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AROUND TOWN

The color pink

The city of Westland is going pink for October with the launch of the "Painting the Town Pink," a fund-raising event during October, Breast Cancer Awareness month.

City officials, residents, friends, families and breast cancer survivors will gather at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Westland City Hall to kick off the event. Deputy Mayor Jade Smith will speak before those in attendance before they decorate the trees around city hall with pink rib-

Organized by former Miss Michigan, and Westland resident, Ashlee Baracy and Jim Kollar's imaboobist.com, the monthlong event will feature local restaurants donating a portion of their profits for a designated day to

Race for the Cure. Max and Erma's, Famous Dave's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Texas Roadhouse and Leo's Coney Island are par-

There's also a free concert at the Performance Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Flagstar Bank will donate \$25 for every new account opened during the month.

Visit the "Painting the Town Pink" Web site at www.paintingthetownpink.org for a detailed calendar of events and fliers available to download for participating fund-raising res-

"Paint the Town Pink" is a citywide fund-raising event during that incorporates Westland businesses joining the fight against breast cancer. Following the October events, local businesses will make a donation to Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

The leaves are just starting to fall, only a few right now, but pretty soon they'll be dropping in droves. But before you grab your rakes, make sure you have plenty of the brown yard waste paper bags to put them in or find a nice spot in your yard to compost tĥem.

But definitely don't rake them to the curb.

For the first time in many years, the city of Westland will not be doing curbside leaf pickup. The program, which cost \$95,000, was eliminated from this year's budget by the City Council to address the city's deepening financial problems.

Residents can bag their leaves and place them at the curb for pickup by the city's trash hauler on their normal trash day.

City's downtown plan is amended

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redevelopment along Ford, beautification, lighting enhancement and other public area improvements are included among \$20 million in planned improvements to Westland's Downtown Development District over the next 15 years. The projects are included in the amended DDA development and tax increment

financing plan recently approved by

"There were three reasons for amending the plan — to extend the life of the plan, to raise the bonding limit and to set new projects in the plan," Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said.

Projects in the amended plan include:

• Redevelopment of the central Ford Road corridor, the half-mile

commercial district between Central City Parkway and Wayne Road. That would include relocation of utilities, landscaping and beautification projects, such as fountains, irrigation system improvements, facade improvements, construction of public gathering areas, reconstruction of new and existing streets and other similar improvements.

• Beautification of the Ford Road overpass described as the area on

Ford west from Central City Parkway to the overpass. The project would include easement acquisition, replacement of the cobra-style lights with decorative lighting, landscaping, new signage and related intersection improvements.

• A marketing campaign to attract people and economic activity to the district. This could include banners

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City grants her request for duck signs

BY SUE MASO **Take Action Today!**

Jessica Maladecki sav decided to do somethin circulated a petition are neighborhood and pres

Westland City Council. The end result: Cros Koppernick west of Hi ers to mother ducks ar crossing the street. Not bad for someon

years old.

"I think it'll help a l Jessica, a second-grad Elementary School ir Jessica happened

when her family was Koppernick and wor there were no duck crossing sign According to her father, Duane, she didn't want the ducks to get hurt.

"She very much loves animals. She makes he grandfather throw back the fish when they go fishing," he said.

The family checked into what was needed to get the signs and got some advice from a neighbor, Mayor William Wild, who recommended a petition drive.

The youngster did that, going door-to-door to collect three pages filled with signatures supporting a sign being placed by a marshy area on Koppernick about 500 feet west of Hix. Then she went before council Sept. 8, standing on a chair at the podium to make her request.

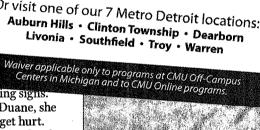
"She gave the council pictures and her petitions. She got a standing ovation," Duane said.

Two days later, she came home from school to tell her parents that there was two duck crossing signs on Koppernick — one at the marshy area and another one closer to Hix near a retention pond. "She was very excited," Duane said.

The duck crossing signs are a first for that area of the city. The Department of Public Service has done deer and geese crossing signs near Central City Park, and duck signs can be found near the Holliday Park Nature Preserve along Newburgh. According to DPS Director Kevin Buford, making the sign took about a half hour.

"This was one of the easiest requests we've received," Buford said. "It was one of the funnest. A lot of times, you have one person who wants a sign and







Jessica Macadecki stands with Department of Public Service Director Kevin Buford (left) and Mayor William Wild by a marsh along Koppernick where she sees and feeds mother ducks and their ducklings.



Cars heading both east and west on Koppernick west of Hix now see signs to watch for mother ducks crossing the road with their ducklings.

the rest of the neighbors don't."

"This was the most fun I've had. This was a unanimous decision," Wild said, noting that the last big petition was for curbside recycling. "And there were 600 signatures on those petitions."

The mayor joined Jessica and her family, including her mother, Karen, and sister Erica, 4, by the signs

Thursday afternoon to tape a segment of his Spotlight On show.

While Jessica admitted she was "kind of scared" speaking at the council meeting, she was calm as could be in front of the camera. With good reason. It will be the third time she's been on TV. Her first appearance was on Fox-2 feeding animals at the Detroit Zoo as the winner of the Zookeeper for a Day contest. The second was saying the Pledge of Allegiance with the Girl Scouts at Judge Mark McConnell's swearing-in ceremony.

The Maladeckis have made it a habit of feeding the ducks along Koppernick and even the turtles at Anthony's Pond down the road. And even though baby duck sightings have dropped off in the area, the appearance of a white egret and several mallards in the retention pond is enough to attract a visit from Jessica's mother and sister during the taping.

"I like to see the ducks," Jessica said. "It's really pretty here."

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This is the first in a series of interviews with eight candidates vying for four seats on the **Westland City Council** in the Nov. 3 general election. Three four-year terms and one two-vear term will be filled. The candidates are incumbent Councilman Dewey Reeves, Sam Durante, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Mark Rodriguez, Christine

Cicirelli Bryant and Janet

Frederick-Wilson.

Durante: Goal is to listen to people

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If he is elected to the Westland council, Sam Durante is quick to respond with one objective. "My goal is to listen to people and

want asked. Everyone has ideas about how they can change City Hall," Durante. "But vou don't know until you get behind the table and see what you have and what you can

ask questions they

Durante change." However, Durante notes that he has gone on the record that he won't support outsourcing of work done by city employees, such as the recent contracting of some building inspections.

In his second run for a council seat, Durante said everyone asks why he is running for council at this time.

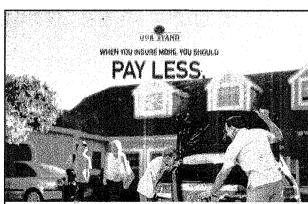
SAM DURANTE

Age: 67 **Employment**: Retired Family: Married to Linda for 34 years, three children, six grandchildren **Education**: two-year program at business

Community involvement: Westland Library Board vice president, EDC/TIFA board member, Westland Summer Festival Committee, Senior Citizen Advisory Council, Commission on Aging, Mission Green, Friendship Center activities, Wild for Youth Events.

"Since (his last campaign) then I have retired. All my life, I have volunteered," he said. "In Westland, I talk to a lot of people. I have a lot to offer the city. I can offer it full time to service

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Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Club meetings are held regularly on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, call treasurer Mike Short, treasurer, or by e-mail at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

Harvest festival

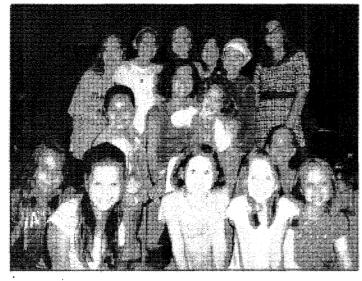
Pets looking for a good home will be available for a adoption at a Harvest Festival sponsored by Scotsdale Apartments, 37670 Dale, off Newburgh between Warren Road and Joy, Westland, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Non-profit animal shelters will be bringing animals who are getting one last chance at adoption.

There will also be food and face painting. Everyone is welcome.

Curtain call

Lexi Fata of Westland will met her Daddy Warbucks when she appears as Annie in the Spotlight on Youth Theater production of Annie Jr. Thursday, Oct. 8 and





Members of the ALL-youth production of Annie Jr. includes Lexi Fata of Westland as Annie, Andrew Neil of Canton as Daddy Warbucks, Alora Adams of Novi as Grace, Justin Shephard of Canton as Rooster, Cordelia Dessert of Farmington Hills as Miss Hannigan and Courtney Davis of Canton as Lily.

Saturday-Sunday, Oct.10-11, at Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. at Cherry Hill in Canton

Annie Jr. is a 70-minute version of the popular Broadway musical Annie geared specifically for a youth cast. According to director Barbara Bloom,

"This is a great family show! Annie Jr., based on the comic strip, tells the story of a feisty orphan that gets adopted by the richest man in town, with

many memorable characters and wonderful songs that leaves you with a smile on your face and a song in your heart."

Tickets are \$15 and available by calling the Village Theater Box Office at 73 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater. For more information, call at (734) 480-4945 or visit the Web site at www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

"These are all brand new

The projects received support from both the DDA board and a citizens panel organized

The original DDA TIFA would have expired in 2010. The streetscape and lighting projects included in the original plan have been completed, Fodale said.

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used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and

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Residents asked candidates about free speech, blight

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The crowd may have been small for the Westland Monitors' Meet the Candidates Night, but there was nothing tiny about the questions they asked of seven candidates for the Westland City Council.

For two hours, the candidates — Sam Durante, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Dewey Reeves, Mark Rodriguez and Janet Frederick Wilson - let the audience know where they stood on such issues as freedom of speech, lowering property taxes and dealing with blight in the community. Unable to able to attend the program, hosted by the Westland Monitors, was

Christine Cicirelli Bryant. "I think it went really well tonight," said Judy McKinney, a member of the Monitors. "I liked the idea of the citizens

asking the questions." The forum, held Wednesday evening at Joy Baptist Church, had candidates answering questions directly from the audience and some that were submitted in writing, a switch from previous forums hosted by the Westland Jaycees in which only questions that could be answered by all of the candidates were used.

On the issue of freedom of speech, Frederick Wilson, an attorney, stressed her "staunch belief" in First Amendment

"I would never turn a person away," she said. "I am a listener, that would be my job on council. The citizens are of value to me, I value their opinion."

"Absolutely, we have to have freedom of speech, but it can get out of hand when a person uses it as their own platform,"

said Kadi. "It's something the council has to look into."

Reeves, the lone incumbent candidate in the election, told the audience he doesn't believe "the First Amendment is being violated," and when asked if the council will change how it addresses citizens' questions, he said the body and the city attorney will have to look at what campaigning is.

"Am I in favor of doing campaigning at the podium? No. I don't do it and never did," said Reeves, adding that a separate entity, like a forum outside the council meeting, is needed so residents "can express their feelings freely.'

• On the question of lowering

Rodriguez pointed out that the city could give residents a tax break if it lowered the 3.35 mils levied for the police and fire retirement to reflect the actuarial's recommendation of how much is needed yearly to fund the account.

"We've been paying more than what's needed since 2005, that's \$16 million in taxes." he said. "They could probably lower it 1 mill and they'd probably still owe us money. I do my homework and study the budgets. I know how to do it."

"I won't raise taxes," Kadi said. "I can't identify one specific thing to lower them, it's takes a team effort. It's not an I thing.'

· As to blight and crime in the community:

Hammons noted that both were happening in all communities. He said that the focus needs to be on the Downtown **Development Authority to** bring in shoppers and that there needs to be a fine to get landlords and owners to take care of their property.

"We shouldn't fine them \$100 a day, but make it \$500 a day," he said. "We have topnotch schools. We have to market the city and its anchors."

buildings in the city: Frederick Wilson told the audience that if elected, she

As to filling the vacant

would find a way to fill them "We need to lower taxes,

especially for new businesses," she said. "We don't have any counts." enticement for business to come to Westland. We have

to promote the city as a good place to start and grow and offer tax incentives."

Reeves pointed out that the city has economic tools in its tool box like TURBO which offers a five-year tax rebate.

"The problem is a lot of businesses don't want the square footage we have available," he said. "Also, the city isn't pedestrian-friendly for shopping. That's what Ford Road 2020 is all about. There is a marketing scheme in place to promote Westland."

Durante said many new businesses fail in the city because the owners don't know what they're doing. He proposed finding retirees that could work with businesses as mentors.

"We should offer a mentoring program for new businesses. there's a lot of seniors out there who would help," he said. "With this, the city would be able to create new jobs and fill extra buildings."

Mehl cautioned against giving tax incentives to new businesses, saying that the lost revenue would have to be made up elsewhere.

"You have to provide tax incentives, but if you give them, that's revenue that's not coming in," he said. "Yes, let's give them a break, but we're the ones who will have to pick up the tax burden. Tax incentives are not always the best answer.'

For residents who missed the candidates night, the Monitors had the program recorded and plan to show it on the city's public access cable channel in advance of the Nov. 3 general election.

In his closing remarks, Durante urged residents to get out and vote in the council election in which four seats will be filled — three four-year terms and one two-year term.

"The reason I decide to run is because I'm like you, an average person and the average person needs a vote on council," he said. "I want to be your voice on council. The only endorsement I want is your support, the only support I want is your vote on Nov. 3.

"Get out and vote, your vote

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on street lights throughout the district, outdoor concerts, farmers markets and other public activities.

• Park and public improvements, including financing part of a proposed municipal complex. The DDA specifically would fund improvements to public parking areas related to pedestrian walkways, open spaces and related public infrastructure.

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projects. They aren't tied to specific dates. The DDA board will prioritize the projects as the money becomes available," Fodale said.

to provide input on the plan

amendment. plan was adopted in 1996 and line for the new projects. It all depends on the money that will be available," she come forward and we need to acquire some property, that might take precedence example."

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Durante is proud of a nickname he earned during his professional career — the expediter — and said he would apply those same skills to his duties as a council member.

"I worked 50 years of my life. I worked hard. I owned three businesses, I've been in management. I have a lot of knowledge working with a balanced budget and getting the job done," said Durante. "I'm civicminded, I always wanted to contribute back to the people. I will continue to do that.'

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City officials turn out for the grand opening of new businesses but often those businesses close within several months, said Durante, who would like to see the city initiate a mentorship program to use the knowledge of retired business owners.

The worst of the current economic problems seems to be peaking, Durante said, adding he expects to start seeing trends in home sales to start increasing. As a result, he said he would like something done about the disparities in home values.

"We have to equalize tax revenues. If a guy buys a house at \$30,000 at foreclosure and the neighbor has a \$120,000 home, that's what they are taxed at," said Durante. "We need to do something about that.'

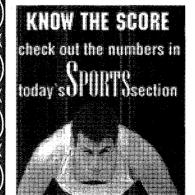
Westland's Norwayne area continues to be an area that needs a lot of focus from the city, said Durante, along with other areas of blight.

"I don't want to displace people. People in that area need to have a comfortable place, if we do displace them," he said.

A member of Westland's Tax **Increment Financing Authority** Board, Durante said he thinks the new marketing plan that has been developed will work.

"Businesses in the north end of the city needs to be addressed. There are a lot of vacant properties. We need to bring in new tenants," he said.

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The Garden City Amateur Radio Club has awarded Garden City Fire Chief Bill Forbush a honorary lifetime membership for his work with the group.

Radio Club makes fire chief honorary lifetime member

Members of the Garden City Amateur Radio Club honored Fire Chief Bill Forbush with an honorary lifetime membership last week at their monthly meeting at Maplewood Community Center.

Club President Roy Watts presented Forbush with a certificate signed by the group's Board of Directors, including Watts, Chuck Reik, Shanon Herron and Matt Breton.

Forbush serves as Emergency Management Director for Garden City, and has forged a close working relationship

of community preparedness efforts.

Forbush explained that "amateur radio is the last line of defense in community- wide emergencies, when conventional forms of communication

"I am very proud of our local ham radio volunteers and the important role that they play in our emergency management program," he said. "The Maplewood Center radio room, mobile command post and their involvement in the **CERT (Community Emergency** with the radio group in support Response Team) program are

a testament to the unprecedented levels of cooperation we have seen over the past several years."

Watts called Forbush "a true friend to the amateur radio community with tremendous dedication to Garden City." The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in Room 16 at Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman

More information about the club can be found online at can be found at www.gcarc.net.

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Meetings reach out to those caught in foreclosure crisis

Homeowners across southeast Michigan are losing their homes to the mortgage foreclosure epidemic at an alarming rate. More than 100,000 homes in the four-county Detroit metro area were affected by mortgage delinquency or foreclosure in 2008. The projected number for 2009 is more than 150,000.

Foreclosures devalue property and negatively affect communities, making them vulnerable to blight and crime. Businesses close, jobs are lost and families become homeless. The cost to the local economy is literally in the billions of dol-

In response to the crisis, state and local governments and non-profit organizations have mobilized to address and alleviate the devastating impact of foreclosures. With proper counseling, residents can either avoid foreclosure or mitigate its effects. Yet, many

people at risk of foreclosure are counselor, of thew Wayne unaware of the free resources that already exist in their own

Michigan Radio and Detroit Public Television have partnered with several local organizations, including the United Way, 2-1-1 and Lighthouse Oakland, to present a series of public town meetings in the Detroit metropolitan area to acquaint residents with the resources that are available to them, whether they are in

danger of losing their homes, are presently in the foreclosure process, or have already lost their homes. Local experts, lenders and counselors will provide information on the current environment and be available for questions.

The William P. Faust Public Library in Westland will host a town hall meeting of the foreclosure crisis 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6. Jamele Hage, director, and Debbie Hostos,

County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program will be the presenters.

A similar meeting has been set up for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library,

1099 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. The presenters will be Greg Sterns, manager of Financial Education and Counseling, Lighthouse Oakland.

The town meetings are part of a larger, national initiative by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, using public media to raise awareness and aggregate community resources to combat the foreclosure epidemic. Other components include radio and television programs, Web sites, publications and on-air interstitials directing the public to places where they can find help.

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Area woman lobbies Congress on cancer

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004 - and subsequently fighting it off — Elizabeth Paruch couldn't have imagined herself sitting in the Washington, D.C., office of a U.S. congressman pressing him for things like health care reform.

As a five-year cancer survivor, Paruch has stopped being surprised at the kind of courage one can find.

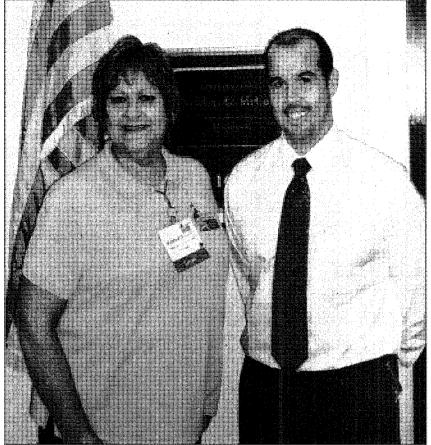
That's why Paruch, a Canton resident who is a team leader for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, had no problem sitting in the Capitol office of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, Tuesday letting him know just what CAN thinks he should do about health care.

"We spoke to our elected officials about health care reform," said Paruch, who with husband Dale has lived in Canton 12 years. "We wanted to let them know what the American Cancer Society's position is."

Paruch was one of some 400 team leaders from around the country one from each congressional district - who descended upon Washington Tuesday for a Leadership Summit and Lobby Day.

The all-volunteer group conducted 100 meetings with Senate representatives, and another 345 with House representatives. Paruch said most of the meetings were productive.

"They were very receptive," said Paruch. "We were very happy with the meetings."



Elizabeth Paruch of Canton met with Patrick Rothwell, chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, (R-Livonia), during a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Paruch said the American Cancer Society's health-care reform concerns center around making health care adequate and affordable with no exclusions for pre-existing conditions. met when any reform comes about.

The nonpartisan group isn't supporting any specific plan, she said. The ACS simply wants to make sure the concerns of cancer patients are

"Our concern is whatever plan gets adopted, it addresses our issues, Paruch said. "We're not taking a partisan position, we're taking a pro-cancer patient position. We feel if it helps cancer patients, it's probably going to help everybody.'

Paruch met Sara Fitzwater, an aide to Sen. Carl Levin; Sen. Debbie Stabenow's Legislative Fellow Kathryn Kietzman; and with McCotter Chief of Staff Patrick Rothwell (McCotter, a member of the House Cancer Caucus, was traveling from Livonia to Washington that day and couldn't meet with them). She said the talk centered around health care reform in general.

"We knew (Levin and Stabenow) were on board with all of our concerns," Paruch said of the Democratic senators. "(Rothwell) was very receptive, and told us (McCotter) goes along with our concerns.

Rothwell said such constituent visits are welcomed in Washington.

"Any time a constituent comes in and we get to hear what's on their minds, it's beneficial," Rothwell said. "Generally speaking, we agree with the majority of their concerns. Because they're kind of conceptual, it's tough to get into any sort of specifics. We don't know where we stand right now (with specific bills), but overall, I think we were in agreement with where we would like to be."

Paruch said the annual forays into Washington are often effective. Two years ago, ACS lobbied for better health care for children, which resulted, Paruch said, in the passage of the

SCHIP legislation. Last year's focus was on FDA regulation of tobacco.

But the one she said touched her the most — because she has collegeage children - was "Michelle's Law," which takes effect next month and allows college students who have to take time off school for medical issues to continued to be carried on insurance plans.

"Her mom got it changed with the help of the American Cancer Society," Paruch said. "That one brought tears to my eves. I think of my own sons and what I would have done if that happened to any one of them."

Paruch became an advocate for CAN in 2006, some two years after her diagnosis and treatment for cancer. She had participated in her first Relay for Life in May 2004 in honor of her brother, and was diagnosed herself three months later.

She said because her cancer was detected early, her treatment was much less severe than that of most women. She had a lumpectomy, four chemo treatments and seven weeks of

"I went through nothing compared to a lot of women, and they have no support," said Paruch, who credits the support of her husband and sons - Brian, Christopher and Mark - for her recovery. "I can't go back and thank those women. All I can do is go forward and make sure the women who come after me have it a little better. I hope one day none of us has to go through it."

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Charity soccer game aids domestic violence shelters

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton and Detroit police officers will play a charity soccer match to raise money for shelters that help victims of domestic and sexual violence - shelters feeling the pinch of an eco-

nomic downturn. The game, scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the High Velocity Sports Center on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road, will benefit First Step, which serves western Wayne County, and the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit's Interim

Admission is \$5 at the door, or Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said he may be contacted for ticket information at (734) 394-5424 or by e-mail at mgajeski@canton-mi.org

'We're really excited about this," said Theresa Bizoe, First Step's associate director. "The economy has really affected our ability to raise money. We've really had to reach out in a variety of ways and ask people to consider First Step a critical safety net for also will be on hand, according to the community."

A sour economy has prompted many corporations to scale back their charitable donations, Bizoe said, and a tumultuous stock market has left community foundations with less revenue to help organizations relying on financial assistance.

Canton and Detroit police will square off during a soccer game featuring Detroit Ignition players participating as coaches and referees, and the team's cheerleaders, The Sparks,

The afternoon will include photos with Ignition soccer players, facepainting, children's play areas and prizes.

"It's an opportunity for the city and suburbs to work together for a good cause - domestic violence shelters," Gajeski said.

Bizoe and Gajeski said economic problems also have made it more difficult for victims of domestic and sexual violence to find jobs and other

resources they need to make a new

Bizoe said First Step may be reached 24 hours by calling (734) 722-6800 or through a toll-free number at (888) 453-5900. More information also is available online at www. firststep-mi.org.

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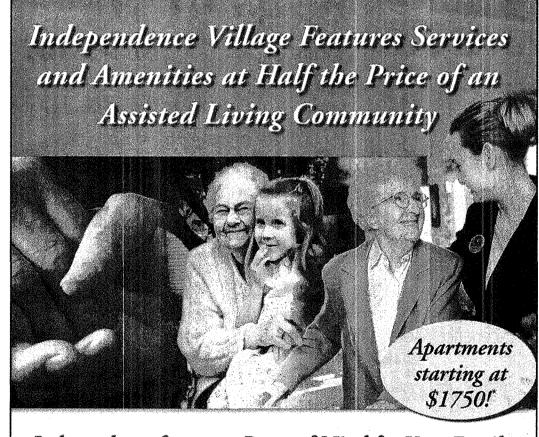
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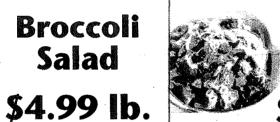
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WOW trip connects UM-Dearborn freshmen

They came. They paddled. They conquered not only the exhilarating rapids of the Pine River in Irons, Mich. but a fourday outdoor adventure with future classmates and university administrators, too.

Amanda Dillon of Plymouth and Rachael Lawrukovich of Westland were two of 19 incoming University of Michigan-Dearborn students who said adios to summer last month by joining UM-Dearborn staff for an inaugural canoeing excursion in the heart of western Michigan's Manistee National Forest as part of a new orientation program called Wolves. Orientation. Wilderness.

"The intent of the program was to give these students a head start - a connection - with the university before the semester started," said Kristine Day, director of student activities at UM-Dearborn, who served as a

group leader during the four-day, three-night activity. "The experience did that and even more, as evident by the relationships that were established at camp, and now strengthened on campus."

Simon Michalik, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, found that the trip lived up to his expectations of being a great way to meet new people, easing the transition to campus life.

"I was absolutely amazed at how quickly all of us got to know each other," Michalik said. "After only a few days it seemed that we had known each other for months. It's great to be able to walk around between classes and already know 18 other freshmen. It certainly makes it easier to stay on campus all day if you have people you know to hang out with or eat lunch with between

The program, which has been in the works for three years, is a



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Rachael Lawrukovich (middle row, fourth from left) of Westland and Amanda Dillon (back row, second from right) of Plymouth were two of the students who participated in the recent University of MIchigan-Dearborn WOW program.

collaboration of UM-Dearborn's Department of Athletics, the

Office of Admissions and Orientation and the Student

Each student pays his or her way for the trip, which includes transportation to and from the site, all meals, canoe and camping equipment and a reflection journal, and provides his or her own personal hygiene items and sleeping bag. University staff members serve as group leaders, guiding the students through canoeing and team-building activities along with active discussion around the campfire about hopes and fears of starting college and campus life.

The outing allows students to make a solid connection with campus staff members and provides an experience that confirms the approachable nature of the faculty and staff at UM-Dearborn, according to Steven Rotta, director of athletics at UM-Dearborn, who also served as a group leader for the trip.

"This was an excellent oppor-

tunity for us as staff to get to know this generation of young adults in a way our regular professional experience may not readily lend itself," Rotta said. "I hope that we can create a way for more staff and faculty to experience this adventure in the future."

Christopher Tremblay, director of admissions and orientation at UM-Dearborn who joined Rotta and Day in leading the group during the excursion, agreed.

"Until a few weeks ago, they were just an application and transcript that passed through the Admissions Office," said Tremblay. "Now, I know their personality. It was a wonderful glimpse into their hearts and minds and their hopes, fears and dreams about entering college at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I was impressed by their attitudes, their interconnectedness and their focus."

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Rotarians help Westland Youth Assistance in a big way Assistance Director Paul Motz

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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with a check for nearly \$4,000. The money, raised through a raffle, will be used to pay for activities of parents and children involved in Youth Assistance.

"It's a small paper, but a very large check. The raffle tickets were \$10 - someone threw in an extra five or so," Motz said. "We will purchase activities in Westland to say thanks to people for supporting our kids and our

community."

A suite at Comerica Park, including 10 seats for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, was raffled off by the Rotarians to raise the \$4,000. Club member Lou Toarmina, owner of Toarmina's Pizza, received the suite package from Pepsico and donated it for the raffle.

"It was a raffle that kind of fell into our laps. Paul Motz approached us for help to reward

parents at graduation from Youth Assistance," Westland Rotary President Antoinette Martin said.

Motz accepted the check at the council meeting. Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski accepted another donation from the Rotarians, \$1,000 to sponsor the annual Turn Off the Violence event, which will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Bailey Community

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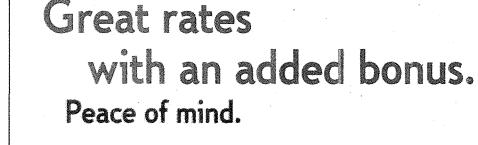
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runtime is 2 1/2 hours. There is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

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)

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Diabetes Self-Management Education (3 of 4 classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn sélf-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to

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. Each class combines a variety of equipment, including free weights,

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Yoga (1 of 4 classes) at 4 p.m. Learn to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strngth and flexibility. The four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. Call (734) 458-3242 to register.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

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.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 6:30 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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October is National Reading Group Month and you can find out more about reading groups by visiting the Web site at www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.

At the Westland Public Library we have two different adult book groups you can join: The Adult Book Club and the Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club. The Adult Book Club reads a mixture of literary and popular titles. Examples of recent titles read include "The Monsters of Templeton" by Lauren Groff, "My Life as a Fake" by Peter Carey, "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" by Ishmael Beah and "The Blind Assassin" by Margaret Atwood. The Adult Book Club will be meeting again at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 to discuss "The Double Bind" by Christopher Bohjalian.

Some recent books discussed by the Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club are "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne, "Red Mars" by Kim Stanley Robinson and "A Fire Upon the Deep" by Vernor Vinge. "The Yiddish Policemen's Union" by Michael Chabon is being talked about at the next meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 30. Extra copies of library book club books can be picked up at the Reference Desk.

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In celebration of National Reading Group Month, the library invites all past and present members of any book groups to stop by the library 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, to meet others who enjoy the shared experience of reading. No matter the size of your book group, where you meet, whether you meet regularly or when schedules permit, is made up of family members, co-workers, or a church or social group, stop by the library to come together with others of similar interests.

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Join us for a discussion of Michael Chabon's award-wining "The Yiddish Policemen's Union." For 60 years, Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a "temporary" safe haven created in Alaska in the wake of revelations of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. For 60 years they have been left alone, neglected and half-forgotten in a backwater of history. Now the District is set to revert to Alaskan control, and their dream is coming to an end; once again the tides of history threaten to sweep them up and carry them off into the unknown. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

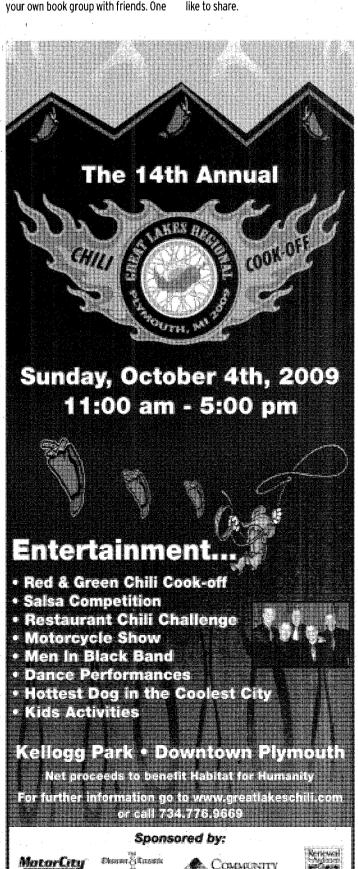
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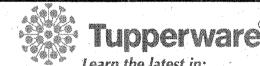
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School evolves with broadcast business

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Getting into the radio business for Specs Howard was a ghastly experience, if you'll pardon the pun.

Howard, who founded the broadcast school in Southfield that bears his name, chuckled as he talked about that experience, the growth of his school and the future of the broadcast business last week.

Howard didn't start out in the broadcasting business, but after two years in law school, he realized that "radio was always what I wanted to try. It gets in your blood, it's part of your makeup. I've been in the business for 61 years."

Howard, 83, recently received the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Lifetime Achievement Award.

He went to a Philadelphia station in 1948, and later learned of an opening at a TV station in Cleveland, Ohio. It was April Fools Day, 1954, when he went for an audition.

"My home town had 5,000 people; Cleveland had a million," Howard recalled. "I had never been in a TV station. They told me to talk for four minutes."

The audition was before the man who would later fill the role as Sir Graves Ghastly.

After trying briefly, Howard told them, "Sorry, I can't do this.' I thought they wouldn't hire me."

Lawson Deming, who played Sir Graves, walked down the hall, shaking his head after the audition.

"He hired me," Howard said, shaking his own head. "Now that's scary."

He made the move and worked there for two years before Westinghouse took it over with a rock 'n' roll format. Eventually he was half of a twoman morning comedy show.

"It hit the air and the whole thing took off in 90 days," he said.

Then WXYZ made them an offer to come to the Detroit area, where their show hosted major stars like Sonny and



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played records at the time, hav-

ing to sort through them, many

promoters, he said. "The studio

of which came from record

had two turntables and two

tape machines," he recalled.

Soon Howard moved his

school to Eight Mile Road and

Northwestern Highway, where

1994, Howard leased a building

it was located for 24 years. In

at Nine Mile and Evergreen,

where the still growing school

is headquartered. A branch also

is located in Farmington Hills.

with the technology used in

the business. "Technological

advances in the business...have

been so monumental," Howard

said. "We send people to Vegas"

to buy leading edge equipment.

But by the time the school gets

the equipment — it takes eight

something new on the market.

"Our main job is to stay on

Vice President for Industry

top" of the changes, he said.

Relations at the school, Dick

Kernen, said that high defini-

is providing more diversified

The changes have meant

adding television and graphic

and this year film was added.

Digital media is the next addi-

tion, coming next year. "Every

channels", and "internet radio

result is going to be more com-

TV station has three added

is embryonic," he said. The

petition, he added.

design to the curriculum,

options for listeners and view-

tion and digital technology also

months — there is already

The school has evolved along

Student numbers — and programs — are growing at Specs Howard School in Southfield, where they learn about everything from radio to film.



Specs Howard, 83, is still working and loving it.

Cher and Phyllis Diller and the two hosts did skits. It didn't last long, though.

"The world came apart for us in two years," Howard said. "Detroit was not ready for us."

Faced with losing his radio spot, Howard acted on a friend's suggestion that he open a broadcast school, which he did on Jan. 14, 1970 at Schoolcraft and Beech Daly roads in Redford Township, near the current Beirut Bakery.

That location didn't last long. Once again, technology would play a role in Howard's career.

"They were putting in the (I-96) freeway," Howard explained. The construction work disrupted technology used at the school.

"Remember the old turntables?" Howard inquired. "You could see the arm of the turntable (bouncing)."

Radio stations and the school

Howard uses a walker now to move through the halls at the school, where he and Kernen both seem to know all the students by name, pausing to chat with them.

The school has 800 students enrolled with a staff of 85. Howard said the school is liable for placement of the students, since they get federal funding for 55-60 percent of the tuition costs. Howard said the school requires students to come up with the balance, a policy that he believes makes the school more successful.

The school offers a number of scholarships, including one to the Detroit Hispanic Development Center that Kernen described as "very personal" to him.

One of the new students. Glynn Gaston Jr., 34, of Detroit said he spent four years in the music industry. Now married and a minister with four boys, he said he came to the school because "it was time for me to mature and grow...So I'm excited."

Eventually, he would like to own his own production com-

Accredited since 1978, the school has a number of articulation agreements with area colleges.

"The essence of this place, by the way, comes from the guy who sits at this desk." Kernen said, referring to Howard. He has worked at the school for 37 years. "The environment makes people feel very close...It's a marvelous place to work."

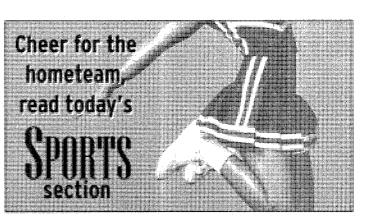
Howard said he was very honored and "extremely gratified" in receiving the award. "It's a tough marketplace, but

we're doing well," he said. So there really is a "Specs" Howard, a nickname he said he got as a child from wearing

thick glasses. Perhaps it the holiday coming, or perhaps his early relationship with Sir Graves Ghastly, but Howard admits that "sometimes I'm called

'Spooks.' " Now, that's scary.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 18 09/21/09

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves. Stottlemver

170: Appr. minutes of 9/8/09.

-Approved Lutheran HS homecoming parade on 9/25/09, @ 5:30

-Approved Westland Jaycees Haunted House @ Wayne Ford Civic

League, on 10/2 & 3, 10/9 & 10, 10/16 &17, & 10/23-30.

-Adopt. Prep. Res. regarding City's bonds to be issued & sold to Municipal Bond Authority's SRF Program.

-Intro. Ord. 242-A, amending Westland DDA & TIFA. -Adopted Ord. 222-A-2, repealing Ch. 2, Art. III, Div. 9, Sec. 2-451 thru 2-460 that amended the Westland Cable Commission. -Adopt, Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 1 property. 171: Appr. checklist: \$1,121,232.59 & Prepaid: \$877,620.01.

Mtg. adj. at 8:12 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout Council President Eileen DeHart, CMC City Clerk

Publish: September 27, 2009

ORDINANCE NO. 222-A-2

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 2 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 9, SECTIONS 2-451 THROUGH 2-460 ESTABLISHING THE WESTLAND CABLE COMMISSION

The City of Westland Ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article III, Division 9, Sections 2-451 through 2-460, of the Westland City Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 2 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby

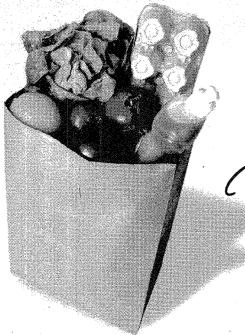
Section 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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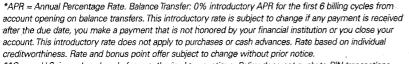
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Amnesty offers better deal for unreported income

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Rick Bloom

ing to worry about. I'm concerned about what could happen if the IRS discovers our overseas account. I have heard the government has some sort of amnesty program for people like us. My husband says that under the amnesty program we have to pay the taxes, interest and a penalty which he says would be the same situation if we are discovered. I think we should bite the bullet and pay the taxes. What do you think?

A: You should take advantage of the amnesty program.

The law is clear regarding that as American citizens it really doesn't matter where money is earned or whether those earnings are reported to the IRS. You are liable to pay taxes on those earnings.

I believe no matter what one's personal views regarding tax laws, those views are not the issue. The issue is what the law states.

The second issue is whether you will get a better deal from the IRS if you voluntarily come forward as opposed to them discovering you. As far as I am concerned, it is a slam dunk. You will get a better deal from the IRS by coming forward and admitting your mistakes. In your case, you potentially will have to pay less in penalties on the unreported income. According to the IRS, the amnesty program will result in reduced penalties for taxpayers who voluntarily report their income. In addition, let's not forget that failure to properly report income can be a criminal offense. When you voluntarily come forward to report previously unreported income, the IRS does not pursue criminal proceedings.

On the other hand, if the IRS discovers that you have undisclosed income, they can pursue criminal sanctions against you and your husband. After all, you both signed the tax return.

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Q: Dear Rick: My husband the amnesty program deadline. Originally set to expire mid-September, taxpayers now have until Oct. 15. You still have a few weeks to apply. In that regard, I recommend that you hire a tax attorney. He or she will have attorneyclient privilege which potentially may be useful in negotiating with the IRS.

Many individuals have either not filed tax returns or have unreported income and are living on the edge hoping that the IRS does not contact them. As far as I am concerned, that is no way to live. A much better course of action is to either file an amended return or for those who have not yet filed their original return, file it now.

I've dealt with many taxpayers over the years who did not file their tax returns on

time. When they finally came forward and did file their returns, all said they felt relief. In fact, many were surprised that the amount of money they actually owed the IRS was less than they had originally thought.

For those who have not yet filed their tax returns, there is another incentive to getting them filed and that is access to financial assistance programs.

In many state and federal programs, in order to qualify for assistance you must show a tax return. By failing to file a return you are potentially disqualifying yourself from many government benefits.

Like many of you, I believe our tax laws are archaic, cumbersome and unfair. However, that does not diminish our responsibility as citizens to pay taxes.

To be a good citizen and have peace of mind, I always recommend complying with the law. And when we make mistakes, correct them. Good

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.

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SPORTS, HEALTH & FITNESS, NEIGHBORS

HOMETOWN LIFE



Rockets escape

Langford figures in four TDs in 34-28 win vs. Pats

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn emptied the playbook Friday night and it was a good thing.

The Rockets built a 34-14 lead through three quarters before holding off a furious late rally by host Livonia Franklin to earn a 34-28 KLAA South Division football win.

Glenn, getting 213 yards rushing, a touchdown pass and a key interception from tailback Jeremy Langford, improved 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Franklin, meanwhile, falls to 3-2 and 2-1.

"There wasn't anything new. Those were the plays we've been running for a while," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "We've slowly opened the

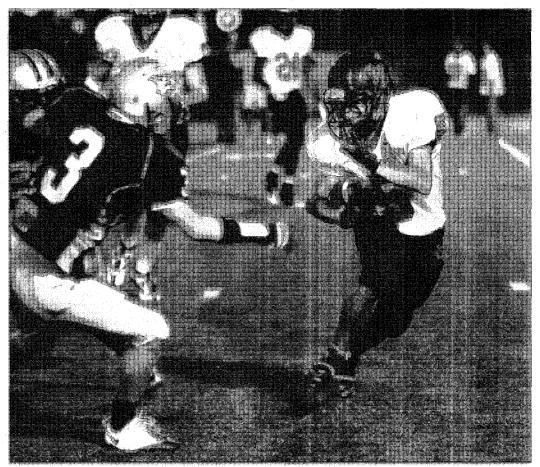
playbook more and more each game. We just wanted to mix it up more. We were not in the same formation twice because we wanted to make their defense think."

Langford, a 6-foot-1, 190pound senior tailback, ran his season rushing total to 988 yards. Running part of the time out of the "Wildcat" formation in a single-back set, he scored on touchdown runs of 64, 48 and 16 yards.

"He's got it all — the speed to get to the edge, and he has the ability to cut back when it's time to cut back," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "And he does a nice job of finding the seams."

Langford also played QB, finding 5-foot-6, 130-pound

Please see GLENN, B5



Looking for daylight

Churchill's Dean Bokuniewicz (5) avoids Plymouth tackler Tyler Grosh during Friday's KLAA South Division football encounter. See story on page B5.

Churchill blocks Canton in key test

BY TIM SMITH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kellogg Arena at state finals time might not have the same snap, crackle and pop as the Livonia Churchill gymnasium did Thursday night.

Fans were treated to a riproaring varsity volleyball KLAA South Division matchup between the host Chargers and Canton in a match that featured playoff tension and every-playcounts intensity.

Churchill — led by the deadly offensive combo of senior outside hitters Sarah Suppelsa and Cierra Yetts — finally earned a 3-1 match victory to improve to 22-3 overall and 3-0 in the division.

"We've got a lot of work (to do), we've got to go to their place," said Churchill head coach Mark Grenier, "This is only the first half. The only thing we have is an advantage. I'm glad we have that but this thing is far from over."

Canton (8-1, 2-1) came out swinging, taking the opening game 25-23 and having a 16-12 edge in the middle of Game 2. But then the bottom fell out and the Chargers roared back for a

25-20 win to even the match. Game 3 was a nail-biter that ultimately went to Churchill,

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

25-23. The deciding game was an anticlimactic 25-14.

"I'm not disappointed with how we played but I know that we are not going to hang our heads low after this," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska. "We're going to move on. They're at our tournament on Saturday and then we play them again at home."

The opener saw the Chiefs rebound from a 19-14 deficit, with senior outside hitter Jordan Kielty going on a fivepoint service run (including an ace) to lift Canton back into the

Canton finally broke even at 23-23 on a defensive point scored by sophomore outside hitter Kristen Muir and senior setter Traci Breitmeyer served up the winning points.

The Chiefs then surged ahead in Game 2, temporarily quieting the loud home faithful. Kielty went on another five-point serving run to go up 8-2.

But Churchill quickly closed the gap when senior defensive specialist Taylor Kerr scored five points from the stripe. Unfortunately for the Chiefs, a couple close calls went Churchill's way (an official

took a point away from Canton because a player apparently touched the net) and the tables turned.

"It completely shifts momentum," lamented Kryska. "It gets them (Chiefs) upset, it gets me upset. I'm not going to say we lost because of calls, but I am going to say that it definitely did hurt us at some point.'

The third game had Churchill leading or tied throughout except for a brief moment when the Chiefs rallied to take a 22-21 lead. Kielty's blistering return landed just inside the back line for the lead-changing sideout.

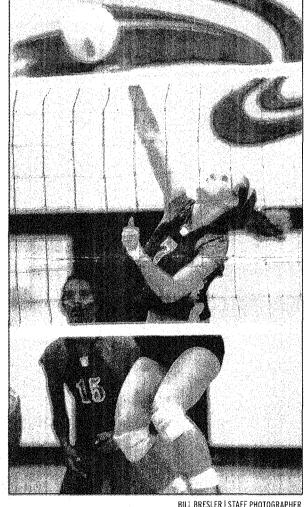
Canton then had the chance to seize control of the game and match, but a service error made it 22-all and Kerr aced her first serve to restore Churchill's edge.

"We missed one and then they get an ace and now they're up two," Kryska said. "Critical, critical points we missed."

Canton still had opportunities to rebound, even after those missed chances. But the Chargers always managed to go to Suppelsa and Yetts for dependable scoring.

"I think overall we need to work on really shutting down those two outsides," Kryska

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B4



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High riser

John Glenn's Robbie Robinson (7) makes a strong swing during Thursday's KLAA South Division matchup with host Wayne Memorial. Glenn won in three straight. For a roundup of area games, see page B4.

Chargers hit on all cylinders in 2-0 win vs. Wildcats

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia Churchill wasted little time in establishing itself in Thursday's KLAA South Division boys soccer showdown with host Plymouth at Centennial Educational

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That was more than enough as Churchill, ranked No. 3 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll, made the early two-goal lead stand up in a 2-0 win.

Churchill, now 11-0-1 overall has a the rebound after Brindza deflected

a 5-0-1 record and 16 points.

Plymouth, meanwhile, is 7-5-1 overall and 4-1-1 in the division with 13 points.

Just two minutes into the match, Churchill's Tim Devine ripped a shot off the crossbar. Devine rifled another shot on goal just seconds later and Tyler Varney jumped on

Joy & Hix in

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leg up in the KLAA South race with the first shot off the post to make it 1-0 at 38:04.

> The Chargers continued their relentless pressure after going up 1-0, including a sequence where they were awarded four straight corner

Reeling from the first goal, Plymouth was back on its heels

Please see SOCCER, B4

Blazers win again

Freshman Jackie Snyder and senior Gaby Meyer each tallied a goal Thursay as Livonia Ladywood earned a 2-0 Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League win against the host Washtenaw Whippets.

Snyder's goal came in the first half off an assist from senior Christina Eroyan, while Meyer's second-half goal was unassisted off a breakaway.

Ladywood senior goalie Marissa Ellswood made four saves to post the shutout as the Blazers improved to 5-3-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the league.

Carissa Flocken had eight saves for the Whippets, who fall to 2-4-2 and 0-3-2.

MU golfers 1st

The Madonna University women's golf team took the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 3 held Wednesday at Scott Lake G.C. in Comstock Park and Thursday at Stonewater Country Club in Kentwood.

MU's two-day total was 341-367-708 followed by Indiana Tech (712), Aquinas (723), Davenport (724), Siena Heights (741), Cornerstone (795) and Concordia (820).

The Crusaders were led by Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), who tied for third by carding rounds of 83-86-169. She was followed by Michelle Hall, tied for seventh (85-89-174); Sara Simnitch, tied for 10th (85-96-181); Caitlin Steele, 88-96-184); and Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), tied for 27th (99-102-201).

Davenport's Caitlin Duvalwas individual medalist with 74-85-159.

Patriots net 4th

In last weekend's Monroe Tournament, the Livonia Franklin boys tennis team finished fourth out of eight schools with No. 2 singles player Walter Woods earning a first place.

Franklin's No. 1 singles player Stephen Payne took runner-up honors as did the No. 2 doubles team of Peter Lee and Joe Kosinski.

The Patriots' Bill Shafer and Joe Trudell placed third at No. 3 doubles.

Livonia Turkey Trot

The fourth annual Livonia Turkey Trot, sponsored by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be Saturday, Nov. 7 at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Registration will be at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located a 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$10 (adults)

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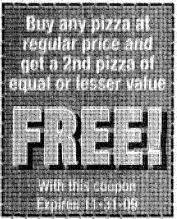
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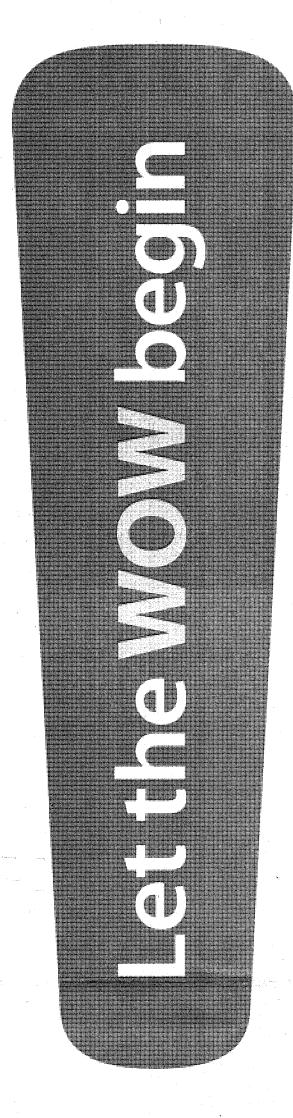
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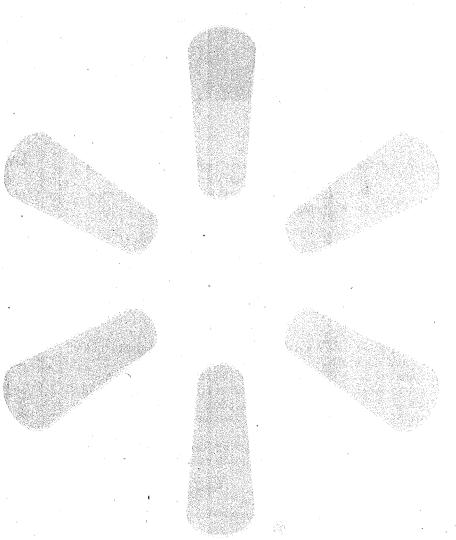
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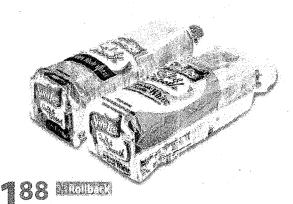












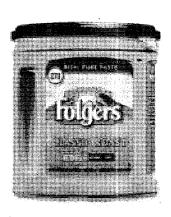
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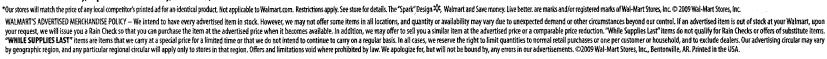


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Tuesday, Sept. 29 Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 6:30 p.m. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m. Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m. uron Valley at Univ.-Liggett, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m. UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m. **BOYS SOCCER**

Monday, Sept. 28 N. Boston Huron at Wayne, Tuesday, Sept. 29 Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m. Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wash. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 5 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30

Thursday, Oct. 1 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m. Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2 Truman at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m. W.L. Central at Franklin, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Troy Athens at Stevenson, 1 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m. Ladywood vs. Riv. Gabriel Richard at Riverview's Patriots Park, 4 p.m.

MIAC Jamboree at Oak, Christian, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Ypsilanti Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Center Line Invitational, 10 a.m. Falcon Inv. at Divine Child, TBA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING **Tuesday, Sept. 29** N. Farmington at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m Friday, Oct. 2

Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Wayne Invitational, noon. GIRLS GOLF Monday, Sept. 28 Churchill vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m Franklin vs. Plymouth Wayne vs. John Glenn at The Woodlands, 3 p.m

Stevenson vs. Salem Tuesday, Sept. 29 Wednesday, Sept. 30 Franklin vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. South Lyon Thursday, Oct. 1 I Inv. at St. John's, 8:30 a.m. **BOYS TENNIS**

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 KLAA Kensington Conference

Tourney at Salem-Plymouth, 8 a.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Wednesday, Sept. 30 Sacred Heart at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3

Catholic League Championships
at Ladywood H.S., TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m. Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 30 Madonna at Saginaw Valley, 4:30 p.m Saturday, Oct. 3 Madonna vs. Davenport Univ. at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon. Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 30

Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 Madonna vs. Davenport Univ. at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Rhode Island CC at Schoolcraft, noon TBA - time to be announced.

Indiana Wesleyan tops Crusader women, 2-1

All the scoring occurred in the first half Tuesday as Indiana Wesleyan, ranked No. 12 in the latest NAIA national poll, posted a 2-1 non-conference women's soccer victory over visiting Madonna University.

The Crusaders, who slipped to 2-7 overall, jumped out to a 1-0 advantage in the 22nd minute on Kaila Moore's goal off an assist from Diane Brda (Livonia Franklin).

The host Wildcats (5-1-1) answered in the 30th minute on Megan Marshall's goal followed by Brittany Smith's game-winner in the 43rd min-

MU goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made nine

Indiana Wesleyan's Beth Anne Nowak faced just two shots on goal.

The Crusaders return to the pitch on Saturday as part of a double-header against Concordia with the MU men. Game times are at noon (women) and 2:30 p.m. (men) at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

MU men edged, 3-2

In a physical match which included a pair of yellow cards handed out and a combined 33 fouls whistled, the Madonna University men's soccer team suffered a 3-2 setback to visit-

COLLEGE SOCCER

ing Cornerstone University at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Cornerstone is 4-5 overall and 3-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while defending champion MU falls to 0-4-2 and 0-3-1.

Juniors Daniel Amaya and Jacob Rosiek scored for MU, while freshman Moses Otieno provided assists on both goals.

Neither side could find the net in the opening half and the match remained scoreless until the 72nd minute when Matt Kunnen finished off a corner kick to give Cornerstone a 1-0

Amaya evened the contest up just under four minutes later as he took a pass from Otieno and found the back of the net just 14 seconds after checking into the game.

CU's Brian Nimmo untied the game in the 83rd minute on another header and Brian Wierenga added the third Golden Eagle goal in the 89th minute for a 3-1 lead.

Rosiek made it a one-goal deficit, 3-2, with just five seconds left as he finished off a cross from Otieno.

MU's Steve Besk made five saves in goal, while Matt Roberts had to make just three for Cornerstone.

and the Chargers' Stephen Foster got in near the goal and crossed a ball that caromed off a Wildcat defender for another score — this one. coming with 30:44 left in the half.

"I'm just so impressed how organized we were and with how much energy we played with coming out," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We came out and played like we wanted to make a statement.'

Things settled down after that, but the damage had been done.

Plymouth's best scoring threat against Churchill keeper Bryan Bartig was a shot that was cleared off the goal line by defender Erik Bird with 18:47 left in the first half.

"They (Churchill) are a good team," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "We were just flat. You could not spot them those first two goals. It killed us."

Led by senior captains

Daniel Jasewicz and Vinh Nguyen, the Wildcats tried to make a match of it.

"We played some good soccer for awhile, but we need to play smart soccer," said Neschich, whose team tied Churchill in an earlier meeting this year 1-1. "We gotoutworked the first 10 minutes. After that I thought it was a pretty even game, and both teams had chances."

Churchill, meanwhile, maintained control for much of the second half and had a third goal disallowed.

The Chargers received solid play from defenders Jacob Kobylarz and Nick Wood, along with midfielder Jeff Thomas and forward Allen Woodruff.

"We got about 15 corners kicks and a lot of throw-ins - the last game against them we got zero," Friedrichs said. "You could tell we were really attacking. We won a lot of balls in the second half and that was the difference. We created a lot of chances, and I'm proud and happy with the way we played.

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

SOUTH LYON 182 LIVONIA STEVENSON 213

Sept. 24 at River Bank South Lyon scorers: Alex Drew, 43 (medalist); Danielle Godair, 45; Natalie Zaguroli, 46;

Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubbenheimer, 46; Sarah King and Dana Smith, 54 each; Brynn

Dual match records: South Lyon, 6-2 overall, 6-2 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson 1-7



LIVONIA LADYWOOD 140 MONROE ST. MARY CATHOLIC CENTRAL 24 Sept. 24 at Livonia Comm. Rec.

Center 200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Caleigh Griffin, Maddy Pelon, Hannah Weaver), 2:04.09; 2. Ladywood (Jessica Arabi, Monica Thibodeau, Maris Rychman, Amy Kobylarz), 2:23,95

200 freestyle: 1. Alaina Stevenson (LL), 2:27.76; 2. Christina Riga (LL), 2:30.7; 3. Lia Andreassi (LL), 2:32.38. 200 individual medley: 1. Griffin (LL),

2:39.57; 2. Arabi (LL), 2:46.98; 3. Nicole Munson (LL), 2:49.08. **50 freestyle**: 1. Pelon (LL), 27.21; 2. Weaver (LL), 28.34.

1-meter diving: 1. Claire DeWitt (LL), 100 butterfly: 1. Pelon (LL), 1:09.63; 2.

Ryckman (LL), 119.02.

100 freestyle: 1. Riga (LL), 1:05.13; 2.
Stevenson (LL), 1:05.31,

500 freestyle: 1. Thibodeau (LL),
6:29.8; 2. Munson (LL), 6:32.31; 3.

Andreassi (LL), 6:56,64. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Riga, Stevenson, Riga, Weaver, Heather Pijor), 1:52.89; 2. Ladywood (Kobylarz, Alyse Samoray, Kristina Zurek, Thibodeau), 2:11.41; 3. Ladywood (Natalie Winter, Kimberly Solak, Andreassi, Griffin), 2:12.11.

100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:09.83; 2. Arabi (LL), 1:15.29; 3. Ryckman (LL),

100 breaststroke: 1. Kobylarz (LL), 1:23.79; 2. Solak (LL), 1:26.32; 3. Thibodeau

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ladywood (Weaver, Wilson, Pijor, Pelon), 4:10.97; 2. Ladywood (Stevenson, Griffin, Andreassi Samoray, Zurek, Ryckman), 4:47,81, Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-3 overall. 1-1 Catholic League.

Grenier said. "When Cierra swings well and scores points for us, we have the ability to do

Conversely, the Chiefs

Arena and came away with a out tonight. It almost seemed like a home game as a large contingent of John Glenn faithful made the crosstown trip to cheer us on. GLENN COACH JULIAN WARGO

> third game to give Glenn a spark against a Wayne squad that Wargo said "showed a lit of fighting spirit until the very end."

Wayne's Keri Horton makes the set backed up by teammates Emily Rudy (5) and Anita Hatch (6) in

Rockets' blast off

Glenn spikers orbit by rival Wayne in 3 straight

'We have been fighting a

lot of flu this past week in

about how we would come

practice, so I was concerned

Thursday's KLAA South clash with rival John Glenn..

The Westland John Glenn

girls volleyball team felt

right at home Thursday

The Rockets went into

Wayne Memorial's Alumni

convincing 25-10, 25-14, 25-

always tough," said Glenn

coach Julian Wargo, whose

team is 11-8-1 overall and

past week in practice, so I

was concerned about how

It almost seemed like a

to cheer us on."

we would come out tonight.

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tingent of John Glenn faith-

ful made the crosstown trip

Glenn offensive attack with

while Brooke Zywick paced

The Rockets also received

Halie Baker led the

15 kills and three blocks,

the defense with 26 digs.

placed serving from Katie

Down, Brittani Robinson

"Our defense created a

and we were able to convert

those spot-on passes to kills

lot of opportunities for us

at the net," Wargo said.

Sarah Headrick also

came off the bench in the

some timely and well-

and Lauren Baker.

1-2 in the division. "We have

been fighting a lot of flu this

"These rivalry games are

night.

21 victory.

Senior Emily Rudy and sophomore Keri Horton each had five kills for the Zebras, who fell to 0-3 in the KLAA South.

"We are committed to rebuilding the program and last night's effort against John Glenn was proof that we have a lot of work ahead of us and also that we are on the right track," Wayne first-year coach Deb Mills said. "As a team this is the best we have played together this year. Injuries and old baggage are two things

we have to overcome. We

weren't able to give Kielty

the stretch.

more cracks at scoring down

'We also need to work on

running stuff out of our mid-

dle," she said. "We need to be

smarter about our plays and

we need to feed Jordan more."

had 11 kill attempts and con-

verted four of them. But in the

second game, she went 2-for-7

"and those two points made a

In Canton's lone win, Kielty

worked well as a team and

didn't give up, even after a rocky first game." Other KLAA matches

■ In a KLAA Central

Division encounter Thursday, host Salem earned a 21-25, 25-14, 28-26, 25-22 triumph over Livonià Stevenson.

The Rocks improved to 10-2-1 overall with the win and are 3-0 in the Central. Stevenson falls to 12-6-2 and 1-2.

Reina Tyl powered Stevenson's offensive attack with 15 kills, three aces and two blocks. Setters Claire LeBlanc

and Kelly Vellucci combined for 29 assists. LeBlanc also had four

Defensively, Shelbie Wilson (21-of-24) and Jordan York led in attackreceive.

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On Thursday, Plymouth swept Livonia Franklin in three straight, 25-19, 25-22, 25-29, in a KLAA South Division matchup.

Alex Roberts (10 kills), Mariah Tesarz (14 digs) and Katie Salo (21 assists) paced the victorious Wildcats, who improved to 8-2 overall and 3-0 in the division.

said. "They (Suppelsa and Yetts) were pretty much the only two they set and they got kills every single time."

Suppelsa led the Chargers with 17 kills while Yetts collected 14 kills (including the game-winning points in Games 3-4) along with three

difference." Kielty did finish with 13 "Cierra had a great match," kills along with 17 assists and 22 digs while Muir had 16 kills and 18 digs.

Other Canton players with strong efforts were Breitmeyer (18 assists) and senior defensive specialist Lauren Macuga (19 digs).

Junior setter Cory Urbats was everywhere for the Chargers finishing with 23 digs and 32 assists.

Churchill's front row, in addition to Yetts and Suppelsa, gave the Chiefs fits. Senior middle hitter Darcy DeRoo (18 digs) and sophomore outside hitter Erin Menard (three blocks), both 5-10, were impressive.

Another Churchill standout was Kerr, who had 21 digs and three aces.

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Stevenson corrals Mustangs, stay atop KLAA Central, 31-0

After dropping its first two games of the season, Livonia Stevenson's football team has rebounded to win three straight.

The latest victory came Friday night at home as the Spartans rolled past Northville,

Stevenson is now 3-2 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's Central Division, setting up another first-place showdown next Friday at Novi.

The Spartans, who amassed 398 yards, including 324 on the ground, jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead.

Mike Beyer's 17-yard touchdown run started the scoring with 6:41 left in the first period followed by Austin White's 68yard dash just 2:12 later.

In the second quarter, Brendan O'Hara connected with Stephen Pollard on a 33yard TD pass with 8:04 left.

O'Hara, who was 5-of-8 passing for 74 yards, then scored on a 3-yard keeper with 4:28 remaining in the half to increase the lead to 24-0.

White, who rushed for a game-high 164 yards on 22 carries, completed the scoring with 11:53 left in the game on a 3-yard run.

Stevenson's defense - led by end Jordan El-Sabeh, linebacker Duran Onwuemene, tackle Austin Micallef and safety Mike Roy - held the Mustangs

(3-2, 2-1) to 155 total yards. Quarterback Mike Wegzyn

was 6-of-22 for 45 yards. "Our theme from Day One is to keep improving, and I think we are," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "But missing extra points (three-of-four) is intolerable. We also recovered a fumble before the half and didn't

"We had some problems, but

CANTON 49, WAYNE 14: On Friday, the state-ranked Chiefs (5-0, 3-0) racked up 408 total yards and invoked a running clock during the third quarter in a KLAA South Division win over Wayne Memorial

The Chiefs scored four TDs in the opener quarter - Adam Payter on runs of 66 and 85 yards; Davion Stackhouse on a 15-yard run; and Kevin Buford on a 75-yard kickoff

Zakk Hardyniec, who led Wayne with 100 yards rushing on 11 carries, countered with 59-yard first-quar-

Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz hit Ryan Powell with a 14yard TD toss and Wayne scored just 27 seconds to go in the half on Nick Mills' 1-yard keeper.

In the third period, Canton put it away on a 6-yard TD run by Stackhosue followed by Buford's 28-

Steven Wakeford wide open in the end zone for a 23-yard TD toss in the second quarter to give the Rockets a 14-7 advan-

"I haven't beaten them (Franklin) in three years I just had to leave it on the field," said Langford, who recovered from a bruised nose in last week's 44-6 loss to Canton. "The first half we did a good job of using different plays. We wanted to mix it up.'

Yet, the Rockets were only tied at intermission, 14-14, as Franklin got a pair of TD runs of 3 and 1 yards from senior Chris VanTuyl, who led the Patriots in rushing with 83 yards on 14 carries.

Glenn then scored three times in the third quarter to open up a 34-14 advantage, capped by Kamal Ayler's 1-yard TD run with 20 seconds left.

Franklin, meanwhile, got burned on a fake punt that Glenn fullback Steven Murphy ran 21 yards for a first down. The Patriots also had a pass intercepted by Langford, who returned it 31 yards to the 5yard line to set up Ayler's TD

But the Patriots refused to fold in the final quarter.

They took advantage of a short Glenn punt and scored with 10:19 left on quarterback Brent Marzion's 15-yard

The Patriots got a break with 8:51 left when Dan Muller recovered a Glenn fumble at the Rockets' own 20.

Five plays later, VanTuvl scored on a 9-yard run and score in the red zone.

overall I thought we played pretty well.'

(2-3, 0-3).

Canton jumped out to a 35-145 at the halftime.

ter TD run to cut the deficit to 13-7.

yard scoring run.

Wayne had 319 total yards with Mills completing 7-of-14 passes for 135 yards and an interception.

Travis Matthey booted his fourth straight extra point to cut the deficit to six with only 6:55 remaining.

Franklin got the ball back with 4:55 left and moved to the Glenn 28, only to turn it over on downs.

The Patriots forced Glenn to punt again with the Rockets backed up at their own 23, getting possession one last time at their own 49 with 47 seconds

Marzion hit Mike Baumgardner on a screen for 26 yards and the two connected again for a 6-yard pass with only six seconds left to the Glenn 19.

But on the final play of the game, the Rockets' defense held as Marzion was sacked rolling out to the sideline at his own 24.

"I didn't want to take a safety," Hardin said. "That last (Franklin) drive I felt confident in my guys. The biggest thing is that we wanted to keep the ball out of number two's hands (Baumgardner). He's fast. We wanted to get the punt off quick and not let him handle it, and our punter did

Glenn outgained the Patriots in total offense, 326-244. The Rockets also had 15 first downs to Franklin's 10.

"Our kids fought hard, but they seem to get themselves in situations," Kelbert said, referring to the 20-point thirdquarter deficit. "We did not adjust on defense well. They had a good game plan and played hard."

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Trojans back on winning track

Don't count the Trojans out just yet. After dropping the first two games of the season, coach Ryan Irish's Livonia Clarenceville squad has played some solid football the past three weeks, managing victories in two of those outings.

Clarenceville's latest winning effort came Friday night as senior Levonte Brooks helped carry his teammates to a 20-10 Metro Conference victory over visiting Macomb Lutheran North.

The speedy 5-10, 160-pound slotback rushed for 136 yards and three touchdowns as the Trojans improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

Brooks raced 44 yards for his first six-pointer in the second quarter, sprinted 80 yards into the end zone on the first play of the third period and put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter when he took a pass from quarterback Lenny Smith and scampered 47 yards for the clincher.

Brooks was also a force on defense where led the team with 11 solo tackles from his safety "It was definitely Levonte Brooks' night,"

Irish said. "He had a great all-around game." Lutheran North, which dropped to 1-4 on the season and 0-1 in the Metro, scored all of its points in the first half.

Warriors win, set mark

Lutheran High Westland sent the home-

coming fans home happy with a wild 49-34 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory Friday over Auburn Hills Oakland

The Warriors (1-4, 1-2) racked up a schoolrecord 507 total yards, eclipsing the mark of 462 set in 1992.

The Warriors built a 35-6 halftime lead and then held on as Oakland Christian (0-5, 0-3) pulled two within eight, 42-28, late in the game.

After recovering the ensuing onside kick, Derrick Mozham's 19-yard TD run on a jet sweep on third-and-goal with only 34 seconds left put the game away.

The game got away from us the second half," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse' said. "We fumbled a punt, and then we were looking in the rear-view mirror."

Lutheran Westland senior quarterback Ethan Haller, running the spread offense, rushed for a game-high 220-yards on 20 carries. He scored on touchdown runs of 2, 20 and 1-yard. He was also 2-of-2 passing for 42 yards (both to Vince MacRae).

Sean Roe, who added 64 yards on 10 carries, added TD runs of 5 and 14 yards, while Josh Andrzejewski contributed a 1-yard scoring run.

The Warriors rushed for a total of 465 yards as Mozham added with 122 yards on 15 carries. The victory was bittersweet, however, as

Lutheran Westland lost starting nose guard Brian Deel to a broken leg.

Wildcats' 1-2 punch takes out Chargers

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

What Jernarian Caldwell can do, Victor Hicks can do better — or at least just as good.

Plymouth's dynamic duo sparkled Friday night, collecting more than 300 rushing yards between them, as the host Wildcats pounded Livonia Churchill 31-7 in a KLAA South Division football

Of course, Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuk correctly said it wasn't a two-man show.

"We got off the football tonight, offensive line-wise," Sawchuk said. "We went back to the basics, tried to keep them from thinking so much and just get after it. They (Caldwell, Hicks) don't do anything if those guys don't block. It's nice to have those

But with a smile, Sawchuk did note that "competition breeds some good plays, doesn't it?"

That was evident all night at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

Caldwell, for example did a spin-a-rama at the line of scrimmage in the first quarter, turning a no-gainer into a 16-yard touchdown that put Plymouth (4-1, 2-1) on the board.

It was 17-0 at halftime and, in the third quarter, both players really got busy.

First, senior running back

Caldwell (24 carries, 177 yards) scored his third TD of the night on a 51-yard scamper, again bouncing off a Churchill defender and going the distance. That made it 24-0 with 10:23 to go in the quarter.

But Hicks (15 rushes, 145 yards) might have scored the most electrifying touchdown of the night, just under six minutes later.

On a third-and-10 at the Churchill 44, the scrambling junior quarterback swept around the right side of the line, but found too many Chargers defenders to suit him. So he broke diagonally the other way, zig-zagging past defenders and scoring a 44yard TD for Plymouth's final TD of the evening.

"That's my favorite play in the game, the cutback," said Hicks, who gave all the credit to the work of his offensive line for the way the Wildcats chewed up yards and minutes on the clock. "Once we get a running game established like that and our line is blocking, it's really good for us," he said. "That's the best blocking we've had all season."

Plymouth's defense and special teams also were strong against the Chargers, who fell to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the KLAA South.

The Wildcats really owned the first half, setting the tone by converting a fourth-andone during the opening drive. That play, a 2-yard run

by Caldwell, kept alive what

would be an 80-yard drive in

Caldwell's 16-yard TD finished that march and junior kicker Kyle Brindza tacked on the first of his four extra points (he also nailed a 29yard field goal).

"That first drive was tough," Churchill head coach John Filiatraut said. "When they made the first fourth down in their own end, that was tough for us. We just couldn't get off the field."

Churchill didn't maintain much on offense, either.

During the first half, Chargers junior quarterback Jordon Grohoski completed just 4-of-12 passes for 65 yards (two to Anthony Frezzell).

On the ground, Churchill managed just 29 yards before intermission.

The second half was a little better for the visitors, with backup quarterback Steven Klisz coming in and orchestrating an 80-yard TD drive in the fourth.

A sliding, 18-yard grab by senior Kevin Pietrasinski moved the chains to near midfield and junior fullback Michael Kutek scored from the 5-yard line with 3:21 remaining to avert the shut-

But the late score aside, Churchill just couldn't get in

"We've struggled all year getting into any kind of rhythm and we need to fix that." Filiatraut

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 HOWELL 2

No. 1 singles: Clayton Northey (LS) defeated Austin Wright, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Josh Rochette (LS) def. Ryan Garrison, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Tyler Hoornstra, 7-6, 6-4; No. 4: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Colton Goulan,

No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Joe Behan-Tyler Petersen, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Trevor Hirzel-Connor Kurtz (H) def. Paul VanGilder-Kyle Fan, O-6, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kaeman Holman Rayos-Marcus McCathney (LS) def. David Finney-Nick Barnowski, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Nick Moore-Brian Wanlass (H) def. Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6; **No. 5:** Sean Wallace-Simjae Holman Rayos (LS) def. Nate Robinson-Henry Palmer, 6-2, 6-1. **Dual match records**: Stevenson, 6-3 overall;

WATERFORD KETTERING 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 2 Sept. 24 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Mike Mosakoski (WK) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Michael Gabriel (WM) def. Austin Bayley, 7-5, 6-1; No. 3: Mike Papdak (WK) def. Zach Williamson, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Z. Slavov (WK) def. Micheil Hood, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Alex Bowman-Ryan Grecu

(WK) def. Zach Lankton-Stephen Gush, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Jole Colgsanti-Stan Reid (WK) def. Josh Estepp-Josh Higgs, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Jordan Clark-Mike Crone (WK) def. Stephen McNamara-Michael Battaglia, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Abhishek Roy-C.J. Kulas (WM) def. Jardo Pham-James Secterlia, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 5:** Tommy Federico-Spencer Pogodzinski (WK) def. Josh Bradford-

Dual match records: Kettering, 2-7 overall: Wayne, 0-8 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 4 Sept. 24 at Lakeland No. 1 singles: Peter Rustad (L) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6); No. 2: Ziwen

Deng (LC) def. Ross Kynast, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Mike

Houghan (LC) def. Alex Martin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; No.

4: Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Scott Houghtainey, No. 1 doubles: Connor Matterson-Tyler No. 1 doubles, Comion Matterson-Tyrer Morsehead (L) def. Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Alec Shomaker-Zack Ruffin (L) def. Fred Beshara-Alex Zuccarini, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Alex Peck-Kyle Labuta (L) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 6-0, 1-6, 6-1; **No. 4:** Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis (LC) def. John Falvey-Ryan Stasch, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; No. 5: Tejas Soni-Mayuresh-lyer

Dual match records: Churchill 5-5 overall; Lakeland, 3-5 overall

(LC) def. Steve Houtschilt-Conor Manley, 6-1,

Lakeland, 3-5 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 9

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 0

Sept. 23 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Clayton Northey (LS) defeated
Krishna Mahagna, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Josh Rochette
(LS) def. Dan Wang, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Kevin
Francisco (LS) def. Andrew Garcia, 6-1, 6-2; No.
4 Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Josh Sperling, 7-6 4: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Josh Sperling, 7-6,

No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Michi Wantanabe-Seth Goldman, 7-5 6-4; **No. 2:** Paul Van Gilder-Kyle Fan (LS) def. Josh Bez-Matt Hart, 7-6, 6-2; No. 3: Kaeman Holman Rayos-Marcus McCathney (LS) def. Ajay Gokhale-Jake Rosenberg, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6; No. 4: Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard (LS) def Scott Klein-Alex Sklar, 6-1, 6-2; No. 5: Sean Wallace-Simjae Holman Rayos (LS) def. Andrew Lieberman-Andy Carlson, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-3 overall;

Western, 4-5 overall.
HARTLAND 6

LIVONIA CHURCHILI 3
Sept. 22 at Hartland
No. 1 singles: Marc Bryon (H) defeated Matt
Cezat, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Ziwen Deng (LC) def. Ben
Johnson, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Grant Comity (H) def. Mike Houghan, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 4:** Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Dennis Gess, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Erik Seifert-Nick Wilkin (H) def. Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-4; **No. 2:** Ros Bemben-Julian Cafmeyer (H) def. Fred Beshara-Alex Zuccarini, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; No. 3: Tom Mann-Nick Willis (H) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg; 7-6 (7-2); 6-2; No. 4: Kyle Appel-Mayuresh Iver (LC) def. Jordan White-Nick Lipon, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; No. 5: Adam Holka-Kurt Norris (H) def. Brian Baumgartner

Kenny Densteadt, 6-2, 6-4. **Dual match records:** Hartland, 5-3 overall;

HOWELL 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN O Sept. 22 at Howell

No. 1 singles: Austin Wright (H) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Ryan Garrison (H) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Tyler Hoornstra (H) def. Tommy Ruark, 4-6, 6-2, 10-8 (super tiebreaker); No. 4: Colton Goulan (H) def. Andrew McGrath, 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Joe Behan Tyler Petersen (H) def. Mitch Dean-Khari Stargell, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: ter. Mitch Bedir-Mail Stargen, 6-1, 6-1, NG. 22. Trevor Hirzel-Connor Kurtz (H) def. Nick Stone-Carlo Tejada, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: David Finney-Nick Barnowski (H) def. Jacob Toarmina-Shane Weichert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Nick Moore-Brian Wanlass (H) def. Josh Wakeford-Connor Monroe, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 5:** Michael Briguglio-Tim Langford (H) def. Wayne Woodard-Connor Monroe, 6-0,

Dual match records: Howell, 3-3 overall;

SPORTS SHORTS

Soccer fund-raiser

The Livonia City Soccer Club (LCSC) is teaming up with Max & Erma's at Laurel Park Place to raise funds for the community-based nonprofit organization.

Soccer fans and others should head to the restaurant Monday, Sept. 28, for lunch or dinner. Max & Erma's will donate 20 percent to the club of all proceeds of any guest who presents a special coupon at the time of ordering. Guests will not receive 20 percent off their bill.

Coupons can be downloaded from the LCSC Web site at www. livoniacitysoccerclub.com, or are available at the soccer club offices inside Dickinson Center at 18000 Newburgh Road.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to keep the cost of playing soccer as low as possible for Livoniaarea residents, as well as help pay for the purchase of soccer equipment for the club soccer fields at Dickinson.

CYO hoop signup

St. Genevieve is accepting registrations for the upcoming CYO basketball season through Oct. 1.

Eligibility is open to boys and girls in grades 4-8 from parishes St. Priscilla, St. Maurice, St. Aidan, Our Lady of Loretto and St. Genevieve.

For information, call Tim Jeter at (313) 701-4046; or e-mail StGenAD@yahoo.com.

Mary McGinnis was MU's top attacker with 15 kills,

defense with 13 digs. The loss drops Windsor to

On Thursday, McGinnis had 16 kills and Karie Altman added 11 as first-place MU rallied for a 21-25, 16-25, 25-14, 25-13, 15-11 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Thursday night over host Cornerstone University at

Mol Arena in Grand Rapids. Grinvalds collected 45 assists, while four players were in double figures in digs including Livonia Franklin's Liz Dempsey (17), Koszela (14), Livonia Churchill's Anna Gatt (13) and Abby Long (11).

Becky Albrecht had 14 kills

'Total team effort' gives Lutheran Westland win better as a group, step by step." NOVI 1, STEVENSON 0: In a KLAA Renato Muca also scored for the

Rich Block could be calling it a "building block" after his Lutheran High Westland boys soccer team earned 2-0 victory Thursday afternoon over host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, the state's No. 3-ranked team in Division

"It was a total team effort," said Block, whose Warriors are 4-4-2 overall and 2-4-2 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Andrzejewski, Mason Sultana Conference. "It was a big win after the meltdown we had Tuesday with Ann Arbor Greenhills (a 9-4 loss to the No. 1-ranked team in Division 4). We played very well and it shows the character of our

Gage Flanery's penalty kick in the 55th minute proved to be the game-winner, the goal was set up by Nick Natsik's

run down the right flank and a serve into the box to Laith Francis, who was fouled.

Francis added an insurance goal later in the second after a one-on-one run by Natsik.

Goalkeeper Nick Andrzejewski made four saves including some key stops late in the match to preserve the

Anchoring the defense was Mitchell Boehm, Jake and Micah Reum.

Block also credited mid-

fieldes Trevor Sultana, Kent Krzyske and Austin Baglow. 'Today we played both halves of the field, both the offense and defense were meeting as one," Block said. "It was our first total effort with scoring and defense. We'll see if we can

keep it rolling." Liggett falls to 7-3-1 overall and 5-2 in the MIAC's Blue

CLARENCEVILLE 7, HARPER WOODS 0: The one-two punch of Garet Hintzman and Ardit Dushkai proved overwhelming Thursday as Livonia Clarenceville (6-3-1, 1-1) rolled to a Metro Conference victory over visit-

ing Harper Woods. Both players netted three goals with Hintzman chipping in with three assists, while Dushkaj picked up two as the Trojans raced out to a 4-0 halftime advantage.

tally and goalkeeper Mike Schiffman earned his fifth shutout and sixth win overall. JOHN GLENN 3, GARDEN CITY 1: Goals by Kyle Begun, Madolin Pop and Renato Muca carried Westland John

Jimmy Powrie collected a single

over the host Cougars. Zach Redden was the winning goalkeeper for the Rockets, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Glenn (5-6) to the non-league win

"We beat them with style and I'm proud of the boys," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We're getting

Central Division match Thursday, the host Wildcats (6-1-2, 2-1-3) came away with the victory as Kaito Ii tallied the game-winning goal in the 50th minute to beat Livonia Stevenson (3-5-3, 1-3-2).

Conner Burton went all the way in goal for the Spartans, while Tom Duquette made five saves for Novi. 'They (Novi) put the ball into

the box and we miss-cleared it," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "They (Novi) got the ball just outside the box and got a shot that went off the fingertips of Conner. "The first half they (Novi) out-

played us. The second half we had

territory and got into the box, but we

really didn't look their goalkeeper in the eve. We had some chances, but they weren't all that threatening.'
JOHN GLENN 5, FRANKLIN 3: Alex Isaevski and Kyle Begun each tallied a pair of goals Thursday as host Westland John Glenn (4-6, 3-3)

turned back Livonia Franklin (2-

8, 1-5) in a KLAA South Division

Franklin got a pair of goals and one assist from Jordan McGuire, while Andrew Crechiolo added the Zach Redden was in goal for the Rockets, while Franklin's Ryan Tikey made 11 saves

Rockets, who led 3-0 at halftime.

'We made little mistakes that got us, but we played hard," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We moved the ball well, but what caught us was that we lacked going to the

ball quickly."

CANTON 10, WAYNE 0: In a KLAA South Division matchup Thursday. the visiting Chiefs (8-3-2, 5-1) got two goals apiece from Daniel Ovesea, Brandon Tolinski and Bobby Budlong en route to a first-half mercy rule triumph over Wayne

Memorial (0-9, 0-6). HURON VALLY 1, FRANKLIN ROAD 0: Shane Bunde's first-half goal proved the difference Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-5, 5-4) blanked Franklin Road Christian (3-7, 3-5) in MIAC Red Division action.

Crusader spikers 17-1

Madonna University ran its women's volleyball record to 17-1 overall with a 25-17, 25-17, 25-10 non-conference triumph Friday night at home over the University of Windsor.

while setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 28 assist-tokills. Amanda Koszela paced the

0-5 overall.

and 16 digs for Cornerstone (9-12, 1-3).

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MARGARET FOLEY BLACK

Died September 13, 2009 with her family at her side. She was born in Rock Island, IL on December 22, Margaret was a teacher in Birmingham, MI, at Westchester and Harlan Elementary Schools, for more than 30 years; a job she dearly loved. She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Augustana College and a master's degree in education from Oakland University. Margaret found joy in every day, in the blueness of the sky, a favorite piece of pottery, a beautiful flower or newly ripe tomato from her garden, a particularly diabolical crossword puzzle, or a good meal shared with friends. She loved the great outdoors, was an avid theater-goer and patron of the arts, and a fantastic cook. Margaret was smart and strong and independent. She fought for the causes she believed in and lived the life she wanted to live. Margaret is survived by: her daughters, Eve Black of St. Louis, MO and Laura Noguchi of Burke, VA; her son, Tom Black of Bloomfield, MI; and her grandchildren, Anna and William Noguchi and Sasha and Nikita Black, who were the light of her life. She will be deeply missed. A memorial service is being planned for the future. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Margaret's honor to one of the following organizations:

The Nature Conservancy: www.nature.org The Stratford Shakespeare Festival of Canada: www.stratfordfestival.ca ACLU: www.aclu.org Alzheimer's Association: www.alz.org www.mccabefuneralhome.com



BRICHFORD

Who was born in Detroit on September 1958, lost his courageous battle with the cancer-melanoma, on September 20, 2009. Those who survive him include his wife, Karen (Petersen); daughter, Meredy; parents, Thomas and Carol (Fliedner); brothers, Mark (Debra) and William; and sister, Nancy Myers (David). Also surviving are his nephews and nieces: Karl, Kelsey and Kenning Brichford and Natalie, Elizabeth, Jack, Lauren and Andrew Myers. David graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976 and received his degree in Architecture from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1980. He was employed Chase Bank for the past 22 years. His love of unicycling resulted in the formation of the Redford Township Unicycle Club, in which he and his family remained active all of his life. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Farmington where he often sang solos with choirs and played bells in the Carillon Choir. His art talent led him in many directions; most recently, basketry and water colors. While his family was always first in his life, he had numerous interests that included jokes and puns, computers, sports, juggling, gardening and a love for animals. He was an avid collector and was known for his baseball caps and bow ties. Donations in his memory may be made to First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Farmington Community Library or Karmanos Hospice. Funeral service was Thursday, 11:00 a.m. (Instate 10 a.m.) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

ARDITH FISCHER

September 18, 2009 age 86 of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Harold. Dear mother of Harold E. Jr. (Billie), Mark R. (Joan) and Grant G. (Helen). Also survived by six grandchildren, Memorial visitation Monday 5-8PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Beck & Sheldon Rd.) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the P.E.O. foundation 3700 Grand Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa 50312. To express condolences, or share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MayYou Find Comfort in Family Friends



63, of Franklin, September 22, 2009. Sharon is survived by Charles, her beloved husband of 46 years; her loving children, Richard (Annie), Ronald (Marcy) and Robert (Dana); her cherished grandchildren, Katie, Megan, Olivia, Miles and Logan; her dear brothers, William (Suzanne) Ring, James "Rick" (Lynne) Ring; and James (Victoria) Grant. Dear aunt of Suzie, Steven, Michelle, Michael, Amy, Andrew and their fam-Sharon is also survived by countless other loving family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Ruth Ring. Funeral service Monday, September 28th, 10:00 AM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds., N of Grand River) Downtown Farmington (248- 474-5200). Visitation Sunday 1-8 PM and Monday 9 AM until the time of the service. Memorial tributes suggested to the American Cancer Society, National Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Michigan Humane Society. heeney-sundquist.com

GLEN MICHAEL KELLEY

Age 68, September 24th, 2009. Beloved husband of Sharon. Dear father of Kristine (Mark Randall) Kelley, Sean (Allison Palmer) Kelley and Deborah (Rich) Leviere. Grandfather of Julia, Mimi, Julian and Evan. Brother of Sherry Reilly and Kelley (Sue) O'Malley. Son-in-law of Mildred Wesley. Visitation Sunday 3pm - 8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with a funeral service to follow on Monday 11 am. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Share your special thoughts and memories

at: www.schrader-howeli.com



Died Sept. 15, 2009

GLEN ARBOR - Dr. Harold Wilbur ongyear, 95, died Sept. 15, 2009 at his Glen Arbor home. He was a loving husband, wise father, loyal friend, and an inspiration to many throughout his life. He exemplified honor, integrity, educational excellence, and family devotion. Harold was born in Detroit on Oct. 1, 1913. He grew up in Detroit where he enjoyed sports and Boy Through camp stories and songs, he shared his Eagle Scout experiences with family at bonfires on the beach. Harold served in the Army Medical Corps in WWII. Members of his unit, the 40th Station Hospital, remained lifelong friends. His engaging war stories of Africa, Corsica and Italy filled many family gatherings. He attended college and medical school at Wayne State University and University Michigan. He was a lifelong Wolverine fan and a charter member of the Victors Club. He began his medical practice in OB/GYN in Detroit moved to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak when it opened. He was a prominent physician and surgeon; taught at Wayne State University Medical School, served as Department Chief of OB/GYN and Chief of Staff at Beaumont. He lived in Bloomfield for 35 years and was a charter member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. After retiring from medicine at 70, he moved to Leelanau County while spending part of the winters in Naples and Sarasota, Florida. With a lively sense of humor Harold thoroughly enjoyed life. Family and friends, sports, travel and a lifetime of learning provided him with many interests. He was the loving husband of Marian (Ryckman) Longyear for 70 ears; cherished father of Sylvia Heggen, Charlotte Tharp and Howard W. Longyear (wife, Leah); grandfather grandchildren, Kristyn McKendrick(husband, Andrew), Eric Heggen(deceased), Jonathan Heggen, Timothy Tharp, Stephen Tharp, Kimberly Tharp, Beckee Alexander Longyear, Hamilton Longyear and four great grandchil-Hamilton dren, Lindsay McKendrick, Gavin McKendrick, Cameron McKendrick, James McKendrick, A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be at Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be directed to the Salvation Army,

family on their online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/ Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay.

PO Box 5228, Traverse City, MI, 49696-5228. Please share thoughts

and memories with Dr. Longyear's

HON. JAMES E. MIES

Sept 21, 2009 age 81. Beloved husband of Mary Patricia "Pat" for 59 years. Loving father, of Edward, James Jr. (Janice), Gerald (Ann), Jean Ann, Catherine (Timothy) Diamond, Michael (Jane) and the late Thomas. Father-in-law of Paula. Grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 2. Visitation was: Wed, Sept 23, 3-8pm and Thurs, Sept 24, 2-8pm with a 7pm Rosary at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. The Funeral was held Friday, Sept 25, 2009 at the funeral home with prayers at 9:00am followed by a 10:00am Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48150. Please leave the family a message www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DR. CLIFTON MICHAEL MONAHAN

55, died suddenly on September 15, 2009. He is survived by his mother Ellen Crowley Monahan, his sisters Leigh (John) Monahan-Fullbrook and Leslie (Mark) Peterson, brothers Russell (Kathy Semak) Monahan, Tim (Bill Griffin) Monahan and John (Barb Mailloux) Monahan, niece Colleen Monahan and nephews Jeff and Greg Monahan, and his especially close friend Barb Bloetscher. Cliff was born February 12, 1954, in Detroit Michigan. He graduated from Colorado State University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and served in the Peace Corps in Zaire. He also earned a PhD from LSU and later taught at OSU. A memorial service was held in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday September 19. Contributions in his memory may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202. Online condolences may be made at www.deyodavis.com



WILLIAM J. POPLACK Retired chief executive of Unisource

Foods Corporation, prominent collec-

tor of American Art, and World War II

vears, he was board member emeritus

of the Detroit Institute of Arts, to which he donated the Poplack Gallery of Pre-Columbian Art in 1986; a trustee of the Founders Society of the DIA; and a benefactor of the Cranbrook Museum of Art. He also was active in the Greater Detroit Interfaith Roundtable, a member of the Economic Club, the Standard Club and B'nai Brith-ADL. He is survived by his wife, the former June R. Kielson, his children Lauren Poplack Hallinan of Kentfield, CA, Janice Poplack of Houston, Robert Poplack of Sebastolol CA, David Honigman, of Birmingham, Kay Honigman Singer, of Snow Mass, Colorado, and eight grandchildren, Eric Wasserstrom, Greg asserstrom, Emily Hallinan, Cullen Hallinan, Chelsea Singer, Julie Singer, Jason Singer, Sarah Poplack and Elison Honigman. He was predeceased by Eleanor Poplack and his sister Paralee Shapiro In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a favorite charity or to the Eleanor E. Poplack Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Detroit Institute of Arts, which supports outreach to and arts education



for low income children of Detroit.

BETTY J. ROBINSON

Age 86, of Lakeland, Florida, and most recently Okemos, MI, passed away peacefully at her home on September 24, 2009. She was born in Redford Township, MI, the daughter of Edward and Emma Maas. She graduated from Plymouth High School. Betty married Gordon F. Robinson in May, 1943, who preceded her in death September, 2006. Betty was also preceded in death by her sister Dorothy (Elton) Bakewell and her brother Russell (Darlene; Louise) Maas. She attended First Presbyterian Church and volunteered in the church thrift shop. She enjoyed her family, golf, knitting, college sports, and the Detroit Tigers. She is survived by her three children; Susan Herceg (Tom) of Portland, OR; Gary Robinson (Nancy) of Jackson, MI; and Mark (Joyce) Robinson of Haslett, MI; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and her brother Norman (Alice) Maas. There will be no services {per her request} and she will be interred with her husband in the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell, Florida. The family is being served by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing, Michigan. Online condolences for the family may be made at:

www.gorslinerunciman funeralhomes.com



Age 79, of Sun City Center, Florida passed away peacefully at her home or September 19, 2009. She was born in Detroit, MI, and forged two careers one as a legal secretary for 26 years and one as the owner of Lumber Mart of Plymouth for 18 years. She was also secretary at the Standard Tube Company. Janet served three terms as president of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Michigan, and has been listed in Who's Who of American Women Janet became a Rotarian in 1991 when she joined the Rotary Club of Sun City Center, Florida. She has since attended club meetings in more than 85 countries. She served as president of her club in 1997-98 and assistan governor of District 6890 in 1998 - 99 A strong supporter of PolioPlus, chair man of her Rotary Club's Foundation committee and charter member of the Arch Klump Society of Rotary International. She was a world travel er, having made seven trips around the world and dozens of cruises. She was a sponsor of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts and a supporter of many major charities. Her most favorite times were with family and friends, enjoying fine dining and conversation. She was an avid sports fan, particularly of the University of Michigan, Tampa Bay Rays and the Detroit Red Wings and attended many games. In honor of her late husband, Perry W. Richwine, she donated a law facility to Michigan State University, College of Law. The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center was given a beautiful chape complete with organ. Her joy in life was to participate and contribute to her community and be a positive inspira tion to all. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Perry W. Richwine and Walter J. Roberts, and her daughter, Ilona Roberts. Janet is survived by a loving family and a host of friends, four children, Walter J. Roberts., Jr. and his wife, Peggy, Allison J. Sassal and her husband, Mark, Bradfield Roberts and Samuel J. Roberts and his wife, Elia, four grandchildren, Kelly, aviator, died Thursday, September 17 at Beaumont Hospital. The cause of Kyle and Katlin Roberts and Rachel Mastroianni, a brother, James Mazei and his wife, Judi, two nieces, Tami death was respiratory failure. He was Wagner and Melissa Sawyers, 88. A resident of Birmingham for 56 great grandsons, Angelo, Enzo and Rocco Mastroianni, three step daughters, Mary Louise, Dorothy and Betty, and her best friend, Robert B. Temple aka "Biffle." Funeral service was held at 4pm on Tuesday, September 22 2009, at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Florida, The family

Society. Share memories at: schrader-LINDA S. SALATINO

received friends one hour prior to the

funeral service at the funeral home. A

service was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 11am, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280

Visitation was Friday 4-9pm, also at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. In

lieu of flowers, memorials may be

Foundation or the Plymouth Historica

made

Main, Plymouth, Michigan.

to Rotary International

42, of Farmington Hills, September 21, 2009. Linda is survived by her devoted and beloved husband of 17 years, Gerald; her dearest children Vincent and Carly; her parents Gary and Ruth Ann Fett: siblings Lisa Ann (Kirk) Linton and Graham (Kristen) Fett; grandmother Edna McCarthy and mother-in-law Elaine Salatino Funeral Mass will be held Thursday September 24th, 10:00 AM (in state at 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Farmington. Private burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, will follow. Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtowr Farmington (248-474-5200). heeney-sundquist.com

In Memory Of

IN MEMORY OF DESIREE DIMASSA-SITARSKI April 18, 1955-Sept. 29, 2008 We continue to look to you for all our help. With all our love! Your husband son, brothers, sister & Mom.

WANDA MARY SOUBLY 94, formerly of Livonia and Detroit MI passed away September 2, 2009 in Peoria, AZ. Mrs. Soubly was born or May 19, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN She is preceded in death by her hus-Gus, and survived by sor Gerald (Sharon), daughters Jacqueline Bennett, Rosemary (Gary) Dryden grandchildren, and nine greatgrandchildren. Wanda was a welder on B-29 airplanes during WWII and later worked at Ford Motor Co. and in real estate. She was a member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, Polish American Club, active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many other organizations. A prayer service was held Saturday, Sept 26th, I lam at St. Hedwig Cemetery-Mausoleum, 23755 Military Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Memorials can be sent to Alzheimer's Assoc, 1028 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006.

MILESTONES

Mathis-Anselm

Laura L. Mathis and Ken Anselm, both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ed and Debbie Mathis of Garden City, is a graduate of Divine Child High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed by the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Steve and Sandy Anselm of Canton, is a Plymouth Canton High School graduate. He is self-employed.

An October 2010 wedding is planned at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.



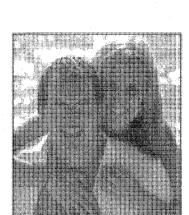
Laura Mathis and Ken Anselm with their dog, Otis.

O'Beirne-Naszradi

Dennis and JoAnn O'Beirne and Brian and Anne Naszradi of Canton are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kristen Colleen O'Beirne and Nicholas John Naszradi.

Kristen and Nick are high school sweethearts and graduated from Salem High School in 2004. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan. Kristen attends the Michigan College of Optometry and Nick studies Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University.

Their wedding date has not yet been determined.



O'Beirne-Naszradi

Shade-Maxwell

Stacey Ann Maxwell and Steven Christopher Shade were married Aug. 15, 2009 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Dr. William A. Ritter and the Rev. Gary C. Dawes officiated.

The bride, daughter of Richard and Deborah Maxwell of Farmington Hills,

is a 1999 graduate of Farmington High School; a 2003 graduate, with a bachelor of science degree, of the University of Michigan; and a 2005 graduate, with a master of science degree, of the University of Pittsburgh. She plans to finish a degree in December for physical therapist assistant.

The groom, son of Donald and Joan Shade of South Williamsport, Pa., is a 1999 graduate of South Williamsport High School; a 2003 graduate, with a bachelor of science degree, of the University of Delaware; and a 2005 graduate, with a master of science degree, of the University of Pittsburgh. He is employed as an orthotic specialist with The Training Room, Inc. in Towson, Md.

Maid of Honor was Melissa Maxwell, of Amherst, Mass., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Valentino of Livonia, cousin of bride; Dawn Wheeler of Paw Paw, cousin

Shade-Maxwell

of bride; and Denise Stine of Deer Lake, Pa., sister of the groom.

JJ Manikowski of Perkiomenville, Pa., a friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were friends Jason Perry of South Williamsport, Pa., and Michael Kelly of Washington, DC, and the groom's brotherin-law, Michael Stine of Deer Lake, Pa.

A reception was held at The Dearborn Inn, followed by a honeymoon trip to France, Switzerland and Italy.

The newlyweds reside in

Gregory-Koch

Amanda Koch and Ralph Gregory were married June 26, 2009 at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland. Rocco and Nina Messana officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Susan Koch of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Ralph Gregory of Westland and Josephine Kujawa of Gaylord.

Amanda is a 2001 Plymouth Salem High School graduate and a 2006 Eastern Michigan University graduate. She is a language arts teacher at Crescent Academy.

Ralph graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1991 and from Appalachian State in 2009. He is a music therapist for Variety Far Conservatory.

Lisa Drumm, sister of the bride, served as Matron of Honor and Ryan Koch, brother of the groom, was Man of Honor.

Best Man was Mike Stankiewicz, brother-in-law of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Cara Ciaglo, Michelle St. John, Kate Maples and Karen Holmes, all friends of the bride.

The flower children were



Gregory-Koch

Anna Drumm, niece of the bride, and Rowan Drumm and Lucas Drum, nephews of the bride.

Groomswoman was Carole Dean, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were friends of the groom Glen Wiserman, David Fedorko and Jeffree St. John, and brother-in-law of the groom, Kevin Graham.

Ring bearers were Adam Stankiewicz, nephew of the groom and Kara Stankiewicz, niece of the groom.

Nephews of the groom, Owen Graham and Logan Graham, served as bell ringers. After a reception at Waldenwoods Resort, the couple took a honeymoon trip

to Cape Cod, Mass. They reside in Dearborn Heights.

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NEIGHBORS

Fashion show proceeds help autistic kids communicate

CORRESPONDENT

Theresa Cook is still unsure which students will strut down the runway of the Redford Suburban League celebrity fashion show Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor in Livonia. All she knows is that the kids are the real stars as they struggle to overcome the developmental disorder known as autism.

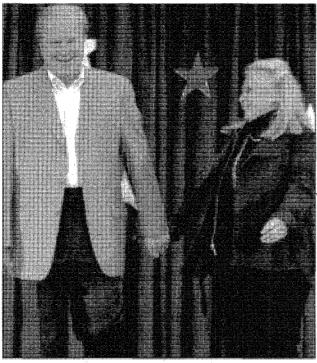
Cook and five of the teachers in the speech and pathology department of the Burger School for Students with Autism will be in the audience cheering them on. Proceeds from the Fall Festival of Fashion will help purchase software to help students from preschool to age 26 with speech impairments and learning disabili-

"It's important that we be there on behalf of Burger," Cook said. "The Redford ladies are so generous. The funding, what we do with it, is unbe-

The end result makes the months of work worth it for Cynthia Jamieson, who coordinates the celebrities. This year, the 36th for the show, she's organizing a stellar lineup once again. Hosts Rich Fisher and Doris Biscoe return to announce the celebrities and describe the latest fall fashions from Dress Barn in Farmington and Men's Wearhouse in Novi. Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia dresses the Burger students. Hair stylists from Lasting Impressions in Garden City add the finishing touches.

LOCAL CELEBRITIES

Reporter Glenda Lewis of WXYZ-TV is among the models who include traffic reporter Heather Zara, WDIV-TV, weather meteorologist Jim Madaus, WWJ-TV; traffic reporter Jo-Jo Shutty McGregor, WWJ Radio 950 and her colleagues Beth Fisher and Terry T. Brown, and sister Sharon Shutty-Wright of Chicago's WMAQ-TV; actor Robert Paul; Audrey Sommers from the Catholic Television Network; Jim Hughes and Pam Rossi, WCSX



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

Radio hosts; comedian George

Gannon, the Appliance Doctor col-

umnist for the Observer & Eccentric

"I'm excited about the whole show,

Newspapers. Gannon's heard regu-

larly on WAAM Talk 1600 Radio.

putting it all together and seeing

something different. We have live

music and something lined up spe-

the committee knows about," said

Jamieson of Redford. She's been lin-

ing up celebrities for the show for 18

"I don't know where the energy

go home and collapse. I make sure

I wear comfortable shoes and have

some good assistants, all volunteers

from the Redford Suburban League.

David Tyler is my assistant and helps

with the male models. We appreciate

all the models who donate their time

and energy, go for their fittings, rush

from the stations.

comes from. By the end of the day I'll

cial for the finale that no one on

years.

the end result. This year we're doing

Young; chef Larry Janes; Joe

Cook is elated the way everyone pitches in to help the students. Autism is a neurological disorder that impairs development and causes social, behavioral and communication challenges. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate autism and related disorders affect one in 150 children.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

"Our population, all of them have a language deficit," said Cook. "Funding goes to communication. We're tying to make a universal design for learning throughout the building. What that means is creating picture systems, communication systems all over the building. Students with autism, research has shown, they think in pictures so the way they learn is different, so we want more pictures around the building and pair it with text."

The project requires expensive software programs to create visuals not only for walls but story books to

help students overcome individual behaviors. Communication devices give students who are nonverbal or with limited verbal skills a voice to tell teachers when they need a drink of water or to go to the bathroom.

'We're trying to make them as independent as possible," said Cook. "We want them to be active members of society. We want to give them the

The speech and language pathologists are doing their part to raise funds for the Burger students. Each purchased \$90 worth of raffle tickets in addition to paying for their lunches. They're also making baskets with donated items and gift certificates.

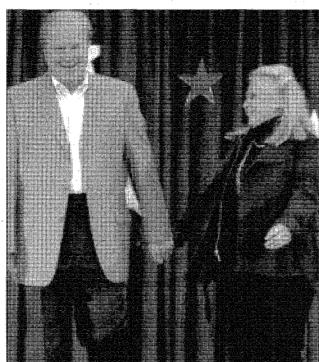
More than 100 baskets, the majority assembled by League members, will be raffled off. Miriam Skinner coordinates the prizes as well as luncheon tickets and reservations. A boutique or craft show kicks off the event at 9 a.m. with lunch at noon followed by the fashion show and

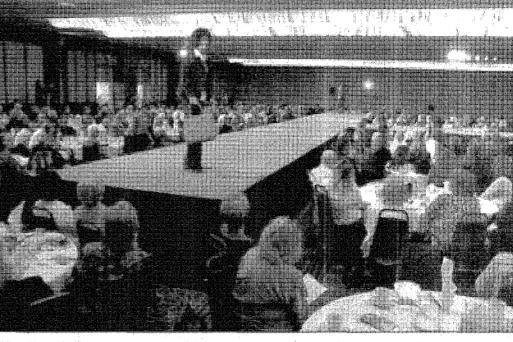
Skinner became a member of the Redford Suburban League when she was living in Redford in 1996. She has since moved to Canton.

"We're a philanthropic organization and we help children with autism," said Skinner. "Last year, we had over 170 raffle prizes and are hoping for 120. We're so grateful for anything anyone wants to give. We're still looking for items and gift certificates."

For fashion show ticket reservations or to donate raffle items, call Skinner at (734) 981-6003.

This year prizes include a Jasper cherry wood hunter's chest valued at \$2,475 from Chris Furniture in Livonia, amethyst necklace and earrings (\$770) from Orin Jewelers in Garden City, and \$500 cash donated by members of the Redford Suburban League. Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland and Cookies by Design in Livonia also donated gift certifi-





Robin Sullivan of WMUZ pauses at the end of the runway during last year's 35th Annual Redford Suburban League

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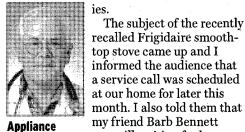


Home tour brings out the readers with many questions

n a recent Saturday afternoon during the Northville Victorian Festival I had the privilege of sitting in the back yard of a very old beautifully restored home and talked with many readers of this newspaper.

The topics were all related to major home appliances and some parts of the conversation kept several people in attendance for a while. The fine ladies of AAUW made sure that I was comfortable and provided me

with fresh water and cook-



Doctor

Joe Gagnon

informed the audience that a service call was scheduled at our home for later this month. I also told them that my friend Barb Bennett was still waiting for her range to be repaired. So far, Frigidaire has scheduled three service dates for the repairs and has cancelled all

three because the parts are still not available. Needless to say, Barb is not too happy with the lack of service on her kitchen range.

Speaking of ranges, there were several negative comments made on the smoothtop ranges and how hard they are to maintain and keep the top looking perfect. The consensus is that you have to be immaculate in order to maintain a perfect appearance of the range top. If not you will have stains that are difficult to remove. I explained that for that reason, some manufacturers are including in the instruction package a razor blade mounted in a holder for cleaning the top. Always follow the instructions to a letter T.

The real hot button of the afternoon was the discussion on the drinking water dispenser on refrigerators. When I told the group that I would never drink a glass of water from an older refrigerator that didn't have a filter installed on the cold water plumbing line leading to the refrigerator, you could hear a pin drop.

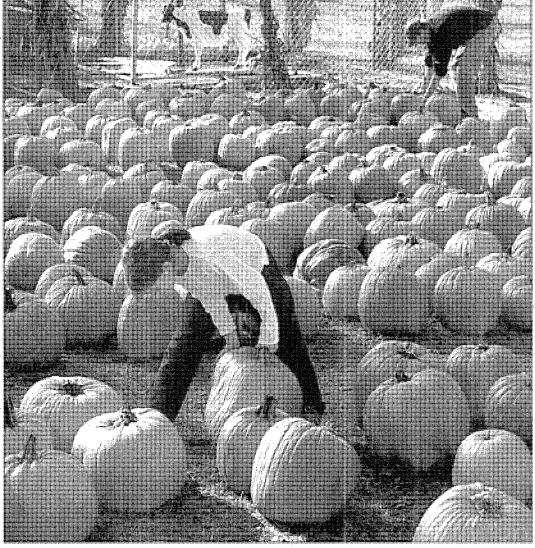
Previous to the current refrigerators which have a changeable filter built into the product, the refrigerator with a water dispenser

The subject of the recently recalled Frigidaire smoothtop stove came up and I informed the audience that a service call was scheduled at our home for later this month.

had no filter what so ever. You as a consumer had to purchase one and install it on the water line leading to the refrigerator. Many millions of Americans didn't do this and as a consequence people were drinking just plain simple tap water. Water treatment facilities will tell you that there is nothing wrong with their water and that may very well be true but as the water sits in a reservoir tank inside the refrigerator, the small amount of impurities settle onto the inside on the plastic tank. As there are many hours accumulated where the water never moves through this tank and dispersed into a container for consumption, the by-products of the water will build up to something that appears very gross and I'll be darned if I would drink it. Having removed several of these tanks and rubbed my fingers in the residue, I am firmly convinced that it can't be good for one's health. The analogy I like to use is: Place a glass of tap water on your sink area, cover it and let it sit there for a week or so. Would vou drink it?

Now let me give you a theory that is shared by many in the appliance industry. In recent years manufacturers have installed a filter that you must change at certain intervals. These are installed at the factory and they charge you a pretty penny to purchase a new one. This change in policy happened overnight by all manufacturers at the same time. Is it possible that someone got terribly sick from drinking water through a non-filtered dispensing system and caused a suit to be settled out of court?

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and guestions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com



A youngster compares pumpkins at Wilson Barn in Livonia last year.

Get into fall spirit at Wilson Barn

It's almost pumpkin fest time at Wilson Barn in Livonia.

Every weekend through October visitors will find lots of autumn activities at the Barn, located at West Chicago Road and Middlebelt.

Pumpkins, corn stalks, and pony rides will be at the barn daily, through Oct. 30. Pick out the perfect pumpkin from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and ride ponies beginning at noon.

On the weekends look for

crafters inside and outside the Barn and cider, doughnuts, and hot dogs inside the Barn from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Take a hayride throughout the day. DJ Arnie of 90.3 FM will be on hand to rock in classic style.

Joyous Noise will perform at 2 p.m., Oct. 11. The dulcimerguitar-violin folk group plays music for all ages.

The historic Wilson's caretaker's house will be open for viewing, 3-5 p.m., Oct. 10 and

The children's friendly Halloween story book readings will take place at 2 p.m., Oct. 25, on the porch in the Family Picnic Area.

The Haunted Barn, open 5:30-8 p.m., Oct. 16-18, 23-25 and 29-30, offers spooky but friendly fun.

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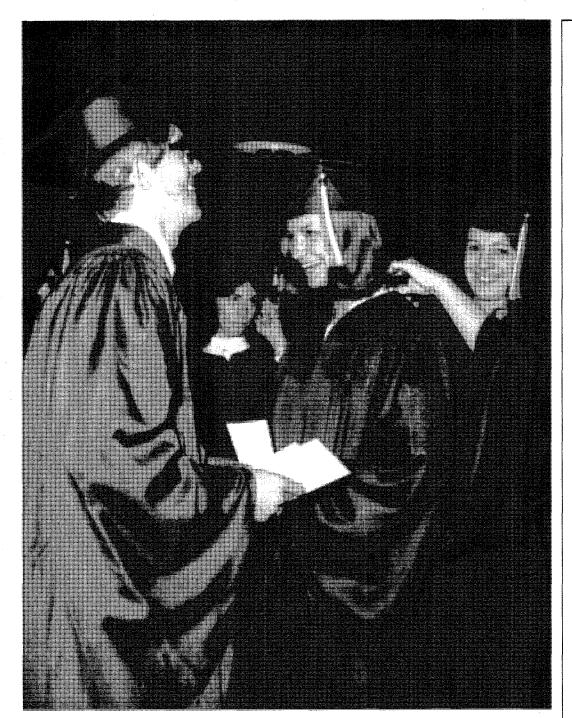


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Steve Micklea (left) and Linda Krause celebrate graduation from Westland's John Glenn High School in 1969. 'Happily married all this time,' reports Sandra Shepherd Legg, an organizer of the class's upcoming 40th reunion weekend Oct. 9-10 at Hilton Garden Inn.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got a photo of your graduating class? Send it along, too, as a jpg attachment.

Andover and Lahser High Schools Class of 1969

Joint 40th reunion Oct. 3, at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Andover graduates e-mail to Liz Buckner at Bucknerliz@gmail.com. Lahser graduates contact Linda Hague Sykes at Isykes@woh.rr.com.

Birmingham High School Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit Redford

Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion. com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritechn.net

Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris. rhs55@wowway.com

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about class-

Detroit St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Trov. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Ferndale High School Classes 1962-66

Reunion class of 1964 invites classes 1962-66 to the homecoming game and a tour of Ferndale High on Oct. 2 and a party at Via Nove, Oct. 3, in downtown Ferndale. Contact Barbara Tierney at (248) 910-9908 or bjs202@ aoi.com; Susan Payne at suspayne@msn.com; Donna Wilson at donnnagillespie83@yahoo.com, or Peggy

Connolly at pegnbar@centel.net. Fordson High School Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net or Melanie

(Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

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

Garden City West Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com Ladywood

Class of 1984

25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@comcast.net

Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar. Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at (734) 358-3272.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast. net

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1989

20 year reunion Saturday, Oct. 24 at Warren Valley Golf Club. For information or to register call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@

yahoo.com St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1969 40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to

mcoulter@gr-lakes.com. Westland John Glenn

Class of 1984

25th reunion, 6-11 p.m., Oct. 3, at Wayne Tree Manor. \$45. Send checks to 25th Class Reunion, PO Box 222, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information e-mail to kellybellym3@yahoo.com or MPRESS66@hotmail.com

Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday- Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hifton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact Jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Some events walk-in, some require advance registration at JGHS69@aol.com.

More greyhounds need homes as racing tracks close down

Cider and Abby are the retired racing dogs featured by Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption this

Cider, a 2 1/2 year old female, recently retired from racing and lives with a foster family. She has a reddish brindle colored coat, a sweet disposition and is learning that toys are fun.

Abby is 3 1/2 years old and also recently retired from the track. She has settled into retirement easily. Abby is a petite girl with a cute white chest and soulful eyes.

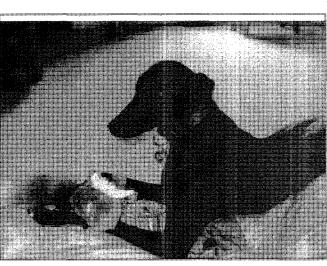
If you're interested in Cider or Abby, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739. Check out the organization's Web site at www.greyheart.org for more of their photos.

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption plans several adoption events next month, including a "meet and greet" from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at Pet Supplies "Plus," 29493 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

and noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at PetCo, 43435 For Road, Canton.

Jackie Bowen, public relations coordinator for the group, says more greyhounds will be "desperate" for homes as tracks close.

"We just got word that another



track is closing very soon which means all of those beautiful dogs will be out of work and extremely disposable," she wrote in a press release. Parks in Massachusetts and Texas were scheduled to close last week.

"While that is marvelous news it may prove to be a death sentence for some of

the hounds that haven't been picked up by rescue groups such as ours. Therefore, it is so important that we are diligent and try to continue to educate people on the fact that greyhounds make wonderful family pets."

For a complete list of "meet and greet" adoption events, visit the group's Web



Cider



Think before you buy pink, make sure cause gets benefits

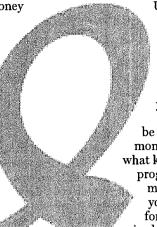
You may have heard of people going "green," but October is all about going "pink" for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pink jewelry, key chains, candles and even clothing are used to raise money for breast cancer programs and services.

Some companies use the pinkribbon campaign solely to benefit their image, profile and sales, according to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes

The Web site thinkbeforeyoupink.org, suggests that consumers think about the following questions before opening their wallets to buy a pink item:

■ How much of your money actually goes towards breast cancer research, programs and services?

Companies sometimes provide vague information about the donation by stating that "part of the proceeds" will be donated, instead of disclosing the total amount or percentage. If a total donation amount is provided, consumers then need to decide if it's adequate.



Usually you are better off donating directly to your organization or program of choice.

What breast

cancer organization

or programs does your money support? It may not always be clear where your money is going. Consider what kind of research, program or service your money will fund. Is your money being used for something that is already well-funded, or an issue that is often

under-funded? Is the dona-

tion reaching those that are most in need?

■ How are the funds being raised? Make sure you know exactly how a company is raising money. Buying a pink product doesn't always ensure that a company will donate to the cause; sometimes consumers need to take an extra step by going online or mailing something in before a donation is made. Make sure you read the fine print!

■ Is there a limit on the company's total donation?

Companies often put a cap on the total amount they donate. This means that only a certain amount will be given, despite how many products are sold. Ultimately, your purchase may not be contributing to the cause if the cap has already been

met. ■ Is the company contributing to

the problem? Some companies sell pink products and donate to breast cancer organizations, but their products are actually contributing to the problem. Make sure the company you are buying from is helping fight breast cancer, not cause it.

The American Cancer Society plans its 12th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5-mile walk 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 10 in Belle Isle Park. To register or for more information, call (248) 663-3400 or visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

Pink Fund event mixes fashion, health information

The Pink Fund is sponsoring a new event that mixes . learning about breast cancer with fashion, big fun and

fund raising. "Turning Burdens into Blessings" which features two noted physicians, Dr. Daniel Sherbert and Dr. Jen Green, will raise awareness and funds to ease the financial worries of women and families currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer, as well as discuss innovations in the treatment of the

Sherbert, a plastic surgeon, is a specialist in breast reconstruction; and Green, a Beaumont Integrative

Medicines Naturopath, specializes in cancer care. The two speakers, both of whom are residents of West Bloomfield, will discuss how they work hand in hand with breast cancer patients in anattempt to achieve a healthy,

positive outcome. During lunch, there will be a 2009 Fall/Winter Fashion Show, featuring exclusive women's apparel by Doncaster. The program also will showcase high fashion eyewear currently offered at Clavenna Vision Institute, Optik and Optimeyes. There also will be drawings for

Turning Burdens into

women with cancer, their family mem-

bers and friends, runs 8:30 a.m. to

Blessings program runs noon to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 West Thirteen Mile, Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$45 for guests and \$40 for cancer survivors and are available at www. thepinkfund.eventbrite.com. Tickets for the full program including a lunch reservation must be purchased by Oct. 14. Tickets are available at the door but do not include

The Pink Fund provides financial support for women and families undergoing treatment for breast cancer. All proceeds raised from "Turning Burdens into Blessings" will directly benefit Michigan breast cancer patients who are in active treatment and are unable to meet their basic monthly liv-

ing expenses. The Pink Fund is an organization that provides shortterm financial aid to women, men and families who are in active treatment for and recovery from breast cancer. An innovative and unparalleled program, The Pink Fund makes direct payments for rent, COBRA, car and utilities on behalf of families in need.

The Pink Fund was founded by Molly MacDonald, a working mother of five who

underwent cancer treatment. "Women with breast cancer have enough on their minds, yet all too-often they also are worried about money and the financial burdens of battling the disease," MacDonald stated. "What I have learned from my own situation, and confirmed by other women in treatment, is that the financial fallout from breast cancer causes stress that often is as devastating as the disease. I founded The Pink Fund to help women in treatment so they could focus their mental and emotional energy on

healing and recovery. For more information visit www.thepinkfund.org.



Molly MacDonald of The Pink Fund (right) with her daughter, Erin Noel MacDonald, Thursday, Sept. 24 at Fashion for the Cure in West Hollywood, Calif. MacDonald modeled in the show. Her daughter works for Diane von Furstenberg, the showcase designer for the event.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

SEPT. 28-OCT. 4

Fund-raiser for mental illness

Devin Scillian and Vickie Thomas will host the first annual Funky Fresh Fashion Show, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at The Atheneum Hotel's international Ballroom, 1000 Brush, Detroit. The show's proceeds will benefit more than 20,000 Michigan middle and high school students who participate in the MINDS mental health education series. MINDS is committed to erasing the stigma surrounding mental illness. More than 100 metro Detroit leaders will model their own clothing in one of four categories that include casual, business, black tie or ethnic wear. The models will strut their stuff to the rock and roll, Motown, jazz or big band tune of their choice. Tickets are \$100 each and 95 percent is tax deductible. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6-7 p.m., and a cash bar is available. Adults and children are welcome. Buy tickets at (248) 644-8003.

Pain awareness

7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30, in classroom #1, in the administration building at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak, Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki, will sign their recent book, "100 Questions & Answers About Fibromyalgia." Virginia Drouin-Berry will talk about managing the pain of Fibromyalgia. Carol Young present an interactive talk, with chair exercises, about Fibromyalgia and exercise. The conference and book-signing are free and refreshments will be served. RSVP

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OCT. 5-11

Ladies night out "Women's Health 101" Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage, 5:30 - 7 p.m.; lecture 7 - 8:30 p.m. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physician, Karin Dimon. (734) 655-4800

OCT. 12-18

Depression

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a free educational seminar called "Depressed - or Know Someone Who is?" 10-11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 12 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. The speaker is John Tait of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The presentation is free but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-8950.



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CARE OF ARTHRITIC PAIN

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In caring for arthritic pain, a physician attempts to create a balance between

medication and changes in the patient's way of life. The role of medication needs to consider the patient's age and other medication. Non steroidal prescriptions need to be limited in the elderly because of the bad effect these medications exert on kidney function. Experience has found that patients with fibromyalgia should not take opiates or cortisone. The public already knows, that as safe a drug as acetaminophen (Tylenol) is, high doses can cause liver damage.

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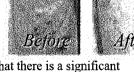


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