon. The two men have become good friends over the years and admire and know each other's style

Michaels has played in jazz clubs like Baker's Keyboard Lounge for years, His trio built

a reputation as the group to watch on Wednesday nights at the Botsford Inn in Farmington. At age 76 he still plays piano from 7-10 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Thursday nights at. Nikolas in Southfield with drummer Jerry Mckenzie, bassist Dan Jordan, and a guest artist. Michaels retired as professor emeritus and director of jazz studies from Wayne State University two years ago. He and Tini co-founded the jazz studies program there.

"It's totally an impromptu situation," said Michaels of Southfield. "It's modeled after the Marian McPartland radio show on NPR (National Public Radio) where she interviews piano players from all over

the world and then they play together DUELING



What: Pianists Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini perform on two Steinway grands When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 Where: DiPonio room at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$15, and

available by call-

ing Midge Ellis at

(248) 474-2720

totally unrehearsed. I may ask Dennis what are his favorite choices for waltz or bossa nova and just kick it back and forth. It's going to be primarily jazz and light music, not classical. Tini, a Farmington Hills

resident, is hoping jazz lovers turn out not only for the music, but to sup port the festival keeping the only true American art form alive. The concert is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival, which spotlights local musicians every July at Schoolcraft

College. Tini is distinguished professor of music and former chairperson of the WSU music department. He continues to perform internationally. He took his "Global Peace & Understanding" CD on tour to 10 countries to try to create understanding. Next spring he's been invited to guest conduct choruses in Buenos Aires as well as to

perform in South Africa. "What Midge Ellis and John Trudell, Tom Saunders and the board volunteers do is to create a fantastic jazz offering to the community. It's a wonderful audience and group of people that attend these benefit concerts every year," said Tini. "They are the reason jazz is continuing and we hope to introduce young people because that's the future of jazz. I look forward to sharing some music with them and to see what happens when you put two pianists together who appreciate each other stylistically. Matt's a brilliant composer, pianist and musician. We're culling creative and musical experiences in the moment and reacting to what each other is playing based on total musical backgrounds and drawing on our experiences. We both appreciate all periods of music including baroque and romantic and contemporary music. I'm sure that will come out in the different styles and tempos. The nice thing is we have a very close relationship, musically and personally, and I think that will come out in our performance Oct. 12."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2145 or Ichomin@hometownlife.com.



Bob Belair (in camouflage waders) and his children Bobby and Samantha hunted for bugs at Fellows Creek by Saltz and Morton Taylor in Canton.

Volunteers hunt for clues to water quality

FALL BUG HUNT

What: Friends of the Rouge assess the health of the river When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 Where: Meet in lower level of VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia **Details:** Registration required by Oct. 10. To volunteer, call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Tracy Slintak's son Kristofer is good at finding bugs, but then he's been hunting them for several years as part of a study by Friends of the Rouge. Three times a year Slintak and her 12-year-old team up to join volunteers in collecting specimens that help determine the water quality of the river.

By day, Tracy works for the city of Farmington Hills as an environmental coordinator making sure the city complies with various regulations, so she's already concerned about the river.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, she and Kristofer will be at Schoolcraft College for a brief orientation and then they'll head out to various sites along the river.

"The bug hunt shows us the general health of the river, It gets the public involved," said Tracy Slintak. "It's really hands-on learning looking for bugs. Leaders sample areas of the river. Volunteers then put samples in trays and start going through them to look for little wiggly things in the water, moving around, swimming around. Some bugs indicate there's



Children ages 5 and up are welcome to hunt bugs as part of a study by Friends of the Rouge. Here, they sort through specimens at Fellows Creek near Ridge and Ford roads in Canton.

not a lot of oxygen in it or there is. The bug hunt shows our efforts are helping to improve the condition of the river."

Sally Petrella is still looking for volunteers for the Fall Bug Hunt put on by the Friends whose mission is to promote restoration of the Rouge River watershed, which covers approximately 466 square miles, runs through 47 communities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties, and empties into the Detroit River, a major source of drinking water for southeastern Michigan residents.

Please see BUGS, C3

3-Day walkers blistered but smiling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Danielle Momany of Rochester was putting gobs of Vaseline on the blisters on her feet, but had a smile on her face. The Rochester woman and her sister Diana Pierscinski of Royal Oak had just completed the first 20 of the 60-mile Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Friday, Sept. 26.

A total of 3,000 walkers crossed the line into Rotary Park in Livonia where they'd bed for the night. The walk began at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills and ended last Sunday at The Henry Ford museum in Dearborn.

"It was still a lot of fun, but I'm ready to rest," said Momany, who walked from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. "The funny thing is I trained in these shoes. Training was harder and on rainy weekends we did it in gyms. We have a lot of friends and co-workers touched by breast cancer. We did fund-raisers like Mugs for Jugs with kegs of beer

and sold tickets."

Lori Lee spent so much time training with her daughter, Katie, a 15year-old junior at Stevenson High School, and mother, Jean Makela, 70, the 46-year-old Livonia woman was 'even doing it in her dreams." Between the three of them they raised almost \$8,000. Participants were required to raise \$2,200 to walk in the event.

"My daughter Katie got me involved," said Lee, an elementary school teacher in Dearborn. "I said 'there's no way I can do 60 miles.' We started in March, training and doing fund-raisers. We have 31 names listed on the backs of our shirts of people who had cancer or died of cancer. Just about anybody can name someone who fought breast cancer and if not they'll know someone very soon. We know so many people affected by breast cancer. My grandma died of breast cancer. My mom had breast cancer."

Charlotte Oliver of Rochester Hills doesn't know anyone with breast can-

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Livonia resident and 17-year cancer survivor Rose Cerroni, right, talks about why she takes part in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk as she and her niece complete the first day of the walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Author to discuss Purple Gang

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Paul Kavieff, who's written several books on the history of U.S. organized crime, talks about the Purple Gang 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington

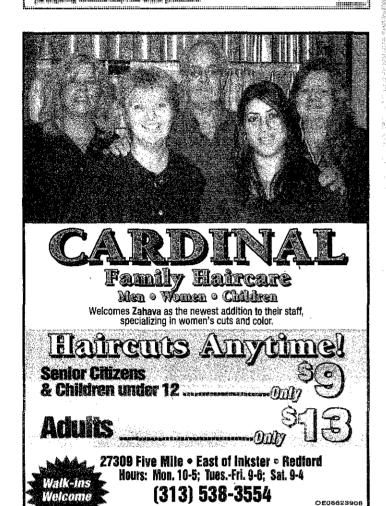
Kavieff, an engineer at Wayne State University, considers his interest in organized crime, particularly the Purple Gang, his avocation. He hold a bachelor's degree from

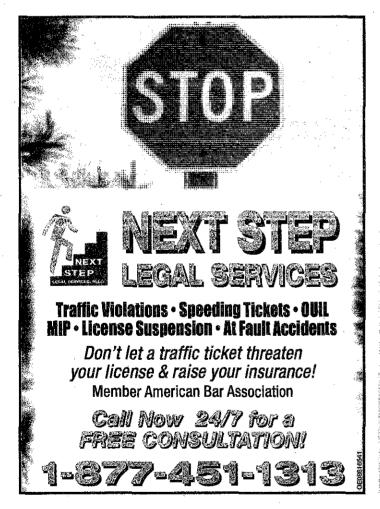
Oakland University and a master's in modern U.S. history from Wayne State University. His book, Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang (2008), will be available for sale after the presentation. The Purple Gang menaced the city of Detroit during the roaring 20's.

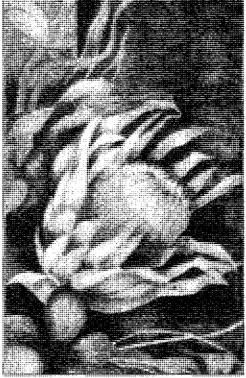
This is a free presentation and refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.



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Ruth Ann Platt of Redford painted this watercolor titled "Protea." The work is part of the Livonia Artists Club's Affordable Art Sale Oct. 11-12 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Club members to sell affordable art

The Livonia Artists Club holds its Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Unframed and small framed paintings, art objects, notecards, and Christmas ornaments will be available.

The club has been in existence since 1960. Many of the artists have been painting for years but still attend classes and workshops to learn new experimental techniques and keep ideas fresh.

There are also several new budding artists anxious to show their work. This year's show features watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage, and photography.

Club members meet at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Visitors and aspiring artists are

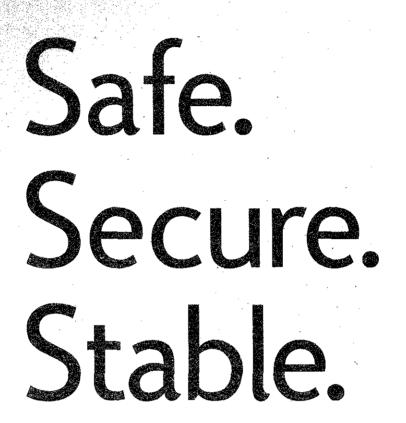
always welcome to drop in. For more information, call Nora Oxley at

(734) 425-2005.

Author talks about Detroit's early villages

Gene and Barb Scott of Livonia give a talk and present an audiovisual show on Detroit's Early Villages as guests of the Redford Historical Society at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the little red schoolhouse next to the Post Office on Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road.

Gene Scott is author of "Michigan Shadow Towns: A Study of Vanishing and Vibrant Villages" which is a compilation of more than 120 small communities. For more information about the book, call (734) 523-7844.



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The effort began in May 2001 with about 20 people and has since grown to 100, but volunteers are always needed. The Friends (therouge.org) began

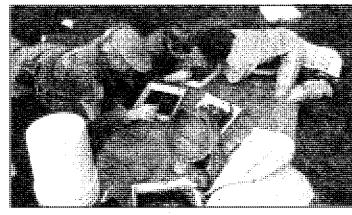
sampling the river in 1998. Petrella says all ages from 5 on up are welcome but children must be accompanied by a participating adult. She suggests volunteers dress for the weather since the bug hunt is an outdoor activity. And don't forget to bring lunch and snacks because volunteers will be out in the field all day. Deadline for registration is Oct. 10.

"They'll be looking for mayflies, dragonflies, clams, snails, collecting and sorting them after identifying and counting them," said Petrella, volunteer monitoring program manager. "The leader calculates a score for the site which will tell if it's poor, good, fair, or excellent. In some cases we have unearthed problems we didn't know about that have led us to further investigate the site. More immediately volunteers discovered problems in the community. In Canton we discovered raw sewage leaking into the stream in a park. Another case we went to a site and all the vegetation had been removed causing the sediment to go into the water. Volunteers learn the way they take care of the land has a big

Volunteers need not know anything about bugs as leaders are trained in identifying specimens.

impact on the river."

"We'll be going to 20 to 24



Volunteers sort through sample travs from Fellows Creek, looking for bugs by using tweezers, and for fast moving critters by using eye droppers.

sites in Canton, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Northville," said Petrella. "In the field they're provided with identification cards. Most people know what a crayfish looks like, but may not know some of the water beetles, water striders. In the larval stage, mayflies are sensitive to changes in water quality. They use gills to breathe and need high levels of dissolved oxygen in the water. Some of the clams are very sensitive, the crayfish less sensitive. We're looking for a lot of these different types of critters. If you have a lot of especially sensitive ones that's going to tell you the site is in pretty good shape. Some of the sites in middle and lower rouge are showing improvement. We're really happy to see that."

Bob Belair has always been interested in the quality of the streams. For the last seven years he's served as co-team leader wading into the river to scoop up samples. He likes sharing the experience with his son Bobby, 6. daughter, Samantha, 4, and wife, Theresa.

"It's quite a learning experience," said Belair, who manages the Canton Township engineering department. "The best part is seeing the kids and their interest, At first my wife was not excited about it but after said it was really cool. She was surprised because the kids were into it and what they learned. In Canton we've seen an increase in water quality. We're starting to find more oxygen in the water, There's still a long way to go but it's good to see an improvement."

Bill Ruth feels like he's contributing to keeping the river and streams clean by volunteering for the bug hunts.

"I think all of us have to participate as members of our community," said Ruth of Redford. "I fish and feel it's helpful. It's our water source."

Jordan Peerbolte became involved as a freshman at Salem High School as part of a volunteer project. The 17-year-old Canton resident continues to participate with his dad Marc.

We had a lot of fun the first



Bugs of all shapes and sizes astounded volunteers in McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township.

doing it," said Peerbolte, a senior who likes to camp and fish. "It's a real fun way to get out into the environment. You're actually doing something to help."

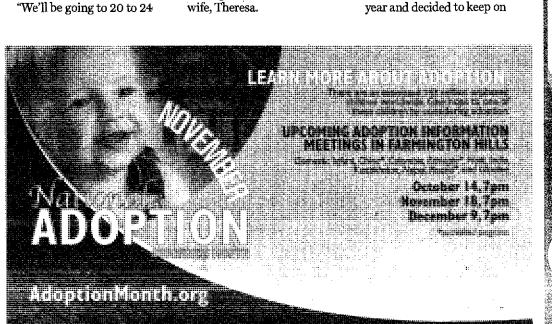
Whether you decide to volunteer for the bug hunt or not, Slintak said there's something everyone can do not to pollute the rivers, lakes and streams.

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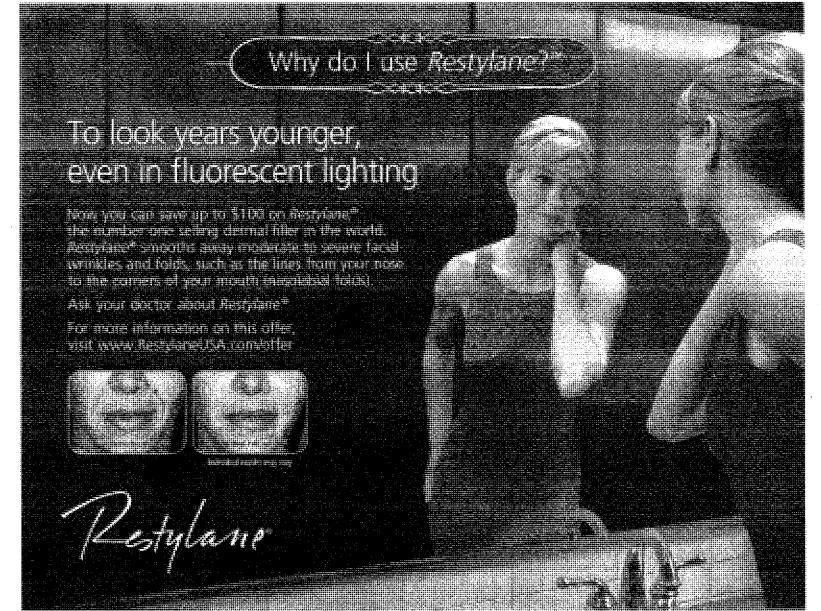
"It's the actions we're doing daily to our rivers," said Slintak. "It's important to clean up after your pet. The water that doesn't soak in the ground eventually ends up in the Rouge River. Fertilize your lawn responsibly and sweep off paved surfaces. There's research for and against fertilizing. Fall is the best time

to fertilize, but make sure you follow directions, and dispose of hazardous waste properly. Nothing but rain should go down the drains on your street. All these things affect the bugs we see in the river."

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Learn about the newest innovations in art supplies at the Three Cities Art Club meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in the lower level of Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

There will be light refreshments and there is no charge to attend. For information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800 ext. 123 or by e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hot-

Dennis Kapp, owner of Detroit's Martin Universal Design and Martin F. Weber Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and his daughter, Dawn Knowles of Canton, will show the latest products supplied by their companies. Established in 1853 in Philadelphia, the Martin/F. Weber Co. is the oldest and one of the largest manufacturers of art materials in the United States. Originating in 1853 as Scholz & Company, a sales agency, the company evolved through a series of growth partnerships to become F. Weber and Company in 1887 under the leadership of owner, Frederick Weber.

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awarded to the company. After the death of Weber in 1919 his sons, Frederick and Ernest, incorporated the company, becoming F. Weber Co. Inc. Fred became Technical Director. A creative artist and chemist, as well as author of artists' materials books, he developed many new

One of the most notable, is Original Permalba White, first formulated in 1921. Fred was the first to develop a nontoxic, opaque, white oil paint with smooth working qualities to replace the toxic, lead-based whites that artists had used for hundreds of years. It remains the artists' standard in white oil paint. In the 1930s Weber introduced new pigments to the industry with excellent light fastness and reduced toxicity to the artist and synthetic varnishes to replace the less stable natural materials used in the past. Turpenoid, an exceptional odorless turpentine replacement, was introduced in the 1950s. This remarkably early commitment to the development of safer art materials continues to the present.

Mention Three Cities Art Club at D & M Art Studio, 8691 N. Lilley Road, south of Joy, to receive a 15 percent discount on art supplies including products from Martin/F. Weber Co.

Redford artist Sergio De Giusti presents Ellen Kayrod Gallery at Hannan House, 4750

Meet the artist at an opening reception 5-8

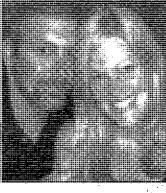
For more information, visit www.hannan.org. De Giusti was born in Italy and is best known

ENGAGEMENTS

Carriere-Mietelski

Terrence and Margaret Carriere of Howell, and former residents of Livonia for more than 50 years, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Therese Carriere, to Joshua John Mietelski of Pittsfield Township. He is the son of Darlene Porro of Britton, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Mietelski of New Milford,

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and works as an investments representative at Fidelity Investments. Her fiance earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut



University. He works as a vice president and account executive at Fidelity Investments.

The couple is planning an October wedding at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland.

Macleod-Kelly

Colin and Mary Alicia Macleod of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Mary Macleod. to Stephen Michael Kelly of Plymouth. He is the son of Thomas and Linda Kelly of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School and plans to graduate from Western Michigan University in December with a degree in elementary education. She is minoring in early childhood education, language arts and social studies. Her fiance is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and plans to graduate from Western Michigan University



in December with a degree in nursing.

The couple is planning a June 19, 2009 wedding at The Inn at St. John's.

daughters, Terry (Jerry) Vance

and Karen (Doug) Cavins,

and one son, Kevin (Denise)

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ANNIVERSARY

Create warmth with natural colors at home

American Blinds, Wallpaper and More, an online retailer of brand name custom window treatments and wall coverings, offers these tips for creating a warm, cozy house during fall and winter:

■ Use nature-inspired colors. Hues that reflect "air" make the house breathe. Earth-related colors can ground and calm a busy room. Water hues add a playfulness and fiery reds and oranges create a bold, confident environment.

■ Take a cue from the vibrant golds, rich reds, deep chocolate browns and toasty oranges in fall foliage as you decorate. The colors inspire life and energy as the days get darker and cooler. Look for ways to incorporate them into room décor.

■ Go natural with environment-friendly products that incorporate earthy colors and textures.

■ Carve out a tall pumpkin and use it as a flower vase or use small pumpkins for candles. A throw pillow, bowl of fresh citrus fruit or a bouquet of cut flowers are inexpensive ways to provide some color pop while welcoming guests with the feel of nature.

■ Rearrange your furniture to set your fireplace, instead of the television, as the focal point of the room. Footstools, ottomans, and floor pillows by the fire create an inviting, warm atmosphere that will get you through the harshest days of winter. And if you don't want the hassle of starting and maintaining a fire, try placing tall white candles in the fireplace for a similar glow.

Add a few splashes of vibrant color. They enrich any look and keep you from feeling drab. Deep colors also inspire confidence. Use an area rug to add warmth and personality to any room.

Design a wreath with colorful fall items. Make it a family project.

Prepare your own for winter by insulating the water heater, sealing leaks and drafts with caulk or weather strips, cleaning the furnace and changing the air filter. Consider insulating cellular shades or lined window treatments and install a programmable thermostat that will help conserve energy.

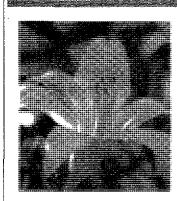
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Redford artist opens exhibit with reception

his timeless work Oct. 10, to Nov. 21, at the Woodward, three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

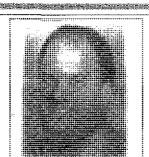
p.m. Friday, Oct. 10. The event is free and open to the public.

for his and David Barr's monumental collaborative sculpture, Transcending, the Labor Legacy landmark, in Detroit's Hart Plaza. The exhibit includes, reliefs, sculpture, and drawings. De Giusti has received several awards and public and private commissions over the year.



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FOSTER R. FREYDL

Age 44, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Northville, passed away suddenly on October 1, 2008. He was born on June 2, 1964 in Livonia, Michigan to Robert and June (Roberts) Freydl. Following High School he proudly served his country in the Navy, where he received Crypto and FAA Certification. He was united in marriage to Michelle (Cady) Freydl on July 30, 2000 and they spent eight loving years together. Foster loved his family and cherished his son. He treasured the friendship of his neighbors. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. Foster adored his cats Bling Bling and Tigger Bruno. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, and photography. He was technically and mechanically inclined, and liked to build computers. He is survived by his beloved wife Michelle; his son Matthew James Freydl; his mother June Freydl; his in-laws Mark and Lee Cady; his brother Kari (Maria) Freydl; and was dearly loved by many other family and friends. Foster was preceded in death by his father. A Time of Gathering Monday 2-8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions to VA Hospital, Attn: Sleep Apnea Clinic, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48175 or Affordable Vet Services, 611 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.



OF OUR SON MICHAEL L. POND May 24, 1961 - Ocotober 6, 2007. Sadly the first year has passed. Mike, you are always in our hearts Mom, Dad and Sister



MARY LOU BROWN

October 2, 2008. Age 76, of Westland. Beloved wife of James D. Dear mother of Karen (Don) McCloud, David (Bridget) Brown, Thomas (Kathleen) Brown and Diane (Kurt) Haranczak. Sister of Willis, Claude and Roy. Johnston. Grandmother of Jason Taryn, Matthew and Adam McCloud, Timothy and Luke Brown, Alexandria and Nicholas Brown and Jimmy Haranczak. Great-grandmother of Angelo D. Dimichele. Service Monday 11:30 am at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Sunday 2 · 9 pm. Please visit and leave a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

IRENE GOULD

Age 86. Of Farmington Hills, MI. 1, 2008. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, down-



MARCIA CONNELL **STRICKLAND** Age 90, a lifelong civic and communi-

volunteer and resident of Southern Pines and Pinehurst for 38 years. Died September 30, 2008, at Moore Regional Hospital after a brief illness. Mrs. Strickland was born August 18, 1918 in Detroit, MI and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan, Class of 1939, of which class she would become president. She was selected Queen of the Big Ten in 1939 and represented the Elgin Watch Company at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. A member of the Delta Gamma Fraternity, she continued a lifelong relationship with the fraternity, serving as national president from 968 to 1972 and was among the first directors of the Delta Gamma Foundation. She was a chairman of the Alumnae Development Council of the University of Michigan and received the University's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. She was instrumental in developing and supporting the Aid to the Blind program of the Delta Gamma Fraternity and became chairman of the Sight Conservation project. She married Russell Strickland in 1940, and they lived in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where Mrs. Strickland was a member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, The Bloomfield Hills Country Club, and was on the board of trustees of the Cranbrook Educational Community. The Stricklands retired to Pinehurst in 1970 and Mrs. Strickland continued her community voluntarism. She served as President of the Garden Club of the Sandhills, President of the Garden Club of the Country Club of North Carolina and President of the Silver Foils. She was a founder of the Women's Special Events Committee of the Pinehurst Country Club and a founding member of the Women of the Chapel of The Village Chapel, Pinehurst. Mrs. Strickland maintained a lifetime commitment to leadership and education and lived her long life with sophistication, poise, grace, beauty and humor. Surviving are her children, Paul Kent Strickland (Elise Backinger) of Salida, CO, John Connell Strickland (Cynthia) of Pinehurst, and Sheridan Strickland (Michael Thomas) of Washington, D.C., and two grandchildren, Christopher Connell Strickland of New York, NY and Amanda Strickland Berg (Harold William Berg, III) of Winter Park, FL. Mrs. Strickland was predeceased by her husband, Russell Steele Strickland, to whom she was married for 66 years, and by her sister Jane Connell Hanson. A memorial service will be held at The Village Chapel, Pinehurst on October 4th at 11:30 am. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

made to the Delta Gamma Foundation,

3250 Riverside Drive, Columbus, OH,

43221 or to The Village Chapel, PO Box 1060, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

(Powell Funeral Home)



MINERVA A. PARKS

Garden City. Beloved wife of Elijah. Bev (Bill) Torni. Dear grandmother of Joe Alvarado, Billy Torni & Tracy Tomi. Great-grandmother of Alex & Torni. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Ruben Alvarado. Funeral services were held Saturday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, 734-425-9200. Please sign Minerva's online guestbook at

www.rggrharris.com.

TED KUCHAR

Age 86. Formerly of Birmingham, MI. Passed away August 28, 2008 in Spring Hill, FL. Employeed by Tappan Brothers, Inc. A U.S. Army veteran who is survived by his loving wife, Leonora; children Ronald (Dianne) of New Baltimore, MI; Beverly Keast (Lon) of Shelby Twp., MI; Nancy Lau (Michael) of Rochester Hills, MI; six grandchildren and two great-grand-children. Ted was laid to rest at Florida

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ager of the Catholic Softball League. He worked as a skilled drywall taperer, and served

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George and Cathleen

(Sedgewick) Weatherford

are celebrating their 50th

couple wed Oct. 11, 1958

at St. Anthony Church in

anniversary this month. The

Long Beach, Calif. They met

in Long Beach at a church

gathering. George, a native

of Portland, Ore., was in the

U.S. Navy at the time and

Cathleen, a Detroit native,

worked for Douglass Aircraft.

Though their first home was in

California, the couple moved to

Detroit, and once they started

their family, became residents

of Livonia. The Weatherfords

joined St. Genevieve Church,

where George became man-

as umpire, referee, and coach.

Public Schools. They have both

retired and are parents to two

Cathleen worked for Livonia

Age 86. September 30, 2008, of Loving mother of Pat Alvarado & Tia Alvarado and Jenna & Lucas

All about roses Learn about winter preparation for roses at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5 and 12 and at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 6 and 13, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare

> 461-1230 Accessorizing the garden

Michael Saint of the Good Earth Landscape Institute will show you how to punch up your garden with the proper placement of garden accessories, from 10-11:30 a..m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates 8irmingham. Cost is \$19. Register at (248) 644-5832 or www.commmunityhouse.com Meadow Brook benefit

roses for winter survival. (734)

Proceeds from the Meadow Brook Colossal Indoor Garage Sale, Oct. 15-18, at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. on the Oakland University campus, in Rochester, will benefit the 14 gardens surrounding Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Half Garden Club presents the event, which will start with a preview sale and silent auction, from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15. Sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday -Friday and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday. Admission to the preview is \$10. Admission to the sale from Thursday-Saturday, is \$1. (248) 364-6200. www. meadowbrookhall.org

Butterflies and moths

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will look at the "Life Cycles of Michigan Butterflies and Moths" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578, www.sembabutterfly.com. Michigan Orchid Society

Karen Miur, an accredited American Orchid Society judge from California, will show slides about the Japan Grand Prix at the Michigan chapter's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19. at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. Miur is one of few women who are invited to judge at the show, which is the largest and most prestigious

orchid shows in Japan. She also has judged shows in Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil and South Africa. For more information call 8etty at (586) 416-1496.

African Violet Society

The Michigan State African Violet Society will host its annual Fall Display and Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 18 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Matthaei Botanicai Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, The free event features African Violets, Gesneriads and supplies on sale, Call -248) 698-3628 or e-mail ingridbow). man07@comcast.net.

Lily bulb sale

Michigan Regional Lily Society will sell hundreds of colorful, high quality hybrid lily bulbs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple, between Southfield Road and & Cranbrook, in Birmingham, Many kinds of bulbs - Orientals, Asiatics, Species, Orienpets - will be sold. Plant lilies now for blooms next year. No credit cards accepted, www.mris.

Noon recital features pianist

Pianist Panayis Lyras performs a one hour recital noon Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the VisTaTech Presentation Room on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Lyras was the silver medalist in the Sixth

Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. He is an internationally acclaimed musician who has been a guest artist with major symphony orchestra around the world. He also performs with chamber music ensembles and has appeared at the Interlochen Summer Festival. Lyras is currently artist-in-residence and professor of piano at the Michigan State University School of Music.

The program includes sonatas by Mozart and Beethoven, and works by Granados and Debussy. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft College liberal arts office and music department, the

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cer but she was walking just the same. This was her third year.

"I wanted to raise awareness. It's an important cause," said Oliver. "I wouldn't normally walk 20 miles, but we're suffering for a reason. When you walk 7 hours it gives you time to think and reflect. It's an amazing journey, very invigorating."

Leah Barnett of Ferndale was excited to see people lining the walk to cheer her on as she arrived at the park. More than 480 crew and volunteers had been working since 4:30 a.m. to make the 3-Day a success. Hundreds of pink tents were set up by the Romeo Bulldogs boys football team as part of the city that include medical and dining areas, and rows of portable potties. White remembrance tents honored those who lost their battle with the disease.

"It's my first year," said Barnett. "It's difficult but I feel good. I feel pretty

Fourteen girls, ages 10-12, from Girl Scout Troop 662 at Messmore Elementary in Macomb County, were among the cheerleaders at the park entrance.

'We had a guest speaker diagnosed with breast cancer and fighting it 15 years. She passed away two weeks ago," said troop member



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Danielle Momany of Rochester talks about her experiences and blistered feet after completing the first day of the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Isabella Palazzolo.

Rose Cerroni of Livonia is a 17-year survivor of breast cancer. She was a member of the Hines Pink Pathers team along with her niece Gloria Leonetti.

"My niece and I are two of 59. We raised \$123,000 for our team by holding events such as bowling tournaments and selling cookbooks that included stories about why we walk," said Cerroni. "At age 70 I'm still going strong after my first 20 miles.'

Leonetti admitted she was tired but felt great.

"I love it," said Leonetti. "It's a wonderful experience."

Colleen Gallagher of Ferndale found the walk, her first, inspiring.

"I've seen a lot of people suffer through it and am convinced there's a better way to treat it, There were survivors on the walk. You go through the cheering sections along the walk and you know they have lost somebody," said Gallagher.

Nancy Kurdziel of East Lansing walked with coworker Michael Streeter of Bath because "there are too many women dying" of breast cancer.

Jenne Fromm, national 3-Day spokesperson, hopes

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proceeds from the walk eventually lead to a cure. About 75 percent of the money goes to national research, and up to 25 percent to local breast cancer and health programs. This year the Michigan race

raised \$7.2 million. We have 14 walks across the country and Michigan is the largest one," said Fromm. "Michigan is always supportive."

The 2009 Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day walk is scheduled for Aug. 14-16. For information, visit www. the3day.org.

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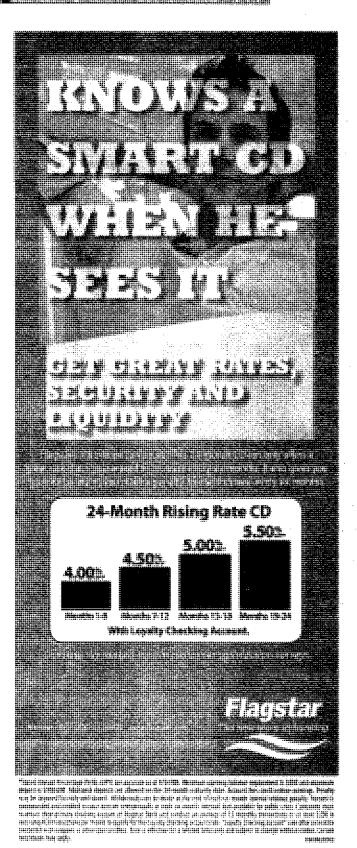
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October events raise awareness of breast cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Katrina Studvent just turned 30 when she found a lump in her breast. She's urging women to pay attention to their bodies. The Southfield woman had no family history of breast cancer. Today she's back at work full time and studying for a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, but is still haunted by the grueling experience that included surgery to remove one breast and six months of chemotherapy.

"You can never say it's all gone," said Studvent. "I constantly stress to friends and family the importance of self-checking. Go for regular checkups, even 30 or younger need to ask questions."

Several events are taking place during October to inform individuals about breast cancer. Most hospitals offer support groups for survivors to share information. St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia not only holds meetings in Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center on the second Tuesday of the month, but is planning a Ladies Night Out to spotlight Reiki, the gentle art of hands-on healing, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7. The evening includes screenings for blood pressure and bone density, and massages. Registration

is required. Call (734) 655-1182. On Saturday, Oct. 25, in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month the Marian Women's Center at St. Mary's hosts Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mammograms must be scheduled in advance by calling (734) 655-1159. The daylong event includes opportunities to ask doctors and a dietitian questions and receive information on breast self-

The Sharing & Caring support program at Beaumont Hospitals holds its annual Breast Health Fairs focusing on breast health/screening, cancer genetics, lymphedema prevention, meditation, support programs, treatment, and cancer clinical trials 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Cancer Center Hallway on the Royal Oak Campus, and Oct. 30, on the ground floor of the Troy Campus. For information, call (248) 551-1219.

Sharing & Caring regularly schedules talks about a variety of topics related to breast cancer. In October subjects range from preserving fertility prior to cancer treatment to what you need to know about breast cancer clinical trials, and a vegetable-based diet and cancer. For information, call (248) 551-8586.

Curves of West Bloomfield is offering the Liv Aid breast selfexam kit to help women become more comfortable with performing monthly self-checks. Nonmembers can get a free kit when they come in for a complimentary fitness assessment. For information, call (248)

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk is an event to honor and celebrate breast cancer survivors, educate women about the importance of early detection and prevention, and raise money to fund lifesaving research and support programs to help eliminate breast cancer 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, registration at 7:30 a.m. at Gallup Park, Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (248) 663-3400 or stridesmetrodetroit@cancer.org, or visit www.cancer. org/stridesonline.

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Breast cancer update

Physicians reveal latest in treatment, diagnostics

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Dr. Eleanor Walker grew up in the Caribbean using leaves from bushes to treat illnesses so she's especially open to new ideas when it comes to medicine. After reading a journal article about acupuncture relieving the side effects of hormone therapy in prostate cancer patients she applied to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for a grant to see if the Eastern practice would be as effective in individuals with breast cancer.

Cutting edge medicine has become standard practice in the area with physicians like Dr. Frank Vicini at Beaumont Hospital conducting clinical trials to reduce radiation treatments from six weeks to five days. Recently several oncologists and surgeons took time to talk about the latest advances in treatment and diagnostics for breast cancer patients.

Walker, a radiation oncologist at Henry Ford Hospital, lead the study of 47 breast cancer patients who found relief from hot flashes and night sweats after receiving acupuncture for 12 weeks. The symptoms were caused by hormone suppression treatment with Tamoxifen or Arimidex. The study followed women over a year and compared the results to Effexor which is usually given to reduce side effects, Acupuncture not only proved to be as effective but increased energy, sense of well-being, clarity of thought, and sex drive plus the results lasted about three months after stopping treatment. Patients on Effexor saw an increase in hot flashes after only two weeks.

EARLY INFLUENCE

"I'm always interested in integrative therapy," said Walker of Troy. "My mother, aunts and uncles if you got sick went to the back yard and picked a bush to make tea. That influenced me in looking for other ways to supplement treatment."

Walker would like to do a follow-up study to find out if patients might only need treatment three to four times a year, She's excited about collaborating again with the hospital's Center for Integrative Medicine because the study incorporated Eastern and Western medicine. Innovation is key at Henry Ford Hospital which recently began scheduling mammograms online at henryford.

"Henry Ford is an active participant in most of the big studies in chemo and radiation and genetic profiling," said

Vicini is the principal investigator for the national study to reduce the number of radiation treatments and still remain effective. He was recently encouraged by a Canadian trial that showed three weeks of radiation treatment work just as well as a longer course for women with early-stage breast cancers, He's

equally excited about a Beaumont program for individuals at high risk for developing breast cancer.

"We're setting up a program for a high risk chinic. When a woman comes in for a mammogram we do an initial risk assessment, a questionnaire, and provide physicians with a risk assessment based on mammogram and information on potential risk of developing breast cancer," said Vicini, chief of oncology and a radiation oncologist at Beaumont Hospital. "We're reaching out to the community and trying to decrease the impact of breast cancer, trying to catch it before it develops."

While Dr. Nayana Dekhne, a breast surgeon and director of Beaumont's Breast Care Center, is concerned about patients with a family history of breast cancer, she believes all women could benefit from making certain lifestyle choices like eating six to eight servings of fresh fruits and vegetables daily.

"Just physical activity is tremendous in preventing breast cancer," said Dekhne, "The logic is the estrogens or hormones are fat soluble so they might be less at a cellular level. Women who have a lower BMI (Body Mass Index) are probably at a lower risk."

OFFERING OPTIONS

Dekhne considers risk-reducing surgery one of the new, exciting developments. She's seeing more patients, especially the younger ones, opting for aggressive treatment such as bilateral mastectomies. As a surgeon, her job is to offer options. For years the standard for mastectomy has been to remove the nipple to minimize the recurrence of cancer.

"The nipple-saving mastectomies we can do now modified techniques to leave skin flaps with minimal tissues and save the nipples if possible because reconstructed nipples don't match God-given nipples," said Dekhne, who's followed the advances over 18 years of treating breast cancer patients.

Dr. Linda Dubay is especially looking forward to advances in imaging. The earlier a cancer is caught the better the

"Nationwide as far as imaging it's a very exciting time. We realize we're missing a lot. We're going to see a lot (of advances) in the next five years," said Dubay, a general surgeon who specializes in breast cancer at Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi where she is medical director of surgical services.

"Treatment is cutting edge right here and now. One of the exciting things that's completely experimental is related to immunotherapy. There are a few physicians in the country freezing advanced cancers that begin to die off so the body can fight off the cancer. There's new imaging on the horizon at Karmanos with water imaging that's completely experimental but it's exciting. They're

coming up with non-radiation imaging. In my 15 years as a breast surgeon, it's changed pretty dramatically. Going off hormones was a big thing that was contributing to breast cancer. Excessive hormones increase breast cancer risk, adding fuel to the cancer."

CLINICAL TRIALS

Dr. Amy Weise is excited about the possibility of some day eliminating chemotherapy as a treatment. At Karmanos Cancer Institute where she is a medical oncologist, researchers like herself are involved in a wide range of clinical trials looking at new combinations of medications including targeted therapy.

"Some of the trials use traditional chemo medications but alter the frequency in which those are given," said Weise. "We're also participating in a major trial that takes patients' tumor type and does genetic analysis and places patients into three risk categories. It's helping us to characterize the aggressiveness of the cancer at a molecular level so in learning more about the aggressiveness, we're able to eliminate the chemo and safely treat them with hormone therapy. We have a prevention trial looking at aromatase inhibitors compared to a placebo in women who are postmenopausal but at increased risk of developing cancer. We have unique trials not available at any other institution using different arms of the immune system to attack the cancer. We're the largest Phase I center in Michigan. Phase I is the first time a drug is tested in a person, brand new medica-

At the University of Michigan hospital, Dr. Jennifer Griggs is concentrating her research on quality care, The medical oncologist is director of the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program.

We're spending more time with longterm effects of treatment," said Griggs. "Most people can resume a normal life, but can suffer with nerve problems, pain in fingers and toes after chemo, cardiac effects of treatment, swelling of the arm after lymph node removal, hot flashes, sleep problems. We're helping people make sense of what happens, Breast cancer is a life-altering event, Unlike cardiac rehab we don't have a model for getting back to being in charge of their health care. We want to make sure women benefit from the best therapies out there. PARP inhibitors directed at BRCA1 and 2 (genes); it's the first time for therapy directed at genetic mutation. We consider all of those options in every patient. There's no holding back on chemo in some people but we're getting smarter about who needs it, where there would be no benefit. We hope to see more people being cured and make advances in prevention and quality of care of people."

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Experts: Treat eye allergies with caution

With news reports indicating this could be the worst year ever for the common allergen ragweed, area residents should not only prepare for sneezing and stuffy or runny noses but for eye allergies. The Michigan Optometric Association wants Michigan residents to be aware of eye allergy symptoms that may occur this fall and the precautionary steps needed to ensure healthy

Eye allergy symptoms can include itchiness, swollen or inflamed inner eyelids, tearing, blurred vision and sometimes mucus or watery discharge. These symptoms can be very uncomfortable for allergy sufferers and may impede sports activities, school performance and job productivity. For contact lens wearers, allergy season may present other difficulties involving airborne allergens that can adhere to the lenses and cause discomfort.

Many people use eye drops to relieve the symptoms associated with eye allergies. MOA doctors warn this practice may result in trouble if people are not careful.

"Eye drops may temporarily help to relieve eye allergy symptoms and keep contact lenses clean," said Dr. Teresa Seim, MOA past-president. "However, certain symptoms of eye allergies can be similar to other eye conditions so it is best to schedule an appointment with an optometrist to determine the best treatment for any eye issue."

The MOA offers the following tips regarding eye drop safety for allergy sufferers:

Prescription eye drops are generally very effective and because they are applied topically, there are usually few systemic side effects. Most prescription drops are only used once or twice a day and many can be used to prevent the allergic reaction in the first place.

Over the counter eye drops are not as effective or safe as prescription drops. If used in excess, non-prescription drops can cause a rebound effect and actually make the eyes more red and irritated.

The best treatment is avoidance of the allergen. If you can identify and avoid the particular agent you are allergic to, the symptoms will improve dramati-

Treating eye allergy symptoms does not take a one-size-fits-all approach. There are many factors that go into getting the right treatment for symptoms. When visiting an optometrist, it is important to accurately describe symptoms so the doctor can prescribe a medication that safely and efficiently relieves the symptoms.

For more information about eyes or to locate an optometrist, visit michigan.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Ladies night out

Reiki: the Gentle Healing Art Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Blood pressure and bone density screenings, and massage will be offered 5:30-7 p.m., lecture from 7-8:30 p.m. Speaker is the hospital's Reiki Master Jane Kaleski, a Certified Massage Therapist, Medical Massage Therapist and Certified Infant Massage Instructor. Registration required. No charge, but a \$5 donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center programs. Call (734) 655-1182 to register or for information.

Grief seminar

Join national grief expert and author Dr. Alan Wolfelt as he presents The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Rd., Troy. No charge, but reservations recommended as seating is limited. To register, call (248) 362-2500. Visit www. desmondfuneralfuneralhome.com for details and directions.

Low vision support

The Canton Low Vision Support Group for the visually impaired meets 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Summit on the Park community center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For information, call (734) 394-5485.

Stop smoking program

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 12-16, and Monday, Oct. 20, at Metropolitan Adventist Church fellowship room, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. No need to register. For information, call (248) 349-5683.

Walk to fight diabetes Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Detroit Zoo, Royal

Oak. Proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association to help prevent and cure diabetes through programs and services in Michigan. To register as an individual or lead a team, visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Stephanie Camalo at 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6692 or scamalo@diabetes. org.

The key to glycemic diets, and the amount of cholesterol in meat



Peter's

Principles Peter Nielsen

Bob from Royal Oak e-mails that he has been hearing a lot about high and low glycemic diets lately. He wants to know which is more effective when it comes to weight loss.

Bob, high glycemic foods are high in simple carbohydrates and cause a rapid increase in blood sugar. Low glycemic foods enter the system more slowly and contain more fiber

A recent study compared the two

diets. The weight loss was the same with both groups, but with a key difference. Those on the high glycemic diet lost more muscle weight while the low glycemic dieters lost more fat.

The low glycemic group also had higher levels of leptin, which leads to a higher metabolic rate. The bottom line: if you want to lose weight, eat a diet rich in low glycemic carbs and fiber and low in refined sugar.

See your doctor for the diet plan

that is right for you!

Paul from Farmington wants to know if a lean cut of meat has less cholesterol than a fatty cut.

Paul, fatty meat has about the same amount of cholesterol as lean cuts, since the concentration of cholesterol in fat and lean tissue is the same, 20 to 30 milligrams per ounce. Cholesterol is a fat-like substance found in all cell membranes and nerve fibers of animals. The reason

to avoid fatty meat, or at least to trim all the visible fat, is that it is rich in saturated fat, which stimulates the body's production of cholesterol even more than dietary cholesterol does.

Peter Nielsen is a health and fitness expert, and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West 8loomfield and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield, If you have a health or fitness question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail Ichomin@hometownlife.com.

Bishop 8orgess High School Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11 at the Fairlane Club, Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning a 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups-brighton high school class of 1989" for more information.

Cass Technical High School

Classes of 1964-67 Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov.

15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959 50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009, Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.

casstech59.com or contact Marge-

Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.

com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729;

or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658. Cherry Hill High School Classes of 1983-84

25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. Nov. 28, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland, Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, Mary (Potvin) McCollough, (734) 658-1014 or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarkston High School

Class of 1998 A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent. com, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail. com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

20th high school reunion, Oct. 17-19. Contact Julie (Mansell) Pierce at (734) 996-2513 or pierce.julie@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 28 at the O'Kelly K of C Hall in Dearborn, Contact Diane (Verostick) Kapelanski at (734) 981-0091 or dianekap@comcast.net for more

information. Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969 Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninitu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1957 An Alumni Dinner will be held

Saturday, Oct. 11 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in

Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284. Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963 A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates.

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Detroit Winship School Class of 1956

Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested implanning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998

A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites. 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door, Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

Ferndale High School Class of 1963

45th reunion, Oct. 11, at Shield's Pizza,

Southfield, Call Betty (248) 852-8530. Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@ yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com. Visit www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. . The reunion date has not been set vet.

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Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

1 Livonia Bentley

Class of 1958 50th reunion, Oct. 10-12, including golf at Whispering Willows Golf Course and dinner at One Under, For details contact Ellen Baumgartner Oorman, (734) 261-6984; Jane Faries Hopper, (248) 474-3728.

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Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Email milford78@gmail.com.

Redford Thurston Class of 1968

Pre-Party Get Together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th Year Reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@quardianpiumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@ netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

Redford Union Class of 1978

30 Year Reunion Saturday, 6 p.m. till? Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at Riverbank

Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. Cost \$20 per person if paid by Nov. 1, \$25 per person after Nov. 1. Contact Teresa (Linblad) McManamon at teresamac7@yahoo.com or (517) 861-0010, or Linda (Pearce) Dugan at Ildugan@comcast.net or (734) 454-0745. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres

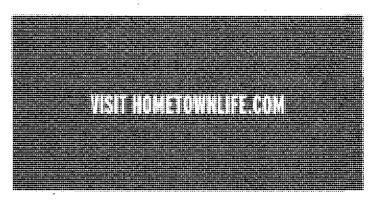
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PLANTAR FASCIITIS

Plantar fasciitis presents a medical dilemma: a common problem seen by rheumatologists, podiatrists and family practitioners with no one as yet able to provide a successful treatment. You know when you are experiencing plantar fasciitis. You feel marked pain on the bottom of your foot (medically called the plantar surface), that is worse on waking, making the initial steps out of bed almost unbearable. The term "fasciitis" refers to the swollen tissues between the bones of the foot and the thick skin sole of the foot.

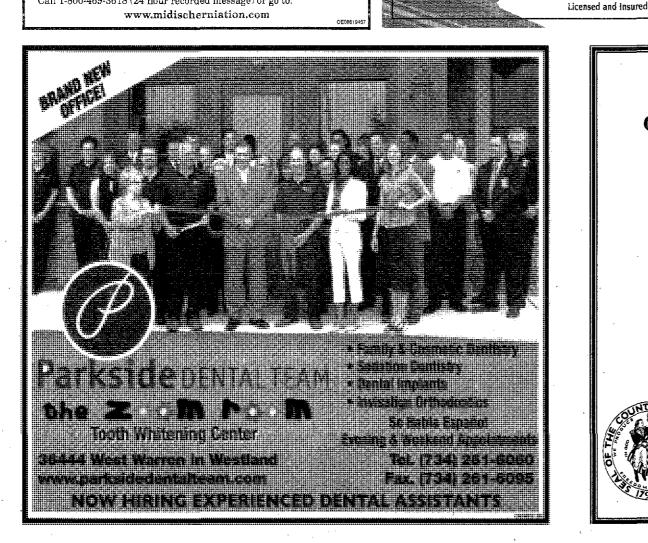
Why this area becomes swollen and painful is unknown. The easy answers such as excessive running, prior foot injury or ill fitting shoes do not apply to the majority cases of plantar fasciitis.

MRI imaging has shown that in plantar fascilitis, not only is the plantar tissue swollen, but the surrounding bone is bruised. Current medical thinking is that possibly the pain of plantar fasciitis is not from the swollen tissue but from the injured bone.

Since no one treatment can claim consistent success, a large number of therapies, claim attention. Advocates exist for physical therapy, application of heat, application of cold, shoe inserts, pressure molded orthotics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, pain medication, shock wave therapy, ultrasound therapy, radiotherapy, steroid injections and surgery.

Practical treatment consists of finding a comfortable pair of shoes and keeping as active as possible, as in time the toot pain will leave. However, keep in mind, that the resolution of

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WORKWISE

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laughed at and harassed. They're made aware in no uncertain terms that they're not

valued. If this happens to you, how can you turn the situation around? Psychotherapist and workplace coach Elayne Savage of Berkeley, Calif., says that if you feel rejected, you're probably "taking something personally, causing you to feel slighted, wronged or attacked. You're jumping into the center of your own universe. Recalibrate by creating distance to see the situation more clearly. Imagine

walking alongside yourself. Clarity and distance allow you to *choose* to make a different response. INCIDENTS Dori Harrell is a freelance writer in Yakima, Wa.,

with a book in progress. Before the first of ber three

incidents with a single employer, she'd won regional

awards as a local reporter. "I'd been nominated by co-

award," she recalls, "for in-depth articles about a topic

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editor rejected her three consecutive times, even though Harrell received the most nominations. The first time. she was in shock.

Each time it happened, co-workers e-mailed supportive messages about how she should have won. That continued for a week or two.

Not being recognized for excellence stings, especially if external sources have already conferred rewards. The same is true for job seekers who don't land a job they really want. Joseph Meuse, managing director of Belmont Partners Inc., in Washington, Va., has started five companies projected to generate \$10 million in revenue this year. He provides shell companies for small- to medium-sized businesses going public.

At 23 or 24, Meuse found a job he was passionate about. Although specific details are a bit hazy after more than a decade has passed, he thinks that he interviewed several times after walking in the door at the local office and asking for a job. He had more interviews at the regional location and an office north of it. "If I remember correctly, I was told no three times," he reports. RESÓLUTION

Harrell and Meuse reacted differently. "It was eating me up to go into work every day," Harrell comments. "It was affecting my work, writing and desire to get out of

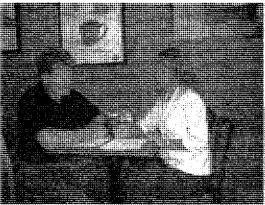
"It was affecting my life," she adds. "I had to start talking about something else. Since there was little I

could do, the one thing I could do is not take it as personally.

Because of this decision, she agonized only about a week the first time; during her return to her desk the second; and, expecting nothing the third time, even less. She still e-mails story ideas and sees former colleagues

Meuse acted on the spot. "Boy, they're wrong," he said to himself. "They're wrong about me." Five minutes after hanging up the phone, he hopped into his car and drove to a nearby city he knew nothing about. The receptionist pointed him to HR, but no one was there. Asking for something to write on, he was handed a 4x6 or 5x7 notepad "and just started writing, just what I believed in," he explains. "No one will be more dedicated or work harder..." He went on for at least ten pages. The fourth call from the company was the

The experience for Harrell was life-changing, causing her to shrug her shoulders and "just move on," she remarks, when similar situations arise. Today she advocates giving recognition to people who deserve it, even if you don't like them. Meuse learned that "life and work is just a bunch of problems. You get up every day



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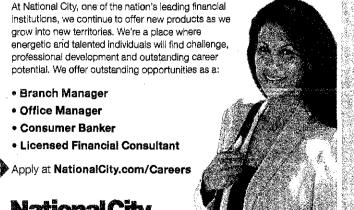
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However, with such fine offerings from Honda, Nissan, Scion and Toyota in this economy car class, the competition has been stiff.

The 2008 Aveo is good on gas, which cars in this segment are known for, but it's not as miserly as the Honda Fit or Toyota Yaris. That's because these models have more refined

and sportier engines. So, when it comes to price, the Aveo is more comparable with the bargain bin Kia Rio. The Aveo, which is assembled in South Korea but sold by your Chevy dealer here in America, is

available in two body styles: a sedan and hatchback that's called the Aveo5. Both Aveos come with two trim levels: the Special Value and LS on the Ayeo5 hatchback,

and LS and LT on the Aveo sedan. Special Value means getting what you pay for, which, starting at \$9,995, isn't much. Standard equipment includes 14-inch steel wheels, manual mirrors and windows and manual locks.

The Aveo5 LS adds the availability of options such as 15-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, cruise control, a sunroof, power windows, carpeted floor mats, keyless entry and a CD/MP3

The Aveo LS sedan is similarly equipped, but offers an upgraded interior with better materials and an auxiliary MP3 jack. The LT sedan rounds out the trims with almost all of the LS model's optional features standard, while offering upgraded seat cloth and the availability of options like leatherette upholstery and upgraded audio with an in-dash CD changer and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

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Since it made its debut in 2003, the Chevy Aveo has been a popular choice for compact car buyers.

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The 2008 has a 1.6-liter 4-cylinder engine that is good for 103 horsepower. A five-speed manual transmission is standard, and there's also an optional four-speed automatic.

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The Aveo sedan and Aveo 5 hatchback have different interior designs. The sedan got an overhaul in 2007, while the hatchback stood pat. So it's no surprise the sedan has higher-quality materials like weed grain or metallic trial. materials, like wood-grain or metallic trim, a driver's armrest and additional storage. The Aveo sedan has a "tall car" design and

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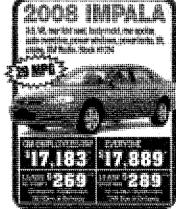
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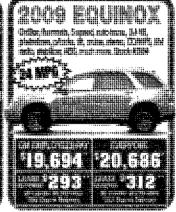
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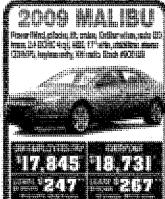
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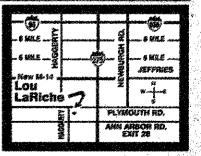
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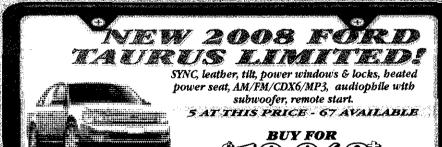
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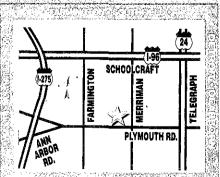
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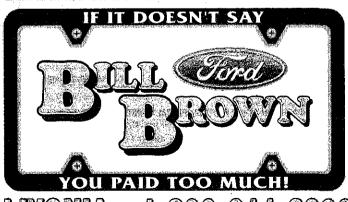
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