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Get a shot

The start of school is just around the corner, and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is offering immunizations clinics for children ages 3-19 who have Medicaid, no insurance or insurance that doesn't cover immunizations.

Immunizations will be done at the Oakwood Lincoln/Jefferson-Barns Healthcare Center 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, and 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. Students who will be attending programs at the Stottlemeyer Early Education Center and feeder schools for Wayne Memorial High School and meet the criteria can get immunizations at the same time as part of special Back to School Shots Days.

Students must be accompanied by a parent and bring a shots record. The clinic is in Lincoln Elementary School at 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland. For more information, call the clinic at (734) 728-2423.

The Wayne County Health Department also is offering immunizations at its Wayne Health Center at 33030 Van Born in Wayne.

Appointments can be scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday by calling (734) 727-7100. Walk-ins are accepted on a first come-first serve basis 8-10 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Be sure to bring immunization records and insurance information.

Tax vote

Voters in the Livonia school district will be asked on the Nov. 3 general election ballot to renew the district's operating millage and the sinking mills for another five years.

The proposal will ask voters to renew 18.4568 mills for nonhomestead property, such as businesses, .63 for homestead property, and 1.12 mills for the sinking fund. The general operating millage is set to expire in 2010, while the sinking fund millage expires in 2009.

Trustees approved the resolution by a 7-0 vote at its meeting last week.

Superintendent Randy Liepa recommended that the school board consider putting the millages on the November ballot to help save about \$50,000 in election costs. The city of Livonia also is holding an election in November to elect four City Council members.

The operational millage will generate \$30.2 million from local property taxes, while the sinking fund millage will raise \$6 million.

Liepa said that if voters were to reject one of the millages, the board would have time to ask voters again in February.



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On her 100th birthday Karin Wilson woke up to find 100 balloons on her lawn, put there by her neighbors.

Westland woman celebrates 100 years

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karin Wilson lives in her own home, a two-story condominium with one bathroom upstairs. She does her own shopping, cleans the house and attends church regularly.

She sounds like any other person, but what makes her different is her age. On Aug. 13, the Westland resident celebrated her 100th birthday.

"I don't think I have a secret to longevity," said Wilson. "I think it's all about attitude and a little shot of the Aquavit."

Wilson woke up on her birthday to 100 balloons on her front lawn, put there by her neighbors, and an afternoon cup of coffee turned into birthday cake and a visit from neighbors

and state, county and local officials.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, Westland Mayor Bill Wild, City Councilman Dewey Reeves and City Clerk Eileen DeHart stopped by for a slice of Hummingbird cake and to present Wilson with proclamations recognizing her birthday milestone.

"I don't think you look a day over 29," DeHart said.

"She had no idea this was going to happen," said her daughter, Priscilla Behnke. "She got a card from Mayor Wild yesterday and called me. She was so excited."

Born in 1909 in Mount Clemens, Wilson was the third of Dagmar and

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This portrait of 30-year-old Karin Wilson was made at the 1939 Worlds Fair in New York City.

At 101, she credits the Lord for her good life

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dorothy Steele received a tiara and bouquet of roses to mark her 101st birthday. Steele was born in Bangalore, India, in 1908.

Dorothy Steele had but one wish as she blew out three candles on her birthday cake: "Please bring our country back to worshipping God."

It's reflective of Steele's strong belief in God and her upbringing. Her parents were Methodist missionaries in India, where she grew up and went to school.

"I lived this long because I love the Lord, it makes a difference in one's life," she said. "If you want to live the good life, you have to love the Lord."

"She's always had a strong faith," said her granddaughter Debbie Day of Bloomington, Calif., who flew in for a visit with her son Josh that "fortunately coincided" with a 101st birthday party at the Marquette House in Westland where

Steele now lives.

Steele actually turned 101 July 8, but the celebration was delayed by her move from her son's house in Canton, where she had lived for four years.

"She has trouble walking," said her son, Charles. "This was hard to do. It wasn't an easy adjustment for her, but they made it nice for her here."

Steele wore a tiara, received a bouquet of pink roses and was serenaded by songs like *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, sung by Darlene's Family Affair, a musical troupe from St. Richard's Catholic Church which visits the facility once a month.

Steele was born in Bangalore, India, in 1908. When she was 6 years old, the family returned to the United States for three years. She attended a one-room

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New cars are backdrop for state of city

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Mayor William Wild presents his State of the City address next Thursday evening, he'll definitely be talking about finances. But instead of an American flag as the backdrop, it will be new cars, specifically Ford Motor Co.'s 2010 lineup.

A change from previous years when he delivered his speech at Westland Senior Friendship Center, Wild will be at North Brothers Ford, 33300 E. West of Venoy, for 7:30 p.m. speech. Wild chose North Brothers Ford as the site of his address to demonstrate importance of the city's two auto dealerships, and the auto industry as a key, in the city of Westland's economy and employment of its residents. Special guests will include UAW employees of the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne and workers at Westland businesses that are suppliers for the Big Three who reside in Westland.

"I wanted to come there to show support for the two auto dealerships we have in Westland," Wild said. "So many of our residents either work for the Big Three or work in the supply chain. We, as a community, need to come together and support the efforts of Ford as well as the other American car manufacturers and our local dealerships, as many of our livelihoods depend on it."

The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin with North Brothers Ford hosting a preview of its 2010 model lineup, starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be entertainment and refreshments and a chance for residents to win prizes, including a 42-inch flat-screen TV. The drawing will be at 8 p.m. Parents will be able to leave their children at the Kid Zone, sponsored by the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

In addition to city finances, Wild also will provide an update on the remediation of Central City Park, plans to use \$2 million in stimulus funds to rehabilitate and demolish blighted properties in the Norwayne subdivision and Westland's new curbside recycling program.

Wild also will launch the city's new marketing program to attract new homeowners and discuss the city's recent economic development efforts, which have brought more than 50 new businesses to Westland this year — including Sonic restaurant, which will create approximately 140 new jobs.

And there also will be a preview of the city's all new American City video, featuring Westland's own Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy.

"We want to attract residents to our dining and shopping district and new businesses," Wild said.

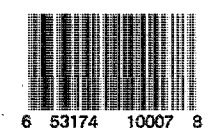


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W-W meets Disney at back-to-school event

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What do the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the popular Disney Radio have in common? You'll find out Saturday, Aug. 29, when the radio network for kids, tweens and families stops by Westland Shopping Center for a two-hour show highlighting the school district.

The 2-4 p.m. program is powered by the Wayne-Westland school district and Co-Op Credit Union. It offers parents an opportunity to learn more about the school district and its programs and get their children registered for school, according to Maria Mitter, director of the district's Family Resource Center.

"Radio Disney approached the school district about partnering with a back-to-school event," Mitter said. "It's open to the com-

munity and it's all free."

There event is geared for students of all ages — from preschool to high school. The district will have booths set up showing off its food services, transportation, career, technical and preschool programs. Chef Tony Paquette, culinary arts instructor for the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, will be tempting participants with a selection of pastries, while Radio Disney will host Wii baseball and allow kids to participate in games on the Disney stage.

Kids also can register for a drawing to win the chance to throw out the first pitch at a Detroit Tigers baseball game, while Dave Rozma of the 1984 world championship Detroit Tigers will be signing autographs 2-3:30 p.m.

The district's high schools also will be featured with cheerleaders, instrumental music and JROTC members on hand.

"This is geared for preschool to high school," Mitter said. "We'll have information on our career technical center and out preschool programs. We'll also be showing our *Best in Michigan* video."

According to Mitter, this the first time Wayne-Westland has done an event like this. It was Radio Disney that approached the district about doing the back-to-school event, she said.

"It works well because we have the power to draw in people with our marketing," she said. "Radio Disney is working with the district to get parents involved, so this is a good match. This has gone very smoothly, so I can see us doing this again."

The back-to-school event will be in held the East Court of the shopping center, located at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

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STEELE

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schoolhouse in Marseilles, Ohio, for one year and then a school in Cleveland across the street from the Rockefeller estate.

The family returned to India, and Steele was sent to an American boarding school 1,000 miles away from her family. At age 16, she returned to the U.S. to complete her education, majoring in home economics at Ohio Wesleyan University, where she met her late husband, Russell Steele. He planned to be a doctor and went on to study at Western Reserve University

in Cleveland. She moved to Cincinnati, where she studied to be a nutritionist at Christ Hospital. At the time, Russell was assigned to finish his medical internship in Panama.

The couple married in 1932 and, when Russell received his degree, she joined him in the Central American country. The Steeles lived in the Canal Zone while Russell worked for the Panama Canal Co. They raised their four children — Ann, Janice, James and Charles — there.

"I never worked after I was married," Steele said. "All women should do is raise their children."

The family also moved to Washington, D.C., where Russell studied to be a psy-

chiatrist, which were needed by the military. He was sent to Japan, where he worked for 18 months before they returned to the U.S. According to daughter-in-law Ramona Steele, the family was held up in Australia on their trip home to accommodate the war brides headed to the U.S.

Russell eventually retired from the Army in 1962 and the couple traveled, visiting places like Italy, Sweden and Greece. According to Steele, all of the countries she lived in and visited were interesting.

"The best place, I probably should say, is the United States, but the most beautiful place was in India. The school I went that was in the mountains," she added.

The Steeles eventually moved to California to live with their daughter Ann. Not long after, Russell died, and in 1994 she bought a home there and fixed it up.

Longevity runs in her family. She had an aunt who lived well into her 90s, and her mother died at age 99.

"Her mother really wanted to make it to 100," Charles Steele said.

The 101st birthday party was subdued compared to the celebration held last year. According to Charles Steele, relatives "came from Maine to California and Michigan to Florida" to celebrate. In addition to her children, Steele has 34 grandchildren and so many great-grandchildren that she



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Norma LaVigne offers birthday greetings to Dorothy Steele who celebrated her 101st birthday at a party with other residents at Marquette House in Westland.

has lost count.


"We had 60 people come, we had a big shindig," he said. "It was fun."

Looking back on her 101 years, Steele said the airplane may be the most memorable invention.

"When I was a child, I read about the flying carpet in *Arabian Nights*, but I never thought I would fly in the air," she said. "The story came true for me."

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WILSON

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Peter Boesen's five children and the only girl. Known as "Sister" by her family, she spent most of her childhood helping "Mama" with her to younger brothers. She began playing the piano to accompany her younger brother

Jack, a gifted violinist. She spent years practicing the piano four hours a day and with her brother perform in concerts in Detroit, Ohio and Illinois. When Jack graduated from high school, she moved with him to New York City where he took violin lessons from a well-known teacher and she worked at Macy's.

Wilson was 34 when she met Lewis Wilson, a sergeant in the U.S. Army. On Jan. 13, 1944, they eloped to Chicago for the ceremony and a very short honeymoon before he left for a two-year stint overseas.

"The day she met Dad she came home and told her mother she had met the man she was going to marry," said Behnke.

After the war, the couple settled in Detroit, living on Asbury Park until Lewis died in 1972. Behnke was their only child and when she married and had children, Wilson volunteered to watch them. She would get to the house at 7:15 a.m. to get them off to school and was there to greet them when they got off the bus.

"When the kids' friends would come over after school, she would always make sure that they didn't go home hungry," Behnke said.

Wilson also gave her grandchildren piano lessons, and when their friends wanted to learn, she taught them. They even had recitals in Behnke's living room.

"She ended up teaching piano to some of the neighborhood children until she was 90 years old," Behnke said.

"I adore classical music, it was my life," added Wilson, who

named her dog Chopin and her cat Camille after Camille Saint-Saëns.

Wilson now has two great-granddaughters, Mackenzie Kay, 3, and Sydney Louise, 1, whose middle name represents a family name that has been in the family for six generations. According to Behnke, when her mother was told that Sydney's middle name was Louise, "the new great-grandma was so proud that she walked around the hospital with tears in her eyes the entire day."

A lot has changed since Wilson was born. She remembers the Great Depression and how frugal her mother was. She also remembers the bell ringer who walked down the street once a week with a wheel to sharpen knives and the junkman who honked a horn as he cruised the alley behind the family home. But for her, of all the inventions of the 20th century, it's the radio that was the most memorable.

"You could get the news and music," she said. "When we first got radio, they had the programming in the newspaper about when they would broadcast."

With her first 100 years under her belt, Wilson is looking to the future and her great-grandchildren play a big part in it.

"I told my minister I want to live another 10 years," she said. "I've done everything, now I'd like to watch my great-grandchildren grow up."

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CITY OF WESTLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08-149 REVISING RESOLUTION 2009-02-23

AUTHORIZING BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009, GENERAL CITY ELECTION ON WHETHER OR NOT SECTIONS 10.8, 10.9(a) AND 10.9(b) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED

The following Resolution 2009-08-149 was presented on motion of Kehrer, supported by Reeves:

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to revise Resolution No. 2009-02-23 adopted by City Council at a meeting on February 2, 2009 concerning Sections 10.8, 10.9(a) and 10.9(b) of the City Charter.

WHEREAS, this Resolution revises the language of the ballot questions so to make them more informative and understandable to the electors of the City and ensure that the language fully complies with State law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westland City Council does hereby amend Resolution No. 2009-02-23 to provide as follows:

1. The language, "Shall Section 10.8 of the Westland City Charter be amended to allow a candidate for office to file nominating petitions, or file a fee to become a candidate? YES _____ NO _____" **IS REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 10.8 AND 10.9(b) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CHARTER

Sections 10.8 and 10.9(b) require that a candidate for elective City office file nominating petitions in support of his or her candidacy signed by a minimum/maximum number of City voters (the minimum being 1% of the votes cast in the City at the last election for the office of Secretary of State and the maximum being 4% of such votes). It is proposed that these sections be amended to permit these candidates to pay a \$100 filing fee as an alternative to filing nominating petitions. Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

YES _____
 NO _____

2. The language "Shall Section 10.9(a) of the Westland City Charter be amended to change the candidate filing deadline to twelve weeks prior to the primary election date? YES _____ NO _____" **IS REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10.9(a) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CHARTER

Section 10.9(a) provides that the deadline for candidates seeking to run for elective city office is seven weeks before the primary election date. Due to a change in state election law, the current deadline is the twelfth Tuesday before the City primary election. It is proposed that this section be amended to acknowledge that State election law imposes the current deadline of the twelfth Tuesday before the primary. Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

YES _____
 NO _____

3. The language "Shall Section 10.9(b) of the Westland City Charter be amended to allow a candidate for office to file nominating petitions, or file a fee to become a candidate? YES _____ NO _____" **IS DELETED.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with the Home Rule Cities Act, the City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the proposed charter amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for her approval, and submit this resolution to the Attorney General, publish and post the proposed Charter Amendments along with the text of the existing Charter provision which would be altered and/or continued thereby, and perform such other measures as are required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with the Home Rule Cities Act, this resolution shall be effective only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elect of the Westland City Council.

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Graunstadt, Johnson	(None)	(None)
Kehrer, Pickering,		
Reeves, Stottlemeyer,		
Godbout		

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Westland City Council at regular meeting held on August 17, 2009, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, including the case of a special or rescheduled regular meeting, or a meeting recessed for more than thirty-six hours, notice by posting at least eighteen hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
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CORRECTION

The Food & Wine Festival at Meadow Brook Music Festival is set for 1-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Incorrect dates were published in Thursday's *Observer*.

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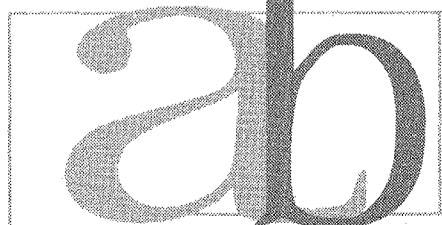
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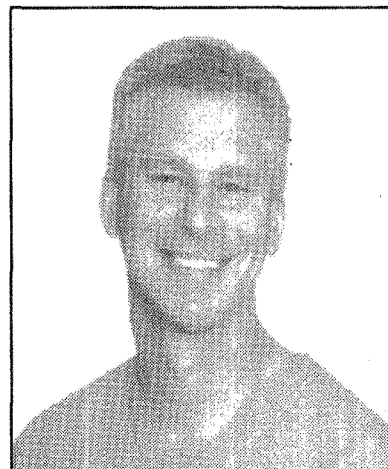
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Block party offers families fun, fellowship

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year, the Salvation Army block party drew some 450 revelers, and this year's event didn't disappoint.

"We want to give families a safe opportunity to have fun fellowship with kids," said Capt. Joanna Rose, corps commander with husband Derek of the Wayne-Westland corps on Venoy. They share the message of Jesus Christ and the Salvation Army.

Those attending learn about youth character building programs, floor hockey, summer day camp and more.

Joanna Rose was pleased with blue skies, and agreed God could have sent the sunny summer weather.

"I think he did, most definitely, a beautiful day," she said.

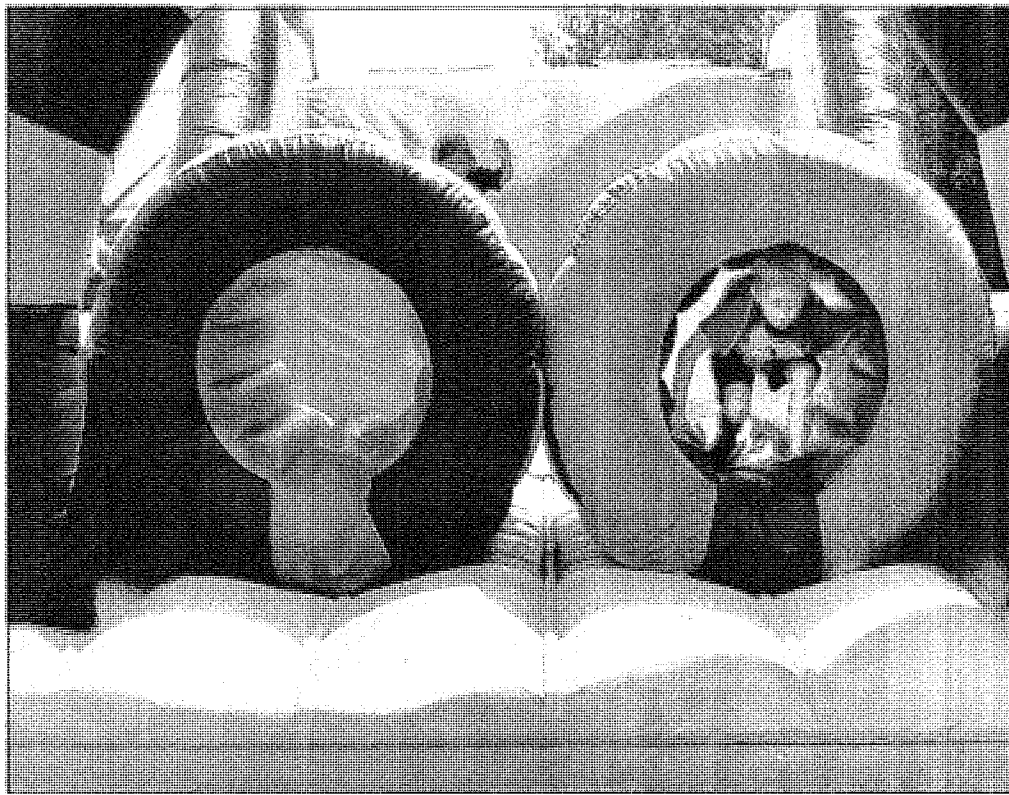
There were inflatables for the kids to bounce on, carnival games, live bands and food, including cotton candy, Sno-Cones, hot dogs and fruit.

"But it's still mostly junk food," added Sandy Kollinger, corps administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator. Soon, she gathered volunteers around to pass out assignments at various posts. Volunteer Hector Gonzalez was at his usual post, grilling hot dogs, first for volunteers and then the neighborhood party goers.

"This is my third set of captains," said Gonzalez, who's worked with Chuck and Betty Yockey, Matt and Mindie O'Neil and now the Roses. He expected to grill about 400 hot dogs.

"I've got a brand-new grill," Gonzalez said, adding he made sure the hot dogs and buns were thawed. "I'm going to break it in."

The Westland Police Department donated a number of bicycles for the block party. Officers David Archambeau



Adam Barta has some summer fun at the block party put on by the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

and Kyle Dawley were at the party to register bicycles, a first-time idea for the Salvation Army event. A city ordinance requires bicycle registration.

"It helps us to be able to identify it," Archambeau said of bikes found. "We find a lot of bicycles by the side of the road."

Archambeau works out of the nearby Dorsey Center, and agreed events like the block party help the neighborhood. "Prevent crime. It gives the kids something to do" and helps with a sense of community, he said.

Saturday was the wrap-up for vacation Bible school.

"They've been tremendously excited," said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries, of VBS kids. He was looking forward to a stint in the dunk tank.

"I think it's going to be a

blast," Barylski said. "I did it last year. It was a little chilly."

Derek Rose, the captain, was to go in the tank as well, in an older dress uniform really meant for the dry cleaners.

Barylski, who said VBS was particularly good this summer, was glad to help at the party.

"I think it's great. It lets the community know we're here in a unique way."

Due to the heat, there was a cooling station inside the corps building which had information on Salvation Army programs. Barylski said the after school tutoring starts Sept. 14 for ages 6 through high school.

The after-school program runs 3-6:35 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. It's \$20 a month per child, although a second child from the same family is just \$10 more.

"We serve a wonderful dinner every night," Barylski said. There's a certified teacher for tutoring, as well as three college-age tutors. "It definitely seems to be helping."

People need to sign up for the after-school program, and can call (734) 722-3660. There's a 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, orientation at the corps center on Venoy south of Palmer. Parents can show up then and sign up their kids.

Floor hockey will start Sept. 25 for boys and girls ages 7-13. Cost is \$15 for the season, with details at the Salvation Army from Barylski.

Helping as block party sponsors were Palace Supermarket, Bobby's Bouncers, Marquis Food Service, Sak N Save, Sam's Club, Kroger, and Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services.

Car show benefits budding artist

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A special car show and fundraiser will be held Thursday in memory of Garden City resident Brent Blyshak.

In October 2007, Blyshak unexpectedly died of a heart attack, leaving behind a son, Chandler, and his Buick Grand National car.

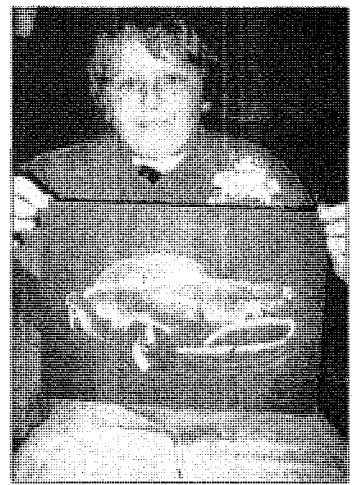
The benefit will raise money for Chandler's education. Chandler has a goal of accomplishing his father's dream of him becoming a custom car artist and painter.

Blyshak's mother, Gayle Buchan, a Livonia resident, is organizing the Brent Blyshak Memorial Car Show Benefit, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Ivory Room at 33500 Ford, Westland.

"All proceeds are going toward Chandler's education fund," said Buchan. "All money will go toward Chandler's education in order for him to accomplish his dream."

Those who attend will get to meet Chandler, see the Grand National and view Chandler's art display. They can also win a drawing of their car by Chandler.

There will be several food



Chandler Blyshak shows off one of his car sketches. The youngster is hoping to fulfill his late father's dream of him becoming a custom car artist and painter.

and drink specials, including the infamous "Brently Drink." There is also a 50/50 raffle, and door prizes which include certificates for a hypnosis session, a psychic reading, a professional massage, carpet cleaning, dinners and more, Buchan said.

"All are welcome, with or without a classic car," Buchan said.

Donations can be made at the car show, or in advance by contacting Buchan at (734) 464-3364 or (734) 564-0233.

Services held for drowning victim

Services were held Friday for a Westland man who apparently drowned Saturday, Aug. 15, in Lake Michigan.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for 21-year-old Joseph "Joe" Alan Chmielewski at St. Francis d'Assisi Church in Detroit, following a visitation at Jarzembowski Funeral Home, also in Detroit.

According to the Benzie County Sheriff's Department, authorities received a cell phone call at 3:40 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15, about a man a drowning in Lake Michigan near the mouth of the Platte River in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

The sheriff's department reported that swimmers found the victim, identified as Joseph Alan Chmielewski, in seven to 10 feet of water and brought him to shore. Emergency workers tried to revive Chmielewski and transported him to Paul Oliver Hospital in Frankfort where he was pronounced dead at 4:57 p.m. The sheriff's department is awaiting the results of an autopsy.

Mr. Chmielewski is survived by his mother, Kimberly, a baby Ace, his grandmother Marlene, several aunts and uncles and cousins. Memorials can be made to Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

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Carolyn Kline remembered as 'phenomenal woman'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While the William P. Faust Public Library has lost a dedicated employee with the death of Carolyn Kline, but for Diane Guzik, it's much more. "Carolyn was my best friend," said Guzik. "We knew each other since ninth grade. We went to Rosary High School in Detroit and were fast friends."



Carolyn Kline

Mrs. Kline died Aug. 11 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was 57.

Mrs. Kline studied elementary education at Wayne State University and taught at St. Robert Bellarmine School until she married her husband, Frederick. A Plymouth resident, she started at the Westland library 13 years ago as a page and worked up to a position in the children's department.

According to Guzik, Mrs. Kline would decorate showcases, using her Beanie Babies and the Madame Alexander dolls she had been collecting since childhood.

"She loved American Girl and did American Girl programs at the library," said Guzik, who lives in Livonia. "She got her brother Richard to come and do a science program for the children. Her husband grew up on an apple farm near Grand Rapids and she got his to dress as Johnny Appleseed and come in to talk about the different apples."

Along with the dolls, she also enjoyed collected children's literature and teddy bears which she also shared with the children at the library. She also enjoyed the family camping vacations and the weekend camping trips.

Mrs. Kline had been cancer-free for seven years when the

disease returned. She went through two rounds of chemotherapy and radiation and but was "bound and determined to go to work," so she did six-hour shifts, her friend said.

Toward the end, when she didn't drive, her daughter, her friends and her husband would take her to work. Frederick Kline would stay at the library until she finished her shift, at

times helping her with her displays, Guzik said.

The week before she died, the Klins and a brother and sister-in-law drove to South Bend, Ind., to see Notre Dame University. She could only travel three hours at a time, so they made several stops along the way.

"She kept saying she wasn't going to let the cancer take

over, 'It's going to live in me, but I'm going to fight it,'" Guzik recalled. "She was phenomenal woman who would not give up."

Guzik is glad she "hooked up" with Mrs. Kline so many years ago and sees her late friend as an inspiration for other cancer patients.

"She never gave up," Guzik said. "She had a lot of adversity, but she was always very posi-

tive. I'm going to miss talking to her."

Mrs. Kline is survived by her husband, Frederick, daughters Ellen and Emily, her mother, Lillian Brudzynski, brothers Richard Brudzynski and Daniel (Carole) Brudzynski and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Brudzynski, sister Christine and husband

Larry Szostak.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076, Attention: Memorial Department or to the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, MI 48185.

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Durable power of attorney keeps court at bay

Q: Dear Rick: My father is in his 80s and is starting to become a little forgetful. Because of his situation, I need to take control of his finances. A friend recommended that I hire an attorney to become the guardian over my father. I talked to an attorney and he quoted me a fee which I thought was very high. Is there anything that I can do without having to get a lawyer involved and go to



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Rick Bloom

your father's affairs.

court?
A: Depending upon the health of your father, there is something that you can do to avoid court and obtain the legal powers necessary to take control of

If your father is legally competent, you can have him execute a durable power of attorney. This would give you the legal right to handle his affairs without going to court.

When someone becomes incapable of handling their affairs, typically, a legal guardian is appointed. This is a legal process and it does get costly. When a court appoints someone as a legal guardian, it takes that appointment seriously and there are a variety of procedures.

In addition, when someone is appointed as a guardian, he/she must account to the court on a regular basis as to how the finances are handled. Guardianships tend to be a costly procedure and is something that, if possible, you should try to avoid.

My philosophy has always been the more you keep judges, courts and lawyers out of

family affairs, the easier life is. That is one of the reasons that I prefer durable powers of attorney.

The beauty of the durable power of attorney is that it does not require court supervision. In addition, it survives a legal disability. For example, if someone issued a durable power of attorney and was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's, that power of attorney would still be in effect.

Most powers of attorney are not "durable powers" and thus are not valid if after the execution of the document, that person becomes legally disabled. That is not the case with a durable power of attorney.

In your case, I recommend a durable power of attorney. If he executes a general durable power of attorney you can take over his affairs without court being a necessity

and without being under the court's supervision. The key is whether your father has the legal capacity to execute the document and, just as importantly, whether he is willing to execute the document. Just because your father is a little forgetful does not mean he does not have the legal capacity to execute a document. Talk to his doctor if you are uncertain whether he has that legal capacity.

I strongly recommend general durable powers of attorney. These allow family affairs to remain in the family without bringing in outsiders such as judges and lawyers. Of course, you should not execute this document to anyone you don't have full confidence in. After all, the person who receives the power can basically do anything and everything without any supervision.

There is a general miscon-

ception that a husband and wife can act on each other's behalf in cases of emergency. That is not the case. In order to give the power to act on your behalf, you must execute a general durable power of attorney.

One last note, you do not need an attorney to execute a general durable power of attorney. However, keep something in mind — that you are executing a legal document. Every I must be dotted and every T crossed to ensure the document accomplishes what you want. While an attorney is not a requirement when executing a general durable power of attorney, it is generally a good idea to have one. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM
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The City of Westland is accepting proposals for Neighborhood Stabilization Program - Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Resale projects. Proposals for the Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Resale projects are due on Thursday, September 17, 2009, by 10:00 a.m.; to City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185. Mark outside of envelope: "NSP/RFP."

A copy of the RFP is available at the City of Westland website: www.cityofwestland.com. Questions may be directed to Joanne Inglis at jinglis@cityofwestland.com or by calling 734.595.0288.

Joanne A. Inglis, Director
William Wild, Mayor

Publish: August 23, 2009

**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 16 08/17/09**

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

148: Appr. minutes of 8/3/09.
-Appr. req. from A. Baracy to host "Paint the Town Pink" event during the month of Oct.
-Appr. req. from Westland Shopping Ctr. to have a boat show on 8-21-31 in the s.e. parking lot.
-Appr. bid for Editing Systems to TeL Systems; amt. \$30,374.00.
-Appr. bid for Matthew St. reconstruction to Hartwell Cement; amt. \$144,842.50.
-Appr. 1 yr contract ext. with Suburban Oil for calcium chloride; amt for 2009-10 season approx. \$54,600.00.
-Adopt. Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 2 properties.
149: Adopt. Prep. Res. to revise Res. No. 2009-02-23 adopted 2/2/09.
151: Tabled. req. of Forum Fitness to have 5KRun/Walk.
152: Appr. Spec. Land Use for Yun's Village Restaurant exp. n.e corner Warren & Venoy.
153: Appr. Site Plan for Kroger Fuel Station, w. side of Merriman, s. of Cherry Hill.
155: Designated J. Godbout as Council Del. MML Conf. 9/22-25/09.
157: Designated as Council Alt. Del. MML Conf. 9/22-25/09.
158: Conf. appt. of J. Williams to Westland Planning Commission, term to exp. 5/6/2012.
159: Appr. checklist: \$2,953,515.83 & Prepaid: \$4,923,082.82.
Mtg. adj. at 8:48 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
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Eileen DeHart, CMC
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HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, Aug. 25

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Diabetes Self-Management Education (third of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register. Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

CPAP and BiPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information. Diabetes "Summer School" at 6 p.m. The group will meet at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City

Parkway, Westland. The Aug. 26 session subject will be "Know Your Healthy Steps," focusing on the importance of physical activity and the related issues of meal planning and medications. Light refreshments (30 grams of carbohydrates) will be offered. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register. Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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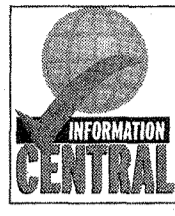
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The term itself was coined by the ancient Romans, who called these days "caniculares dies" (days of the dogs) after the constellation of Canis Major within which Sirius (The Dog Star) is found. As the hottest and most humid days of summer generally coincided with the period when Sirius rose/set with the sun, they believed that heat from Sirius was increasing the heat of the sun (from Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia).

Practically speaking, it means we only have a few more days to feel relaxed before school starts and all the busyness begins. So spend a few hours relaxing and reading a good book.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has many shelves of good leisure reading, but if you don't have a favorite author try the New Fiction shelves straight ahead as you walk in.

Suggested leisure reading: "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" by Seth Grahame-Smith - "a wacky by-product of the busy Jane Austen fan-fiction industry" (Booklist). "Swimsuit" - James Patterson's newest thriller.



"Best Friends Forever" by Jennifer Weiner - a high school revenge fantasy. "The Family Man" by Elinor Lipman - man reconnects with

his long lost stepdaughter, hilarious and moving. "Leisure Seekers" - long-time couple leaves family and doctors behind to set out on a forbidden vacation of rediscovery.

Highlighted Activities
Introduction to Essential Oils: 7 p.m. Aug. 24

Iika Handshaw, health coach and an aromatherapy consultant, will teach of the healing power of plant and flower essences and help you discover the therapeutic benefits of aromatherapy. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

Science Fiction Book Club: 7 p.m. Aug. 26

This month the Science Fiction book club is discussing everyone's favorite short stories. Copies of the stories will be available at the Reference Desk a month before the meeting.

Fantasy Football Sign-up: 7-8 p.m. Aug. 27, teens and adults.

Sign up for the library's first fantasy football league, play trivia games and win fun prizes! Note: you must sign up before the draft on Sept. 3rd and must also have an e-mail address to play. Stop by the library to sign up for an e-mail account, if you don't have one. No early registration necessary. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the

library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library: Sept. 18-20, Preview Sale Sept. 17, Friends members only.

For more information, call the library (734) 326-6123 or visit our website at westlandlibrary.org.

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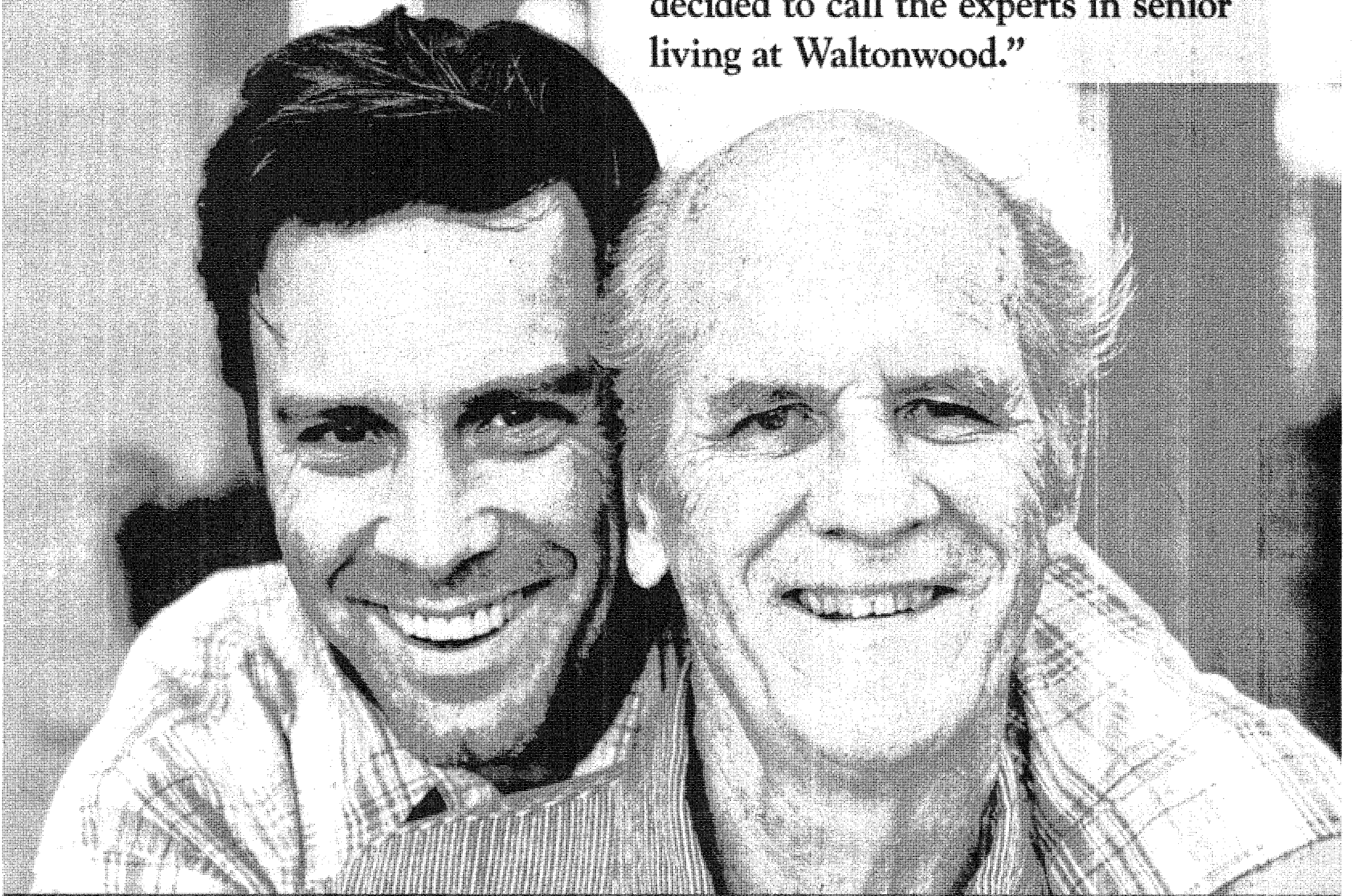
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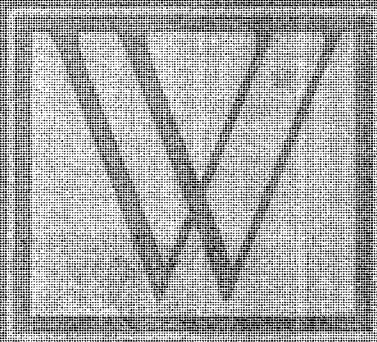


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D-1 finalist Stevenson rebuilding

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Is this the season the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team comes back to the pack?

Coming off a near Division 1 state title — the Spartans were ousted 1-0 in overtime by East Kentwood in the finals — coach Lars Richters had all winter, spring and summer



to contemplate what the future would hold in 2009.

The 2008 Spartans were mighty good, going 20-2-3 with a slew of titles, including the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship along with

district and regional crowns.

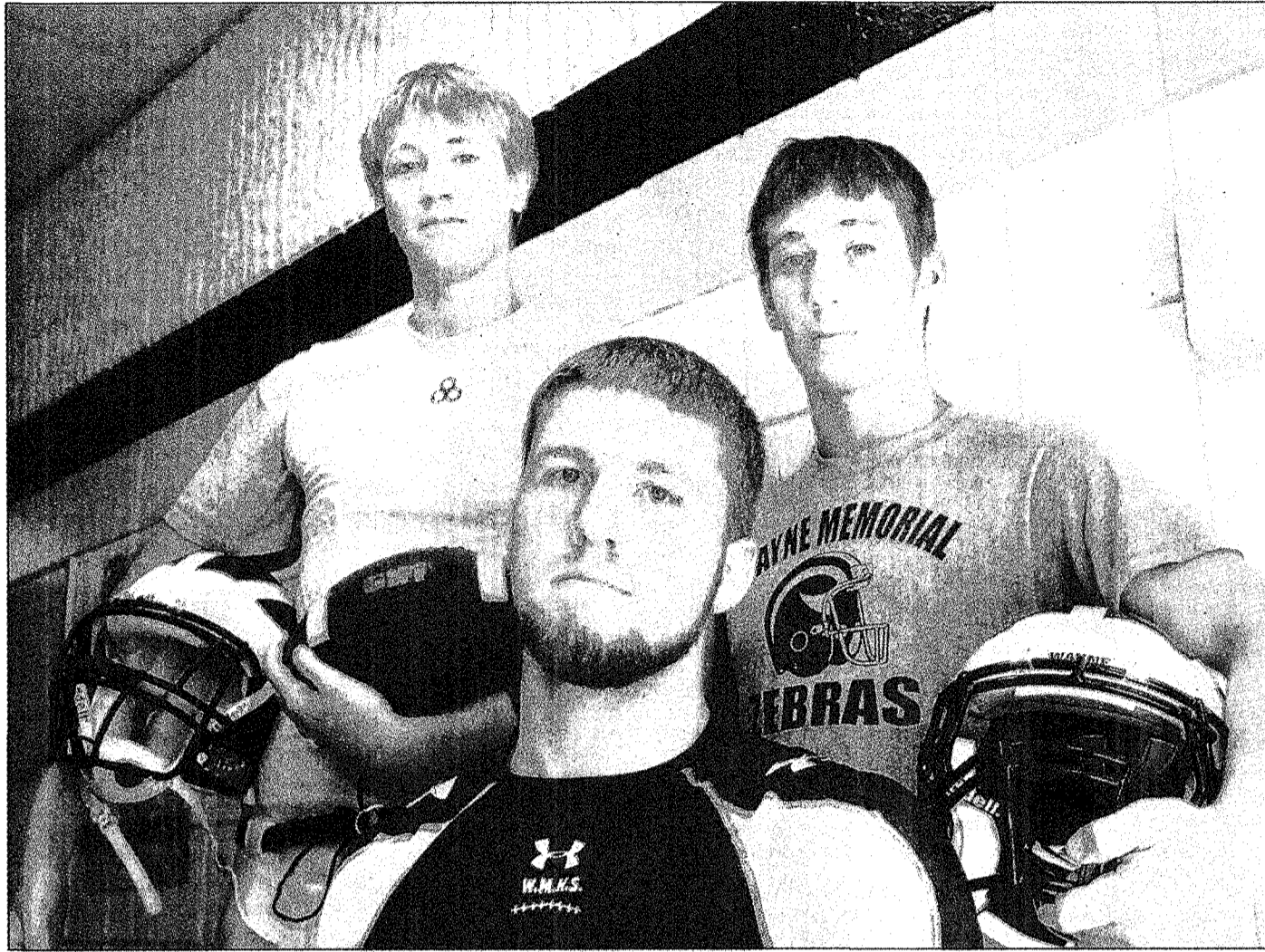
Stevenson was nearly gutted by graduation losses, losing its top three midfielders including first-team All-Observer picks Brian Klemczak (now playing at Michigan), Joey D'Agostino and Nate Sergison.

Also gone is first-team All-Area defender Chris Long and second-team All-Area defender Kendal Snow.

But two-year starting goalkeeper Conner Burton, a senior who has 21 career shutouts, returns along with senior defender Adam Dabkowski and junior midfielder Zach Cooney, the latter whom played for Richters on the national champion Under-16 Derby County Wolves club team.

"It will certainly be a tremendous challenge to replace the quantity and the quality of players who graduated from last year's team," said Richters, now in his 12th season. "We will start the year without much varsity playing experience, but I am hopeful that the players will take advantage

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



Wayne Memorial's tri-captains for the 2009 football season include (from left) Nick Mills, Dylan Kozetki, Zakk Hardyniec.

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Strong signals QB spot a strength as Zebras enter '09

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There may be several question marks concerning the 2009 Wayne Memorial football team, but quarterback isn't one of them.

The Zebras, coming off a 1-8 season in Kevin Weber's inaugural year as coach, find themselves in a favorable situation, returning their top two signal-callers in Zakk Hardyniec and Nick Mills.

Both have become well-versed in running the spread option attack.

"We're further along than last year at this point, especially on offense," Weber said. "This is the second year in the spread option and there are a lot of decisions for the quarterback, even in the running game. Last year, we lost games early in the season

because we blew assignments. A lot more kids know where they're going this year."

Mills, a 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior, will take a bulk of the snaps.

"We'll throw the ball a lot with Nick," Weber said. "I've worked with him since his freshman year. He's a big kid with a strong arm. If he has a great senior year, he has a chance to play in college."

The 5-8, 175-pound Hardyniec, also a senior, will figure prominently in the offensive scheme.

"Z will run some of our base offensive stuff, but he's a good athlete and can also play the slot," Weber said. "He gives us another kid who can do things. It changes how to defend us. We'll put in him situations where we can use his strengths."

Please see **ZEBRAS, B2**

FAST FACTS

School: Wayne Memorial.

Head coach: Kevin Weber, second season.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

2008 record: 1-8.

Notable losses to graduation: Ramsey Hart (first-team All-Area); Richard Haley (second-team All-Area); Alex Bledsoe, C.J. Johnson, Eric Story.

Leading returnees: Zakk Hardyniec, Sr. S-QB (5-8, 175); Keith Agee, Jr. LB-RB (5-9, 185); Dylan Kozetki, Jr. OL-DL (6-4, 240); Dan Ross, Sr. WR-DB (5-10, 155); Sean Ogle, Sr. RB-LB (5-9, 180); Jimmy Kassis, Sr. OL (6-0, 200); Jake White, Sr. LB (6-0, 190).

Promising newcomers: Billy Shillingburg, Jr. LB (5-11, 195); Nick Mills Sr. QB (6-4, 190); James Jackson, Sr. WR (5-8, 150); Jaimel Strickland, Jr. DB-WR (6-1, 153); Brett McMasters, Jr. DB (5-7, 150).

Coach's quote: "We have some kids who can run. We just haven't been consistent. We do have kids that are pretty talented. We'll do things offensively and defensively to play to our strengths."

2009 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 27 (Waterford Kettering); Sept. 3 (at Waterford Mott); Sept. 11 (at Livonia Franklin); Sept. 18 (Plymouth); Sept. 25 (Canton); Oct. 2 (at Livonia Churchill); Oct. 9 (Westland John Glenn); Oct. 16 (KLAAs crossover); Oct. 23 (at Walled Lake Central).

FAST FACTS

School: Lutheran Westland.

Head coach: Paul Guse', eighth season.

Assistant coaches: Tim Haller (defensive coordinator); Josh Haller (co-offensive coordinator); Mark Kowalski.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

2008 record: 4-5 overall.

Notable losses to graduation: Sam Ahlersmeyer (second-team All-Area); Stephen Kemp.

Starters returning: Sean Roe, Sr. QB (5-8, 145); Ethan Haller, Sr. QB (5-10, 180); Craig Kowalski, Sr. C (5-10, 200); Gabe Paul, Sr. OL (5-10, 200); Colin McBride, Soph. OL (6-0, 250); Vince MacRae, Sr. TE (6-1, 180); David Moldenhauer, Sr. WB (5-11, 165); Tom Walsh, Sr. OL/DL (6-0, 205); Zac Musial, Jr. TE (6-2, 170).

Promising newcomers: Travis Doney, Jr. OL (6-4, 235); Aaron Gartha, Jr. OL (6-1, 220); Derrick Mozham, Jr. RB (5-11, 185); Justin Reis, Jr. FB (5-10, 190); Eddie Abranovich, Soph. LB (6-1, 215); Dawson Davenport, Soph. OL (5-9, 205).

Coach's quote: "We're one of the few schools left in the state that's never been to the playoffs, and that weighs heavy on all our minds. But we think this just might be the year."

2009 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 28 (1 p.m., Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor); Sept. 3 (at Riverview Gabriel Richard); Sept. 11 (at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian); Sept. 19 (1 p.m., Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 25 (Auburn Hills Oakland Christian); Oct. 3 (1 p.m., Southfield Christian); Oct. 9 (5 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett); Oct. 17 (1 p.m. at Detroit Preparatory Academy); Oct. 23 (4 p.m. at Detroit Urban Lutheran).

Playoffs? Warriors banking on it

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe this will be the year. Coaches, players and fans of Lutheran High Westland hold out hope every year that the beloved Warriors win enough games to somehow make it into the postseason and experience what playoff football is all about.

"We're one of the few schools left in the state that's never been to the playoffs," said veteran Warriors head coach Paul Guse'. "And that weighs heavy on all our minds. But we think this just might be the year."

Guse's optimism stems from the return of a host of talented players and the fact that the Warriors will no longer have to play up and face a bevy of larger schools associated with the Metro Conference.

Instead, the 2009 Warriors will suit up every week as part of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and face the likes of Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Southfield Christian and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

"What's nice about the change is we'll be playing more (Class) D schools now and not all those B schools," Guse said. "There's no guarantee we'll be any more successful, but it just helps when you go out there and look across the field and see the same number of guys that we have. We're looking forward to playing teams with some of the same issues we have."

Coming off a 4-5 campaign in '08, the Warriors will look to a pair of offensive threats to set the table in



Senior Ethan Haller returns in the backfield for Lutheran High Westland, which has left the Metro Conference in favor of the MIAC.

what they hope becomes a more diversified attack. Senior Sean Roe (5-8, 145) will call signals under center when the Wing T playbook is in use, and senior Ethan Haller (5-10, 180) will get the nod lining up in shotgun formation.

"We were getting 10 in the box against us last year as other teams dared us to throw — and we didn't," Guse said. "We need to open it up."

The duo should receive plenty of support up front with the return of seniors Craig Kowalski (5-10, 200), Gabe Paul (5-10, 200) and Tom Walsh (6-0, 205), along with sophomore Colin McBride (6-0, 250).

Senior Vince MacRae (6-1, 180) will

serve as a nice target at tight end and senior David Moldenhauer (5-11, 165) will provide a spark at wingback.

Guse is counting on a host of underclassmen to step in and produce right from the opening kick, which takes place Saturday, Aug. 29, against visiting Annapolis.

Juniors Travis Doney (6-4, 235) and Aaron Gartha (6-1, 220) will vie for playing time in the trenches, while classmates Derrick Mozham (5-11, 185) and Justin Reis look to line up in the offensive backfield.

Sophomores Eddie Abranovich (6-1, 215) and Dawson Davenport (5-9, 205) will also be key components on both sides of the ball.

SIDELINES

MU spikers 12th

Reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University is ranked No. 12 in the inaugural National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2009 Volleyball Coaches' preseason poll.

The Crusaders, who have advanced to the NAIA Nationals in each of the last eight seasons, ended last season ranked 11th while finishing 35-7 overall.

Defending national champion Fresno Pacific (Calif.) opens the year at No. 1.

The Crusaders open the season Friday and Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic.

Elks winners

Among the age-group winners for the 11th annual Elks Soccer Shoot held Monday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center and hosted by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation include:

Boys 12-13: Alex Biskelonis (34-of-75); **Girls 12-13:** Andrea Kwasnecicz (17-of-75); **Boys 10-11:** Joseph Choma (14-of-75); **Girls 10-11:** Kendra Pennington (19-of-75); **Boys 8-9:** Michael Hudock (28-of-45); **Girls 8-9:** Kayla Martinez (29-of-45); **Boys 7-and-under:** Daniel Terrian (27-of-45); **Girls 7-and-under:** Kirsten Martinez (19-of-45).

Winners advance to the district competition.

Triathlon champs

A total of 45 participants ages 6-14 competed Aug. 15 in the City of Livonia Department Parks and Recreation its sixth annual youth triathlon — a bike, run and swim — at Clements Circle Park.

Top placers in the boys age-group competition included:

13-14: 1. Justin VanDyke; 2. Patrick Dahlin; 3. Patrick Malkowski; **11-12:** 1. Anslem Gia; 2. Connor Nolan; 3. Robert Jiga; **9-10:** 1. Brad Gibson; 2. Kevin Taylor; 3. Blaine Ritz; **8-and-under:** 1. Grant Gibson; 2. Jake Gates; 3. Ammon Wolfert.

Top placers in the girls age-group competition included:

13-14: Brittany Gates; 2. Mairi VanDyke; 3. Lia Andreassi; **11-12:** 1. Haley Knochel; **9-10:** 1. Molly Cormier; 2. Kathleen George; 3. Cynthia Gia; **8-and-under:** 1. Natalie Yurgil; 2. Keira Callison; 3. Kylie Callison.

Gavie leaders

Zachary Colosimo and Bridget Moricz, both of Livonia, captured the boys and girls handicap divisions, respectively, in the Youth Scholarship event at the John P. Gavie Tournament held Friday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

A total of 115 youth bowlers participated in the 73rd annual event.

Colosimo bowled games of 237, 176 and 194 coupled with his handicap of 147 for a 754 total.

Moricz rolled games of 176, 171 and 183, with a handicap of 225 for 755.

Livonia's Daniel Jordan was the top qualifier in the Boys Scratch division with a 1,426.



Chargers pom champs

Livonia Churchill earned Overall Grand Champs for the Varsity Division at the 2009 Mid-American Pom Camp held this summer at Northwood University in Midland. The Chargers also earned first places in first day Peppy Pom, Overall Peppy Pom and the Showmanship Award. Members of the squad include: captains Beth Kiurski, Chelsea Sieber and Allison Estes; co-captains Mallory Mager and Brittany Rees; seniors Katelyn Humphrey and Jamie Lanstrom; juniors Jaycie Giordano Alexis Hudy, Kelsey McHugh, Angela Swirls, Kristen Schwarz, Stefanie Shepler, Christine Lang and Alic McGorty; sophomores Alison McDonald, Jessica Fedrigo, Amber Prong, Tegan McGorty, Lauren Karnesky, Becky Snyder, Ciara Diamond, Jessica Hatfield and Jenn Mezigan; freshmen Brianna Stancer, Rachel Fun, Ajhia Jackson, Jennifer Alberts, Michelle Leja, Rebecca Yaremyn and Kasidy Shepler. Nine members were selected to the All Star team including Kiurski, Swirls, Sieber, Estes, Rees, Snyder, Karnesky, Mager and McDonald.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON QUAD BOYS TENNIS TOURNEY
 Aug. 19 at Stevenson
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 22 points; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 11; 3. Livonia Franklin, 8; 4. Southgate Anderson, 7.
SINGLES RESULTS
No. 1: (first) Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Clayton Northey (LS), 6-2, 6-4; def. Cordaro Sheets (SA), 6-0, 6-1; def. Joe Carty (DEF), 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: (first) Walter Woods (LF) def. Kevin Beluitch (DEF), 6-0, 6-0; def. Josh Rochette (LS), 6-0, 6-0; def. Nathan Christie (SA), 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3: (first) Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Chad Westra (DEF), 6-1, 6-0; def. Nophandon Ninsawa (SA), 6-1, 6-0; def. def. Joseph Kosinski (LF), 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: (first) Vincent Sabatini (LS) def. Jordan Brown (DEF), 6-2, 6-3; def. Jimmie Sze (SA), 6-1, 6-0; def. Tim Crouson (LF), 6-1, 6-0.
DOUBLES RESULTS
No. 1: (first) Kyle Fan-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Aaron York-Aaron Rogers (LF), 6-0, 6-1; def. Ian Crowesettig-Brandon Evans (DEF), 7-5, 6-1; def. Jach Fernandez-Kelly Jones (SA), 6-4, 6-0.
No. 2: (first) Josh York-Jeff Sondergaard (LS) def. Danny Wszola-John Rye (DEF), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; def. Ian Moore-Freddy Smith (SA), 6-1, 6-2; def. William Shafer-Mike Kaplan (LF), 6-3, 6-3.
No. 3: (first) Marcus McCallhoney-Kaemen Holman-Rayos (LS)

def. Trevor White-Jeff Yoscovits (SA), 6-1, 6-3; def. Peter Lee-Austin Tarplin (LF), 6-0, 6-0; def. Sean Seccombe-Luke McIntyre (DEF), 7-6, 6-4.
No. 4: (first) Lukis Rudis-Nick Marsh (LS) def. Warren Beach-Nick Boileau (DEF), 6-2, 6-3; def. Alex Wood-Joseph Bastas (LF), 6-1, 7-6; def. James Birmingham-Jard Fernandez (SA), 6-2, 6-2.
DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 6, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 3
 Aug. 21 at W.L. Central
No. 1 singles: Clayton Northey (LS) defeated Glenn Miller, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 2:** Josh Rochette (LS) def. Ryan Hultech, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 3:** Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Matt Saperstein, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 4:** Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Dave Arnold, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Karl Boedecker-Mike Kihatan (WLC) def. Kyle Fan-Paul Franchina, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jake LaPointe-Matt Davis (WLC) def. Josh York-Paul Sondergaard, 6-2, 6-7, 6-0; **No. 3:** Marcus McCallhoney-Kaemen Holman-Rayos (LS) def. Brett Joseph-David Yang, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; **No. 4:** Joe Koza-Josh Pad (WLC) def. Lukis Rudis-Nick Marsh, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 5:** Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff (LS) def. Guian Estipigan-Rohan Menta, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.
Stevenson's dual match record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth golf tourney

Hickory Creek Golf Course will stage a youth golf tournament for ages 5-17 beginning at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25. Included in the \$25 registration cost is golf, pizza and prizes. Registration is through Monday, Aug. 24. For more information, call Tami Beal at (734) 731-0238; or e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon

to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7).

For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki (under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls JV golf coach for the 2009 fall season and a girls varsity pom pon coach for the 2009-10 winter season. Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.



Storm unbeaten

The 10-and-under Livonia Storm girls softball team, posting an average victory margin of 11-3, recently completed an undefeated season in the Western Wayne County League with a 13-0 record. The Storm were led by the pitching efforts of Jamie Klotz, Melanie Richardson, Danielle Rusnica and Jacqueline Spizzen backed by a strong defense. Members of the Storm include (front row, from left): Katie Connolly, Lauren Homberg, Grace Gilson, Rusnica, Erin Carpenter, Meghan Knorp, Lexi Morris; (second row, from left) Madison Christenson, Michaela Warner, Elyse Baumgardner, Klotz, Spizzen, Richardson and coach Craig Carpenter.

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NEIGHBORS

Gestures big, small: Couples agree love can last a lifetime

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Antoinette Martin of Westland, a financial adviser with Ameriprise in Dearborn, has been married to Dan 16 years as of Sept. 3.

"Liking each other is a nice one to start with," she said. She recommends couples take time to relax together, "and that you find joint interests. You have quiet time in your life, just enjoy each other's company."

"We're friends. We work at being friends. We're both each other's best friends," said Martin, who has two dogs and no human children. Dan is a sales manager for a printing and graphics company.

She has thoughts on ways to spend time together and not spend a fortune. Although they travel quite a bit together, they also enjoy less costly activities, such as matinee movies.

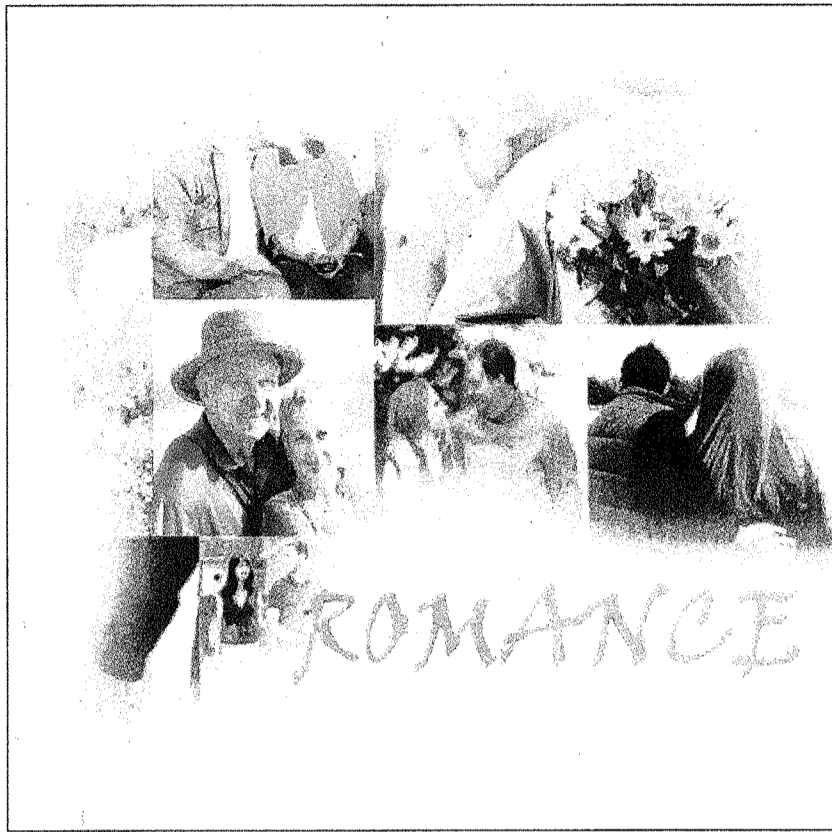
"We eat dinner earlier because sometimes it's less expensive." They take walks together with the dogs. She mentions a day at the lake, picnic at Hines Park or a potluck barbecue.

"It's more about being with the people than it is about the event," Martin said.

SO HAPPY TOGETHER

That's also the thought behind National Resurrect Romance Week, observed the second full week of August, (Aug. 9-15 this year) six months after Valentine's Day. It was founded in 1995 by Michael Webb, who calls himself America's premier romance expert. He is creator of TheRomantic.com and author of *The Romantic's Guide* and 12 other books on love, dating, romance and relationships.

According to the Web site, Webb wanted to create a romance holiday that didn't focus on money and



"things." He wants people to equate romance with time and attention.

Beth and John Stewart of Plymouth Township are busy, but find time to be together.

The couple marked their 30th wedding anniversary in May. She's executive director for the Plymouth Symphony, he an attorney and former state representative.

"I would say probably communication is always important, from the very beginning," she said. "Be honest with each other."

Beth Stewart agreed couples should find things to do together. "I think it's also important to develop your own interests and your own

activities. You have to find that right balance."

That's a message the couple shared with eldest daughter, Laura, and her new husband.

"We talked with them a lot," she said. The Stewarts, who have two grown daughters, told the young couple to find out who you are "by yourself," and know who you are.

"You can much more readily come together with somebody else," Stewart said, quoting her husband: "In order to meet the right person, you have to be the right person."

The Stewarts find lots of free concerts in Plymouth, which they attend regularly. "The Penn (theater) is a

great deal. Plymouth offers a lot to do." They like to walk around town, get ice cream and meet others.

The family wedding brought people from all over, and the newlyweds didn't spend too much.

"It was a very romantic evening for them," mom said, advising: "Don't get yourself in debt, because that can kill romance pretty fast."

SO MUCH IN LOVE

Darrel and Susan Schwandt of Canton make romance a priority in their 21-year marriage.

"We plan little mystery trips for each other," said Susan, public relations director for Health Alliance Plan. She once hinted at a mystery destination by telling him to "Pack your bags, we're going to rock with a dead president." They visited Cleveland, home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, in Ohio, birthplace of President James Garfield. Another time, her instructions were to pack a suit and Amaretto; they went to the Garland Resort in Lewiston.

When a camping trip got rained out "Darrel planned a camping trip in our living room."

"Darrel is so thoughtful and considerate. He keeps the romance alive every day," she said, noting that everyday activities and thoughtful gestures create much of the romance in their lives. She had to blog early one day, and he got the computer ready. Another time, he packed her swimsuit and gym bag when she was running short on time.

"Also just leaving little notes for one another, complimenting each other" can fan romantic flames.

She does "wifely duty night" with a nice dinner and candlelight, as she doesn't do much of the cooking and likes to help. They like to sit outside, get away from TV "and really connect

with one another."

"I really lucked out" in romance, Susan Schwandt said. Darrel, who works for NCI in Warren, as a contractor in video production, graphic arts and photography, will go to five different card shops to find a card for his wife.


"He's a wonderful composer and songwriter." For their seventh anniversary, he woke her up with *My Kind of Seven-Year Itch* which he wrote. "It was a great song."

"I really do think it's all about kindness and consideration," she said. "I think romance is really about all the simple little day-to-day gestures." Darrel also tolerates their dog Buster (an only child), which is a challenge, too.

Author Webb suggests that couples find creative ways to be romantic that cost little or no money. Here are some of Webb's ideas from his book, *The Romantic's Guide: Hundreds of Creative Tips for a Lifetime of Love*:

- Use chalk to write loving welcome home messages on the sidewalk.
- Put flower petals on the ceiling fan and ask your darling to turn it on so he or she will be showered.
- Tie a message and balloons to the bottom of the garage door with a foot of string — they will magically rise in the air when the door is opened.
- Brush her hair for 10 minutes before going to sleep. Gently scratch his back for the same.
- Fax a photocopy of your hand to his or her office so he or she can "hold" it while you are apart.
- Use Rain-X Anti-Fog and a cotton swab to write love notes on bathroom mirrors — the message appears when the mirror steams up.

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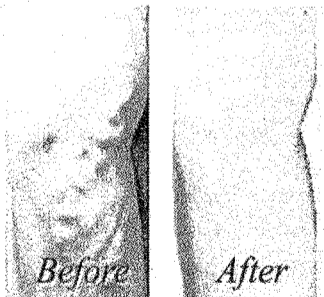


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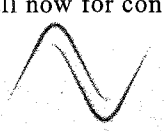
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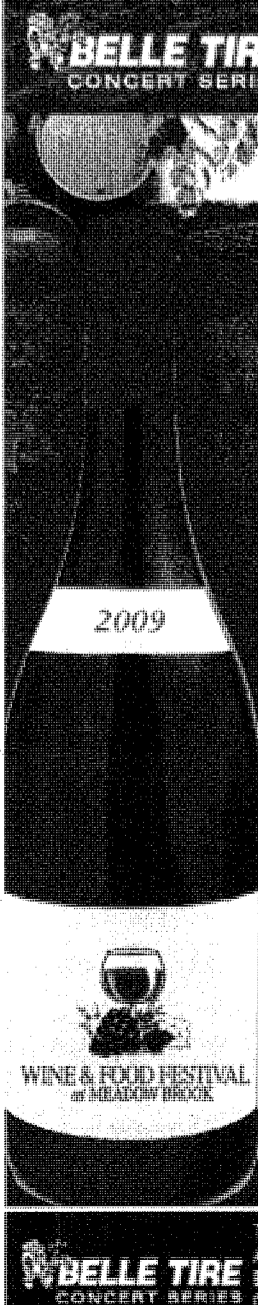
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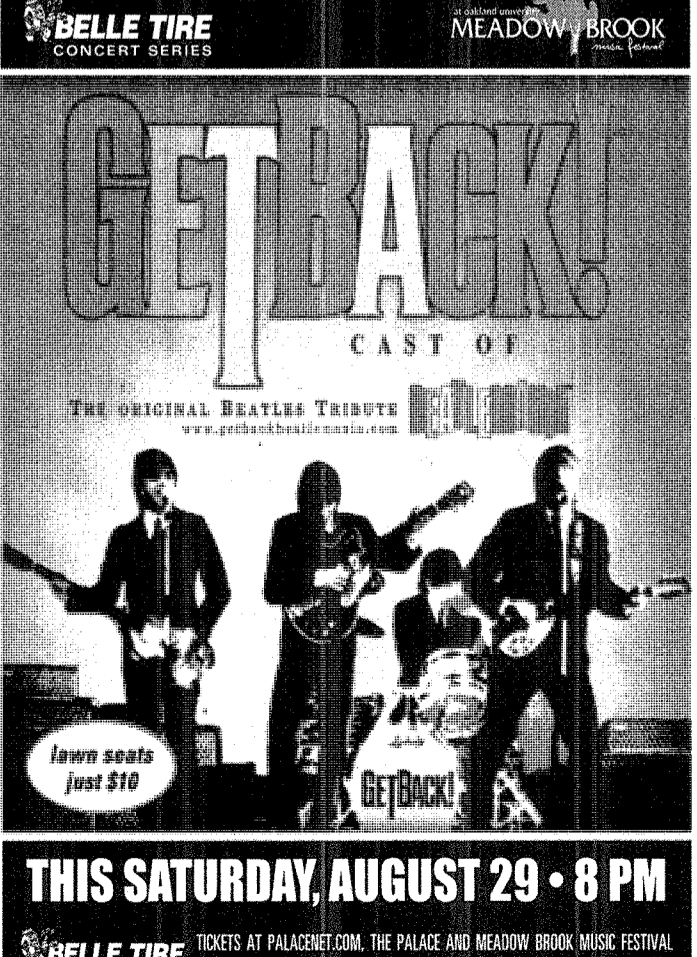
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Plymouth High Class of '59 shares memories at reunion

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Judy (Theobald) Smith of Plymouth had some good friends over Thursday night, her classmates from Plymouth High's Class of 1959. She and the 122 class members and spouses who attended the reunion had some thoughts on Plymouth.

"I like it, but it's totally different than it used to be," said Smith, a stay-at-home mom with three kids and six grandkids. She liked their high school days, which she compares to "the high pressure kids have today."

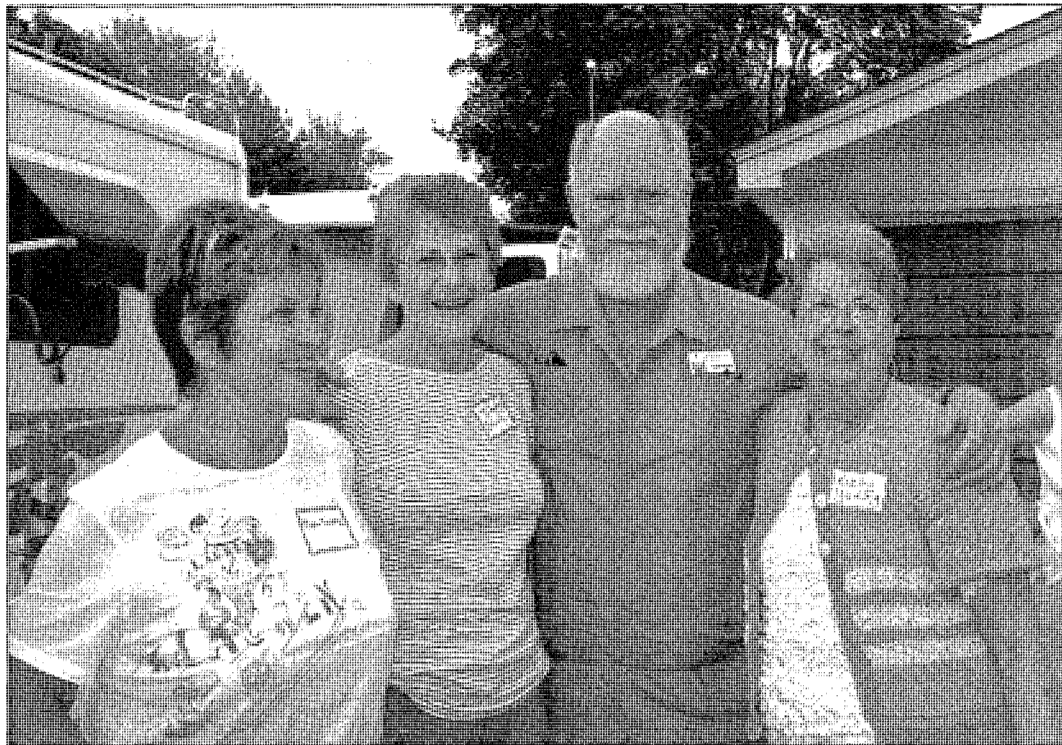
She's lived in Plymouth pretty much her entire life, as has classmate Sydnee (Van Aken) Paul, a township resident. "I used to live right across from Pioneer School," said Paul, who with her husband has three daughters and nine grandkids. She worked at Rexall's on Ann Arbor Road and later at the local Kmart.

"It was great," Paul said of high school. "It was fun. We had a good time."

Seven teachers attended the 50th reunion, which included the Thursday home gathering, Friday night at the Box Bar, a Saturday dinner at Laurel Manor and a picnic today, Sunday.

Paul said she misses the Mayflower Hotel, from which she has a brick, and also has bricks from the former Adistra.

Plymouth's Jim Cutler mentioned the copper beech tree cut down a few years back, which he opposed. "I seem to come back to where I started because I was born in



Plymouth High classmates (from left) Mary Taylor, Janet (Willoughby) Stuart, Hale Huber and Kathy Yakley enjoy time together Thursday evening. This weekend's the 50th reunion for the PHS Class of 1959.

Plymouth Hospital."

Cutler and wife Barbara have two kids. He's been an electrical engineer for the University of Michigan, EDS, "a little bit of Intel in between." He worked on space flight and computers.

"For one thing, a lot more people," he said of differences. "Things have stayed good, too." He likes Paul Sincock as city manager, with Sydnee Paul citing the Penn Theatre renovation and concerts in Kellogg Park.

Reunion chair Janet (West) Myers of Livonia has a Plymouth daughter married with three kids. Janet and her husband have two kids, a son in Canton, and a total of four

grandkids.

"I was a social worker," she said. Class size wasn't exactly known.

"We have debates about that. I remember 210," Myers said. The Box Bar ("Everybody's dad would go there") was in town in 1959. West's dad was among the West brothers car dealers.

She has a classmate and cousin who came to the reunion from Costa Rica, the greatest distance. A Californian came, too. Myers didn't see any concerns about looks, wealth or the like.

"I think that happens at the fifth and the 10th," she said with a smile. "We really celebrate life at this one."

Jeanne (Whitebread)

Clemens of Livonia said, "In some ways it seems like it hasn't been that long. It's a strange feeling." Committee members agreed this year's reunion (they're every five years) should be special.

Clemens recalled sock hops. "Usually those were after football games. We went to the gym and played records." She was in synchronized swimming, and noted the many activities: "No matter what you wanted to be involved in, there was something for you."

She married and had five boys after graduation, and is grandma to eight and great-grandma to two. Clemens likes to see the different class members who arrive each reunion.



JoAnn (Nagy) Dionne and Garry Packard share some good memories Thursday at Judy (Theobald) Smith's home on Russell in Plymouth.

Some classmates golfed Friday at Fox Hills, and class member Garry Packard of Plymouth, an archivist at the Plymouth Historical Museum, gave tours. "We have a tour of the school," Myers said of what's now Central Middle School. Some of the students went to the school on Main from sixth grade on, due to overcrowding at Smith, and 14 elementaries then fed the high school and junior high.

Las Cruces, N.M., resident Hale Huber was glad to be there. He trained in environmental engineering, got a doctorate in counseling and educational psychology, and opened his business in solar energy and water treatment. His wife, Barbara Bishop, graduated from Henry Ford Hospital nursing school, and they met in New Mexico.

Huber enjoyed the reunion and seeing longtime friend Elise Emrick for whose family he worked as a teen. He

recalled hating to pick peaches and how great the Macintosh apples were. Emrick's like an adopted mom to him.

"It's kept up with the times," he said of Plymouth. "I was amazed with the Box Bar." He liked the look of the Box and town in general.

"Plymouth was really a small town with an incredible educational system," Huber said. "When I went to the University of Michigan I was really prepared."

Packard looked forward to giving the museum tours. He has 12 nieces, four nephews and two foster children he helped raise.

"I enjoy it very much," the Unisys software quality assurance engineer said. He's only missed one, while he was in southeast Asia.

"We had a very close-knit class," Packard said, listing many in theater and other activities like Girls Athletic Association.

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Help students put best foot forward, Botsford podiatrist says

With the new school year just around the corner, parents and kids are back-to-school shopping with a "must buy" list that likely includes new shoes.

Buying shoes with good cushioning, arch support and stability is important. Marshall Solomon, D.P.M., a Botsford Hospital podiatrist, says, "Shoes need to be flexible and be able to sustain extreme activity. They should also provide support and cushioning and be breathable to allow heat and moisture to escape."

Solomon offers the following shoe-shopping advice:

- If the tread is worn off the bottom of shoes, it's time for a new pair. Kids tend to wear out shoes before growing out of them.

- Shoes should be a little roomy, but do not buy shoes more than one size larger than your child's current size.

- Avoid slip-on shoes. Shoes should have laces, straps or Velcro.

- Feet tend to swell through-

out the day, so buy shoes in the afternoon.

- Wear socks when trying on shoes.

- If the shoes are uncomfortable in the store, it won't improve later. Most shoes do not have to be broken in.

Solomon recommends getting your child a second pair of shoes and rotating them every day. This will allow the shoes to last as long as three pairs.

Botsford Hospital, an independent 330-bed community teaching hospital in Farmington Hills, was founded in 1965. Nationally recognized for quality, safety and medical education programs, Botsford has received the 2007 Governor's Award for Improving Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Hospital Setting, and, in 2007, a three-year recertification as a Chest Pain Center from the Society of Chest Pain Centers. Botsford's Web address is www.botsford.org.



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Screening

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 1, at 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

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Foot screening

The American Diabetes Association will offer free foot exams 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Botsford Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Ave., Novi. The organization recommends that people with diabetes inspect their feet daily for problems like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6697.

Canoe To Care

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe To Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Heavener's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 35000 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and under free. (248) 937-5077.

AIDS, cancer, hemophilia and ALS walks scheduled



The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan holds its "Walkin' on the Wild Side" fund-raiser, Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Detroit Zoo, on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward, in Royal Oak. Registration (with breakfast) begins at 7:45 a.m.; the 2.1 mile walk kicks off at 9 a.m. There will be entertainment, prizes, and fun for all ages. Walkers may stay and enjoy the zoo after the event. A minimum donation of \$10 is required for entry. There is no admission charge for children under 2. To form a team online or donate to a team, go to <http://www.active.com/donate/wildwalk> or contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041.

WALK 'N ROLL

ALS of Michigan is register-

ing teams and individuals for fund-raiser walks that will benefit people living with Lou Gehrig's disease.

The first two walks — at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township — are slated for 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, with registration starting at 10 a.m.

Walks also are set for 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, in Hawk Island Park, Lansing, and Sunday, Oct. 4, at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township. Call (800) 882-5764 or visit www.alsfornmichigan.org.

5K CANCER RUN/WALK

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is gearing up for its third annual 5K run/walk to raise awareness

of cancer on Sunday, Sept. 13. The race will begin at 9 a.m., on the hospital grounds at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The event is designed to celebrate life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and it's an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. It's also a fund-raiser, with proceeds benefiting St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners in each age division. All participants are automatically entered in a post-race drawing for great prizes. Participants who register before Sept. 4 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Visit www.st.marymercy.org.

AIDS WALK DETROIT

The Steppin' Out organization's annual 5K fund-raising walkathon will start at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, located on the corner of 11 Mile and Troy Street, just east of Main in downtown Royal Oak.

More than 5,000 individuals are expected to walk in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. The event will include refreshments from corporate sponsors, music — with tunes spun by Channel 955 — and a viewing of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. For more information and registration, go to aidswalkdetroit.org.

Find help for brain injury online

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) offers a National Directory of Brain Injury Services at www.biausa.org. Consumers looking for help can find services 24 hours a day, every day, from their home, office or the hospital while visiting a loved one with a brain injury.

This comprehensive resource offers fast searches to locate the right programs and professionals across the country — from injury and acute care, to rehabilitation and community services. Users can search for information by organization name, contact name, professional service provided, age group served, program types, accreditations and service specialties, such as state affiliates, support groups, professional services,

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For more information about the directory e-mail to Jenny Toth, marketing and sales coordinator, at jtoth@biausa.org or call (703) 761-0750, Ext. 621.

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