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## IN BRIEF

### Identity theft

More and more people are being victimized by identity theft, which not only can cause a problem with personal credit, but also create financial turmoil and emotional stress.

And it's something that can happen to anyone.

That's why the Westland senior Friendship Center is offering a program on identity theft at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23. Learn how personal information is obtained by criminals, how to prevent it and what to do if you become victim. The information will be provided by the Senior Brigade, a part of the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

Light refreshments will be served. Seniors can reserve a seat at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

### Annual festival

St. Damian Parish is gearing up for its annual festival planned for Friday-Sunday, Sept. 24-26, at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland.

Festival hours are 6-11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. There will be bingo, a beer tent, entertainment, dinners, 50/50 raffles, bake sale, Tin Can Alley, inflatables for all ages and a polka Mass with the Kielbasa Kings at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Friday's lineup includes a teen dance and karaoke 8-11 p.m., Vegas games 6-11 p.m. and Steve King and the Ditties 6:30-10:30 p.m. On Saturday, Toppermost, a Beatles tribute band will perform 1-4 p.m. with The Reflections, the deacons of Doo-Wop singing from 7-11 p.m. There also will be a teen dance and karaoke 8-11 p.m., and chicken parmesan dinners, catered by Marvaso's Italian Grille, will be available for \$10 each from 5:30 until they sell out.

In addition to the polka Mass, the Kielbasa Kings will be entertaining crowds from 1:30-5:30 p.m. There also will be a Polish dinner of city chicken, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and kraut, green beans, potatoes, salad and rolls, served starting at 12:30 p.m. The meal costs \$10 per dinner and is being catered by Halina's.

For more information, call St. Damian's at (734) 421-6130 or visit [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

### VFW contest

Students can show their patriotism and earn scholarships through the VFW's annual Voice of Democracy contest.

Created in 1947, the Voice of Democracy scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12. The Voice of Democracy program is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three-five-minute essay based on an annual theme. This year's theme is "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?"

The VFW also sponsors the Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The contest offers students the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. This year's theme is "Does Patriotism Still Matter?"

The deadline for entering is Nov. 1. For more information, visit [www.vfwmi.org/voice\\_of\\_democracy.htm](http://www.vfwmi.org/voice_of_democracy.htm).



Amy Tracy, Tori Lewis, Alice Dent, Chris Distelraith, Michelle Story and Barb Fichtenberg participate in the dedication ceremony of three new Habitat for Humanity homes on Donnelly east of Wayne Road. Tracy, Lewis and Story are the homeowners.

## Home, sweet home

### New homeowners get Bibles, tools from Habitat

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The women scheduled to become owners of three new homes on Donnelly received the traditional Habitat for Humanity housewarming gifts — a Bible and a tool kit — at the dedication ceremony Tuesday.

"These ladies are really handy now. The homes are so well built that they won't need the tool boxes," said Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne.

Michelle Story, Torri Lewis and Amy Tracy will be the owners of the new homes on Donnelly east of Wayne Road. Westland acquired an abandoned home which was

demolished and the parcel divided into three lots. The homes received funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I'm proud to be here this evening to thank everyone — the sponsors, the churches and anyone who came out to support us with hands or hearts," said Lewis. "I want to thank God, who made it all possible. I thank you all for your time and your donations. I can't believe this came so quick. It's a blessing to me and my four children."

During the dedication ceremony, Tracy said

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## Problems keep woman from getting Westland Habitat home

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten months ago, Kenette Washington was expecting to celebrate Thanksgiving in the first Westland home rehabilitated by Habitat for Humanity.

Instead, someone else has purchased the home on Vincent. A single mother of two, Washington has been dropped from the program and is continuing to rent a home in Inkster.

"I was never told what the problem was. The woman there was giving me a hard time — giving me more and more hoops to go through," said Washington, a hairdresser and part-time store cashier.

Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne, agrees that there are many steps applicants must take before qualifying for a home that comes with a 20-year zero interest mortgage. But Dent disagrees that Washington was treated differently than any other applicant and adds that it's not unusual for people to reapply when they are initially unable to qualify for the program.

To qualify for a Habitat home, applicants must contribute a minimum of 250 sweat equity hours, pay an earnest money deposit and meet income guidelines verifying income and income to debt ratios.

"The government requires that all income has to be proved — we received HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) funds," said Dent, who couldn't speak specifically about Washington due to confidentiality rules. "If income is not verifiable, we can't approve the family for a Habitat home. I follow the rules — all that we do is con-



FILE PHOTO

Problems with documentation has led to Kenette Washington losing her bid for a Habitat for Humanity home in Westland that she had worked on.

sistent. I would not allow myself or the agency to be put in jeopardy."

Early in the application process, Habitat will accept a letter verifying the applicant's income. Copies of federal tax returns are required later in the process before the Habitat board gives final approval.

Having failed to file tax returns in 2006 and 2007, Washington said she had returns prepared for those years when she made

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## Man faces trial in shooting at apartments

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His face and hand still bandaged, a Westland man testified Thursday to being ambushed by a gunman as he returned to his apartment after grocery shopping the morning of Aug. 24.

Clifford Crain, 32, took the witness stand in 18th District Court in the preliminary examination of the man accused of shooting him, Antwaine Jeffrey Williams, 36, of Belleville.

"He pulled out a gun. When the gun came up, I turned to run. He fired and shot me in the face. I was turned so I

wasn't completely facing him," said Crain, who was shot in the face, arm and twice in the side. "I proceeded to run. He fired a couple more shots, maybe four. I heard them and felt them."

Crain tried to run through the Landings Apartments parking lot in a zigzag pattern, he said, pursued by the gunman but soon fell to the ground.

"He hit me in the back of the head. I could feel the butt of the gun hitting me in the back of the head," he said, adding his attacker had been holding on to him.

The attacker ran into a

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## Father, sons charged with assault of teen

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three Wayne residents, a father and two sons, are facing charges for allegedly assaulting an Inkster teen near the closed Lincoln Elementary School on Sept. 13.

Westland police were called to the school site, 33800 Grand Traverse, at 5:40 p.m. about three men reportedly beating a fourth man with a stick.

When officers arrived the beating victim, a 17-year-old Inkster resident, was being loaded into a car by his friends and the suspects were gone, police said.

The victim was at the school playground with some friends, Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano said, when there was a dispute with one of the suspects, a 16-year-old who was also there with friends.

Based on interviews, police were able to identify the suspects, who were subsequently arrested.

"The 16-year-old called his stepbrother for help. Dad ends up driving him and getting involved in the fight. He used the stick also," Serrano said.

The 17-year-old suffered no broken bones, Serrano said, but had facial injuries from being kicked in the head, soft tissue bruises on much of his body and a swollen knee.

"His knee was beaten as he was kicking to fight back. I saw him the next day and he couldn't walk. He was hit hard enough with the stick that he bled," Serrano said.

The two 16-year-olds are in juvenile custody, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

The father and stepfather of the juvenile defendants, Dante Guarascio, 47, was arraigned Thursday in 18th District Court on the same charge. A not guilty plea was entered for him and he was released on \$10,000/10 percent bond. A preliminary examination for Guarascio is scheduled for Oct. 7.

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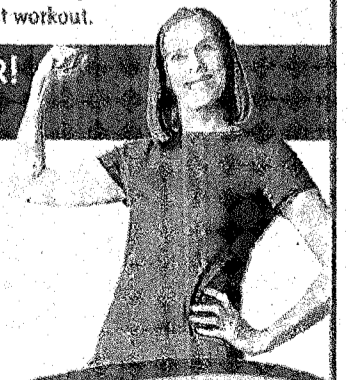
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# HABITAT

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she wasn't able to express her appreciation to all of the volunteers so she had written letter and left it on the kitchen counter so visitors and volunteers could read it while touring the home.

"I'm so grateful that the neighborhood welcomed us and has been patient with the construction," said Tracy, who was meeting some new neighbors who stopped by to check out her new home. "I thought the sweat equity would be the biggest challenge but it was

getting all the steps done." Reflecting Habitat's origins as a Christian organization, a dozen area churches participated in constructing the three homes. Whirlpool Corp. provided appliances for the homes. The projects rely on donated labor.

Story's home was a Women Build project, sponsored by Lowe's, and the first home constructed by women locally in about 15 years.

A mother of five, Story partnered on her home with her mother, Jannie Story.

"Mine was the first home started. It was Women Build — thanks to all the women who volunteered," said Story.

"I've met so many people and families. It's like we have a new family."

The City of Westland and its Community Development Department have partnered with Habitat for Humanity as part of efforts to rehabilitate abandoned and blighted properties.

"It's hard to imagine that four months ago there was nothing here. Now there are three new homes and we are welcoming three families to our All-American city," said Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith. "We have had a long relationship with Habitat for Humanity and we applaud that."

Along with meeting income

guidelines to qualify for a 20-year interest-free mortgage, Habitat homeowners are required to put in a minimum of 250 hours sweat equity working on Habitat homes. Mortgage payments are used to fund construction and rehabilitation of additional homes.

"At the end of the year, we will have built or rehabilitated our 50th home in 15 years. That was our goal, so we are excited," said Dent. "We partner with families, we don't give homes to people. There has been about 1,000 sweat equity hours from the owners of homes on this street."

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# History comes alive in two programs

Baseball and Michigan history - there is something for everyone at upcoming programs sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Historical Society.

Vintage baseball returns to Westland 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, as the Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs take on the La-De-Dahs of Greenfield Village.

The game will be played following 1867 rules which means no gloves. The game will be played at Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood next to Mike Modano Arena.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted to benefit the Westland Historic Village. The Historic Commission will operate a concession stand during the game.

Those attending the game are also asked to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Petticoat Ladies will return to present their program, Maid in Michigan.

Based at Garden City Presbyterian Church, the Petticoat Ladies present costumed historical programs. This program will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind Westland City Hall on Ford at Central City Parkway.

Tickets are \$5 per person and advance tickets are recommended.

For more information or tickets, call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918, Georgia Becker at (734) 729-1605 or the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

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\$9,000 or less. She said her 2008 income of \$20,000 met the income requirements for the program.

"If you declare you have a \$25,000 income, we will ask for verification through a tax form. We are the eighth largest homebuyer in the nation," said Dent. "If a person can't prove that income, it's fraud. I could get arrested by the govern-

ment."

In addition, Dent said Habitat wouldn't set themselves up for foreclosures by approving sales to applicants who can't prove their income and won't be able to meet their mortgage payments.

Washington was upset that she wasn't aware of a problem until after she had expected to be in the house — she wasn't dropped until well into 2010.

"A program that works with someone for months has compassion," said Dent, adding that the board of direc-

tors makes the decision on whether someone is approved or dropped from the program.

The prospective owners of new Habitat homes on Donnelly include applicants who weren't accepted in the past but were subsequently able work out their issues to meet the program requirements, Dent noted.

That was no consolation to Washington, who remains

angry at Dent and Habitat, which has a motto of "A Hand Up, Not a Handout."

"It's been such a stressful situation. I got ill and had ulcers," said Washington, who got into a dispute with her landlord after giving notice when she thought she was moving. "I'm going to have a lawyer look at it. It was very unfair. I was sabotaged."

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# Author invites dads to football tailgate party

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Looking for a first book to read to your child? There are plenty out there. Colors, shapes, food, words, dinosaurs, numbers and animal sounds. There are even fuzzy sports books.

But author Alex McNeece has written one geared for fathers and their sons that entertains and informs. He is introducing *Read to Me, Daddy! My First Football Book*, to fathers



McNeece

and their children at a tailgate party in Garden City on Friday, Sept. 23, to promoted father/child reading activities.

"This is meant to bring attention to the absolute need for dads to read to their children, we need dads to read to boys and girls," said McNeece. "A lot has been published about that idea and it's a great idea."

The party is being held at Douglas Elementary School on Hartel at Maplewood and includes hot dogs, chips and soda, face painting and balloons and the Michigan Youth Flag Football games, drills and prizes. McNeece also will do a book signing and sell copies of his *Football Book*, published by Nelson Publishing and Marketing, for \$6.

"It's not the focus of the tailgate party, it's to encourage fathers to read," said McNeece. "I want to promote literacy in the community."

The party ends at 7 p.m., just in time for fathers and their kids to walk across the street to the Garden City High School football stadium to watch the Garden City Cougars take on Redford Thurston High School for the discounted price of \$5 for themselves and one child.

This is the third book McNeece has written. The principal of the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center, McNeece's first was a teen book, *Sam Iver: Imminent Threat*, followed by *Ryan and Ruby Go to Kindergarten*. He decided to venture into writing a sports book after growing tired of reading books about butterflies and such to his young son.

"One night, after reading to my son, I went downstairs

and decided to write a book I wanted to read to him," McNeece said. "There's not a bunch of books out there for dads to read to their sons."

The *Football Book* is two books in one. The story line is about a father who breaks out his all-time favorite football book to read to his son. However, each page includes a football fact, information McNeece unearthed in writing the book.

"I'm a huge football fan and when I researched the sport, I learned so much," he said. "So when I wrote it, I have a story on top for dad to read and facts on the bottom for only dad. There's some fascinating stuff out there."

There are even a few facts about reading and a list of other books for dads to read to their children.

According to McNeece, studies have shown that there's an achievement gap between boys and girls. For boys, achievement drops off at third grade while girls' achievement stays level. That's about the time boys' interest turns to topics like war that help prep their bodies for puberty. It's a time when boys need "high interest" literature to keep their reading.

"This problem has been on the radar for years and we're now starting to see books with video game themes and the like to interest boys," he said. "We're seeing the book selection widening. If you go to Amazon.com's teen page, you'll see 90 percent of the selections are for girls."

*My First Football Book* has been out since June and McNeece said if the demand for such books persists, he'll do more sports books. Granted, he believes football "is the greatest sport ever," but he's willing to take on other sports.

"I've been a coach and I've played for 15 years, if this gets dads reading I'll write until I'm run out of sports," he said. "I want to focus on dads and get them reading to their sons. The impact is so great, especially for boys."

"I read to my son every night, he loves the interaction," he said.

For more information about the book and the tailgate party, go online to [www.nelsonpublishingandmarketing.com](http://www.nelsonpublishingandmarketing.com).

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# Ford Road work has November end date

BY SUE BUCK  
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Michigan Department of Transportation officials made another appearance before the Garden City Council to discuss the Ford Road construction project. Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City, spoke on the Middlebelt Road construction project.

Both the state and county agencies are trying to coordinate the projects. Although MDOT officials said progress is underway, final completion is now estimated for about Nov. 10.

Some Ford Road businesses complained about blocked driveways and the length of the construction in general.

"We seem to be making some progress," said Mike Frankhouse, project engineer.

The project is divided into four phases. After the first phase, progress slowed because the contractor had issues with a subcontractor

and fired him.

The contractor is now working on the south side phase, the second phase of Ford Road.

"The driveways 'drive' this project," Frankhouse said. "Sometimes they take a little extra time because the businesses only have one driveway."

He expects that by the middle of October, half the job will be finished when they "top off" the road from Venoy to Henry Ruff.

"Then we will be pushing easterly (toward Inkster) into the next two phases."

MDOT officials agreed that when some business owners complained at a meeting last month, the roadwork had not gone as planned.

Mike Cleaver, a construction technician, said after talks with the contractor that extra crews were added. MDOT has had bi-weekly meetings with the contractor. Progress meetings are now being moved up to every week.

There also has been some discussion of adding another subcontractor to speed things up but those plans aren't firm.

"We're hoping to get 15 driveways done a week," Cleaver said. "There's a push to get the project done. We're keeping the pedal to the metal with these guys."

Cleaver said business owners were approached last year and asked if they wanted their driveways torn up if their driveways are new.

"One thing we noticed is that the driveways on the south side are smaller and will be quicker to pour, so that will help us out," Cleaver said.

Webb said she spoke to the project engineer for Wayne County about Middlebelt Road and was told construction of the intersection of Ford and Middlebelt Road will be left to MDOT just as the intersection of Merriman and Ford was.

The county will do Middlebelt north and south of Ford.

"Keeping traffic flowing

is important because you're going to have work going on both those roads," Webb said.

Garden City Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch thanked the representatives for not only hearing the concerns but also listening to them.

"We have the same common goals," Lynch said.

Frankhouse said that once the crews get past Henry Ruff, space for work crews will be tighter. "Drive slow and be aware of these workers," he said.

State Rep. Robert Constan (D-Dearborn Heights) has also been part of the Ford Road discussions in order to help get the project moving.

Webb reported that Warren Road from Merriman to Wayne Road is almost done, and the budget is set for construction on Warren Road east to Inkster in the next two years, she said.

"They won't start what they can't finish," Webb said.

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# Freshman assembly rolls out rules in fun way

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Learning the rules had a football flavor for freshmen at Wayne Memorial High School who met their "super team," not in the classroom, but at the high school football stadium.

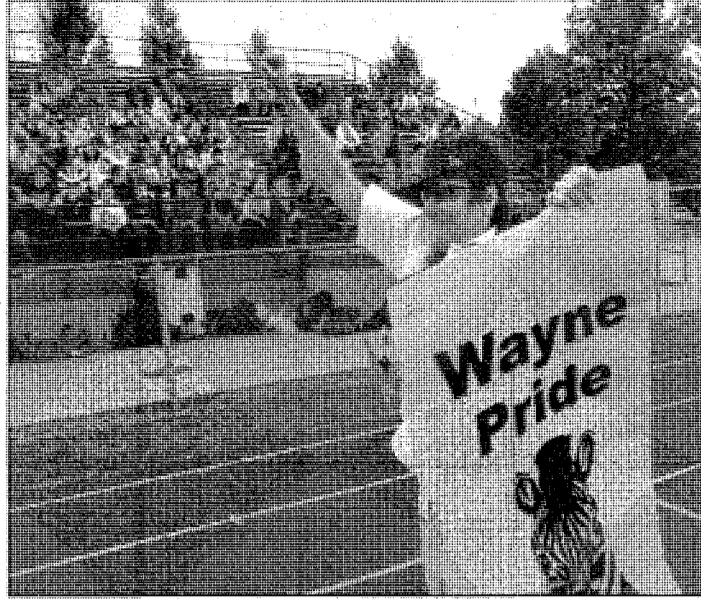
Led by Coach Wiz, also known as Mary Wizinsky, teachers wearing everything from football jerseys and T-shirts promoting Wayne Pride and bandanas and sunglasses, teachers in the four main subject areas — mathematics, science, English and social studies — and the class sponsors took to the football field to introduce the class of 2014 to the school rules.

One by one, the teachers took the field, with the emcee providing students with humorous information about them.

"She's notorious for tripping. She's fallen in her classroom, in the hall and on the stairs. She's been taken out of the school in a wheelchair twice," the emcee said of English teacher Amy Story.

Teacher Scott Raisanen was greeted with cheers. Wayne Memorial's one and only math rapper, he let the students know what they face the next four years.

"You're done with eighth grade and you think you're a big shot, but you're not, you got four more years," Raisanen rapped for the students. "Here's where you'll



Coach Wiz (administrator Mary Wizinsky) takes the field ahead of her "super team," made up of the math, science, English and social studies teachers.

shine for the next four years."

There also were skits to introduce the rules, with flags being thrown for such things as a dress code violation, loitering in the hallways, tardy to class and using electronic devices like cell phones and iPods in school.

"Walk and talk," the announcer said as the flag flew on loitering in the hallways. "No student is allowed to loiter, it's a safety issue. You're not allowed to congregate in the hallway, walk and talk."

In "What's that Call," students

learned that the first offense for using their phone or iPod in school is a three-day in school suspension, while the second offense is good for a three-day out-of-school suspension.

"Any active cell phone is a suspendable offense," students were told.

Freshmen also got a few tips, including "there's no fourth floor, no matter what seniors say."

The freshmen, who came from Wayne-Westland's four middle schools, also were intro-



The "super team" shows the freshmen they're ready to ready for the new school year.

duced to Wayne PRIDE: The Wayne Memorial High School Community will prepare all students to be Participating, Responsible, Individuals Dedicated to Excellence.

"I thought this was a better way to teach them about the rules and expectations of Wayne Memorial," said Principal Valerie Orr, who took in the assembly.

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Math teacher Kim Brannon hits high fives with her super teammates.

## SHOOTING

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green pickup truck with a camper, Crain said, then drove away. During the attack, Crain said he wasn't able to get a good look at the gunman.

Another resident of the Landings, Andre Devon Christian testified that he heard a noise like someone being surprised and looked out his apartment window.

"I looked outside and saw

two guys shuffling — one was hitting the other. I didn't get a good look. I came outside," said Christian. "My neighbor got out of his car and tried to run. I saw one shot hit him in the face. I can't say I saw the other bullets hit his body but I could see what was going on."

Christian identified Williams as the gunman, adding that Williams had also struck the victim with the gun. After the gunman got into a pickup truck and fled, Christian said he called 9-1-1 after speaking with Crain.

Williams faces six felony charges — assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault, felony firearm, being a felon possessing a firearm and third-degree habitual offender.

Defense attorney Paul Rinaldi objected to Christian's identification of Williams. Shortly after the shooting, police drove Christian past a vehicle detained by Plymouth Township police on I-275 and he identified the driver, Williams, as the man he saw

shooting Crain.

"The police could have done a lineup. He was the only black male standing by the vehicle," said Rinaldi. "You (Christian) knew you were looking for a black male? Were there any other black males or men in plainclothes? There was only Mr. Williams to identify."

Visiting Judge C. Charles Bokos rejected Rinaldi's argument, noting there was no requirement for police to hold a lineup. Bokos also rejected a defense motion to have the hearing continued and an expedited transcript prepared based on Rinaldi's complaint that he was unable to hear

some of Crain's responses — his jaw was wired shut as part of the treatment for the gunshot wound.

Early in the hearing, Rinaldi had said he was having trouble hearing Crain, who was asked to speak up. Rinaldi didn't indicate a problem hearing as the testimony continued.

"I'm not going to accept that criticism. None of us knew you were having trouble hearing," Bokos said. "You're not getting a continuance, particularly when you were two hours late (for court)."

Rinaldi was also unsuccessful in arguing that the testimony didn't support the charges.

"The witness (Christian) testified that he (the gunman) could have shot him (the victim) in the head or heart. There could have been a critical wound but he stopped shooting," Rinaldi said.

Bokos ordered Williams bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court as charged.

No motive for the shooting was made public. Crain and Williams had never met, but Williams is married to Crain's former wife. Police said Crain and his former wife had been divorced for three years and had no children.

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# New Miss Wayne County looking forward to duties

A 20-year-old Wayne State University student is the wearing a crown after being selected as the new Miss Wayne County.

Moments after being selected, Sarah Suydam of St. Clair Shores shared her excitement about winning the Miss Wayne County title.

"I am already looking forward to my duties this year - traveling, meeting new people, and getting the word out about my platform, which is Animal Cruelty Prevention and Awareness," said Suydam.

The pageant was held at Churchill High School in Livonia and featured 12 contestants from around the Wayne County area Suydam.

As Miss Wayne County, Suydam receives a \$745 scholarship and the opportunity to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon

on June 18, 2011. Suydam is majoring in broadcast journalism and hopes to become a reporter for a top news network or host a radio morning show.

During her year as Miss Wayne County, Suydam will travel throughout the state advocating her platform issue. She will talk to various government representatives, business leaders, community groups and citizens-at-large, urging them to get involved promoting animal cruelty prevention.

"Sarah Suydam embodies the qualities a role model for young women and girls should have," said Sheila Sigro, executive director of the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program. "She's talented, ambitious and accomplished. We are excited about working with her this year."

A number of other contestants received awards during the competition, including:

- First Runner-Up and Talent and Swimsuit Awards - Rachel Manna of Farmington Hills.
- Second Runner-Up and Community Service Award - Elyse Losen of Belleville.
- Third Runner-Up, People's Choice Award, and Miss Congeniality - Lauren Allen of Inkster.
- Fourth Runner-Up - Erin Hall of Dearborn.
- Non-Finalist Talent Award (tie) - Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor and Christina Besh of Canton.

Rounding out the contestants were Brittany Andrews of Livonia, Christina Stachel of Clawson, Gabrielle Boyer of Belleville, Jasmine Jones of Detroit and Teresha Hendricks of Westland.

Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program provides opportunities for young

women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals. A not-for-profit affiliate of the Miss America Organization, winners of the annual Miss Wayne County Competition are eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan Competition.

The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Each year, the Miss America Organization makes available more than \$40 million in cash and tuition scholarship assistance.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County and Miss America Organizations, go online to [www.misswayne-county.org](http://www.misswayne-county.org) and [www.missamerica.org](http://www.missamerica.org).



Sarah Suydam of St. Clair Shores waves to the audience after being crowned 2010 Miss Wayne County.

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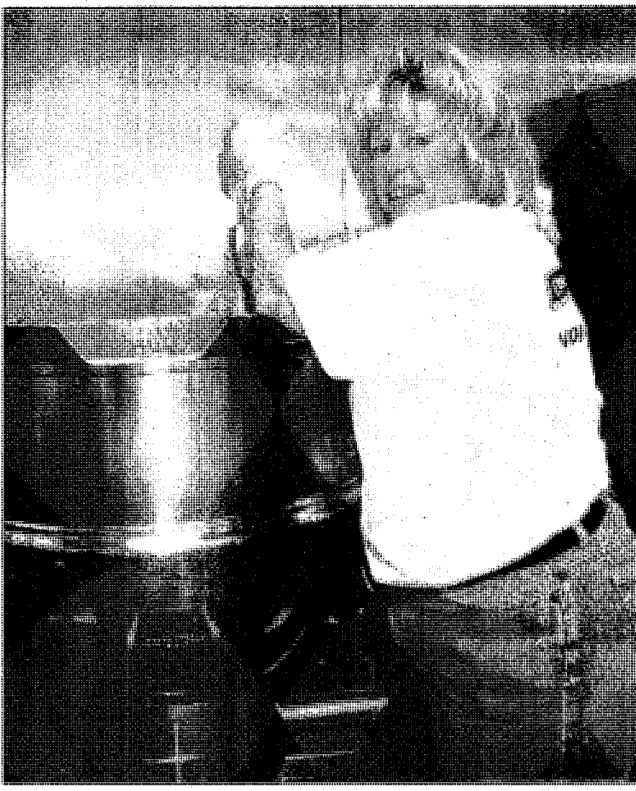
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# Coping with Alzheimer's disease, dementias

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



## Making a difference

Comerica employee Cathy Nardi of Garden City assisted at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit on Sept. 12 as part of a group of volunteers from Comerica who cooked and served 759 meals. They also distributed 25 filled backpacks and 40 additional packages of school supplies. Comerica colleagues have been volunteering at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen for approximately 10 years.

Greg Lucky and Pat Martin, both Redford residents, are caring for ailing loved ones. Martin, 80, cares for her husband; Lucky, 56, both of his parents.

"We live together, one happy zoo," Lucky said of his family, including his parents, both 86.

They were together recently for a Caregiver Support Group meeting, sponsored by the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and held at The Village of Redford on Six Mile.

"It can be quite emotional," said Nancy Coman, senior services case manager for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, of caring for a loved with Alzheimer's or other dementia. "We come together and share with each other problems that may be occurring. They come together to learn coping skills."

On a recent Thursday morning, the group was joined by Julie Darocha, life enrichment coordinator for The Village of Redford, part of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. Coman

talked about journaling as a tool to clarify feelings, getting a clearer view after a time of anger.

Martin and Lucky have been coming to the group at least three years, and heap praise on Coman. "She'll call and see if there's anything she can do," Martin said. Martin's husband, 81, is stubborn and difficult to deal with, so she has to make tasks "game-like."

Lucky said, "They're not easy to get along with," of his parents. He was living in California for many years and returned home when his parents became ill. Lucky's no longer able to work due to his family responsibilities.

His mom has advanced Alzheimer's and is totally dependent on him for care. Lucky's dad has other issues, including early dementia. "Everything is an argument, because he can't remember," Lucky said.

"I've had to learn patience," Lucky added. "It's my turn to give back to them."

Martin's son, in his early 50s, lives nearby and is a great help with his dad.

Her husband's an amputee,

missing part of his leg, so he crawls while trying to escape. "I've just come to accept that," Martin said.

Having company over is difficult. She insists her husband come to the table for meals, and he continues to enjoy his food. Even the family dog helps Martin, alerting her when something's wrong.

Coman has arranged respite care for Lucky's family. His mom had a stroke about 10 years ago, with her husband her initial caregiver. Lucky quickly realized that wouldn't work.

"He didn't want to tell me how things really were," he said of his dad.

At the meetings, also held at other community locations, Coman shares information on community resources.

"There are issues they experience on a daily basis," said Coman, who earned a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and is a gerontologist.

Some people who have participated for many years are now caregiver-mentors for others. Often, such mentors have also been through hospice with their loved one, and want to help others earlier in the process.

"They know the whole process of caregiving," Coman said.

She has firsthand experience. Her dad had early onset Alzheimer's along with Parkinson's and cancer. Her late brother was ill and she cared for him, as she did for an aunt with congestive heart failure living out of state.

Coman, who also studied dementia at Madonna in Livonia, urges participants to get a diagnosis and secure power of attorney. She works with Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services/Elder Law & Advocacy Center, which includes operations from the nearby Redford Community Center.

"I try to have an open atmosphere where they can share their emotions," she said of support group meetings. She often stays after meetings end and

people call her with concerns.

A spiritual component is included, and community resources include the local Alzheimer's Association.

She agreed elder care is a growing issue as the baby boomers reach retirement age. "Housing may become a difficulty," Coman said, as will finding caregivers to care for an aging population.

At the Caregiver Support Groups, offered free of charge to participants with Senior Alliance support, people are often caring for a spouse, sibling or parent. "It's a role reversal, that's another thing," Coman said of caring for a parent.

"Funding is tight really everywhere," she said of dementia research. "The University of Michigan is doing some wonderful research."

Isolation is often an issue for caregivers, she said, something the monthly support groups help to fight. She's looking into an evening group to draw in younger caregivers, who often have job conflicts during the day.

"We want to get the word out that there's help," she said.

One Caregiver Support Group, attended by Lucky, Martin and others, meets from 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of the month at The Village of Redford, 25330 W. Six Mile, Redford, in The Fireplace Room. Either the caregiver or recipient must be age 60 or older.

Also in Redford on the second Tuesday of the month, a group meets from 10 a.m. to noon at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. There's also a group in Westland that meets from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave.

A Romulus group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins.

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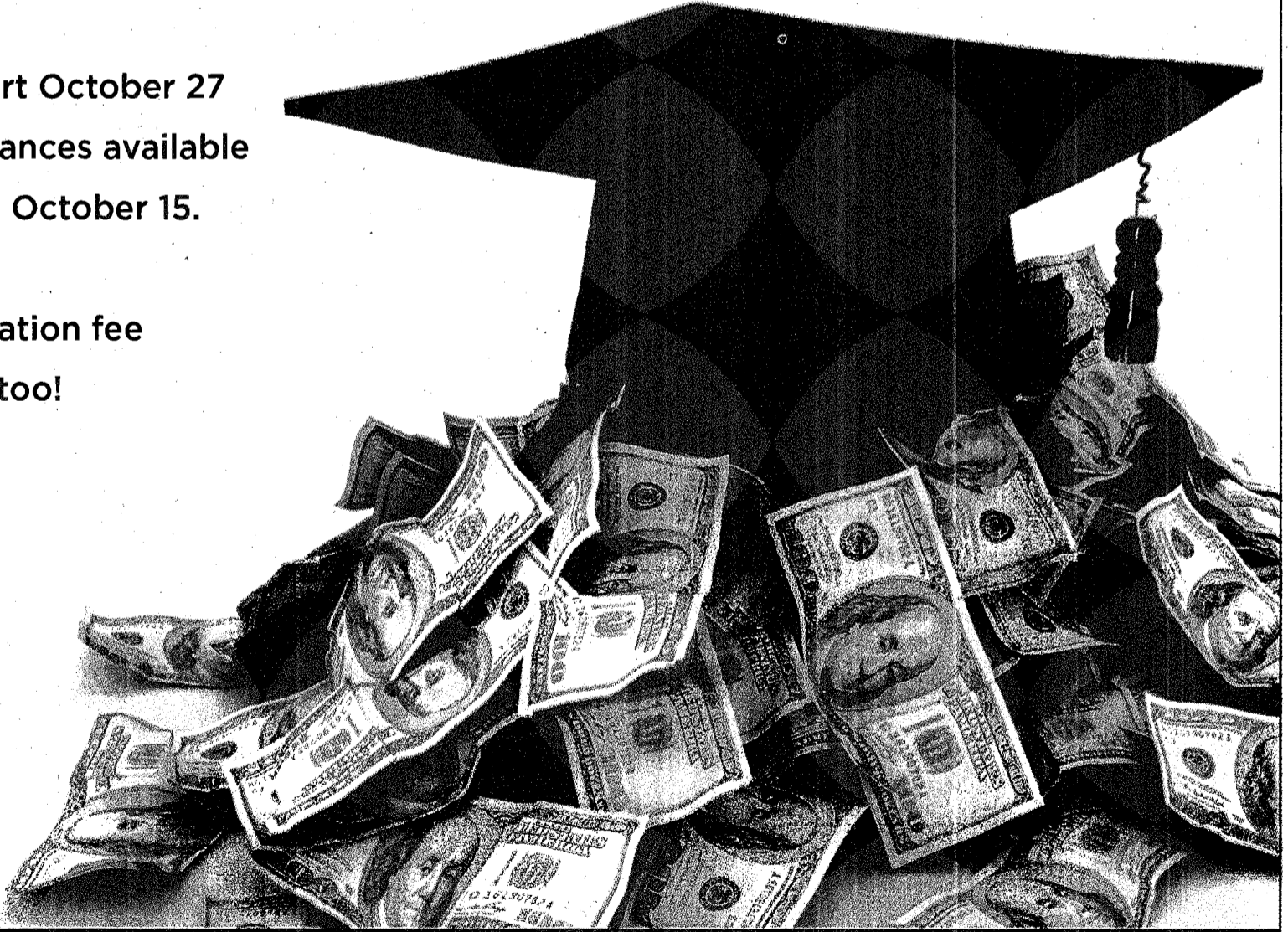
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Rick Bloom

**A:** First, the bad news. The GM stock you own is virtually worthless. The issuance of new stock will have no effect on the shares you own. The stocks, even though they are both General Motors stocks, are from two separate corporations.

When GM went into bankruptcy it was divided into old GM and new GM. The new GM took the good assets and formed the new corporation. That is the GM that you see building and selling cars. The stock that GM is issuing in a few months reflects the new company.

The so-called bad assets (and most of the liabilities of pre-bankrupt General Motors) stayed with the old GM and that company is still under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court. The stocks that you own and the stock options that you possess reflect the old company. This stock is virtually worthless.

In the future there may be some nominal value, but I doubt it. After all, that corporation is still in bankruptcy and its lia-

As much as I am rooting for the new GM to be successful, I have to look at things without emotion. Always remember that as an investor the goal is to make money. I believe the new company faces many challenges, making its new stock offering speculative at best.

bilities far exceed assets. Once attorneys are paid and liabilities are settled, there will be nothing left, thus shareholders of the old General Motors will get nothing. Even if the new GM stock takes off, it will have no impact on the old stock.

Should you buy the new General Motors stock in the initial public offering (IPO)? Keep in mind the GM of the past, which at one time was the largest corporation in the world and for decades the largest automobile manufacturer in the world, is gone for good. The new GM, although having many of the same elements as the past such as Cadillac, Buick and Chevrolet, is a new entity with new management. From a financial standpoint, it is a mere shadow of its old self.

As much as I am rooting for the new GM to be successful, I have to look at things without emotion. Always remember that as an investor the goal is to make money. I believe the new company faces many challenges, making its new stock offering speculative at best.

Some of the issues affecting GM include the economy as a whole and increased competition at home and abroad. In addition, even after this initial public offering, the major shareholder will be the government. I am not one of those people that believe in conspiracies nor am I in any way anti-government. However, the reality is the

government's interest and those of ordinary shareholders can and do differ.

An example was recently disclosed in a new book, *Overhaul: Auto Triumphs of "Unshaven, Sockless Men,"* by former car czar, Steven Rattner. While General Motors was restructuring itself, the company decided it should move its world headquarters from Detroit to the Tech Center in Warren for financial reasons. According to the book, the Obama administration vetoed this based upon the economic impact on the city of Detroit. Shareholders of the corporation want the company to be a good corporate citizen, however, the bottom line is the bottom line. With the government involved, other issues, albeit important issues, may take more precedence.

At this point, I have a hard time recommending the GM IPO except to someone who wants to make a speculative investment — someone who can afford the loss if it occurs. There is no guarantee that GM will end up being a financial success.

Just because we hope or want something to happen, doesn't mean it will happen.

Good luck!

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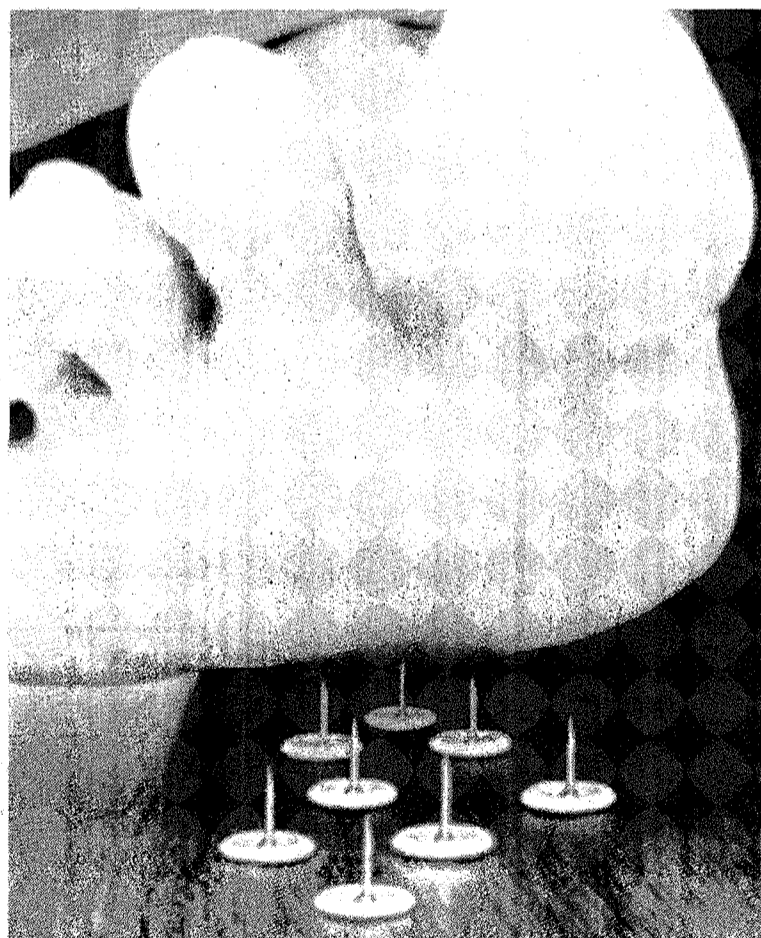
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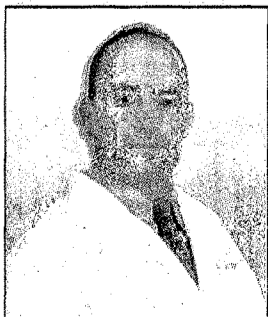
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**AROUND WESTLAND**

**Texas Hold'em**

The Men's Club of St. Theodore Catholic Church will host Texas Hold'Em tournament Friday, Sept. 24, through Monday, Sept. 27, at The Electric Stick Poker Room at Marvaso's Restaurant, 6581 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Cash games will be played 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Monday and noon to 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The poker tournament schedule will be 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday and Monday and 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the Poker Room events and schedule, call (734) 713-7653 or go online to [www.electrystickpoker.com](http://www.electrystickpoker.com).

**Spaghetti dinner**

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinochle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

**Dinner show**

Take step a back to the 1950s at a Fabulous '50s Variety dinner show, featuring celebrity impersonators Johnny Mathis, Pasty Cline and Dean Martin, Friday, Oct. 15, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post at 3323 S.Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and include a buffet dinner at 6:30

p.m., open bar 5:30-11:30 p.m. and entertainment an dancing starting at 8 p.m.; '50s attire encouraged. For tickets or more information, call the VFW at (734) 721-9876 or Larry Mosier at (734) 728-7643.

**Scrappin' fun**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will hold a scrapbook fund-raiser 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Corps Building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

There will be free demonstrations from Close to My Heart and Creative Memories. A Cricut Machine will be available to use, bring your cartridges. Each person will also have their own table and chair.

The Friday-Saturday package costs \$45 and includes dinner of Friday and lunch on Saturday, with beverages and snacks both days. Saturday only is \$40 and includes lunch, beverages and snacks. Registration must be paid in cash or by money order at the Salvation Army. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

**Golf outing**

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

prizes are included.

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

**Fitness classes**

Get fit this fall with Pilates-Yoga Fusion with Elements of Exercise being offered 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 23-Nov. 18, (no class Oct. 14) at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. Cost is \$48 for the eight-week session for residents and \$53 for non-resident.

Call (734) 722-7620 for registration information or for a complete list of classes, visit the website at [www.cityofwestland.com/parksrecreation/y-class.html](http://www.cityofwestland.com/parksrecreation/y-class.html).

**Oktoberfest**

Join the Westland Community Foundation on Thursday, Oct. 15, for its first Oktoberfest Celebration at Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. and run through 8 p.m. Admission is \$50 per person and includes food, beverages and live entertainment featuring "The Rhinelanders."

For more information, call the Community Foundation at (734) 595-7727.

**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.

**Preschool openings**

Garden City Preschool housed in Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center is opening a four-year-old Tuesday and Thursday afternoon class and a three-year-old Monday and Wednesday morning class.

For information or to sign up, call Jeannine at (734) 762-8550 immediately.

**Retirement party**

A farewell party will be held 5:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, for Garden City Fire Chief Bill Forbush at Roma Banquet Center, 32660 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy.

Tickets cost is \$30 per person for dinner and open bar. Tickets are available at the fire station on Middlebelt, north of Ford, and by calling (734) 793-1780 or (734) 793-1794.

**October Fun Fest**

St. Dunstan Parish Council is sponsoring its first ever October Fun Fest noon-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

There will be music in the Oktoberfest tradition, games for all ages, crafts for youngsters and food at family friendly prices. Chicken dinners will be available 3-6 p.m., plus Brats, kraut, hot dogs, strudel and more all day long, beer for the traditional Oktoberfest crowd, root beer, cider and other choices. There also will be a big raffle, basket raffles and 50/50 raffles. The big raffle has a \$2,500 first prize, \$1,000 as the second prize and \$500 as the third prize.

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**Office hours**

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City, is resuming office hours after taking a summer break. Webb represents the county's 9th District, which includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City, and Redford Township.

She will hold office hours on the following days and times:

- 9:30 a.m. the third Monday of each month at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, and at 11:30 a.m. at the Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights.

- 10 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, in Redford Township.

- 11:30 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

For residents who are unable to attend daytime office hours, Webb holds evening hours at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month. The locations rotate throughout her district. Call (313) 224-0930 to confirm the location of the evening office hours for the current month.

**Fish Dial-A-Ride**

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Our volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Our volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer

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Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

**Color blind**

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion sponsors a discussion with essayist, author and educator Tim Wise, author of Color-blind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Vista Tech Center presentation room 55Q at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

If an under-privileged or disadvantaged group exists, then there must be a privileged or advantaged group that also exists. As part of the Michigan Roundtable's public education effort, Wise will discuss how structures and institutions have been put in place and reinforced by people of privilege in order to marginalize the other. The message is quite clear: Acknowledge your privilege and take responsibility to eradicate it.

Admission is free to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is available online at [www.mroundtable.org](http://www.mroundtable.org) or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.

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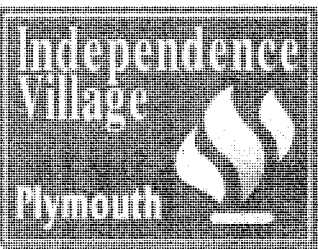
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# Resource Fair offers answers, solutions

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you'd like to learn more about human services offered in western Wayne County, you're in luck. A Community Resource Fair will be offered 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the gymnasium of the Redford Township Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

The fair is offered through the Building Community Partnerships program, said James Krizan, supervisor of that program, based in the Redford office of Judson Center, a nonprofit community resource.

"We provide services to children and families in need," Krizan said.

Judson's involved in the Sept. 21 fair with Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Starfish Family Services, Legal Aid & Defender, Wayne County Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration and others.

"There's a lot of resources in the western Wayne County

area people just don't know about. It's really important those resources get out there, and the community is able to access them," said Krizan.

"It's absolutely open to the public. It is a free event," he added of the Community Resource Fair on Tuesday.

You can call him at (313) 255-8264 with questions or just show up. His e-mail is james\_krizan@judsoncenter.org. Krizan has a bachelor's degree in social work and has worked for Judson in Redford a little over three years.

He's been involved in foster care with Judson in the past. "This is the first one we've done at the Township Community Center," he said, adding other fairs have been held before elsewhere. It's hard to say what kind of response organizers will get.

"It sounds like the word is getting around. We're definitely hoping for a big response," Krizan said.

The Community Resource Fair has been in planning for about two months. Light refreshments will be served.

# International Day of Peace

Established by the United Nations in 1981 as International Day of Peace or World Peace Day, Sept. 21 is intended to be a day of shared practical acts of peace by organizations and individuals alike. Internationaldayofpeace.org is the website dedicated to World Peace Day, and you can find many different resources, such as news, events in your area and even guidelines for peace building in your own life and community.

Perhaps you'd enjoy embarking on a personal exploration toward peace. In addition to many self-help resources in both book and audio book formats, the library also contains material specifically geared toward those who wish to take an active role in dedicated themselves to peace.

"Working for Peace," edited by Rachel MacNair, offers guidance from expert peace workers in various fields. Sometimes memoirs and true accounts can be the most inspirational resources to jump start your own action. Sarah Erdman's memoir, "Nine Hills to Nambonkaha" and Jason Carter's "Power Lines" are just two books that tell of Peace Corps members' experiences overseas. For more inspiration, take a look at "The Words of Peace," made up of selections from speeches of Nobel Peace Prize winners.

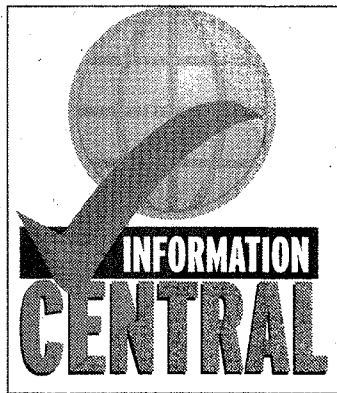
If taking action is more your style, there are several events in the area listed on internationaldayofpeace.org in which you can participate. From film viewings in Livonia, to music, demonstrations and displays in Ann Arbor, all are invited to go out and show their support. There is even information on the site about organizing your own Peace Day event, if you wish to tailor it to your own vision.

Everybody, lay down your arms and breathe a sigh of relief on Tuesday, Sept. 21, for International Day of Peace. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at westlandlibrary.org for more peace inspiring ideas.

### Highlighted Activities

**Adult Book Discussion Group:** 7 p.m. Sept. 21

Join us as we discuss "Monster of Florence" by Douglas Preston. In 2000, Douglas Preston and his family moved to Florence, Italy. They put their children in Italian schools and settled into a 14th century farmhouse



while Preston wrote his best-selling suspense novels. That changes when he learns that the lovely olive grove in front of their house had been the scene of the most infamous double-murders in Italian history, committed by a serial killer known as the Monster of Florence. Preston joins up with the crack Italian investigative journalist Mario Spezi to solve the case. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.

**Documentary Movie Night:** "Beyond Our Differences," 7 p.m. Sept. 22

Join us for a viewing of the documentary film "Beyond Our Differences." With all of the problems facing the world today - war, poverty, weapons, environmental degradation, starvation, overpopulation and severe desperation among millions - people are longing for meaning. "Beyond Our Differences" calls upon key religious leaders, politicians, and luminaries in their fields to tackle the toughest and most complex issues in the modern age, and it asks what it is that inspires them to affect positive change. Everyone is welcome.

**Open Mic:** 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 23, ages 14 and up

Let your muse run wild coffee shop-style with singer-songwriter, Dave Boutette. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands, performers of all sorts are welcome. Sign up in advance at the Reference Desk or just show up ready to perform!

**Friday Night Movie:** "Date Night," 7 p.m. Sept. 24

Stop by the library every Friday evening for a screening of a recently released movie. This week's movie is "Date Night." In New York City, a case of mistaken identity turns a bored married couple's attempt at a glamorous and romantic evening into something more thrilling and danger-

ous. Rated PG-13. No registration is required. This is an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

**Urban Fiction Book Club:** 7 p.m. Sept. 27

Urban Fiction Book Club is back! This month we'll be talking about Tracy Brown's "White Lines." Brown's epic explores New York's ghettos of the 1980s and 1990s, following two characters caught up in the crack epidemic. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

**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.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Mary Beth Fixler. 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.

### IN BRIEF

#### Double your donation

It's not often that an organization can offer double the bang for a buck. The good news is that the Straight Farmhouse has secured a grant that will match donations up to the first \$10,000. The program known only as "Matching Grant," is made possible by some generous donors who wish to remain anonymous.

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The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Walk for Melanoma

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10  
**Location:** Kensington Metropark in Milford  
**Details:** Registration for the fifth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9 a.m. followed the walk/run at 11 a.m. The walk/run will begin and end at the East Boat Launch. The 5K Run will be a timed race event. Prizes will be awarded to best overall time for males and females and to the winners in each of the following age brackets - under 19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 plus. Register online at [www.melanomawalk.org](http://www.melanomawalk.org) - click on First Giving. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.  
**Contact:** Tricia Edwards at [triciae363@comcast.net](mailto:triciae363@comcast.net) or call (313) 505-2445.

## Metro Fibromyalgia Group

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City  
**Details:** Dr. Barry Hobbs, a cervical chiropractor, will be the guest speaker in observance of Spinal Health Care month. The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. The second and fourth Thursday of the month at the church. There are no dues, but donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or go online to [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com).

## Dining for Braille Books

**Time/Date:** noon-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, through Thursday, Oct. 7  
**Location:** California Pizza Kitchen at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and

Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Join Seedlings Braille Books for Children for its eighth annual "Dining for Braille Books" fund-raiser. Enjoy a tasty way to raise funds while helping to bring the gift of literacy to blind children. Present a special flier when dining at California Pizza Kitchen and 20 percent of your total bill will be donated to Seedlings. Dine anytime during regular hours during this event will help produce more children's books in Braille. Download a PDF flier at [www.seedlings.org/events.php](http://www.seedlings.org/events.php) or pick one up at its office in Livonia.  
**Contact:** To request a flier, contact Community Outreach at (734) 427-8552, Ext. 301, or [seedlink7@ameritech.net](mailto:seedlink7@ameritech.net).

## Railroadiana

**Time/Date:** noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28  
**Location:** SS. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland  
**Details:** The SS. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club is sponsoring a Toys and Train Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. the day of the show.  
**Contact:** To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

## Walk of Remembrance

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25  
**Location:** Madonna University at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.  
**Details:** Angela Hospice hosts its third annual Walk of Remembrance, where families and friends can walk in honor of loved ones. The 2.3-mile walk begins with registration at 8 a.m. and ceremony at 9 a.m. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft and refreshments. Fees for adults are \$20 each (or \$25 the day of); children ages 6-12 are \$5; children 5 and under are free.  
**Contact:** Individuals and teams may register in advance by calling Barb



## Wish You Were Here

Bob Matich of Garden City visited Oshkosh, Wis., for the annual air show and fly-in convention and took along his Observer newspaper. This year's event was a tribute to veterans and Matich is a retired Air Force veteran who served during Operation Desert Storm. He said he thoroughly enjoyed the show, which consisted of experimental and military aircraft. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com) or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

lovan at (734) 953-6045.

## Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no

alternative transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

## Grief support

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21 - Oct. 16, 2010  
**Location:** Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton  
**Details:** St. Joseph Mercy Hospice is offering a grief support group to help people learn to cope with the grief over the death of a loved one. Through education, mutual support and sharing of information, members develop skills to cope with the loss, and learn that they are not alone in their grief.  
**Contact:** Call (734) 327-3409 or (734) 327-3224 to register.

## Baby Shower

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 30  
**Location:** Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 Outer Dr., Lincoln Park  
**Details:** The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 13th annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants younger than 3 months of age. Mothers and fathers will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will also share information regarding family health and safety, parenting tips and growth and development. To be eligible, parents must be low-income and reside in out-Wayne County (Wayne County, excluding Detroit). Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. On-site childcare will be available for children over the age of one. Space is limited and the event does fill up quickly. Contact: Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156 for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave one message with

their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

## NAMI Walk

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25  
**Location:** Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Come and join in the NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America. Check-in begins 9 a.m., the walks starts at 11 a.m. The event is a nationwide fund-raising and mental health awareness program that is being held in more than 70 communities around the country. There is no registration fee for the Walk. All participants are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates in support of their participations in the walk. NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America is a rain or shine event.  
**Contact:** Anyone interested in participating can go to [www.namimetro.org](http://www.namimetro.org) or call (248) 348-7197 or (28) 651-2578 for additional information.

## Craft shows

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9  
**Location:** St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** St. Theodore Fall Craft Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. In addition to crafters, there will be a bake sale, raffles and refreshments. Admission is free.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Mary at (734) 425 4421, voicemail 10.  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16  
**Location:** St. Linus School, 6466 Evangeline, north of Ford and west of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** Space is still available for the St. Linus annual fall craft and

vendor show. Admission is \$1, students free. There will be more than 50 craft and vendor tables, concession stand, bake sale, raffles and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will help support the CYO Athletic Program through St. Linus Church  
**Contact:** Donna at (313) 561-6840

## Crafters Wanted

**Time/Date:** Saturday, Nov. 20  
**Location:** Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights  
**Details:** Crafters are wanted for the church's 22nd annual arts and crafts show.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

## Earth Angels

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

## Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.  
**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.  
**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.  
**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

## Safe Place

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.  
**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.  
**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

## Adult Day Services

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth, MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals  
**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

## Metro Fibromyalgia

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City  
**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.  
**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

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# McCotter discussed economy with auto suppliers on forum day

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter did not attend a candidate forum in Livonia Sept. 9 because he was in Washington, D.C., meeting with a senior vice-president at the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, according to a press release issued Tuesday by the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee.



McCotter

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current economic climate's impact on small auto suppliers and their access to credit, the press release said.

The press release was issued in response to incorrect statements made by McCotter's opponent, Democrat Natalie Mosher, about his whereabouts that day, said Carl Berry, chairman of the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee.

Mosher had issued a press release saying McCotter wasn't at the forum because he was "spend(ing) time with crooked lobbyists" at a conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Faith and Freedom Coalition (FFC). McCotter did not attend the FFC Coalition. He was invited to address the conference the evening of Sept. 11, but he was unable to do so because he spoke at the 9/11 ceremony sponsored by the American Legion in

Livonia, Berry said. McCotter's campaign office sent an e-mail to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, which sponsored the forum, shortly after 1 p.m. Sept. 9 saying McCotter's official responsibilities precluded his attendance.

"Such things often occur when any organization chooses a date and publicizes a forum without confirmation from a campaign," the e-mail read.

Paula Bowman, president of the league, said the organization was disappointed. It had sent McCotter a "save the date" card June 25 and purposely scheduled the forum for when Congress wasn't in session, she said, adding he has attended past forums.

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# Foundation sponsors veteran benefits seminar

Educating veteran advocates, and the estimated 400,000 veterans in metro Detroit, about benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs is the focus of a two-day seminar, sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation with the support of the Holbrook Charitable Trust.

Space is still available for the conference Sept. 21-22 at Laurel Manor and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to the training of professionals who work for veterans, including attorneys, County Service Officers (CSO), Veteran Services Officers (VSO) and independent veteran advocates.

The second day, which is free of charge, will focus on Wayne County veterans, their families and the host of benefits available through the VA. Those benefits and programs include health care, disability benefits,

social services, housing, and burial.

As of 2009, the VA reported approximately 23.1 million living U.S. veterans, 8 percent of whom are women. But at an estimated 36 million, there are even more surviving spouses and dependent children of living and deceased veterans, who may be eligible for certain benefits.

In Wayne County, the VA spends an estimated \$400 million each year on veterans. Of that total, \$191 million is spent on medical care and \$154 million on compensation and pension payments, according to the VA.

"I have seen the confusion among veterans and their families about what benefits are available to them," says Jim Fausone, CCF board member and program chairman.

Legal advocates and attorneys will also have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits with par-

ticipation in the conference. In Wayne County, 46 attorneys and 103 VSOs are accredited by the VA. Continuing education is required to maintain accreditation. Similar educational programs are not available currently in the metro area, Fausone said.

"This conference is an opportunity for everybody who is a veteran stakeholder to gather," added Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn PLLC. "It's a chance to build relationships and contacts so veterans can be referred to the best resource."

Pre-registration is required for professionals, and veterans and their families. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served both days of the conference. Registration for attorneys is \$125. Registration for veterans is free. Registration may be completed online at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) or by calling the CCF at (734) 495-1200.

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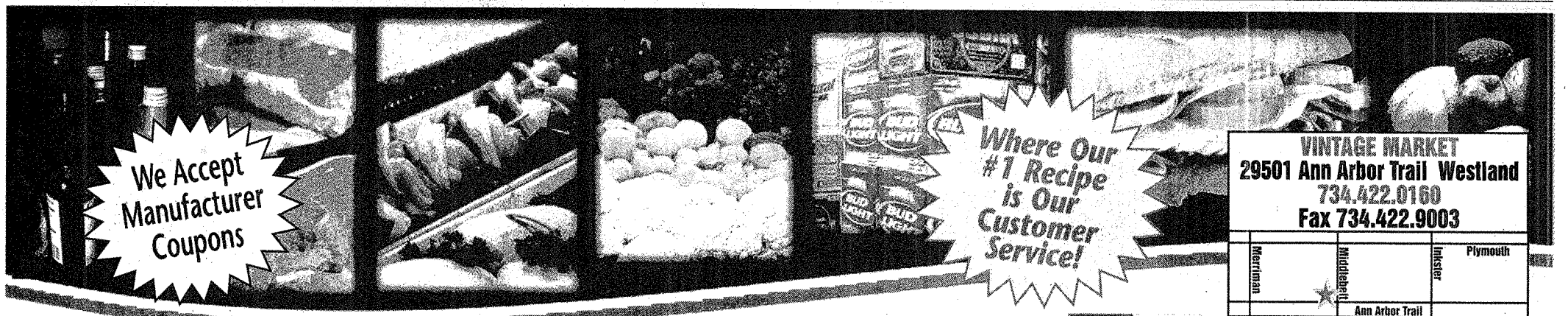
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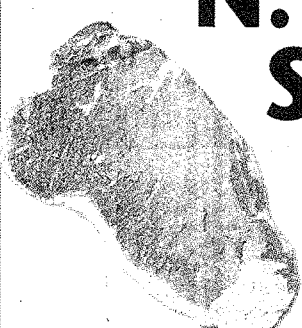



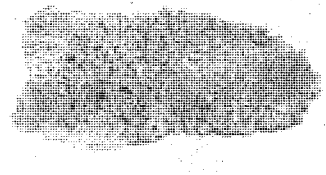



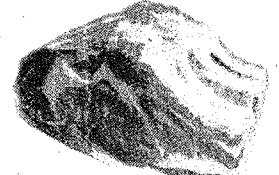
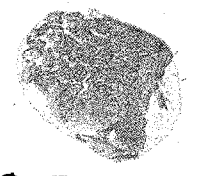

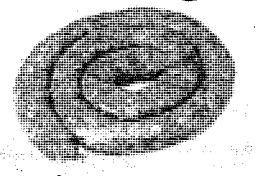
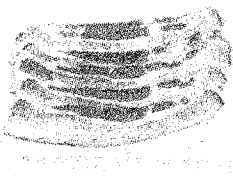

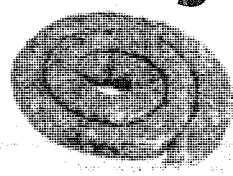

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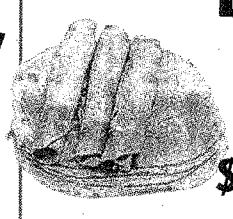



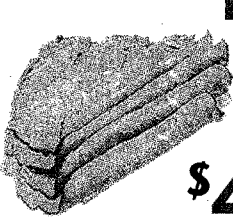


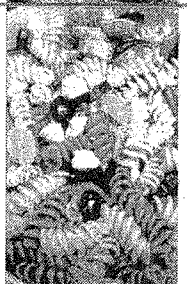

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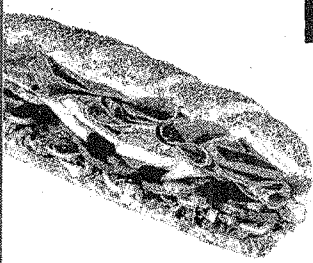



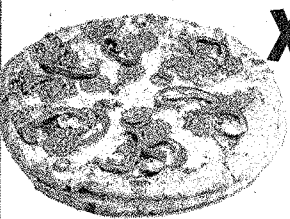
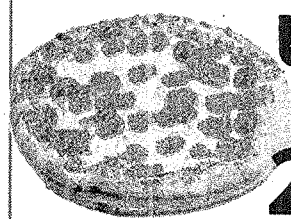
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## FRANKLIN

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"There have been times like last week (against Livonia Churchill) where we got into a rhythm. We tried to mix up formations a little bit, but nothing seemed to get us going with some momentum. It was just choppy. We need to find a rhythm and stick with it."

Glenn could muster only 178 yards total offense and the Rockets' passing game was ineffective in the first half as junior Jeff Kuhary was 0-for-7 and picked off twice by Ryan Hurt and once by Sharp — all during the second quarter.

"I think our defense was on the field way too much," Hardin said. "We couldn't get anything going offensively in the first half. Our offense is struggling right now. We need to figure something out to fix it. But our defense played well for quite a long time, but you just can't leave them out there that long. Bad things are going to happen if they stay out there that long."

"They (Franklin) were running the same plays, just with different personnel. Their offensive line did a really good job. Even though they were missing people, their

defense is what played well." Franklin, meanwhile, had total of 307 yards, including 212 on the ground.

"We had a tough game last week," Muller said. "We knew we had to fight back. We have a good running back Tino Benavides, who is very fast. We have another one, a junior (Cameron Pogorel), who is going to be good next year. We have real quick backs and we knew we had to do this — this week. It was a big game."

Muller scored Franklin's last TD with only 10 seconds left on a 2-yard run to close out the scoring.

"I was surprised they didn't take a knee at the end," Hardin said. "You'll have to ask him (Kelbert), but I was definitely surprised. I don't know what else to say. I know what we would have done and we would not have done what they did."

Afterward, Kelbert defended his actions to go for the score.

"It was just a decision I made," he said. "We went for it. We're battling some morale problems, so they (the players) wanted to go for it and I wasn't going to deny them. I wasn't going to deny them that opportunity."

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Glenn's Duron Govantes is taken down by Franklin linebacker Dan Muller during Friday's KLAA South Division clash.

## CHARGERS

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Austin was 15-of-23 passing for 136 yards, while Grohoski was 10-of-17 for 192. Bokuniewicz had six catches for 91 yards. Grohoski also rushed for a team-high 78 yards on 20 carries.

Michigan-bound Brennan Beyer led the Plymouth defense with 10 tackles, including three sacks. Tony Rhodes added seven tackles (five solo), while Tyler Goble added 4.5.

Mike Harp led the Chargers with seven tackles.

### Canton belts Wayne

Canton's penchant for burning up yards and opponents continued Friday as the Chiefs pummeled Wayne Memorial, 53-0.

The Chiefs (4-0, 2-0 in the KLAA South) rolled up approximately 400 yards of offense, spearheaded by senior running back Davion Stackhouse (two TDs), who rushed only six times but collected 136 yards.

Canton got on the board in the first when Stackhouse raced for a 49-yard touchdown.

Fellow speed merchant Kevin Buford (eight carries, 78 yards, two TDs) also scored in the opening quarter on a 46-yard run.

The onslaught continued with the Chiefs leading 33-0 at halftime and 46-0 after the third.

Stackhouse and Buford weren't the only players to score twice as junior Ryan Jones (six rushes, 32 yards) also crossed the goal line twice.

Other Canton TDs came on a run by senior Nick Alaniva and a 52-yard pass from senior quarterback Ben Merbler to senior Angelo Lanava.

Wayne (0-4, 0-2) managed just 129 yards total offense with 111 coming on the ground.

Demitrius Renfro was Wayne's top tackler with seven.

## SCHIRMER

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Myers, meanwhile, can't help but marvel when watching her friend and partner play.

"I consider it a kick to golf with her, and even though arthritis is starting to really bother her hands, she still can hit a mean ball," Myer said. "She has the greatest sense of humor and laugh. And when she really hits a good one, she does a funny little celebration dance."

"She has the greatest swing and she drives it pretty straight. And she looks for-

ward to golf. I've been in a scramble with her and she got her share of best balls."

Schirmer, however, is a little more modest when it comes to assessing her play, especially her short game, and more specifically, her putting.

"Sometimes good, sometimes bad," she said.

The Livonia Women's Senior League recently recognized Schirmer at its annual luncheon at DeLuca's in Westland where she received a nice floral arrangement.

Schirmer has two children including a son Richard, a dentist in Oregon, and a

daughter Lisa, who resides in Grand Rapids. She also has three grandchildren.

But she remains grateful that she has an extended family as well.

"I'm a very lucky and fortunate person," she said. "I have good neighbors."

And when asked if she will continue to play with the Livonia Women's Senior League, she showed little hesitation.

"I hope to be back next year," Schirmer declared.

And hope springs eternal for that elusive hole-in-one.

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## STEVENSON

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zone for another Stevenson TD just 3:12 later.

Down 21-6 at the half, East struck on quarterback Pat Powers' 41-yard TD pass to Justin Urich. Vinnie Givens ran in for the two-pointer with 10:24 remaining in the third to cut the deficit to 21-14.

With 32 seconds left in the third, Mims hit Duncan again on a 13-yard TD toss, but Powers made things interesting with a 25-yard TD pass to Steven DeWitt with only 1:23 remaining in the game.

Down by seven, East went

for the onside kick, but Jarosz recovered and the Spartans ran out the clock.

Stevenson outgained the Cougars, 363-315, in total yardage. Each team had 15 first downs and lost one fumble.

Senior fullback Leroy Glover led the Spartan rushers with 145 yards on 17 carries. Dylan Dunn added 44 on 10 tries, while Jarosz contributed 47 on 12 attempts.

Mims was 8-of-13 for 127 yards and two interceptions. Duncan was the leading receiver with seven catches for 118 yards.

Powers connected on 15-of-33 passes for 256 yards.

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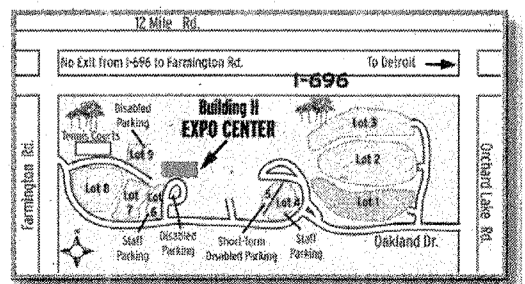
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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
Sept. 17 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Akshay Moorthy...

6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Jacob Liberati-Chris Sitarski (L) def. Alex Franz-David Dennison...
WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
Sept. 14 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (P) defeated Brandon Harnos...

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 178
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 194
Sept. 15 at Fox Hills G.C. (Classic)
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 39 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 41; Lindsay Dean and Christy Pattison, 49 each; Mandy Kirsch, 54; Danielle Allen, 58.

Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 45; Jackie Burdette, 46; Nicole Kruse, 49; Maggie McGowan, 54; Claire Rose, 62; Marco McClain, 63.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 6-0 overall, 6-0 K-LAA South Division; Churchill, 4-2 overall, 4-2 K-LAA South.

With or without?
Seguin's return in doubt for 2010-11 Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even though Tyler Seguin is still on the Plymouth Whalers roster, everybody connected with the Ontario Hockey League team knows that's just a technicality.

A new wave of Whalers is rolling into Compuware Arena, led by 16-year-old defenseman Max Iafate of Livonia (the team's No. 1 draft pick of 2010) and second-round pick Tom Wilson, a promising right winger.

Compuware fans will get to see those two players beginning 7 p.m. Saturday against Barrie — following road games Thursday and Friday to open the 2010-11 season.

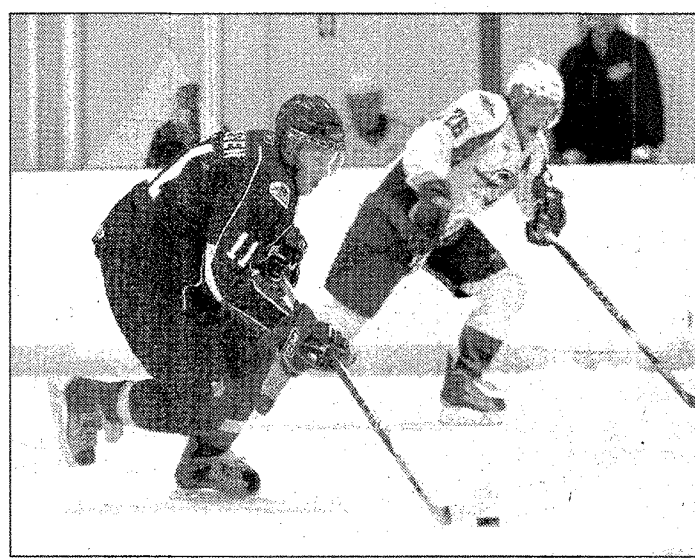
Of course, those fans couldn't be blamed one bit for hoping to again cheer for Seguin, the high-scoring center who was drafted by the Boston Bruins of the NHL. That probably won't happen, however.

"If he (Seguin) sticks around for his 10th game (in the NHL) that means he's a Boston Bruin for the rest of the season," said Brian Sommariva, Whalers assistant general manager and a Plymouth resident. "He'll probably play up to nine and then they'll make a decision on it. But all signs look like he's going to stick in Boston."

TURNING THE PAGE

That means life and hockey go on at Compuware without the No. 2 overall draft pick as well as other top performers from 2009-10. Goalie Matt Hackett and forwards AJ Jenks and Phil McRae have moved on to NHL organizations.

It should be interesting to see how the Whalers go about their business without Seguin (who tied Windsor's Taylor Hall in scoring with 106 points) and the others.



RENA LAVERY

Stefan Noesen (No. 11) skates for the Plymouth Whalers during a recent preseason game. Noesen is one of the players the Ontario Hockey League team will be looking for increased ice time and production from in 2010-11.

If the team's formidable 20-year history is any indication, opponents should expect them to at least find their way into the postseason.

Plymouth finished second in the Western Conference-West Division with 79 points last year, before bowing out to eventual Memorial Cup Windsor in the second round of the OHL playoffs.

"I think the players we're returning saw what a Memorial Cup team looks like, they saw it two years in a row by watching Windsor," Sommariva said. "I think our players need to realize the sacrifices Windsor's players made and we need to adopt those."

Complicating matters even more for head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci, Sommariva, associate coach Joe Stefan and others is the fact a handful of '09-10 players who can return to the Whalers also are tied

up with NHL clubs.

Those include center Robbie Czarnik (Los Angeles), Farmington Hills native and defenseman Austin Levi (Carolina), goalie Scott Wedgewood (New Jersey), forwards James Livingston (Edmonton) and Tyler Brown, the latter who went to Pittsburgh's camp on a tryout.

"He was at rookie camp and was just invited to the main camp," said Sommariva about the speedy Brown (14 goals, 25 assists, 39 points last year). "We heard that he's done real well there."

Czarnik (17-32-44), Livingston (17-18-35) and Brown would bring leadership to the Plymouth fold as coverage players (OAs, players who start the season age 20) if they are sent back to the OHL.

"When you have the possibility of three or four OAs coming back, or not coming back, that can sort of make or break your season,"

Sommariva said. "So we're just hanging on and seeing what happens with the NHL and go from there."

INCOMING TALENT

Sommariva said young Iafate and Wilson (drafted 27th overall) are part of an incoming nucleus of players who have outstanding work ethic and potential to be core players in Plymouth.

"Max is our first-round draft pick, he's got incredible upside," Sommariva said. "He's one of the better skaters in the draft, one of the best shots in the draft."

"We're just going to have to teach him some of the finer points of the game, but he's got all the tools."

As for Wilson (6-4, 195), he was projected as a first-rounder in the OHL draft, but remained on the boards when Plymouth picked in the second round.

"We were absolutely elated we got him in the second because he's a high-skilled forward, a big guy, he competes and we think he'll be a big part of our future. Hopefully, he'll be an NHL player one day."

Iafate already is a physical presence (6-2, 220) who will be on the top defensive pairings along with Levi (6-4, 190), Jay Gilbert (6-2, 205) and Beau Schmitz (5-11, 195).

Levi will bring a booming point shot to the power play, too.

"We're looking to get some production on the power play from Austin," Sommariva added. "He's got a great shot and it's a shot not too many guys want to block."

Plymouth's defense will have plenty of depth. Other players who Vellucci could give plenty of ice time to include Colin MacDonald, Nick Malysa and Clarkston native Josh Bemis.

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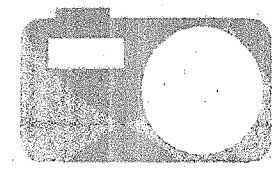
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# Dog town

## Canine walk debuts in Plymouth's Old Village

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

About 100 walkers have pre-registered up to help launch the first annual Barktober Fest in The Old Village Plymouth. At least a dozen of them don't even own dogs to take along on the 2½-mile walk for canines and their companions.

But event organizer Amy Rector isn't surprised. She says the combination of a "good cause," and a leisurely stroll among the "great old architecture and houses" of Old Village makes Barktober Fest the place to be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2.

"This was my little idea and it has ended up being quite a large idea," said Rector, a resident who attends Plymouth Old Village Association meetings, the walk beneficiary along with Homeward Bound Rescue League in Canton. "We've got great people in the community and the city of Plymouth has been fantastic. They've done everything in their power to get this event off the ground."

Participants, both those who pre-registered by Sept. 11, and those registering on site, will sign in beginning at 8:45 a.m. on Liberty, between Mill and Starkweather. The walk fee is \$25 and includes a T-shirt while supplies last. The first 150 to check in will receive a goody bag filled with coupons for pet-related services, toys, treats, chew bones and shampoos.

"I thought it was the coolest thing — Rachel Ray and Ellen DeGeneres sent their dog food," Rector said. Pet adoptions and vendors will be on site until noon."

Scott Farmer, an Old Village resident and association president, said a former member suggested the walk



Homeward Bound Rescue League, Canton, will receive half of the proceeds from the Barktober Fest walk in Plymouth. It places adoptable dogs like these into permanent, loving homes.

a few years ago, but the organization was spread "too thin" and unable to proceed with the event. It also presents an annual Halloween party and summer car and motorcycle show.

"The ball dropped and Amy picked it up and ran with it," Farmer said. "Really, it's Amy's event and Old Village Association took a supporting role."

"Plymouth, as a whole, is a dog-friendly place. Myself and all my neighbors own a dog. It (Barktober Fest) seems like a good fit for us."

He said the association's share of the walk proceeds likely will go into beautification projects, such as tree planting or signs.

#### WISH LIST

Rector, a nursing clinical manager at Detroit Medical Center, owns a rescued dog and participates in other canine walks in the metro area. She hopes to make Barktober Fest an annual event.

"We've done a lot of beautification in the community. We don't have a big

bank account, but whatever we gain we give back," she said, adding that the association's wish list includes banners.

Teri Daniels, a Homeward Bound member, said the group's dream list includes a transport van to help volunteers rescue more dogs and a storage shed to hold the many different brands of dog foods that individuals donate.

"We're limited in how many dogs we can handle. There's an organization in Ohio, if we need a van, they'll let us



Julie Wakefield fosters 'Queenie,' for Homeward Bound Rescue League.

bring it up here. But it has their logos on it. We want people to realize we don't just rescue, but we're all about spay and neuter."

Her ultimate dream is for a transport van that's stocked with kennel cages, emergency food, water facilities, and items for emergency vet care.

In the meantime, proceeds raised from the walk will help the group continue to rescue, feed, provide veterinary care and spay and neuter services for adoptable dogs.

She said Homeward Bound rescues dogs from breeding facilities, takes owner surrenders and strays. Its foster network has some 100 dogs in private homes. When it was founded six years ago it found homes for about 150 dogs. Now it adopts out between 400-500 dogs annually.

"For every dog that goes out we get a dog that comes in. We rescued 96 dogs and needed emergency foster homes. The public stepped up. The problem was that once (the dogs) got homes, these temporary emergency fosters feel off too. Right now we're in dire need of foster homes."

The group seeks individuals or families with time and patience for fostering. Foster parents attend adoption events and help train and socialize their charges.

"I don't know of any organization that will go to the length we do. We're 100 percent no kill. And we take any and all breeds of dogs. It doesn't matter if it's a Bull Mastiff or a Pit bull."

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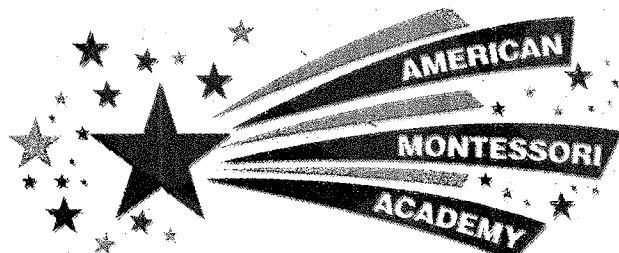
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**CPR Class**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a "Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR) 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, in Livonia. The class is offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. The class will teach CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. This course includes classroom-based training and coaching from a trained instructor. There is a fee. Call

the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org).

**Thyroid cancer support**

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. It meets monthly and its next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. For more information call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

**OCTOBER**  
Men's health

Freddie Scott, prostate cancer survivor, former NFL wide receiver and College Football Hall of Famer, and a panel of medical specialists, will discuss men's health issues, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton. Participants can register to win Detroit Lions tickets. The first 25 individuals will receive a regulation size football and the next 75 receive a stadium chair. The event is free and dinner is provided. Registration is required. To register visit [stjoeshealth.org](http://stjoeshealth.org) or call (800) 231-2211. A limited number of free PSA screenings are available for qualifying individuals. To prescreen and register for a free PSA call (734) 712-5948.

**Melanoma walk**

The 5th Annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10 at Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m. Register online: [www.melanomawalk.org](http://www.melanomawalk.org) - click on First Giving. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

**ONGOING**  
Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:50-7 p.m., the third Monday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

**Fitness classes**

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail [jeanieweaver@charter.net](mailto:jeanieweaver@charter.net).

**Incest Survivors**

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

**Overeaters Anonymous**

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard

Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

**Breast cancer support group**

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

**Caregivers support group**

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

**Metro Fibromyalgia**

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

**Wayne metro caregiver support**

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available.

Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

**Parkinson Support**

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

**CPR classes**

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar](http://www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar) or call (248) 937-3314.

**Arthritis support group**

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

**Tai Chi classes**

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday). Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

**Recovery, Inc.**

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail [marthapaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthapaul@sbcglobal.net).

Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org). No charge, contributions collected.

**Low vision support group**

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

**Arthritis Foundation programs**

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

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Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330. Free mask fitting clinic. For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

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their favorite hit Broadway songs in an intimate cabaret setting. Songs from hit Broadway musicals like *Wicked* and *Legally Blond* will be featured, along with classic musical theatre songs. Tickets are \$15 with \$5 being donated from each ticket. Ticketing information and details are available at [www.D2Productions.org](http://www.D2Productions.org).

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# Drink, eat and dance to benefit the Canton Dog Park

Rock 'n Roll Wine will present a wine tasting to benefit the Canton Dog Park from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at the Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton.

"The mission of Rock 'n Roll Wine is to make wine tastings more fun and less pretentious," stated David Hammond, Canton resident and owner of Rock 'n Roll Wine, in a press release. "We love to drink great wines, but hate the stuffy, traditional, wine tasting environment. We want to create an environment where you can dance, laugh with your friends, and support a great

cause."

Advance tickets, bought before Oct. 1, cost \$35 and include sampling of a wines from throughout the world, live music from Nadir and the Trio of Soul, and finger foods and appetizers. Attendees will also be able to bid on silent auction items, including rare wines and dog-related toys and gifts.

Proceeds will help cover construction and maintenance costs for the five-acre Canton Dog Park, which is scheduled to open adjacent to Preservation Park next year.

Debi Greene, a member of the Friends of the Canton Dog

Park, said the organization has "worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds for construction" and will continue to do "whatever it takes" to maintain the site.

The fund-raiser is for those 21 and over. Tickets are \$40 the day of the show. Advance tickets are available by calling Rock 'n Roll Wine at (734) 862-1928. Or buy them online at RnRWine.com. Checks, cash, and all major credit cards are accepted.

For more information about the Canton Dog Park and the fund-raiser, visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5310.

# Local troupe holds auditions for comedy written by Neil Simon

Spotlight Players, the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, will hold auditions for *Proposals* Sept. 20-21.

The comedy, by legendary playwright Neil Simon, will be staged Nov. 12-14 and 19-21 in the Biltmore Studio.

This comedy is about the Hines clan and their gathering at their summer retreat

one last time in 1953. Burt, the father, is looking forward to the arrival of his ex-wife. Daughter Josie, with a broken engagement to Ken, years for his buddy, Ray, who shows up with a dim-witted model on his arm. Throw in a gangster and a witty housekeeper and it makes for a humorous yet poignant story.

There are nine roles for men

and women. Two roles are for African-American actors.

Registration for the auditions starts at 6:30 p.m. and auditions run from 7-10 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

For more information call at (734) 480-4945 or Visit: [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org).

# Show offers spooktacular works

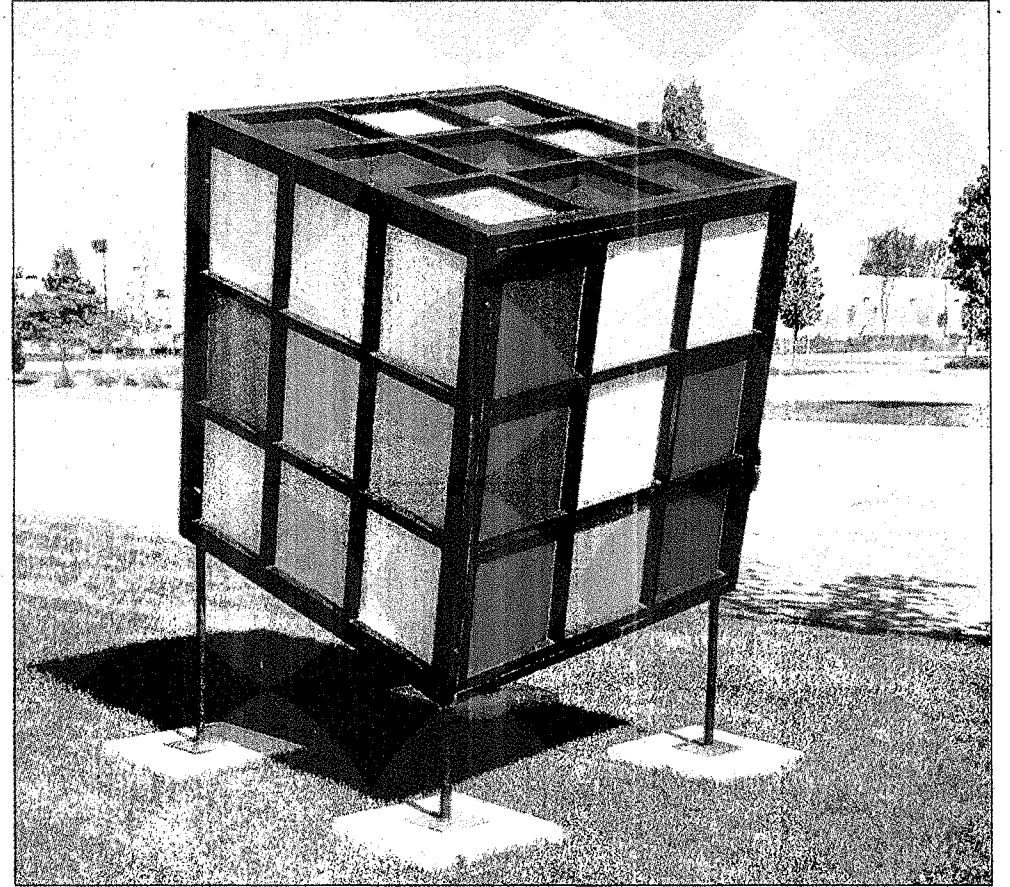
Twenty-three artists will show their Halloween-themed works at the fourth annual Ghoultime Gathering - A Halloween Artists Spectacular, a one-day sale and exhibit from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, in Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold, Northville.

Admission is \$5 at the gate. Juried artists use both traditional and non-traditional mediums, to create their

visions of Halloween.

For more information, including a list of Ghoultime Gathering participating artists, visit <http://www.ghoultimegathering.com>.



Take a tour of public art, including this giant Rubik's cube, on Sept. 25 in Canton.

# Tour public art in Canton during Saturday, Sept. 25, walk

Ken Thompson, docent and artist from the Midwest Sculpture Initiative, will lead a free public art walk along Ford Road in Canton on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The two-mile walk will give participants an insider's view of popular outdoor works of art. Walkers will be encouraged to interact and examine the art from a variety of angles to enjoy their many different perspectives.

Art lovers should meet at 9:30 a.m. the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. They'll be shuttled to the starting point and then returned to the Summit at the end of the walking tour.

Light refreshments will also be served following the tour. All walk participants will also receive a free T-Shirt courtesy of Midwest Sculpture Initiative. Pre-registration is required. Register online at [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or in person at the Summit

on the Park.

Canton's temporary public art display is made possible by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), in partnership with the Canton Cultural Commission's Public Art Commission. Sites displaying this temporary outdoor public art exhibit include Canton Cinema; Griffin Funeral Home; Hampton Inn; Home Depot; New Towne Center at Kohl's; Target; and Willow Creek Plaza. Pieces in this current collection were created out of materials such as bronze, welded steel, cast iron, and glass. Subject matters range from whimsical to poetic with an assortment of identifiable pieces including a Rubik's cube to glass totem poles.

For more information about Canton's Public Art Walk, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

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Four Seasons Memory Care Unit resident Jerry with nephew Kevin, a Four Seasons nurse

Kevin B. has been a nurse for long-term care patients for 15 years. He worked in three different states before joining the staff of Four Seasons so he knows the importance of good skilled care. His Uncle Jerry moved into Four Seasons' Memory Care Unit with dementia 6-months ago. When extended care and short-term rehabilitation become necessary, choose Four Seasons for the attentive professional staff and skilled nursing. In addition to physical, occupational and speech therapy, the facility offers one-of-a-kind services such as in-patient and bedside dialysis.

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

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

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

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**Belleville High School Class of 1971**  
 Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

**Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975**  
 35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

**Dearborn Lowrey High School Classes of 1949-51**  
 A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@hotmail.com.

**Detroit Cody Class of 1965**  
 Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkosi Nashien at (734) 261-3116.

**Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962**

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

**Class of 1960**  
 50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

**Detroit Pershing Class of 1960**  
 50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

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

**Garden City High School Class of 1960**  
 Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

**Garden City West Class of 1970**

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

**Livonia Bentley Class of 1961**  
 Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

**Redford Thurston Class of 1970**  
 40th reunion, 6 p.m., with dinner buffet starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Radisson Hotel, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. \$30 per person. E-mail to Robin Dascenzo Sindici at treasuresoldandnew@sb-global.net if interested in attending. Booked rooms also are available at \$79 per night; suites for \$149. Anyone interested in a room reservation must call (734) 464-1300 by Sept. 22 and identify themselves as a member of the Thurston High School 40th reunion group.

**Redford Union Class of 1975**  
 Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; ticket deadline is Oct. 1. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion@gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.

**Rosary High School Class of 1966**  
 Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and con-

tact information. E-mail Pam at Taifftoo@aol.com  
**Royal Oak High Class of January 1950**  
 6 p.m., Oct. 16, at Red Run Golf Club, 2036 Rochester Road, north of 12 Mile, Royal Oak. \$50.00 per person. \$50 per person; choice of entree. Make checks payable to Class of January 1950 Reunion and mail to Margaret (Hobbs) Monroe, 3045 Helen Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Monroe at (248) 435-3306 or Roy Leet at (248) 737-2845. Guests welcome; deadline for tickets is Sept. 30.

**Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1968**  
 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech.net, or Bill Ziembra at (248) 689-6216, billziembra1968@aol.com.

**Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1985**  
 25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott; contact Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369 or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734) 223-5558.

**Class of 1975**  
 35th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. RSVP and buy tickets at www.jghsclass75.com. For more information call Loren Zeidman at (248) 877-0909 or e-mail to l\_zeidman@americancredit.com

**Westland John Glenn Class of 1985**  
 25-year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or (734) 748-8904 for more information.

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**Vinyl Siding for Rowe House/Westland Historical Park**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained at a **mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held on Friday, September 24, 11:00 a.m.** at the site, Westland Historical Village, 857 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185, and from the City's website: www.cityofwestland.com. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Robert Kosowski, Parks & Recreation Director at (734) 722-7620. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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**SEPT. 19-22**

**Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 21  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and speaker, Gary Michuta, teaches this class focusing on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, which has been regarded as a primer on Catholic doctrine. Open to all faiths; no registration or fee required  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

**Breakfast**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Sept. 19  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m., Sept. 19  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth  
**Details:** Collins-Allvin Jazz Quartet performs at the first concert of the season for the Resounding Art in a Sacred Space series. The church suggests a donation of \$25 for families and \$10 for individuals for admission to the concert  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190

**Guest speaker**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 20-22  
**Location:** 34500 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** British theologian, pastor,

and author John Peck will teach three sessions entitled, "Worldview Revisited," exploring the issue of learning to think as a Christian about everything. He is author of "UnCommon Sense: Biblical Wisdom for Today's World" and co-founder of the Greenbelts Arts Festival in England. Everyone is welcome. No charge. Child care provided.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-7602

**Widowed men and women**  
**Time/Date:** 2:15 p.m. Sept. 19  
**Location:** St. Thomas a' Becket Parish, 555Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Mass and fellowship for widowed men and women; includes refreshments  
**Contact:** (734) 895-6246

**SEPT. 23-29**

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Abby Paskvan, 14, a recording artist from Bowling Green, Ohio, will perform  
**Contact:** (734) 421-8628

**Convention**  
**Time/Date:** Registration begins at 8 a.m.; worship at 9 a.m., with an afternoon session following the 12:15 p.m. luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 25  
**Location:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland  
**Details:** Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention features the Rev. Mark Larson, director of United States Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries  
**Contact:** Jean Wellhousen at (734) 242-4301

**Gospel Fest**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24  
**Location:** Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton  
**Details:** Old-fashioned gospel fest and hymn sing  
**Contact:** (734) 455-0022

**Lober Fest**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m., Sept. 25  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** The lobster dinner is \$22 and includes potatoes, Caesar salad, baked beans, rolls, dessert and beverages. Fresh, live lobsters for carry-out are \$17 each and

must be picked up 4-5 p.m. on Sept. 25. Orders must be received and paid for in advance no later than Sept. 22. Order forms for carry out are available on the church Web site, www.stjohnsplymouth.org. Proceeds from Lobster Fest support the church's work with Episcopal Appalachian Ministries and in the Dominican Republic  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190

**Music membership**  
**Time/Date:** Through September  
**Location:** Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia  
**Details:** The church invites community members to join its music groups in this membership drive. The music groups for all ages include an adult choir for men and women, a praise team, high school youth group band, young children's choir, two adult hand bell groups, three youth hand bell groups and opportunities for instrumentalists through the year  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0404

**Scripture discussion**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28  
**Location:** St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** "4th Sunday Tune-ups," monthly program of scripture discussion. Topics are "Setting the Stage: A Real Encounter with Sacred Scripture is Anything but Tame" for September; "Celebrating Biblical Saints" for October; "The Cathedral of Chartres on Jesus' Birth" for November. A potluck dinner follows the sessions.  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

**SEPT. 30-OCT 6**

**Drug, alcohol talk**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30  
**Location:** St. Joseph Parish multi-purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon  
**Details:** Alcohol and drug discussion is designed for abusers, family members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be served  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3127

**Mission**  
**Time/Date:** Oct. 3-6  
**Location:** St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Mass at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday; mission talk at 7 p.m., Sunday; 8 a.m. Mass and 7 p.m. mission talk Monday-Wednesday  
**Contact:** (313) 937-9690

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30; sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 1 and 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 2  
**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.  
**Details:** Admission for pre-sale event is \$2; admission is free Oct. 1-2. Everything will be half price on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

**Rummage sale**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 28-29  
**Location:** St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** Outdoor rummage sale  
**Contact:** Matushka Rose Marie Star at (313) 538-1142

**Wine tasting**  
**Time/Date:** 3:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 2  
**Location:** 27565 Spring Valley, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Fund-raiser for Helping Hands Touching Hearts to Clothe a Village. Rene Tovar with National Wine and Spirits will serve the wine. In addition to wines and light snacks, a massage therapist from Michael's Golden Lotus will be on hand, along with a plam reader, Mary Coddle with unique gifts and Path Lite Jewelry. \$20 per person  
**Contact:** Sidney Bonvallet at sid-4wayne@gmail.com

**Women's conference**  
**Time/Date:** Saturday, Oct. 2  
**Location:** St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** 2010 Sisters in Christ Women's Conference, "Harvest Blessings" with speaker Vicki Bryant. Conference topics are "Dead 'N' Dry No More," "Reflections of a Lovely Lady," and "Practicing His Presence - Mary & Martha." Cost is \$40, which includes a continental breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and lunch  
**Contact:** Register by Sept. 27 by

calling Sandy Bousquette from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at (313) 534-7730 and leave message

**OCT 7-13**

**Angels program**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, October 7  
**Location:** St. Aidan Parish, Bixman Hall, (church building) 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** David J. Conrad, M.A. theology, investigates the reality of angels. Discover how angels operate and are distinctly different from human beings, reflecting the diversity of God's creative work  
**Contact:** RSVP to (734) 425-5950

**ONGOING**

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

**Classes/study**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and


activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.  
**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615 for information

**Nicole's Revival**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture reading  
**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

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A physician treating arthritis pain must walk a careful path. Medication such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen or aspirin may be insufficiently strong to resolve the pain. Yet, the physician finds long term use of narcotics such as vicodin and percocet inadvisable. These medications can interfere with proper gait and equilibrium, can slow respiration, and cause profound constipation.

At times, injecting steroids into a joint will end an attack of pain. At other times, the doctor may give a large dose of oral steroids and taper quickly. Using oral steroids may give a temporary respite from pain but repeated use brings out the unwanted side effects of cortisone.

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# Celebrations

## Golden anniversary

Louis and Barbara Herremans of Farmington Hills celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Lou and Barb were high school sweethearts. Lou graduated from Walkerville High School and Barb (Jensen) graduated from Hart High School. After their wedding they attended Ferris State College in Big Rapids and then Michigan State University, where Lou received his master's in business administration. Lou enjoyed a successful career with the Big Eight Accounting and Consulting firm, Arthur Anderson. At 34, he became the youngest partner and went on to lead all government operations for Anderson Consulting. He is now retired and enjoying



Louis and Barbara Herremans of Farmington Hills

time with his grandchildren, golfing, financial consulting and travel.

Barb has dedicated her life to raising three boys who now all have families of their own. All three currently enjoy successful careers. Barb also enjoys tennis, golf, travel and of course time with their grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with the entire family on Mackinac Island, with a family retreat at Mission Point resort and an anniversary dinner at the Grand Hotel.



KEVIN GALLATIN

## Perfect setting

Kristy Marie Bell and Beau Pierre Jasmund tied the knot Sept. 11 at the fountain in Kellogg Park during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Family, friends and their children, Devin LaMere and Amber Nicole Rose watched as the Rev. E. Wayne Byrum officiated. The couple lives in Plymouth.



Patrick-Mullaly

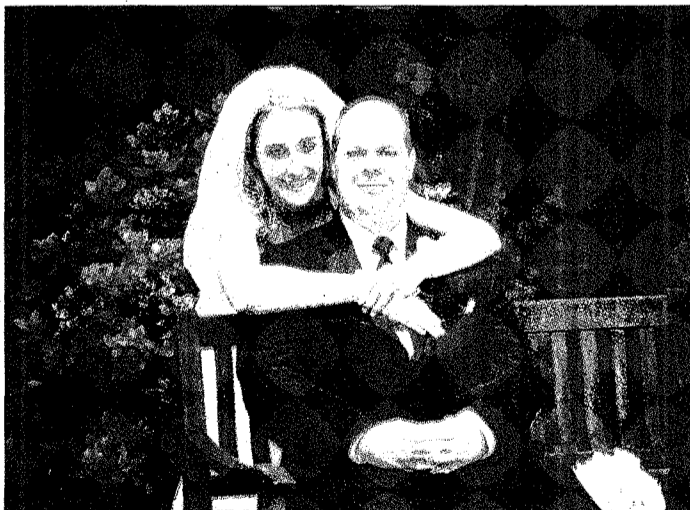
## June 2011 wedding

Dayna Michelle Patrick and Ryan Patrick Mullaly happily announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Linda and Larry Patrick of Farmington Hills, is a 2001 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School. She earned a degree in psychology from Michigan State University in 2005, and now attends Wayne State University's master's program in social work.

Her fiancé, son of Sandi and Tom Mullaly of Hillsdale, graduated from Hillsdale High School in 2002. He attended Lansing Community College where he earned an associate's degree. Ryan has his own landscaping company.

A June 2011 wedding in Jamaica is planned.



Baker-Sash

## Married June 5

David William Baker and Christina Ann Sash were married June 5, 2010 at St. John Chapel in Plymouth. The Rev. Kevin Thomas officiated.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Sash of Westland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Selleck of Livonia.

The matron of honor was Valerie Heacock, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Nicole Simpson and Dr. Vida Fiorentino. Samantha Baker, daughter of the groom, and Alexis Collier served as flower girls.

The best man was William Baker, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Joe Yates and John Martz. Ushers were Adam Sash, brother of the bride, David Yates and Frank Hilkowski Jr. Mark Collier was the ring bearer.

A reception was held in the Grande Ballroom at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and an Alaskan cruise.

The bride is an R.N. at Select Specialty Hospital of Ann Arbor and the groom is employed at LOC Performance Products, Inc. The couple resides in Livonia.



Phil and Corine Samuelson of Redford share cake on their wedding day.

## Golden wedding anniversary

Phil and Corine Samuelson of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday Aug. 21, with a renewal of vows and reception at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

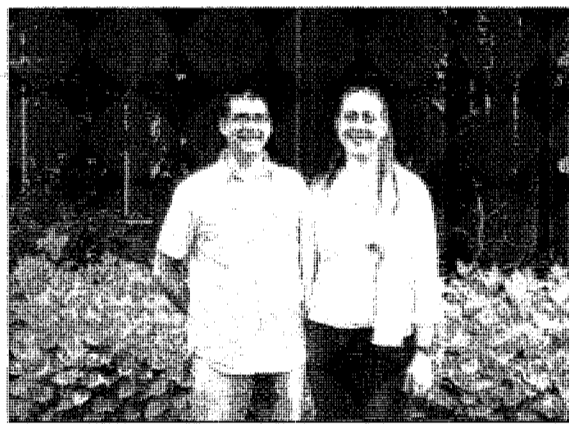


Phil and Corine Samuelson of Redford

Philip Raymond Samuelson and Corine Mae Short were married August 27, 1960, at the Archbold Methodist Church in Archbold, Ohio. The couple has three children, Britta (Kevin) Fesler, Sten Samuelson and Kirsten (Andrew) DeVault. They are grandparents to five grandchildren: Nika, Emily, Eli, and Austin Fesler, and Luke DeVault.

Phil and Corine are both retired music teachers. They share a life that is centered around their joy of celebrating and creating music. They have both been very involved in various choral groups in Michigan and Texas.

Phil and Corine have lived in Redford since 1966.



Bash-Lake

## March wedding planned

Traci Bash and David Lake announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kristi and Allan Bash of Florence, S.C., is a graduate of West Florence High School and Clemson University. She is employed by South Carolina State Parks.

Her fiancé, son of Charla Lake of Livonia and Robert Lake, of South Carolina, is a graduate of Franklin High School, Albion College and the University of Michigan. He is employed with Centerplate, Inc.

A March 5, 2011, wedding is planned in Greenville, S.C.



Miller-Kerrigan

## October wedding

Ann Miller and Michael Kerrigan announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Barbara Colegrove of Hartland, is a Franklin High School graduate. She works as a hair stylist at Beau Chic Salon & Boutique in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, the son of Patrick and Barbara Kerrigan of Livonia, graduated from Stevenson High School. He is the CEO and owner of Mike's Yard Service.

An October 2010 wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Roman Catholic Church.



Louis and Barbara Herremans on their wedding day



Jablonicky-Kozak

## March wedding planned

April Jablonicky and Chaim Kozak of Westland plan to wed March 26, 2011.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James Jablonicky of Westland and Pamela Jablonicky of Garden City, is a 2001 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed by Meijer.

The groom-elect, son of Tom and Bongchae Kozak of Westland, is a 2004 graduate of the Michigan Technical. He was with the United States Marine Corps from 2004-2007 and currently is employed by the Boyd County Sheriff Department.

The couple plans to wed at Heritage Park in Taylor.

## Birth Announcement



Elliot Grace Messina

Elliot Grace Messina was born May 13, 2010, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Elliot Grace joins parents, Vince and Chris Messina, and siblings, Avery, 12, and Emerson, 1, at home in Plymouth.

Grandparents are Rick and Gail Urchyk of Davison, Frank and Marlene Messina of Monroe and Diane Carriero of Plymouth.

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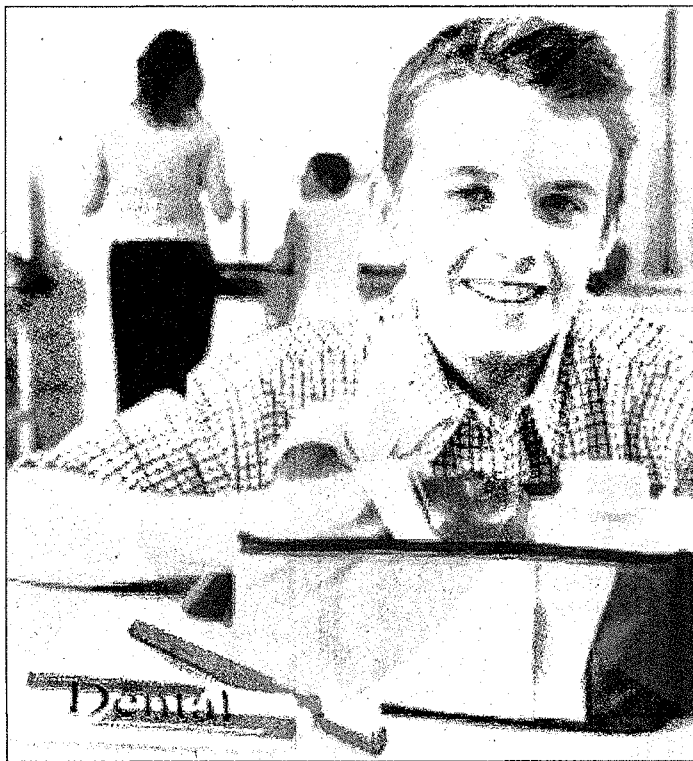
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## Consider tooth health in lunch picks



Think you're sending your kids to school with a healthy lunch?

Think again. Some popular lunch items can contain almost as much sugar as a lunch box full of candy bars, according to Delta Dental of Michigan.

"Common lunch foods actually contain a shocking amount of sugar," said Dr. Jed Jacobson, chief science officer and senior vice president at Delta Dental of Michigan. "With small changes, it is surprisingly easy to pack a lunch that is healthier overall and better for your child's teeth."

Consider a lunch with a packaged ham, cheese and crackers meal, a small can of diced peaches, fruit snacks, and a juice box. While it seems healthy and balanced, the sugar count is a whopping 62 grams. An average candy bar contains about 25 grams of sugar.

A few substitutes can reduce the sugar count tremendously. Switch to a ham and cheese sandwich on wheat bread and skip the fruit snacks. In addition to high sugar content, their stickiness holds sugars against teeth for prolonged periods.

Swap out the juice for a kid-sized sports drink or milk and opt for fresh fruits or vegetables instead of canned. These small changes bring this lunch's sugar total down to a more tooth-tolerable 19 grams.

For other teeth-friendly substitutes, consider yogurt as a good option for boosting calcium with only 10 grams of sugar. Even better is string cheese, which also offers calcium but with zero grams of sugar. For a special treat, vanilla wafer cookies have less than half the sugar of chocolate, crème-filled cookies. Potato chips, pretzels and cheesy crackers are good options for low-sugar items.

"Check the nutrition labels on the foods you buy to make sure you know what your kids are eating," Jacobson said. "A healthy and nutritious diet paired with good oral hygiene at home and visits to the dentist can go a long way toward protecting against tooth decay."

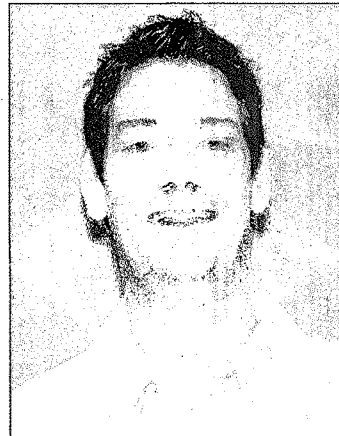
If possible, kids should brush their teeth after lunch at school. Keeping a toothbrush and travel-sized tube of toothpaste in a lunch box, desk or locker is a convenient way to encourage this healthy habit. If kids can't brush at school, Jacobson recommends having them rinse their mouths with water or milk after lunch.

Jacobson suggest parents try to avoid packing these high-sugar lunch items:

- Can of pop (40g)
- Fig cookies (23g)
- Chocolate-hazelnut spread (21g)
- Granola bars (19g)
- Pudding (17g)

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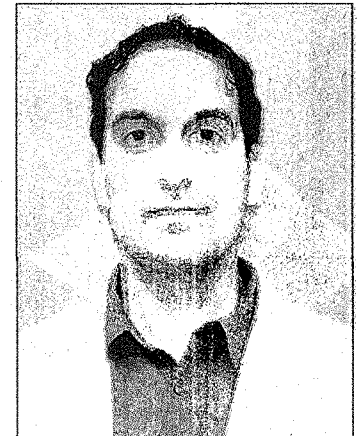
## NEW FACES



Faley



Khaghany



Osta

Three new physicians have joined the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia.

**Joshua Faley, D.P.M.**, podiatry, received a degree from Barry University, Miami Shores, Fla. He completed his residency at the Detroit Medical Center, Detroit. Faley is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and Association of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

He practices at 14555 Levan, Suite 302E, Livonia, (734) 591-6612; and at the Michigan Foot & Ankle Center, 24725 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 270, Southfield, (248) 353-9300.

**Azadeh Khaghany, M.D.**, pediatrics, received a degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

She is board certified in pediatrics and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Her office, Infinity Primary Care, is located at 37595 Seven Mile, Suite 210, Livonia; (734) 432-7581.

**Walid Osta, M.D.**, pain management, received his degree from the American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon. He completed an Anesthesiology residency at Wayne State University School of Medicine and a fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Osta is board certified in anesthesiology. He practices at the American Pain & Spine Center, 8534 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, (313) 320-1116.

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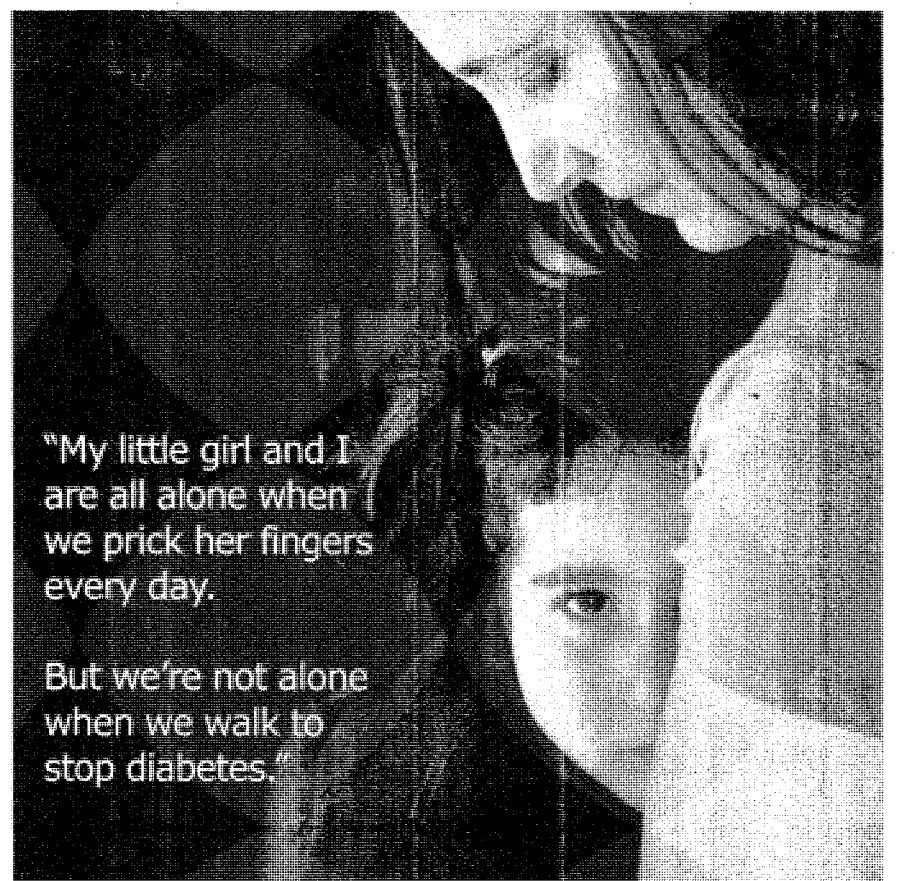
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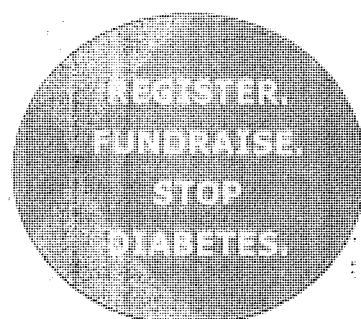
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