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Fall classes

It's time to register for fall classes at the Bailey Recreation Center. Want to dance? For children, Studio K is now enrolling for Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Tap, and Jazz/Hip Hop. For adults, try bellydancing, bollywood or Round Dance. Registration is now open for these classes and many others, including fitness classes.

Call (734) 722-7620 for registration information or for a complete list of classes, visit www.cityofwestland.com/parksrecreation/y-class.html.

Degree received

Westland resident Lisa Eggleston recently received her bachelor of arts degree from Spring Arbor University, a private four-year Christian liberal arts university located near Jackson.

Golf outing

The Westland Lions Club are hosting a golf outing Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Drive, Ann Arbor. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome with sponsorships available. There is registration at 7 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner and door prizes are included.

For more information, call Mack Mayfield at (734) 722-5653, Kenneth Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321.

Bakers needed

Westland residents have a chance to show off their baking skills. The Third Annual Noodles n' Neighbors fund-raiser will be a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and include Westland's Best Cupcakes competition. The event will be held at the Friendship Center in Westland on Friday, Oct. 1.

Cupcakes will be judged in four categories: Junior Level 12-17 years old; Adult Level, Taste and Flavor; Adult Level, Design and Presentation; and Fan Favorite. The theme of the cupcakes will be Fall with each contestant bringing 36 cupcakes, six of which will have to be decorated at the event.

Bakers must pre-register by Sept. 28. For more information, contact Mary Denning, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, (734) 261-3680.

Garden helpers needed

Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers from 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting food that's being grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill but volunteers are asked to use the Avondale entrance.



Emanuel Veorge enjoys the spray at the H2O Zone in Westland.

There's still time to cool off at Bailey Pool

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The summer season is winding down but there is still time to visit the Bailey Pool, open daily through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.

Despite the popularity of the nearby H2O Zone splash park located in Tattan Park, Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski

said attendance at the pool was up from last year.

"Our numbers are up. We average about 100 people per day for the two sessions," he said. "That means sometimes we have 200 people and sometimes we get 30 people. It's a great way to stay cool."

The hot temperatures this summer, in contrast with cooler temperatures during the summer of 2009, helped

draw more people to the pool, Kosowski said.

There is open swimming at the pool from noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. each day through Labor Day. The cost is \$4 for children/\$5 nonresidents for one session and \$5 for adults/\$6 nonresidents for a full day pass for \$6 for children/\$7 nonresidents and \$7

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Movie, music, fun to celebrate end of summer

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Now that night temperatures have started to cool off a bit and it's getting dark earlier, a return to school can't be far off.

With that in mind, families are invited to enjoy a night out Tuesday at the End of Summer Free Family Movie Night outside the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with live music from the George Brothers, games, a bounce house, kids activities and give-

aways. Also look for an appearance by Spongebob Squarepants.

The outdoor movie begins at 8:30 p.m. with a showing of *Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel*. Movie goers should bring their own lawn chairs and non-alcoholic beverages — Mayor William Wild will provide the popcorn. Other refreshments can be purchased from the Splash Cafe.

"It's a great event for the end of summer. Everyone hates to see summer end and the mayor said we should do something," said Parks and Recreation

Director Robert Kosowski.

The movie can start earlier this time, Kosowski said, due to the use of an outdoor digital screen that isn't as affected by daylight as the inflatable used during the film shown at Westland Center. He also strongly recommends that movie goers bring lawn chairs.

Kosowski expects the movie to attract 800-1,000 people. No advance registration is needed. Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

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Man faces six felony charges in shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Belleville man is facing six felony charges over the shooting of a Westland man as he returned from grocery shopping Tuesday morning.

As police continue to investigate, Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano said it wasn't a random attack despite the fact that the two men didn't know each other.

"I think that he (the defendant) was laying in wait. We're still investigating. There is some connection between them, but not enough for there to be a shooting," Serrano said. "The victim had never seen the suspect before and the suspect isn't talking a whole lot."

Antwaine Jeffrey Williams, 36, has been arraigned on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault, felony firearm, being a felon possessing a firearm and third-degree habitual offender. A not guilty plea was entered for Williams, who is being held in lieu of a \$1 million cash bond.

The victim, 32, was in the parking lot of the Landings Apartments, south of Warren Road and east of Central City Parkway, just after 9 a.m.

Tuesday when the shooting occurred.

"The victim had just parked his car when the suspect ran up and began shooting," Serrano said. "The victim ran and fell to the ground. The suspect then pistol-whipped him — I think he ran out of bullets."

The victim received four gunshot wounds, Serrano said, including one shot into his face, but none of the wounds was considered life-threatening.

After hitting the victim with his gun, Serrano said the shooter fled in a pickup truck. Several witnesses were able to provide good descriptions of both the suspect and his vehicle.

Good information from those witnesses, who had called 9-1-1, was crucial in the quick arrest of the suspect of the suspect, Serrano said. Livonia police spotted the suspect on westbound I-96, pursued him and joined Plymouth Township police in arresting him on southbound I-275 at Joy 11 minutes after the incident was reported.

Williams, who Serrano said has at least two other weapons-related offenses, is scheduled for preliminary examination Thursday in 18th District Court.

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Hearing delayed in assault on teenager

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A defense request for bond reduction was rejected as an 18th District Court preliminary examination for four people charged with assaulting a Westland teenager was adjourned until Sept. 2.

Westland residents Angela Chapman, 36, her son Steven Chapman, 18, his cousin

Ronald Battles Jr., 20, of Inkster, and Jason Fairchild, 19, of Westland, are all charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder in the Aug. 15 incident that left a youth seriously injured and hospitalized in intensive care.

Using her house as collateral, Angela Chapman is free after

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meeting the \$500,000/10 percent set at her arraignment. Steven Chapman is being held in lieu of \$750,000 cash bond.

A \$50,000 cash bond each was set for Battles, who posted the bond and was released, and Fairchild, who remains in custody.

Defense attorneys sought the delay in the preliminary examination, waiving the requirement it be held within 14 days of arraignment, citing lack of time to review information in the case.

Representing Steven Chapman, attorney Lance Mermell asked that a personal bond — one that would require no cash or surety be posted — be set for his client.

"This was a very vicious attack. I will not release your client on personal bond," said Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

When Mermell then asked for a bond reduction, Cicirelli asked what Steven Chapman was doing, if he was working or attending school. Mermell said Steven Chapman is working and is assisting with the care of child who lives in the same home.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Eric Sterbis noted that Steven Chapman was already on probation for auto theft. His attorney noted he had been released on bond in that case and had appeared in court as required.

Lance then requested Steven Chapman be released on a tether which his mother didn't support.

"His mother indicates she doesn't want him out," said Cicirelli.

Angela Chapman was concerned for her son's safety if he was to be released from jail, said Mermell.

Attorney Joel Dorf, representing Fairchild, also asked that release on a tether be considered for his client, whom he said is awaiting a call to start a job at General Motors.

Cicirelli rejected the requests but agreed to refer both men for defendant screening which could result in a bond modification.

The incident happened near the Chapman home on North Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, where police said Angela Chapman, the male defendants and other underage people had been drinking alcohol.

Police described a long-running dispute between Steven Chapman and his friends and a second group of friends. When a window was broken at the Chapman home about 1:30 a.m., the Chapmans, Battles and Fairfield chased a group believed to be responsible.

Police said a 16-year old Westland youth, who wasn't known by Steven Chapman, was the slowest in the fleeing group. He was thrown to the ground and the four defendants are charged with beating and kicking him in an attack that police said continued after he became unconscious.

The teen was reported to have suffered severe head and facial injuries, including a possible broken vertebrae, and was hospitalized in intensive care.

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Charlie Taylor of Garden City collects water from the fire hydrant at the H2O Zone in Westland.

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for adults/\$8 nonresidents.

Duffers can take to the link through Nov. 1 at the Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman.

"We have a lot of great twilight golf specials," said Kosowski.

Inspections of new compressors, a dehumidifier and air conditioning unit for Mike Modano Ice Arena are under way.

"We would like to get the ice in, so we can open up," said Kosowski. Westland received nearly \$400,000 in federal energy grants for the arena for equipment that is expected to reduce energy consumption at the arena about 30 percent.

"The big price tag was for the

compressor. The rule now is that any new arena can't use freon (for ice production) — only existing arenas are grandfathered," Kosowski said. "We'd been applying for grants to the Wayne County Parks millage. We knew we were Band-Aiding the compressor. It was so old, it was going sooner or later. The new one's more energy efficient."

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Anne Tobias is in the process of redoing her biography for before returning the proofs of her latest children's book, "What Squirrels Eat for Lunch," to the publisher.

Author tackles 'tough' subject in latest book

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Think about it: What does a squirrel eat for lunch?

That's the question Anne Tobias answers in her latest children's book, aptly titled *What a Squirrel Eat for Lunch*.

A retired Garden City first-grade teacher, the Westland resident has strayed from her first two children's books — *Harry's Problem ... First Loose Tooth* and *Harry Meets a Bully* — to write about a squirrel that decides spring tulips would make a wonderful meal.

"It's based on a true story," said Tobias. "In the spring I have a lot of tulips, and I watched the squirrel peeling the petals off and eating the centers."

In her third children's book, due out later this month or in early September, Tobias's squirrel grows tired of eating peanuts and seeing the monkey eating a banana, he gets the idea to eat Mrs. McNally's tulips, peeling back the petals like the skin of a banana and eating the centers. They're so good, he ends up eating all of Mrs. McNally's tulips.

The book is dedicated to her grandchildren and Tobias's painting buddy Carol Manore. Manore helped Tobias paint the murals that decorate the hallways and gymnasium of Farmington Elementary School.

Tobias called in the talents of her brother-in-law, Tom Tobias, to illustrate her *Harry* books, but he doesn't draw animals, so the job fell to Manore. Her skills are being used to create the squirrel called Mr. Furry Tail, a mouse and Mrs. McNally. She also is doing the illustrations for Tobias's fourth book, *Elephant Annie*.

The children's books are a prelude to her memoirs, *For a Chew of Tobacco*. Initially, Tobias had approached the Children's Institute in Connecticut and was told she should write several children's books to gain credibility before releasing her memoirs. When the institute tried to prepare her by sending her writing assignments, Tobias switched to Peppertree Press which "loved" her first *Harry* book.

"The publisher wanted these as a prerequisite to my major book, so I have clout with the literary community," said Tobias.

She already has *Elephant Annie* written and "as soon as Carol gets the illustra-

tions done, I can submit it," said Tobias. She plans on teasing *Annie* in *What a Squirrel Eat for Lunch*. A majority of *For a Chew of Tobacco* also is completed, and according to Tobias, "some of the chapters are tear jerkers and some are very humorous."

"One chapter is words of wisdom and the sayings of 6-year-olds," she said. "It's really humorous what kids say. They're so cute and so innocent."

"The stories all truthful and factual," she added.

Tobias isn't leaving anything to chance with book

three. She's sending out postcards to people who have bought her first two books.

"I have people calling and asking when the next book is coming out," she said.

Tobias's books cost \$9.95 each and are available online at www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com and www.peppertreepublishing.com as well as Target and Borders.

Copies also are available by calling Tobias at (734) 722-7733 or by e-mail at annerobias@yahoo.com.

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Prelim delayed for driver in fatal crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robert Bojaj will have to wait a couple of more weeks to have his next day in court.

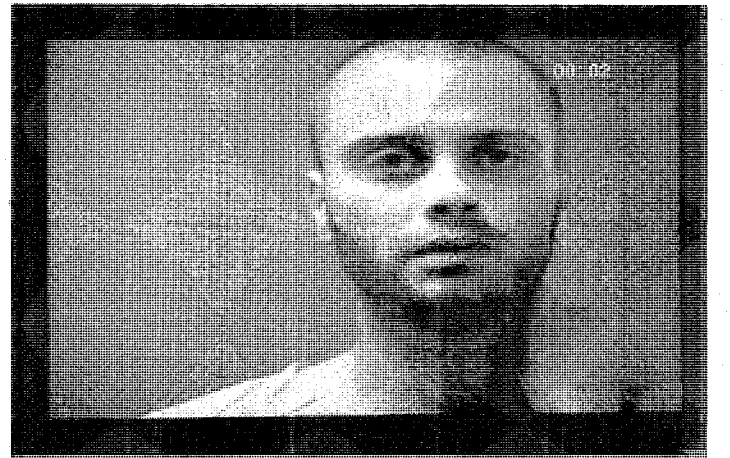
The Farmington man accused of killing 25-year-old Shelby Gunn of Westland in a traffic crash on I-275 saw his preliminary examination in 35th District Court in Plymouth, originally scheduled to have taken place Friday, adjourned until Sept. 14.

Prosecutors told Judge Ron Lowe they were still waiting on blood results from the Michigan State Police, along with other pre-trial discovery, and asked to delay the hearing.

Bojaj is accused of killing Gunn in an Aug. 15 accident on northbound I-275 near Koppernick in Canton Township. 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.

Bojaj was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Gunn; if he's convicted, he faces the possibility of life in prison. He's also charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, operating under the influence of liquor causing death and driving with a suspended license causing death. Those charges are all 15-year felonies.

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The preliminary hearing for Robert Bojaj, the Farmington man charged with second-degree murder in the death of Shelby Gunn of Westland, was adjourned until Sept. 14 in 35th District Court.

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Steppin' out

Studio helps director reach lifelong dream

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Kristen Quesada was in the sixth grade at Westland's Edison Elementary School, she noted in her yearbook two accomplishments she knew she wanted to achieve.

She would have two children, she wrote, and she wanted to own her own dance studio.

The first goal came first, with the birth of her daughters, Olivia (now 9) and Mia (now 4). Now she's achieved the second of those long-ago goals, having opened Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company, a dance-singing-acting studio in Plymouth Township.

"It's something I've wanted to do forever," said Quesada, the former director of the Park Players at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "I've been working on this concept for a couple of years, knowing I would do it 'sometime in the future.'"

The future became now when Jennifer Rickard, the owner of Encore Dance in Westland, where Quesada was a longtime teacher, decided it was time to get out of the business.

Rather than simply take over Encore, Quesada decided it was time to make the leap herself. While Encore is a dance studio, Quesada — whose favorite kind of play to direct during her years with Park Players was musicals — envisioned a studio where students could get training in a variety of aspects, including song, dance and acting.

"I always told my students to be successful in the theater world you needed to be well-



Plymouth High School graduate Brandon Guyton will teach boys' hip-hop at Triple Threat.

rounded, and that's the whole concept," Quesada said. "When (Rickard) said she was done, everything aligned and the time was just right."

Quesada, a Canton resident, knew she wanted to open the business in the Plymouth-Canton area. She and her husband, Rob, settled on a location on Joy Road just west of Haggerty.

While Encore had a strong reputation for dance, Quesada wanted to add the singing and acting.

"I thought with the great reputation Encore has, this would be a good, solid way to transition," Quesada said.

While getting the word out has been a large challenge, finding teachers and students

has not. Many of both are coming from Encore. Members of the 13-teacher staff have come from communities ranging from Ann Arbor to Royal Oak. All specialize in their own areas, from boys' hip-hop to cheer and others.

Brandon Guyton is a former student of Quesada's at The Park, one whom Quesada told back then she'd be calling to become a teacher. Quesada was true to her word, and Guyton, a Canton resident and 2008 graduate of Plymouth High School, has signed on to teach boys' hip-hop.

"I knew she was going to call," Guyton said with a smile. "And I was really excited about it. It's something I've always wanted to do."

While she won't be directing the Park Players any more, Quesada will continue to teach English and drama at Salem High and, more importantly, will still be involved in the student productions, choreographing musicals for the group.

However, moving from directing to having her own studio, where her daughters will be students, will allow Quesada time she didn't used to have to spend with them.

"I still feel like I'm going to be involved (with Park Players), but this is a way of doing what I love and letting my kids get involved," Quesada said. "This (the studio) is a way of being involved with my kids, and that's very appealing from a 'mom' standpoint."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kristen Quesada, former director the Park Players at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, has resigned that post to open her own dance-singing-acting studio, Triple Threat Dance & Theatre Company.



Holly Crowther, here dancing in the Nexstar National Talent Competition, is a student in Senior Competitive Dance Company.

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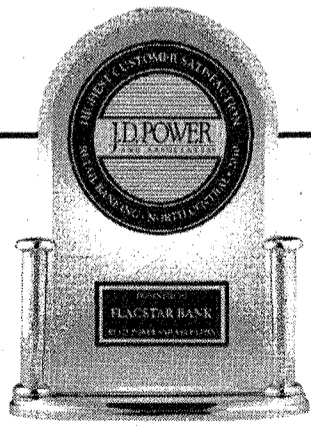
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"My parents are so happy because they don't have to worry. My uncle is happy. As a nurse I would bring my parents here. If I have a question or concern the doctors are always here."

**Socialization plays an important role in daily life
at Four Seasons**

Four Seasons Activities Center enhances care for residents and rehabilitation patients. Betty Noe practiced cooking breakfast in the new kitchen before going home, receiving physical therapy during a three-month stay at Four Seasons after fracturing a wrist and leg. The new kitchen allows residents to make fresh fruit and pasta salads for lunch.

In addition to cooking, a variety of social groups focus on favorite pastimes. Board games and cards round out the offerings. A flat screen TV with surround sound gets residents moving with Wii video sports like bowling.

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Socialization plays an important role in daily life whether in the dining room or newly renovated Activities Center. "The purpose is to get residents involved," said Lori McLeskey, activities director. "They adore it. A core group spends most of their day here in the activities center."

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GOP challenger Milton seeks county sheriff post

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shelly Milton is a Republican challenging incumbent Democratic Sheriff Benny Napoleon for the Wayne County sheriff's position.



Shelly Milton

"It's just something I feel has been a goal of mine," said Milton, 41, a Wayne County sheriff's deputy. "I can see our department heading in a different direction. I want to do something about it."

This is her first try at elected office.

"I want to provide quality law enforcement, detention and support services to the citizens of Wayne County as well as other police agencies. I want to restore the integrity, respect and honor within the department. I am ready to serve the citizens of Wayne County as their sheriff," Milton said on her website, www.shellyforsheriff.com.

She had been thinking recently about running for sheriff, and "to start reaching toward those goals."

Milton cites on her website providing mental health services for inmates who need them.

At the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, she praises Judge Tim Kenny of the Wayne County Circuit Court's program, related to mental health issues. "I just want to keep working with him on the goal. He's doing a great

thing. I'd like to have cooperation with the sheriff's department and the court for that."

Milton said her top two goals for the sheriff's department are downsizing, "cutting at the top," with fewer command staffers, and working with the community.

To cut costs, Milton said some inmates can do work programs. Supervised inmates can provide maintenance in and around the jail, such as cleaning and grounds maintenance.

"They would be supervised working outside the jail." Inmates are screened for tethers now, she said, and some work in the jail under supervision.

The GED program must be revived, she said, along with implementing new programs such as parenting and anger management classes.

"A lot of them are eventually placed on some type of probation" and often required to have a GED. "There are classrooms in the jail."

GED classes were held in the past, Milton said. "I'd like to get that going again." She doesn't want inmates sitting idle.

Milton also lists on her website: improving working relationships between the jails, Probation Department, and the legal system to create an open line of communication that will allow departments to exchange critical information concerning programs such as probation, boot camp, tether, drug rehabilitation and work release.

"I would like to see the

sheriff's department working with the community leaders," she said. Some cities have paid for their inmates to go up north, she said, such as Livonia and Redford. That's done to avoid early release.

"The taxpayers are spending money through the jail space," Milton said. "I'm going to work with them and keep their prisoners like we're supposed to."

She also wants the sheriff's department to have services to aid cities in townships facing hostage situations or other emergencies. "I want to make our services available to these departments. We should be the backup they need."

Milton acknowledged her Democratic competitor, Napoleon, has more name recognition.

"It may be. I'm kind of hoping to be the David in David and Goliath," she said. "I really don't know how that's going to pan out." She's campaigning hard and meeting voters "so they can see and know what their choices are."

"It is a challenge. I can't campaign while I'm working." She does a lot of weekends and other off-hours. "I'm thankful to have a supportive family. My children have been learning a lot."

"I think I do," have an honest chance of winning the job. She's staying positive, "very focused."

"This is just all so exciting and overwhelming. I'm learning so much." Milton hasn't met Napoleon, and has no issues with work or colleagues, "thankfully."

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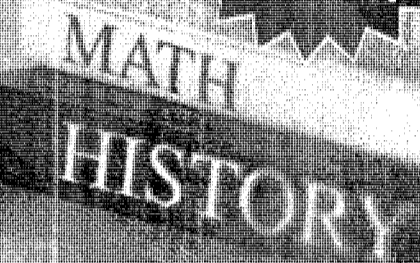
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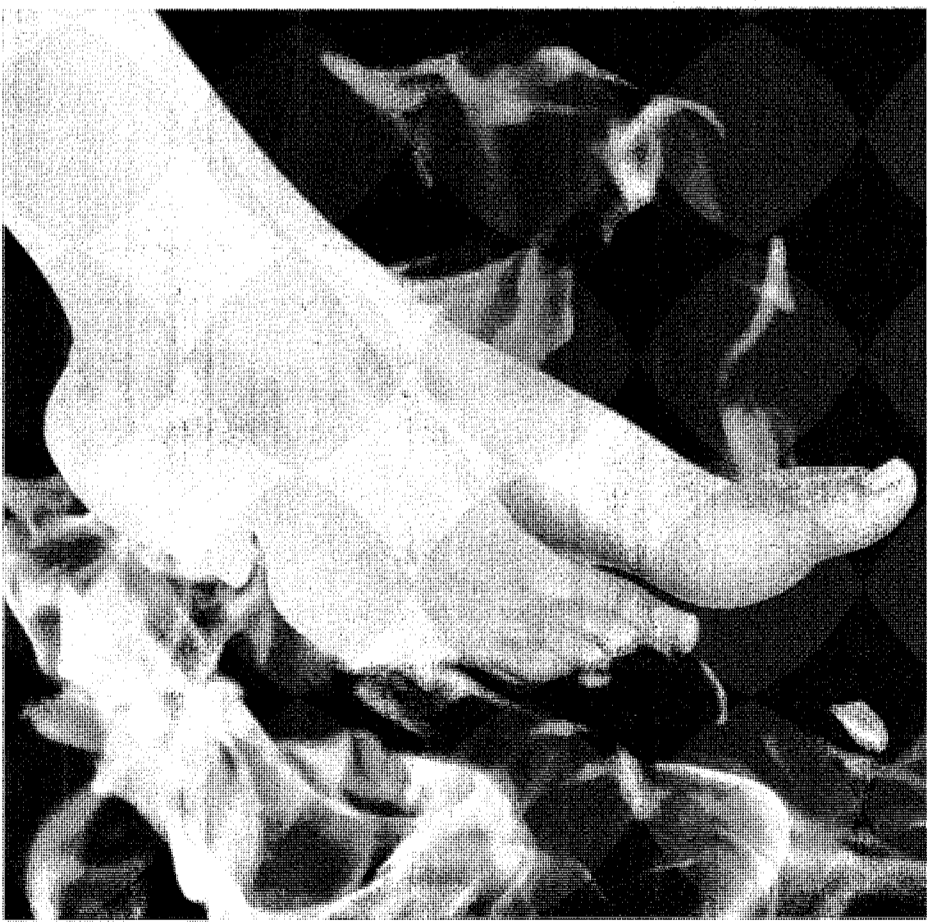


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Canary, finch collectors compete for trophies

BY KAREN SMITH
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Charlie Schembri's hobby is for the birds. For the birds' beautiful colors. And, for the birds' beautiful songs.

A bird show competitor, the collector/breeder of canaries and finches isn't in it for the money.

"We don't win money," said the Livonia resident, 67, who competes in bird shows across the country. "It's the prestige, the ribbons."

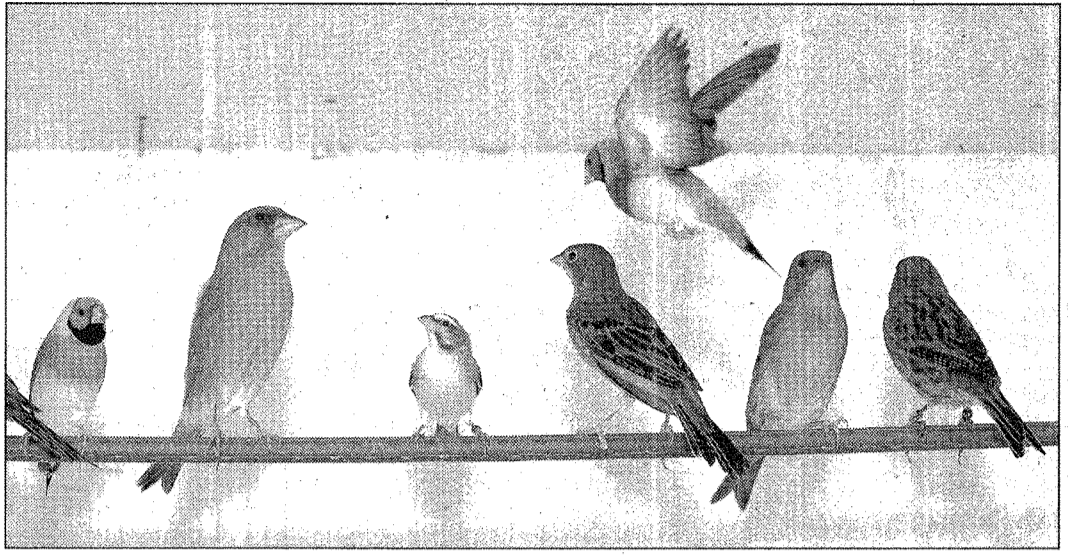
Added fellow competitor Robert Camilleri, 64, of Farmington Hills: "We hope to get a trophy out of it."

It's a challenge to win, said Camilleri, who has many first-place awards for statewide shows. The judges look for rounded heads and hunchbacks that are just right. The birds also have to behave themselves and not be too flighty while on their perch.

The best part is the friendships they make with others interested in their hobby,



Charlie Schembri shows a bird in a display cage used in competition.



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they said. "Most important is the people. We talk, we trade birds," Schembri said.

Added Camilleri, "Sometimes we sell a few here and there."

Both will participate in a bird fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Quality Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The event is open to the public.

Birds, cages, feeders and other equipment will be available for sale.

Both Schembri and Camilleri became interested in birds as boys. Schembri's grandfather and Camilleri's father raised them.

"We're addicted to it," Camilleri said. "It's like drinking. It's hard to quit."

Finches and canaries of all colors and sizes live in Charlie Schembri's basement.

Schembri's grandfather raised them in Malta, where Schembri lived until he was 18. Schembri started buying birds at age 8. "Every schilling I used to have I'd go and buy a European finch," he said.

When he came to the United

States and started working at J.L. Hudson's as a stock boy, he began buying canaries from Kresge for \$3.99 each. Then he heard about the shows.

Schembri and Camilleri met through Camilleri's father. "My Dad liked them because they sang. You raise them; you have babies."

Schembri has 130 birds in his basement, including the rare Australian plainhead canary, a new breed that's yellow and green in color. He also has border canaries, which origi-

nated from the border area of Scotland and England, and red and white mosaic canaries bred in Belgium.

Camilleri has about 30 finches, green singers from Africa. Both Ford Motor Co. retirees, the men said birds used to be more popular as pets back in the 1950s and 1960s. Now dogs seem to be No. 1.

But birds are better, the two men agree. "You don't have to walk them," Camilleri said.

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AROUND WESTLAND



Wish You Were Here

Linda Bodnovits of Garden City went with her daughter and her family - Todd, Melissa, Danielle and Brendan Bigelow - posed with their Observer on the beach at to Hilton Head, South Carolina. Bodnovits reported that they "had a great time. Swam in the ocean, went for long walks on the beach, played with my grandchildren." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Festival

The Westland Veterans Association will hold a Memorial Garden Fest 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Bova VFW Post, 6640 Hix, west of Warren Road, Westland.

The event will feature live music, cash bar, grilled food and a 50/50 drawing. The cost is \$5 per person. Profits will be used to build a Veterans Memorial Garden in Westland.

Open House

McKinley Co-Op Preschool will hold an open houses - 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. The school is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. It offers programs for toddlers ages 2-5 years, and kindergarten readiness, provided by a teacher with more than 25 years experience, and reasonable tuition. There are morning and afternoon classes available.

For more information, call (734) 729-7222, go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org, or send an e-mail to

Mckinleypreschool@yahoo.com.

Used book sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland are holding a used book sale Friday through Sunday, Sept. 17-19, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

Regular prices are offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17: \$1 for hardcover books, DVDs and CDs; 50 cents for large paperbacks; 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records; ten cents for magazines; and \$2 for green reusable Friends bags.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, it's \$6 per bag of books. Go green and bring a brown paper grocery bag or a comparable size reusable bag.

The sale closes with a \$4 per bag sale noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

A special preview sale is open to Friends members 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. You can join at the sale. Money raised from the sale helps fund library programs. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Garage sale

Start getting those closets cleaned out and sell those gently used items at the Westland Community Garage Sale Saturday, Sept. 18. For many years, the Westland Community Garage Sale has provided an opportunity to sell unique, gently used items for home and hobbies.

At the 99 vendor locations customers often find one-of-a-kind items they have been searching for at flea markets and on line web sites at bargain prices. The event runs rain or shine. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. Call (734) 722-7620 for more information.

Modern Americana

The Westland Historic Village Park is hosting Modern Americana, a celebration of American Folks Arts in the Modern Era, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. The activities will include spinning and weaving, candle dipping, porcupine quilling, rug hooking, historic children's games and corn husk dolls.

Westland Historical Commissioner Jeff Koslowski will present a special lecture on cottage industries.

The Westland Historic Village Park is located at 857 N. Wayne Road at Marquette. For more information, call (734) 326-1110.

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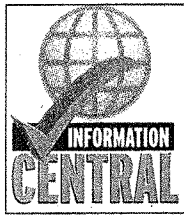
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Bike riding to work is gaining momentum

So you missed National Ride Your Bike to Work Day? No need to worry; you still have time before the first frost to take your bike out of storage and start pedaling.

More people are recognizing the environmental, physical, and economic value of this form of transportation. Bikes aren't only for the young nor only for recreation.

In fact, nationwide, about one out of every 200 people



bike to work every day and in Portland, Ore., it's six out of 200. These numbers underscore the importance of promoting strong bicycle safety. And more than ever, it's time that everyone learns to share the road. Although more and more

cities are designating bike lanes on streets, few riders would say that there are enough available to meet their needs. Bike paths are increasing, too, but those, also are too few and concentrated in specific areas.

But no matter whether your bicycle is your primary means of transportation or is used for recreational pursuits, everyone needs to have a working knowledge of their bike.

- Save money and prevent

accidents by maintaining your bicycle. The Public Library of Westland can help you there with several books that provide extensive information about bicycle care and maintenance.

Why not pick up a copy of Todd Downs' *The Bicycling Guide to Complete Bicycle Maintenance & Repair*; Chris Sidwells' *Bicycle Repair Manual*; or Rob Van der Plas' *Roadside Bike Repair: The Simple Guide to Fixing Your*

Road or Mountain Bike?

The League of Michigan Bicyclists' website — lmb.org — provides a wealth of information specifically geared toward Michigan cyclists. Included on the site is a downloadable version of *What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know*.

- If you prefer to bicycle in a more relaxed and scenic environment, pick up Karen Gentry's *Cycling East*

Michigan: Thirty of the Best Bike Routes in East Michigan, or Cycling Michigan: 25 of the Best Bike Routes in Western Michigan; Pamela Stovall's *Short Bike Rides in Michigan* and Phil van Valkenberg's *The Best Bike Rides in the Midwest*, are also great books to help plan your next bike trip.

• Consider yourself an armchair bicyclist? Talking Heads founding member David Byrne's *Bicycle Diaries*, chronicles his observations and insights — "what he is seeing, whom he is meeting, what he is thinking about — as he pedals through and engages with some of the world's major cities." Don't miss this one.

Highlighted Activities

• Fiction Writers Group, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., 16 and up. If you would like help developing your fiction or enjoy reading new and exciting fiction, please join us for one of our sessions. Two new stories will be covered each month by the group. Check with the Reference Desk for this month's stories or e-mail andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org. Note: this is the last Fiction Group meeting before we split into the Writers Club and Writers Workshop next month.


For more information, contact the library at (734) 326-6123.

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Youngsters recognized for summer reading efforts

More than 350 youngsters, preschoolers through sixth-graders, participated in the Garden City Library's 2010 summer reading program.

According to Assistant Library Director Janet Smith, the summer program is something the staff looks forward to each year.

"Our main goal has always been to bring children into the library," she said. "We have never had a required reading list, we want children to read for enjoyment. Hopefully, they find the one book that captures their imagination and makes them a life-long reader."

Youngsters read books or have books read to them to earn certificates. There also are weekly programs they can attend at the library, housed in the Maplewood Community Center.

This year 270 children in grades 1-6 children participated in the Summer Reading Program and 86 preschool-kindergarten children participated in the Read-to-Me Program

Receiving Read-to-Me certificates were:

Morgan McBride, Tatum Cook, Emily Yarbrough, Katie Yarbrough, Lahana Vereen, Sarah Perrine, Amanda Perrine, Tyson Malone, Abbie Marleau, Abigail Adams, Paul Cybulski, Lillian Andrews, Sydney Spiridon, Alex Wheeler, Caleb Lewthwaite, Christopher Kosniewski, Karli Kosniewski, Violet Wooley, Conner Jordan, Hunter Schornack, Aleah Brooks, Mia Carroll, Nathan Sullivan, Cora Reischel, Kylie Jolet, Jessica Bramblett, Amelia Samborski, Kaitlyn Cleveland, Madeline Menchaca, Maya Ferracciolo, Isabella Staley, Mya Oikarinen, Ty Oikarinen.

Jimmy Phillips, Samantha Cox, Abby Harmon, Reese Hodson, Amirayha Netter-Henderson, Sakari Netter-Henderson, Thaniel Earnhardt, Faith Spence, Alex Marleau, Levi Samborski, Brian Thompson, Cameron Green, Devin Brooks, Chelsea Houghton, Savannah Houghton, Alonzo

Ordaznatalie Griffin, Christopher Russelburg and Jaedin Glenn.

Children who completed the Summer Reading Club reading requirement and received a certificate included:

Sage Owens, Anna Nuorala, Madison Nuorala, Page Tuttle, Ayite Dalmeida, Gus Mesch, Lily Mesch, Tatianna Borg, Abby Thompson, Alexandria Harshman, Alexis Nabozny, Alisha Rattray, Alisha Saile, Angela Cross, Broderick Thompson, Cayci Chambers, Caylie Jaynes, Destiny Aldinger, Destiny Norman, Devin Leleniewski, Emma Jimenez, Haley Dobbyn, Jasmine Scott, Jenna Hill, Julian Hitchcock, Maggie Stephans, Makenzie McMillin.

Mallory Kestler, Melanie Wendling, Michael Stoddard, Miranda McGregor, Noah Schroeder, Ricky Clickard, Stephanie Hassa, Sydney Baker, Trevor Nabozny, Tristan Harshman, Tyler Malek, Brandon Bartley, Gabriel Wilson, Alex Leleniewski, Allison Bliznik, Amber Killingbeck, Brady Spehar, Brenden Vujnov, Brooke Killingbeck, Dexter Connolly, Erika Browne, Hailey Trupiano, Jacob Warner, Jesse Warner, Julia Wojtas, Kyiah Beth Harshman, Martha Read, Mathieu Williams, Mickayla Cramer, Rebecca Scott, Samantha

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Sarah Cross, Shea Warner, Cassandra Leleniewski, Donovan Aldinger, Fredrick Manfield, Scott Troop, Alex McGregor, Angel Dobbs, Bryan Browne, Andrew Ward, Cheyenne Tackett, Crysta Cummings, Daphne Peruski, Erica Tackett, Marikate Pperuski, Nicole Maiden, Savanaha Clendening, Zachary King, Abdulla Buchh, Amanda Norman, Victoria Lesniak, Joshua Norman, Sam Skelly, Keith Jackson, Marcus Bozigian, Spencer Bozigian, Andrew Staley, Dru Seymour, Jacob Dethloff, Jordan Rice, Kaylynn Fowler, Nicholas Jones, Matthew Rascol, Anthony Olsen, Brookelynn Robertson, Christopher Gonzalez, Damien Cornelius, Dominic Torres, Donald Wilhelm.

Jaidin Lee, James Major, Jared Schroeder, Joseph Burton, Lani Geer, Luke Burton, Madelyn Williams, Matthew Szczepanik, Terry Harmon, Jeremiah Streeter, Summer Sultana, Kia Gabrielle Howard, Xavier Edward Howard, Anna Christ, Jeremy Tracey, Brenden Seewald, Autumn Plank, Morgan Fox, Alyssa Griglio, Reece McKelvey, Avery McKelvey and Lydia Wilson.

Career Tech Center auction a winner

An online auction of surplus equipment from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center has exceeded expectation by grossing about \$307,000.

Hoff-Hilk Auction Services, in conjunction with R.T. Machinery Sales, estimated the online auction of equipment from the closed Computer Aided Manufacturing program would generate between \$121,000 and \$156,000.

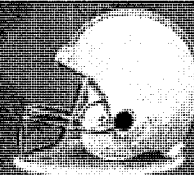
"Hoff-Hilk exceeded our expectations. The results of the online mass marketing

approach utilized by Hoff-Hilk yielded double what the traditional in house auction services quoted us," said Steven Kay, career tech center principal. "The additional money is going to fund new technology for our students. We are very pleased with the auction results." There were over 6,900 different people and businesses that attended the online auction. Bidders came from 35 states and over a dozen people registered from foreign countries.

"We couldn't believe it. Our system draws more money than a conventional auction, but this was over the top," said Russ Hilk, Hoff-Hilk Auction Services vice-president.

The buyers were also pleased with the auction results. John Schulte, a bidder from Lima, Peru, said "I pay more money at a Hoff-Hilk Auction because they pay attention to what they are selling. The items at the school were in superb condition and showed very well online."

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Petition #2712-W. Fern-32251 Bertram

Request for a 1'6" side yard fence height variance from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6' high privacy fence in the west street side yard of the home; whereas Section 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in height.

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The program known only as "Matching Grant," is made possible by some generous donors who wish to remain anonymous, according to Grima.

"If you have been considering a donation to the Straight Farmhouse and Garden City Historical Museum, now is the perfect time," Grima said.

To make a donation, or for more information, contact the Straight Farmhouse,

6221 Merriman, Garden City, MI 48135. Or, call (734) 838-0650. The e mail is: straight.farmhouse@yahoo.com

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Comfortable retirement requires careful planning

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my early 60s and still working, however, my employer has hinted he may close the business in the near future. I am single, I have no mortgage payment and my expenses are about \$5,000 a month. I figure that I will need that at a minimum during retirement. I have no pension and my portfolio is currently approximately \$400,000. I will get about \$2,000 a month from Social Security. Do I have enough to retire, or should I be looking for another job?

A: Retirement is a new concept and not something that past generations had to worry about. If you go back 100 years, people didn't worry about retirement because life expectancy was only mid-50s. Retirement wasn't an issue like it is today.

In addition, people used to believe that in retirement you could live on a fraction of what you did while you were working. As far as I am concerned, this makes no sense. You need a rising income throughout your lifetime. We



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

is recognizing that it will cost them more to live in the future than it does today.

The last important detail is the length of time people may live in retirement. When I first got involved in this business, the general rule was to plan on someone living maybe 10 years into retirement. The thought that someone could live 20 or 30 years in retirement was unheard of. However, being retired for 20-plus years seems to be the norm today.

In analyzing your situ-

all know this to be true. After all does anyone think that 10 years from now it'll cost you less to live than it does today?

The bottom line in determining whether someone can retire

ation, the key question is whether your portfolio can generate enough income to cover living expenses. Social Security will cover a substantial portion, but not all, of your income needs. The real question is whether your \$3,000 shortfall (\$5,000 monthly expenses less Social Security of \$2,000 equals \$3,000) can be covered by the portfolio. I don't believe the \$400,000 portfolio is sufficient to cover your shortfall.

In order to have a rising income throughout your lifetime (and based upon the fact that you will be retired not for five and 10 years, but for a much greater length of time), you do not want to draw more than 3-4 percent. If you assume a 4-percent distribution rate, that would mean taking \$16,000 a year from your portfolio. In your case you will need \$36,000 a year. Therefore, there is a shortfall.

Because of the downturn in the financial markets as well as the falling of real estate prices, many Americans find they may not have the assets for a comfortable retirement.

As opposed to throwing up your hands and ignoring the problem, there are ways to reduce the shortfall. One of the most obvious ways is to determine what your expenses are and look for ways to reduce them. It is amazing how much money people can save just by being more efficient with their money. Another alternative is to explore whether a reverse mortgage will work for you.

You can also consider another route. Instead of being fully retired, look for a part-time job. A part-time job will dramatically reduce the amount you need from your portfolio.

The mistake many investors make when they find themselves in your situation

is they become more aggressive with their portfolio. That is something that investors need to avoid. Particularly in the type of economy that we are currently experiencing, becoming more aggressive can have disastrous consequences.

There is no question that many retirement dreams have been shattered over the last few years. However, as a wise man once said, "It is what it is." In other words, it doesn't make sense to hope that the problem goes away by itself because it won't. The only way to solve the problem is to be proactive, think out of the box and come up with creative solutions.

Good luck!

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

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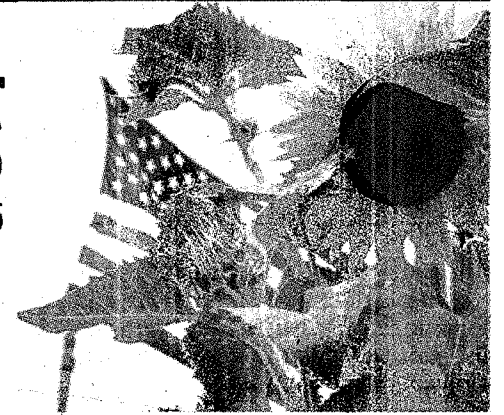
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Rockets open season with dramatic 21-20 win

SIDELINES

Elks Soccer champs

Among the age-group winners in the 12th annual City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Elks Soccer Shoot contest held Aug. 16 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center included:

Girls 12-13 - Alexandra Griffin, 31-of-75 points; Boys 12-13 - Alex Biskelonis, 33-of-75; Girls 10-11 - Ariana Griffin, 32-of-75; Boys 10-11 - Logan Delonis, 32-of-75; Boys 8-9 - Daniel Terrian, 20-of-45; Girls 7-and-under - Ainsley Johnston, 8-of-45; and Boys 7-and-under - Enzo Testasecca, 27-of-45.

Triathlon champs
The sixth annual Livonia Parks and Recreation Department Youth Triathlon, held Aug. 21 at Clements Circle Park and sponsored by the Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club, recently crowned champions in seven different age divisions.

Top boys age-group finishers were: 13-14 - 1. Patrick Dahlin; 2. Robert Jiga; 3. Daniel Huber; 11-12 - 1. Tyrin Johnson; 2. Blaine Ritz; 9-10 - 1. Brad Gibson; 2. Benjamin Keeler; 3. Noah DeGuzman; 8-and-under - 1. Grant Gibson; 2. Joey Drennan; 3. Danny Drennan.

Top girls age-group finishers were: 11-12 - 1. Mikalah Rich; 9-10 - 1. Molly Cormier; 2. Erin Seibert; 3. Keira Callison; 8-and-under - 1. Emily Esker; 2. Audrey Molnar; 3. Anna Lontine.

Zebras outrun C'ville

Micah Orr was the individual winner Thursday as host Wayne Memorial defeated Livonia Clarenceville, 22-33, in a co-ed scored cross country meet.

Orr covered the 5,000-meter Wayne Flats course in 20 minutes, 6 seconds.

Other Wayne finishers included Daniel Malcolm, second (20:07); Avery Barron, fourth (22:55); Megan Macek, seventh (29:37); Alana Cyrus, eighth (29:40); and Sydney Ball, 11th (40:44).

Clarenceville's David Gibson was third overall in 22:33 followed by Alex Molnar, fifth (23:15); Eric Into, sixth (28:39); Haley DeVos-Roy, ninth (36:28); and Lee Sloan, 10th (36:35).

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. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 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.

Whalers open camp

Ex-Plymouth Whaler and current Boston Bruin Tyler Seguin soon will be taking his considerable skills to the NHL team's training camp.

But the OHL Whalers still have a pretty talented group of returnees who will take the Compuware Arena ice later this week as the team's own camp starts.

The annual Blue-White scrimmages will be from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Compuware and are open to the public.

Plymouth kicks off the preseason 7 p.m. Saturday against OHL champion Windsor in Chelsea in "The Clash at the Coliseum."

The game will be broadcast on 88.1-FM WSPD and can be heard online at www.plymouth-whalers.com.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Westland John Glenn got its gridiron season off on the right foot Thursday night with a dramatic 21-20 victory over host Fair Haven Anchor Bay.

The Rockets battled back from 14-0 and 20-14 deficits as sophomore kicker Alex Isaevski booted the decisive extra point with only five seconds remaining after junior quarterback Jeff Kuhary dove for the right corner pylon and scored on a 4-yard touchdown keeper to tie the game at 20-all.

The Rockets marched 60 yards in 11 plays in 5:41 for the game-deciding TD.

"The key was never giving up," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "That's been our motto ever since Chuck Gordon started coaching here 33 years ago. We have it ('Never Give Up') on our weight room wall and our kids wear it on their wristbands.

"It was pretty cool, because after the game, our kids were holding their wristbands up and chanting, 'NGU.' We did not play well, but we never quit."

After a scoreless opening quarter, the Tars took a 14-0 lead on a 76-yard TD run by Taiwan Jones (the kick

failed) followed by a 65-yard scoring pass from Zach Hite to Jones. (Hite scored on the 2-pointer).

Glenn answered with just nine seconds remaining in the first half with a seven-play, 74-yard drive capped by Kuhary's 9-yard TD toss to Mark Layne.

The Rockets' Rico Cole, who led all rushers with 138 yards on 29 carries, then took the second-half kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown and Isaevski's second straight point-after made it 14-all.

Anchor Bay responded with 5:44 left in the final quarter on Zach Hite's 33-yard TD pass to tight end Jacob Novak (the kick failed).

The Tars outgained Glenn in total offense, 272-250, but the Rockets had the decided advantage in first downs, 17-8.

Duron Govantes recovered a fumble in the opening quarter for Glenn, which also one turnover. "I thought our defensive secondary - Govantes, Layne, Marquise Graves and Donnell Brewer - played pretty well," Hardin said. "(Taiwan) Jones is a load. They had him at wide receiver and they used him on jet runs. He had his moments, but those guys did a great job containing him."

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Franklin's offense hums in 42-28 win

Spartans fall in opener

BY BRAD EMONS
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It was only the opener, but Livonia Franklin's offense appears to be in midseason form after Friday night's 42-28 win over host Livonia Stevenson.

Franklin racked up 470 yards total offense and got a sterling performance from senior quarterback Brent Marzion, who connected on 13-of-15 passes for 180 yards and one touchdown.

Senior running back Brandon Tower added 113 yards on the ground and scored four touchdowns, while senior fullback Dan Muller overcame a costly early fumble and added 127 yards on just 10 carries, including a key fourth-quarter TD run.

Franklin trailed 28-27 with 2:05 left in the third quarter after Stevenson's Leroy Glover busted through on fourth-and-one for a 14-yard score.

The Patriots then responded with two scores. Tower scored on a 1-yard run after a 63-yard burst by Muller. Martin then hit Tower with the two-point conversion with 32 seconds left in the same period and the Patriots never looked back, getting an insurance TD on a 31-yard run by Muller with 6:37 to go in the game after one of Mike Sharp's two interceptions.

"I told the guys at the end,

every time they (Stevenson) started to get some momentum offensively, we were able to put a drive together, make a big play on a couple of big passes, and get right back and score," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We never let them get away from us, then toward the end got those two touchdowns to put the game away."

Franklin's inexperienced offensive line also held its own.

"They played very well - a sophomore and three juniors," Kelbert said. "Not one of those kids on that offense had ever started on the line in a varsity game before. Very good."

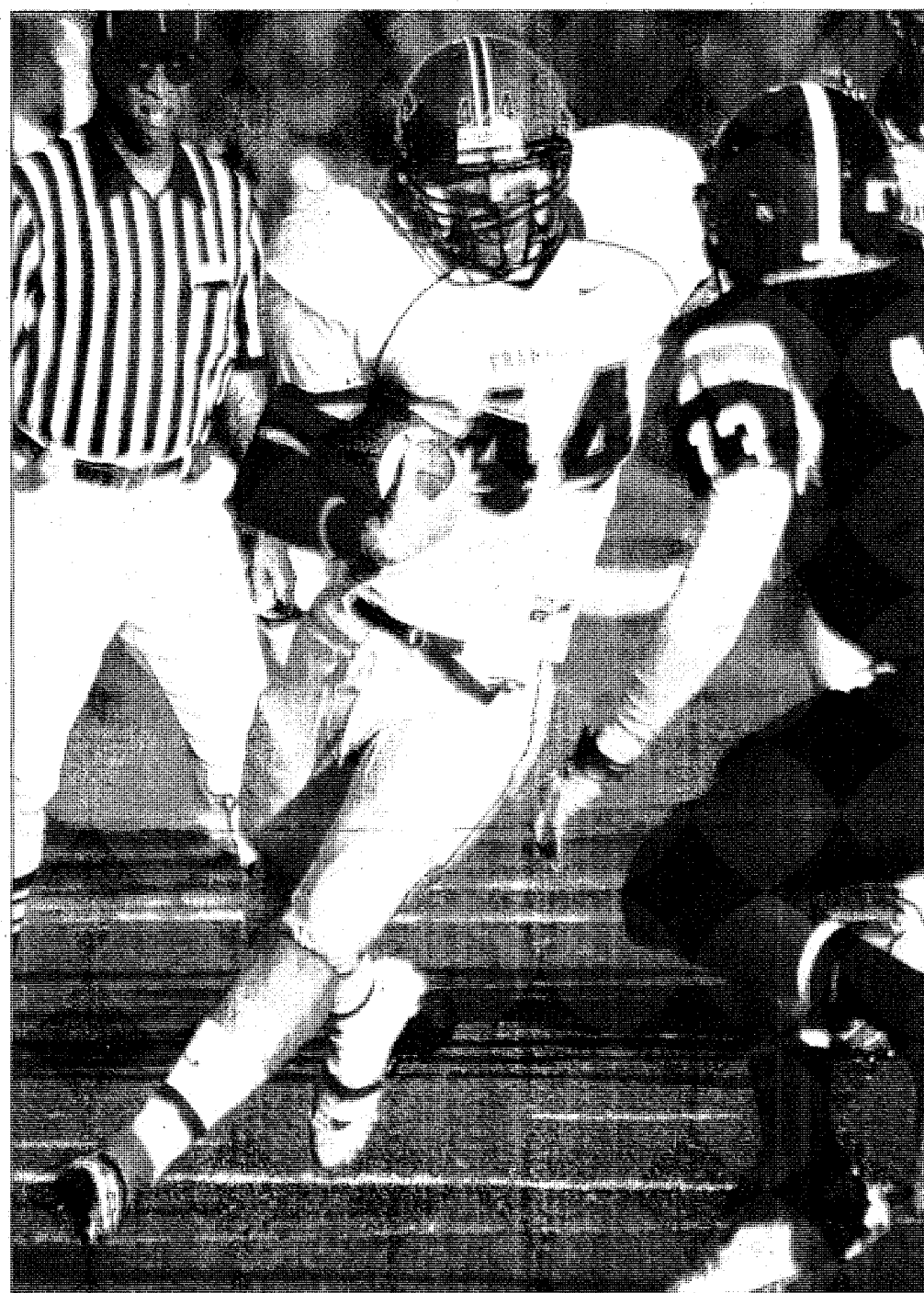
Marzion, a second-year starter, also sparkled.

"Brent, he's come a long ways," Kelbert said. "He's matured a lot. He doesn't make mistakes that are going to hurt himself, or hurt the team."

It was 21-21 at halftime as Stevenson cashed in on two Patriots turnovers, getting TD runs from Glover (4 and 2 yards) and the other by Tim Lorence (1 yard).

Franklin, which punted only two times all night, countered with three TD runs from Tower - 1, 71 and 10 yards - the last one coming with 1:08 left in the half. Marzion hit the lanky Sharp on a 13-yard strike for a first down followed by a 22-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin fullback Dan Muller (44) looks for an opening as Stevenson's Ryan Lackey (13) tries to make the tackle.

Bummer start

Brighton romps past Wayne, 35-6

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a forgettable night of football - and then some - for Wayne Memorial in its season opener Thursday at home against Brighton.

The Zebras never threatened as the Bulldogs built a 28-0 halftime lead en route to a convincing 35-6 triumph.

Brighton junior quarterback John Oberpeul was razor-sharp, completing 9-of-10 passes for 130 yards and three touchdowns. He completed his first nine before missing his final attempt in the final quarter.

Junior tight end Billy Albert hauled in scoring passes of 15 yards and 9 yards, while Ryan Erxleben added a 22-yard TD catch.

"We threw well and we protected well," Brighton coach Cliff Kiefer said. "It's a good start. We have a lot of things to work on."

"We were ready to play football today. We could see it this whole week that we wanted to play a game."

Brighton's two other TDs came from junior Shane

Dokey - one on an 86-yard run in the second quarter followed by a 39-yard interception return in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs invoked the 35-point mercy rule and running clock with 7:58 left in the third after Dokey's interception.

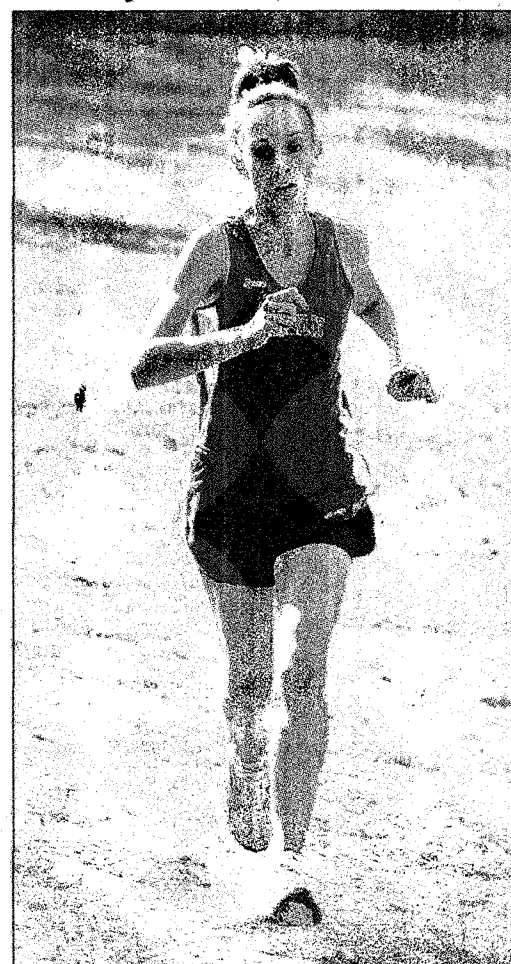
"We got tired and we started making mental mistakes that always cost you," Wayne coach Kevin Weber said. "We preach that all the time. We practice real hard because we have a lot of guys go two ways. We try to minimize the effect of that, and we just didn't get the job done."

"We gave up. We packed it up early. We quit on ourselves. We tell the kids they've got to love each other and that's their number one job. We didn't do that tonight."

Wayne averted the shutout with 7:01 left in the game when junior quarterback Dean Caldwell connected with Marcel Trinity on an 83-yard bomb.

Caldwell was 3-of-6 for 109 yards and two interceptions.

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Happy trails

Livonia Franklin senior Megan McPherson, a Division 1 regional champion a year ago, returns this season as one of the area's top girls cross country runners. For a closer look at area teams, see page B2.

Chargers fall 27-24 to Knights

Livonia Churchill's bid for a season-opening football victory went awry in the final quarter Thursday as host Walled Lake Northern rallied for a 27-24 win.

Ted Lilley's 8-yard touchdown run with only 7:40 remaining proved to be the difference in the see-saw game.

Churchill had taken a 24-21 advantage earlier in the final quarter on quarterback Jordan Grohoski's 3-yard TD run.

It was 7-7 after one quarter as Steven Klisz connected with Justin Chantres on an 80-yard trick pass for the Chargers with 4:56 left, but Northern's Cam DeSir countered with a 3-yard TD run.

Mike Kutek's 19-yard TD run with 6:40 left in the first half gave the Chargers a 14-7 lead.

With 9:54 to go in the third quarter, Kirk Thomas hit Tyler Hoyt with a 52-yard TD strike and Duncan Smith converted the extra point to make it 14-all.

Thomas then scored on a 3-yard run with 5:40 remaining in the same quarter to put the Knights ahead 21-14, but

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FRANKLIN

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yard connection to Blake Lukas to set up the score.

"We just felt like we were moving the ball, and stopping them," Kelbert said, referring to the half-time deadlock. "We just gave up big plays — the muffed punt, the long pass. We told the kids we were the better team. We had to just go out there and prove it, and execute better."

The late first-half score by Franklin proved pivotal.

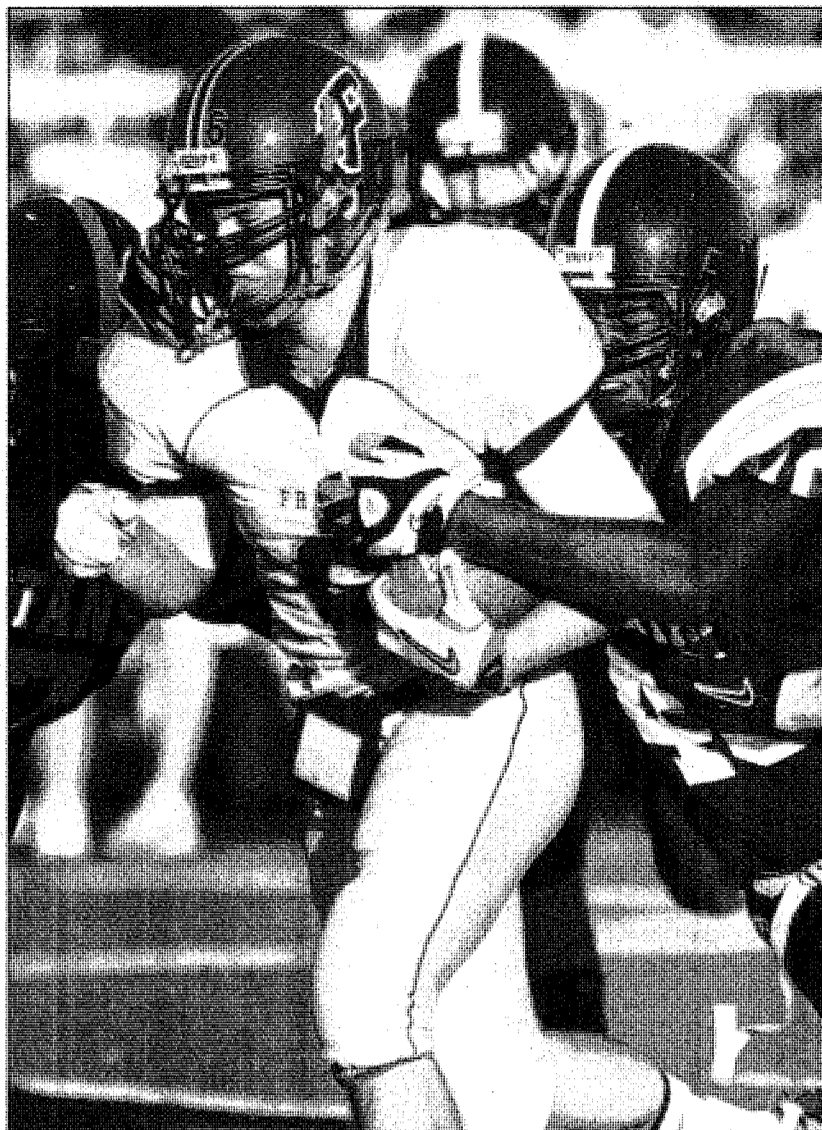
"I know they (Franklin) were real young up front, but their backfield is good," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "They executed and their quarterback made big plays. That pass play (to Lukas) right before the half on third down, that was a huge momentum shift. That was a good play by that kid and they had a good play before that — we had coverage, too."

Franklin took a 27-21 lead with 6:48 left in the third quarter on an 11-yard pass from Marzion to Sharp, who broke through three tacklers en route to the end zone.

But the point-after failed and Stevenson regained the lead, 28-27, on the 14-yard run by Glover, who had team-best 98 yards on the night on 19 carries.

The Spartans, however, were stymied the rest of the way. They wound up 224 yards total offense. Sophomore quarterback Joe Mims, making his varsity debut, was 7-of-21 for 113 yards.

"We did not get into an offensive rhythm tonight," Gabel said. "That's one of the things we're going to have to do a little bit is control the ball, and we didn't. That's a credit to them (Franklin). They were able to stay in that front and gave us a lot of trouble. We blocked better as the game went on, but certainly early we really couldn't establish anything. We had to convert a lot of third-and-longs. That's not a rhythm."



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Franklin running back Jimmy Mazaris (6) gets tackled by Stevenson's David Tharpe in Friday's season opening matchup.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 2
 Riv. Gab. Richard at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
 Pinkney at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Hartland at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.
 Brighton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Milford at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 31
 Luth. Westland at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 1
 Clarenceville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 3
 Temperance Bedford Inv., 8:30 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 30
 Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
 S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31
 Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 1
 Summit at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Wat. Kettering, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Edsel Ford at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2
 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Aug. 31
 N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 1
 Northville Inv. at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 2
 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Tuesday, Aug. 31
 Wayne at Annapolis, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 2
 Trenton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill, Franklin at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Aug. 30
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31
 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 2
 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 30
 Franklin vs. John Glenn at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Novi at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
 Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 31
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Sacred Heart at Heathers Club, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 1
 Churchill vs. Franklin at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Aug. 30
 Cranbrook at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Sept. 3
 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m.
 (Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.)
 Madonna vs. Lewis-Clark St., 2 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4
 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m.
 (Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.)
 Madonna vs. Wayland Baptist, 11:30 a.m.
 Madonna vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 30
 Schoolcraft at Univ. of Windsor, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 1
 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
 Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
 Madonna at Holy Cross (Ohio), 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 30
 Schoolcraft at Univ. of Windsor, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 3
 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Houghton (N.Y.)
 at Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
 Madonna at Roberts Wesleyan, 5 p.m.

Trojans give Fry 1st victory, 37-0

Livonia Clarenceville wasted little time rewarding first-year coach Ken Fry with his first victory as the Trojans scored early and often Friday night in disposing of Southfield Bradford Academy, 37-0.

Sophomore quarterback Zach Kubiak performed solidly in his varsity debut by throwing a pair of touchdown passes and senior running back Henry Segura churned out 73 yards on eight carries, including a 15-yard TD run.

Kubiak's TD tosses went to Chavis Dooley for 19 yards and Adrian Myers for nine yards.

Senior Deondre Hogan topped all ball carriers with 113 yards on eight attempts.

Dejuan Smith chipped in with a score of his own on a 4-yard scamper.

As impressive as the Trojans offense appeared, the first-year Clarenceville coach offered plenty of praise for the way his defense performed as well.

"This was a total team effort tonight," Fry said. "Our defense played really well and it was great to see us play well as a team."

UNIV. PREP 44, LUTH. WESTLAND 2: Lutheran High Westland found itself outclassed in every phase of the game Friday, dropping its season opener in decisive fashion to visiting Detroit University Prep.

"We looked intimidated and didn't play

well right from the beginning," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "We got outclassed by a very good team."

The Warriors, who could muster only a lone safety in the fourth quarter, totaled 79 yards of offense with 46 of those coming through the air.

Junior Taurik Fikes led the ground game with 23 yards on 13 carries.

The Warriors lost running back Derrick Mozham to injury in the first quarter. They were also missing a key lineman to injury.

"We just have to pick up the pieces because it doesn't get any easier this week with (Riverview Gabriel) Richard," Gusé said.

BUMMER

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The Zebras were held to 93 yards rushing on 37 attempts.

They made only seven first downs and lost two fumbles.

"You've got to stop their option attack because they're good at it," Kiefer said of the Zebras. "If you can get their fullback out of the triple option stopped, it kind of slows down any option attack. That was one of our primary goals to do that."

"You've got to tackle well against them, because if you don't, you saw plays from number four (Keith Agee) and number three (Michael Cooper) — they can hurt you."

Their quarterback is a big, tough kid, too."

Brighton had 272 total yards to the Zebras' 202.

"We know from Day One we're not a team that's going to make the big play," Weber said. "We're not that type of team. We're young in some spots, but we can still go down and run our offense — play after play, play after play — without error. But we didn't do that tonight. We have to do that to be successful. And so we'll get back to the very basics and revisit that."

Keith Agee and Brett McMasters combined for six solo tackles and seven assists to pace the Wayne defense.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

Kerigan Riley Churchill

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
 Head coach: Sue Tatro, 15th year.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
 Last year's finish: first (KLA A South); third (Division 1 regional and Kensington Conference meet); 11th (Division 1 state meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Sara Kroll (first-team All-Area).
 Leading returnees: Kerigan Riley, Soph. (first-team All-Area); Katie Rash, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Bethany Pilat, Jr. (second-team All-Area); Sydney Anderson, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Vivien Okechukwu, Soph.; Alexis Hickson, Sr.
 Promising newcomers: Julia Twigg, Fr.; Megan McFarlane, Fr.; Erin McDonald, Fr.; Jenna Hickson, Fr.

Tatro's 2010 outlook: "Obviously, we have a huge gap to fill with the loss of Sara Kroll, a national caliber runner. The girls have been working hard and have high hopes for the season. Bethany Pilat, Kerigan Riley, and Sydney Anderson have been leading the team in workouts and are ready to step it up to the next level. The door is wide open regarding the varsity lineup."

Katie Rash Churchill

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
 Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, 10th year.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
 Last year's finish: fourth (KLA A South); sixth (Kensington Conference meet and Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Brittany Dilley, Tiffany VanOrden, Victoria Church.
 Leading returnees: Megan McPherson, Sr. (first-team All-Area, regional champion); Leslie Gomez, Sr.; Tiffany Lambie, Jr.; Megan Wickens, Sr.; Jane Modes, Soph.; Mallory Church, Sr.; Kelly Walblay, Sr.
 Promising newcomers: Madeline Herman, Jr.; Pia Klein, Sr.; Natalie Desautel, Soph.; Alyssa Edwards, Fr.

Bjorklund's 2010 outlook: "We lost Dilley to graduation, who was our number

Megan McPherson Franklin

LIVONIA STENSON
 Head coach: Keith Hearn, second year.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (Central Division).
 Last year's finish: seventh (Kensington Conference meet); eighth (Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Victoria Saferian.
 Leading returnees: Taylor Cieslak, Soph.; Karlie Gallagher, Soph.; Julia Capenka, Sr. (out of season with a torn ACL).
 Promising newcomers: Barbara Scupholin, Fr.; Sofia Lynch, Fr.

Hearn's 2010 outlook: "This year we have a strong group of sophomores who are being led by a great group of seniors. I think this combination of talent and leadership is going to put us in a situation where we have a chance to compete with every team we face. If we can manage to stay injury free, I feel as though this should be a very promising season. Look for great things from sophomores Taylor Cieslak and Karlie Gallagher."

Ashley Bailey

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
 Head coach: James Fitzpatrick, second year.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
 Last year's finish: fifth (KLA A South); 11th (Kensington Conference meet and Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: Ashley Bailey, Evi Cenolli, Cassie Sanders.

Alana Cyrus

WAYNE MEMORIAL
 Head coach: Kevin Miller, eighth year.
 League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
 Last year's finish: sixth (KLA A South); 12th (Kensington Conference meet); 14th (Division 1 regional).
 Notable losses to graduation: None.
 Leading returnees: Alana Cyrus, Soph.; Sydney Ball, Soph.
 Promising newcomer: Megan Macek, Fr.

Miller's 2010 outlook: "We are very small this year with only three girls out. We will spend the first week of school trying to recruit more runners for the team. So, the focus will be on improving personal teams for each of the girls."

Alana Cyrus

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
 Head coach: Alice Ahearn, second year.
 League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
 Last year's finish: fourth (Division 2 regional and Catholic League meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Meredith Houska.
 Leading returnees: Becky Babon, Sr.; DeYana Walker, Soph.; Mercedes Black, Sr.
 Promising newcomers: Sinead Cox, Fr.; Emma McClory, Sr.; Celia Haueter, Fr.; Katarina Gaffka, Fr.; Mary Simon, Fr.; Meaghan Mulcahy, Jr.; Megan Rietmiller, Jr.

Ahearn's 2010 outlook: "We're going to have a strong team. We have four freshmen, and they all look good. I'm very confident. We tied for third last year at the regional. Our whole goal is to build a very strong team, qualify at regionals and go to state. (Dearborn) Divine Child and (Warren) Regina in the Catholic League will be strong again, but I think we'll be in the hunt. The Catholic League is always strong. It's good competition."

Brittany Maynard

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
 Head coach: Allie Under, first year.
 League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
 Last year's finish: first (Division 4 regional); 16th (Division 1 state meet).
 Notable losses to graduation: Brittany Maynard, Ashley Pniwski, Carly Girolamo.
 Leading returnees: Sarah Maynard, Sr.; Erin Lyle, Jr.; Jess Rice, Jr.; Jessica Drife, Soph.; Angela Morrison, Soph.; Kelsey Kruger, Jr.; Lindsay Smith, Jr.
 Promising newcomers: Elizabeth Matthews, Fr.; Erin Hardin, Soph.

Under's 2010 outlook: "We're hoping to hang onto the titles we won last year. The new ones are talented. There's potential there. They're inexperienced, but they will come. The workouts have been tough, but they've survived and done very well, which is good to see. I'm optimistic about the season."

Vince Marsico

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
 Head coach: Vince Marsico, second year.
 League affiliation: Independent.
 Notable losses to graduation: Shelby Dermire, Ava Dark, Amber Cummins.
 Leading returnees: None.
 Promising newcomers: Haley DeVos-Roy, Soph.

Marsico's 2010 outlook: "Last year we were low on numbers for girls. Right now we have only two girls. One is joining (Friday). I'd like to build the numbers, even if we're a small team. Eventually I'd like to get 10 girls and try and build the program."

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Falcons swoop by Churchill, 1-0; Ujkic's goal propels 2-0 Crusaders Clarenceville records 2 triumphs

Farmington took only two shots, but made one count in the opening half Friday night in a 1-0 boys soccer win over host Livonia Churchill.

Senior Zach Schultz tallied the game-winner from Brent Winkler as the Falcons improved to 3-2 overall.

Alex Arlin got the shutout in goal for Farmington.

"We played better tonight defensively, but we've had only two shots on goal in two games - it's disheartening," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs, whose team was coming off a 3-0 loss earlier in the week to Livonia Stevenson. "We got off one shot tonight and they (Farmington) saved it off the line."

Bryan Bartig went all the way in goal for the Chargers (0-2).

CLARENCEVILLE 8, FLAT ROCK 0: Jimmy Moody had two goals and three assists, while Zac Rosen added two goals and one assist Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (2-2) rolled to an easy win over the Rams (0-2).

Other Clarenceville goal scorers included Ian Bunker, Matthias Hoffmann, Matt Kurdziel and Ardit Dushkaj (his ninth) as the game ended in the 59th minute because of the mercy rule.

Goalkeeper Evan Gregg made three saves en route to the shutout.

CRANBROOK 4, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: On Friday, division 2 semifinalist Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-0) tallied three goals in the opening 17 minutes to beat visiting Lutheran High Westland (0-1) in the season opener for both schools.

Junior Kyle He, senior Connor Sakwa and senior Chandler Burch scored in the opening half for the Cranes. Won Young Na added a second-half goal.

"They (Cranbrook) just played at a faster pace that we were used to at practice or our scrimmage," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Cranbrook has nine seniors. Six of 11 of our guys have never played in a high school match and it moved a little too quickly for them. But once we found our tempo, we played a little better."

"We found our legs after 17 minutes and settled in. As a team we need to find our identity."

REDFORD UNION 6, WAYNE 0: Senior forward Francis Mensah notched a hat trick Friday as Redford Union (3-0) dominated host

PREP SOCCER

Wayne Memorial (0-2) in a non-conference encounter.

The victorious Panthers scored three goals in each half.

Sweepers Sean Kunde and Kevin Diehl stood out for the Zebras.

STEVENSON 1, SALINE 1: In a non-conference match Wednesday, Livonia Stevenson (1-0-1) got a goal from Camden Iwasko with under five minutes remaining to tie the host Hornets (0-3-1).

Charlie Swingle assisted on the game-winning effort for the Spartans, who trailed 1-0 at halftime.

John Boudreau went all the way in goal for Stevenson.

"The game was played at a high energy level and it was a great experience for the kids because it gave us an opportunity to play from behind," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "I was please. We had a number of chances to score."

CLARENCEVILLE 5, CHAVEZ 1: Senior forward Ardit Dushkaj pumped in four more goals, raising his season total to eight, as Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) earned its first boys soccer win of the season Wednesday with a win over visiting Detroit Cesar Chavez.

Dushkaj scored three times in the first half as the Trojans (1-2) jumped out to a 4-0 lead.

Matt Kurdziel had the other Clarenceville goal from Matthias Hoffmann.

Freshman goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 14 saves for the Trojans.

JOHN GLENN 1, KETTERING 1: Tyler Simpson's penalty kick with 30 minutes remaining Wednesday enabled host Westland John Glenn (2-0-1) to deadlock Waterford Kettering (0-1-1) in a matchup of KLAAs members.

"I'm proud of the boys because they all showed up to play," said Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada, whose team trailed 1-0 at halftime. "It was a beautiful game. We played in style and we showed we can play with any team. We controlled the second half and they (Kettering) did not have anything. We had 15 open shots. We hit the post three times. It just did not work out."

Robert Parker (first half) and Jason Rockwell (second half) shared the goal-keeping chores for Glenn.

A David Ujkic goal during the final minute of action capped a come-from-behind 2-1 win Thursday for the Madonna University men's soccer team over host Huntington (Ind.) University at Foresters Field.

Ujkic found a rebound off of a Ogbemudia Iyoha shot and beat Chris Fox for the game-winner.

"Huntington played hard and did a great job disrupting our rhythm," said first-year MU coach Eric Scott, who is off to a 2-0 start. "The boys showed a lot of heart - first when they matched Huntington's goal, and then in the end to win it. David (Ujkic) and Franco Giorgi played very well for us."

After a scoreless first half, the Foresters (0-2) scored in 53rd minute when Nick Bunting beat MU

COLLEGE SOCCER

goalkeeper Parker Laabs (Canton) for a 1-0 lead.

The Crusaders answered back less than two minutes later when freshman Max Washko (Livonia Churchill) found the end of a cross from senior Jacob Rosiek to knot the game at 1-1.

The game remained deadlocked until Iyoha fired in a shot that was stopped, but Ujkic found the loose ball and put it into the back of the net for game-winner.

Lady Titans rout MU

The Madonna University women's soccer team opened its 2010

season with a 6-0 loss Thursday at the University of Detroit Mercy to spoil the debut of new coach Jeff Hodgson.

Alexandra Suschak scored twice for the NCAA Division I Titans (1-1), who also got goals from Nina Carter, Kaitlyn Quarrell, Archana Wadawa and Abby McCollum (the game-winner in the 25th minute).

MU goalkeepers Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) and Brittany Warner (Plymouth) gave up four and two goals, respectively, while combing for 10 saves.

Junior Andrea Mareel of the Crusaders narrowly missed a goal as her shot in the first half rang off the bottom of the crossbar, but did not cross the goal line.

Assistant Vento gets nod as Spartan coach

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

The torch has been passed in the Livonia Stevenson boys hockey program to Gerry Vento.

The third-year assistant was named the Spartans new head coach last week where he'll take over for David Mitchell, who resigned recently to take an assistant principal's position at Livonia's Holmes Middle School.

Mitchell finished 56-14-8 during his three years as varsity coach, winning one Kensington Lakes Activities Association title (2010) and making the regional finals twice (2008 and 2010).

The 41-year-old Vento, who coached previously in the Campuware Midget Major AAA and bantam programs, inherits a veteran Stevenson team that finished

21-4-1 overall in 2009-10.

"He's extremely knowledgeable and a great coach on-and-off the ice," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said. "He believes in discipline, hard work and pushing athletes to the limit. But he also takes interest in academics and makes sure that comes first for the athletes."

"He'll take Stevenson hockey in the same positive direction that coach Mitchell had and will continue his high standards."

Vento is a 1986 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High where he played two seasons for the Shamrocks. He holds a B.S. in Business Management from Madonna University.

"Even though it happened unexpectedly, I'll continue what Dave has done on-and-off the ice and build upon what he's already done," Vento said. "I guess I'm black-and-white as far as what I expect them to be as far as being responsible both as players and students."

Vento works for a family-owned concrete business and hopes to lay his own foundation.

"I have my own coaching philosophies and my own techniques," he said. "It will be clear cut, but I know the kids and the kids know me after being around them for three years."

"It's a great group to coach and I don't foresee any problems. We've had a great three years and it will be a very good transition. It's a privilege to take over and coach this team."

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Trojans out-serve Hazel Park in 3

Senior Joanna Burling went 12-for-12 serving with six aces to lead a balanced attack as Livonia Clarenceville launched its 2010 girls volleyball season Thursday night with a 25-18, 25-16, 25-22 win at Hazel Park.

Freshman Ayanna Buckley added four solo blocks and four kills, while senior Brittany Tallman team-high five kills for the Trojans.

"We had contributions from the whole team," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "We have a lot of height and made the other team adjust there hitting because of it. The key will be for us to put our defense together and start working as a cohesive unit. We

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still have work to do, but I am very pleased with what I seen tonight."

Hawks open season

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran opened its season Thursday by going 1-2-1 in the Ann Arbor Greenhills Tournament.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day ousted the Hawks in the semifinals, 15-8, 25-19.

In pool play, Huron Valley defeated Ann Arbor Huron (25-22, 25-15), while splitting with the host Gryphons (25-22, 26-27), and losing to Ann

Arbor Gabriel Richard (16-25, 17-25).

Senior outside hitter Leah Miller had a team-high 25 kills on the day to go along with 15 digs and nine ace serves.

Other leaders for the Hawks included junior setter Paige Schmidt, 35 assists; junior outside hitter Meghan Kubinski, 13 kills; and junior libero Allie Dest, 18 digs.

"We were very pleased with what we saw today for our first day of competition," Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth said. "We saw a great deal of growth from our younger players as the day progressed. This was a good start for us, and hopefully we can keep building from here."

CHARGERS

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Churchill's Dean Bokuniewicz countered with a 29-yard field to cut the deficit to 24-17. Churchill had a total of

370 total yards as Grohoski was 8-of-20 for 198 yards. Bokuniewicz had five catches on the night for 161 yards. Kutek added 62 yards rushing on nine carries.

Northern had a total of 397 yards, including 218 on the ground as Hoyt had three car-

ries for 84 yards. Thomas was 15-of-23 for 179 yards.

Klisz had a first-quarter interception for the Chargers, while linebacker Dylan Ochala was in on 14 tackles.

Churchill returns to action 7 p.m. Thursday at home to face Pinckney.

Ocelot spikers eye improved '10 year

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Just like today's workplace – where everyone is asked to do more – Schoolcraft College women's volleyball coach Rich Lamb is challenging every one of his 14 players on the roster to do more in 2010 than they ever have before.

"We're asking a lot from everybody," said Lamb, who is set to embark on his fourth season at the helm of the Lady Ocelots program. "We have 12 freshmen and only two returning sophomores – Kayla Creech and Alyssa Cuthbert – so we'll put a lot of pressure on them to lead us through the season."

The Lady Ocelots are coming off a 23-17 overall mark and fourth-place finish in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association a year ago and in need of those dozen freshmen to adapt to the college game very quickly in order to better both marks.

One of the youngsters who have received high grades so far include first-team All-Observer pick Sarah Suplella, who helped Livonia Churchill to a 56-6 record and a state Class A semifinal berth. Also in the mix are Nicolette Plewa and Amber Aldrich.

Suplella and Aldrich are both 6-foot-1 outside hitters, while Plewa, another outside hitter, stands 5-7.

A teammate of Suplella's

at Churchill, 5-8 freshman Christine Maleske, is a "fierce ultra competitor," according to Lamb, and expected to emerge as one of the team's premier middle hitters.

But just how much success the Lady Ocelots do enjoy will lie primarily on the shoulders of Creech and Cuthbert, two outstanding setters who have a real feel on what it takes to make an offense go.

"We have the potential to get more than 23 wins this season, but it's going to take great mental focus on the part of all our players," Lamb said. "They have been working so hard and responding well and wanting more and more."

"We're going to have to show scrappiness and play with some great defensive intensity," he continued. "From day one we emphasized defensive principles and they have shown that willingness to go after everything."

Lamb was scheduled to get his first look at the youthful Lady Ocelots this weekend as they took part in the 5th Annual Central Ohio Kickoff Classic held in Columbus.

"We've looked good so far and had a good preseason," Lamb said. "We just have to stay mentally focused throughout."

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8
FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 1
Aug. 27 at Harrison
No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthey (LC) defeated David Olson, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Matt Cezat (LC) def. Cole Tritt, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Jalen Woods (LC) def. Dylan Collins, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Rishabh Aruikar (LC) def. Nikrant Wadehra, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Houghan-Joe Mulka (LC) def. Michael Erickson-Naveed Carim, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Abe Alhabeil-Alex Zuccarini (LC) def. Michael Yu-Brett Jaksim, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** John McDonald-Michael Hammad (FHH) def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 4:** Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis (LC) def. Charlie Fricker-Craig Kahrir, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 5:** Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt (LC) def. Randy Najjar-Heath Hammond, 6-0, 6-1.
Churchill's dual match record: 2-1 overall.

SALEM 6
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
Aug. 25 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott (S) defeated Akshay Moorthey, 6-0, 6-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Brock Foster (S) def. Matt Cezat, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Brett Foster (S) def. Jalen Woods, 7-6, 6-1; **No. 4:** Dion Walker (S) def. Rishabh Aruikar, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Houghan-Joe Mulka (LC) won by injury default over Scott Devine-Guntas Hiva, 3-3; **No. 2:** Abe Alhabeil-Alex Zuccarini (LC) def. Cody Hazen-Alex Zultowski, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Tyler Foley-Greg Selewski (S) def. Ryan McPherson-Tyler Zonca, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; **No. 4:** Jay Thunder-Kyle Latack (S) def. Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 5:** Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt (LC) def. Josh Amman-Sam Cloutier, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.
Churchill's dual match record: 1-1.

GARDEN CITY 5
WAYNE MEMORIAL 3
Aug. 23 at Garden City
No. 1 singles: Ken Shnerpunas (GC) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Zach Williamson (WM) def. Brandon Kennedy, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Zack Lankton (WM) def. Conner Biers, 7-6 (7-3), 1-6, 6-0; **No. 4:** Nabil Safah (GC) def. Michael Battaglis, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Kirk Bakino-Matt Wright (GC) def. Abhishek Roy-Stephen Gush, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Drew Bonello-Eric Mays (GC) def. Michael Toms-Jarret Williamson, 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Nick DeBord-Andy Stone (GC) def. Cody Huffaker-Daniel Selvia, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Josiah Ault-Sam Herber (WM) def. Spencer Cussen-Dale Grzych, 6-1, 6-3.
Wayne's dual match record: 0-1 overall.

QUAD MATCH RESULTS
Aug. 26 at Stevenson-Churchill
TEAM SCORES: Churchill 5, Stevenson 4, Churchill 7, Franklin 2, Churchill 7, Dearborn Edsel Ford 2.

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
Aug. 27 at West Shore C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (22 schools): 1. Rochester Stoney Creek, 320 strokes; 2. Grosse Ile (Red), 332; 3. Saline, 336; 4. Temperance Bedford, 340; 5. Rochester, 347; Livonia Churchill, 393.
Individual co-medalists: Molly Esordi (Grosse Ile) and Devan Compton (Stoney Creek), 74 each.
Churchill scorers: Jackie Burdette, 91; Jordyn Shepler, 92; Maggie McGowan, 109; Nicole Kruse, 109; Taylor Cutting, 137.
BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM INVITATIONAL
Aug. 26 at Hudson Mills Metropark

TEAM STANDINGS (18 schools): 1. Grosse Ile, 336 strokes; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 413.
Stevenson finishers: 14. Becca Bubenheimer, 97; Sarah King, 99; Brynn Cavanaugh, 108; Madelyn Ometanski, 109; Dana Smith, 123; Chelsea Phillips, 134.
DUAL MATCH RESULTS
BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 187
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 218
Aug. 26 at St. John's G.C.
Individual medalist: Lisanne DiMambro (Marian), 43.
Ladywood's top scorer: Nicole Salter, 49.

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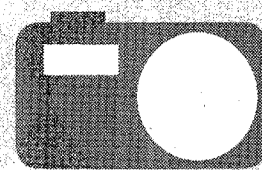


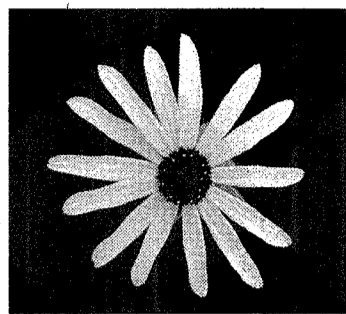
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Beautiful blooms

Residents show how their gardens grow

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER



A single black-eyed Susan from Chris Wolschon's Redford garden looks elegant against a black background.

Diane Shay found an entire family living in her backyard garden this summer.

"I went out to pull weeds from my flower garden and was delighted to find these five baby bunnies huddled under one of my plants," she wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "This is by far the best thing growing in my garden this year."

"The bunnies were under a plant called Cushion Spurge which gets bright yellow flowers in early spring and is about a foot tall. It is between my bleeding heart and the tall garden phlox which is about two feet tall with white flowers. I also have several large hostas for the babies to hide under."

"I have a large yard and love my flower gardens."

The apple trees on her property, along with a stream at the back of her lot also attract deer.

Shay, of Farmington Hills, was among several readers who shared flower garden photos with the *Observer* after we asked for a little insight into this year's growing season.

We also heard from Chris Wolschon of Redford who says "constant watering" produces the best blooms.

Dianne Kean of Redford Township photographed a few of her many sunflowers with "Old Glory" flying in the background.

"These sunflowers come up year after year and I only use

the Jerry Baker methods of soil enhancements," she noted, in an e-mail.

Olivia Wren of Livonia advised gardeners to "water every day and fertilize once a week," for the best results.

"Never plant on a sunny, hot day," e-mailed Tom Przebienda, also of Livonia. "It's too hard on the plant/roots to take and you do much better on a cool or cloudy day."

Val and Elaine Templeton of Garden City mix and match flowers, vegetable and shrubs in the same area for season after season of beautiful blooms and tasty produce. Their photo shows a circular planting spaced filled with a mix of plants.

Stacy Karafotis, also of Garden City, suggested planting lillies and Michigan native plants for summer-long garden color.



Diane Shay of Farmington Hills discovered bunnies in her flower garden in early July.



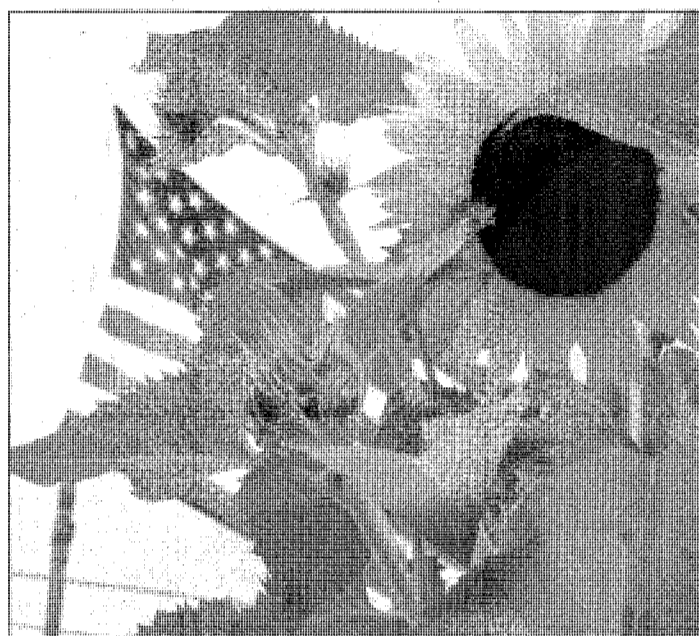
Tom Przebienda's green thumb creates a lush environment in his Livonia backyard.



Perennials bloom in Stacy Karafotis' midsummer garden in Garden City.



A healthy mound of impatiens grows in front of Olivia Wren's home in Livonia.



Dianne Kean photographed this patriotic scene of the American flag and a sunflower growing in her Redford Township garden.



Val and Elaine Templeton's garden in the round contains a little of everything - flowers and vegetables - in Garden City.

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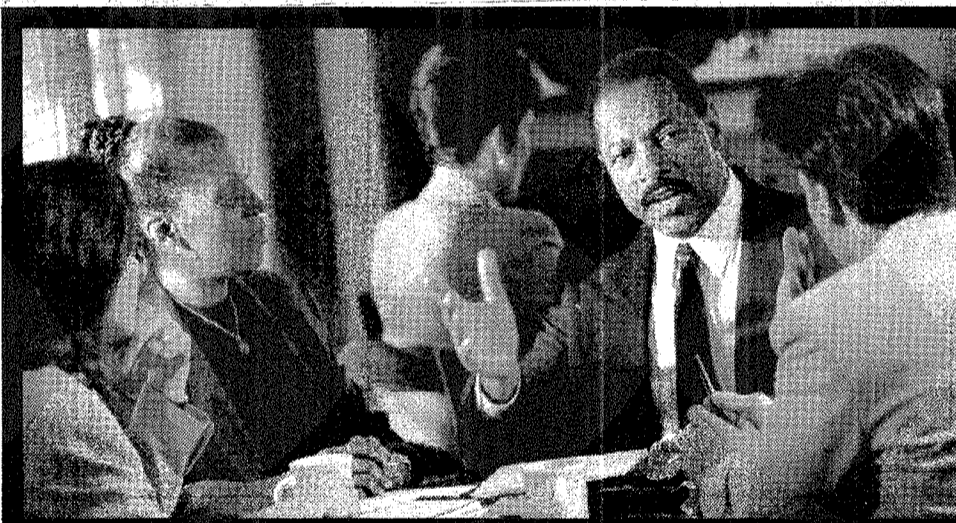
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The American Sewing Expo is the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country and will take place at Friday, Sept. 26 the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. In addition to the Show Your Support Bra Challenge, the event features reality sewing competitions, unique fabrics and supplies at more than 300 vendor booths, fashion style shows, hands-on workshops, classes, contests, demonstrations, techniques and creative tips for beginner and veteran crafters for sewing, quilting, home décor, or needle and fiber arts.

The show will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. Preshow workshops are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 22-23 and run the gamut from quilting and embroidery to collage and draping.

Admission is \$14 and children 16 and under are free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14 and all-day preshow workshops are \$98-\$148. Parking is \$5.

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BONE EDEMA

Bone edema is a new entity in the arena of bone and joint conditions. Likely, it has caused bone pain from the time man began walking on this planet. However, the diagnosis is new as realization of its existence was delayed until the development in the last 15 years of skeletal MRI.

Neither X-rays, CT scanning, nor ultrasound cannot undercover bone edema but MRI shows its presence readily. As a result of improved imaging, physicians are finding that bone edema is not rare but may account for 10-15% of bone pain in adults over age fifty.

The cause of bone edema is unknown, though injury to the bone with disruption of its blood supply plays a role.

Bone edema presents as pain near a knee, shoulder, hip or ankle. The pain is present day and night, but worse with activity and walking. The patient usually cannot cite an accident preceding the pain; the discomfort seems to come on spontaneously.

It is difficult for a physician to diagnose bone edema on the first visit. The usual approach is to obtain x-rays looking for arthritis or a fracture and then order a CT scan looking for a small fracture that x-ray missed. Only after these imaging studies fail does the physician turn to MRI. That procedure reveals the bone edema as an irregular patch of white against a background of dark normal bone.

Treatment of bone edema is time plus medication for pain. No drug or orthopedic procedure exists that can speed healing. The patient can be assured that the pain will resolve and the bone will heal. The time required is long; usually months and possibly nearly a year will pass before the pain disappears.

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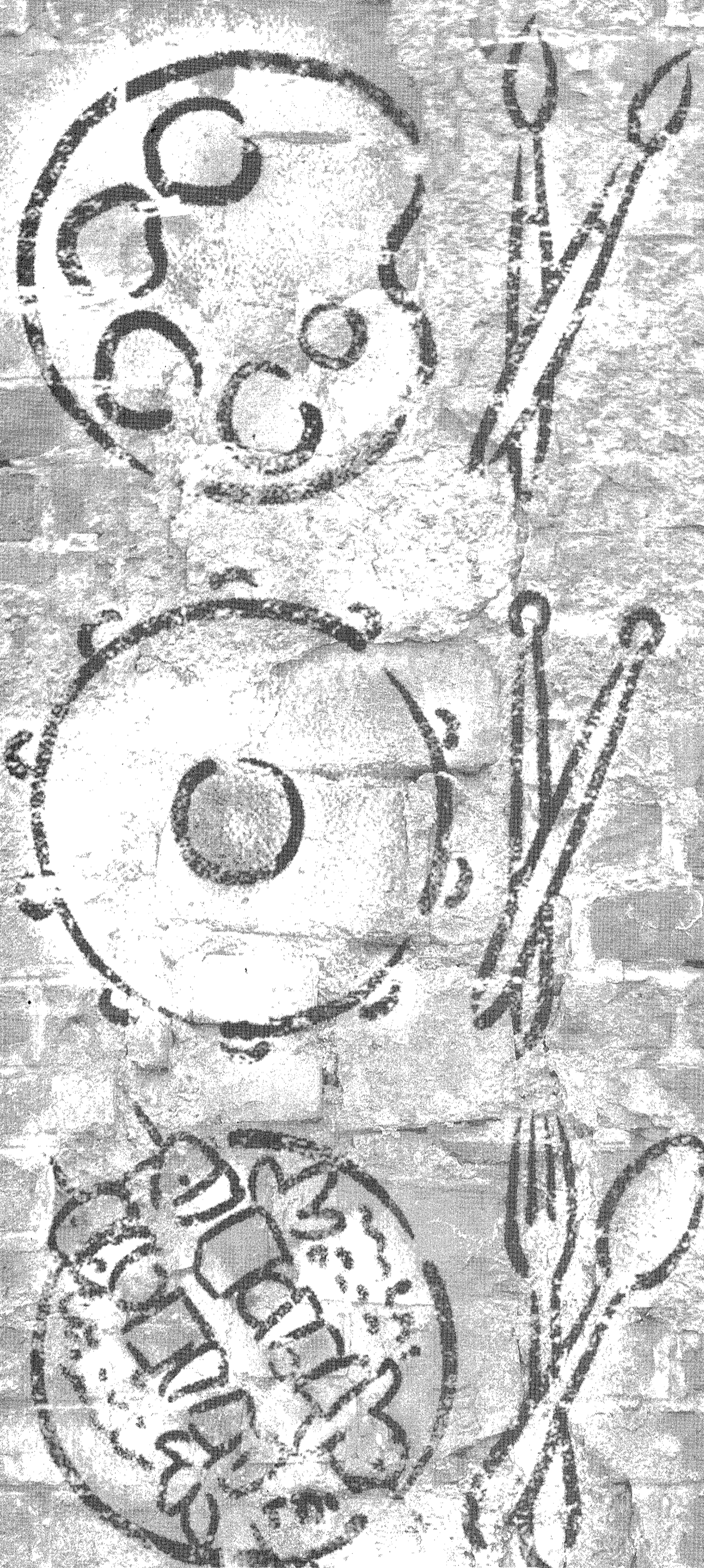
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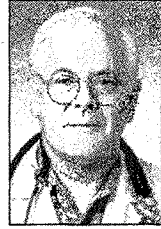
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Check out recalls at consumer website for the latest information

I have been complaining for many years about the lack of attention given to recalled appliances and how millions of them are operating in American homes today without repairs ever being performed on these products. I've mentioned recently that over five million dishwashers have been recalled in the past three years and that 68 percent of

homeowners are unaware that a recall even exists on their major home appliances. I have stressed the importance of filling out and mailing the registration card that comes with the appliance. Many of these products are being repaired down the road and the homeowner is paying the repair costs when they could have had it fixed at no charge under



Appliance Doctor

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the recall notice. A few days ago I was made aware of a new service that is available to American consumers and I thought I would pass it on to you.

www.ApplianceRecallCheck.com and enter the model and serial number of your appliances and within two days you will receive information on recalls of any of your appliances. I strongly suggest that everyone do this and please let me know if you find out that this free service possibly saved your life.

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In the world of major appliances there comes a story from the west side of the State of Michigan. For almost 100 years Benton Harbor has been the world headquarters for the Whirlpool Corporation and today Whirlpool has grown to play a key role in the appliance

industry. Some 10 years ago Whirlpool informed the communities of Benton Harbor and St. Joe that it was difficult to hire and retain employees who were not happy with the atmosphere in their neighborhoods. Racial strife and riots were disturbing any picture of a tranquil area and Whirlpool made a serious threat to remove their headquarters to another part of the country. As tough as it is for Michigan these days I'm pleased to report that Whirlpool has decided to remain in Michigan and is going to build a new world headquarters complex in downtown Benton Harbor and that there is healing going on in the twin cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

that this summer placed quite a work load on your central air conditioning system and the fall season may be a good time to have a thorough check of the system to get it ready for next year. Filters need to be replaced or cleaned and motors oiled and condensers cleaned. When you do need service don't just pick up the phone and call someone who has a nice advertisement. Check them out with neighbors and call the Better Business Bureau to make sure that your dealing with someone is reputable and worthy of your business. An aware consumer is much more difficult to rip-off compared to a confused consumer who is known as an easy target. Stay tuned.

SYSTEM CHECK

In Michigan we are about to turn the calendar page to September and say goodbye to a very beautiful summer of high temperatures and adequate rains and continued green grass. Keep in mind

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

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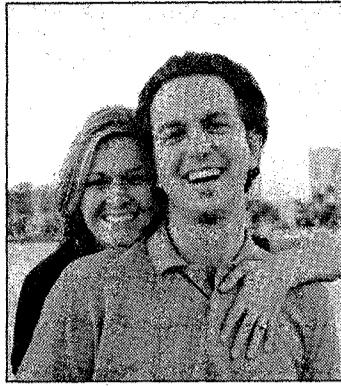
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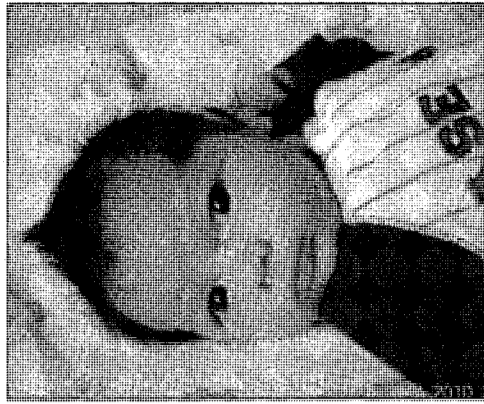
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DOMINICK JOSEPH JENDRUSIK

Dominick Joseph Jendrusik was born July 25, 2010 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Dominick joins parents Joe and Marisol Jendrusik and big brother, Anthony, at home in Westland.

Proud grandparents are Emilio and Lupe Herrera of Westland and Don and Sue Jendrusik of Livonia.



Dominick Joseph Jendrusik

ANNA MARIA MAUTI

Anna Maria Mauti was born June 19, 2010, at Sinai Grace Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Proud parents are Daniel and Taryn Mauti of Dearborn Heights. Grandparents are John and Colleen Webberly of Livonia, John and Dolores Mauti of Livonia, James Scane of Brighton and Denise Lee of Rochester Hills.

Great-grandparents are Delphine Whitesock of Livonia, Pierina Mauti of Dearborn, John Gillespie of Youngstown, Ohio, John and Joan Giba of Youngstown, Ohio, and Vincent and Joan Webberly of Bloomfield.



Anna Maria Mauti

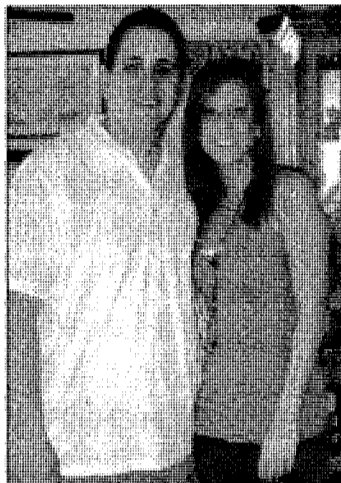
SEPTEMBER WEDDING

Ashley Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Tobin announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Laurie Anne Butler of Farmington, is a graduate of Farmington High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by the St. Petersburg Times.

Her fiancé, son of Matthew Sr. and Donna Tobin of Spring Lake, is a graduate of Spring Lake High School and Western Michigan University.

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Saugatuck.



Trosell-Dennett

TROSELL-DENNETT

Lauren Trosell and Ryan Dennett announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Joann Trosell of Livonia, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2009 from Henry Ford Community College. She is a physical therapist assistant and is employed by Heartland HealthCareCenter in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of James and Loretta Dennett of Allen Park, graduated in 2005 from Livonia Stevenson High School and in 2010 from Schoecraft Community College Fire Academy.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at Crystal Gardens in Southgate.



Schweiger-Krueger

SCHWEIGER-KRUEGER

Jennifer Schweiger and Garth Krueger announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michelle (Mark) Heppner of Canton and Keith Schweiger of Ira, is a 1995 graduate of Anchor Bay High School. She graduated in 2001 from Northwood University and is employed in customer marketing and sales at ESPN in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of Grant and Kathleen Krueger of North Royalton, Ohio, is a 1999 graduate of North Royalton High School. He graduated in 2003 from Northwood University and is employed as a district sales manager at American Honda Motor Co. in Chicago, Ill.

A September 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

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LORA JEAN BINGHAM
 Age 35, August 25, 2010. Dear daughter of Michael and Marilyn. Beloved sister of Marla (Martin) Connelly and Kevin (April). Loving aunt of Meredith and Nathaniel. Memorial Visitation Thursday 2pm until a 7pm Memorial Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). In lieu of flowers family suggests donations to Angela Hospice or America Cancer Society. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



DONALD SCOTT CHAPMAN
 1954-2010. Passed away in KY in July. Survived by two children Robert and Martel and siblings Rick, Gary, Marilyn, Lorrie, and Paul. Family and friends will gather at the Covered Pavilion at Shiawassee Park in Farmington on Sunday 8/29 at 2:30 pm for service and picnic to celebrate his music and life. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share.



EDWARD GEORGE JOHNSON, IV
 Age 61, August 24, 2010, of retired Supervisor from Lear Corp. He is survived by his beloved wife Elaine; his loving mother, Shirli Hamer; step-children, Lisa (Mark) Fetters and Joe Zielinski; grandchildren, Corbin, Turner and McKenna; sisters, Jackie Rosa and Linda Childress; uncle of Tracy, Richard and Natalie. Ed is preceded in death by his father, Edward III; and his brother, Les. Committal service, Monday, August 30th, 12:30 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Memorial tributes suggested to Karmanos Cancer Institute. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200. www.heeney-sundquist.com



STEPHEN EDWARD DINSMORE
 Age 51, of Lapeer (formerly of Waterford), died Thursday, August 26, 2010. Visitation 5-9 Saturday and 12-4/6-9 Sunday, with a scripture service 7pm Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be held 10AM Monday, August 30, 2010 at Immaculate Conception Church, Lapeer. Stephen was born June 17, 1959 in Dearborn, MI to Roger and Yolanda (Lombi) Dinsmore. He graduated from Bentley High School, class of 1977. He married Melinda Parsch on May 16, 1987 at Immaculate Conception Church in Lapeer. Stephen loved spending time with his family and watching his girls sporting events. Stephen is survived by his wife, Melinda Dinsmore of Lapeer, daughters: Genevieve (Derrick Brown) Dinsmore of Lapeer, and Kari and Lisa Dinsmore both of Lapeer, parents, Roger & Yolanda Dinsmore of Livonia, and his siblings: Brian (Raean) Dinsmore of Livonia, Cindy Kasenow of Livonia, Dan (Ann) Dinsmore of Howell, Patty (Dale) Blakeslee of Lansing, and Richard (Linda) Dinsmore of South Lyon. Stephen is also survived by his mother-in-law, Shirley Parsch of Lapeer and the entire extended Parsch Family whom he loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, memorials contributions may be made to the Family for the girl's college funds. **MUIR BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME**, Lapeer 810-664-8111



JOSEPH A. KOVATCH
 Age 69, passed away, August 26th, 2010. He was born on March 27th, 1941, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Kovatch. In June of 1987, Joseph was united in marriage to his beloved wife Mary. He worked at the Ford-Rouge steel plant for 38 years prior to his retirement. Joe enjoyed fishing and was an avid hunter. He is survived by: his beloved wife Mary, his children, Joe (Sharon), Jeff (Katina), Vicki (Phillip) Stanny, Sherry (Rich) Franz, his adoring grandchildren, Krystine, Shannon, John, Joe, Max, Ashley, Andrew, Alex and Cooper. He is also survived by his sisters, Joanne Richardson and Diane Mahaney. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A liturgy of the Word funeral service was held on Monday, August 30th. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



THOMAS BRADLEY MILLER
 Age 82, August 20, 2010. Beloved husband of Joan for 60 years; dear father of Michael and his wife Monika Mertz, Donald and his wife Jane, Clifford, Valerie McCloskey, and John; dearest grandfather of Amber, Maxwell, Adam, Burie and Jacob. A memorial service was held at Roseland Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan: 800 482-1455



CHRISTOPHER MORSE
 Age 43, an award-winning chef, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away August 21, 2010. Partner of Pamela Swisher. Surrogate father of Matthew, Stephanie, Michael, and John. Son of Donald E. Morse (Hungary) and Elaine Morse (Birmingham, MI). Brother of Sean Morse and Uncle of Christopher Matthew and Catherine Grace Morse (Troy, MI). Private services. Memorial contributions may be made to: Chef Christopher Morse-Scholarship Fund, Kendall College Charitable Trust, 900 N. North Branch, Chicago 60642. Information: Heritage Cremations, Ltd. 800-936-1414.



DOROTHY MARY TROSKO
 Long time resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was a well-respected, loved English teacher at Stevenson High School in Livonia, MI. Born August 26, 1939 in Muskegon, Michigan, died February 23, 2010 after being afflicted with the terminal disease, ALS. Dorothy was the last child of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew (Christina) Trosko, of Muskegon Heights, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest sister, Helen Winkel and Helen's husband, Royden. She is survived by her older sister, Emma Schoolmaster, of Grand Rapids, MI, her older brothers, Julius Trosko of Farmington Hills and James E. Trosko and his wife, Kay Dowell, and their son, Philip. In addition, she was closest, during her childhood, with Connie Schoolmaster Owston, currently of Neskeon, Oregon. How does one take a measure of a person like Dorothy? After growing up with her brother, "Jimmy", almost as fraternal twins, enjoying the wonders of the outdoor life in the Muskegon area, including the multiple trips to her sister Emma's cottage, where Dorothy, Connie, and Jimmy would spend much of their childhood hiking the shores of Lake Michigan. She was attracted to the life of the mind and reading. She devoted her whole life to all around her. She sacrificed much of her personal life to caring for both her elder parents; first, living with them while her father was failing, and later, with her falling mother, until both died. Dorothy graduated with honors from Muskegon Heights High School, and then went on to get a B.A. degree at Western Michigan University and later a Masters degree at the University of Michigan. Her influence as an English teacher even reached as far as Kyoto, Japan. She served as a powerful role model to her students. One could never measure the positive influence she had on her students. While all her energies seemed to go into making others happy, she had her two dogs, the late Mc Duff and her current dog, Barney, who seemed to have returned her love in a totally unconditional, loving way. She loved to travel, internationally, and she had a passion for collecting various artistic artifacts. A memorial service was held on August 28th at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. The family wishes that, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation, to the Karmanos Hospice or to the Stem Cell Research Laboratory of the College of Human Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 48824. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



MARGIE MCGAGH PIOTROSKI
 47, formerly of Birmingham, MI, died of a rare form of cancer, rhabdomyosarcoma, on August 11, 2010, at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital in California. A memorial service was held on August 19 in Beverly Hills, CA. Margie grew up in Birmingham and was the daughter of William G. McGagh, former Vice President and Treasurer of Chrysler Corporation, currently of Los Angeles, CA, and the late Sarah McQuigg McGagh, graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook and a leader of environmental causes in the Detroit area. She is survived by her husband, Randy Piotroski, and their three children, Justin, Zak and Kira; her sister, Sallie McGagh Delaney, also a graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook, her husband, Brian, and their three children, Sophia, Evan and Aidan; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial contributions may be sent to either Best for Babes Foundation (a breastfeeding advocacy organization), P.O. Box 454, Little Silver, NJ 07739 - www.bestforbabes.org - or Attachment Parenting International, P.O. Box 4615, Alpharetta, GA 30023 - www.attachmentparenting.org.



GUNTHER LUCAS
 Born August 29, 1923, Beloved Husband of Roselle, Father of Steven and Mark and Daughter-In-Law Susan, Grandfather of Brandon and Evan, passed away unexpectedly, August 22, 2010. He will be missed dearly by his family and everyone who knew him and loved him. Private services were held.



BEVERLY W. MARSHALL
 4/13/27 to 8/20/10. Wife of William E. Marshall. Survived by Sandy Paaso, Bill Marshall, Larry Marshall, Linda Kruger, Ed Marshall, 14 grandkids and 16 great-grandkids.



SHIRLEY J. MCKEON
 Age 81 of Plymouth, August 21, 2010. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Marcie (Ron) Foster, James (Carol), Jean (Charles) Martin, Rebecca McLelland, Karen Holstad, and Janet (Bruce) Lillie. Loving grandmother of fifteen, and great-grandmother of two. She was an English Teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth for 17 years. She was a long-time member of the Mayflower Society, an active member of AAUW (American Association of University Women), and President of Colwell Corporation for over 20 years. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Educational Excellence Foundation, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170; or the Alzheimer's Association. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



H. ROWENA (Renee) HERRING
 Passed away peacefully on August 23, 2010, under the care of Angela Hospice. She was born Sept. 12, 1930 in Manitoba, Canada, graduated from the School of Nursing at Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario as a registered nurse. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1959. After working as an RN and then staying home to raise her children, in 1978 she began her second career of nearly 20 years in the Administrative Office of West Bloomfield Schools. An active volunteer, she enjoyed helping at Botsford General Hospital and the Farmington Library. Renee enjoyed golfing, bowling, and playing bridge with her many friends. She is survived by her husband, John, son David (Lu-in) Herring of Pittsburgh, PA, daughter Shelley (Dome) Yeager of Maple City, MI, and grandchildren An-Li and Maia Herring, Torin and Codi Yeager. A Memorial Service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, Sept. 11th at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI 48335. www.Thayer-Rock.com



WILLIAM C. "BILL" ROWE
 Age 73, August 24, 2010. Retired from Ford Motor Company. Beloved husband of Carol for 46 years. Loving father of Christie (Jon) Hansard and Jennifer (Rod) Coleman. Cherished grandfather of Max, Alex, Elizabeth, William, Joseph and Andrew. Dear brother of Janet (David) Smith and Stuart (Ann) Rowe. Funeral Monday 11 AM (in state 10:30 AM) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave, Farmington, MI 48335. Visitation Sunday 1-5 PM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to the Fibrous Dysplasia Foundation, 15 Browns Ct., S. E., Washington DC, 20003 or the Salem United Church of Christ Building Fund. www.thayer-rock.com

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Donors needed to bolster blood supply, Red Cross says

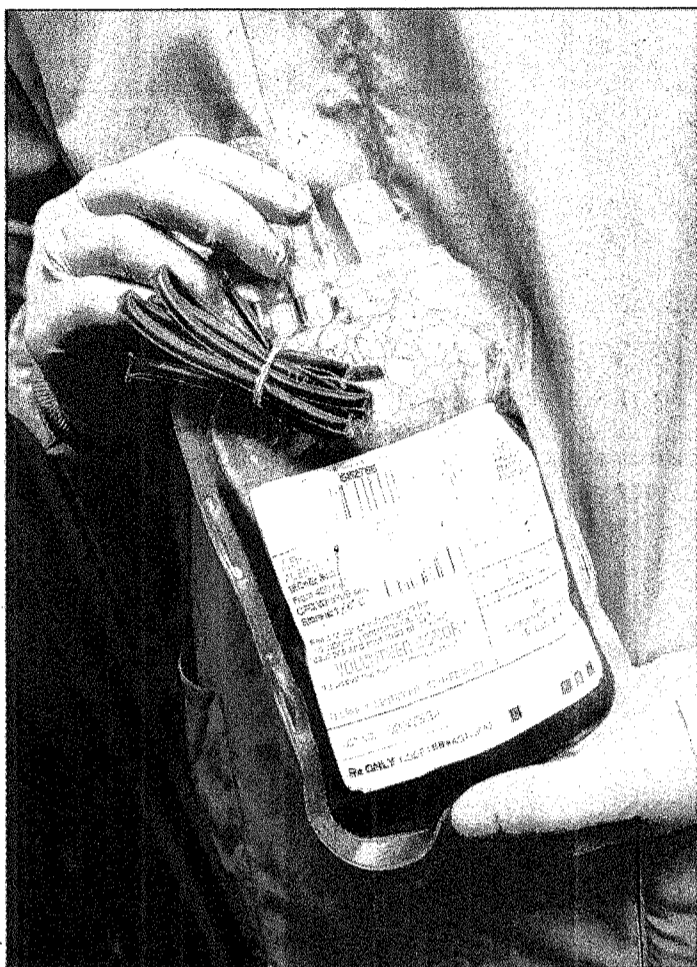
The American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region issued an urgent call for blood donors this month.

The Red Cross closely monitors national and local blood supplies to ensure donations are keeping pace with hospital need for blood products in order to meet ongoing and emergency patient care.

"There is a critical need for blood donors now," said Diane E. Ward, CEO for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region of the Red Cross. "This summer we have had a particularly difficult time recruiting enough blood donors to meet the requirements of our community's hospitals and the patients they serve."

Donors with all blood types are needed, but especially those with type O negative. Red Cross officials say type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a shortage. That's because type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type, and is most readily given to patients in emergency and trauma situations.

Every day, more than 39,000 pints of blood are needed for patients in the United States. In Southeastern Michigan, 900 donors are needed each day. Blood is used for the treatment of cancer patients, people with blood disorders, premature babies, transplant



recipients, trauma victims and more. Each whole blood donation can help save up to three lives.

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ment to donate (800) RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years old, meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

AD/HD conference features educator

The 11th Michael Golds Memorial AD/HD Conference will feature Sandra Reif as keynote speaker on Friday, Sept. 24, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus.

Reif is a national educator and author and will present "Unlocking the Secrets for School Success of Students with AD/HD."

The conference will offer three breakout sessions with 14 presenters. Reif also will present a session on "Management

and Instructional Strategies for Reaching and Teaching Students with AD/HD or LD."

Registration is from 8-8:30 a.m. at the college, located on Orchard Lake Road south of I-696, in Farmington Hills. The conference ends at 4:15 p.m.

There will be CEU credits available for educators and social workers. Some of the other topics covered will be on fine tuning AD/HD meds for adults and an update on meds for children and adolescents; dealing with defiant teens;

social success skills for children and teens; AD/HD and co-morbidities; defeating the demons of distraction; parenting AD/HD young adults with skills for real life; video game and Internet addictions; and more.

The conference includes lunch and cost is \$60 if registered by Sept. 10; \$75 after that date. Students pay \$30.

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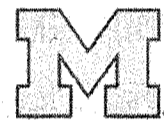
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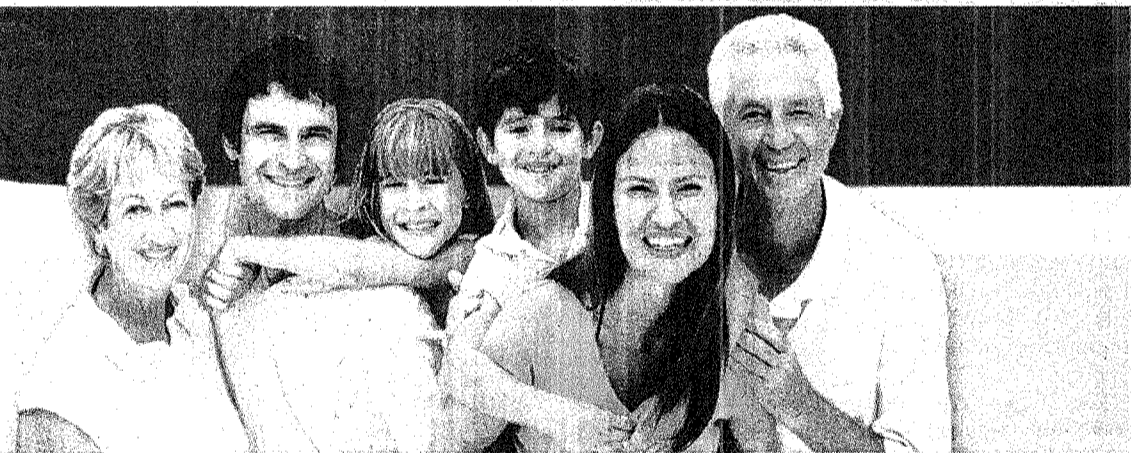
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