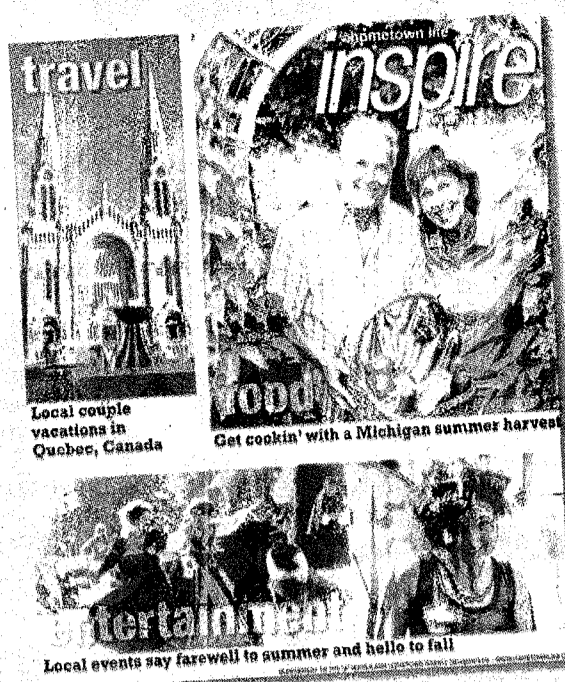


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Biggest Loser

Do you have a lot of weight you want to lose? Then the casting directors of the popular TV show "Biggest Loser" want to meet you.

The show is holding an open casting call 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Gardner-White Furniture, 38453 Ford Road. Casting directors are looking for individuals and teams of two, which could be parent/child, siblings or married couples.

Ideal applicants would have 100 pounds or more to lose, with outgoing personalities, looking to "take the first step toward a healthy lifestyle." Participants compete for a shot at \$250,000.

Potential applicants are reminded not to line up more than three hours before the opening time and to bring a nonreturnable photo. Producers are aiming to see the first 500 people in line. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents and at least 18 years old by Sept. 24.

District hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, D-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations in the 11th District. The time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman can have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have. This is not a political venue and no discussions of a political nature will be expected.

District office hours and locations Thursday, Sept. 2, are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m. to noon at Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren September Days Senior Center.

Hours for Tuesday, Sept. 7, are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland Senior Friendship Center.

The congressman also has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Coffee Hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, is holding district coffee hours Monday, Aug. 23, in Livonia and Garden City. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, 9-10 a.m. and at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood Ave., Garden City, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Trash hauler gets 4-year contract extension

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland will have the same trash hauler for the next four years under a contract extension with Midwest Sanitation that was approved Monday by the Westland City Council.

The four-year extension will bring a price reduction the first year and a return to the current rate the second

year. "The four-year extension will bring all of the trash contracts in line (to expire) for four years from now — the trash hauling, recycling (collection) by Republic and Great Lakes Recycling (which processes the recycled materials)," Mayor William Wild said. "We probably will get the best price, if we bundle the services."

Beginning Sept. 1, the city will pay

\$6.59 per residential address where trash and compost is collected — that's 5 cents less than the current rate. The following year, the rate would return to the \$6.64 rate, with the last two years of the agreement calling for an increase of 3 percent or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

"Many of you would say, well you're saving a nickel, but our cost was \$237,000 cheaper (than competitors)

on the last bid," Midwest Sanitation President Paul Ruthenberg said.

City Attorney James Fausone noted that the contract extension established a new number of units to be serviced by Midwest Sanitation — 27,942 households.

"It's based on the recycling program and it's a more accurate number,"

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George Illingworth of Westland has a cassette boo reader and the newer digital version which he is using to listen to a John Grisham's "The Last Juror," which he got from the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Talking it up

Regional library meets needs of blind, physically handicapped

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even though she's an avid reader, Rose Messina doesn't read a single book. The Canton resident listens to them, thanks to the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind.

She's among the 3,832 blind and physically challenged patrons who utilize the library's collection of 5,410 large-print books, 500 videos and 70,000 talking books.

"I've been so blessed, I love it," Messina said. "They've done so much for me. I read all the time."

Housed in a former credit union building on eastbound Michigan Avenue east of Merriman in Westland, the library's staff

respond to more than 85,000 requests for talking books, 1,600 large-print books and 1,400 descriptive videos annually.

"This is one of the original regional libraries designated by the Library of Congress," said Vanessa Morris, the library director. "It's for the blind and disabled who live anywhere in Wayne County, they can use the service. All it takes is to get the form filled out and certified."

The shelves by and large are filled with green containers of talking books that can be played on a four-track cassette, but the shift is now to smaller, lighter and more durable digital players capable of holding a complete book and eliminating the need to turn over a cassette in the

middle of a story. According to Morris, the digital players are more portable, user-friendly and offer audio instructions at the touch of a button. The library has been receiving about 40 units per month and sending them to patrons who request them.

Priscilla Detsiger of Livonia listens to about four books a month on both the old player and the digital version. Suffering from macular degeneration, the library has been "a lifesaver," since she can no longer read because her vision loss is in the center of her eyes.

"It's great, it tells you when the battery is low and you have to plug it in," she said of the digital player.

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Driver charged with murder in fatal I-275 crash

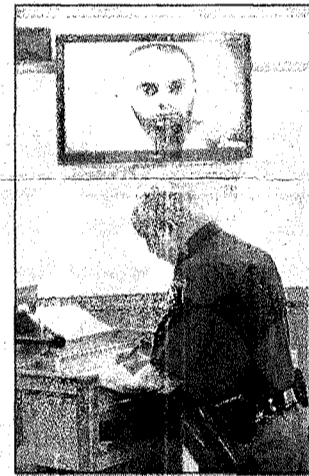
BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 28-year-old Farmington man faces a possible life sentence after being charged with second-degree murder, among other things, in the fatal crash that claimed the life of a 25-year-old Westland woman Sunday.

In addition to the second-degree murder charge, Robert Bojaj was charged in 35th District Court with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor causing death and driving with a suspended license causing death, all 15-year felonies. The second-degree murder charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison, if convicted.

Bojaj was arraigned in a video arraignment before 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou Monday. He was held on a \$50,000 (10 percent) bond, placed on house arrest, and ordered to wear an electronic tether. He faces an Aug. 27 preliminary hearing, also in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Bojaj is charged with killing 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland in an accident on northbound I-275 near Koppernick in Canton Township around 1:40 p.m. Sunday. Michigan State Police said they have a witness who reported a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed before the accident. A blood-alcohol test was administered to Bojaj.



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Michigan State Trooper Rocco Daversa takes notes at the arraignment of Robert Bojaj, the Farmington man charged in the fatal accident that claimed the life of 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland.

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Fausone appointed new city attorney

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officially appointed as Westland's new city attorney Monday, James Fausone is already well-known to city officials.

Fausone has served as the city's deputy city attorney under the late long-time city attorney Angelo Plakas and also as the lead attorney for Westland on getting the contamination cleaned up at the closed Central City Park.

"I appreciate council moving forward on this. Jim has a great team and we look forward to working with them," Mayor William Wild said. "Jim Fausone brings a great depth of knowledge of not only law, but also our city, to our



James Fausone

team. His past experience has been exemplary and he will be a key asset to the city's management."

City attorney for 30 years, Plakas had appointed Fausone as both a special legal counsel for environmental matters in 2006 and earlier this year as deputy city attorney.

Fausone's firm, Fausone Bohn LLP, located in Northville, affiliated with Plakas' law practice in September 2009. Plakas died in July after battling cancer.

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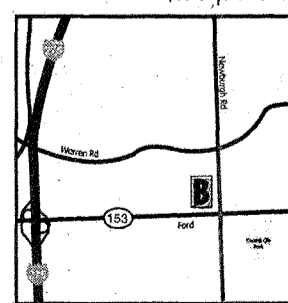
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Corn Roast

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is holding a free corn roast 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

All are welcome. The corn roast will take place rain or shine. In addition to corn, there will be hot dogs donated by Mr. Mike's Grill of Westland, picnic sides, s'mores, games and prizes. Six backpacks filled with school supplies will be raffled off.

Backpack give-away

Mayor William Wild will be at the Wayne Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, 1-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, to hand out free backpacks to low income families who have children in grades K-12 in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The goal is distribute 200 backpacks filled with supplies, including notebooks, pencils,

paper, folders, rulers and more, to families in need of assistance.

"The goal of the Salvation Army is to help those in need and it is a pleasure to participate in this event that will help get children the supplies needed to head back to school this fall," said Wild.

All recipients must pre-register by call (734) 722-3660. This give-away is on a first come, first serve basis.

Zumba classes

Ditch the work out and join the party at Skateland West's Zumba Fitness Class 10-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28.

The introductory class is free of charge and has Derica Wade, a certified Zumba Instructor, as the teacher. Learn the Zumba dance steps for a leaner, toner and firmer you. Zumba burns 500-800 calories an hour so hit the lights, cue the music and lets party on the floor at Skateland West.

Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh

in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-2800.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, has resumed regular office hours in the 12th District after taking the month off in July.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

- The McDonald's restaurant (27125 Cherry Hill Road, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.

- Starbucks at 36545 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland at 10 a.m. and at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, both on the second Monday of the month.

- Biggby Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

Bowling benefit

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to help others while

having fun? The head to the Town N Country Bowling Alley in Westland 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, for Light the Night Bowling, a fund-raiser to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

* Tickets cost \$15 and include three games of bowling, pop, pizza, shoe rental and bowling prizes. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and gift baskets to be won.

Town N Country Bowling Alley is at the corner of Wayne Road and Avondale. For additional ticket information, send an e-mail to hollyshearth@live.com.

Farmers market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, baked goods, sausages and flowers will be offered at the Westland Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. Look for the market on the east side of Westland Shopping Center along Wayne Road just south of Ashley's Bar and Grill.

DPS gets energy efficient truck

Westland's Department of Public Services has added a new energy efficient truck to its fleet.

Used for cleaning the city's sewer system, the Vactor 2100 Plus Truck offers more power while providing 34 percent better fuel economy. In addition, this truck's pump drive will allow the city crews to get the same jobs done with up to 25 percent less water.

"With higher levels of rain fall in recent months and as part of our Mission: Green initiative, the Vactor truck will be an essential tool in cleaning our sewers while keeping our city safe in a more eco-friendly way," said Mayor William Wild.

Contrary to popular myth, the sanitary system is not self-sustaining. Sewage flows gradually slow over time and

eventually blockages begin to build up in the piping. If steps are not taken to clear these blockages, the entire pipe can fail, exposing the surrounding population to unhealthy or even dangerous gasses and materials.

It is the sewer cleaner's job to clear these blockages and the Vactor 2100 Plus Truck will ensure that Westland remains sanitary.

Sewage structures have become more and more complex, consequently requiring powerful machines to keep them all running properly. The modern sewer system includes laterals, mains, manholes, catch basins, lift stations, and water treatment facilities all of which are critical to keeping the sewage system working.

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Fausone said.

Based on that number of units of trash collected, the first year of the contract would pay Midwest Sanitation \$184,137 in monthly installments.

"This number covers us with vacant homes. We will handle the compost the same way with the leaf pickup eliminat-

ed," Wild said.

Resident Nancy Freich questioned the length of the contract extension.

"Four years looks like a new contract, not an extension," she said.

The city levies 2 mills for trash collection and disposal generates \$3.2 million annually. The council adopted the current year budget, but the administration also developed a balanced budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

When questioned about the

sustainability of the current trash program with compost and recycling collection, Wild said that would be looked at in the second year.

The budget for each year includes \$500,000 for the second phase of the recycling program — originally intended to be expanded to multiple-unit housing developments — which Wild has suggested council give further study.

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FAUSONE

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Fausone is managing partner of Fausone Bohn. He received degrees from University of Michigan College of Engineering and Gonzaga University School of Law, with honors. He was admitted to the bar in 1981 and has clerked for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

His firm represents a number of governmental entities, including the city of Allen Park, Northville Township, Central Wayne Sanitation Authority and Grosse Pointe Library.

"Thanks for the vote of confidence. I am certainly taking on this responsibility that I shared with Angelo over the past year with Angelo in mind," Fausone said. "I am honored to be appointed the Westland city attorney. I will

represent the city with integrity and passion. The fine example Angelo Plakas set will be a guiding light for my conduct."

Noting Plakas' penchant for stories, Fausone said his colleague Michael McNamara suggested that he keep Plakas in mind with a 45-minute acceptance speech. Fausone decided against the speech.

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

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Where: 30555 Michigan Ave., Westland
Contact: The materials available can be found on the library's website at wayneregional.lib.mi.us or by calling the library at (734) 727-7300.

program for book circulation and informational and promotional materials. The state of Michigan provides state aid paid through the Library of Michigan, while Wayne County comes up with the balance of budget, covering personnel, housing, equipment and supplies.

facilities designated as a regional library by the Library of Congress. Michigan has two such regional libraries, the one in Westland and the other in Lansing. There's also a sub-library in Detroit which services some of the Detroit ZIP codes.

LIBRARY FROM PAGE A1

"I'm very enthusiastic about it. I've told a lot of people they have to get one."

Not quite the reader Messini is — she currently has eight or nine books from the library — Detsiger reads about four a month. She prefers the best sellers and calls in to see if the library has the new books.

"I always have a book in the recorder," she said. "The nice thing about the recorder is I can carry it around, I can go outside and use it on the patio."

While patrons can go to the library to check out books, most requests are sent by mail with the help of the interns from Wayne State University or those in the library program at Western Michigan University.

"They're very important," Morris said. "There's only two employees and without them, we wouldn't be able to pull audio books and send them out."

George Illingworth of Westland is not only a patron, but also volunteers at the library Thursdays, rewinding books and putting them in order.

"I've done this for almost 10 years. I love the work," the former Redford resident said. "I do almost 500 cassettes a day. When I put in a day's work, I know it."

Illingworth volunteered with his wife until she died three years ago. She, too, was visually impaired and was a teacher for the visually impaired, going into their homes and showing them such things as how to cook and use a stove.

He relies on Nankin Transit to get to the library, where he works from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. He loves the work and does it because the library is short staffed "and needs all the help it can get."

Like Detsiger, Illingworth is keen on the new digital machines.

"It's a God's dream for us," he said. "This library means the world has opened up to us. We can have the things that other people have. It's been a godsend. The new machine's got us spoiled."

A limited number of patrons do visit the library, where computers are available with Zoom Text for Internet use and equipment to read what's displayed on the screen. There's even a machine to put documents in to braille.

The library also has a



Director Vanessa Morris is looking to sign up more blind and physically handicapped individuals to take advantage of the material available through the library.



The books on the shelves at the Wayne County for Blind and Physically Handicapped are mostly audio cassettes. The library does have 5,410 large print books and some magazines available.

Brown Bag Book Club that meets from noon to 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month and attracts about 15 patrons "for lively discussions of two books."

Messini is a member of the book club and goes there with a friend who can still drive. She also takes the Canton Connector bus.

"I'm reading three books right now. I don't watch that much TV," she said. "I enjoy the books and I enjoy the discussions. I've met a lot of people."

People wanting to join the discussion group can call the library at (888) 968-2737 to register and receive copies of the books each month.

Morris is new to the regional library. She has worked in the county's library system for 10 years and previously was director of the River Rouge library.



According to library director Vanessa Morris, a digital cartridge are taking over as a way of providing audio books to the blind and physically handicapped.

As the new director, one of the things Morris would like to do is increase the number of residents using the service.

"There's probably a lot more people who need the service, but they don't know about us," Morris said. "Someone has estimated that there's some 14,000 people who are eligible who don't know about the library. I'd love to get the services out there to everybody."

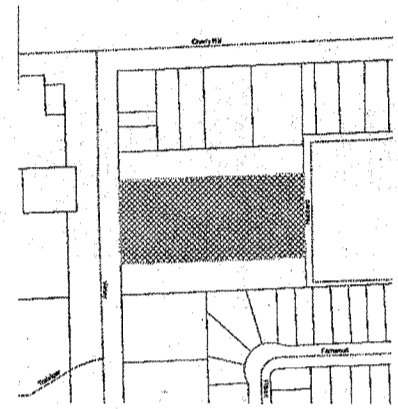
"It's a wonderful, wonderful service, and so many people can't get it because they don't know about it," Detsiger added. "I don't know what I'd do without it. I'd be bored to death."

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #757C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Expansion to DTE Substation, 211 S. Venoy Road, Parcel #066-99-0010-000, East Side of Venoy Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Andrew Manning (Gordon K. Yee)



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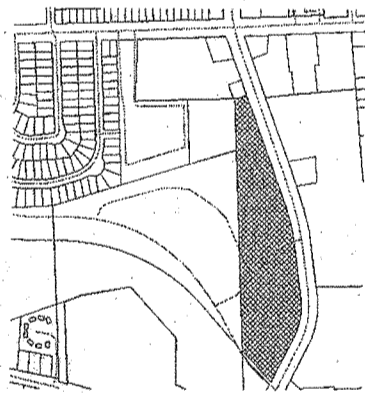
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Case #2033J, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Upgrade to Existing Communications Facility, 7651 N. Merriman Road, Parcel #007-01-0593-001, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Ann Arbor Trail, Kevin Glardon (Mark A. Hammond)



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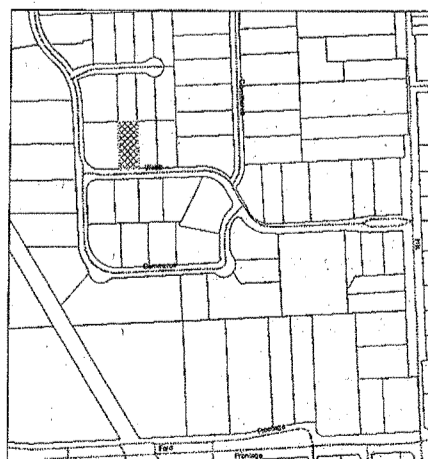
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Case #1845A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Indoor Skate Park, 39048 Webb Drive, Parcel #027-03-0015-000, North Side of Webb Drive, North of Ford Road and West of Hix Road, Evan Hutchings (Walter D'Aloisio)



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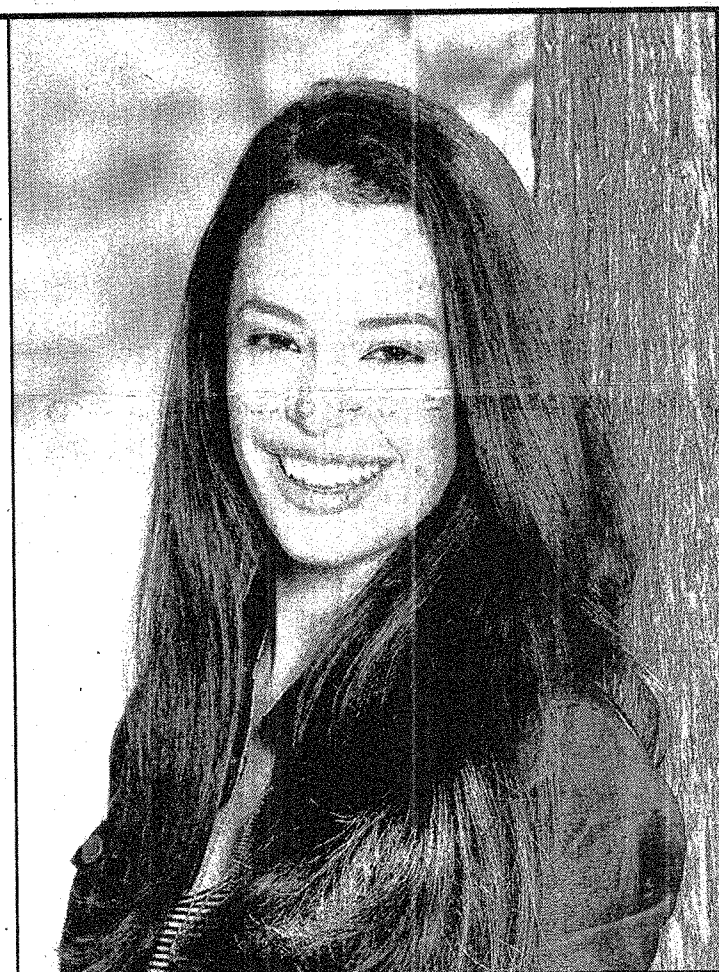
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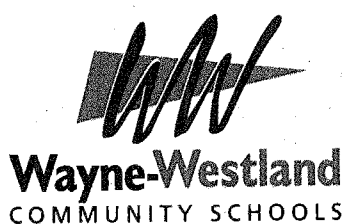
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OUR VIEWS

Rent is due

City must work with library on lease

We are sure, Mayor William Wild is disappointed by a legal opinion that says the city has to negotiate a lease agreement with the Westland Library Board before it can begin collecting rent from the William P. Faust Public Library.

If there's a price tag to put on that disappointment, it would be the \$500,000 the city transferred from the library's account to the general fund to cover 10 years of back rent.

The issue of rent surfaced earlier this year when Mayor Wild initiated discussions with library Director Cheryl Napsha about it. While the mayor didn't include it in his budget proposal, Council President James Godbout asked that it be put in "because of the city's financial situation and long-term needs." His fellow council members, in approving the budget in June, decided that the library transfer should have further study.

Charging rent is one way to get money, but if the city does that, it needs to be a good landlord. Deciding to collect it from the library is OK, but collecting it for the past 10 years isn't. It has the appearance of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

The city charging rent isn't a new concept. It's a common practice of the general fund to charge other departments rent for space used in municipal buildings. The city's water and sewer fund is charged rent for space used for the water billing department. There are similar charges for the Tax Increment Financing Authority, the Local Development Finance Authority and the Economic Growth Department.

We clearly understand what the city is going through. Declining property values mean less revenue. The state's financial difficulties mean less shared revenue. Cuts are necessary to preserve services. Finding new revenue streams is imperative.

Charging rent is one way to get money, but if the city does that, it needs to be a good landlord. Deciding to collect it from the library is OK, but collecting it for the past 10 years isn't. It has the appearance of robbing Peter to pay Paul. While shifting the money to the city's general fund enhances the city's fund balance, it does diminishes the library's ability to deal with its expenses. The library is being a good steward of its money and is keen to the fact that the building is getting on in age. It's only a matter of time before major repairs will need and that \$1.9 million surplus will help pay for them.

The attorney's opinion may not be what the city wanted to hear, but we think it's a good one. Mayor Wild was on the right track when he began talking about it and that needs to continue. Before the city begins charging the library rent, it needs to negotiate a price with the Library Board. Both the sides need to be in agreement. Anything less will not do.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Have you started your back-to-school shopping?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"No, I haven't. We're broke right now because both my husband and I are unemployed."

Linda Libres
Westland



"No, I haven't. I've looked at things and thought about it, but I've not actually purchased anything."

Katie Derwich
Westland



"I haven't started yet, I'll probably start next week."

Lynette Taylor
Westland



"Yeah, all I need is probably paper and a book bag and then I'm off to college."

Alyssa Barker
Garden City

LETTERS

Jobs legislation

How will it affect our area? How did robot Republican McCotter vote? People should know.

Richard and Barbara Bonk
Westland

Anderson works hard

We have all heard public officials and candidates tout their commitment to being "grassroots" in their approach to becoming elected. One of the most common tactics used as evidence of this commitment is knocking on doors as they campaign.

For those of you who have never had the experience of being a candidate, I will tell you that most times, candidates doing the door knocking target neighborhoods where the streets are densely populated with smaller lots, giving them a much better chance of covering a lot of campaign ground. We do not live in such a neighborhood.

In all four Livonia homes I have lived in since 1980, I have not had a single public official or candidate show up on our doorstep - except for state Sen. Glenn Anderson!

In fact, at the time Glenn stepped upon our porch, it was summertime 2009! He had already been elected to office three years prior. Campaign season had not even started. But here was Glenn standing at our door, doing the "grassroots" knocking upon the doors, and strengthening his connection with us, and our neighbors, on a day he probably could have been trying to relax and taking a break

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from the hectic pace of representing us all in Lansing.

Every time we see Glenn, he is always smiling, glad to see us, eagerly seeking our input regarding how we may be able to help him improve things, as he has been a part of many very worthwhile legislative events in our state and district.

Glenn Anderson is running in this year's November election, seeking a second term. We wanted to share this with you, believing it may help you decide to support Glenn for another term in the Michigan Senate. We proudly display his "rear-window-sticker," yard sign, and will be voting for Glenn. We hope you will be as

well!

R. Burnett
Livonia

Too many questions

Thank you for your piece "Complex costs out of bounds?" I find it hard to believe that Livonia Public Schools would be willing to be a partner in developing this property - why can't they sell the property outright? When you understand the degree of toxicity of the compounds within the site - arsenic, lead, PBB, DDT, mercury, cadmium are just a few - it's no wonder no one has ever successfully developed this property. They closed the school on the property for a reason; the chemicals have not left!

Another baffling idea is why would they be willing to use money (sinking fund) raised through bond revenue for a profit-making, non-educational purpose? Are there regulations regarding the use of funds that would prohibit their use in this way? When will they be reopening this ground? If it is during the school year, how will they protect the children across the street at Cooper from the airborne toxic substances? Have they thought of the possible litigation when people begin to have reactions to the toxic substances located in the dump - whether it is from reopening the ground or from playing on the new soccer fields?

Too many unanswered questions. Hopefully the Board of Education will make the right decision for the good of all in the district.

Brian Blackney
Livonia

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Citizen breaks up robbery

From the article, and from the mouth of a real expert, a police officer: "He had a handgun at the head of the victim when the witness intervened," said Sgt. David Zuchetto. "If the witness hadn't intervened, that woman could have been killed or injured. The suspect might have taken her and her vehicle."

The CPL holder did the correct thing. Too many people in a similar situation would have frozen. A life was saved by the quick thinking of a law abiding citizen, legally armed with a handgun. When seconds count, the police are only minutes away. Even the police will tell you this

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The issue: Glenn alumni help troops

Way to go, guys. Good job and support. I'm an old Westlander who works at a U.S. Air base in the UK and I see the troops coming back from deployment in the Middle East and every time, these young kids that is tell me were they are heading. I always say God bless and be safe and come back. What more can we do to give our support to these fighting men and women, but a prayer and a smile and say thanks. What you men and women at John Glen is wonderful and I'm proud of you all for every thing you give and do for these troops of ours.

yankenheath

Bravery on display in weekend of courage

Every year, the Michigan 3-Day breast cancer walk produces really cool stories, stories of courage and of hope, of perseverance and determination.

My favorite story this year is of a guy I didn't even meet, a walker named Timothy Grzecki, a member of a Westland team called Genetically Twisted. The team was headed by Westland resident Wendy Headland, a seven-year survivor of breast cancer who's had so much cancer in her family she could be the poster child.



Brad Kadrich

According to Headland, Grzecki had lost so much skin on the bottoms of his feet he could scarcely walk, but he wanted to at least make it to Plymouth, the favorite cheering station for most of the thousands of walkers who've come through town over the years.

He wanted that adrenaline rush. He wanted to experience that, and he wanted to go as far as he could, even on battered feet.

And while his was a compelling story, it's hardly the only one. Blisters rule the weekend. Limbs and joints ache. There was evidence of physical

support. braces made of traditional metal and the homemade kind, Ace bandages wrapped around knees and held in place with lengths of white medical tape.

They walk with a limp, and they walk with ice packs on their heads. They walk shortly after surviving the disease, and they walk while fighting the disease.

They cover a distance in three days on foot that I couldn't make in a car. It bugs me to walk 100 yards or so to my Dumpster, yet these people trek 60 miles. I don't know that I've walked 60 miles in my life, much less a single weekend.

However, that will change next year. After listening over the years to the Dan Dwyers and the Ed Hingelbergs, to the Debra Madonnas and the Dorothy Twinneys who've told me what a life-altering experience it is, I succumbed to the enthusiasm of Twinney, who marched with "Breast of Plymouth" and agreed to walk next year. Someone get the defibrillators.

And if you thought you'd witnessed all the courage you could see in Plymouth, it was nothing compared to the courage and conviction on display a few miles away in Canton Township's Heritage Park. That's where Marine Cpl. Brian Vella unveiled his three-year labor of love,

a memorial to 22 member of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines who died fighting in Fallujah, Iraq.

The bravery of the 22 Marines who died - and many more who were injured - was etched in the grief of their mothers, "Gold Star Mothers," as the moms of fallen soldiers are called. Their courage was recalled in the words of their brothers, the Michigan Band of Brothers, left behind to carry on their work.

It was immortalized in the black marble etched by Suzette Moore, an artist with Inch Memorials in Northville, who designed the memorial with images of soldiers and the traditional icon of the fallen soldier - his rifle standing in his empty combat boots and inscribed with the names of the 22 Marines.

Vella's words and the unspoken yet trumpeted message delivered by the 3-Day walkers resonated loud and clear: Neither these fallen Marines, nor the victims - and survivors - of the fight against breast cancer will be forgotten.

Nor should they be.

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Walker Cathy Powell, an Ann Arbor resident, greets her friend Holly Hoepfner of Westland.

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3-Day walkers happy to hear the cheers

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Wendy Headland of Westland made it through at least the first half of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk last weekend, the team she headed — Genetically Twisted — more closely resembled a MASH unit.

Headland's daughter-in-law had injured the meniscus in one knee. Another team member lost skin on the bottom of both feet, and her son, Steven, could barely walk.

But they all hobbled into Plymouth, the cheering station at about the halfway point of the walk's second day Saturday, marching with a purpose. Headland was walking her seventh 3-Day as a seven-year breast cancer survivor, having been diagnosed at the age of 40. She headed up her team because her aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer at 31, and her own mother fought it off twice, diagnosed first at age 34, before being hit with ovarian cancer at 61.

"We need to raise awareness,"

said Headland, who runs marathons and is a fitness instructor. "The new generation needs to know it's out there, and it can strike at any age."

Headland's team was happy to hear the cheers of the adoring throng in downtown Plymouth, always a highlight for the 1,900 walkers who made this year's trek.

"The hardest part is between cheering stations," Headland said. "You live for Saturday afternoon, to come to Plymouth."

Kerie Zale of Plymouth watched her best friend's mom, Diane Giolitti, lose a battle with breast cancer in 1999. Zale herself lost her own parents — her mom to lung cancer in 2001 and her dad to lymphoma in 2006. Zale and her best friend, Lisa Culp of Marshall, had vowed to make the trek one day and, although Culp couldn't make it, Zale decided "one day" had finally come.

"We always said we were going to walk it," said Zale, who found plenty of support from her husband, Andy, and their

children, 8-year-old Cooper, 6-year-old Averi and 2-year-old Jake. "It was better than I expected. Physically, it's tough, but it's amazing the support you see on the streets. The support is what keeps you going."

That's what Rebecka Clifton of Royal Oak discovered, too. Clifton has had a few friends under the age of 40 affected by breast cancer and decided she'd walk.

By the time she hit Plymouth, the walkers had done some 33 miles, and the support of the crowd came as a welcome sight.

"The crowd support here is awesome," Clifton said. "The energy you get walking through a crowd like this is amazing. It energizes me."

While the walkers are happy to come through Plymouth, and locals are proud to support the walkers, that pride goes both ways.

"I'm proud of my mom because she's doing the walk," said 8-year-old Cooper Zale of his mom, Kerie. "She's saving lives."

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College options abound, make you more marketable

Anyone who doubts the importance of a college education needs to look at the recently released unemployment numbers. Whenever the numbers are released most tend to focus on the unemployment rate. Although, the unemployment rate is an important number it doesn't tell the whole story. For example, even though we lost jobs in July, the unemployment rate did not rise. The reasoning is that to be counted as part of the unemployed one must be actively looking for a job. People no longer looking for a job are not considered unemployed. The reason we lost jobs in July, yet the unemployment rate remained the same, was because so many Americans no longer felt it was worthwhile to look for gainful employment.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

When you look deeper into the unemployment numbers you will see why a college education

is so important.

Currently, the unemployment rate nationwide is 9.5 percent. However, that number is not evenly divided throughout our society. The unemployment rate among people who do not have a high school diploma is 13.8 percent. The unemployment rate for those with a high school diploma is 10.1 percent, unemployment for those with some college is 8.3 percent while the unemployment rate for those who have graduated from college is 4.5 percent. What these numbers demonstrate is that having a college degree makes you more marketable in today's world.

We have all heard stories of college graduates who are unemployed or, in fact, underemployed. However, they are the minority. The majority of college graduates are working full time.

The value of a college education is substantial and as the numbers show, it is much easier to find employment when you have a college degree. Even in these difficult times, it is the college graduate who is able to find employment while those who have less education have few options.

In addition, there is no question this trend will continue into the future. The majority of new jobs being created require a higher level of education than a high school diploma.

We live in a changing world and as the only way to be competitive, from an employment perspective, is by obtaining higher education. After all, think about how global our economy has become. Ford Motor Co. now has more employees abroad than it has in the United States. General Motors sells more cars abroad than it does in North America. In fact, when it comes to automobiles, the United States is no longer the largest auto market in the world. We have been replaced by China.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that it is just in the manufacturing sector where jobs are being outsourced to other countries, that is not the case. Many services are now performed abroad. When you call a help line there is a good chance that you're calling another part of the world.

I believe the United States can compete and thrive in this new economy. However, anyone

who thinks the old economy will return is sadly mistaken. There will be good jobs in the future, however, they will require college degrees.

For those still in high school, it should be clear that the pathway to success and the American dream must be to continue education past high school. For those who don't, the jobs of the future will be low-paying, minimum wage jobs.

It is not too late to change course. There are more options with regards to obtaining a college education than ever before. There are numerous higher education programs that are available to meet just about any situation. Whether it's taking courses online, through a community college or choosing another option, the investment you make in yourself by obtaining a degree is something that will pay dividends well into the future.

Good luck!

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Ex-fire chief safely lands plane in Lake Erie

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Through their training and experience, firefighters tend to plan ahead when it comes to safety.

When the engine on his plane died Friday over Lake Erie, former Westland fire Chief Mark Neal had a plan.



Neal

"Pilots are trained for emergency landings, but not in water. I had pre-planned it in my mind. I fly over water a lot," Neal said. "I think firefighters do prepare for emergencies. And I was also trained by 33-year Detroit firefighter — my father."

After trying to restart the engine, Neal said he committed to a water landing and was able to retract the landing gear before the plane went into the lake.

"Contrary to what people think, the plane does glide, you don't just fall out of the sky. I got the plane as slow as possible and touched down. We skidded," said Neal, 61. "There were no injuries. The plane is quite damaged — it's a total loss."

The Cessna 210, which has room for six people, carried three passengers: Michael Reddy, 67, Neal's predecessor as Westland fire chief and father of the current fire chief; Amber McClure and Ashley Braunstein, both 21, of Detroit. Neal, McClure and Reddy were all able to

escape through a plane door, but Neal pulled Braunstein through a luggage hatch.

The plane had left Canton's Mettetal Airport and was headed for the airfield on South Bass Island for a trip to nearby Put-in-Bay. It's about a 25-minute flight — the engine quit about 11:30 a.m. The plane went into the water about 150 feet from a ferry pier.

"I was getting ready to land when the engine quit. We were only about 400 feet above the water. There was no way we were going to get to the landing field," said Neal, who did head toward a nearby marina to make sure help would be nearby once the plane crashed.

Passengers and crew members on a ferry boat threw a life ring and life jacket to Neal and the others, then pulled them to safety. A passenger videotaped the rescue and it has since been posted on YouTube.

As soon as he retired in May 2001, Neal said he began training as a pilot.

"I had always wanted to fly. I have nearly 2,000 hours (as a pilot). I fly a lot," he said.

The plane sank in about 22 feet of water, but the crash hasn't dampened Neal's love of flying. In fact, he noted that he flew back from Ohio after the crash.

"My wife feels the same. She told all the news people who called that we'll still fly," Neal said.

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Health department holds Family Fun Fest

Families can get their kids ready for school by getting their immunizations at the annual Wayne County Department of Public Health Fun Fest will be held on the grounds of the Wayne County

Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born, just west of Venoy, in Wayne, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19.

There will be free book bags and school supplies for the first 300 children, a farmer's mar-

ket, food, fun and entertainment and an array of health screenings.

The event includes dental, hearing, vision and blood pressure screenings, HIV on-site testing, lead testing, adult and child immunizations and healthy and safety information, as well as information about Head Start, WIC and breast feeding.

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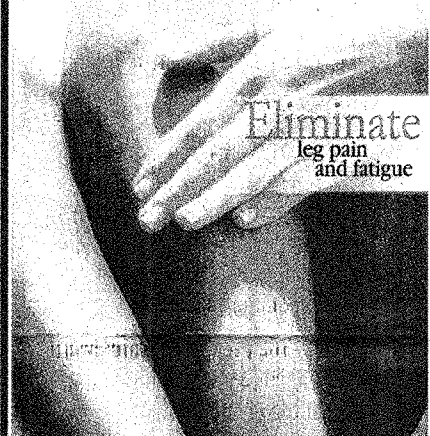
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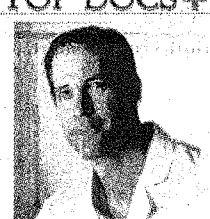
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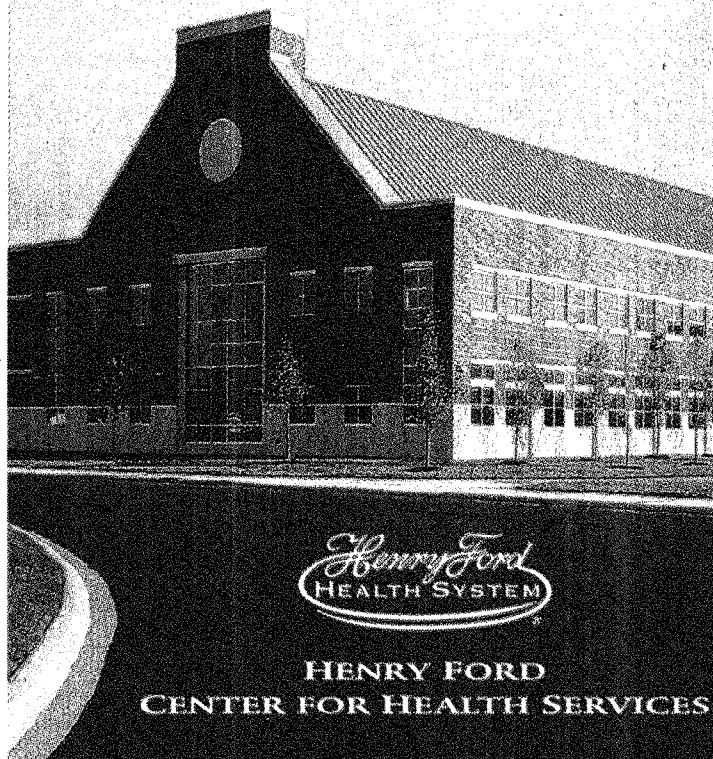
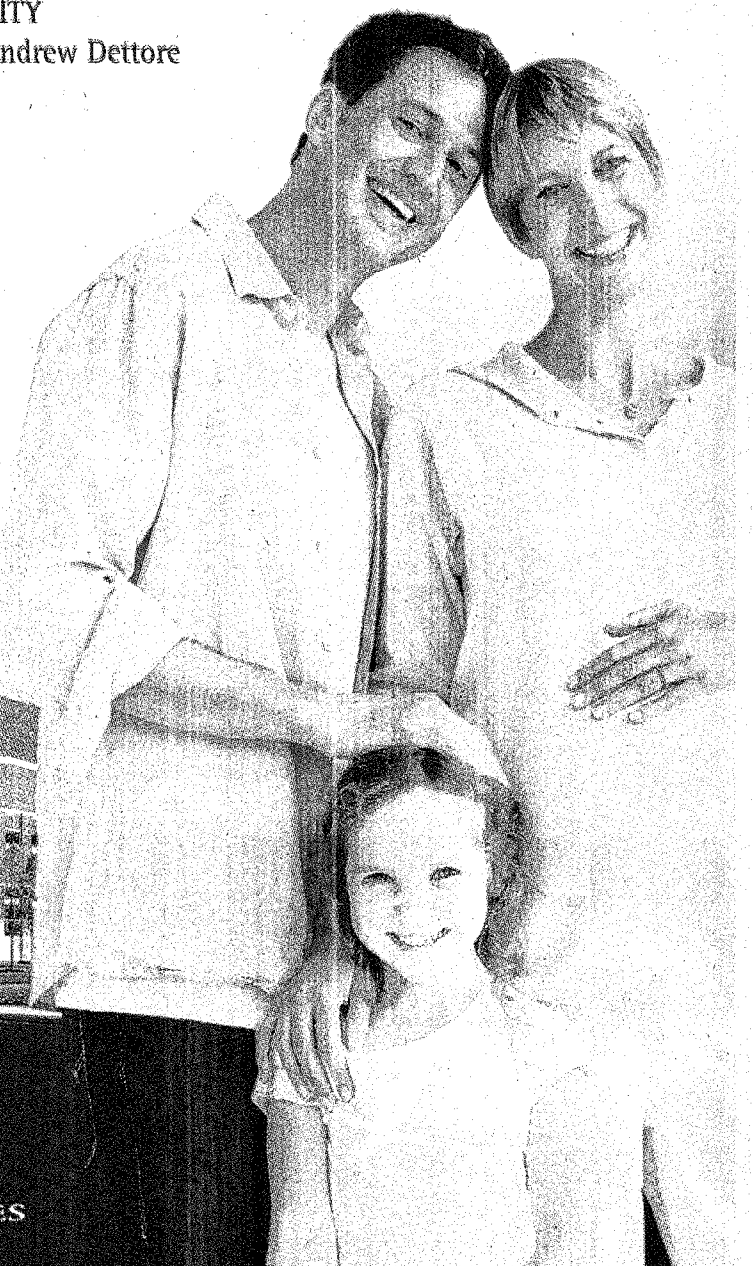
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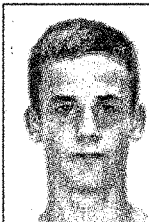
BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Livonia Churchill and rival Livonia Stevenson open the boys soccer season Monday night, it's safe to say neither team will resemble what they displayed on the field last season.

Churchill put together a dream season in 2009, going 19-0-1 before being upset by Salem in the Division 1 district finals.

BOYS SOCCER

The Chargers took graduation hits like no other losing first-team All-Observer picks Adam Bedell, now at the University of Detroit Mercy; Max Washko (Madonna University) and



Cooney

Ian Guerin.

Only midfielder Stephen Foster (five goals, five assists) and junior forward Jeff Thomas (four goals, one assist) return as field starters for the Chargers. Both goalkeepers, junior Bryan Bartig and senior Christian Adams, also return after splitting time.

But that's really it for the defending Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions, who must rely on a slew of unproven newcomers.

"If this team can take a personality that it wants to work harder than its opponent in every game, we can be competitive," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "It should be interesting, if nothing else, and I like the players I have to work with so that always give you a shot."

Livonia Stevenson, a perennial state power, reached the 2008 Division 1 state finals, but last season was a completely different story as the Spartans suffered their worst

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



John Glenn head coach Tim Hardin offers words of wisdom during a recent practice. The Rockets are coming off an 8-2 season.

OBSERVER STAFF PHOTOS

Life without Langford

Rockets confident offense will continue to orbit

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Glenn assistant coach Matt Howton (left) directs Rico Cole in a drill during a recent practice.

The Westland John Glenn football team plans keep its ground game identity despite losing 1,934 yards rushing and 23 touchdowns.

How the Rockets, coming off an 8-2 playoff season, will replace All-State running back Jeremy Langford (Michigan State), remains a work in progress.

Langford did just about everything, and more, last year for the Rockets.

Heirs apparent include four seniors including Stefon Anthony, who will wear Langford's old No. 23, along with Donnell Brewer and Rico Cole.

"It's good problem to have and we feel all three can get the job done," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "We're just waiting for one to stand out among the other two."

Whoever emerges from the pack, the Rockets will remain a run-oriented team.

"We'll still use the 'Wildcat,' but were an I-formation team, and as long as I'm here, we'll be an I-formation team," Hardin said. "Even

though the name changes, we're still going to run the football and we'll use the tailback 80 to 90 percent of the time. That's our foundation, but we can run out of any multiple formations."

Junior Jeff Kuhary moves into the quarterback spot after starting last year on the JV squad.

"He brings everything to the table," Hardin said. "He had a tremendous off-season and he's a million times better today than he was last year. He has a strong arm, he's smart and he can run a little bit."

The Rockets return two starters on the offensive line, 6-foot, 215-pound guard Brian Fawley and 6-3, 260-pound tackle Andrew Laird. Three-year starter at tight end Caleb Clenney also returns.

Three other Glenn hopefuls all tip the scales above 290 pounds. "The offensive line is definitely one of our strong suits," Hardin said. "It's the biggest we've had since I've been a head coach. We have depth. There are six or seven guys competing for jobs. All six or seven are pretty good."

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Skilled Pats banking on line play

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the offensive line goes, so will apparently go the fortunes of the Livonia Franklin football team.

The Patriots, gunning for their fifth postseason playoff spot in six years, find themselves in a peculiar position entering 2010.

"Everything hinges on the line," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, who enters his 10th season after going 5-5 in 2009. "We have the skill kids, speed and size. It's whether we can block for them or not."

The Patriots will certainly miss both Nate Coleman (Howard University) and Sean McAuliffe (Wayne State) as inside anchors on both the offensive and defensive lines.

The only player with starting

experience on the offensive line is senior Cody Custer, who got the nod in just two games. Tight end Bobby Andrus also returns.

Kelbert, however, was encouraged by what he saw during the first day in pads.

"There's just a lack of experience," Kelbert said. "They're all young. Possibly one senior will start on the line. They're learning quick, and there is progress there. It's a matter of getting them to compete and give their best effort on every play."

But the Patriots do have tons of talent returning at the skill positions.

Senior quarterback Brent Marzion started seven of 10 games last season. He missed three due to injury.

"Brent's much improved," Kelbert said. "He knows his reads in the

offensive system. He's just better overall and has matured a lot.

The strength of the Patriots' offense will come from a pair of wide receivers, 6-3 Mike Sharp, 6-1 Blake Lukas and 6-3 Max Shamus.

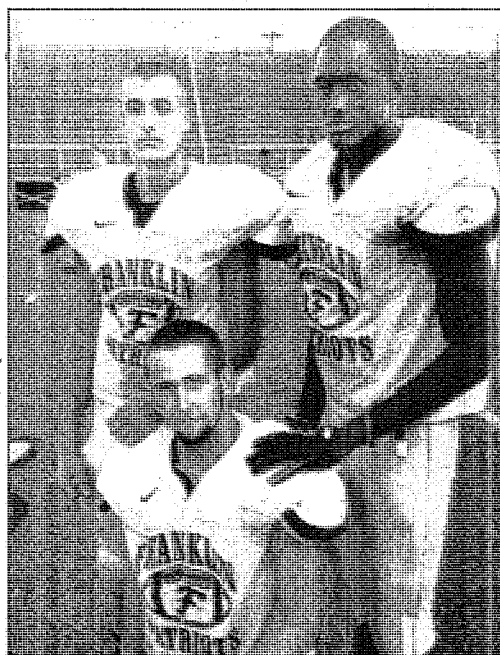
"They're big, tall and have good hands," Kelbert said. "They're good targets for Brent to hit. Plus, I think both our halfbacks are very good receivers with good speed."

Brandon Tower, a senior, will be the lead running back with sophomore Jimmy Mazaris and senior Tino Benavides also getting their share of the load.

"Both Brandon and Jimmy have very good speed," Kelbert said.

"Tower is probably the fastest kid we've ever had. Mazaris was on JV as a freshman and we hope he'll be

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Franklin's passing game could be potent this season with the return of wide receivers (top, from left) Blake Lukas and Mike Sharp, along with quarterback Brent Marzion (kneeling).

Offensive line keys Charger resurgence

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During his acceptance speech into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, former Washington Redskins Russ Grimm remembered what his offensive line coach at the University of Pittsburgh Joe Moore once said:

"He told me that playing offensive line, there's no greater feeling than to be able to move a man from Point A to Point B against his will,"

Grimm recalled. "I tried it; I liked it; and I was playing offensive line (smiling)."

Getting from Point A to Point B should be a little easier this season for the 2010 Livonia Churchill football team, which will rely on a veteran offensive line in its quest to reverse last year's 2-7 record.

The Chargers return four of five starters led by 6-3, 225-pound senior left tackle Jeremy Atkins, who is entering his third varsity season.

Also back are three other senior starters including right tackle Paulin Chateau (6-3, 240), right guard Brian Baibak (6-3, 290) and center Blake Padgett (6-1, 214).

Senior left guard Jimmy Costa (6-0, 240) also returns. He missed the first six weeks of the 2009 season after breaking his wrist on the final day of preseason practice.

"They're solid," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said of

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Churchill will lean on its veteran offensive line this season led by (standing, from left) Brian Baibak, Jimmy Costa, Jeremy Atkins, (kneeling) Paulin Chateau and Blake Padgett.

SIDELINES

Skinner selected

Livonia's Cassandra Skinner was recently selected as one of four members for the USA Gymnastics Junior National Team in Tumbling.

Skinner, a sophomore at Livonia Stevenson High, will compete this November in the 2010 World Age-Group (female 13-14) Trampoline and Tumbling Championships in Metz, France.

Skinner, who competes for AGT Flip City in Warren, suffered a broken leg last week in the 2010 VISA Championships held at the Chase Center in Hartford, Conn. She did not reach the tumbling finals after placing ninth in the preliminary round.

MU spikers No. 21

The Madonna University women's volleyball team debuts at No. 21 in the inaugural rankings of the 2010 Tachikara-NAIA Volleyball Coaches top 25 preseason poll.

The Crusaders, 35-7 a year ago, were runners-up Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. They open their season Friday, Aug. 28, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Challenge against Spring Arbor.

Madonna is slated to face four preseason top 25 teams on its schedule this season including No. 7 Columbia (Mo.), No. 15 Lewis-Clark (Ore.), No. 17 Bellevue (Neb.).

Whalers on radio

After a trial run in 2009-10, the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to 88.1-FM WSPD "The Escape" as its radio home for the upcoming season.

"The Escape," a state-award winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, will begin covering the Whalers this year with a special broadcast during Plymouth's first preseason game against Windsor beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, during "The Clash at the Coliseum" in Chelsea.

The station will resume its broadcast schedule with coverage of the Whalers' season opener, set for Thursday, Sept. 13, in Windsor.

Pete Krupsky remains Whalers play-by-play voice with Sean Baligian providing analysis of home broadcasts.

Pompon clinic

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill varsity pompon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 21, at the high school. The cost is \$35 per person (includes T-shirt, music and snack). For more information, or to pre-register, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

O&E men's golf

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tournaments, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

Hole-in-one club

Patrick Barrons of Livonia used a 7-iron to ace the 147-yard, No. 5 hole Saturday at The Links at Whitmore Lake.

2010 BOYS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Reid Friedrichs, 11th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 19-1-1.
Titles won last year: KLAAs Association, Kensington Conference and South Division champs.
Notable losses to graduation: Adam Bedell (first-team All-Area), Ian Guerin (first-team All-Area), Max Washko (first-team All-Area), Erik Bird (second-team All-Area), Nick Wood, Tim Devine, Tyler Varney, Jacob Kobylarz.
Leading returnees: Stephen Foster, Sr. MF (5 goals, 5 assists); Jeff Thomas, Jr. F (4 goals, 1 assist); Bryan Bartig, Jr. GK; Christian Adams, Sr. GK.
Promising newcomers: Alex Jones, Jr. Def.; Allen Woodruff, Jr. F; Joel Mancewicz, Sr. Def.; Bryan Barnum, Jr. Def.
Friedrichs' 2010 outlook: "We only have a couple returning players this year so it will be a challenge to get them to be able to play together quickly. We have an extremely tough schedule in the early part of the season, too, so it might be a slow start for the boys, but I hope to see us steadily improve through the year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Vic Rodopoulos, ninth year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 3-15-1.
Notable losses to graduation: Sean Clark, Jordan McKindles, Joe Morski, Brendan Rossiter, Adam Tweedy, Avery Baerlin, Matt Ingrody, Phil Mitchell.
Leading returnees: Jordan McGuire, Jr. F; Dillon Debeliso, Jr. Def.; Ryan Tikay, Jr. GK; Brad Tatso, Sr. Stopper; Zach Miller, Sr. F; Gabe Edwards, Jr. MF; Craig Beebe, Jr. MF-F; Chad Tweedy, Jr. F; Andrew Crechiolo, Jr. Def. MF; Fred Shatara, Jr. MF; Dave Koponen, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Jake Talarek, Jr. F; C.J. Schaffer, Sr. Def.; Jordan Monroe, Sr. MF; Jake Allen, Jr. GK; Nick O'Brien, Soph. F; Colin Elliott, Sr. Def.; Ben Iachoban, Sr. Def.
Rodopoulos' 2010 outlook: "We definitely have some depth. Our guys have matured a lot in a playing sense. They seem to come together a lot more. During pre-season and conditioning, we've been playing with total confidence. We have some speed. We're looking good in the midfield and the forward line. They're playing real hard and ready to get this season rolling."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Lars Richters, 13th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 8-7-5.
Notable losses to graduation: Conner Burton (second-team All-Area); Adam Dabkowski, Chris Sergison.
Leading returnees: Zach Cooney, Sr. Def. (first-team All-Area); Charlie Swingle, Sr. Def.; Camden Iwasko, Sr. MF; Patrick Smith, Sr. F; Joe Flanagan, Sr. Def.; Tony Juncaj, Sr. MF; Alex Vrzkowski, Jr. MF; Scott Brewer, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Zack Atwood, Soph. F; Sean Kaczmarek, Soph. Def.; Christian Gajor, Jr. MF; Chris Liepa, Jr. F; Zack Zukowski, Jr. MF; Zach Verant, Soph. GK; John Boudreau, Jr. GK.
Richters' 2010 outlook: "We will need to overcome the loss of a three-year starter

in goal (Conner Burton) and a strong leader in Adam Dabkowski. As always, however, the departure of one graduating class offers a new opportunity for others to excel. Much of our backline returns intact, and we welcome back a number of players who played key roles last year. I hope that they will return as wiser and hungrier players."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jimmy Mortada, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-13.
Notable losses to graduation: Nelson Kenne (second-team All-Area), Zach Redden.
Leading returnees: Kyle Beguhn, Sr. F; Troy McGuigan, Sr. C-MF; Renato Muca, Sr. MF; Robert Hurst, Sr. Def. Jake Stevens, Sr. Def.; Caleb Samborski, Jr. Def.; Austin Valentine, Jr. Def.; Tyler Simpson, Soph. MF; Robert Mason, Soph. MF; Jimmy Meradani, Soph. F; Madolin Pop, Soph. MF; Alex Isaveski, Soph. F.
Promising newcomers: Daniel Savor, Soph. MF.
Mortada's 2010 outlook: "Nelson Kenne is going to play at the University of Illinois-Chicago on a full-ride scholarship, while Zach Redden was our goalkeeper. We're going to miss them because they gave a lot to the team. But this is our year. We're going to surprise all the high schools around us. We have a very good team and we have been working hard. We don't depend on one player. We all look the same from our defense to offense. We match up good. Last season we were young, but this season we grew and they all know what to expect. We will play in style."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: David Daigneau, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 1-18.
Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Glass, Kyle Michael, Alex Balli, Doug Malcolm, Alex Schwarzenberger.
Leading returnees: Kevin Diehl, Jr. Def. F; Matt Hansen, Sr. MF; Sean Kunde, Jr. MF.
Promising newcomers: None.
Daigneau's 2010 outlook: "We lost nine seniors due to graduation last year. We have a young, fresh team filled with players willing and eager to learn and grow as soccer players. We are competing in a very tough division, filled with many top contending teams. We need to work hard, work together and accept defeat as a means of growth."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Trevor Johnson, fourth year.
League affiliation: Independent.
Last year's overall record: 13-5-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Phil Strachan (first-team All-Area), Garet Hintzman, Gaven King, Jimmy Powrie, Mike Schiffman, John James, Mike Azar, Dustin Cokasky.
Leading returnees: Ardit Dushkaj, Sr. MF-F (second-team All-Area, 26 goals, 6 assists); Jimmy Moody, Sr. MF (second-team All-Metro Conference, 9 goals, 9 assists); Carlito Robles, Sr. sweeper; Zac Rosen, Soph. MF; Ian Bunker, Soph. MF; Matthias, Hoffman, Soph. Def.
Promising newcomers: Matt Kurdziel, Sr. GK-F; Joey Schiffman, Sr. F-Def.; Alan Zhen, Jr. F; David Vanderkerkhove, Fr. Def.; Evan Gregg,

Fr. GK; Steven Spens, Fr. F.
Johnson's 2010 outlook: "Coming off of the best season in the history of the program, complete with our first-ever district game victory, this season is going to be challenging. Having graduated eight starters, we are rebuilding, but we have a strong core group of players and some talented new young players. I expect that we will be highly competitive this season. My teams always give great effort for 80-plus minutes, and though we lost many of our strongest players, we will surprise quite a few teams this season."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Rich Block, 20th year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: 10-7-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Gage Flanery (first-team All-Area), Austin Baglow, Mason Sultana, Anthony Cipolla, Laith Francis.
Leading returnees: Nick Andrzejewski, Soph. GK; Jake Andrzejewski, Sr. Def.; Mitchell Boehm, Jr. C-Def.; Seth Whitehouse, Jr. C-Def.; Trevor Sultana, Sr. C-MF; Kent Kryzsk, Sr. C-MF; Nick Natsik, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Evan Shirkey, Fr. F; Ernie Babon, Soph. MF; Marc Rosin, Sr. Def.
Block's 2010 outlook: "Last year we finished fifth in our division last year and we were honorable mention (Division 4) in the state rankings. We're real young. We're going to start three freshman, a sophomore and a senior that didn't play for us last year. Five of the 11 starters are brand new players. We may not have a lot of success early, but look to see us finish strong. I think we'll play well come tournament time. Take jumps early and learn from it. It will take time to jell. The freshman, size-wise, are strong athletes. They look promising. I'm optimistic toward the end of the season."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Jim Ott, 11th year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Matt Kempainen, Mark St. John, Richie Mamo, Bryan Gruenewald, Tyler Wagaman, Kyle Warren.
Leading returnees: Matt St. John, Sr. GK (All-MIAC Red); David Adlof, Sr. F; Andy Barber, Sr. Def.; Thomas Gutierrez, Jr. Def.; Shane Bunde, Sr. Striker.
Promising newcomer: Justin Howell, Soph. F.
Ott's 2010 outlook: "We are thin on numbers again and will be looking for the average players from last year to step up and lead. With the changes that occurred last year with our conference, it will be tough to tell who will rise to the top. We only have four seniors and have many new players. Some have played some have not. Justin Howell will be a regular player this year. He is among new players from the sophomore class along with three freshman. I'm not sure what contribution they will be yet, but to be competitive we will need them to step up. We are hoping to improve a lot throughout the year and shock a few people. We have Kurt Metzger helping coach again this year and also have a new coach helping me this year named Ed Olshavsky."

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season in 13 campaigns under coach Lars Richters.

Stevenson finished through a nightmarish 8-7-5 season. "We will not be able to survive on talent alone," said Richters, whose team competes in the tough KLAAs Central Division. "Our success will depend on the amount of quality work that everyone is willing to invest and on the solidarity with which we approach the various challenges of our season."

Although three-year goalkeeper Conner Burton and defender Adam Dabkowski graduated, the Spartans do return first-team All-Area defender Zach Cooney, a member of the Under-18 Derby County Wolves of the US Academy Development pro-

gram.

Cooney will serve as a captain along with senior midfielder Camden Iwasko and senior defender Charlie Swingle.

"We clearly struggled to score goals last year," Richters said. "I am optimistic that we have a group of players who are eager to create — and finish — chances."

Canton appears to be the favorite to win the KLAAs South.

Churchill and Plymouth will be dark horses, while teams like Westland John Glenn (6-13), Livonia Franklin (3-15-1) and Wayne Memorial (1-18) try to make inroads.

Meanwhile, Livonia Clarenceville (13-5-1) is coming off its best season in school history, but the Trojans have no title to play for this regular season after the Metro Conference disbanded.

The Trojans, an independent, open its season Friday at John Glenn without first-team All-Area pick Phil Strachan, who was lost to graduation.

The top Clarenceville returnee is senior forward-midfielder Ardit Dushkaj, a second-team All-Observer choice who finished with team-best 26 goals and six assists.

Lutheran High Westland (10-7-1) and neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-11) will vie for titles this fall in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue and Red divisions, respectively.

Lutheran Westland will miss first-team All-Area pick Gage Flanery, but returns the Andrzejewski brothers — Nick, a sophomore goalkeeper, and Jake, a senior defender.

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very good. Tino will get spot duty."

Senior Dan Muller (6-0, 195) also returns as the starting fullback and will share the spot to concentrate on his line-backer spot with junior Jacob Tennant (5-10, 205).

On the defensive side, the Patriots will be led by line-backers Lukas and Muller, both full-time starters last season, and senior Alex Forde (6-1, 192).

Juniors Nick Ciotta and DeAngelo Peete are also in the mix. "Alex (Forde) is our most improved kid over last year, both size-wise and speed-wise," Kelbert said.

The defensive line will get a boost from a pair of part-time starters from a year ago — 6-foot-9, 220-pound Jay Woolfork, a senior, along with 6-1, 228-pound junior Dion Grubbs.

Nose guards Dan Prevost and Marshal Behring will help fortify Franklin's 3-4 scheme.


"The defense overall looks good," Kelbert said. "A bulk of our experience is back on defense. And the speed of the defense is very, very good."

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Franklin.
Coach: Chris Kelbert, 10th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
2009 record: 5-5.
Notable losses to graduation: Nate Coleman (first-team All-Area); Sean McAuliffe (first-team All-Area); Mike Gadsby; Robbie Ringe; Mike Baumgardner, Chris VanTuyl, Anthony Barber, Wayne Hawkins.
Returning starters: Brent Marzion, Sr. QB (5-10, 175); Brandon Tower, Sr. RB (6-0, 155); Dan Muller, Sr. FB-LB (6-0, 195); Mike Sharp, Sr. WR-DB (6-4, 189); Blake Lukas, Sr. WR-LB (6-1, 185); Bobby Andrus, Sr. TE (6-1, 191); Dion Grubbs, Jr. DE (6-1, 228); Jay Woolfork, Sr. DE (6-9, 220); Ryan Parkin, Sr. DB (5-10, 162); Ryan Tarhanich, Sr. DB (5-10, 160); Ryan Hurt, Sr. DB (6-0, 153).
Promising newcomers: Jimmy Mazaris, Soph. RB (5-11, 188); Jacob Tennant, Sr. FB (5-10, 205); Tino Benavies, Sr. RB (5-10, 185); Max Shamus, Jr. WR-LB (6-3, 175); Adam Clay, Jr. OT (6-3, 300); Cody Custer, Sr. OT (6-0, 220); Matt Montie, Sr. OL (6-3, 265); Nate Davis, Soph. OL (6-1, 230); Marshal Behring, Sr. OL-DL (5-10, 210); Dallas Centers, Sr. OL (5-10, 203); Jesse Loden, Jr. C (6-0, 213); Alex O'Connor, Sr. C (5-10, 203); Dan Prevost, Jr., NG (5-10, 292); Alex Forde, Sr. MLB (6-1, 192); Nick Ciotta, Jr. LB (6-2, 195); DeAngelo Peete, Jr. LB (6-1, 194).
Kelbert says: "The two teams to beat (in the KLAAs South) are Plymouth and Canton, then us Glenn, Churchill and Wayne. You've got to beat those top two teams, and hopefully we'll play our best two games, and then beat the teams we should beat."
2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 27 (at Livonia Stevenson); Sept. 2 (Hartland); Sept. 10 (Canton); Sept. 17 (at Westland John Glenn); Sept. 24 (Plymouth); Oct. 1 (Wayne); Oct. 8 (at Livonia Churchill); Oct. 15 (at Kensington Conference crossover); Oct. 22 (Carleton Airport).

They're athletic and fast. What we're losing in (Nate) Coleman and (Sean) McAuliffe we make up in speed."
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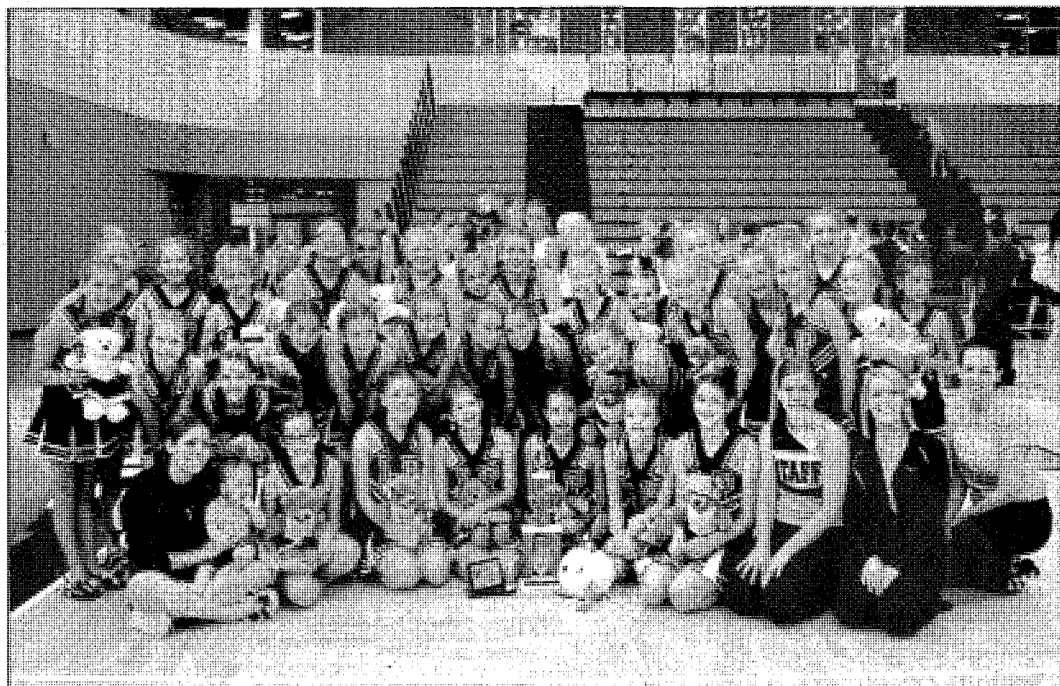
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Pom champions

Livonia Middle School Pom (grades 5-8) received the Grand Champs award at Mid-American Pom Camp, July 6-10, at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. They also received the Showmanship and Overall Peppy Pom awards. Team members include front row, from left: coach Andrea McCleary, co-captains Julia Alcantara and Katie Clark, captains Madison Pettit, Jessyca DelCotto and Allison O'Brien, co-captain Lindsay Hickox, Mid American staff member, and assistant coaches Ashley Thomas and Kelly Sikorski; (second row, from left) Janine Shymanski, Maggie Schlacht, Lauren Alcantara, Natalie Alcantara, Leah Dempsey, Maria Leopardi, Darrian Wasil, Madison Fret, Rachel Pettie, Julianna Jarosz, Kayla Michalik, Emily Eichbrecht, Kelly Jarosz, Jillian Ahmad; (back row, from left) Kimberly Clark, Rhianna Reamer, Casey Figures, Madsyen Della, Simone Letourneau, Madison Wimberly, Gabby Harter, Alli Diaz, Hope McMullen, Jocelyn Figures, Jaime Roderick and Katie O'Meara.



Bat Bash runner-up

The Livonia Junior Athletic League Pony Minor Blue Jays recently captured second place in the Big Bat Bash 14-and-under tournament held in Commerce Township. The Blue Jays downed the West Oakland Warriors, 1-0; Madison Heights All-Stars, 3-2, and the Chicago Cobras, 5-3, before losing to the AAA D.C. Nationals (Ohio), 10-0, in the championship final. Members of the Blue Jays, made up of Emerson and Frost middle school students, include (back row, from left): Christopher Garrick, Jake Fry, Daniel Johnson, Sean Hiles, Kevin Kerpet, Dallas Fry, Steven VanWormer, Nick Mardeusz; (front row, from left) Jake Wesolowski, coach Tim VanWormer, Ross Berger, manager Rick Johnson, Jason Jaroszewicz, and batboy Luke Jaraszewicz.

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Hardin is confident the offense will be primed for its Thursday, Aug. 29 opener at New Baltimore Anchor Bay. "Between the off-season, summer camp and passing league, going into doubles, from a technical aspect, we're farther along than we've ever been," Hardin said. "Our kids know more going into the first game this year than they ever had." Meanwhile, only three starters return on defense including Clenney, who moves from the line to inside linebacker; senior nose guard Kameron Jones and Fawley, also an inside line-backer. "Defensively we were a little shaky the first day," Hardin said. "We have some catching up to do because we only have three starters back. But I think we'll be all right. We just have to put the pieces of the puzzle together. The guys are learning fast. The first day of doubles (sessions) we were struggling, but they're now picking up things fast and things were running smoothly the first week of practice."

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FAST FACTS

School: Westland John Glenn.
Coach: Tim Hardin, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
2009 record: 8-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Jeremy Langford (first-team All-Area), Steven Murphy (first-team All-Area), Aaron Smith (first-team All-Area), Dustin Gajowiak (second-team All-Area), Vince Davidson (second-team All-Area), Steven Kulikowski.
Returning starters: Caleb Clenney, Sr. TE-LB (6-2, 205); Brain Fawley, Sr. OG-LB (6-0, 215); Andrew Laird, Sr. OT (6-3, 260); Kameron Jones, Sr. NG (5-11, 190); Alex Isaevski, Soph. P-K (5-11, 150).
Promising newcomers: Jeff Kuhary, Jr. QB (5-10, 178); Stefon Anthony, Sr. TB-CB (5-9, 175); Donnell Brewer, Sr. TB-DB (5-8, 175); Rico Cole, Sr. TB-FS (5-7, 150); Jalen Manning, Sr. FB (5-8, 159); Duron Govantes, Jr. FB-FS (5-8, 185); Marquise Graves, Jr. WR-CB (5-8, 155); Mark Layne, Sr. WR-CB (5-7, 165); Cody Crane, Sr. WR (5-10, 150); Chris Wimer, Sr. WR (5-11, 170); Ashton Napolitano, Jr. C (6-2, 296); Jake Zadorski, Sr. C (6-0, 235); Derrick Campbell, Sr. OG-DT (6-2, 291); Damian Ball, Jr. OT (6-1, 295); Alan Shand, Sr. OG-OT (6-2, 225); Mike Sims, Jr. DT (5-9, 263); Cameron Orr, Sr. DT (5-11, 185); Darrion Richardson, Sr. DT (5-8, 178); Deandre Plear, Sr. DT (5-7, 180); Shamir Peggs, Sr. DT (5-9, 260); Jake DeMoss, Soph. LB-TE (6-2, 193); Terrance James, Jr. LB (5-7, 180).
Hardin says: "I think this is the toughest division in our league. Year-in and year-out each team has great coaching staffs. There isn't one game you look at and say 'that's going to be an easy game.' They're all tough games against good teams, good coaching staffs. Plymouth and Canton, on paper, are two teams that are returning a lot of players. Any team is our division is good and any team can win in any given year."
2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 26 (at Anchor Bay); Sept. 2 (Brighton); Sept. 10 (at Livonia Churchill); Sept. 17 (Livonia Franklin); Sept. 24 (6:30 p.m. at Canton); Oct. 1 (at Plymouth); Oct. 8 (Wayne); Oct. 15 (at Kensington Conference crossover); Oct. 22 (Walled Lake Central).

CHURCHILL

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his blocking unit. "They're big, strong and physical on the first day (of pads) and I hope they keep it up."

The veteran offensive line should make the Churchill's offense hum after averaging 18 points per game last season.

"Right now they're way ahead of where they were last year," Filiatraut said. "They've had a real good summer in passing league. They came into camp and hit the ground running. They're a little bit ahead of the defense right now. They've done good work."

Despite missing three games to injury last season, senior Jordan Grohoski will be the starting quarterback and will run the Chargers' spread attack.

"He's our No. 1, he's done a good job developing and had a great off-season," Filiatraut said. "We're hoping he's injury-free and will play to his potential."

Senior Steven Klisz, who started three games during the middle of last season at QB, will be the backup and start at wide receiver.

"He's grown a lot," Filiatraut said. "At 6-2, 185, he's considerably bigger than last year."

The primary running back will be senior Mike Kutek, who injured his shoulder in week No. 5 last season, but is back healthy again.

"He looks good at safety as well," Filiatraut said. "He's one of the few two-way guys we have."

Churchill's defense yielded a total of 262 points a year ago (29.1 per game), so there's room for improvement.

"We'll still run a stout 4-3 defense," Filiatraut said. "All the different types of teams we play on our schedule are so varied — we have to play it."

Atkins will anchor the defensive line with help from sophomore newcomer Jake Staff (5-11, 220).

"When Jeremy plays defensive line, we play better," Filiatraut said. "We moved Staff from linebacker. We had to find a spot for him."

Expect senior Dylan Ochala (6-0, 227), entering his third year as a starter, will spearhead the linebacking corps.

"Dylan has been working really hard and is showing leadership," the Churchill coach said. "We hope his personality is our personality."

Filiatraut has been encouraged by the team's focus during preseason camp and hopes it carries over into the regular season where Canton and Plymouth appear to be the favorites in the KLAAS South. The Chargers' last two playoff appearances came in 2007 and 2004.

"I think we have one of the



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Senior Jordan Grohoski returns as the starting quarterback for Churchill.

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Churchill.
Coach: John Filiatraut, 14th year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
2009 record: 2-7.
Notable losses to graduation: Tony Frezzell (second-team All-Area); Kevin Mozurkewicz (second-team All-Area); Nick Molencupp.
Returning starters: Jordan Grohoski, Sr. QB (6-0, 165); Steven Klisz, Sr. WR-DB (6-2, 185); Paulin Chateau, Sr. OT (6-3, 245); Brian Baibak, Sr. OG (6-3, 290); Blake Padgett, Sr. C (6-1, 214); Jeremy Atkins, Sr. OT-DT (6-3, 225); Mike Harp, Sr. LB (6-0, 202); Dylan Ochala, Sr. LB (6-0, 227); Mike Kutek, Sr. RB-DB (5-9, 195).
Promising newcomers: Dean Bokuniewicz, Sr. SB-P-K (5-5, 140); Justin Chantres, Sr. SB (5-8, 150); Jimmy Costa, Sr. OG (6-0, 240); Devonte Woods Sr. WR (6-0, 163); Jalen Freeman, Jr. WR (6-2, 160); Troy Bogenschutz, Sr. TE (6-3, 220); David Boucher, Sr. TE (6-0, 215); Andre Abrams, Soph. SB (5-10,); Tommy Zoltowski, Sr. DT (5-9, 245); Danny Hurst, Jr. DT (5-10, 180); Jake Staff, Soph. DT (5-11, 220); L'Garis Thomas, Sr. LB (6-0, 215); Ryan Hall, Sr. LB (5-9, 162); Connor Dwyer, Sr. LB (5-10, 167); Charlie Hicks, Jr. CB (5-11, 155); Sean Servalish, Jr. CB (5-7, 138); Deon London, Sr. CB (5-9, 151).
Filiatraut says: "I thought it was a good opening three days without pads. It went very well in terms of our tempo and pace, which is really what we've tried to establish on the first day. The kids reacted well in their pads and they didn't slow down too much, which is what you'd expect from a veteran team."
2010 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 27 (at Walled Lake Northern); Sept. 2 (Pinckney); Sept. 10 (Westland John Glenn); Sept. 17 (Plymouth); Sept. 24 (at Wayne); Oct. 1 (6:30 p.m. at Canton); Oct. 8 (Livonia Franklin); Oct. 15 (at Kensington Conference crossover); Oct. 22 (Livonia Stevenson).

better schedules/divisions in the area," he said. "Week in and week out it's going to be very competitive. I know if we can compete in this division, we can come out and be

a strong playoff contender. Those are our goals. We want to make noise in our division and the playoffs."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Junior golf tourney

The Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club's third annual junior boys and girls golf tournament will be Aug. 21-22 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course. The event is on a first-come, first-serve basis (limited to the first 144). Lunch and T-shirt included. Trophies will be awarded for each boys and girls division winners. Registration for ages 10-12 and 13-14 — a nine-hole event — is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. Tee times are at 8:30 a.m. Registration for ages 15-16 and 17-18 — an 18-hole event — is at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

Tee times are at noon. Golfers can only register at www.wolverinesports.org.

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

Wayne-Westland Soccer
 The Wayne-Westland Soccer League still has openings for the following age-group fall teams on a first-come, first-serve basis:

Under-6 (co-ed), under-11 (boys), under-12 (girls), under-12 (boys), under-13 (girls), under-13 (boys), under-14 (boys), under-15 (boys) and high school open (girls).

For more information, call (734) 467-5260; or visit www.wvslsoccer.com.

Westland Fun Start Tennis

Fun Start Tennis will offer two fall sessions at Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

The Intro to Tennis Pre-school classes (ages 4-5) will be from 5:15-5:45 p.m. Wednesdays (cost \$40), Sept. 15-Oct. 20; while the Intro to Tennis classes (ages 6-10) will be from 5:50-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15-Oct. 20 (cost \$75).

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MILESTONES

Zumba classes

Time/Date: 10-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28

Location: Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, Westland

Details: Ditch the work out and join the party at Skateland West's Zumba Fitness Class. The introductory class is free of charge and has Derica Wade, a certified Zumba Instructor, as the teacher. Learn the Zumba dance steps for a leaner, toner and firmer you. Zumba burns 500-800 calories an hour so hit the lights, cue the music and lets party on the floor at Skateland West.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 326-2800.

CPR class

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 1

Location: Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center, located at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood

Details: Approved by the American Red Cross, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children, victims ages 8 and under. There is a fee, and participants receive certification upon successful completion.

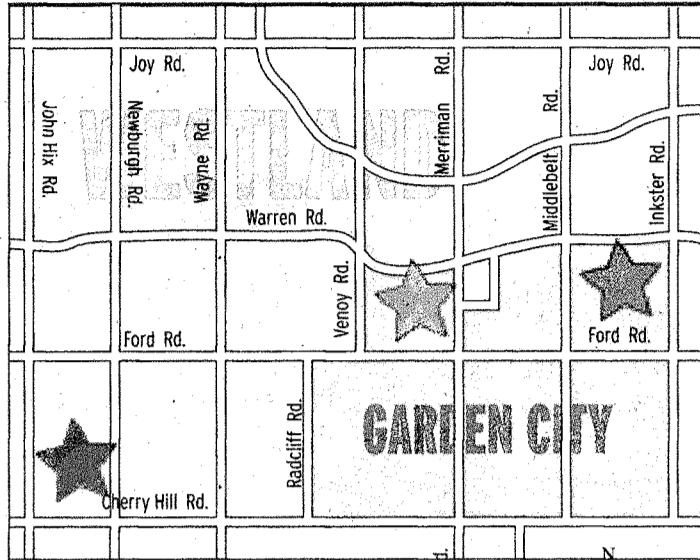
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Open Mic Night

Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 21

Location: Stop by Maxwell's Arts and Treasures, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City

Details: Bring your friends and family to a fun night of art and entertainment for Open Mic



Night at Maxwell's. The evening features local poets, musicians and artists in a family friendly atmosphere. Intermission is at 9 p.m. when food is available for a donation. Maxwell's does not sell or serve alcohol, however, bring your own beverage for open mic. No need to sing up early, just show up and stay until you play.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7.

Dog Days sale

Time/Date: Now through Aug. 31

Location: Materials Unlimited, 2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

Details: Just a friendly reminder that Materials Unlimited's Dog Days of Summer sale continues through Aug. 31. Take 20 percent off everything in the store. Bring in your dog and get another 5 percent off. Materials Unlimited features a vast collection of architectural salvage, antique furnishings and restored antique lighting both in its store and online at www.materialsunlimited.com. Showroom hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday and closed Monday. You can also check the business out on Facebook and Twitter.

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Author visits

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28

Location: Border's Express at Laurel Park Mall, Six Mile at Newburgh, in Livonia

Details: Garden City elementary principal Alex McNeece will be reading and signing copies of his book, "Read to Me, Daddy: My First Football Book" as part of a Nelson Publishing & Marketing's local children's authors event at Border's Express.

Contact: (734) 464-2720

Hospital stay steers her to new calling as chaplain

At a time when most people decide to retire, The Rev. Susan Mozena is starting her third career.

Mozena, 65, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, checked in to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Aug. 3, where she will serve as hospital chaplain and spiritual advisor to patients and staff members alike.

"This feels completely natural to me," said the former hospital administrator and teacher. "I think that everything in my life has prepared me for this. Everything is coming together."

Mozena is also the coordinator of adult education on a part-time basis at her own church, Grosse Pointe Memorial.

A political science major in college, Mozena took a teaching assignment when she graduated in 1967 and pursued a master's degree in teaching at the same time. After a four-year period of teaching secondary education at three different schools in three different states, she took eight years off to raise her two children.

She also became active as a community volunteer during that time, which led to her first career change. She took a position as coordinator of volunteer services for the Henry Ford Hospital in 1979, completed a master's degree in health care administration, and has been working at various health care facilities in different positions ever since.

"I've always loved community service," said Mozena, who was once honored with the Community Service Award by the Junior League of Detroit



Susan Mozena of Grosse Pointe Farms embarked on her third career this month when she became the new chaplain at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

for her outstanding volunteer service. "I knew, whatever I did, I wanted to be of service to the community."

Mozena has worked at the executive levels of several health and service oriented organizations, including 12 years on the executive staff at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Most recently she was the interim director of Behavioral Health at the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms.

It was eight years ago, while she was recuperating from major surgery, that she decided to take her lifelong faith life to a new level — and a new focus.

"During my recuperation, I was beautifully cared for by so many family and friends," she said. "Not a day went by that I didn't receive an e-mail or a call. I experienced deep peace. For me, it was evidence of the Holy Spirit in my life."

Discussions with her husband, John, led her to start seminary at the age of 57. She worked full-time, studied in her spare time, earned her master of divinity degree, and was fully ordained at the end of 2009. She completed chaplain training in May.

Her day at Oakwood Annapolis typically starts in the Intensive Care Unit, where she is part of multi-disciplinary rounds and then returns for follow-up visits with patients. In her short time at Oakwood Annapolis — as well as during her long career at other health care facilities — she said she's seen her share of heartaches. Her job, she said, is to comfort and inspire.

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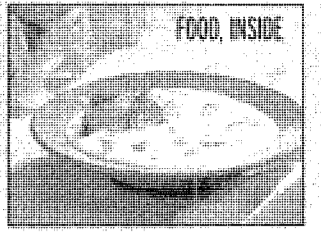
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Livonia woman pursues new dream through reality show



Kathleen Neumann (left) of Livonia ended up on the beach with contestant Susan Master of Worthington, Ohio, for their first modeling shoot while competing on TV Land's reality show, 'She's Got The Look.'

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Neumann was a "fashion model virgin" in desperate need of a handbook six months ago.

"It's not as easy as it looks. There is a method to the madness," said the Livonia woman, recalling her first photo shoot. "Getting certain emotions out on camera, I'd never played with that or experimented. I didn't know I had good or bad angles. I didn't know to point my toe — rule number one is always point your toe. There were a lot of basic things I didn't know."

In her 42 years the single mom hadn't strayed far from her native Farmington, her job in a family insurance business, her son and their dog. Yet there she was, on an unseasonably cool winter day earlier this year, striking pose after pose on a beach in Los Angeles, Calif.

"I wasn't super excited to crawl into a bathing suit for the photo shoot. They don't let you pick out a suit. They throw one at you. You don't even get to look in the mirror," Neumann described her first modeling challenge on the reality television show, *She's Got The Look*.

"But just having my hair and makeup done — I was on cloud nine with that. I felt so completely pampered. I felt so blessed to be there, that I had made it so far even though I didn't have experience."

ON TELEVISION

Neumann will re-live her "priceless" journey when the show's third season debuts Wednesday, Aug. 25 on TV Land. She is among 10 women, all age 35 and over, who will appear on the show, demonstrating their modeling potential through various photo shoot and cat walk challenges. The winner earns a contract with Wilhelmina Models, Inc., and a photo spread in *SELF Magazine*.

"I was the shortest girl on the show. Girls who are 5'5" and 5'6" didn't dream about being models," Neumann noted. "That didn't happen (growing up) in the '80s."

When a friend encouraged her to audition for this season's show, Neumann figured she had nothing to lose. She hadn't watched the program, but that didn't stop her from heading to Columbus, Ohio, for the first series of interviews.

She told the casting group she had devoted her life to raising her son, Anthony, then a high school senior, and it was time to spread her wings. She got a callback the next day for another on-camera interview and then went home to Livonia. A few weeks later she was summoned Los Angeles for a weekend stay of physical and psychiatric exams.

"They called five days later, it was January, and they said pack your bags. You're going to L.A."

TESTING HER WALK

Supermodel Roshumba Williams, celebrity stylist Robert Verdi and Sean Patterson, Wilhelmina president, quickly whittled 20 contestants to 10 finalists after watching the women walk.

"I was totally winging it. I guess I walk well," Neumann said.

The finalists moved into a loft where they shared one large bedroom, two mirrors and the constant glare of lights and production cameras.

"They did a great job of casting us. We got along so well. I expected it to be catty but it really wasn't. People were very supportive."

Neumann said she didn't feel stressed about losing or winning the competition because modeling was "a new opportunity," and not a long-pursued dream.

When she was told to physically illustrate the word "obsequious" during one late-night photo shoot, Neumann wasn't sure about its definition but "laughed so hard that night" she couldn't help but enjoy the challenge.

She can't say if she won this season's competition — viewers have to watch the show to find out — but says the experience helped her boost her courage.

"My confidence level is up. I've made new friends and I've pushed into a new arena. I've been in corporate America since college, so this is fun. It's the artsy side of things. I want a part of that. A dream was born — not an old dream but a new dream."

Kathleen Neumann of Livonia

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Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; RSVP to pastorhales@yahoo.com

Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.
Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnau-jokas@hotmail.com

ONGOING AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
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Time/Date: 5-11 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Cover and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday
Contact: (313) 534-9000

Summer-Fest
Time/Date: Aug. 20-22
Location: Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland
Details: Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday
Contact: (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

Back to school party
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 28
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr. off of Joy between Lilley and Haggerty Roads
Details: Free Fun, games, food and school supplies will be given to students who are in need. RSVP by Aug. 26
Contact: (734) 404-2480

Financial Peace University
Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31
Location: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative ses-

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Contact: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-3380.
New church
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29
Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville
Details: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway
Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; RSVP to pastorhales@yahoo.com

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
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Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

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Season of giving: Church throws summer Christmas party for youth

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Christian Service Commission at Our Lady of Loretto Church celebrated Christmas last month with boys at the Methodist Children's Society Home in Redford.

"We trimmed the gym for Christmas, got all red and green tablecloths, put up an artificial tree, and made it like a real Christmas," said Dee Taranowski, commission chair.

Members treated boys at the residence to a midsummer party complete with Christmas cookies and gifts. They started the outreach event last summer at the encouragement of former pastor, the Rev. Ralph Besterwisch.

"He was stressing how we need to find ways to spread our beliefs in the community and not just to our own parish. It's not like we're trying to make them Catholics, but we want to share and get along," Taranowski said.

"The kids love it. We have all kinds of snack food that they don't get living there. We have music and this year we had them fill out a Christmas list with three items they like and we bought one of them for each boy."

The commission received financial help from the parish to buy gifts for approximately 55 boys. Members also wrote greetings to the youngsters. The Methodist Children's Society Home offers foster and adoption services, literacy programs and residential care, with a focus on helping children who have been physically, psychologically or sexually abused or neglected by their parents. Children's Village, the residential program, cares for boys, 10-17, who need a highly structured setting and team treatment approach involving caseworkers, program administrators, nurse, psychologist, psychiatrist and pediatrician. Children and teens live in cottages with staff on site.

"I've lived in Redford 30 years and I had always just seen the front of the Home," Taranowski said, adding that she got a closer view of the site for the first time last summer. "The grounds are beautiful. There are 74 acres with all these cottages and a chapel."

Taranowski said the summer Christmas party has been "a lot of work" but rewarding for volunteers.

The church's Christian Service Commission also visits a downtown Detroit soup kitchen four times a year, helps handicapped individuals to Mass every month, collects gifts for the needy at Christmas and gives away food baskets at major holidays. A few members also organize an annual Advent tea for women.

"Christian service is very active in our church. I'm proud of it and I think we accomplish a lot."



Pauline Krispin, a volunteer from Our Lady of Loretto, reads greetings written to boys at the Methodist Children's Society in Redford.



A teen singing group under the direction of Matt Yocum (left) prepares to perform at Our Lady of Loretto's summer Christmas party at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford.

CALENDAR

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Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday
Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture reading
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children)

for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23

Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now

Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5

Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-parkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9

Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale

Contact: (734) 721-5023

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show

Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

Contact: (734) 427-3660

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

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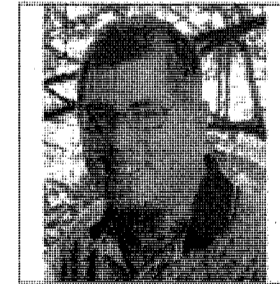
Age 77. August 15, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Frank Burgess for 45 years. Loving mother of Lisa R. Burgess. Dear sister of the late Juanita Milia. Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 21st at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington. Memorial contributions to Salem United Church of Christ. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

KAREN J. FOULKS

Age 62, South Lyon, passed away. August 12, 2010 at her home in the care of her loving family. Memorial service held Thursday, August 19 at 2pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

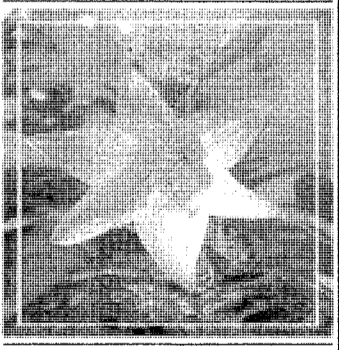
RONALD B. ROBINSON

Of Farmington, MI, age 65, passed away on August 15, 2010. Ronald was born on August 22, 1944 in Detroit, MI to Myles and Florence (Hedrick) Robinson. Survivors include his mother Florence Robinson, and siblings Sandra Testerman, Carol Stevenson, Bill Stevenson, Douglas Robinson, Timothy Robinson, and Robin Robinson. Ronald is preceded in death by his father Myles and his brother Bryan. A Simple Farewell will be held Saturday August 21 at 12:00 PM at Borek Jennings, Lamb Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Narcotics Anonymous. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel where the family will gather with friends 2 hours prior to service. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Ronald's family by calling 877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



KENNETH GRAVES

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, Michigan and more recently of Dyer, Indiana, passed away August 14, 2010. Ken leaves behind his beloved family: wife Diane; daughter Aimee and husband Rand Tucker, daughter Angela, son Joseph and wife Kimberly; grandsons Trey, Ethan, and Abraham; step-mother Thelma Graves; siblings Sharon Byers, Deborah Bean, Patricia McLouth, Mike Haynes, Diane Graham, and Jerry Haynes; along with a host of friends, neighbors, and colleagues whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew; mother, Sylvia Haynes; father, Norman Graves; and step-father, William Haynes. A memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 1 PM at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48374 with Pastor Rand Tucker officiating. Instead of flowers, those desiring may make tax-deductible memorial contributions to the RememberThePoor Fund through the Hyde Park Vineyard Church, 1507 E. 53rd St., #883, Chicago, IL 60615. Ken was a 1971 graduate of Adrian High School and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1975. He worked as a senior managing financial consultant at IBM. Moved by the goals of justice and mercy, Ken recently launched rememberthepoor.net to help the Church to remember the poor.



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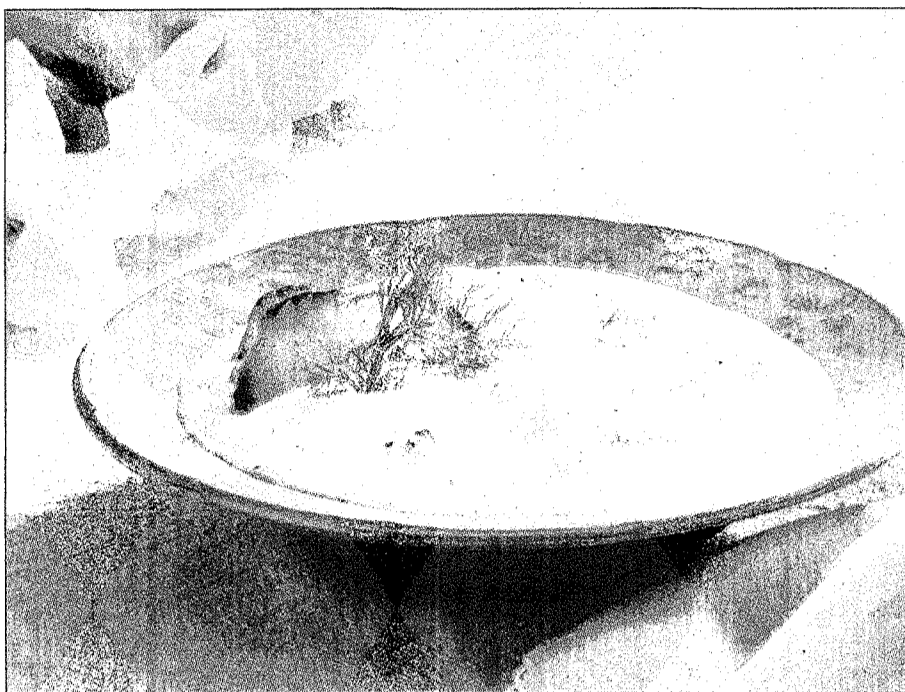
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Cooking with yogurt adds culture to the kitchen

Yogurt has been a versatile part of culinary history for thousands of years. This cultured milk product has good bacteria that can help boost digestive and immune system health — all while making taste buds happy, too.

There are plenty of ways to enjoy all the great taste and benefits of yogurt:

- Smoothies — Blend yogurt, fresh berries and a touch of honey for a good-for-you breakfast or snack.
- Salad dressings — Mix plain yogurt with your favorite herbs and spices.
- Cereal toppers — Try yogurt with your favorite cereal or granola for a fresh twist on a traditional breakfast.
- Cool soups — Use yogurt as the base for a refreshing chilled soup. This Chilled Cucumber Yogurt Soup with Fresh Dill and Toasted Walnuts has all the velvety richness of a full-cream soup but it's made with low-fat, high-calcium yogurt and is as cool as, well, a cucumber. It's also got crunch and plenty of snappy flavor, making it a great first course for a warm-weather meal or as the main event for lunch.



Chilled Cucumber Yogurt Soup with Fresh Dill and Toasted Walnuts.

CHILLED CUCUMBER YOGURT SOUP WITH FRESH DILL AND TOASTED WALNUTS

Prep Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 2-3 hours for chilling
Servings: 6-8

5 cups lowfat plain yogurt
2 cups peeled, diced cucumbers
1 cup chopped, toasted walnuts
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 teaspoons minced fresh garlic, pressed into a paste with fork
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
6-8 fresh dill sprigs

1. Combine all ingredients except dill sprigs. Cover and chill 1-4 hours.
 2. To serve: Portion the soup into cups or bowls and garnish with dill sprigs.
- Tip: To toast nuts, place them in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake in a 350°F oven 12-15 minutes, tossing them halfway through the baking time.

Recipe courtesy Terese Allen for Organic Valley.

KHEERA RAITA (CUCUMBER IN YOGURT)

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes plus chilling time
Servings: 4-6

¼ teaspoon cumin seeds
1½ cups grated cucumber
1½ cups plain lowfat yogurt
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. Dry-roast the cumin seeds in a small frying pan until they turn dark brown. Cool, then coarsely grind them with a spice grinder or mortar and pestle.

Dry-roasting the cumin seeds in a hot skillet lends an authentic roastiness to the flavor here, so don't skip this step.

2. Mix all ingredients together in a serving bowl.
3. Chill before serving.

Recipe adapted for Organic Valley from "Eat Smart in India: A Travel Guide for Food Lovers," by Joan Peterson and Indu Menon (Gingko Press, 2004). It's a soothing cold sauce with spicy Indian curries and other dishes. Or try it as a simple dip for the naan, Indian flatbread.

AVOCADO YOGURT SALAD DRESSING

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 10 minutes
Servings about 1½ cups, or 10-12 servings

1 avocado (1 large or 2 small, fully ripe)
1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
1-2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped (or, cilantro or parsley)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice to taste

Salt and pepper

Peel avocados and cut flesh into chunks. Combine with remaining ingredients and use a food processor, blender or hand-held stick blender to puree the ingredients until smooth. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve. Use as a dressing for tossed salads or a dip for fresh vegetables.

CITY BITES

Chili lovers

Plymouth — Registration has begun for this year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, which runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

Winners will take home more than \$2,000 in prize money, and the chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff presented by the International Chili Society. The world champ wins \$25,000.

Along with the traditional Red Chili competition, participants can enter Chili Verde (Green Chili) and salsa contests. A Best Booth contest and Peoples Choice winners will also be awarded prizes. New this year is Battle of the Businesses. Area businesses will market themselves while having a great time competing against other businesses making chili. The public votes on its favorite.

Just want to come and sample chili? More than 60 different kinds will be available for a donation of \$1 per sample.

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Crossing

All money raised during the event will be shared by Habitat for Humanity and The Miracle League of Plymouth.

To register or for more information call Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, e-mail her at glrchili@sbcglobal.net or visit www.GreatLakesChili.com.

Harvest time

Farmington — Visitors to the Harvest Moon Festival next month will get a chance to sample craft beers and wine paired with food, in addition to roast corn and pork.

The 1st Annual Beer & Wine Tasting with Food Pairings is slated for Thursday, Sept. 23. Select craft beers, including brews from the Great Lakes region, and more than 30 fine wines will be paired with food prepared by students at the Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute. Fare from local restaurants will be available at the Harvest Moon dance on Friday, Sept. 24 and the Harvest Day pig roast, featuring roast corn, starts at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 25. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$8 on site, and are good for any one day admission during the three-day festival. For more information call (248) 473-7276 or visit www.downtown-farmington.org.

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Make our mouths water.

We'd love to see photos of your juicy red tomatoes, your overflowing zucchini vines, your fragrant oregano and basil plants — or any other vegetables, herbs and fruits you've grown this summer.

Share a photo of your vegetable garden — feel free to pose among the plants — and send it along with a favorite recipe to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is a jpg attachment. Include your name, city of residence and any thoughts you'd like to share about this year's backyard crop. We'll show your hard work in an upcoming issue.

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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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