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Police roll out welcome mat for open house

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been awhile since the Westland Police Department invited the general public stop in for a visit — 13 years, to be exact.

"That last open house we had was in 1996 — it was the 30-year anniversary of the police department," said Chief James Ridener.

Well, the police department is rolling out the welcome mat again



noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, with an open house at the station on Ford just west of Central City Parkway.

"We've made such great changes we want to share it with the public and our retirees," said Deputy Chief Alan Ramsden, open house organizer. "If an officer retired five years ago, there were no Tasers, we didn't have a Segway — the technology in the cars is incredible."

Both Ridener and Ramsden recalled the days when police work was pretty low tech.

"When I started, there were two switches in the car — one turned on

the overhead lights. You worked the siren with the horn and you had a radio," said Ridener.

"Dispatching used to be a radio with a talk button and a piece of paper — now they have five computer screens in front of them," said Ramsden.

During the open house, guests can take a tour of the police station including a patrol shift roll call

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AROUND TOWN

Pool closing

The last day for swimming at the Bailey Pool in 2009 will be Tuesday. Open swim times are: noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per session for a resident child, \$4 for a non-resident child and \$4 for a resident adult with a \$6 charge for a non-resident adult.

Trash collection

Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day throughout the week.

Library events

The Westland Fire Department performs free blood pressure and glucose tests in the lobby of the Westland Library 11 a.m. until noon every Wednesday in September.

"The Job Seekers Lab is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Meeting Room A. If you need to file for unemployment, create a resume in Microsoft Word or learn how to upload your resume into the Michigan talent bank or other job-searching websites, than this is the lab for you. A librarian will be available to assist you in your employment endeavors — just drop by during the lab's open hours which include 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

"The Friends of the Library will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. The Friends are a group of people whose mission is to support the library. Come to a meeting and you can learn how to assist the library by helping with book sales and other assorted tasks.

Weight Watchers

The Friendship Center has a Weight Watcher program. This program is offered to Friendship Center members only. Meetings are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Weight Watchers offers educational meetings to assist members in making better food choices, and living a healthier lifestyle. This program can help older adults control Type II diabetes, high cholesterol and other diseases where weight may be a factor. Participants must be 50 years or older and a member of the Friendship Center — no exceptions. Other programs through the center may help you realize your weight or lifestyle goal. Check out the center exercise programs for supportive classes to healthier living.

Gymnastics

Youth gym classes for youngsters ranging from toddler to intermediate are being offered by Westland Parks and Recreation. The next session will run from Sept. 24-Oct. 22. There will no class Oct. 8 due to Turn Off the Violence Night. Students must preregister by Sept. 20.

For more information about the gymnastics program and other classes, visit the city web site at <http://ci.westland.mi.us/parksrecreation/y-class.html>.

50 years serving local residents

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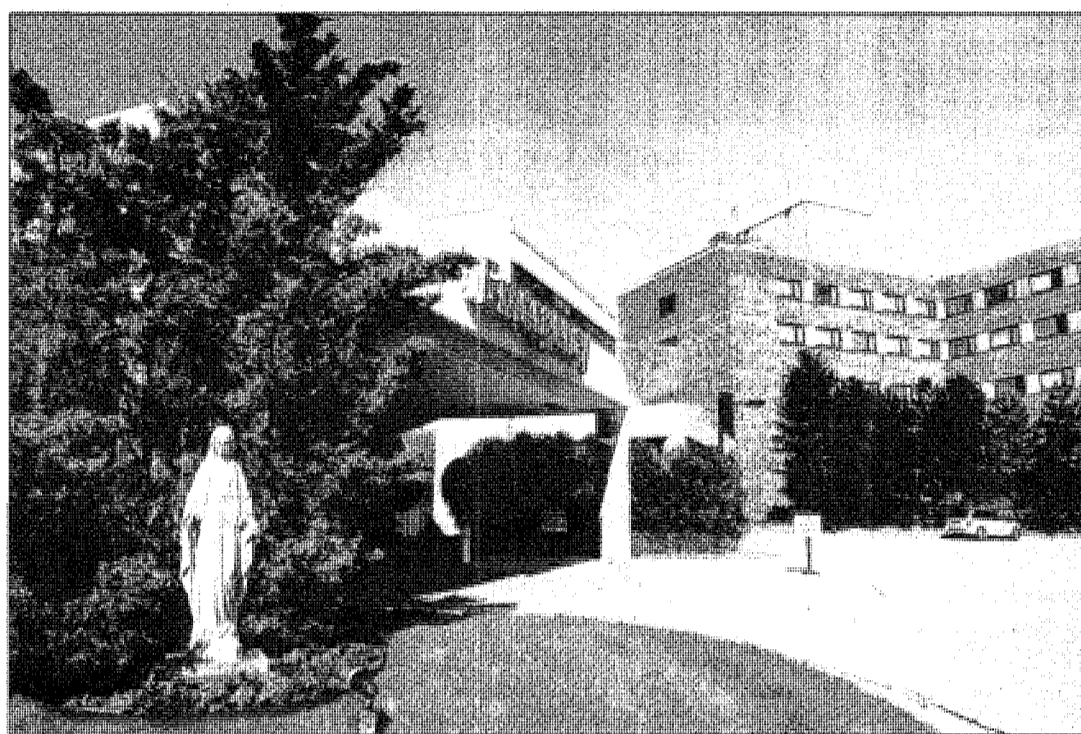
Sunday, Sept. 13

• 5K Run/Walk for Cancer
Begins at 9 a.m. on St. Mary Mercy hospital grounds, (Five Mile and Levan Roads). The event for cancer awareness is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to participate to honor or remember a loved one. Proceeds go to St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Services. For information or to register, call (734) 655-8670, go to stmarymercy.org or Active.com.

• Community Open House, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the open house will immediately follow the 5K, offering fun, music, games, food, health information and screenings, and a variety of activities for everyone. All activities are free.

Friday, Oct. 9

• Black-Tie gala
Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Event begins with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner, dancing, and musical entertainment by Simone Vitale Band. Tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds benefit Clinical Research for the Graduate Medical Education program. Corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities available. Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2980.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will soon celebrate 50 years in Livonia.

St. Mary Mercy changes, expands while keeping to its core mission

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

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• First girl born at new St. Mary Hospital in 1959

• Quick response for heart attack victim

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Resident gets ACLU support in spat with city officials

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In response to a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Westland council will likely change their policy governing public comments at their meetings.

That won't resolve the issue for resident Donna DeWitt, who had filed complaint with the ACLU charging her First Amendment rights were violated when she was stopped from speaking about a recall effort at a council meeting.

"That absolutely won't satisfy me. There was a made-up non-existent policy (cited) to stop us talking at the podium," said

DeWitt. "What about the First Amendment and the Open Meetings Act? They violated state and federal law."

On Tuesday, DeWitt said she planned to attend the council meeting and call for the resignation of officials including Council President James Godbout, Mayor William Wild and Clerk Eileen DeHart.

"I never did stop anyone from talking. I advised them of the council policy. At no time did I infringe on anyone's right to speak," said Godbout.

The policy in question — which was not formalized in the council's written policies and procedures — was to not allow political campaigning

at council meetings. DeWitt and others unhappy with city approval of a large development off Joy were attempting to organize a recall of officials including Godbout and Wild.

"I think the council can resolve it if they choose by a simple change in their policies — they review their policies in January (following an election)," said DeHart. "We can't have campaigning on taxpayers' money (at televised council meetings). Even the council members don't do that. It's been a long-standing observance."

The ACLU legal analysis is

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Large crowd turns out for Family Fest



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How do you build on success? Just ask the Westland Convalescent and Rehab Center Westland.

More than 1,500 people showed up for the center's second annual Summer Fun Fest held Aug. 14. The second festival proved to be a larger success than last year, with almost 1,500 people in attendance. WCRC residents, family members, staff and residents from surrounding communities enjoyed a variety of activities for people of all ages.

The children were entertained with inflatables, including a giant slide, and various table games, with prizes for all the lucky winners. A petting farm, provided by Zacharias Farms Traveling Petting Farm and Pony Rides in Chelsea, offered guests an opportunity to interact with a multitude

of small animals, including chickens, bunnies, lambs, goats, sheep, roosters, ducks, pigs, Guinea pigs, baby chicks and even baby ponies.

Free rub-on tattoos were available to small and big kids alike. Both girls and boys were excited to enter the Hula Hoop contest, with more than 50 children competing for the title. The lucky winner received a \$25 gift card to Target Stores.

Festival goers were treated to free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drink and ice cream for dessert. There also was complimentary cotton candy and popcorn available for a quick treat.

A gas grill, donated by Mack Vending in Plymouth, restaurant gift cards, concert tickets, a boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle were just some of the gifts raffled off throughout the event.



The Zacharias Farms Traveling Petting Farm and Pony Rides in Chelsea provided guests with rides and a variety of animals to pet at the second annual Family Fest.

Local business establishments also helped with donations, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Famous Dave's, Joey's Comedy Club, dentist Dr. Richard Kirsch, Marvaso's Italian Grille,

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Parkside Dental Team, Rapid Response, Red Robin Restaurant, Wrapping by Rossi, Dr. William Silverstone, Sportway Racing, Dr. Keith Tobin and Visiting

Nurse Association.

Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center provides sub-acute care for people who are coming directly from the hospital and require recovery from surgery, acute

onset of medical conditions, neurological disorders, and neuromuscular disorders and other complex diagnoses. For more information, call the Admissions Department at (734) 728-6100.

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ACLU

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that the council violated the Open Meetings Act provision allowing the public to speak at meetings by stopping DeWitt from speaking without a writ-

ten anti-campaigning policy.

Additionally, the ACLU called on the council to honor citizens' First Amendment rights and specifically to refrain from censoring DeWitt if she wants to speak about recalling elected officials.

"They certainly have to the right to how they feel but no on stopped anyone from speaking," said DeHart.

"I still think we are pretty liberal with citizen comments," said Wild, adding he wasn't directly involved in the incident. As council president,

Godbout chairs the council meetings.

Citing violations of her constitutional rights and the Open Meetings Act, DeWitt said she wants Godbout, Wild, DeHart and City Attorney Angelo Plakas to resign.

"If my rights were violated, then everyone's rights were violated. I'll help them realize that," said DeWitt. "If people are willing to let their First Amendment rights go, they deserve what they get. I'll be at the council meeting and so will a lot of others."

DeWitt has also sent letters to Michigan Attorney General Michael Cox and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, seeking assistance.

"I will keep pursuing it. I know Westland citizens are way too smart not to know that if anyone's First Amendment rights are violated, then their rights are violated," said DeWitt, who speaks on various topics at most council meetings.

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OPEN HOUSE

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conducted by day shift patrol supervisor Lt. Michael Matich. Visitors will get a close-up look at every unit in the department with demonstrations of fingerprinting, police dogs, Tasers, the indoor gun range and the Tactical Response Unit — what most people would call the department SWAT team. The open house also includes

the Westland Youth Assistance Program, located in an adjoining building.

"This is really our chance to show off," said Ramsden, adding the Michigan State Police helicopter is scheduled to arrive at 2 p.m. "It's really neat to see a helicopter landing close up."

Part of the reason for the tour is also so that the public can get a better idea about the police department operations. "We want to demystify what we do. It's about transparency,"

said Ridener.

The open house will begin with a ceremony honoring retired officers who have passed away. Visitors can stay as long as they like, take a tour and watch demonstrations as they choose. There will be tent outside offering food provided by Texas Roadhouse and a bounce house supplied by Bobby's Bouncers. No advance registration is required.

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DAVID SPIVEY, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy



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Robotic intervention, for stroke, is also available through the Michigan Stroke Network, which allows 24-hour daily access to neuro-endovascular technology "that can mean the difference between life and death for our stroke victims," said Jodi Galdes, MD, Emergency Medicine.

RECOGNITION

The hospital has been honored for clinical quality and patient safety throughout the last decade including the 2004 National Quality Award (Trinity Health), the 2005-2008 HealthGrades Distinguished Award for Clinical Excellence and Distinguished Award for Patient Safety and 100 Top Hospitals Award from Thomson Healthcare for large community hospitals for the last three years.

And change continues at the Livonia hospital. In July 2010, St. Mary, through an affiliation with the University of Toledo College of Medicine, will begin graduate medical education residency programs in Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Residency.

"We have grown as the community has grown and I think our service offerings have very much been in keeping with the Felician principle of responding to the needs of the time. That's

been our objective for the last 50 years," said David Spivey president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy, adding, "Beyond being a health-care provider we

are a significant employer, one of the largest employers in Livonia with 1,700 full and part-time people.

"We sponsor a variety of involvements with community organizations and we try where we can to utilize local businesses and vendors," Spivey said.

As part of the Saint Joseph System, St. Mary Mercy taps into services and programs regionally as well as nationally with its affiliation with Trinity Health, the third-largest Catholic Health System in the United States.

The Saint Joseph system, which spans five counties in southeastern Michigan, includes seven hospitals, five outpatient health centers, five urgent care facilities and more than 25 specialty centers. The regional system includes a team of nearly 13,000 nurses and staff, and 2,400 physicians.

About 75 percent of St. Mary Mercy patients live in Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Farmington Hills, Redford, Westland, Wayne and Garden City, as well as a portion of Farmington.

The hospital is an integral part of Livonia and other western Wayne County communities.

"I think Livonia would not be the Livonia it is today if St. Mary hadn't developed into the hospital that it is," according

Mom looks back on first birth 5 decades ago

Patricia McGarrie of Livonia is thankful her daughter, Laurie, was overdue a couple of weeks almost 50 years ago when she was due to deliver.

That meant she could go to the newly-opened St. Mary Hospital in her hometown instead of driving to Pontiac, especially since she almost delivered her second child on the way to the hospital not even a year earlier.

As it turned out Laura Marie (who prefers to be called Laurie) McGarrie was born 15 minutes after midnight Dec. 10, 1959, and was the first baby girl born at St. Mary Hospital.

Another baby at the hospital, a boy, was born shortly before Laurie.

"He just beat her," McGarrie says.

To commemorate the milestone, The Felician sisters, who operated the hospital, gave McGarrie and her husband, Tom, an Infant of Prague statue and Livonia city officials awarded her a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

While McGarrie was recuperating from the delivery, she says she remembers looking out the hospital window.

"It was surrounded by farmlands and way off in the distance I could see the beginning of construction for subdivisions," she says. "I often thought, 'What is this hospital doing way out here?' But, there was a need for it as the subdivisions sprung up all around."

McGarrie, even five decades after the delivery, still seems amazed by the idea that all



Laurie (McGarrie) Ariane was the first baby girl born at the newly opened St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. To commemorate the milestone, the Felician Sisters, who operated the hospital at the time, gave McGarrie an Infant of Prague statue and city officials awarded her a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. She lives with her husband, Shahram, in Laguna Niguel, California. They have a daughter, Sasha, age 6.

the rooms were brand new when she was a patient.

"I was the first person who was ever in the bed," she says.

McGarrie, who has three living children (one died shortly after birth less than

a year before Laurie was born), says after she gave birth to Laurie she was most thankful she was healthy.

"And I was really happy to have a hospital nearby, especially in the winter," she says.

Laurie, who will celebrate her 50th birthday in December, and her husband, Shahram Ariane live in California. They have a daughter, Sasha, age 6.

- by Diane Gale Andreassi

Heart attack patient praises quick

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

When Paul Favero, 46, suspected he was having a heart attack his wife drove him to St. Mary Mercy, a hospital he refers to as small and close to home, yet equipped with the latest technology.

He learned that at 1 a.m., April 23 when he became nauseous and was having chest pains.

"I knew something was wrong," according to the Salem Township resident. "It was nothing like I ever felt before."

"They got me right in, I told them what was happening and they hooked up the EKG," he says. "They took blood and they pretty much said, 'You're having a heart attack.'"

Favero had emergency angioplasty and two stents.

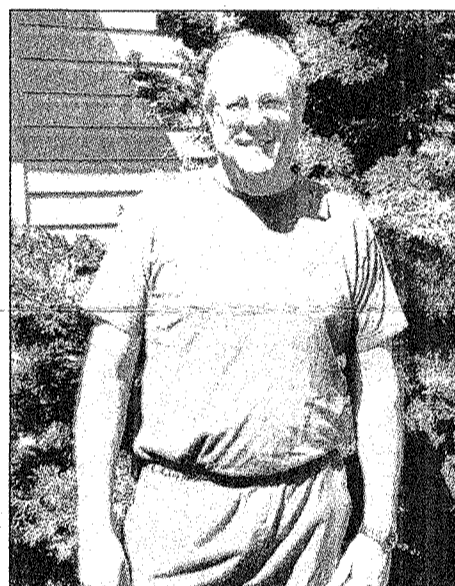
HEART ATTACK

"I was surprised I had a heart attack," he says. "I was surprised at how quick and efficient they were. Afterwards they talked about the statistics and that one in three adults who have heart attacks don't survive it. I was pretty scared. One blockage was 98 percent blocked and the other was 90 percent."

The father of three boys, 11, 13 and 15, says there wasn't any permanent damage to his heart, because he had such quick care.

"I know it's a smaller hospital, but I think that's to their benefit," says Favero, whose wife, Holly, is a nurse practitioner at St. Mary Mercy.

"I pretty much saw all the same people and I was there for three days," he says. "I've had surgeries at other hospitals and sometimes you don't see the same person



Paul Favero credits St. Mary Mercy for saving his life after he had a heart attack

twice."

PPCI PROCEDURE

St. Mary Mercy is the third community hospital in Michigan to be approved for the emergency angioplasty, also called, Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) procedures since Michigan granted non-open heart surgery facilities the ability to perform emergency angioplasty in 2003.

It has emerged as the preferred treatment for heart attack because clinical evidence has shown that it results in a reduction in the overall death rate.

Individual survival rates also increase when PPCI is performed within 90 minutes of the onset of a heart attack, accord-

ing to medical experts. "Many studies have demonstrated the superiority of PPCI over medication therapy for treatment of blocked arteries," said Freida Craig, director, Cardiovascular Services, St. Mary Mercy.

The hospital has met required standards and stringent criteria recommended by the American College of Cardiology (ACC), and adopted by the Michigan Department of Community Health to ensure the quality and safety of the program.

"Interventional cardiologists and the catheterization laboratory staff also must meet the experience and skill criteria outlined in the national standards," added Craig.

The non-open heart surgery hospital must have an agreement with an open-heart facility and a protocol to transfer a patient within 60 minutes, should emergency open-heart surgery be required. St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor, also a member of Trinity Health Systems, is St. Mary Mercy's tertiary facility.

IN CHARGE

Dr. Chamon Sohal, director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. Mary Mercy, oversees the interventional program. Sohal is associated with Allen Park Cardiology, PC, and performs over 1,000 catheterization laboratory procedures per year.

"I had no symptoms before that night," Favero says.

In fact, two days after his heart attack, his 50-year-old brother, who lives in Chicago, also had a heart attack.

"They concluded it was probably hereditary," Favero said.

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Dave Shuman, a Livonia resident, carries a sign in favor of health insurance reform.

Protesters spar over health plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On one side of the street, people yelled "Health care for all."

On the other, "Kill the bill." A rally scheduled Thursday afternoon by Organizing for America, created by the Democratic National Committee, to protest Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's stance against health care reform, brought supporters and opponents of the bill to both sides of Laurel Park Drive near McCotter's Livonia office.

Organizing for America brought 150 people together to protest the Republican's not conducting a meeting with

constituents to discuss health care. The group carried signs that read "Standing Together for Health Care Reform" along with other homemade signs supporting health care reform.

Signs across the street opposing President Barack Obama's plan read "No to Socialism," "Bankrupt America, Yes He Can, Obama" and "End the Fed." The opponents and supporters numbered about the same, representative of the 50/50 split among Americans nationwide on the health care issue.

Erik Shelley of Redford, who was collecting signatures on a petition to protest the lack of a town hall meeting with constituents, said McCotter's avoidance of a public town hall

meeting is a "bad idea."

Shelley, who once ran against McCotter as a Green Party candidate, said it "chokes democracy if we can't talk to our representatives."

Joan Reyes of Livonia supports Obama's health care plan. "We can get health care for everybody so the unemployed will have coverage," she said.

She'd like to see the public option included in the final package: "We need to give people peace of mind who have a pre-existing condition, and people who've been out of work for a while."

Across the street, opponents spoke just as fervently.

Tammy Graham of Belleville opposes changes to the current

health care system and likes it just the way it is. "I don't want to see it become a socialistic system and the costs for my children and my children's children," she said.

Graham added that Congress needed to take a clear look at everything. "We're moving too fast," she said.

Another opponent, Jeff McQueen of Rochester, thought any health care reform should include a more expanded discussion of other aspects of the health care industry. "If it was the plan of government to take over one-sixth of our economy, it would include tort reform, some insurance reform and allow people to buy insurance across state borders," McQueen said.



Elizabeth DeWitt of Livonia speaks with a man at the rally who refused to be identified.

McQueen thought prescription drug companies and doctors have "too cozy" of a relationship. "Too many people are taking pharmaceutical drugs that we don't really need," he said.

McCotter could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon, but his spokesperson, Anne Tyrrell, said McCotter has conducted "town hall meetings by phone" on three occasions. Telephone calls go to constituents and, if they choose to do so, the recipient can respond. McCotter received input from 30,000 constituents through these calls, Tyrrell said.

Town hall meetings draw about 200-300 people, she

said.

"The protest (organized by a group formed by the National Democratic Committee) proves his point that town halls are not productive," Tyrrell said. "Clearly a lot of these people were brought in to protest." Organizing for America officials said they gathered 150 people from within McCotter's district for the protest.

Tyrrell said a majority of McCotter's constituents are opposed to the president's current plan. "Seniors have concerns, and the average constituent is against having a government-run plan in place," Tyrrell said.

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Convicted molester sentenced to 15-30 years in prison

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A former Canton man who sexually assaulted underage boys, took nude pictures of them and made videos will spend 15 to 30 years in prison after he was sentenced Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Frederick Allen Pindzia's troubles mounted after police executed a search warrant in July 2008 at his Sumpter Township home, where they found more than 100 photos. Pindzia, a 59-year-old former youth mentor and Boy Scout leader, was arrested after one victim finally told a counselor he had been sexually

molested several years earlier. The counselor initially went to Westland police, who contacted Canton authorities. Pindzia pleaded guilty in August to three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a boy under 13 years old, three counts of second-degree CSC and six counts of child sex abuse activity.

Police said some of the photos Pindzia took of young boys dated back as far as 1999, when he lived on Marlowe Street in Canton. His guilty plea in August meant the young victim who came forward didn't have to face the ordeal of testifying during a trial. Pindzia had been accused

of sexual activity including boys 8 to 15 years old. He was sentenced Thursday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow to 15-30 years for first-degree CSC, five years/eight months to 15 years for second-degree CSC, and six to 20 years for child sex abuse activity. When criminal allegations

arose against Pindzia last year, then-Canton police Sgt. Rick Pomorski had commended the boy who reported being molested, giving him "all the credit in the world" for divulging information that, now, has led to Pindzia being locked away. dclcm@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

Photo results in robbery suspect being identified

The saying is a picture is worth a thousand words, but a well-distributed photo of a suspect can lead to an arrest. Detroit resident MacArthur Dozier was recently arrested on robbery charges when Eastpointe police officers noticed he looked like the suspect Westland police wanted in connection with a June 30 robbery.


Having been arraigned on robbery charges in Eastpointe, Dozier is awaiting arraignment on armed robbery and third-degree habitual offender charges in Westland.

"Sgt. (Steve) Borisch sent out the photos — he did a good job on that — and the suspect was recognized," Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick said. "We've got the warrant on him."

In the Westland incident, a man wearing a hard hat and plaid shirt was reported to have entered the Advance America Cash store on Venoy and requested a job application. The clerk said the man then pointed a gun at her and demanded money.

Unusually clear surveillance camera photographs of the suspect were circulated in the media and to other law enforcement agencies.

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Cap and trade opponents attract protesters at rally

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A rallying cry was heard for jobs and affordable energy at Burton Manor in Livonia Thursday.

Farming and business officials and others spoke out against the cap and trade legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, highlighting the impact on American jobs, families and businesses.

Outside, a small group of protesters lobbied against Big Oil and its efforts to stop the legislation.

At the rally inside, Charlie

Owens, state director of the Michigan Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, said it was easy to let this issue "slip to the back" when Congress is debating health care, and concerns about the economy and national security.

Owens thanked Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, for his opposition to the cap and trade legislation.

Doug Roberts Jr., director of environmental and energy policy of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, said the state of Michigan has been in a recession for nine years

and has 15-percent unemployment.

On the cap and trade legislation, Roberts said: "It is a massive energy tax on all of us." The state would lose as many as 60,000 jobs, he said. A new study by Emphasis Energy said the bill would send jobs overseas and make the United States more dependent on foreign oil, Roberts said.

Roberts urged the crowd to contact U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin to vote no on the package.

Wayne Wood, president of the 47,000-member Michigan Farm Bureau, asked the crowd how happy they would be if the price of food went up 30 percent. That's how much he estimated the cost of food would increase with the increased costs of natural gas, electricity and petroleum to farmers, which would increase costs of fuel, fertilizer and chemicals.

'HUGE CONCERN'

"This is a huge concern for farmers because energy expenses account for 60 percent of a farm's total operating costs," Wood said.

The bill provides an incentive to plant trees, but trees that produce fruit do not qualify, Wood said. Wood worries that incentive will hurt Michigan's diverse agricultural mix as absentee land owners of farmland could plant forests, further reducing cropland. "Overall it is detrimental to Michigan agriculture," Wood said.

Scott Hagerstrom, state director for Americans for Prosperity, told the audience every job matters. He cited figures from the Heritage Foundation that Michigan can expect a 58-percent increase in gasoline prices and a 90-percent hike in electricity rates by 2035.

Hagerstrom cited a study at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Spain of that country's green jobs program. "Every green job created by government intervention destroys 2.2 real jobs in the private sector," Hagerstrom said. Since 2000,



Ari Rittenberg of Huntington Woods, Abby Clark of Lansing, Deb Turo of Dearborn Heights and Mark Neisler of Ann Arbor protest in favor of cap and trade legislation and green energy.

Spain has spent \$753,778 on each green job, he added.

Frank Beckmann, host of a radio show on WJR 760, also criticized the legislation. "This legislation doesn't contain one shred of information on how to save the planet," Beckmann said. Instead, it outlines how it will tax to put money into government coffers, he said.

Before the rally started, there were a few protesters, including David Holtz of Progress Michigan and Mark Neisler, global climate specialist at the Michigan League of Conversation Voters, who was dressed up as "Oil Can Stan."

Neisler also cited a poll obtained by POLITICO of likely 2010 voters in 16 states, many of them home to targeted senators. Sixty-three percent of those sampled said they supported the energy bill while only 30 percent said they opposed the measure.

"Sixty percent of respondents said they would be more likely to vote for their senator if he or she supported the bill while just 26 percent said they'd be less inclined to reelect their senator for backing

the American Clean Energy and Security Act," Neisler said.

POLL COMMISSIONED

The Center for American Progress Action Fund commissioned the poll, conducted in 16 states, including Michigan.

The group protested Big Oil's opposition to cap and trade legislation. "What Big Oil is asking us is to back off a green energy strategy and embrace the old 20th century policies and ship money out of state to the Big Oil companies," Holtz said.

Holtz said the oil companies were spending \$83 million to lobby against clean energy. Holtz wondered aloud where were Michigan jobs created when consumers were charged \$4 a gallon.

Neisler added that the organizers shipped in attendees at the rally. "(Energy policies) have not allowed us to thrive in Michigan," Neisler said. "Climate legislation will allow us to provide jobs and energy independence."

Hagerstrom said later that his organization, committed

to "advancing every individual's right to economic freedom and opportunity," has grown from 5,500 in January 2008 to 35,000. "We do not get money from Big Oil," he said.

"If we have to start paying more for energy, you will see a reduction in spending," Hagerstrom said. "If you have high energy costs, you will have less money to buy that car and less money to go on vacation."

"Everything is going up, up, up."

Bill Fried of Livonia said the rally reminded him of "how out of step Washington is, from health care to international relations."

"They're leading us to disaster," Fried said.

Fried said the president tries to solve a problem, but he actually creates one instead of finding a solution. "He doesn't solve any problems," Fried said.

Citizens are getting to the "guts of the issue: economics," he added.

"I don't have any answers, but it's not this," Fried said.

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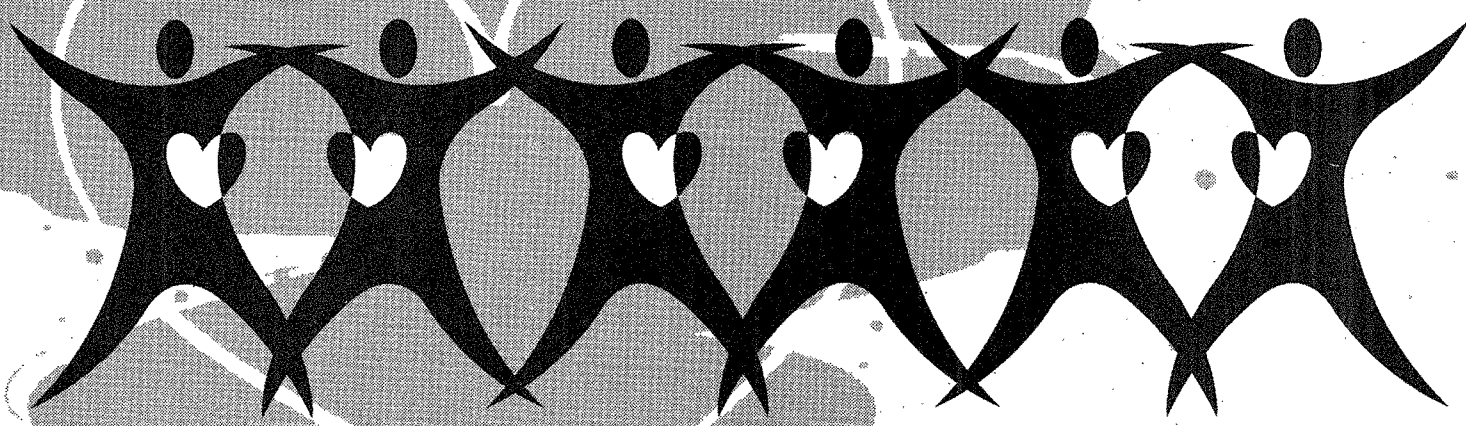
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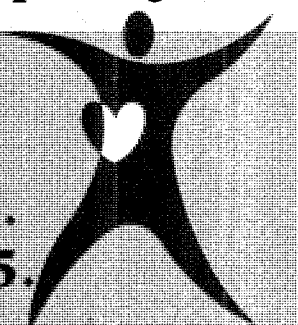
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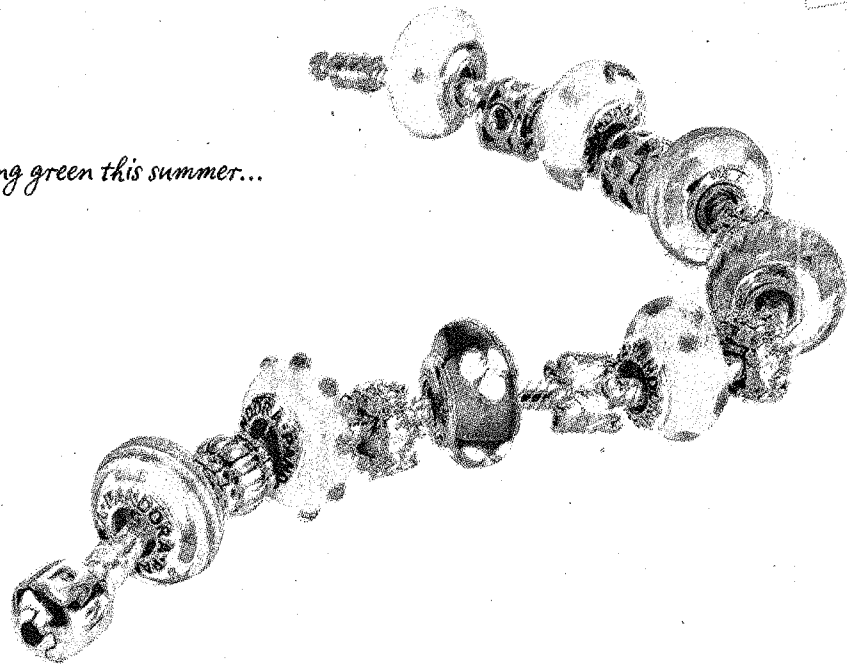


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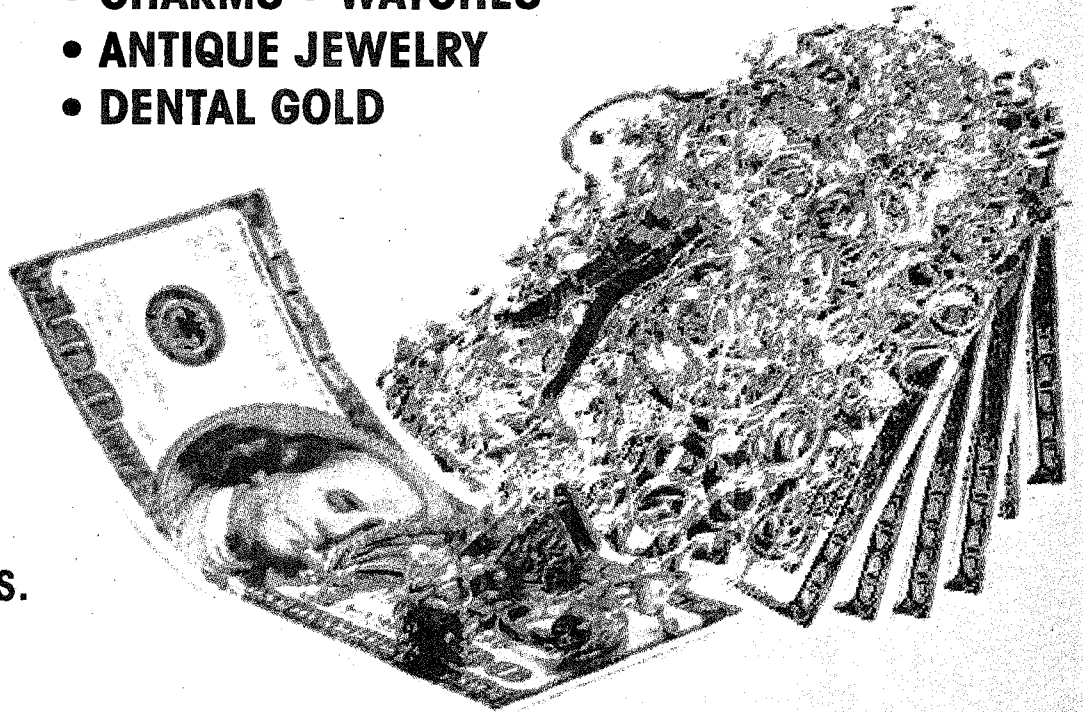
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Last-second FG does in Trojans

Two games into the football season and it's getting a little frustrating already for the Trojans of Livonia Clarenceville.

For the second straight week, coach Ryan Irish watched his club snatch defeat away from the jaws of victory, as this time a 22-yard field goal off the foot of the Cranbrook sophomore place-kicker Michael Ray with :02 remaining gave the host Cranes this thrilling 17-14 victory over the Trojans.

"It's a game we again definitely had in control," said Irish, who just last Friday saw his Trojans squander an early lead in falling to Detroit University Prep. "I'm proud of my kids because they played their tails off, but it's a game we could have won."

Clarenceville got on the board first in the opening quarter when senior quarterback Lenny Smith scampered 22 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The two-point try was thwarted, leaving the Trojans holding a 6-0 advantage.

Cranbrook tied the game early in the second period, but the Trojans regained the lead right before halftime when senior running back Levonte Brooks scooted 13 yards around end for a touchdown. Smith carried in the two-point try and the Trojans headed to the locker room holding a 14-6 advantage.

The Cranes (1-1) knotted the game in the third quarter on a TD and two-point conversion to set up the all-important final 12 minutes of play.

In that time, the teams traded possessions before the Cranes hung on to the ball over the final three minutes of play. They moved some 60 yards to set up the winning field goal try.

Clarenceville totaled 380 yards in total offense, but was plagued by referee's whistles which flagged the Trojans for 120 yards in penalties.

"Penalties are drive-killers or score-stoppers and we sure had our share," Irish said.

Smith paced the offensive attack for Clarenceville with 176 yards on 16 carries. Brooks added 101 yards on 14 attempts.

"We'll watch the film and just try and get better next week," Irish said.

Cranbrook quarterback Mike Corey, who was 11-of-21 passing for 161 yards and a TD, also ran for a score.

GAB. RICHARD 48, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Quarterback David Ritchie threw for three touchdowns Thursday as host Riverview Gabriel Richard (1-1) rolled to a non-league win over Lutheran High Westland (0-2).

Ben Glines caught hauled in three TDs from Ritchie, who was 9-of-12 for 125 yards. Curtis Dickey added 125 yards rushing and one TD.

Lutheran Westland, which opens its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference scheduled next Friday at Fraser H.S. against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, has been outscored 103-0 in its first two games.

Super sophomore

Howell quarterback picks apart Stevenson, 28-14

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So much for the so-called sophomore jinx.

Gregory Cauley played beyond his years Thursday night, as the 10th-grader completed 15-of-19 passes for 152 yards and three touchdowns as Howell earned a 28-14 football win at Livonia Stevenson.

The win ups Howell's overall record to 2-0, while last year's Division 1 state semifinalist Stevenson falls to 0-2.

The 6-foot, 170-pound Cauley was flawless in the clutch as the Highlanders put together two long scoring drives in the second half and limited the amount of touches for Stevenson's Austin White All-State running back (121 yards on 16 carries), who has committed to Michigan.

"Our sophomore quarterback is a good kid," Howell coach Aaron Metz. "Last week was his first start and he struggled. But he did a good

PREP FOOTBALL

job (today) as did all our kids. "The first half we did not have the ball too much and we had only 23 or so yards rushing. We made some adjustments up front as far as personnel and we challenged our offensive line to step up and make plays."

Howell scored on its first possession of the game marching 67 yards in nine plays capped by Cauley's 7-yard TD toss to senior Bryce Lindberg with 5:44 left in the first quarter.

Stevenson answered with a second-quarter TD with 6:42 left on a 1-yard run on fourth-and-goal by the 6-foot, 190-pound White. The drive covered 65 yards in nine plays.

With 2:07 left in the half, the Highlanders got the ball back at their own 43 and scored with only 15 seconds left when Cauley hit Lindberg on an 11-yard play.

Derrick Palma converted the second of his four extra points to make it 14-7 at intermission.

The drive was kept alive when a Stevenson defender was called for a face mask penalty after Cauley was sacked for a 10-yard loss.

In the second half, Howell controlled the ball and the clock.

A 14-play, 69-yard drive culminated with a 9-yard scoring pass from Cauley to Nathan Riffle just 38 seconds into the final quarter to make it 21-7.

"Our best defense was to keep their offense off the field," said Metz, whose team was ironically outgained 284-244 in total offense.

Stevenson, which had only two second-half possessions until the final 26 seconds, answered on a 7-yard TD run by White with 8:53 remaining.

But the Highlanders put it away with another drive with consumed 8 minutes and 19 seconds as 6-1, 200-pound

Lindberg, who had a team-high 84 yards on 23 attempts, plowed in from six yards out with only 28 seconds remaining. Josh Gardner's 18-yard catch on third-and-15 kept the drive going. (Gardner fought off a Stevenson defender for the ball after it popped out of his hands.)

"Third and long was magic for them," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "It's bad coverage on third-and-long when there should be a sack."

"We had a good, physical week of practice. But somehow we've got to figure out a way on game night to make it happen."

Stevenson junior quarterback Brendan O'Hara, also making his second start, was a respectable 8-of-15 passing for 121 yards.

"We were looking through the same window we were last week," Gabel said. "Their side was making plays, and likewise we weren't making the plays when it was necessary."

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Friday, Sept. 11
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland vs. S.H. Parkway at Fraser High School, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Plymouth at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Ferndale at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m.
Dexter Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Ypsilanti Fall Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, 9 a.m.
Berkley Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Ferndale at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
Churchill at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Public Schools of Livonia Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Ypsilanti Early Bird Inv., 4 p.m.
Clarenceville, D.H. Annapolis at Lutheran Westland, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
CC Invitational at Cass Benton, TBA.
Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
KLA Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Salem at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Public Schools of Livonia Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Milford at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Ladywood at A.A. Greenhills, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Divine Child at St. John's Golf Center, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Public Schools of Livonia Inv. at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Glen Oaks, 3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Canton at Loyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Mercy at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10
Ladywood at Sacred Heart, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 10
Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
(Martin Memorial Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Tex.-Brownsville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
(Martin Memorial Classic at Madonna)
Madonna vs. Shawnee State, 9:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
Madonna at Ohio Dominican, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13
Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Sept. 9
Madonna at Calvin College, 5 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Concordia, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11
UM-Dearborn at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12
Madonna vs. Spring Arbor at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon.
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NEIGHBORS

Clubs pitch in to keep memorial garden blooming

BY JULIE BROWN
OE& STAFF WRITER

A veterans' park to honor those who served their country got some extra help this summer. Several Plymouth-Canton garden clubs were joined by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women and other volunteers to make the park at Main and Church in downtown Plymouth shipshape.

"This was such a great idea," said Trailwood Garden Club past president Marilyn Detmer. "This was Bob's (Zaetta) baby and you can't say no to Bob."

Zaetta was among committee organizers who got the park, dedicated July 4, 2006, in place. His wife, Shirley, AAUW program chair, was among some 20 women and AAUW family members who weeded this summer.

The flowers, purchased by the park committee, were planted by the Trailwood Garden Club, Canton Garden Club, Plymouth Garden Club, Lakepoint Garden Club and Allen O'Dell of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Garden beds are being maintained by AAUW members and their families, with city workers cutting grass and clearing snow.

Trailwood club members planted one small and one very large bed, said Plymouth Township resident Detmer. Begonias, salvia and vinca form a patriotic red, white and blue motif.

"We do some of the beds downtown already," said Trailwood's Marge Berndt of Plymouth Township. "We have two planters downtown (on Main at Ann Arbor Trail) and then we do Township Hall," added the club corresponding secretary.

Shannon Allison of Plymouth Township's also a Trailwood gardener. "I like to be able to drive by and point to my grandchildren, 'This is what my garden club did.'" She and the other women, known for their purple hyacinth



A bee investigates a flower in the garden.

vine, enjoy each other's company and like to honor servicemen and women.

"Without them, we wouldn't have our freedoms," Allison said.

LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS

About 20 people from AAUW, including husbands, are helping at the Plymouth Community Veterans' Memorial Park. Bob Zaetta and others worked on the project some 14 years, his wife said.

"We decided it would be a good partnership," she said of AAUW's weeding. AAUW was particularly interested because branch president Jan Blumberg of Canton and her husband, Terry, lost their son, Trevor, killed in Fallujah, Iraq, in Army service.

"Jan is very special to us," Shirley Zaetta said of Blumberg, a Garden City elementary school principal.

The garden work is continuing. "It's been great and our members have really taken an interest," she said. "We're really proud of what we've done."



Hard-working garden club and AAUW members gather in the park for a photo.

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A NOD TO YOUTH

She appreciates the garden clubs putting in the flowers, as well as the respect shown by the nearby Central Middle School students and other community young people.

"They have shown great respect and I think that's nice to say about our kids who come through here," Zaetta said. "I think that's wonderful for your community to have this in your town."

The park to honor veterans includes a number of memorial symbols: the Civil War Lady, Spanish American Cannon, World War I Pyramid, Plymouth Rock, the Bronze Plaques, and the Korea and Vietnam monument. Those who died in service to their country are memorialized.



Marge Berndt gives the garden a little care.

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Sunday

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Craft Show
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Jim Madaus of WWJTV and Jo-Jo Shutty-MacGregor make their way down the runway during the 35th Annual Redford Suburban Celebrity Fashion Show last year at Burton Manor in Livonia.



Longtime hosts Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe step up to the podium once again for the annual Redford Suburban League Celebrity Fashion Show.

Vendors wanted

The Redford Suburban League is selling table space for its 36th annual Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Skirted tables sell for \$45. Vendors will set up starting at 7 a.m. on show day. The boutique will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be available for \$15.

Call Sara Gorman at (313) 937-8583 or Josetta Howes at (248) 960-0853 to reserve a space. The annual show will feature fashions by "The New" Dress Barn in Farmington and Men's Wearhouse in Novi. They will be modeled by celebrities, and commentators will be Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher. Tickets for the show are

\$45 per person. The boutique opens at 9 a.m. and luncheon will be at noon, followed by the fashion show, entertainment and raffle. Proceeds will benefit Burger School for Students With Autism in Garden City. **Auditions** Schoolcraft College will audition prospective actors for two of its fall-winter pro-

ductions at 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 8-9, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Auditions are open to the public, as well as faculty and students, for *Butterflies are Free* and *King Lear*. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5270, for additional information. **Getting crafty** The Village Painters present

its 13th annual Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Judge Alexander Blue House, in the Greenmead Historic Village, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. The boutique-style decorative painting show and sale will include handpainted accessories, furniture and seasonal decorations for the home. Visitors will get a

chance to work on a beginning project, with help from members of Village Painters, at the "learn to paint" tent. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are free. The fee admits visitors to both the craft show and Greenmead Flea Market. More information visit www.villagepainters.net or call (734) 753-5232.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Runners flock to zoo

Thousands of runners and walkers are expected to lace up their running shoes and head over to the Detroit Zoo on Sunday, Sept. 20, for the annual Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo. Proceeds from the Run Wild event benefit the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care. The event includes 5K and 10K runs as well as a noncompetitive one-mile Fun Walk. Runners in the 5K and 10K events will start at the zoo's 10 Mile Road entrance and wind through the scenic streets of Huntington Woods surrounding the Zoo. Walkers will follow a course past award-winning animal habitats as they stroll through zoo grounds. The run has been recognized as a quality physical activity event by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo exemplifies this core value, according to Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council. "By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and

encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Lieber. The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K run, followed by the 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed Fun Walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is available at www.detroitzoo.org (click on Events, then Run Wild) until September 15, and registration will also be available at the zoo on Sept. 18, 19 and 20. Medals will be presented to the top male and female runners in various age groups. All participants will receive commemorative T-shirts as well as free admission to the zoo on race day. A Post-Race Party will follow the event. Regular Zoo admission applies for non-race participants. "Bank of America is happy to continue its support of this outstanding community event," said Bank of America Michigan President Kieth Cockrell. The Bank of America Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo is also supported by Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (SEMVA). The zoo is looking for 200 volunteers to assist at the event. For information, visit the Run Wild section of the zoo's Web site or contact Linda Denomme at (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3806, or ldennomme@dzo.org.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

All about herbs

Coleen French of French Garden Creations will present "Herbs from Head to Toe" at the Farmington Garden Club, noon, Monday, Sept. 14. She'll talk about ways to use herbs, such as making hair conditioners, eye creams, facial masks, body lotions and more. There will be an opportunity to buy a small personalized body lotion. French also will have other products for sale. The club meets at the Visitors Center in Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Guests are welcome. For more information call, (248) 473-0822.

At English Gardens

Learn tips for creating a beautiful fall garden and discover the best plants for seasonal interest at 7 p.m., Sept. 9. Hear an overview of different spring-flowering bulbs and get tips on proper planting techniques. And find out how to design a bulb garden at 7 p.m., Sept. 16. Bring color into the garden with favorite plants. Experts also will offer information on proper planting and

care for the best results at 7 p.m., Sept. 23. Get tips on keeping your lawn healthy through the winter and into next spring at 7 p.m., Sept. 30. Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Children's garden

Gaffield Children's Garden at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, officially opens Sept. 13. The garden, constructed from a kid's point of view, allows children to explore in a natural setting. Young visitors can climb into an over-sized bird nest and pretend they're a hatchling, wend their way through a maze, discover magical creatures in a fairy and troll knoll, or just get their hands dirty in a digging pit. The garden also features a butterfly and hummingbird garden, a builders' garden, a water-play zone, habitats hiking trail, and much more. An open house will be held on its official opening day, but the garden is open now for visitors. Matthaei Botanical Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/

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