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Citizens forum

A forum for citizens to receive information and assistance regarding mortgage foreclosure, banking and taxes will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, directly behind Westland City Hall.

In these challenging economic times, home foreclosures are increasing, resulting in local citizens needing resources and assistance to endure these challenges. Experts will be on hand to provide direction and guidance on home foreclosure prevention and making smart financial decisions.

Participating in the program will be Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program director Jamele Hage and representatives from Bank of America, Chase, Comerica and Fifth-Third banks.

Patriot's Day

On Sunday, Sept. 12, the city of Westland will host a 9/11 Memorial Service, conducted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School. The program is scheduled for 11 a.m. on the south steps of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

This marks the seventh year for the service, which remembers those who perished due to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as honors those who continue to serve and protect the Westland community.

"This is the community's opportunity to pay respect to our country's first responders and to honor the bravery they demonstrate," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We want to show respect to the families and victims to know they will not be forgotten."

The Rev. Kurt E. Lambart, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School in Westland, will preside over the memorial service, which will include performances by the St. Matthew Jubilee and Cherub Choirs as well as the Lutheran High School Westland Choir.

Free classes

Elements of Exercise is offering free fitness classes at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland, the Maplewood Community Center and Garden City High School in Garden City and the Northwest YWCA in Redford.

The classes are open to all residents and begin Sept. 15. There's no obligation, just an invitation to enjoy some fun and fitness.

The free classes included Zumba 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, and Yoga/Pilates Fusion 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Bailey Center; Zumba 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and Zumba Gold 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Maplewood Center; Zumba 6-7 p.m. and Aqua Zumba 7:15-8 p.m., both Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Garden City High School, and Hip Hop Hustle 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Northwest YWCA.

For information, call (888) 363-3635 or visit elementsfitness.com.

City named in flooding damage lawsuit

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland and Garden City are among communities being sued for damages caused when basements flooded after heavy rain storms June 5-6.

"We're representing about 1,000 people. The next step will be to ask the judge to certify the case as a class action lawsuit," said David Dubin, one of the attorneys who filed the

complaints Aug. 27 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A lead plaintiff in the Westland case, Karen Longuski, had standing water in the flooded basement of her home on North Hawthorne.

"It smelled like you were walking into an outhouse, even the streets smelled like a sewer. It took weeks for the smell to go away," said Longuski, whose mother lives on the same street.

Most items in the flooded basement weren't salvageable. That was true

also for Garden City residents Jason and Jessica Devitt, who had a finished basement in their home on Windsor west of Merriman.

Jason Devitt was out of town when the flooding started in the overnight hours. Jessica Devitt said she didn't know what to do and called police who took down some information.

"The city didn't really do anything. A neighbor had called an emergency company and we used them," said Jason Devitt. "It was 11 hours before

the standing sewage was pumped out of the house."

"The only thing the city did was tell us to get everything put out at the curb (for trash collection)," she added. "It was filthy sewer water. I work in a medical field and I can't afford to be contaminated."

The Devitts' flooded basement had an entertainment center, a workout room and a ping pong table, in addition

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Freshman David Ertman gets directions to his locker from junior Jesse Sanchez during this year's Rocket Blast-Off at John Glenn High School.

Glenn freshmen start year with a blast-off

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may have been three years ago, but senior Darryl Shahid still remembers how hard it was to find his way around John Glenn High School.

That's why he spent Monday, Aug. 30, acclimating incoming freshman to the Westland high school.

"I want to help freshman make the transition," said Shahid, who was a lead mentor for Rocket Blast-Off, an orientation program for incoming ninth-graders. "I came here and met a mentor and he helped me out, so I want to help."

This is the fourth year the orientation has been offered at Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools. Close

to 300 freshman attended Wayne High's program, held on Aug. 27, while close to 240 ninth-graders participated in Glenn's program.

"This is their first day of school," said Deanna Strong, who coordinated the two programs. "It's not going to be as confusing for them. On the first day of

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W-W ready to usher in 21st Century Schools plan

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The ringing of the school bell Tuesday morning will usher in a new look for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. And according to School Superintendent Greg Baracy, the classrooms, playgrounds and parking lots are ready to greet students at its new K-4 and 5-6 buildings.

"Everything has been moved to where it should be, it took six weeks and was completed ahead of schedule," he said. "About the only thing left to do is some of the fall planting to block headlights that's required as part of the site plans."

It was all-out sprint to re-arrange the district to reflect the closing of six elementary schools and the creation of a two-tiered elementary program. The work began as soon as the 2009-1010 school year ended and involved the expansion of parking lots, creation of bus loops and expanded playgrounds, including new ones at two middle schools that now house fifth- and sixth-graders.

Baracy credited the district's 21st Century Transition Team and the custodian and maintenance who worked in high temperatures who helped make the move.

"They took a lot of pride in and cared about what they did in moving things to where they needed to go," he said. "They were very conscientious and everything was done on time."

The district used its sinking fund to pay for the exterior work, which included the removal of the sledding hill at Hamilton Elementary School. Building and grounds funds are covering the cost of the new playground equipment.

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3 charged in alleged money order scheme

BY SUB MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A suspicious store owner is being credited with helping Westland police break up a fraudulent money order scheme before it got off the ground.

Charged with misdemeanor fraud in the case are Colleen Herndon, 45, and Lori Cope, 22, both of Ann Arbor, and Nathan Snowberger, 19, of Canton.

According to Westland police Detective Sgt. Kevin Wojcik, the store owner became suspicious and called police after Cope and Snowberger tried to cash two \$995 money orders the day after a similar one had been cashed at the store.

"They went to the party store and cashed the check. It went through to where they were able to get the money before the owner found out it wasn't good," he said. "When they came back the next day with two more checks for the same amount, he checked into it and called police."

The two suspects were arrested by Officer Jon Torolski, who found another check in their car. They cooperated with police and identified the third suspect who had received the checks in the mail. Wojcik said the woman checked in after the suspects didn't show up and ended up coming into the police station with a brown envelope, containing fraudulent money orders with a face value of more than \$530,000.

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LAWSUIT

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to the water heater, furnace, washer and dryer.

"We couldn't shower at home for a week. We immediately had to replace the water heater and furnace," said Jason Devitt.

Under state law, the residents had 45 days to file sewer backup claims with the city. However, if there was no flaw in the city's sewer system, which has been the position of Westland officials. It was effectively an act of God — excessive rain — and the city would not be liable for damages or losses caused by the flooding.

The lawsuit contends the sewer backup was the municipalities' fault due to a construction, design, maintenance, operation or repair defect.

Residents who failed to file the claim with city aren't eligible to sue to the city over the damages.

"The way that change in state law affected us is that a lot of people fall through the cracks," said Dubin. "We'll have people call us when they hear that their neighbor has sued but they are left out in the cold."

In these lawsuits — also filed against Dearborn Heights, Dearborn and Allen Park — the 45-day waiting period elapsed without any response from the municipali-

ties, Dubin said.

Most flooding victims found that their homeowners insurance policy did not cover them for sewer backups, something considered different than a flood.

"Most people don't realize that they need to get a separate rider — they think flood insurance will cover them," said Dubin.

The last time there was widespread residential flooding in Westland and Garden City, Dubin's firm represented residents and reached settlements.

"All of the cases we've had against Wayne County communities resulted in settlements," said Dubin. "No city wants a jury to see photographs of people standing in

sewage."

Along with their clients getting reimbursed for losses, Dubin and law partner Steven Liddle want the communities to take steps to prevent residents from having sewer backups on a regular basis.

"There is pervasive flooding in Wayne County in one community or another each year. It's pretty much guaranteed that at least one community will have severe flooding each year," said Dubin. "You can't blame a rain storm that happens in one day. It's not a 100-year storm. It's a chronic problem in Wayne County."

City officials have not seen the lawsuits which were in the process of being served.

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FRESHMEN

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school, there will be 70 mentors walking around, helping the new students."

The members of the Class of 2014 were greeted at the front doors of the school by the marching band and ushered inside where they did activities like Getting to Know You Bingo and Getting to Know the School and were treated to a pep assembly, featuring the high school step team, JROTC and the band. Mentors also taught the freshmen the high school's fight song.

But they also learned the three Ls — lockers, lunch and lost. They learned where their lockers were and how to open them, how to make it through the lunch line and walked the school so they don't get lost, Strong said.



Justin Markey had a little trouble opening his new locker during the freshman orientation.

Austin Clute, who is coming to Glenn from Stevenson Middle School, worked on his classes that will take him downstairs, upstairs, upstairs and downstairs at Glenn.

"It's kind of scary, it's going to be hard getting around," he said. "This is a giant school."

"I think more kids should have come," said Tony Bojanowski. "I attended because it gave me an opportunity to see my classes. When a school is so big, you need to know where things are. With this you get to go and find your classes and your locker."

Mentor/senior Evan Woody took up the challenge of being a mentor because he wants to "take more of a leadership role" at Glenn.

"I want to be a teacher and this is a start," he said.

Senior Czarina Tejada liked the idea of helping the freshman. She, like Shahid, remembers how scary it was her first year at the school.

"I was alone," she said. "I followed my best friend (senior Eunice Onadia)."

The twosome led Krista Symansic, Jake Shollack, Trevor Simpson and Clute on a tour of the school.

"I'm glad I came," said Simpson. "We've got some good mentors. They have knowledge, they know where the classes are and how school can be."

"We're getting them to know where their classes are so they don't get lost, maybe they'll remember this on their first day," said Tejada.

There also was another piece of information given to the freshman — "1 freshman + six credits = sophomore" was printed across the back of their Blast-Off T-shirts, a message that every credit is needed to move forward.

As for the mentors, the message to them was that failure isn't an option for their freshman.

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SCHOOLS

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According to Baracy, leveling the sledding hill was "probably the most positive thing we've done."

"We'd been telling Hamilton parents it would be in the site plan, it's removal was a safety issue," he said.

The one project yet to be completed is the bus drop-

off at Schweitzer Elementary School. The drop-off is planned for the Glenwood side of the school and is suppose to be done as part of sewer and road work to be done along Glenwood. However, Wayne County is behind schedule.

According to Baracy, when the project is done, it will be a nice improvement for the school and the Wayne and Westland communities.

The district also begun the process of repurposing

the closed schools - Patchin, Madison, Kettering, Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns in Westland and Vandenburg in Wayne. It's working with Signature Real Estate on a market analysis of the properties.

All of the vacant buildings have been secured, and the district is continuing use of security cameras and alarm grids. The properties also are "being kept up so they don't become eyesores."

"We did have a problem at Madison with a couple of kids breaking off the cameras with a baseball bat, but nothing out of the ordinary in the way of vandalism," said Baracy. "We've really had very little in the way of problems. Because of the work done with bond issue of 1998, people take pride in their schools and are watching out. If they see something, they've been calling the police."

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CHARGES

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"She just met someone online that asked if she wanted to make some money and hooked up with someone in Florida via e-mail," Wojcik said. "She was suppose to divide the checks up and send them around the U.S."

He added that the scheme apparently originated in the Republic of Benin in West Africa. The woman was suppose to receive a fee for distributing the money orders.

Because of the international connection and the use of the U.S. Postal Service, Wojcik has contacted the U.S. Postal Inspector to turn the information over to that agency.

"We've only charged them

locally. There was no criminal history among them," he said. "They saw an opportunity to make money and acted on it. They were down on their luck."

"I've heard of this before, but it's the first time I've seen it locally and this large," he added.

Snowberger and Cope were arraigned Aug. 24 before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli. Both pleaded not

guilty and bond was set at \$2,000/10 percent. Both are out on bond awaiting a preliminary hearing Sept. 8 before Cicirelli.

Herndon was arraigned Sept. 2 before Judge C. Charles Bokos and released. Her preliminary hearing will be Sept. 14 before Judge Mark McConnell.

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CORRECTION

A story in the Thursday, Sept. 2, issue of the *Westland Observer*, should have stated that Wildwood Elementary School

was one of 10 Wayne-Westland elementary schools to receive a letter grade of A on the state's EducationYES! report card.

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Teens present Christian drama based on Columbine killings

BY SUE MASON
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Ask people what is the worst case of murder in a U.S. school and they will tell you the April 20, 1999, massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. That's when two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, embarked on a massacre, killing 12 students and one teacher and injuring 21 others before turning their guns on themselves.

It's nowhere near the magnitude of the deadliest act of mass murder in a school in U.S. history that occurred in Michigan in Bath Township in 1927, when a school board member blew up a wing of Bath Consolidated School, killing 38 primary school children and seven adults and injuring another 58 people.

Columbine, however, has become the focal point of school safety and anti-bullying initiatives across the nation.

It's also the basis of a Christian musical drama, *It's Not Too Late*, that teens at Merriman Road Baptist Church will present Sunday, Sept. 12, and Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18.

"People will be fascinated to see this play because of the icon Columbine has become," said director Alan Hyma. "It's an important part of history. When you say Columbine, it's not an event, it's about what happened that day."

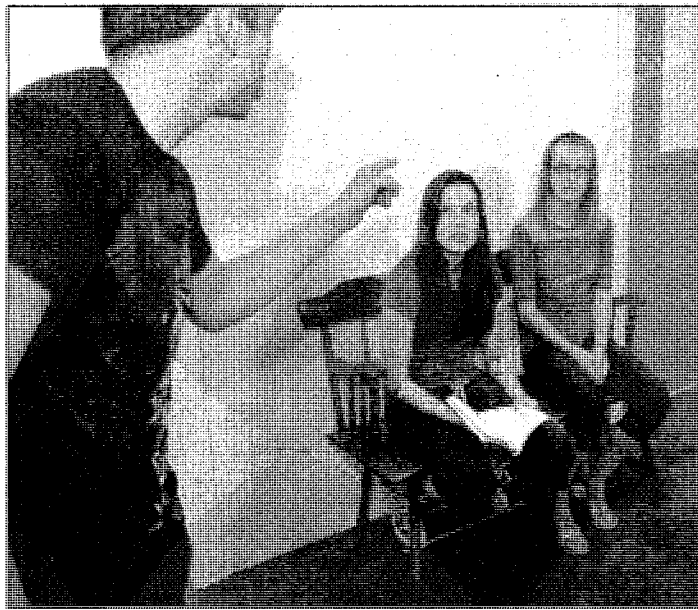
The play, written in 1999 by Dick Lentz and based on the Columbine tragedy, looks at the day in the life of a high school and a similar situation. Jason Holmes, a disgruntled and distraught student, played by Chris Babb of Canton, ends up killing four students and himself. Among the victims is Lisa Caldwell, played by Katie Gibson of Livonia, who has a strong relationship with Jesus and isn't shy about making her feelings known.

"You see what Lisa goes through from her perspective," said Gibson. "She's always witnessing in class, always trying to incorporate her beliefs into the class. She's not trying to shove it on people, but she's so passionate about what she believes and wants everyone to feel the way she feels."

"She doesn't have a lot of friends because kids are freaked out by her strong faith," she added. "Jason hates her because he's heard enough from her."

"He's a young man who sticks to himself, he hates everyone and wants to do things his way," Babb said, adding that he's the complete opposite of the character. "I'm not crazy or angry."

The teens have been working on the play since May, rehearsing on Sundays and Wednesday, adding a Tuesday rehearsal as the show dates approached. According to Hyma, the play makes people stop and think



Mark (Nick Walters of Dearborn Heights) yells at Judy Jones, played by Deena Sciatto of Redford and Lisa Caldwell, played by Katie Gibson of Livonia, in a scene from "It's Not Too Late," being presented by teens at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City Sept. 12, 17-18.



Appearing as students in the play are Elizabeth Sciatto of Redford (front row, from left), Emily Crouson of Livonia, Jordan Babb of Canton, Abigail Hyma of Dearborn (center row), Emily Weathers of Livonia (back row, from left) and Ryan Manuel of Garden City.

"that if you stop and say hello it can change a life."

"It can make a person feel different, making them feel they're a part of a group and give them something to live for," the Dearborn resident said.

The cast includes 17 teens in seventh grade through college and five adults. There's also a crew handling the sound and lights for the production.

"Individuals from the church have volunteered to make this happen," said Hyma.

While the play does end in the death of five people, it's graphic only in the sense that the audience hears five gunshots. Nothing is shown. In the last scene, the lights go down as Lisa sings *Amazing Grace* while

Jason holds a gun to her head.

"It'll end with the actual 9-1-1 tape from Columbine," said Hyma. "We'll play the three-minute track of the call from the teacher in the library."

Mark, played by Nick Walters of Dearborn Heights, is the bully in the play. Along with Matt, played by Austin Manuel of Garden City, he picks on Jason and ends up being one of the victims. Matt is somewhat of an outcast who ends up becoming friends with Jason, whom Manuel describes as a user and manipulator.

"Matt realizes what Lisa is saying is right and Jason realizes that what he thought was brainwashing didn't work," Manuel said.

'IT'S NOT TOO LATE'

What: "It's Not Too Late," Christian music drama, based in part on the massacre at Columbine High School in 1999.
When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18
Where: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City
Details: Admission is free, however, a freewill offering will be accepted to support the Columbine Memorial.
Information: (734) 421-0472

Deena Sciatto of Redford plays Judy Jones who wants nothing to do with Lisa. She's uncomfortable with her views, but in the end realizes she needs to take a serious look at her faith. Also appearing in the cast are Emily Weathers of Garden City as Katie Smith, a new student in the school; Emily Crouson of Livonia as Crystal, a friend of Judy's that the cast describes as "a teacher's pet," and Abigail Hyma, Elizabeth Sciatto, Jordan Babb and Ryan Manuel as other students.

For Walters, the play has opened his eyes to what people go through.

"It's amazing how many people go around hurting," he said. "They go through life that way. That one thing has changed me."

The performances are free of charge and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected to support the Columbine Memorial Foundation in the maintenance and upkeep of the Columbine Memorial.

"We want people to come and see this," said Hyma. "We'll find a seat for them."

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Judge orders trial for 4 charged with beating teen

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Four people charged with assaulting and seriously injuring a Westland teenager were ordered bound over for trial after waiving their preliminary examinations in 18th District Court Thursday. Westland residents Angela Chapman, 36, her son, Steven Chapman, 18, and Jason Fairchild, 19, along with Inkster resident Ronald Battles Jr., 20, a cousin of Steven Chapman, are all each charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. All are scheduled for circuit court arraignment on Sept. 9.

Angela Chapman and Battles are both free on bond while Fairchild and Steven Chapman have been jailed in lieu of bond since being arrested shortly after the incident. Defense attorney Joel Dorf asked Judge Mark McConnell to consider reducing the bond for Fairchild and Steven Chapman.

Held in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond, Dorf said that Fairchild had only one prior criminal offense — being an accessory after the fact in a case of obstructing police.

"I realize that this is a serious case and there were serious injuries. His (Fairchild's) father is here. He could raise 10 percent (of \$50,000) and that would guarantee his appearance," said Dorf.

Echoing comments about the seriousness of the case, McConnell said he agreed to altering the bond due to the agreement of the prosecution.

That wasn't the case for Steven Chapman, who is being held in lieu of \$750,000 cash bond.

Standing in for his attorney, Dorf asked for an adjustment in Steven Chapman's bond. "The bond is huge, he can't raise even the minimum

amount. I'd ask for a similar bond (to Fairchild) or a tether," said Dorf, adding Chapman had only one prior offense relating to an auto theft.

For that charge, Chapman was already on a Holmes Youth Training Act status, a discretionary sentence for 17-21-year-olds that allows a charge to be dismissed, if the defendant complies with all conditions of the probation, stemming from an auto theft charge.

"He has no other charges except underage drinking and larceny from our court," said McConnell.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Eric Sterbis also noted that Chapman also had contacts with Garden City and Wayne police.

"Those appear not to be convictions. He has a 2009 conviction. He's only 19 but has amassed quite a record for himself already," said Sterbis.

Noting multiple contacts with law enforcement, McConnell said he wouldn't reduce the bond for Chapman but agreed to refer him to pre-trial screening.

The assault on the 16-year-old stemmed from an ongoing dispute between a group of his friends and those of Steven Chapman.

A group gathered in the rear yard of the Chapman home about 1:30 a.m. heard glass breaking at the front of home. The teenager was the slowest of a group running away from the home and was caught, then knocked down and beaten, even becoming unconscious, police said.

The group at the Chapman home, including the three male suspects and other people, admitted they had been consuming alcohol prior to the incident.

The victim, who ended up in intensive care, is recuperating.

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Rummage sale

The First United Methodist Church will hold its fall rummage sale with plus size room Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 16-18, at the church, 3 Town Square in Wayne.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 16-17 and 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 17. Items, excluding the plus size room, will be \$2 a bag on Saturday. There also will be a bake sale, hot dogs and refreshments.

For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

Free classes

Elements of Exercise is offering free fitness classes at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland, the Maplewood Community Center and Garden City High School in Garden City and the Northwest YWCA in Redford.

The classes are open to all residents and begin Sept. 15. There's no obligation, just an invitation to enjoy some fun and fitness.

The free classes included Zumba 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, and Yoga/Pilates Fusion 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Bailey Center; Zumba 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and Zumba Gold 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Maplewood Center; Zumba 6-7 p.m. and Aqua Zumba 7:15-8 p.m., both Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Garden City High School, and Hip Hop Hustle 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Northwest YWCA.

For information, call (888) 363-3635 or visit elementsofexercise.com.

Theatrical classes

Inspire Theatre is launching its newest venture, the Inspire School of Theater Arts, this fall. Classes are for children ages 7-16 and run for 10 weeks beginning Saturday, Sept. 18. They conclude with a Christmas production, Charlie Brown's Christmas. Topics of study include stage directions, finding your voice, understanding how to act and working with others. Class size is limited to 25 students.

The cost is \$20 per week, and there is a \$50 discount for full payment. Registration will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11. For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or at (734) 751-7075.

Liquidating a mutual fund leaves few options

Q: Dear Rick: I just got notice that a mutual fund I own is being liquidated and the proceeds will be mailed to me. I've had this fund for about 10 years and have done pretty decently in it. I do not want to liquidate, but when I called the company I was told there was no alternative. Can you tell me if I have an alternative and, if not, what are the tax consequences?



Money Matters Rick Bloom

A: Although it is unusual for a mutual fund to liquidate, it is not unheard of. Throughout the years for various reasons, many mutual fund companies have decided to close a fund, liquidate the proceeds and distribute them to shareholders. Sometimes the fund that is liquidated has underperformed and the company doesn't want to be burdened by a low-performing fund. In some situations, as opposed to liquidating and distributing the money, fund companies have been known to merge two funds. This

happens when one mutual fund company takes over another. As opposed to having two funds in the same category, they'll merge them to get some economies of scale. However, that is not the case in this particular situation, where it appears that it is a straight liquidation and redemption.

Unfortunately, there are no tax breaks on a liquidation and redemption of your fund. The transaction is handled as in any other type of sale — you subtract your adjusted cost basis from the proceeds you receive. If the proceeds are more than the basis, you have a gain. If the proceeds are less than your basis, you have a loss.

It is not unusual for a mutual fund company to liquidate one of its funds. It's no different than any other business. When McDonald's comes up with a new product and for whatever reason, it doesn't take off, the company cuts its losses and moves on. The same is true with mutual fund companies.

In some cases, a mutual fund company will liquidate all of its portfolios and distribute the

proceeds. That happened with Utopia Funds, a mutual fund company based in Traverse City. The funds never achieved the economies of scale necessary to run a profitable mutual fund. Management made the decision to liquidate and distribute the proceeds.

The Laudus Rosenberg Group of Funds is another mutual fund company that has recently decided to liquidate. The action had nothing to do with economies of scale or performance, but rather, irregularities.

Axa Rosenberg was the sub-adviser to the Laudus Rosenberg Group of Mutual Funds. Laudus hired Rosenberg to manage its funds. However, earlier this year it was discovered that there were some irregularities with how the fund was managed. Because of those irregularities, Laudus decided to liquidate and redeem all the Laudus Rosenberg Funds.

In the past, there were certain Laudus Rosenberg Funds that I recommended. However, when I received notice of the irregularities and after doing my due diligence regarding all the portfolios that my firm manages, we

liquidated any Laudus Rosenberg Funds. My decision was not based on the fact that there were irregularities, but rather how the company chose to handle those irregularities.

My philosophy is that every business in America is going to make mistakes. The key is how a company deals with them. I was unhappy with how the irregularities were handled and lost confidence in the fund's management team. As a result, I liquidated my positions. If I don't have confidence in the management team, there is no reason to stay with that mutual fund.

When a mutual fund involuntarily liquidates your investment, there are not many options available to the investor. However, there are new opportunities.

Take the proceeds and invest it based upon your individual goals and objectives.

Good luck!

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

Westland foundation awards 10 scholarships

Ten high school graduates are getting help with their college education after receiving scholarships from the Westland Community Foundation.

All Westland residents and graduates of John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Churchill and Franklin High Schools, they received their scholarship certificates and checks during the foundation's annual Christmas in July fund-raiser at Marvaso's Italian Grill.

Receiving scholarships were: Amber R. Anthony, a graduate of John Glenn High School who will attend Wayne County Community College District to pursue a career in the medical field. She had outstanding attendance at John Glenn and participated in the HOSA canned food drive.

Spencer J. Dowd, also a John Glenn graduate who plans to major in welding engineering at Ferris State University. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and was on Glenn's basketball team for four years.

Alyssa M. Draper, a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School who plans to study nursing and emergency services at Eastern Michigan University. She had perfect attendance at Wayne High, was an outstanding Student of the Month, HOSA silver medalist, was a softball All-Star Championship runner-up. She also has a cheerleading championship and is a volunteer for Cheer America.

Genevieve M. Galindo, a John Glenn graduate who will attend Schoolcraft College to study graphic design and screen writing. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, was on the honor roll and recognized for academic achievement.

Stephanie M. Gysel, a John Glenn graduate who also plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College to study graphic design. She was on the honor roll while at Glenn and received a certificate of completion in Desktop Publishing.

Frances J. Jackson, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate who will study nursing and paramedic training at Alma College. She was the 2010 class historian for the Student Senate and amassed 200 hours of community service.

Caitlin M. O'Sullivan, a John Glenn graduate who will attend Henry Ford Community College to study nursing. She was president of HOSA, editor of the school newspaper, a member of the varsity swim team from 2006 through 2008 and participated in the HOSA walk-a-thon. She also is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Chelsea P. Romanczuk, a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a career as a radiologist. She has been on the honor roll, receive an Academic Excellence Award, was a scholar athlete and participated in HOSA. She also was a volunteer at a soup kitchen and at nursing homes.

Kelsey S. Rygiel, a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, will attend Henry Ford Community College to study graphic design. She won a first place for the Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force banner contest, participated in the Livonia Public Schools Fine Arts Festival and volunteered in several community service projects.

Areille S. Shaw, a John Glenn graduate who to study medical assisting at Henry Ford Community College. She also had perfect attendance, was on the honor roll and did community service.

The scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000. The money is raised through foundation benefits like its Christmas in July and annual Spring Ball. The Westland Foundation also helps the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center Empty Bowls Food Bank.



O'Sullivan



Draper



Anthony



Rygiel



Gysel



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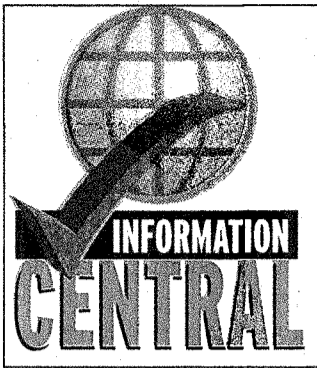
With another school year set to begin, thoughts of reports, projects and homework begin to surface. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has resources that can help alleviate some of those deadline pressures to get those assignments finished.

One of the resources available to patrons is the research database. The library has a variety of sources, provided by the State of Michigan and the library, which can help almost any elementary to college student. Just select "Research" from the library's homepage at www.westlandlibrary.org and then select by Subject.

Some of the most popular "homework-related" databases are included in the Homework Help section. These databases include Live Homework Help, LiveTutor College Center, America the Beautiful, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Lands and People, New Book of World Knowledge, New Book of Popular Science, SIRS Discoverer, eLibrary Elementary, Kids InfoBits, Infotrac, Opposing Viewpoints, Learning Express Library and World Almanacs.

Two of the most popular and useful databases are Opposing Viewpoints and Live Homework Help. Opposing Viewpoints is a little like one-stop shopping. There are reference chapters, pro/con essays, magazine articles, academic journal articles, statistics, primary source material, websites and audiovisual sources. All articles are full-text and can be downloaded, e-mailed or printed.

Live Homework Help is a tutoring program which utilizes a chat session to ask for help with various homework problems. Just select the subject and grade level (elementary through adult education) and a tutor versed in the subject will help guide you through the question. Remember they are not there to answer the question for you but to help you understand the process in



coming up with the correct answer. All of these databases can be accessed at home and in the library. Just remember to select the "home access" link, if you are not in the library building. You can pick up the instructions on how to access the online databases from the Reference Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is back to its Winter hours - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Guided Memoir Writing for Older Adults: 2-4 p.m. Sept. 8, 50 plus, Friendship Center

Ever wanted to write your about your past and never got the chance? Interested in making new friends and sharing your life experiences? The Westland Library is offering a free, nine-week guided memoir writing session for adults 50 years old plus at the Westland Friendship Center. Sign up at the Reference Desk in advance. Must try to attend all nine sessions, if possible.

Friday Movie: "Shutter Island," 7 p.m. Sept. 10.

Stop by the library every Friday evening for a screening of a recently released movie. This week's movie is "Shutter Island." This Martin Scorsese drama is set in 1954. U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels is investigating the disappearance of a murderess who escaped from

a hospital for the criminally insane and is presumed to be hiding on the remote Shutter Island. Rated R. No registration is required. This is an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Open Employment Forum: 7 p.m. Sept. 13.

Have a question? Need an answer? Join Preston Banks, president of Resume Solutions, for a question and answer session about resume writing, sticky interview questions, dressing for the interview, and whatever else is on your mind. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

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

Computer Classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Fife & Drum Corps salutes centenarian

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents of an east-side Plymouth Township neighborhood were treated to a command performance last month as members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps helped a Westland woman celebrate her 101st birthday.

Karin Boesen Wilson, who turned 101 on Aug. 13, was surprised the next evening by the arrival of Corps members, dressed in the uniforms of George Washington's Life Guard, outside the home of her daughter, whom she was visiting. The group marched about two blocks to Pine Way Court, to the home of Priscilla Behnke, and serenaded Wilson, who was seated in a wicker chair for the show.

"She had tears in her eyes the whole performance," said Behnke. "She couldn't believe the amount of precision, and the kids in uniform." The concert also drew curious neighbors, who had been told of the Corps' plans.

The group played five or six pieces, including period standards such as *Old Guard* (which includes the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* tune) and *Irish Nights*. At the end, they marched away in formation.

"It was just really cool. She felt very special," her daughter said.

The Fife & Drum Corps has a busy schedule of parades and community events — and had just returned from a concert tour of New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C. — but a private performance is relatively rare.

Behnke, however, has an in with the group — her son, Canaan Gibbs, 15, plays fife with the Corps.

"She had never seen them play before," she said of her mother.



Karin Boesen Wilson, 101, poses with Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps members Mary Natiw, a drum major (left), and Canaan Gibbs, a fife player, as the Corps helps Wilson mark her birthday in Plymouth Township on Aug. 14. Canaan is Wilson's grandson.



Karin Boesen Wilson on her 101st birthday with daughter Priscilla Behnke.

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CITY OF WESTLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YEAR XXXV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER

(July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2010, Westland Housing Commission, September 21, 2010, 5:30 p.m., 32715 Dorsey, Westland. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Submit written comments to: Dept Housing & Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

CDBG FUNDS EXPENDED FOR YEAR XXXV		
Project	Status	Amount
C.D. Administration	Annual, Complete	\$202,765
Rehabilitation Administration	Annual, Complete	\$181,510
Housing Rehabilitation	Annual, Complete	\$103,906
Senior Programs	Annual, Complete	\$164,000
Hegira Programs	Annual, Complete	\$765
First Step	Annual, Complete	\$579
Youth Assistance Program	Annual, Complete	\$27,000
City Projects (Nuisance abatement, Fire safety equipment, Dorsey Center improvements, Central City Park remediation)	CC Park, Underway Others, Complete	\$111,079
Fire Station Section 108 Loan	Annual, Complete	\$72,519
Community Resource Officer	Annual, Complete	\$116,000
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Annual, Complete	\$97,000
Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Annual, Complete	\$15,000
Fire Rescue Vehicle	Project Complete	\$161,574
Fire Station 3 (Northgate) Improvements	Project Complete	\$87,000
Matthew Street Reconstruction	Project Complete	\$200,000
TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES		\$1,540,697

HOME FUNDS EXPENDED FOR YEAR XXXV		
Project	Status	Amount
HOME Administration	Annual, Complete	\$31,939
Comm. Housing Devt. Organization	Ongoing	\$200
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Ongoing	\$10,919
Homebuyer Program	Ongoing	\$34,500
\$1 HUD Foreclosure Program	Program Year Complete	\$21,072
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES		\$98,630

CDBG program income is \$20,000. No HOME program income was collected. Financial data is subject to reconciliation and audit adjustments.

The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 29, 2010. Draft CAPER available for comment September 15-29, 2010 at Dept. of Housing & Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Comments will be forwarded to HUD.

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National contestant



Adrian and Monique Rendon celebrate with daughter Selia who represent Michigan in the 2010 National American Miss Pageant at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., in November. Selia earned the opportunity by scoring in the categories of interview, introduction, formal wear and volunteer work. She also was first runner-up in the talent competition and casual wear modeling and was winner of the photogenic, most promising model and best thank-you note categories. She also was voted Miss Personality in the competition. She will have the opportunity to share in more than \$500,000 in cash and prizes that will be awarded at the national competition.

Business, government leaders 'cautiously optimistic' about economy

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Home sales dropped sharply nationwide in July, but local experts are somewhat more optimistic.

Single-family home sales were at their lowest level since 1995 in July as the lift provided earlier in 2010 by tax credits disappeared, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Sales of existing homes in July fell 27 percent from June levels and were off by 25.5 percent from July 2009, NAR reported. Sales of single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.83 million units in July from a revised 5.26 million in June.

"I think that we saw a slight difference due to that," said Pam King, associate broker, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth. "It was expected. However, business is going on. There's actually more activity than I've seen in a while."

School starting has an impact, King said, with some families wanting a new home before Labor Day.

As far as people putting homes up for sale, "I think that's more attributed to the fall, people being done with summer. We are probably more stable I think than we have been in a while," said King, Realtor of the Year in 2006 for the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

She added that "prices are maintaining."

"I'm a little more optimistic. We're on our way back. I think the stabilization is the

most important thing."

King and many colleagues in the real estate field would like to see another incentive program from the federal government. "Everybody derives a benefit from that," she said.

Nationally, the soft sales pace is likely to continue for a few months, according to the NAR's chief economist Lawrence Yun. Overall sales for 2010 are still on track to register around five million because the first half was strong, he said.

"To place in perspective, annual sales averaged 4.9 million in the past 20 years and 4.4 million over the past 30 years," Yun said.

As mortgage rates remain at historic lows of 4.56 percent in July, and home prices are low across the country. The addition of jobs could spur increased home sales. The national median existing home price in July was \$182,600, up 0.7 percent from July 2009.

Housing supply at the end of July rose 2.5 percent to 3.98 million existing homes for sale, or a 12.5-month supply at the current sales pace. That's up from an 8.9-month supply in June.

"What I'm hearing is that real estate agents are staying busy," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, adding "prices, however, are at the level of the early to mid-1990s."

"Things are not butterflies and roses, but they're definitely better than they were last year," West said. "A slight decline from five or six years ago. It's definitely better than last year."

Quicken Loans recently moved from Livonia to down-

town Detroit, but West noted that announcement came in the fall of 2007, allowing for planning. Other businesses are coming in.

"We have seven colleges in Livonia which serve 43,000 students," West said, adding that higher education is a hook for continued economic growth in Livonia.

West sees a pent-up economic demand from the last few years.

"People weren't sure about their jobs last year, people feel better about their lot at work," he said, noting that there are lot more home improvement projects this year.

Offering a less optimistic view is Nitin Paranjpe of Bloomfield Hills, an economist who teaches in the School of Business Administration at Wayne State University.

"The trend is very substantially downward," Paranjpe said of home sales. The downward pressure impacts prices and means there are more homes for sale, "so they wait for prices to come down," he said of buyers.

People's two major assets, their home and stock market investments, have them on edge.

"That has a tremendous psychological impact," said Paranjpe. "We're going to stop spending, which doesn't help the economy. Banks are trying to modify their mortgages and assist homeowners."

The economist does see some bright spots, such as recent hiring at Ford Motor Co. and General Motors.

"I'm a little more optimistic for Michigan, I think our manufacturing sector is coming up," he said.

In home sales, Paranjpe noted mortgage rates are historically low but people still have trouble qualifying. Those with cash and good credit can do well in the local housing market.

"I was in San Diego the other day and the same circumstances apply there," Paranjpe said. "No community is immune. There are too many homes on the market."

That impacts local governments' ability to collect property taxes, Paranjpe said. Another homebuyer tax credit could help, but, "these are just short-term measures. The market should be allowed to correct itself. The correction process is painful."

"Most mortgage modification programs are not working," Paranjpe added. "Seventy percent of them go back into default."

Local government leaders are feeling the pain of the economy, but also hold out some hope.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said his community is holding its own in home sales, and national surveys and figures don't always apply.

"I think we're certainly seeing homes turn over here in the city. Property values, while they have declined from several years ago, are certainly stabilizing. We're hopeful for the future," Sincock said.

Downtown Plymouth is hanging in there with few vacancies. A key "in these very tough economic times is a very vital downtown and Old Village community. They offer the walkability that is so important. I think that's a key element to our success," Sincock said. "We have a very active and vital downtown."

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Deadline is the last day of each month.

Buddy's Pizza was established in 1936 on the corner of Conant and Six Mile roads as a neighborhood tavern.

It was not until 1946 that Buddy's introduced its famous square pizza — the first of its kind — to Detroit. It was as the Buddy's officials website states: "love at first bite."

More than 61 years later, Buddy's continues to thrive under the stewardship of Robert Jacobs, the son of the late Billy Jacobs and Shirlee Jacobs (now living in Florida).

Buddy's continues to serve Detroit's original square pizza, made from scratch soups, and its celebrated Antipasto salad. Other menu items include pastas, burgers, sandwiches, gluten-free pizzas and more.

Buddy's dine-in locations are: Auburn Hills, Dearborn, Detroit (the original Buddy's), Farmington Hills, Detroit/Grosse Pointe, Livonia and Warren. Carry-out locations are Bloomfield Township and Royal Oak.

Glass act

Chris and Claudia Bay of Garden City talk with Jennifer Giering, president of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, during the recent "Cold Beer Hot Glass" event at the Glass Academy/Furnace Design Studio in Dearborn. The event brought out more than 200 people who sampled locally brewed beers in specially designed glass mugs, and local food. The event is a continuing effort to boost the "Buy Michigan" campaign.



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Foundation seeks host families for exchange students

The STS Foundation, a local non-profit exchange program is looking for Garden City families to host international exchange students for the 2010-2011 school year.

The teenage students come from more than 30 countries and attend local high schools. They have their own spending money and insurance. Host families are responsible for meals, a place to sleep and a nurturing environment.

Her hobbies and interests include playing volleyball, cooking, meeting friends, playing the violin, musicals and watching movies. She is part of the drama group at her school and enjoys acting and participating in musicals.

Her father writes that she is sociable and has lots of friends. Her English teacher says that she is a sweet and polite student who seems to love learning new languages. Her favorite subjects are biology, English and Latin literature. She is an A student.

Another student is Sevil, a 17-year-old from Solingen,

Germany. Her father is a manager and her other is a pharmacist. She also has a three-year-old brother. She loves languages and speaks English, German, Latin and Turkish. Her family is originally from Turkey.

Her parents say that she is a

polite and responsible teenager who loves to cook and who will be a real asset to her host family.

Sixteen-year-old Sarah is 1 from Onsala, Sweden. She has two sisters and a five-year-old brother. Both of her parents are doctors. She speaks English and German. Her favorite hobbies are rhythmic Sports Gymnastics, golfing, shopping, sailing and playing the piano. Her gymnastics team has won many championships in Sweden. She trains 10 hours every week in the sport.

Her teachers say that she is a focused and motivated student and always has a positive attitude in class.

STS has a number of other students from Europe, South America and Asia looking for host families. For more information about these students, call Julia Colingsworth at (810) 287-4151 or send an e-mail to info@stsfoundation.org.

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The Hindu Temple serves a growing congregation.

Temple opens with celebration

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Esteemed spiritual leaders from as far away as India joined thousands of metro Detroiters in song, prayer and upbeat ceremonies that ended Sunday as the new Hindu Temple of Canton formally opened amid a three-day celebration of what many lauded as one of the nation's premier Hindu places of worship.

Temple chairman Manoj Sachdeva estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 people passed through the doors over the weekend. A huge crowd packed a vast prayer hall Sunday for what he hailed as "a history-making event" inside the \$8.3-million, 37,517-square-foot building on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center.

Outside, Hindus watched as priests and temple officials gathered atop the temple's roof and blessed the building by sprinkling holy water, some of it brought from India's revered Ganges River, onto



Hindu Priest Shiv Kumar Bhatt washes statues of Hindu deities.

two domes — one graced by the Hindu symbol of peace.

"This is very, very exciting," said Jesal Shah, a temple trustee. "This makes me feel so satisfied and proud."

Colorful balloons and flower petals adorned the entrance area as Hindus and other visitors marveled at a new temple



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Water from the Ganges River in India, mixed with local water, is poured on one of the domes of the temple.

that replaced a much smaller, now-demolished facility, culminating a long journey for devotees who first gathered nearly 25 years ago in their own homes.

"This is everything to me," Canton resident Subrahmanyam Jayakumar said. "We have strived for this. This was our dream. This is a proud moment for us to have this beautiful place where we can worship in Canton."

Jayakumar and others also said the new temple is expected to attract visitors from far away — visitors they said will spend money in the local economy. A crew from TV Asia captured the celebration.

Inside the two-level temple, hundreds of Hindus sat on a carpeted prayer hall floor and applauded as curtains lining one wall opened to reveal

decorated altars and statues of religious deities. Priests, temple officials and dignitaries from local government to Washington, D.C., lined up to light candles on a brass diya — a large ornament used to usher in special occasions.

Acclaimed singer Alka Bhatnagar came from California and performed devotional Indian songs as some Hindus sang along.

"I call that a grand opening, for sure," Sachdeva said during a pause in the celebration. "It gives me immense pleasure to say that our temple construction project is now 100 percent complete."

Sachdeva, too, mentioned the potential economic impact the temple can have on Canton — home to many Indian people — and he nodded to local officials and said,

"We hope that we have made you proud of us."

Religious leaders have hailed the temple as a place where Hindus and visitors can worship, dance, share laughs, practice yoga, nurture families, celebrate milestones and offer community events such as free health fairs.

"I'm proud to be part of this memorable journey," said Anurag Bajaj, temple president.

He alluded to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he described how local Hindus had a dream to build the temple, and he paraphrased a famous quote from former President John F. Kennedy as he said, "Ask not what your temple can do for you. Ask what you can do for your temple."

Famed leader Param Pujya

Shri Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj, followed by Hindus around the world and known for leading the Vishwa Jagriti Mission, came to Canton for the temple's grand opening, and he spoke in Hindu to those who attended the ceremonies.

"People from Toronto and Chicago are here to try to woo him to visit their communities," said Jatin Desai, temple board secretary, underscoring the significance of the visit to Canton.

Other renowned leaders also joined the celebration, such as Swami Shri Atma Yogi Anandji, founder of the Bhagwat Gita Parivar Trust that helps train teachers and provide poor children with education, food and clothing.

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GC All Stars prove they're No. 1 at nationals

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach Jenn Wicker just beams when she talks about the Young Champions Garden City All Stars.

"They have had an amazing year," she said of the cheer team. "I have 12 fantastic girls who have given their all in this 2009-2010 season. We placed at all five competitions this year."

The national competition was July 31 in New Haven, Miss., where the girls took first place and became national champions.

"They also had a bid for National Competition in 2008," Wicker said. "It's been a long road, but with amazing dedication and spirit, these girls were determined to come home with a national championship."

Wicker added that the team has given great performances at regional competitions. They took first place at both state competitions held in Grand Rapids in January and June.

"They are an amazing group of girls and as their coach, I couldn't be prouder," Wicker said. "I love them to pieces."

Wicker is in her fifth year of coaching for Young Champions.

"My sister, Sheryl Solarz, is the assistant coach," she said. Classes are held at the Maplewood Center in Garden City.

"We have Divisions 1-4 ranging from ages 4-15 and are excited to announce that we now have a Division 5 Elite squad ages 7-18," Wicker said. "It has been a very successful year for all squads."

She called these cheerleaders her "second family."

"We adore each and every one of them," Wicker said.

Young Champions is a program geared towards children ages 4-15. They learn current dance skills, physical fitness, self-esteem, teamwork and competitive spirit. The program strives to offer a quality low-cost program to communities, Wicker said.

Registration for the fall ses-



Striking a championship pose are assistant coach Sheryl Solarz (back row, from left), head coach Jenn Wicker, Haile Reindollar, Katelyn Jablonicky, Alexandra Stoddart, Megan Adams, Ashley Bowden (center row, from left), Jenny Sanders, Brandi Bowden, Cindy Creasey, Sami-Jo Gauthier, Morgan Wojcik (front row, from left), Rhiannon Stevens and Autumn Kennedy.

sion will be held on Friday, Sept. 24, at the Maplewood Center, located on Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

For more information

and times, call the Young Champions office at (800) 940-7469 or go online to www.youngchampions.us.

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Information sought on whereabouts of missing teen

Westland police are seeking information about a missing girl, Carlee Jade Morse of Westland. She was last seen late Aug. 19 or early Aug. 20 by her mother, who has not seen or heard from her daughter since then.

Morse, 16, is described as a white female, 5-foot, 90 pounds, with long straight brown hair and brown eyes. She has a scar on her left wrist and a burn on her inside right ankle.

Police have received reports that she is in the Canton or Garden City area. Police report having no evidence suggesting foul play, however, they would like to have her located and seen by a doctor due to existing medical conditions.

Anyone with information about Carlee Morse's whereabouts is asked to Officer Matthew Bobby at



Westland police are trying to locate Carlee Jade Morse, who hasn't been seen by her mother since Aug. 19. She is reported to have been seen in Garden City and Canton recently.

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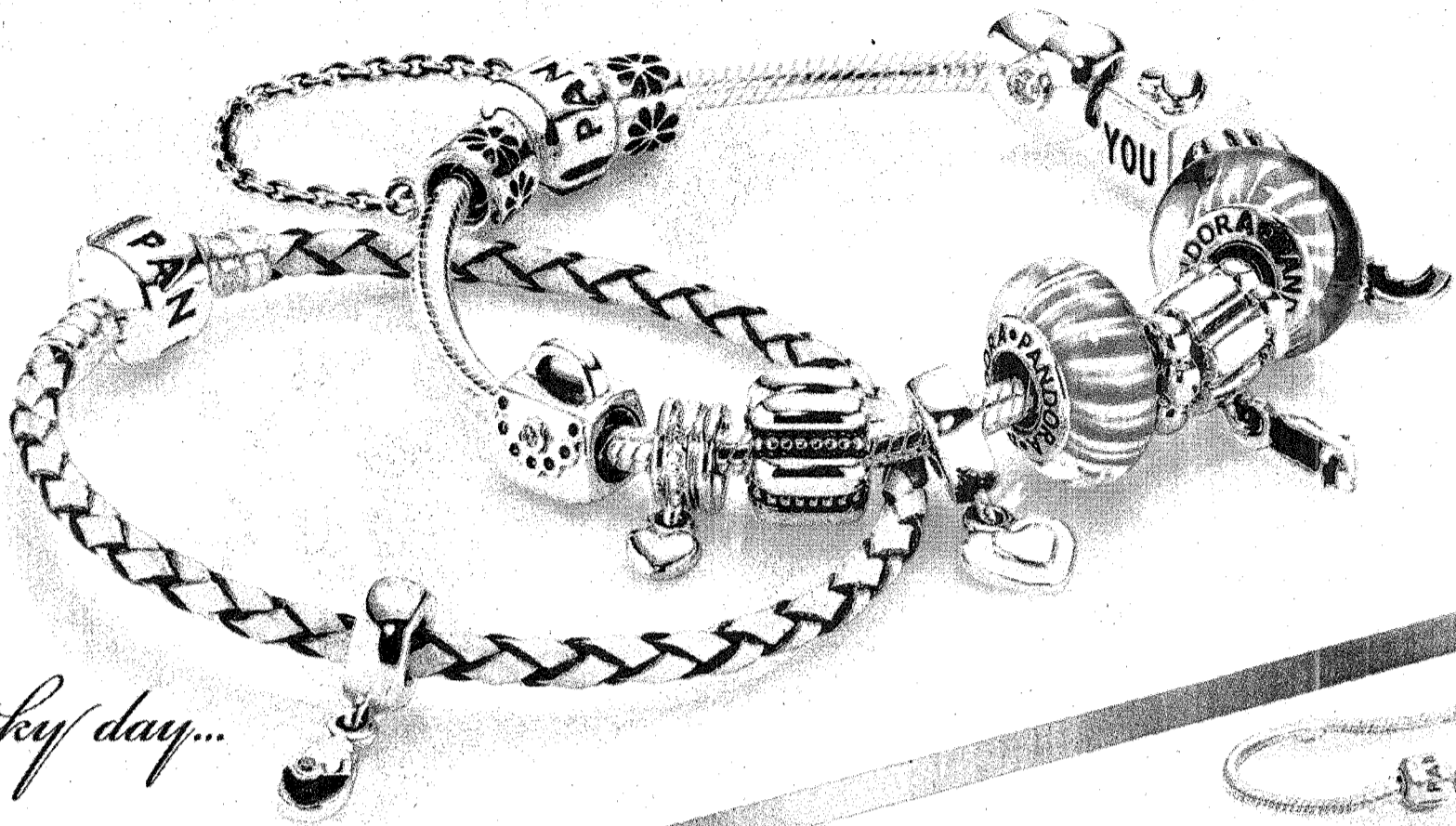
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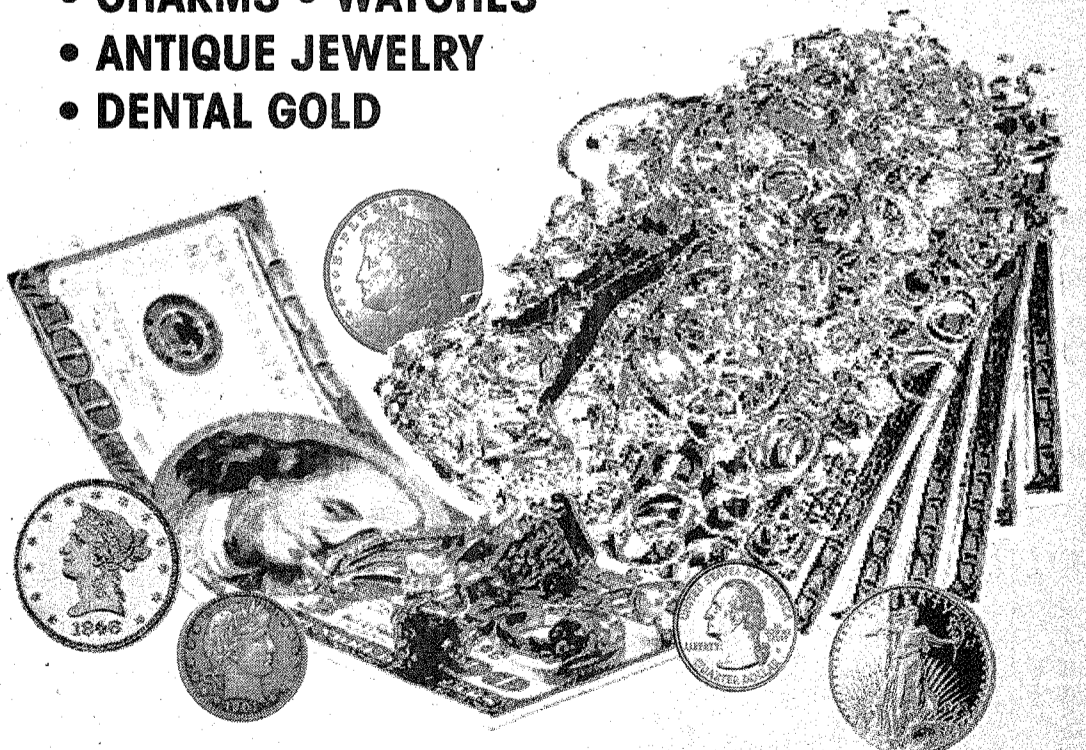
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Glenn can't repeat late game heroics, falls 19-14

BY TIM ROBINSON
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

They almost did it again. For the second consecutive week, Westland John Glenn found itself in scoring position in the final seconds of a high school football game. In Week 1, the Rockets scored on their final play to beat Anchor Bay 21-20. Trailing 19-14 with four seconds to play and the ball on the Brighton 34, Glenn quarterback Jeff Kuhary rolled to his left and threw it to the end zone, where Rico Cole was waiting. But the ball was slightly overthrown, and Cole, guarded by Brighton's Shane Dokey, wasn't able to bring it down and the clock ran out. John Glenn (1-1) was fortunate to be in a position to win in the first place. "Brighton is a good team, they were disciplined," Rockets coach Tim Hardin said. "We did not play very well and got beat. We had no running game, and I thought our defense, despite giving up 19 points, played well. But we just

gave up too many big plays." Most of those big plays were courtesy of Dokey, a junior who rushed for 108 yards and two touchdowns and had an interception. Neither team generated a lot of offense, but part of that was due to Brighton's superior field position most of the evening. After beginning the first drive of the game on their own 22, the next four drives started on the Glenn 34, Glenn 41, Brighton 46 and Glenn 23. The last two led to Brighton's first two scores. The drive that started on the Bulldogs 46 was set up by a 16-yard punt return by Christian Vorias. It ended nine plays later on an 8-yard run by Dokey, who stretched to get the ball over the goal line. Glenn's next drive was ended prematurely when Kuhary's pass was knocked down and landed in the hands of lineman Tim Stanisz, who promptly downed the ball at the Glenn 23. Two plays later, John Oberpeul found Billy Albert



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Brighton's Nick Falkiewicz tries to slow down Glenn quarterback Jeff Kuhary (12) in Thursday's KLAAC crossover.

Please see **JOHN GLENN, B4**

SIDELINES

Ocelots boot Jackson

Gavin Kelly and Asher Wilson scored breakaway goals in the opening half to propel the third-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a 3-0 victory Wednesday afternoon over visiting Jackson Community College. Sophomore captain Joe Carver added a second-half goal as the Ocelots improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Ian McDonald-Wilkins and Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) split time in net and combined for five saves in the shutout. The loss drops Jackson CC to 0-2 and 0-1.

Crusaders spiked

For the first time since 2001, the Madonna University women's volleyball team stands at .500 following a pair of losses Friday in the Embury-Riddle Labor Day Tournament held in Daytona Beach, Fla. The host Eagles (5-1) got 15 kills from Abby Hall in a 25-13, 25-20, 25-20 win over the 21st-ranked Crusaders (3-3).

Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Karie Altman each had nine kills as the Crusaders fell in three sets for the first time since 2008 (vs. Lindenwood, Mo.). It is MU's first three-match losing skid since the 2008 NIAA Nationals.

In the first match Friday, MU hit at just an .083 attacking clip in a 25-20, 19-25, 25-18, 25-22 setback to Oklahoma Baptist.

Rupia Inck led the victorious Bison (3-3) with 17 kills, while setter Sabra Clark collected 42 assist-to-kills. Suvan Leipelt and Cami Weimer contributed 29 and 25 digs, respectively. Dempsey led MU with 13 kills, while Megan Fricke and Altman added 11 and 10, respectively. Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 35 assists and Amanda Koszela added a team-high 27 digs. Also notching double figures in digs for MU were Fricke (14), Dempsey (13) and Prieditis (12).

Dynamic boxers

Brothers Rico and Robert O'Quinn of Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club both won unanimous decisions in a recent USA vs. Puerto Rico amateur card held at the Taylor Trade Center.

Rico, a 15-year-old from Detroit, won his 112-pound bout against Abila Alamo, while 16-year-old Robert, captured his 130-pound match against Isaac Alamo.

Westland's David Fecteau, 11, lost a close decision in a 75-pound bout against DaVallo Smith of the host Jungle Boxing Club. The Dynamic boxers are coached by Livonia's Paul Soucy and Canton's Chad Jaquillard.

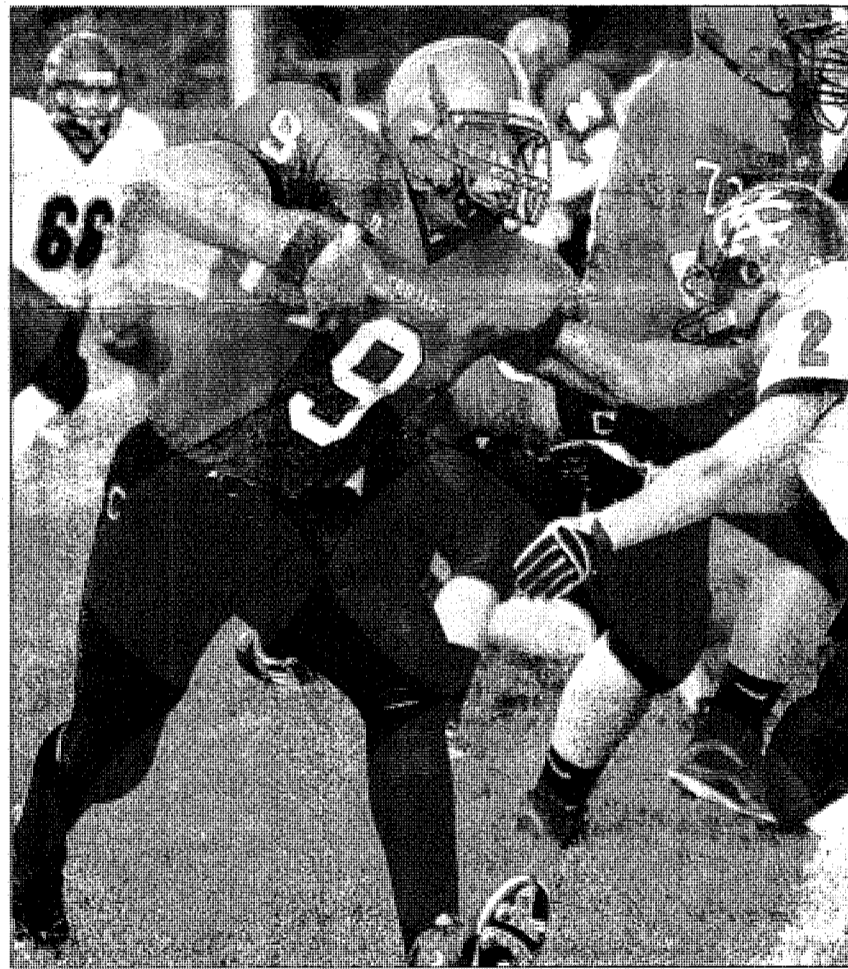
MU men's golf 6th

The Madonna University men's golf team opened its 2010 fall season with a sixth-place finish last week in the 12-team University of St. Francis Invitational held at Cobblestone/Noble Hawk Golf Club in Kendallville, Ind.

Cornerstone, led by individual medalist Marcus Brusse (71-73-144), captured the team crown with a two-day total of 293-303-596, while host St. Francis and Holy Cross (Ind.) tied for second at 600 each.

MU was 15 shots off the pace with a total of 304-307-

New kicker rescues Trojans, 9-7



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Clarenceville's Deondre Hogan (9) stiff-arms Cranbrook's Jack Briggs in Thursday's 9-7 victory.

Losing the touchdown battle, and the turnover battle, often results in disappointment on the gridiron.

Surprisingly, that wasn't the case Friday night for Livonia Clarenceville as the Trojans not only were stopped from crossing the goal line, but turned the ball over five times, and still had enough to defeat visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 9-7.

"I don't care how we win, as long as we win," said Clarenceville coach Ken Fry, who finds himself 2-0 in his first season at the helm of the program. "We didn't play particularly well, but we were able to get the win."

Senior Ardit Dushkaj can be thanked for accomplishing that feat as it was the place kicker's booming foot that accounted for all the Clarenceville scoring.

A 22-yard field goal staked the Trojans to a 3-0 first-quarter advantage and his 47-yard attempt in the second period split the uprights for a 6-0 Clarenceville lead at the half.

Following a 25-yard TD pass by quarterback Jacob Hall that sent the Cranes in front 7-6, Dushkaj booted the game-winner midway through the fourth quarter.

"This was his first time kicking the football in any varsity football game," Fry said of Dushkaj, who is also a member of the Trojans boys soccer team. "He's got a great leg."

Cranbrook, which dropped to 0-2 with the defeat, had a chance at some late-game heroics of its own but saw time run out as the Cranes were setting up for a potential game-winning field goal deep in Trojan territory.

"We committed a lot of mistakes and that was due to us not being focused and not paying atten-

Please see **TROJANS, B3**

Chargers take out Pinckney

PREP FOOTBALL

Livonia Churchill evened its football record at 1-1 Thursday night with a convincing 35-7 victory over visiting Pinckney.

The Chargers took a 21-7 advantage into the final quarter and put it away with a pair of late touchdowns.

Sean Servalish's 38-yard interception return set up a 1-yard touchdown run by James Ewing with 3:59 remaining. Chad Lipinski then added a 15-yard scoring run with 1:55 to go after Connor Dwyer's sack forced Pinckney to turn the ball over on downs.

Churchill led 14-0 at halftime as senior quarterback Jordan Grohoski figured in both scores. He ran for a 10-yard TD with 2:48 remaining in the first

Please see **CHURCHILL, B4**

Pitching a shutout

Franklin defense puts 'Hurt' on Hartland, 27-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP FOOTBALL

Hartland coach Marcus Dukes lives right behind the Livonia Franklin football field.

And on Thursday night, the host Patriots proved to be not so neighborly as they rolled to a convincing 27-0 victory over the Eagles.

The Patriots' defense pitched a shutout against a Hartland team that had scored 64 points the previous week in the season opener against Ann Arbor Skyline.

Franklin held the Eagles to a mere 128 yards total offense and allowed just five first downs, while containing senior quarterback Dan Richmond, who was 5-of-19 passing for 62 yards and three interceptions. "They're a pretty physical football team," Dukes said of 2-0 Franklin. "They came out and played hard. They made more plays tonight than we did."

"In the first half I thought we played pretty well defensively. They had a couple of big plays that really led to their first two scores. The

second half they were able to sustain drives and move the ball. We just couldn't get them off the field those times."

Franklin took the opening drive and marched 79 yards in eight plays capped by senior quarterback Brent Marzion's 29-yard scoring strike to sophomore halfback Jimmy Mazaris.

The Patriots, who missed their first point-after, scored again with 9:01 left in the first half on a 6-yard touchdown run by Mazaris set up by fullback Dan Muller's 36-yard burst up the middle. Bobby Andrus booted the extra point for a 13-0 advantage.

Hartland, despite a first quarter interception by Ryan Conway and a second-quarter pick-off by Josh Domke, were unable to move the ball effectively out of their spread offense.

Hartland's most serious threat came late in the second quarter when the Eagles drove down to the 11, but Richmond's pass was

intercepted in the end zone by Ryan Hurt, who had two on the night.

"They're physical at the point of attack," Dukes said of the Patriots. "They were in the right places. There were a few times when we had some breakdowns where we needed to make plays and we didn't. And they made plays when they needed them. In a game like this, that's the difference."

Franklin, which had 340 yards total offense, dominated play the second half, limiting Hartland to 11 plays.

The Patriots went 77 yards in 13 plays in the third quarter culminating on Brandon Tower's 3-yard TD.

And in the final period, Franklin moved 76 yards in 16 plays as Marzion hit Mike Sharp on a 7-yard TD pass with 4:01 left.

"We got the ball the beginning of the fourth quarter and went until four or five minutes left," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That's the way we like to play, which is ball control. Especially against an offense

Please see **FRANKLIN, B4**



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Full extension

Wayne Memorial's Katie Horton goes high for the attack in Wednesday's three-game volleyball victory over Livonia Clarenceville. For more on the match, see B3.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Aaron Rieder, eighth year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: 2-5 overall; 1-4 (division); fifth (KLAAS South Meet); 10th (Kensington Conference meet).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Kevin Hafner, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: 3-2 (division); fourth (KLAAS South Meet); ninth (Kensington Conference meet).

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Greg Phill, 26th year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington



Savannah Hatt Stevenson
Desiree Clenney John Glenn
Kayla Douglas Franklin
Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: 8-4 overall; 3-2 (division); second (KLAAS Central and Kensington Conference meets).

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Co-head coaches: Randy Ferguson, 12th year; Jim Sells, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: 4-3 overall; 2-3 (division); third (KLAAS South Meet); eighth (Kensington Conference meet).

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Jamie Perrine, ninth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: 4-7 overall; fourth (Catholic League meet).

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Mike Greuber, 14th year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: 0-10 overall; 0-5 (division); sixth (KLAAS South Meet); 11th (Kensington Conference meet).

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOUBLE-DUAL-MEET
Sept. 2 at Livonia Stevenson
TEAM SCORES: Stevenson 140, Franklin 43; Stevenson 146, Churchill, 40; Churchill 99, Franklin, 81.
FINAL RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Shaelyn Dolinski, Sarah Cauzillo, Ashley Reed, Kaylee Dolinski), 1:59.52; 2. Stevenson, 2:02.5; 3. Churchill, 2:05.44.

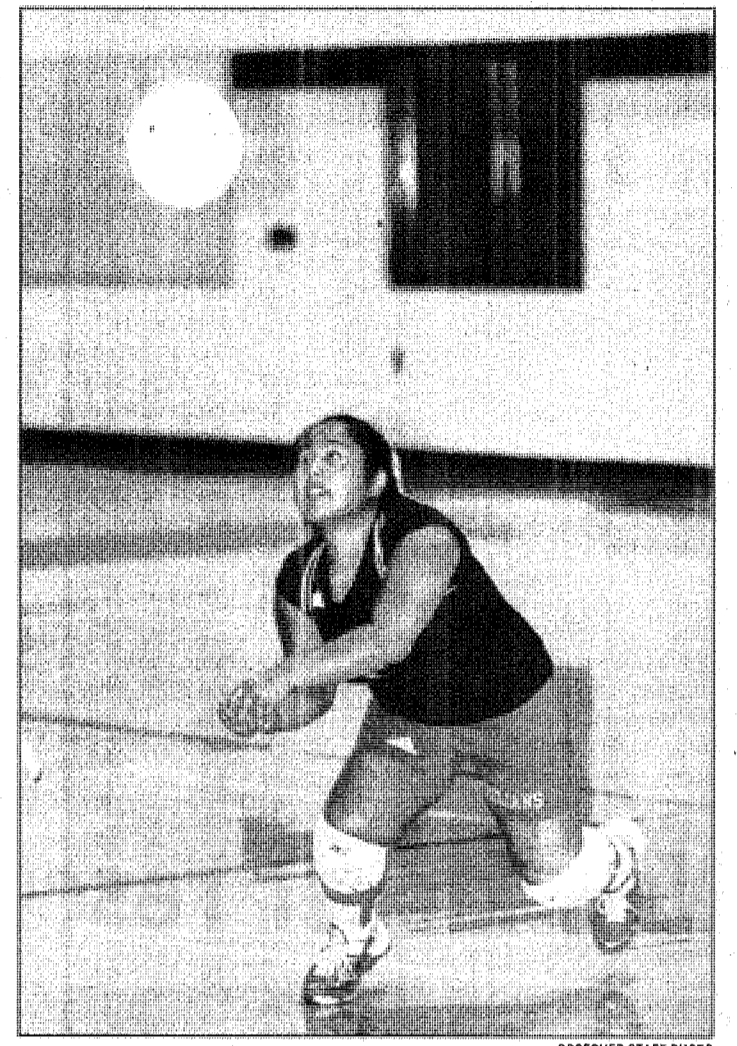
GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF RESULTS
Aug. 30 at Knollwood C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rochester Stoney Creek, 335 strokes; 2. Northville, 350; 3. Troy, 352; 4. Grosse Pointe South, 356; 5. Rochester, 357; 6. Port Huron Northern, 365; 7. Rochester Adams, 379; 8. (tie) Birmingham Marian and Plymouth, 383 each; 10. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 384; 11. Birmingham Seaholm, 389; 12. Livonia Churchill, 398; 13. Clarkston, 418; 14. Lake Orion, 452.

GROSSE ILE INVITATIONAL
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; 17. Livonia Churchill, 393.

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL
Aug. 26 at Glen Oaks Metro Course
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Troy, 341 strokes; 2. Davison, 345; 3. Milford, 354; 4. Walled Lake Central, 362; 5. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 381; 6. Farmington Hills Mercy, 387; 7. Birmingham Seaholm, 389; 8. Livonia Churchill, 394; 9. Birmingham Groves, 396; 11. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 403; 10. North Farmington-Harrison, 417; 12. Royal Oak, 419; 13. Livonia Stevenson, 420; 14. Troy Athens, 423; 15. Canton, 434; 16. Dearborn, 436; 17. West Bloomfield, 447; 18. Farmington, 468.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 132 GROSSE POINTE NORTH 54
Aug. 31 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Shaelyn Dolinski, Kayla Perchall, Ashley Reed, Emilee Montini), 2:00.42; 3. Stevenson (Jessica Roskelly, Julia Hurley, Sara Stemen, Aidan O'Dowd), 2:07.06.



Clarenceville's Isabella Sidon bumps the ball in Wednesday's match against Wayne Memorial.

Sister act lifts Wayne by Clarenceville in 3

Sisters Keri and Katie Horton combined for 11 kills and seven blocks Wednesday as host Wayne Memorial downed Livonia Clarenceville in three games, 25-18, 25-22, 25-16. Senior setter Amanda Chalmers served 16 points, including four aces for the victorious Zebras, who improved 3-3-1 overall. Keri Horton also added two aces in the win.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

MONROE TOURNAMENT BOYS TENNIS RESULTS
Aug. 29 at Monroe H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 22 points; 1. Livonia Franklin, 19; 3. Plymouth, 4; 4. Monroe; 5. Brownstown Woodhaven; 6. Carleton Airport.
Franklin 1sts: Stephen Payne (No. 1 singles); Christian Woods (No. 2 singles); Joe Bastas-Quentin Palais (No. 3 doubles); Chase Semonick-Jacob Liborati (No. 4 doubles); Chris Sitarski-Jake Turchan (No. 5 doubles); 3rds: Brandon Kozyn (No. 3 singles); Tim Crouson (No. 4 singles).

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JOHN GLENN

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for a 21-yard score.

However, on the next drive, a Glenn offense that had sputtered to that point found some traction.

The Rockets moved from their own 28 to the Brighton 21 before time ran out in the first half after Vorias had batted away a pass intended for Chris Jones in the end zone.

Dokey again struck for the Bulldogs on the Rockets' first drive of the second half, intercepting the ball at midfield and running it in for an apparent touchdown.

But the play was called back due to an illegal block, giving Brighton the ball at its own 47.

Two plays later, Dokey scored on a 53-yard run to make it 19-0.

Glenn finally got going in the fourth quarter. After downing a punt at their own 16, the Rockets ran the same play twice, a pass from Kuhary to Mark Layne. On the first play, Layne was tackled after an 8-yard gain.

On the next play, Layne took off on a post pattern, took Kuhary's pass in stride and streaked to the end zone for a touchdown.

Alex Isaevski, lining up to kick the extra point, wound up picking up the ball after Cole couldn't handle a high snap. The Glenn kicker looked to run, then stopped and threw the ball to Cole, who scored a two-point conversion that energized the Glenn faithful.

On the next possession, Brighton's Nick Falkiewicz was tackled for a loss and fumbled on the play. Cole picked it up and ran it in 12 yards to get the Rockets within five, 19-14.

"They started rolling, their momentum came together and they started clicking," Brighton's Austin Barger said.

After punting on their next series, the Rockets had one last chance with 1:10 remaining.

Kuhary converted a fourth-and-10 with an 18-yard pass to Chris Wimer, who ran for seven yards himself and found Wimer for a 2-yard gain to put the ball on the Brighton 34 with eight seconds left.

Dokey, who missed most of the fourth quarter with leg cramps, was back on the field for the final series.

After an incomplete, Cole went to the left side of the end zone, and Dokey made the game-saving play for the Bulldogs.

"I want to credit Glenn for not quitting," Brighton coach Cliff Kiefer said. "Their kids played hard. It was a great team effort, and I give a lot of credit to our defense and our defensive coaches. Any time you can contain (Cole) and (running back Donnell Brewer), you're doing well, and we did it pretty well."

Kuhary went 8-for-27 for 133 yards with two interceptions and a touchdown pass. The Rockets had just 14 net yards rushing.

Tim Robinson is a sports writer for the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus.

CHURCHILL

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quarter to cap an eight-play, 72-yard drive.

Grohoski then hooked up with Justin Chantres on a 37-yard scoring pass with 1:20 to go in the second quarter, a drive which covered 80 yards in seven plays.

Pinkney (1-1) cut the deficit to 14-7 with 4:17 left in the third on a 4-yard pass from Dominic Bona to Mike McClafferty. The drive covered 73 yards in 15 plays.

Churchill answered with a 10-yard TD run from Mike Kutek to cap a nine-play, 70-yard drive with 51 seconds to go in the same quarter.

Pinkney had the edge in total offense, 257-255, and in first downs, 20-17.

Grohoski was 4-of-6 passing for 37 yards and an interception. He also rushed for a team-high 65 yards on nine carries.

Dean Bokuniewicz also went 5-for-5 on extra point tries for the Chargers.

Bona was 11-of-18 passing for 102 yards and one interception.

Drew Stephens was the Pirates' top rusher with 68 yards on 15 attempts.

Churchill's defense was led by senior linebacker Dylan Ochala, who was in on 13 tackles, while sophomore linebacker Romello Brown chipped in with 10 stops.

MILFORD 49, WAYNE 12: Quarterback Luke Johnson connected on 8-of-13 passes for 274 yards and three touchdowns Thursday as the Mavericks (2-0) downed host Wayne Memorial (0-2) in a KLAAC crossover.

Milford, which led 35-6 at halftime and 49-6 after three quarters, racked up 464 yards total.

Nick Shatney caught four of Johnson's passes for 162 yards and two TDs, while Joe Miller threw a halfback option pass to Jon Drury for a 77-yard score.

Drew Williamson added a pair of 7-yard TD runs, while Ryan Grubb contributed a 1-yard score.

Wayne's Chris Tolentino returned a second-quarter kickoff 88 yards for a TD. The Zebras' other TD came in the final period on Dean Caldwell's 33-yard pass to Brett McMasters.

Wayne had only 128 yards total offense, including 92 on the ground. Caldwell, a junior, was 4-of-8 passing for 36 yards.

Corey Stewart was Wayne's leading tackler with five solo and two assists.

Soph QB Mims shines in 35-13 Spartan win

Sophomore quarterback Joe Mims, making only his second varsity start, proved to be efficient Thursday night as Livonia Stevenson romped to a 35-13 football victory over host Waterford Mott.

Mims hit 7-of-10 passes for 160 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions as the Stevenson evened its record at 1-1.

He sparked the Spartans to a 6-0 lead with 1:25 left in the opening quarter when he hit Adam Duncan with a 41-yard TD pass. The point-after, however, failed.

In the second quarter, Stevenson exploded for 21 points with Leroy Glover scoring on a 10-yard run with 11:22 left. Glover also converted the two-point conversion. Tyler Jarosz then made it 21-0 with a 14-yard TD run followed by his own PAT with 7:53 left.

Mims then hit Duncan again

on a 33-yard passing for a TD with 1:51 remaining in the half. Jarosz's extra point put Stevenson up 28-0.

The Spartans also got a key defensive stop right before the half to thwart a Mott scoring threat when Brendan Hayes recovered a fumble at his own 5.

With 9:29 to play in the third quarter, Stevenson invoked the 35-point mercy rule when Dylan Dunn pulled the ball out of a big scrum following a muffed punt return attempt and raced 55 yards for a TD.

The Corsairs (0-2) averted the shutout and running clock with a pair of short rushing TDs in the final 9:38 of the final quarter.

Stevenson outgained Mott in total yardage, 314-211. The Spartans rushed for 154 yards in 23 attempts with Dunn the top individual (4-for-45).

Mott had 156 yards rushing and was 6-of-12 passing for 55 yards.

FRANKLIN

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like that you don't want them to be on the field."

Marzion, a 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior, was on the money for the second straight week going 11-of-15 for 141 yards. He was 13-of-15 the previous week for 180 yards in a 42-28 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

"He (Marzion) does a really good job," Kelbert said. "He made a couple of bad decisions that he didn't make last week, but he does what we need him to do, and he does a great job at it."

The Franklin coach, however, wanted to focus more on the stellar play of his defense.

"We talked disciplined defense all week," he said. "They played great. Our defensive ends kept their quar-

terback boxed in. He (Richmond) really had no where to go. Last week he (Stevenson quarterback Joe Mims) was running anywhere he wanted, whenever he wanted. This week we really focused on keeping him and the halfback (Chad Hunt) in between the tackles and not let him get out in space."

The Patriots picked off three Hartland passes with Ryan Hurt getting two and Ryan Tarhanich getting another.

"We had a great game plan," said Hurt, a 6-foot, 153-pound senior. "And we worked hard in practice and we just executed. I read the defense, read the routes and jumped the routes when I could. Our line got pressure on them all night and that was good stuff."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball evaluations

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will hold its 13-and-under tournament team evaluations at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Westland's Jaycee Park.

For more information, call Greg Hovermale at (734) 721-0098; or e-mail hovermale@sbglobal.net.

Girls softball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Livonia Wild competitive girls fastpitch softball program will be for the following age groups, all at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2):

- 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-and-under - 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8;
- 10- and 12-and-under - 1-

2:30 p.m.; and 14- and 16-and-under - 3-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

For more information, e-mail Wild coordinator Glenn Moore at gdmooore20247@gmail.com.

Tryouts the 2011 Livonia Storm will be for the following age groups, at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9-10):

- 10- and 12-and-under - registration at 9 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12;
- 14-, 16- and 18-and-under - registration at 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12;
- All ages (7-18) - 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14.

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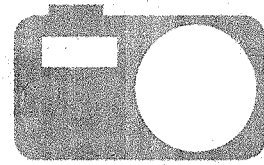


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Brother, sister document places, people along U.S. 12

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Most drivers travel Michigan Avenue and never think twice about it.

For Jillian and Bryan Bogater, the stretch of highway also known as U.S. 12 is an ongoing adventure.

The brother and sister are documenting their travel along the interstate highway that stretches from downtown Detroit to the Pacific Ocean in Washington. The Canton natives drove a portion of the road together in June and plan to complete the trip next summer.

Bryan, a professional photographer who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., shot close to 900 images on film during his first leg of the journey. Jillian, of Ferndale, a former newspaper reporter, interviewed the people they met along the way, kept a journal and posted her iPhone photos daily to Facebook for some 600 friends who followed their progress on a trip that was as much about reliving childhood memories as it was about documenting new adventures.

"I grew up two miles from Michigan Avenue and so I was on Michigan Avenue all the time. It's in my blood. It's part of my identity," Jillian said. "And it starts in Detroit,

which I identify with quite a bit. So when Bryan came to me with the idea of doing this trip, I was thinking, what a great idea — and almost a homecoming. It's so great to be travelling on this road that starts in such familiar territory. Every bit of it was delightful."

U.S. 12 had always intrigued Bryan, who recalls travelling along the road to and from the family's cottage in Hillsdale.

"I remember my dad telling me U.S. 12 goes to the Pacific and it fascinated me," he said. "It fascinated me for 20 years that the road by my house ends up at the Pacific Ocean. I figured someday I'd have to travel it."

Bryan prefers travelling alone and enjoying the journey with his camera, an experience he likens to "meditation behind the lens." But he knew Jillian's journalism skills would compliment his photography on U.S. 12, especially if their travels were to evolve into a book. She was the only travel companion he'd consider inviting on the trip.

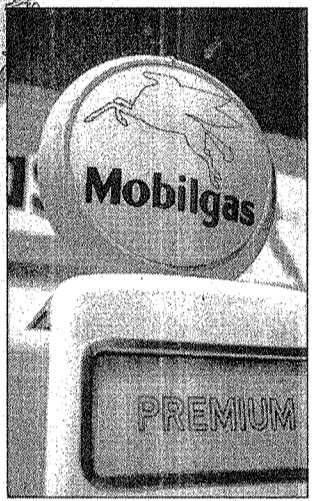
"I don't want to debate with anyone if I want to turn left or right, keep going or stop," he said. "With her there's no hassle. We're always on the same page. And I like being with her."

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PHOTOS BY BRYAN BOGATER

Structures - such as this church - landscapes, people and oddities all were fodder for Bryan Bogater's camera lens during his trip along U.S. 12.



This photo of a vintage-style gas pump is among nearly 900 images that Bryan Bogater captured on film during his trip along U.S. 12.

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Four Seasons resident Joe of Redford, MI with Janice, Joe's caretaker and friend

Joe Stevens can't stop talking about the times he played for Bob Hope and President Harry Truman. Stevens played saxophone and clarinet with the U.S. Army band during World War II. His love of music is one of the reasons he's enjoyed living at Four Seasons for the last four years. At least once a week entertainers perform or sing songs from the past. He likes the entertainment showcased at Four Seasons, and enjoyed festivities at his 90th birthday party with cake and a luncheon.

"They do a lot," said Janice Mielcarek, Joe's caretaker. "They have activities. When it's music in the dining room, I stay."



Betty Noe of Dearborn, MI completed rehab and returned home July 2010

Betty Noe practiced cooking breakfast for several mornings before going home. She spent three months at Four Seasons recovering from fractures of the wrist and leg and a shattered knee. Her stay in the Sub-Acute Unit included physical and occupational therapy.

"When I first broke my leg and arm I was scared to death that I would be in a wheelchair the rest of my life but with the help of the three wonderful people, P.J., Priscilla, Manouj, I am walking again. God bless all of the wonderful people at the Four Seasons nursing home. I praise them all for their help."

Eventually, Noe will need knee replacement surgery. She plans to return to Four Seasons for rehabilitation.

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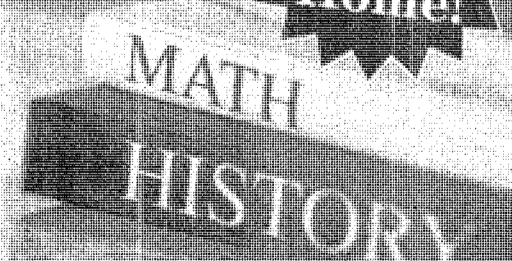
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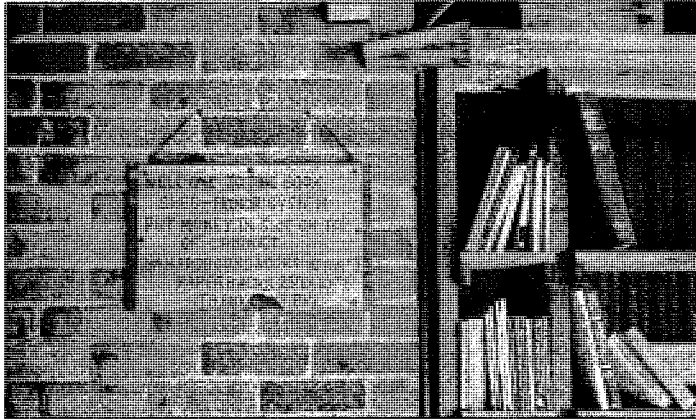
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SEASONED TRAVELERS

They toured the Southwest together a few years earlier and Jillian, like her brother, had traveled extensively on her own. She once took a two-month road trip with canine companions, driving back roads and visiting cities in the South without a map to guide her.

"When I was 16 my dad took us out through the Badlands to Washington, to California on a six-week road trip. I think my dad instilled the value of getting out on the road and really experiencing things firsthand," Jillian said.

Both siblings camp and hike, as they did when they were kids. They slept in a tent during good weather — and found affordable indoor lodging when storms loomed — during the U.S. 12 trip.

Jillian, who works as an editor for a University of Michigan publication, could spend a maximum six days on the road. She flew home from Minneapolis, Minn. Bryan continued on to Billings, Mont., before heading back to Florida. He was on the road for 13 days.

Together, they stayed in Michigan City, Ind., the first night and Richmond, Ill., the second.

During the first day out,



Jillian Bogater and her brother Bryan Bogater before heading out on a trip to document US 12, from Detroit to the Pacific Ocean.

they stopped at a town near Coldwater and noticed what Bryan described as a "serve yourself" bookstore. Hard covers were 35 cents; soft covers, 25 cents.

"The quality wasn't all that great ... but it was amazing to me to see this town basically vacant, and these people had a bookstore. It was a great idea that people could read and it didn't cost a lot of money," he said.

Another time, outside Madison, Wis., they stopped to photograph a neon bowling alley sign and discovered a mail deposit box that had been turned into a collection container for used American flags. They hope to return to the site when the local VFW holds its

flag-burning ceremony.

CHILDHOOD FUN

They deviated from the road and its surrounding landscape only once — to see downtown Chicago — and then caught up with the highway again north of the city. They spent two nights in the Wisconsin Dells, where Jillian said they explored its "magical kind of cheesy fun."

"It was like experiencing Americana at its finest. We went on a duck boat ride. We went to a water park. We were drawn to the Dells. What it gave us, in terms of reliving our childhood, was so great. I was really grateful for that," she said.

She spent her last night on the trip outside Minneapolis before flying home. Bryan con-

tinued on through the Dakotas and part of Montana. The road stretches west through Idaho and Washington.

Jillian said most stops along the way occurred "organically," without a pre-planned itinerary. A sunlit farm field, crumbling barn, architectural oddity or humorous sign might all be reason enough to document the surroundings. One time they stopped to photograph sheep and spent 25 minutes appreciating the "magical" scene.

Although many of Bryan's photos depict landscapes and structures, the pair met interesting locals as well. Both recall the chef/owner at American Accent Pizza in Black River Falls, Wis., who made "awesome" food, according to Bryan, but had a tough time making ends meet.

Jillian's most memorable meeting was with Elena Greendeer, a member of the Hochunk tribe. Bryan noticed her fishing at a pond near the road and asked if he could photograph her. She welcomed the travelers into her home, offered them drinks and showed them her needlework and family photos.

"The thing I see, is people have pride wherever they are living," Bryan said. "No matter how small the town, they love to be where they are."

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through the winter and into next spring.

A presentation at 10 a.m., Sept. 25, will show how to use green house plants to improve air quality in the home and a program at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, will offer ideas on adding color to the fall garden.

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The first 500 women who attend the annual Ladies Night Out, Thursday, Sept. 16, in downtown Plymouth will get a rose courtesy of Ribar Floral.

The event runs 5-9 p.m. and will include shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include Basket Kreations; Bella Mia; Brass & Iron Bed & Gift Boutique; Candy Trail; Creatopia Paint Your

Own Pottery; Dearborn Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Genuine Toy Co.; GiGi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Home Sweet Home; Isabella's Copper Pot; Jill Andra Young Photography; Kilwin's; Magnolia A Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Penniman Gallery; R.S.V.P.; Sean O'Callaghan's; sideways; Suburban Harvest; Sun & Snow; Sunny J's Lingerie; Sweets 21; That's Awesome and TranquiliTea.

Arts group offers fall classes

Registration is available now for fall art classes at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL).

Classes are taught by professional artists who accept students at all levels of ability.

Edee Joppich and Marj Chellstorp will teach watercolor classes as well as workshops on watercolor techniques. Lin Baum will teach figure drawing and portraits. A model fee will be included in the tuition.

Two recent additions to the faculty are Tim Marsh, who will teach colored pencil, and Kim Ensch, who will teach acrylics.

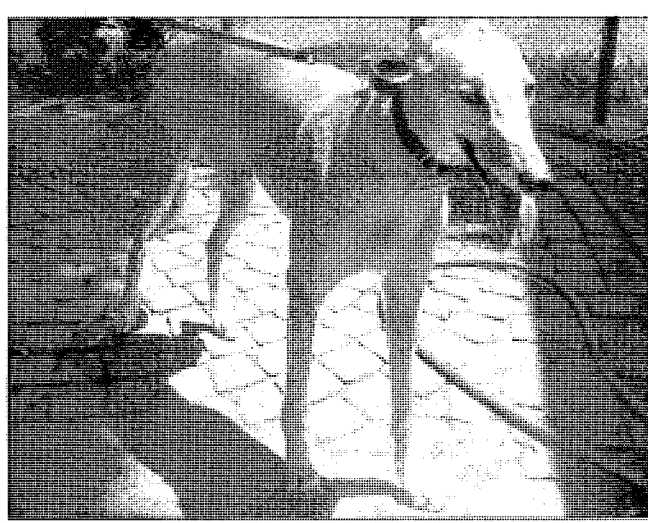
Jim Markle will offer a second pastel workshop for VAAL. Laura Whitesides Host will investigate various print-making techniques in a mono-type class.

VAAL is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative

arts and offers studio classes, twice-annual exhibits and twice yearly exhibits.

Fall classes will meet from September-December at VAAL's new location, New Five Shopping Center, 37653 Five Mile, Livonia.

For more information about VAAL or to receive a free catalog of classes call (734) 838-1204 or visit www.vaalart.org.



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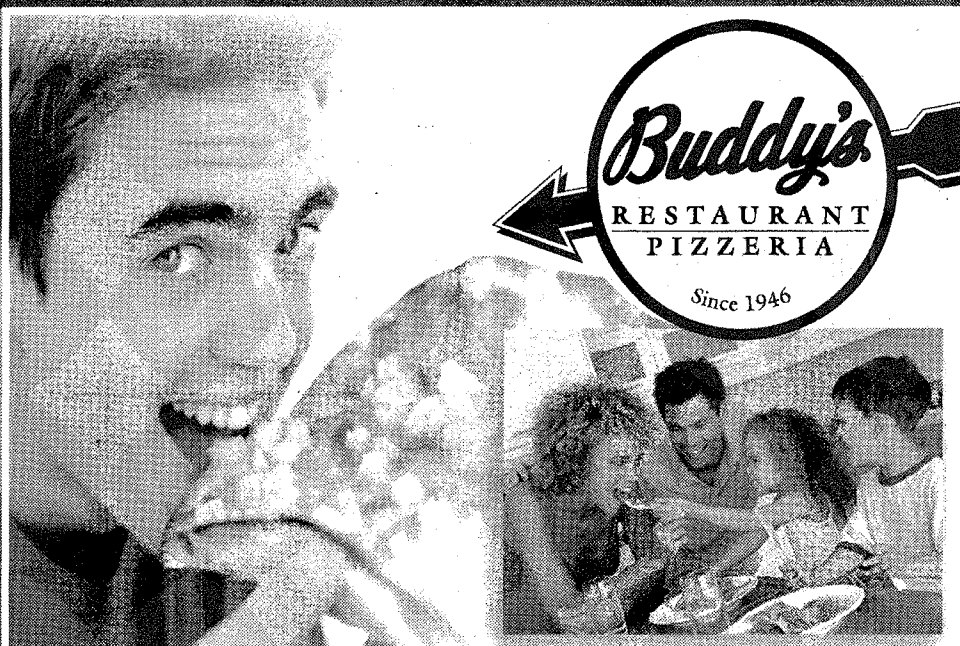
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- Enjoy a spectacular afternoon sampling extraordinary culinary delicacies showcasing Michigan's finest restaurants, pastry experts and wineries.
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The results are in. Consumers value and trust the premium-quality content found at newspaper Web sites as well as the advertising on those sites according to a just-released comScore survey.

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Current, Credible and Relevant Consumers consider local newspaper Web sites to be the most trusted source of online advertising, with ads that are perceived to be more current, credible and relevant to them.

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Grant aids U-M researchers' probe into bacterium impact

Clostridium difficile, a wily, familiar bacterium, causes a growing number of serious infections in U.S. hospitals and nursing homes. With a \$7.5 million, five-year award from the National Institutes of Health, University of Michigan researchers plan to discover what factors in the microbe and in patients make C. difficile a formidable, costly problem that infects nearly a half-million Americans each year.

U-M scientists and clinicians from many disciplines will conduct three inter-related projects that will focus on:

- The pathogen's genetic variations, to understand how pathogen variation leads to different disease outcomes
- The beneficial gut microbiota that, when altered by antibiotics, leave patients vulnerable to infection
- The human immune response to C. difficile infection

The deeper knowledge should lead to better prevention measures, treatments and ways to keep infections from recur-

ring, says U-M infectious disease specialist Dr. Vincent B. Young, who will direct the effort.

"If we can identify a deficiency in the host response, we may be able to develop a vaccine to compensate," Young says. "With increased knowledge of how a person's beneficial microbiota are altered by antibiotics, we can develop ways to give back microbiota that keep C. difficile in check." Young is associate professor in the U-M departments of internal medicine and microbiology and immunology.

C. difficile infections have doubled and grown more severe in recent years. Each year, 215,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with C. difficile infections while in hospitals or after a hospital stay. Another 263,000 develop C. difficile infections in nursing homes. The disease causes 28,500 deaths annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

C. difficile infection causes mild to

severe symptoms ranging from diarrhea to life-threatening colon inflammation.

Despite the availability of antibiotics to treat it, C. difficile increasingly recurs in some people. In contrast to many other hospital-acquired infections, recurrent C. difficile does not arise through antibiotic resistance, but through long-term changes in the makeup of the normal microbial inhabitants of the gut.

The multidisciplinary effort at U-M will bring together investigators with expertise in microbiology, immunology, clinical medicine, epidemiology, microbial ecology, evolutionary biology, animal modeling and bioinformatics. U-M's three interrelated projects tackle specific aspects of C. difficile pathogenesis.

Young will lead the overall consortium at U-M and will direct a project on the microbial ecology and molecular pathogenesis of C. difficile infection.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital plans open house

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present its fourth annual "Embrace Life" 5K run/walk for Cancer at 9 a.m., Sept. 12. More than 530 people participated in last year's 5K, raising more than \$18,000.

Proceeds will support cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, including mammogram screenings, support groups, and access to care for those in need.

The 5K run/walk also is designed to raise awareness of cancer and to celebrate life for cancer survivors and for those who have cancer. It's an oppor-

tunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds at Five Mile and Levan and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

Registration is \$27. Visit www.stmarymercy.org to register or for more information. After the race, beginning

at 10:30 a.m., the hospital will present its "Celebration of Health" Community Open House, a family-friendly event that offers a variety of free activities for all ages.

Health activities will include blood pressure and bone density screenings, tours of the operating room, an "Ask the Doctor" booth, pet therapy dogs, B.U.S.T.E.R. the stroke robot, along with information about cancer, diabetes, stroke, heart disease and more.

Kids will have an opportunity to play games, meet

clowns, make crafts, watch balloon animals being made, play in inflatable bouncers, see emergency vehicles and meet the Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron, civil air patrol unit.

Entertainment will include music by the Sunset Boulevard Band, magic shows, Dora the Explorer and more, including food, refreshments, prizes and more.

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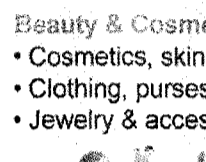
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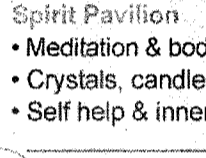
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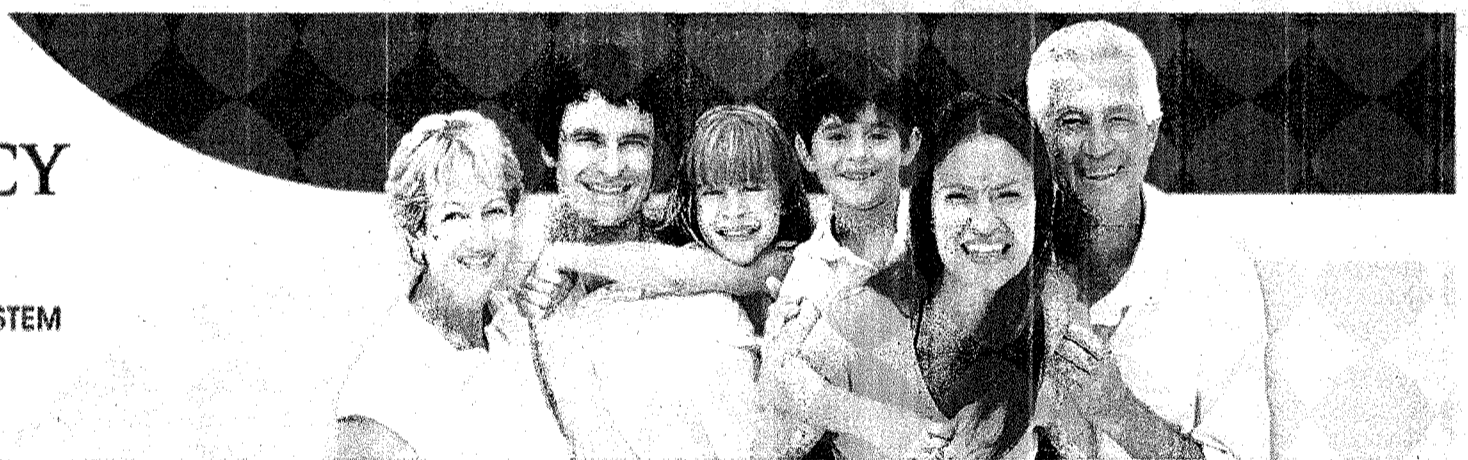
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- Kids' Crafts

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- Road Runner demonstration trailer
- Meet Dora the Explorer!
- Detroit Tigers Mascot PAWS
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