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SOS event

Wayne County residents seeking more information about school funding are invited to a Save our Students, Schools and State meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Stockmeyer Auditorium on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School.

Discussions will include how schools are funded and how parents and community members can help make adequate school funding a priority for Michigan. The speakers will be Tom White, SOS chairman, and Mary DeYoung Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA.

SOS is a state-wide organization. Its vision is to help students, schools and the state "create a better future by mobilizing school communities to promote needed changes in how students are taught, and how schools and state services are funded and operate."

The primary goals of SOS are to:

- Create a grassroots network of school personnel and community members to promote change through legislative action.
- Assist schools to operate more efficiently and effectively.
- Create a reformed system for funding K-12 education that yields equitable, adequate and predictable funding.

For more information, visit www.sosmichigan.org.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is providing Stockmeyer Auditorium for the SOS event. The auditorium is at the east end of Wayne Memorial High School, on Glenwood, east of Wayne Road. Parking will be available in student and staff lots to the east and west of the auditorium.

Good PASS

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is receiving a boost thanks to a \$29,000 Wayne County grant.

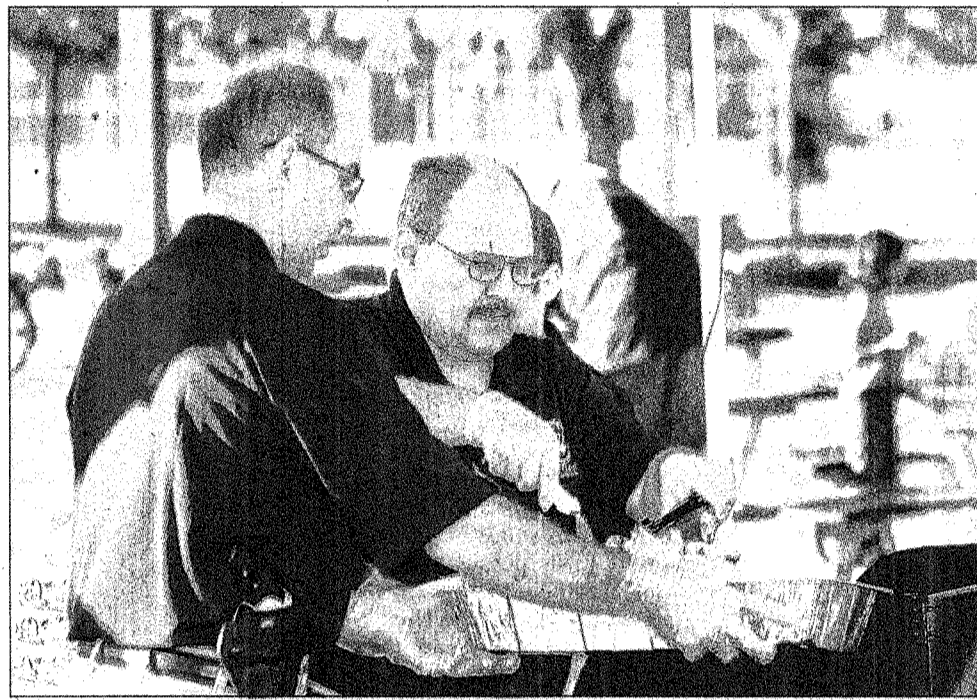
A large but non-negotiable check was presented to Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz and Mayor William Wild at the council meeting Monday by Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia.

"This is where my heart is. I hope we will have the money to you by Christmas," said Gebhardt, a retired educator. "Hopefully, that's just the beginning. I understand the money will be used for the mentoring program."

Accepting the prop check, Motz said. "This is a great opportunity to thank you for all the support. It's an investment in our kids and our city."

The money came from a Prevention Action Services System (PASS) grant from Wayne County.

"Whenever we at the county can do something for our youth now that can help prevent concerns in the future, that's a very good thing," Gebhardt said. She said reducing the recidivism rate among young people is one of the goals of the PASS grant monies.



Look who's cookin'

Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden (left) and Building Director Roger Shifflett man the grill at Mayor William Wild's Community-Gathering held at Corrado Park Thursday. For story and photos, see Page A6.

Police look for two suspects in fatal shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

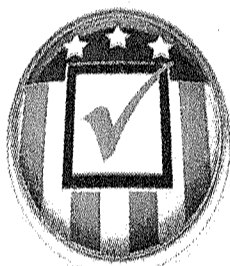
Westland police are continuing to investigate the fatal shooting of a man Wednesday evening in what appears to be a targeted attack.

Anthony Michael Esse, 25, died after being shot once in the chest during a confrontation with two men at his home

in the 2200 block of Stieber, south of Palmer and west of Wildwood.

"The two suspects knocked on the door. It appears that they were looking for the victim. It was not random," Westland police Lt. Michael Matich said. "Tips have been coming in, we're looking at

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ELECTION 2010

Wayne County Commission is the legislative branch of county government. The chief role of the commission is to adopt a budget and to enact ordinances. The commission also approves contracts, appointments and rules. Wayne County commissioners salaries start at \$68,676, and chairs of the eight standing committees getting an extra \$4,000. However, they are tied to those of state elected officials, who will see their pay cut 10 percent in 2011. The commission meets at 10 a.m. first and the third Thursday of the month in the meeting chambers on the mezzanine of the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit.

Case: Tax cuts benefits county, residents

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When President George W. Bush announced the bailout of the banking and auto industries in 2008, Michael Case decided something was wrong with the country and if he "wanted to see change and right the ship," he had to get involved.



Case

The 34-year-old Westland resident is by challenging incumbent Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt after defeating Republican rival David James in the August primary. An automotive technician, Case hopes to represent residents of the commission's 12th District, which includes Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia.

"Something has to change," Case said. "It seems the value systems are contorted and people in government are contorting them to make them work. They should be following the county charter."

Case sees jobs as a big issue facing the county and believes the way to create jobs is through tax cuts.

"A certain amount of property tax rebate would be beneficial," he said. "There's a ripple effect. Tax cuts and less government equals jobs."

While he has read some about such Wayne County programs as the Land Bank, Case believes more can be accomplished by the county encouraging businesses to go do what they know how to do. "If someone starts a business and it creates a good product or a good service for the community, people respond to it," he said. "But if it's a business that's not serving the community, people aren't going to respond to it. Let the business go do what it needs to do. Let the free market go."

As for using tax incentives to attract new business to Wayne County, Case favors them if they are offered across the board. If they're available for certain things, it's as if government is picking the winners and losers.

"If incentives are used, they should be across the board," he said. "Let everyone have a piece of the pie like the movie industry got. It was good in that new jobs came in to the state, but that same principle

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Gebhardt: County needs 'sensible' budget

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Gebhardt likes a challenge. That's one of the reasons she's running for a second two-year term on the Wayne County Commission.

She also believes she can make a difference. "If I see something that needs fixing, I fix it," said the Livonia Democrat, who represents the commission's 12th District. "I really take this job seriously. I try to do good for my constituents and I try to help them with their problems. That's what I do for them."



Gebhardt

Gebhardt, who represents the southern portion of Livonia and Westland and Inkster, said the big issues facing Wayne County are all monetary. The county needs a "sensible" working budget, it needs to make sense of the funding mandated by the charter and state law and it needs to give the sheriff the money to run the jail.

"We need to get a workable budget deficit elimination plan. Right now we don't

have one," she said. "It's the commission's job. We make the budget and it's up to the CEO to implement it. We keep spending and nothing is getting better."

According to Gebhardt, the same approach used to run a household should be used to deal with the county's financial woes.

"When you run a house and don't have the money, you cut out the frills. It's the same with the county," she said. "It's just a difference of zeroes. If you do a budget for the county, it's the same as for a house, just add a bunch of zeroes."

Gebhardt believes the key to getting things done is communication. It can help minimize, if not eliminate, the conflicts that have surfaced between the different county departments, the commission and county Executive Robert Ficano.

A case in point, his discussion with several members of the commission that led to a way of dealing with the \$44 million the county needed to pay into the retirement fund. Ficano had suggested eliminating the retirees' 13th check until the county is on sound footing, freeing up the money

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Contract awarded for park cleanup

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Construction equipment could be arriving at Central City Park within a few weeks to get started on the remediation and restoration project.

On Thursday, the Wayne County Commission awarded a \$1.757 million contract for the first-phase cleanup and restoration of the contaminated park, which is county-owned and had been operated by Westland.

"I think that's incredible news. We got the news Tuesday that they were able to fast-track it for the Thursday (commission) agenda," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

The contract was awarded to ABC Paving Co. of Trenton. Work on the first phase, addressing nearly 12 acres on the east side of the nearly 33-acre park, is expected to begin this month and wrap up in the spring. The park has been closed since 2007 due to lead contamination.

"This is an important milestone in returning this park to productive use," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment has approved the remediation plan, which calls for a geotextile

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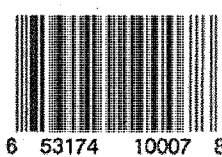


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Friends of Library sponsor open house

Supporting the William P. Faust Public Library is the mission of the Friends of the Library of Westland, and the group will showcase their "crown jewel" during an open house, planned for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week.

The open house will feature a 1:30 p.m. children's story time with Mayor William Wild, a silent auction 2-3 p.m., library tours and light refreshments. The local author Cheryl Vatcher-Martin, a member of the Friends who writes books for adults and children, will be on hand to sell signed copies of her book.

The Friends of the Westland Library was established in 1996 to raise money for the library. There are currently more than 250 members who organize and hold four book sales a year. The profits from the sales are used to support library programs, such as "Book in a Bag" and the Summer Reading programs.

"The library has always played such an important

role in my life," said Friends president Meriem Kadi. "I truly enjoy being able to give something back - and being an active member of this group is also rewarding."

Other officers of the organization are Dorothy Smiley, vice-president; Inge Singleman, treasurer; Lynne Hagmann, secretary, and trustees Marie DiDomizio, Marie Promo and Ramona Shaney.

"The Friends of the Library have been integral to the success of our library throughout the years," said library director Cheryl Napsha. "It is the Friends group that funds special programming including Summer Reading Club, music and arts programming, and much of what makes the library special. We are grateful for their dedication to the library and to the Westland community."

For more information about the group or to become a member, call the library at (734) 326-6123 or stop by for the open house. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

CASE

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should be applied to the Big Three and other established businesses. I don't think government at any level should be picking winners and losers. Let the people do that."

In regard to relations between the Wayne County Commission and county Executive Robert Ficano, Case said the two sides need to work together.

"We have to work together. I know that sounds simple, but it is that simple," he said. "It's not matter of he's getting into our business and they're getting into his business. Come on guys, let's act like adults here a little bit."

Case stressed that instances like the county executive's wanting to eliminate the 13th check paid to county retirees,

he would vote his conscience. He knows the pensioners have a contract, but they have to understand they have nothing if the county has no money or the county is taken over by the state. He would vote for what's best for his constituents, he said.

"You have to start somewhere; 90 percent of something is better than 10 percent of nothing," he said.

For Case, the three important decisions he made in his life are his faith in God, his wife Lindsay and his three children and following the example set by his father who taught him to work hard and do what was good for his family.

"He taught me some good values," Case said. "I'm a blessed man. Even in these uncertain times, there's still positives out there. You don't want to say can't do anything. You've got the next generation

MICHAEL CASE

Political affiliation: Republican

City: Westland

Age: 34

Employment: Automotive technician at Victory Honda of Plymouth

Family: Married with three children

Education: Wayne-Westland Community Schools and GED/automotive trade school

Community involvement: Attends Canton Calvary Assembly of God Church and other then working 60-plus hours a week, I try to give money where I can, in place of my time.

to look out for."

If elected county commissioner, Case said he will dig into the county budget and find out what can be cut and

cut it. He also would look at governmental red tape and bureaucracy. He realizes it's an uphill battle, but he is up to the challenge.

"I'm not a career politician. I work on cars. I have to solve problems. If I don't, I don't have a job," he said. "I'm a consensus guy to a certain extent, but I stand for my values. But if I can make my values known in the right way, I believe can sway people."

"When you live in bubble, sometimes you need new air or a new way of looking at things to come out of that bubble. What's going on now, can't work, it can't last forever. They have to be understanding that, too. If they don't, then nothing can be done. We have to start somewhere, something has to change. It's time to do something."

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GEBHARDT

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to prevent program cuts.

The commission, however, balked at the idea. Ficano sat down with groups of commissioners, which resulted in a proposal by 11th District Commissioner Kevin McNamara to provide around \$12 million.

"Mr. Ficano never sat down with retirement board, the retirees and union personnel who think it's important, he never brought it in for problem solving," she said. "It's all about communications. I know everyone realizes what the problem is - a lack of funds. I think the board would have him given a couple of years to get the county on its feet had he talked to them."

Gebhardt acknowledges that the county, like the state, can no longer depend on the auto industry or do things the way

they have been done in the past. And also like the state, the county must diversify its job base.

"We have to use the talent of our workforce to bring biotech and medical technology jobs to our county," she said. "By diversifying, we bring in jobs."

Gebhardt favors tax incentives "within reason" to lure new business to Wayne County, although she doesn't believe they should be for up to 10 years. She would be agreeable if tax incentives were for a more reasonable amount of time.

"Give them two years to get on their feet and then they can start paying taxes like we all do," she said.

Among the most important decisions she's made was getting married and waiting nine years to have her children. Involved in education for 31 years, she said her one-year stint in Armada also was important because it "got my juices flowing."

The third decision was to

JOAN GEBHARDT

Political affiliation: Democrat

City: Livonia

Age: 61

Employment: Wayne County commissioner, District 12

Family: Married with two children and one granddaughter

Education: Wayne State University doctoral program; Eastern Michigan University, master of arts degree in educational leadership; Eastern Michigan University, bachelor of arts

become a volunteer for the Granholm for Governor campaign.

"I wanted a female governor and that work got me into public service," she said.

Besides her work on the county commission, Gebhardt also serves on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. The unpaid position is her way of giving back to the community.

degree in elementary education

Community involvement: Trustee, Schoolcraft College, 11th Democratic Congressional District, Friends of Eloise, Friends of the Rouge, League of Women Voters, NAACP Western Wayne County, Women of Westland WOW, the Westland and Livonia Chambers of Commerce, Friends of Greenmead, American Association of University Women and the Livonia Democratic Club

It's also something she enjoys doing.

And education does a role in her county job.

"A lot of people don't know where to go to get help," she said. "I can help them solve their problems and educate them on what county government does."

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everything. It's still under investigation."

The suspects were reported to have fled on foot. The victim went outside and col-

lapsed. He was transported by Westland Fire Rescue to an area hospital, where he died of his injuries.

One suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, approximately 6 feet tall, 180-200 pounds wearing a black shirt. Police said that he was armed with a semi-automatic handgun.

The second suspect was also described as a black male in his 20s, approximately 6 feet tall, weighing 180-200 pounds. He was described as last seen wearing a blue hoodie and a black bandana covering his face. He was also reported to have been armed with a semi-automatic handgun.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to contact the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600 or at crimetips@wlpd.net. Anonymous information also can be left with Crimestoppers at www.1800speakup.org.

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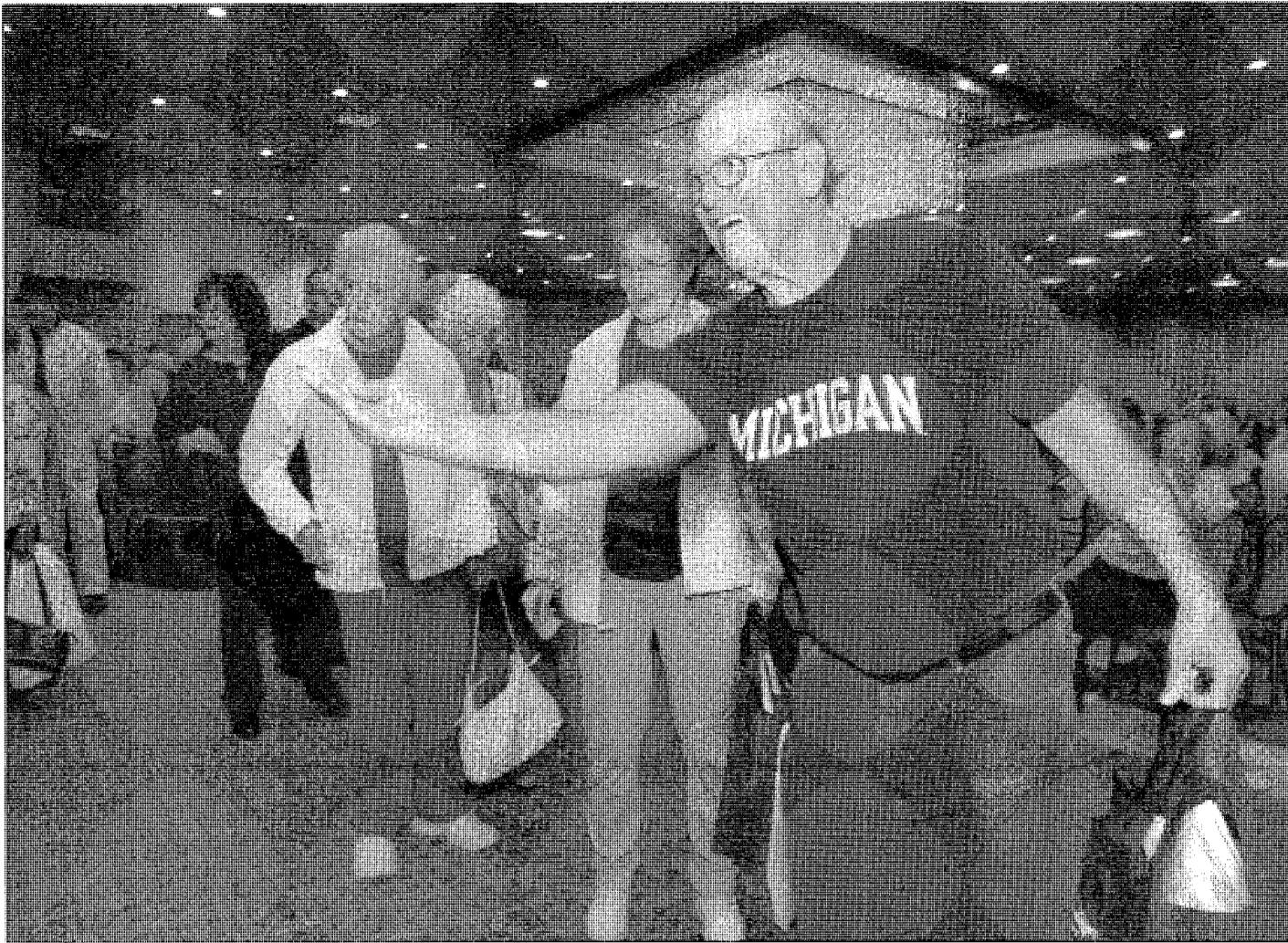
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Attendance up at Senior Celebration Day

Several hundred seniors attended the 16th annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day, Oct. 1 at Laurel Manor Banquet Conference Center, Livonia. The event was hosted by state Rep. John Walsh and Senior Citizen Achievement Needs, a local nonprofit organization for seniors.

"I was really pleased with the turnout," Walsh said, adding attendance was higher than in recent years. "It was just a really nice day in large part because of all the sponsors; they respond every year."

The sponsors, or vendors, offset the costs of the event. Seniors pay just \$5 each to attend.

The seniors receive a hot meal, play bingo, enjoy music



Pauline Hoot of Dearborn Heights and Americo Marcolino of Westland enjoy the event.

by Mike Wolverton, visit vendors' booths featuring products and services for seniors, play games for prizes and have a chance to win raffle prizes.

This year, there were 36 vendors.

The event, which is both educational and fun, was started and then continued by Walsh's predecessors in the state House. He said he is glad to carry on the tradition. "This is just one way to thank the seniors for their many

contributions over the years to build this great community," he said.

This year's event included more games the seniors are familiar with and enjoy, including Wheel of Fortune, putt-putt golf and bean bag toss. Prizes for those games were useful items such as pads of paper and pens.

Raffles prizes included gift baskets valued at \$75 and gift certificates to restaurants, florists and Kroger valued at \$10 to \$20 each.

"I had very nice compliments from the people who attended," Walsh said. "Everybody seemed to have a good time."

- By Karen Smith

Red Roses look for ladies with 'hatitude'

You know them by their hats - red hats - and their name reflects the fact that they wear red hats.

Now women over age 50 interested in their adventures in red hat land are invited to tea and cookies to find out more about the Red Roses of Garden City Chapter of the Red Hat Society.

The group is hosting the tea at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman. Anyone wishing to venture into Red Hat Land and has the correct Hattitude is welcome to come meet with members.

The Red Roses meet 1-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Maplewood Center. A member brings a snack, coffee and tea are provided. Dues are \$10 for the year, payable between September and December. The dues pay for postage, note cards and monetary deposits for outings.

"Basically, we are a group of women, 50 plus years, dressed in red and purple and enjoying life," said Red Hatter Peg Burklow. "We are, according to our members, 'friendly, fun, wild, wacky, happy, bright, intelligent and very young at heart.'"

The group has gone on a day trip to Chicago, boat trip with lunch on the Detroit River, plays at the theater in Cherry Hill Village, out to lunch (Macy's, Golden Feather, M's Gathering Place, just to mention a few), taken a mystery trip, had picnics, parties at Maplewood Community Center, teas, pot luck lunches, taken in first run movies and much more.

The Red Roses have had movie events in the winter with current movies, pop-

corn, snacks and lots of laughs. They've even had visitors. Elvis was in the building to celebrate Valentines Day.

Jerry Thorne, owner of Party Animal Travel, helps plan trips and warn about travel scams, Three W's and a D-barbershop quartet entertained at a tea.

"We are currently planning to treat ourselves to a production at the Gem Theater in Detroit," Burklow said.

But fun isn't all that the group does. The group is "very service and community oriented," said Burklow. It has worked with the Garden City Kiwanis by supporting the hat decorating event at the Kiwanis Kids Day in the Park each year. Currently, it is helping them with their Trauma Doll project - cutting, sewing, and stuffing.

"We have helped Sweet Dreamzzzz Detroit gather and distribute their sleeping supplies (sleeping bag, night-shirt, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, coloring book, crayons and stuffed animal) to indigent children in the school systems within the metro Detroit area.

"We have collected supplies and mailed many boxes to the men and women in Iraq and other military bases abroad," she added. "For the last three years, we have supported a needy family for Thanksgiving with meals and for Christmas with meals and gifts for the entire family. We have also donated food gift cards to many seniors during the winter months when living expenses are at the highest.

The Red Roses also has a book exchange each month with the leftovers going to the Friends of the Garden City Library or the Thrift Shop at Maplewood Senior Center.

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Franklin graduate wins Emmy Award

Allison Casey, a 2004 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, won a News & Documentary Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for "Outstanding Individual Achievement In A Craft: Music and Sound."

The Emmy Award is for recognition of her work in the History Channel program "WWII in HD," which included original military and news film footage to create a unique documentary of the United States' involvement in the war.

Casey, as a part of four-person team of audio engineers with Gramercy Post Studio, took on the challenge of bringing the film production to life with sound.

Casey started her career in audio post production after her 2008 graduation from New York University with a bachelor's degree in music and an internship with Gramercy.

The News & Documentary Emmy Awards were presented at a ceremony Sept. 27 at Frederick P. Rose Hall, Home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, located in the Time Warner Center in New York City.

W-W administrators press board for respect

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A group of Wayne-Westland building administrators has put the district's school board on notice that it expects to be treated with the same respect it shows trustees and other school officials.

Stephanie Acord, co-president of the Wayne-Westland Building Association, told trustees that "as our principals work to do what is best for kids, members of this board have condoned, if not participated in the disrespectful treatment of our membership."

"Our membership feels that we are respectful of the needs of the district and Board of Education, and asks only for that same level of respect in return to our membership," she

said. "Public attacks against our membership are indeed public whether they happen inside the walls of this room, or in an electronic format on social networking websites."

Acord was referencing parent comments posted on a wall on Facebook as well as a posting by a board member that can be construed as condoning the "inflammatory" remarks.

"The Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association will no longer silently tolerate this treatment of our membership and to that end will use any means within our legal rights as a collective bargaining unit to address individuals that engage in activities that compromise the integrity of our membership and our learning community," she said.

Her comments are the latest in a series of exchanges between the union and the school board in regard to a discussion at the April 26 meeting about the salary Mark Cesarz would receive as the newly appointed co-principal at Adams Upper Elementary School. The issue was raised by Trustee Carol Middel, who questioned what Cesarz would make in his new position and then pressed him to consider foregoing the pay increase, estimated at \$6,000, in light of the district's financial difficulties.

WWBAA protested the discussion, saying that it was "disrespectful and certainly out of place in such a public forum." That was followed by a statement from school board President Skip Monit, acknowl-

edging that "the board, as a whole, overstepped our boundaries" and offering "deepest apologies."

Acord told the board that it's expected that emotions and passions would be high during the transition to the K-4/5-6 elementary program and that "we all want to focus on what's best for kids." However, that is difficult "by the continued erosion of unity between the elected officials in our learning community."

"If we are to move forward from this point we must do so creating an environment that promotes unity between all stakeholders," she said. "The Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association continues to support all initiatives to assist the district in this path forward. Collectively,

it is our opinion, that what is best for the students of Wayne-Westland Community Schools is support between the community, the teachers and the administration, including the Board of Education. This support can only be realized through transparency and open communication between the stakeholders."

Acord said that the union has been approached about working out the differences that have surfaced since the April 26 meeting and is hopeful that the issue can be resolved.

"We're more than willing to do what's best for our students and the school district and to continue to support its initiatives," she said. "All we expect is respect."

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W-W board approves three administrative appointments

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A co-principal at Marshall Upper Elementary School is among three individuals being assigned new jobs with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The Wayne-Westland school board has approved the appointment of Aaron Baughman as the director of professional development, Susan Wilk as assistant principal at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and

Adam Martin as an assistant principal at John Glenn High School.

Baughman has been with the district since 2001. He has been a teacher at Hoover Elementary and at Marshall before becoming its assistant principal in 2007 and then principal in 2009.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in English and elementary education from William Tyndale College and a master of science degree in administration from Madonna University.

"I thank you for this opportunity," said Baughman, a Taylor resident. "I appreciate

the great work going on in the district, and I'm very excited about the future and what we will be able to accomplish. I'm excited about my new position."

Wilk, who lives in Monroe, was employed with Family Services of Detroit and Wayne County and in private practice before becoming a substitute social worker in the Airport Community Schools. She joined Wayne-Westland as a school social worker in 1988 and has been assigned to the Career Technical Center where she has been involved in the highly successful Innovative Vehicle Design program. She has a bachelor of arts

degree in social work from Michigan State University and a master of social work degree from Wayne State University. The head of the district's department of social workers, Wilk was the 2009 Westland ATHENA Award winner.

"I've served as a school social worker for 13 years at the center and I look forward to providing a different kind of leadership as the Career Technical Center moves into the future and prepare our students in a most meaningful way," she said.

A Garden City resident, Martin has bachelor of arts degree in history and science

and master's degree in public administrations, both from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He taught science and social studies with the Detroit Public Schools for three years before joining the Garden City school district where he taught physical science, science and chemistry.

"It's nice to walk into a district that's so proactive with goals in student achievement," he said. "I will do my best to get John Glenn where as a district, you want it to be and where the students want it to be."

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membrane to be placed over much of the site, followed by 12 inches of top soil. Other areas would be paved to seal in contaminants in the soil.

It's been a long process for Wild, who has dealt with the problem since he was appointed mayor to replace Sandra Cicirelli when she was elected 18th District Court judge.

"My second day in office, I put up the fence (closing the park). It has taken a lot of time, a lot of cooperation and a lot of man hours," said Wild, who became mayor in January 2007. "I'm excited. We're not stopping there. Two weeks ago, I was in

Washington, D.C., talking to our delegation trying to get an appropriation for the rest of the park. We're already looking ahead to the next phase."

Trees, which wouldn't have survived the construction and would compromise the geotextile membrane, have already been removed from the park. Preconstruction meetings are expected within a few weeks, followed by the construction.

"There has been a little misconception lately that the city cut down the trees so we could build soccer fields," Wild said. "The trees needed to come down so we could remediate the park. We couldn't remediate with the trees there."

The plans do call for soccer fields to be developed on the

remediated park land, along with walking paths, pavilions and a concession stand.

"When you're dealt lemons, you make lemonade. All that land had been bulldozed and flattened, then they planted trees there," Wild said. "We have to recreate the park."

Westland had leased the park from Wayne County, but the lease has been expired for a number of years. It is expected the city will become the park owner. A council study session to provide a detailed update about Central City Park is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

"We are hoping Wayne County officials will have a draft of an intergovernmental agreement in reference to the park," Wild said.

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AROUND WESTLAND

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 and 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.

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.

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O&E, Hometown to offer advertising on Yahoo! sites

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies is partnering with Yahoo! to offer local advertisers more opportunities for digital advertising.

Announced last week, the partnership that begins in 2011 allows the O&E and Hometown group to offer advertisers digital ad space not only on hometownlife.com but also on Yahoo! sites as part of their local advertising solutions. As a result, local advertisers will benefit from expanded digital reach and enhanced audience targeting capabilities based on geography, user demographics, interests and more against that expanded audience.

The alliance combines the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies credible local brands and multimedia sales and

marketing expertise with the powerful digital brand credibility and audience of Yahoo!

The new relationship will enhance the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies' audience solutions capabilities by increasing total digital audience reach 80.7 percent of local internet users.

"The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown local audience solutions, combined with Yahoo! provides powerful and effective reach, targeting, and results that deliver the right audience at the right time with the right solution," said Susan Rosiek, O&E/Hometown publisher and executive editor.

"Local advertising continues to be an important area of focus for us, and Yahoo! is committed to helping local businesses reach high quality

target audiences," said Hilary Schneider, executive vice president, Yahoo! Americas.

"This relationship significantly expands our local offerings and gives advertisers the technology and scale they need to reach their consumers online."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Weeklies services western Wayne and Oakland counties, reaching over 1 million readers with 13 local community newspapers and on www.hometownlife.com monthly.

The new digital venture with Yahoo! enhances advertising solutions and is a strategic evolution for the suburban Observer & Eccentric/Hometown media group, which was recently recognized with awards by the Michigan Press Association for Best Ad Idea and Best ROP Auto Ad, among others.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Halloween Bash

The Garden City Firefighters Charities will be on the receiving end of proceeds from a Halloween Charity Bash planned for 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday Oct. 23, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy, Garden City.

Tickets are \$30 each and includes food and beverages and Blackberry Brandy. There also be a best costume contest, raffle, door prizes and more.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. They're available at the Garden City Fire Department on Middlebelt, north of Ford, or by calling (734) 793-1794.

Daddy-Daughter Dance

The women of the Immaculate Conception will hold their annual Daddy-Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford, Garden City.

Tickets are \$10 per couple and include dancing, hot dogs, chips, pop and dessert. Music will be provided by The

Goldtones.

For tickets, call Bev at (734) 261-2603.

Spaghetti dinner

Good Hope Lutheran Church will hold a spaghetti dinner fund-raise 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City, MI 48135.

The cost is \$7 for Adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-11, and children under age 3 eat free. Advance tickets are available at the church or at the door the day of the event.

For more information, call (734) 427-3660.

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.

Office hours

Need to talk with Garden City Mayor Randy Walker? You'll find him Tuesdays at Garden City Hall. Walker will hold office hours 4:30-6 p.m. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling Administrative Assistant Margo Ciecierski at (734) 793-1660.

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Janice Harris came to Four Seasons after her doctor recommended the facility. Harris was suffering from complications that included bedsores and renal failure in addition to recovering from back surgery.

"I love the physical therapy...they take their time and don't rush you. I didn't think I could do it, but I can."

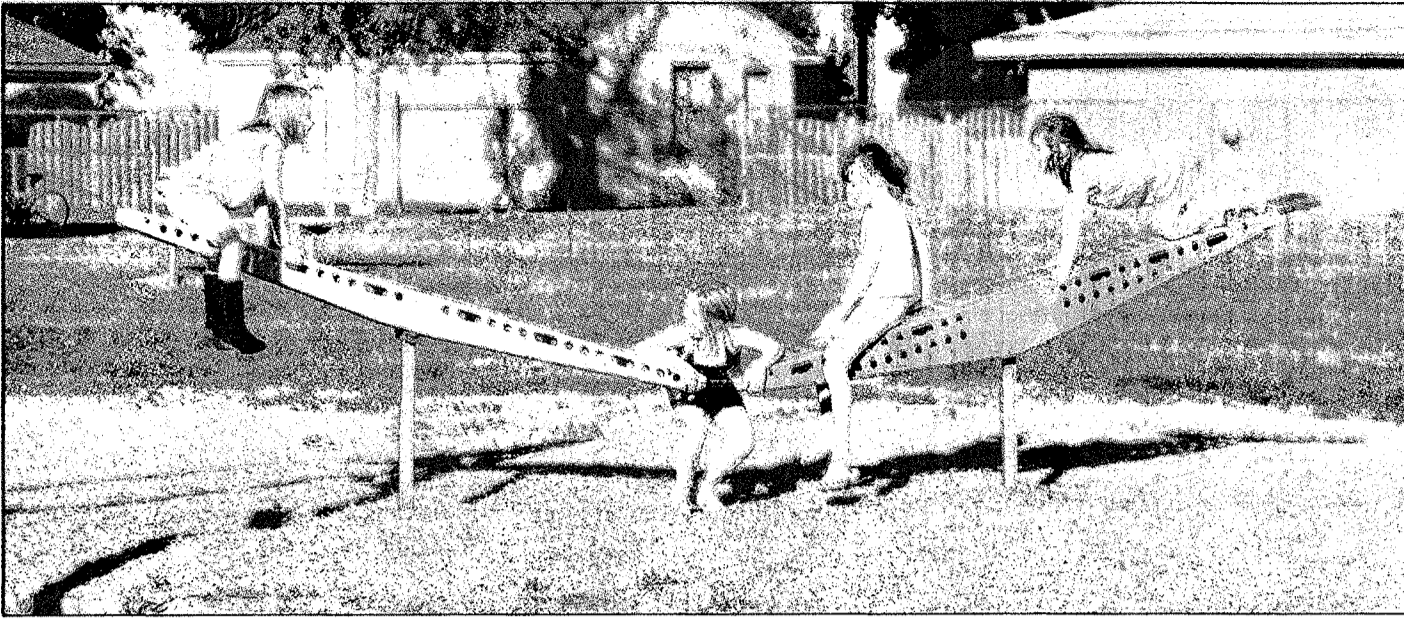
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Sydney Berger (left), Sarah Bachman, Kate Brennan and Emily Brennan try out a new kind of teeter totter at Corrado Park during the community event.



Lindsay Radita enjoys a hot dog during a community gathering hosted by Westland Mayor William Wild in Corrado Park.

Good weather brings out crowd for Community Gathering

A community gathering hosted by Westland Mayor William Wild had to be postponed last month due to bad weather, but the weather Thursday couldn't have been better. "We had a great turnout, it was a great night," said Wild. "We had T-shirts for 450 kids after they finished going through the fire safety trailer

and we ran out." The last community gathering for the year, the event was held at Corrado Park on Gladys and Flamingo in the city's northend. "It was a very good location for the community gathering. There were so many households in walking distance, we had a really nice turnout," said

Wild. Councilmen Adam Hammons and Michael Kehrer helped man the grills, cooking hot dogs. And Happy's Pizza donated 100 pizzas for the event. "It was a nice surprise and went over very well. Some cars pulled up and they started bringing out pizzas," said Wild.



Riley Grandsen was enjoying the bounce house at Corrado Park during the community gathering.

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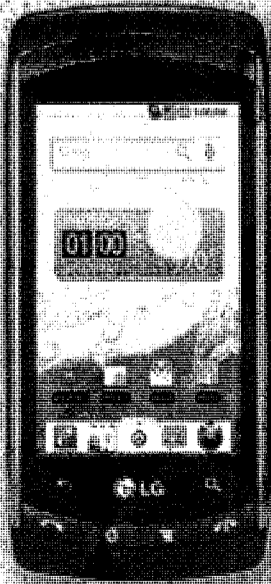
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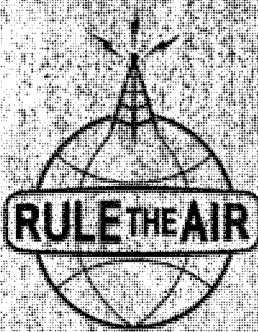
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Visitors to Westland's Mike Modano Arena will notice a new scoreboard funded by donations from Meijer and the disbanded Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids group.

Arena energy upgrades mean better ice surfaces for skaters

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

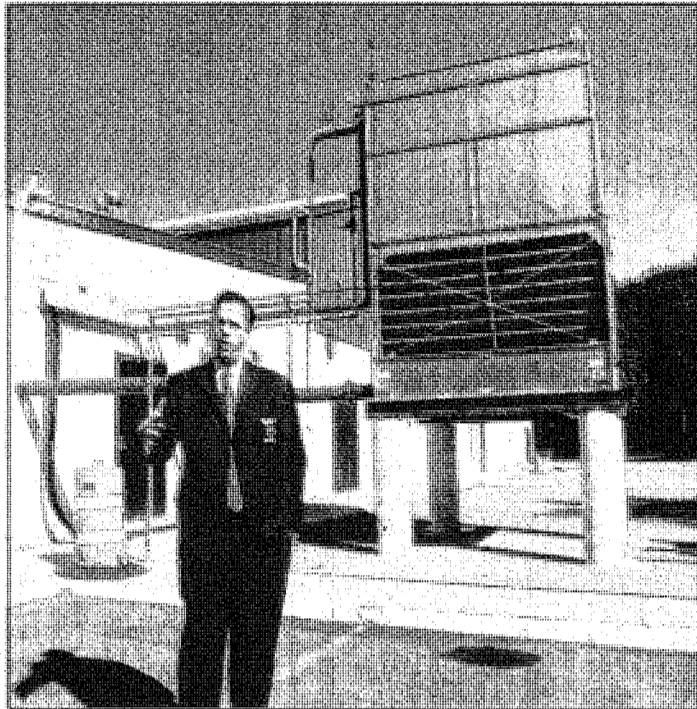
Visitors to Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena won't see the lower energy bills expected from recent equipment upgrades, but skaters are likely to notice improvements.

"We are able to regulate the ice better. Figure skaters like softer ice, hockey players like the ice hard," Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said. "And last year, you couldn't see the logos due to the depth of the ice. This is a better ice surface."

Westland received Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant money, including \$387,000 used to replace the arena refrigeration system with a state-of-the-art ammonia-based system. Switching the arena compressors from a brine/R22 system to an ammonia system is expected to save the city 30-35 percent on its energy consumption costs along with the improved ice surface, which also benefits from the new dehumidification system.

In addition, the arena also had heating and air conditioning upgrades in the lobby area. A side benefit to the upgrades has been installation of the new cooling towers on the south side of the arena. "The cooling towers used to be on the roof. The water from the ice system runs through it," Kosowski said. "The water would blow all over. Each time we had a problem, we had to get up there. It's a metal roof and icy."

The arena also has a new scoreboard thanks to \$18,500



Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski talks about improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena, including new ground-level cooling towers located behind him. The old cooling towers were located on the roof.

donated by Meijer and Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids, a local group which disbanded a few years ago.

The Westland Hockey Association has ice time 6-10 p.m. weekdays and about seven hours each weekend day. The Westland Figure Skating Club uses the arena 3:30-6 p.m. weekdays and also books weekend ice time.

"We have ice time available at decent hours. We will go to 11 p.m. or midnight, Sunday mornings," said Kosowski, who is looking to have more ice time booked.

The arena offers a Glow Skate 8-9:20 p.m. Fridays with

music and plenty of glow-in-the-dark decorations. "It's very popular with the kids — 12-, 13- and 14-year olds," he said. "We were getting 200 kids a night last year."

The Glow Skate is \$3 for kids, \$4 for adults and skate rental is \$3. The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids and \$5 for adults with \$3 for skate rental, if needed.

For more information about programs at the arena, call (734) 729-4560 or visit the city's website at www.cityof-westland.com.

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City looks at updating Modano image on arena

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not surprisingly, there's a big image of new Detroit Red Wing Mike Modano on the outside of the Westland ice arena bearing his name.

The problem is that it pictures Modano, a Westland native, hoisting the Stanley Cup in a Dallas Stars jersey.

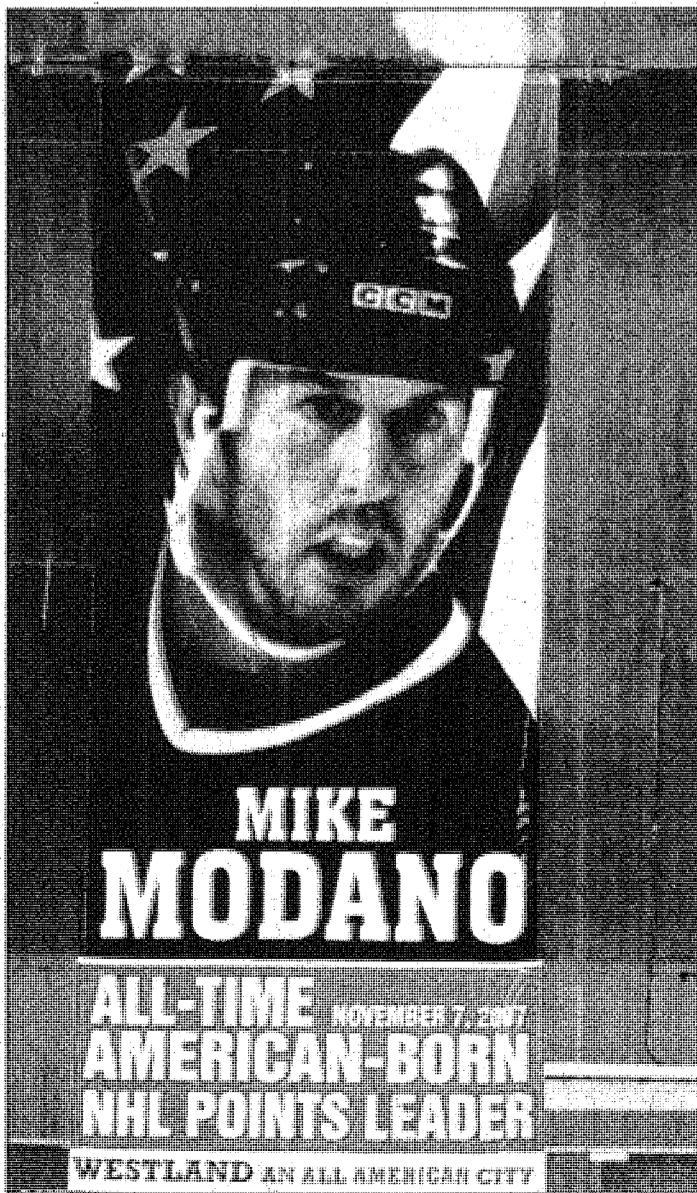
"We want to make some changes to recognize that he is a Red Wing now," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

After initially looking at altering the existing image, the plan now is to add two more images — Modano in a Red Wings jersey and also showing him as an Olympian. The cost is expected to be about \$5,000.

"We'll be doing another Red Wing alumni hockey game and that could help fund this," Wild said. "We raised \$20,000 at the last game that was donated to the Central City Park restoration. We could use some money to recognize Mike Modano as a Red Wing and donate the rest towards the park restoration."

No date has yet been set for the Red Wing alumni game which Wild said was reported to be one of the more financially successful events for the group.

"Maybe we can do it in conjunction with Michigan Hockey Day. We always do something for that," Wild said.



Not surprisingly, there is a big banner honoring new Detroit Red Wing Mike Modano, a Westland native, at the ice arena bearing his name.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Office closing

A reminder to Westland residents that due to Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 11, City offices and the 18th District Court will be closed. The Bailey Recreation Center and the William P. Faust Public Library will remain open.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at the library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Oct. 11. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Surplus food

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations for residents to obtain surplus federal food for the month of October.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for more information.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at their complex.

For the month of October, apple juice, mixed vegetables, peaches, peanut butter, canned pork, frozen blueberries, vegetable soup and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distributions sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

Greatest Generation

A movie tribute to veterans will be presented at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at the senior Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland.

Hosted by American House, the program will feature a light lunch and showing the movie, *Detroit's Greatest Generation*, which includes accounts of World War II.

The movie and luncheon is free to all residents and veterans, however, registration is required. It can be completed in person at the Friendship Center or by calling (734) 722-7632. For more information, visit City of Westland website at www.cityofwestland.com and click on Seniors Resources, and then on Flyers.

Turn off the Violence

Now that the kids are back in school and parents are juggling soccer practices and homework as well as working, things can be a little busy. Why not take a night off and bring the family to the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind City Hall for "Turn off the Violence," presented by Wild About Youth, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14.

The free event is for families to enjoy an evening together and have tons of fun. The 16th annual "Turn of the Violence" includes activities, such as face painting, circus acts, inflatables and live animals. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Quilt show

Ladies United Voice of Westland Christian Union Church will hold their annual quilt show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the church at 1046 N. Wayne Road at Marquette, Westland.

There will be door prizes, vendors, a bake sale, make and take and lunch available. Everyone is welcome. A \$3 donation is appreciated. For more information, call Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871.

Visiting a local jeweler is a safer way to sell gold

Q: Dear Rick: Money has been tight lately and I have seen ads where these companies will buy gold. I have some old jewelry and I decided to sell it. I sent the pieces of jewelry and I did get a check. After cashing the check and thinking about it I believe I should have received more for the gold. I contacted the company and was told my jewelry was not of the right purity. That's why I received less. I know I made a mistake by selling the jewelry the way I did. Do I have any recourse?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: Unfortunately, I do not believe that you have much recourse.

The first issue is it's going to be your word versus theirs as to the weight of the gold and its quality. Assuming it is a reputable company, what you were told may be true. After all, there are different types of gold with different qualities that could affect the price. In addition, there can be differences in how the gold is weighed. These factors could make a major difference in the payment you received.

On the other hand, if it's not a reputable company, the fact remains you still have little to no recourse.

In order to bring an action against the company, you need the burden of proof. You would have to prove your jewelry was improperly weighed or that the company intentionally attempted to defraud you. You have no documentation. It's your word against the company.

However, if you wish to pursue, there are a couple of different options. The first is to contact the Attorney General's Office in Michigan which goes to bat for consumers if it suspects fraud. In addition, you can contact the Better Business Bureau and file a complaint or if the company is a member, you may be able to take advantage of the arbitration process. Nevertheless, you have a difficult case because you have no underlying documentation.

The question that many people have is whether they should take advantage of high gold prices and sell their jewelry. As far as I'm concerned, I have no problem with that strategy. If you have jewelry that you very rarely use it can be reduced to cash to help pay bills and make life easier for you.

That being said, I think the last place you should choose to sell your jewelry is a mail order company. Not that I think that every mail order gold company is crooked because I don't. However, by using these companies you are certainly increasing your risk of being taken advantage of.

If I had excess jewelry that I didn't need and that I wanted to sell, the first place that I would go would be to a local jeweler. Many local jewelers purchase jewelry and they have been known to give fair rates. The advantage of dealing with a local jeweler is that you know what the rate is going to be before selling it and you can even get competitive prices. It is very hard to get competitive bids when you deal with these mail order companies.

Whether you use a local jeweler or mail order company, I recommend that you document what you have before you submit your jewelry. Taking pictures and weighing the items that you are selling can be important documentation.

I've heard lots of ads on TV and radio offering to buy your jewelry. Although some of these ads have very well-known spokespersons, let's not forget that they are paid spokespersons. I don't know how much if any, due diligence these people do. In fact, I feel confident saying they do very little. Just because some national celebrity who you may respect promotes a company, that doesn't mean you should rush out and deal with them.

My advice is go through a local jeweler.

Good luck!

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

Fall expo features exhibits, programs, prizes

The second annual Senior Health & Living Expo, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, has something for seniors citizens as well as their friends and family.

The expo is presented by the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers* in partnership with Oakland Community College.

Free admission, free parking, free health screening and free refreshments (bagels from Detroit Bagel, assorted juices and coffee) are on the day's agenda, along with more than 40 exhibitors presenting ideas and services to help senior citizens lead healthier, happier lives.

OCC is located off the Orchard Lake Road I-696 exit north of 10 Mile Road. Parking is available out of Building H and a trolley will provide curb service to eventgoers.

Prize drawings will be held throughout the day. Prizes

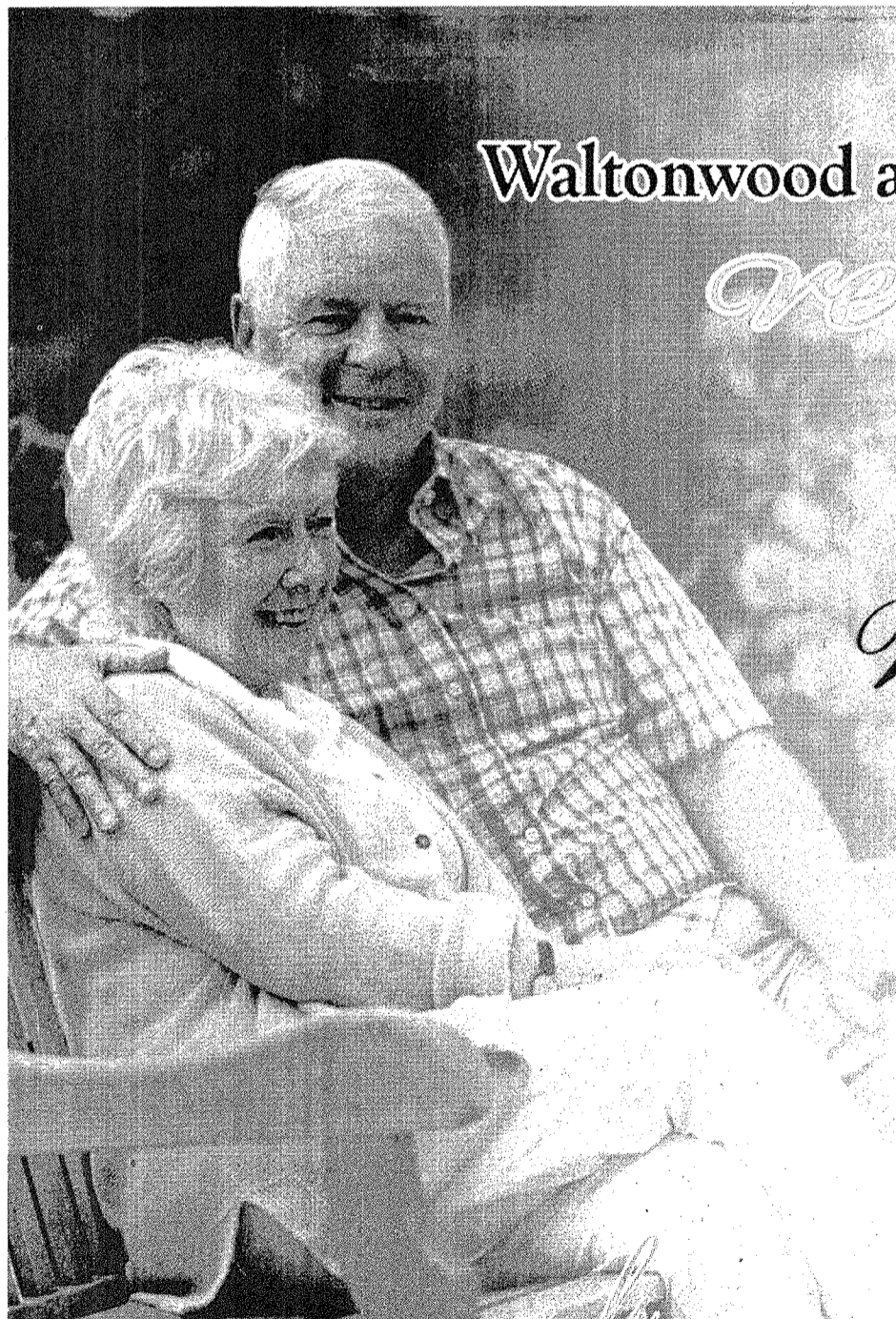
include movie and theater tickets, along with a grand prize of a one-night stay at the Townsend Hotel and a \$150 voucher for dining.

The expo is a one-stop way to learn about assisted living options, health and fitness services, estate planning, Social Security Administration updates and volunteer opportunities.

Special presentations are scheduled on emergency preparedness and how to avoid scams targeting senior citizens.

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For a complete list of vendors, programs and prizes, see the special section inside today's paper.



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SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN EVENTS

If you're into Halloween, here's a list of events taking place in Westland and Garden City in advance of the spookiest day of the year.

Halloween Walk

Come have a Halloween adventure in the Friendly Forest, a non scary, guided tour event created for younger children. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes, and all ages are welcome, including toddlers.

The walk will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, behind Westland City Hall. Tours start every 10 minutes at the Bailey Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. and run through 9 p.m. The program runs rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, the tours will be inside the Bailey Center.

Tickets cost \$3 per person, and pre-registration is required. The tickets are available at the Bailey Center.

The walk is sponsored by the Shoe String Theatre Company, Westland Civitan Club, Dads' Athletic Club of Westland, and Westland Breakfast Lions Club.

Science Spook-tacular

See how science can be as creepy as it is cool at the Science Spook-tacular with Mad Science of Detroit 7-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland.

The program is for all ages. Tickets cost \$5 each and are on sale at the Bailey Center. For more information, call Mad Science of Detroit at (734) 266-9444 or visit the website at www.madscience.org/detroit.

Trunk or Treat

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church will hold a Trunk or Treat and Other Halloween Fun - a haunted house, cupcake walk, face painting and prizes- 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the church at 36660 Cherry Hill Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

All are welcome rain or shine. Animal treats will be collected for the Great Dane Rescue Inc., and the Great Lakes Mini Schnauzer Rescue.

Treats needed include Milk Bones large and extra large, Cloud Nine Buddy Biscuits, Natural Balance potato and duck biscuits, and Zukes beef training treats.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-1088.

Halloween concert

On Sunday, Oct. 24, Schoolcraft College's Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble will present their annual Halloween Concert and Children's Costume parade.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the Radcliff Center at 1751 Radcliff, south of Ford, in Garden City. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress in costume and join the fun. Refreshments will follow the performances and parade.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted and used to provide future free concerts for the community and support the various music programs of the college. For more information, visit the Schoolcraft College website at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Haunted Party

The Garden City Library will hold a free children's Halloween Party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the party will feature a night of squeals, squiggles and ghostly giggles for children in kindergarten through sixth-grade. There also will be magic, treats and prizes.

Call (734) 793-1830 to reserve a seat.

Haunted House

The Westland Jaycees are holding a haunted house located behind the Wayne Ford Civic Leagues, 1645 Wayne Road, south of Ford, Westland.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. Get \$5 off coupon good through Oct. 30 at the website, www.westlandhauntedhouse.com. Group rates available for parties of six or more.

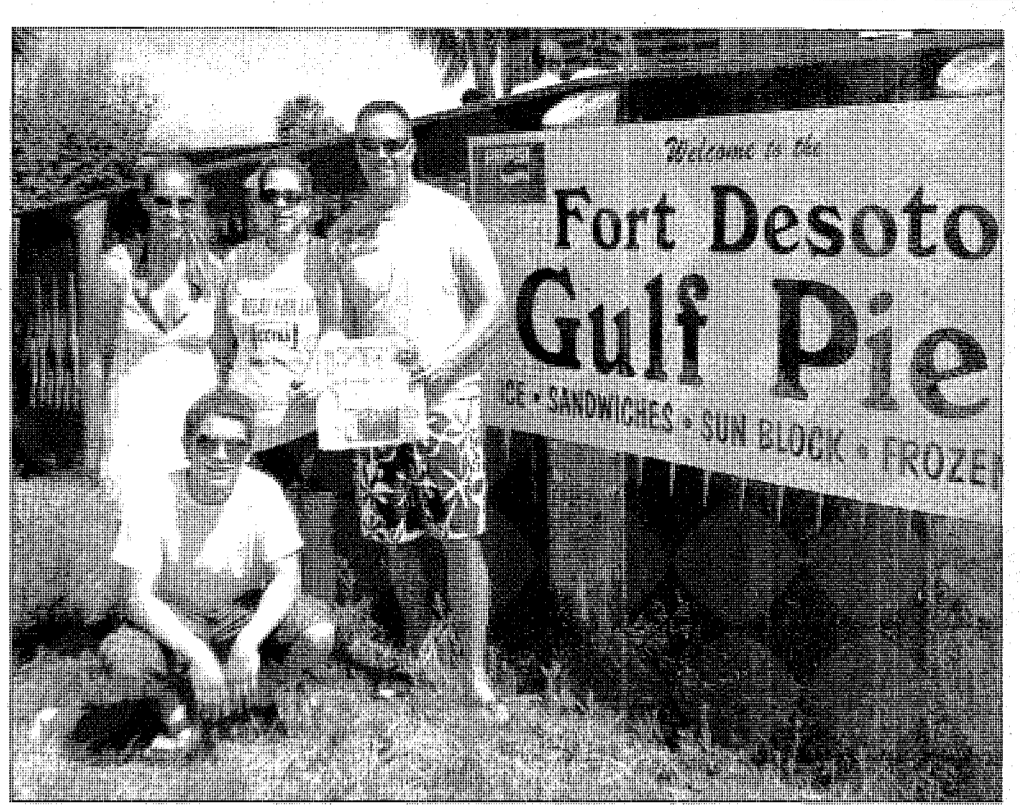
Hours are 7-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. It's open Friday-Saturday, Oct. 8-9 and 15-16, and daily Friday, Oct. 22, through Saturday Oct. 30. For more information, call (734) 226-0400.

Halloween Festival

Children are invited to the Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area Saturday, Oct. 16, dressed in spook-free costumes for Wayne County Parks' Halloween Festival 2010.

From 1-3 p.m., Wayne County Parks will offer a free afternoon of games and activities, including hayrides, inflatables, costume parade, games and trick-or-treating. In addition to games and activities, this year's festival will feature performances by Magician Ben Spitzer and Richard Paul's Ha Ha Halloween Show.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.



Wish You Were Here

Fort DeSoto, Florida, was the destination for Mike Collard and Lynn Collard, Ashley Collard and Erik Braun of Garden City, who took time to say Wish You Were Here with their Observer newspaper. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

Republican Thaddeus McCotter, Democrat Natalie Mosher and Libertarian John J. Tatar are running for a two-year term for the 11th Congressional District of Michigan, which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland County communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford Township, South Lyon and Westland, as well as other communities. McCotter is the incumbent. Members of Congress receive an annual salary of \$174,000. The election is Nov. 2.

WHAT WE ASKED.

1. What is your position on the U.S. role in Afghanistan? How long should combat troops remain?
2. Do you support making investments in alternative energy sources? Why? Why not?
3. What can you do in Washington, D.C., that would directly help Michigan's jobless rate? Be specific.
4. Does the United States need immigration reform? If so, what measures do you support to address the issue?

WHAT THEY ANSWERED.



Name: Thaddeus G. McCotter
Age: 45
City: Livonia
Number of years you have resided in the 11th District: 40
Family info: Wife, Rita McCotter (registered nurse); three children, George, Timothy and Emilia
Education: Detroit Catholic Central High School, University of Detroit, BA; University of Detroit Law School, JD
Professional background: Bar-admitted attorney
Elected offices held or related experience: Trustee, Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees (1989-1992); Commissioner, Wayne County Commission (1992-1998); Senator, Michigan State Senate (1998-2002); U.S. Representative, U.S. House of Representatives (2003-current)
Community involvement (past five years): Chamber of Commerce (all within the 11th District), Friends of the Library (various throughout district), Historical Society (various throughout district), Fraternal Order of Police (SW Oakland Chapter), Michigan Bar Association, Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Right to Life of Michigan, etc.
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1. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, America commenced Operation Enduring Freedom to depose the Taliban and destroy al-Qaeda's base of operations. Today, in Afghanistan America and her allies are leading a counterinsurgency operation to secure Afghans' freedom and prevent their nation's reversion into a terrorist safe haven. Arbitrary timelines divorced from the reality of counter-insurgency efforts on the ground are injurious to the Afghan and American people. The decision of how long combat troops remain ultimately rests with the commander-in-chief of our armed forces, President Obama, and at any time the sovereign government of Afghanistan can refuse our assistance.

2. Government does not "invest" your money; government spends your money - typically where you wouldn't, including Washington's politically favored individuals, entities and causes. Regarding energy, a sound policy to lower energy costs requires maximizing American production, promoting common sense, community-based conservation and encouraging free-market innovations in alternative fuels through the use of tax credits. Thus, we must oppose big government tax-and-spend approaches, most notably the House-passed "cap and tax" proposal that will raise energy costs on Americans and kill jobs, especially the manufacturing jobs powering our Michigan economy.

3. Our prosperity and recovery will come from the industriousness and ingenuity of the American people not from more trillion-dollar tax-and-spend, big-government schemes out of Washington. Higher taxes, spending, deficits and debt will only worsen this recession. To create the conditions for a sustainable economic recovery requires ensuring people keep their hard-earned money through tax relief; reducing government spending; cutting bureaucratic red tape; ending unfair trade practices - especially from communist China; and by breaking up the "too big" insolvent banks that, unfortunately, are now statutorily protected by the recently passed financial "reform" bill.

4. We must never blame the illegal immigrants who have been enticed to America and exploited by big business and big government. Fixing the broken immigration system to protect the sovereignty, jobs, wages and tax dollars of citizens necessitates increasing border security; eliminating taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants; punishing business that "cheat to compete"; affirming there will be no amnesty; reforming the legal immigration system by emphasizing the asylum and assimilation; and providing localized, sustainable economic development to under-developed nations. Importantly, we must never cheapen the hard-earned citizenship of those immigrants who followed the law.



Name: Natalie Manoogian Mosher
Age: 66
City: Canton
Number of years you have resided in the 11th District: 40
Family info: Married to Bob Mosher; two children, Rob and Aaron
Education: BA, Education, Michigan State University, 1965
Professional background: Chief Development Officer, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy; Director, National Retiree Volunteer Coalition; High School Teacher, Plymouth
Elected offices held or related experience: Erie County (Ohio) commissioner
Community involvement (past five years): Leadership Canton, Ravine Homeowner's Association, Board President; Canton Township Tax Board of Review
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1. It's time for us to hand over the reins to the people of Afghanistan themselves. We've already spent \$1.1 trillion fighting two wars in the Middle East. Now let's spend that money on building our economy, creating jobs and investing in infrastructure instead. I support a timeline that would begin the process of pulling troops out of Afghanistan within the next 10 months. Our troops have distinguished themselves with their brave service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now it's time for them to come home.

2. Investing in alternative energy helped bring North America's largest lithium-ion auto battery plant to Livonia. The plant will employ 3,000 workers to create advanced batteries for the electric cars of the 21st century. Not only does investing in alternative energy create jobs, it sets us on the road to energy independence. Reducing our dependence on foreign oil will make us more secure. For these reasons, I strongly support investing in alternative energy. Unfortunately, Thaddeus McCotter has voted time and again against alternative energy and in favor of big oil. See H.R. 2454, 6/26/09; H.R. 7060, 9/25/08; H.R. 6049, 5/21/08.

3. First, I will support loans and tax credits for our small businesses so that they can grow and hire new workers. My opponent, Thaddeus McCotter, voted against plans to support small businesses during the economic crisis (see H.R. 5486, 6/15/10). Second, I will support investments in job-creating alternative energy technologies (see above), and in the research institutions that drive innovation. Third, I would fight tirelessly for funds to repair and maintain Michigan's roads, bridges and other infrastructure. To read my detailed jobs plan, visit www.mosherforcongress.com. The citizens of the 11th District deserve a representative who takes job creation seriously.

4. Yes. Frankly, our current system is broken. As part of the solution, I support passage of the DREAM Act. Once they graduate from college or serve in the U.S. military, this bill would grant legal status to those who came to the United States as minors. I support the creation of a guest worker system, which will reduce the incentive for immigrants to cross the border in the first place. Immigrants who learn English, who have not committed a crime, and who have paid their taxes should have a path to legal status.



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Age: 61
City: Livonia
Number of years in 11th District: Resident of Livonia for more than 41 years
Family Info: Divorced; Son John III, 29, Captain in the Air Force, married with two children (granddaughters), Daughter Carrie, 26, completing her PhD in gross anatomy
Education: BS, Education, 1970; MS Ed, Administration, 1984; Graduate of Command and General Staff College, 1986
Professional Background: Retired teacher in Livonia 31 years, subjects taught included American history and government; Retired Lieutenant Colonel, 31 years of service, U.S. Army Reserves, Medical Service Corp., veteran Desert Storm; Owner of American Heritage Construction Co. since 1984.
Elected offices held or related experience: Not a career politician! Assistant Cub master, assistant Scout master, commander of several units in the military, XO of several units in the military company, battalion and brigade levels. Band leader
Community involvement: Scouting
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1. Prosecution of the Afghanistan war was/is a mistake. We need to protect America from enemies at our own shores, not half way around the world. We must bring the troops home as soon as possible. The Middle Eastern countries are rife with tribalism and war lords. This mentality does not lend itself to a democratic form of government. We should realize the longer we stay, the results will be greater expenditures of money and men with no positive results. We can no longer be the policemen of the world. It has bankrupted the American way of life.

2. Government should get out of the private sector. Government's nothing but a hindrance to man's abilities to develop new technology. Let the free market determine when and what new technology should be developed. Government does not have the authority to regulate, nor aid one company over another, based on which lobbyist has the greater sphere of influence over the elected officials. Government is an unequal power that must relinquish the control it exerts on our free-enterprise system because government has only the Constitutional authority to protect Americans' life, liberty and property, and not to meddle in our affairs.

3. Taxes need to be cut permanently as President Kennedy did in the early '60s which not only stimulated the economy, but increased government revenues and reduced joblessness. The U.S. financial system is based on "fiat" money and must be corrected by Congress to get back to an honest money system. This mistake was implemented by the Federal Reserve and FDR and has led to our present economic condition over the past 100 years. If the government cuts spending, then allows the people to keep their hard-earned money, the American people will spend money and stimulate the economy by itself.

4. I believe that the United States needs no new immigration reforms. The problem of illegal immigration can be dealt with on case-by-case bases, with no amnesty. I also believe that state law supersedes federal law regarding these issues and therefore no amnesty can be given by the federal government. The challenge, for example, by Obama on the Arizona law was totally misguided and misplaced. Arizona law mirrors the federal statute that has been in place for decades but has never been enforced.

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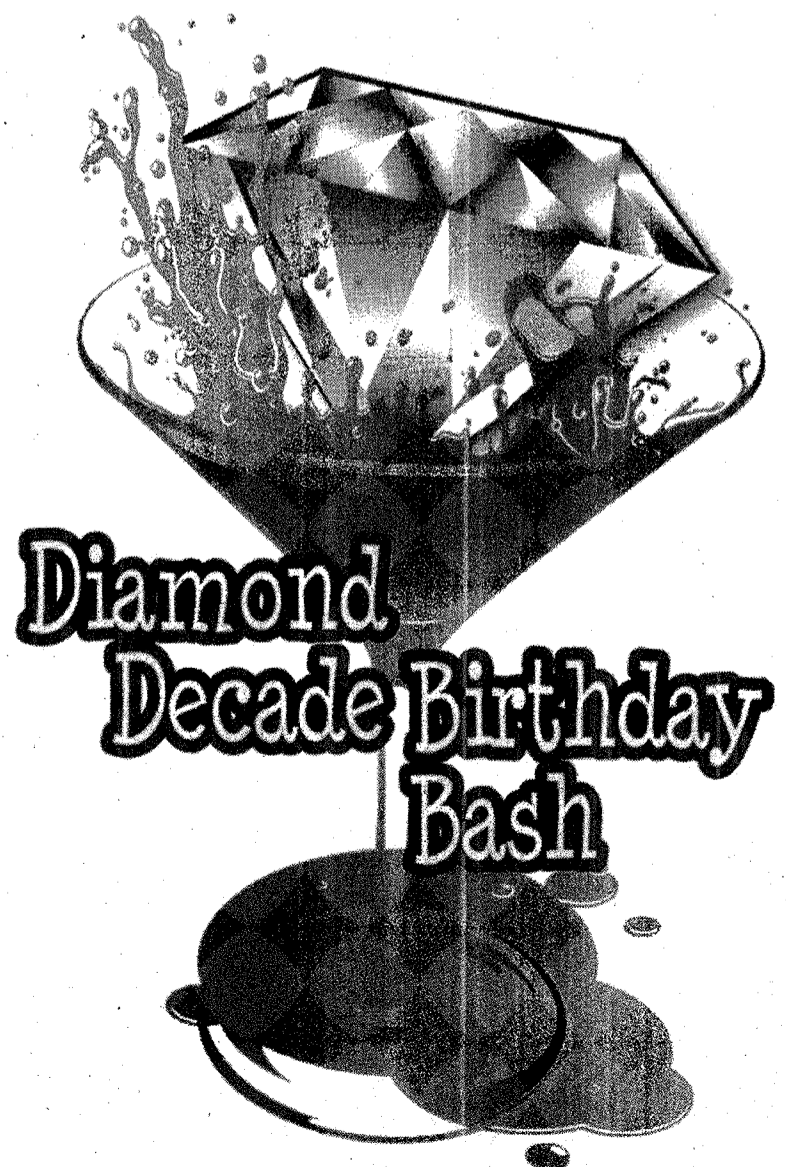
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Patriots win shootout against Churchill, 42-37

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's 42-37 victory Friday night over Livonia Churchill could certainly be classified as a "Rich Rod" special.

"Now I know what Michigan State is going to run into — an offense like that," said the winning coach, Franklin's Chris Kelbert. "They (Churchill) played great offensively — absolutely great."

Churchill ran the spread — *a la* Michigan — and the Chargers came out on the short end despite 396 total yards.

Franklin's offense wasn't anything to sneeze at either, as the Patriots racked up 372 yards total offense led by quarterback Brent Marzion, who came back from a first-quarter disciplinary suspension to connect on 9-of-11 passes for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

Meanwhile, running back Tino Benavides provided the leg work with 153 yards on 16 carries and two TDs. The 5-foot-10, 185-pound senior had a 7-yard first-quarter TD run, but none was bigger than his 58-yard jaunt around end with 3:58 remaining to give the Patriots a 42-31 advantage and help seal the win.

Sophomore Jacob Ernie was also efficient in his first start at quarterback as he went 2-for-2, including

an 8-yard scoring pass to Blake Lukas in the second quarter.

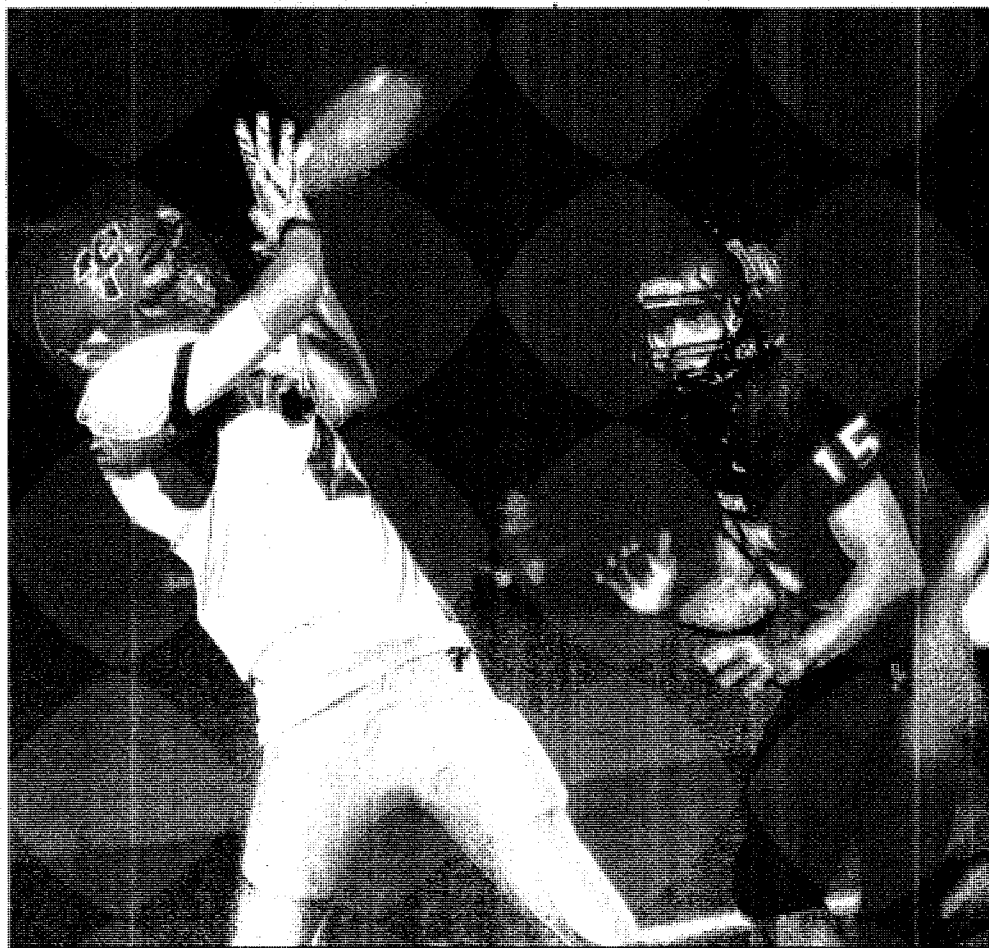
"We had a situation where we had to get a young guy in there," said Kelbert, whose team is 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAAs South Division. "Jake's going to be a good player for us. And Brent — he did his time. I told him to be ready and he came in. That's the best he's played."

Churchill came at the Patriots in a spread formation, but gutted the Franklin defense up the middle, scoring on its first possession with 5-10, 210-pound sophomore Romello Brown carrying most the load. Brown, who finished the night with 144 yards on 27 carries, scored on a 3-yard TD run in the first quarter to make it 7-7.

Churchill trailed 14-7 in the second quarter when signal caller Jordan Grohoski, who was 13-of-17 for 180 yards on the night, hit Justin Chantres on a 5-yard swing pass for a score with 5:14 left in the half.

But the Chargers missed the extra point when the kick glanced off the left goal post and it would come back and haunt them the rest of the game.

Leading 14-13, Franklin got the ball back with 45.1 seconds left in the half and Marzion engineered a six-play, 51-yard drive capped by a



Franklin's Max Shamus (2) makes the acrobatic catch in front of Churchill defender Jordan Grohoski in Friday's KLAAs South Division clash.

Please see PATRIOTS, B3

SIDELINES

Crusaders romp

Playing its third match in four nights, the Madonna University women's volleyball team earned its ninth straight victory Friday at home with a 25-16, 25-11, 25-16 victory over Lourdes College (Ohio).

Senior Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) led the Crusaders, who improved to 16-6 overall, with a match-high 13 kills.

Junior Karie Altman chipped in with 10 kills, while setter Evia Prieditis collected 36 assist-to-kills.

MU's defense was spearheaded by junior Megan Fricke and red-shirt junior Amanda Koszela, each with 11 digs as the Crusaders have won.

Allison Mass led the Grey Wolves (16-14) with seven kills, while freshman Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill) recorded a match-high 16 digs. Setter Hannah Thompson also chipped in with 16 assists.

On Thursday, Altman had 15 kills as the Crusaders closed three-match road swing with a 25-16, 25-21, 25-15 triumph at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Fricke and Amanda Koszela chipped in with 14 and 13 digs, respectively, while Prieditis contributed 31 assist-to-kills as the Crusaders improved to 8-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Courtney Provencher (Garden City) had nine kills and Michelle Porada 20 digs for the Wolves (9-14, 1-5).

The Crusaders return to WHAC action 7 p.m. Thursday at Indiana Tech in a showdown for first place.

Lady Ocelots win

In an MCCA Eastern Conference match Thursday, Schoolcraft College came away with a 25-13, 25-16, 25-16 triumph at Delta College.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 14-11 overall and 5-3 in the conference, while Delta falls to 5-15 and 2-8.

Blazers stick 2 foes

Livonia Ladywood continued its winning ways in girls field hockey Friday with a 1-0 victory at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Senior Erin Roney's early second-half goal on a corner play off an assist from sophomore Jackie Snyder proved to be the difference.

The Blazers, now 8-1-2 overall and 6-0-1 in Division 2, also got five saves from junior goalie Mackenzie Holme en route to the shutout.

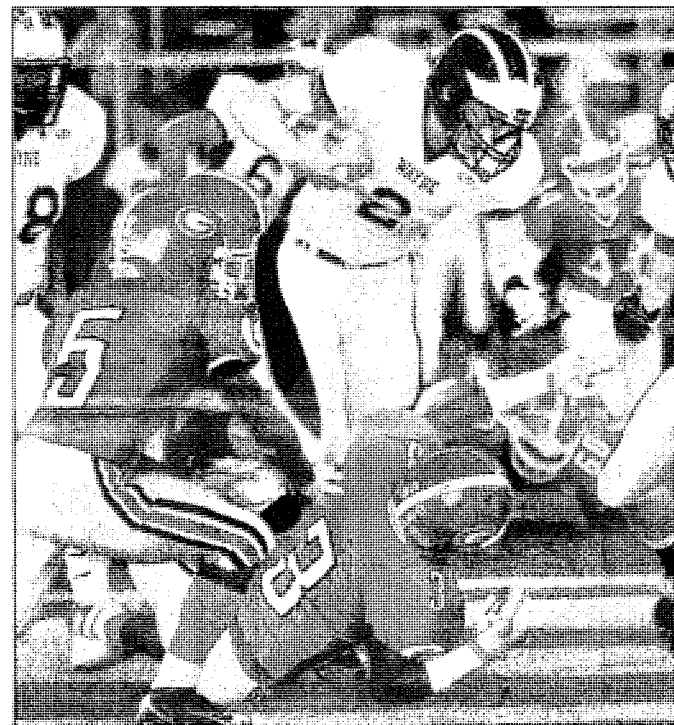
Maya Price had three saves for the Gryphons, who slipped to 5-3 overall and 4-1 in Division 2.

On Wednesday, junior Erin Cronyn's hat trick powered Ladywood to a 3-1 Division 2 girls field hockey victory Wednesday over visiting Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Two of Cronyn's goals came in the first half off assists from sophomore Snyder and Erin Roney (a tip-in off a corner play). Senior Devin McParlane assisted on the third Cronyn score.

Senior Margaux Hyman tallied DCD's goal from junior Sarah Bernard.

Holme made three saves, while Amanda Tapp of the Yellowjackets had four stops.



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Wayne Memorial quarterback Dean Caldwell (2) fights for extra yardage against John Glenn tacklers Mark Layne (5) and Donnell Brewer (3).

Rockets stave off Zebras' challenge

Westland John Glenn captured its 30th city football championship since 1972, but not without some anxious moments Friday night courtesy of rival Wayne Memorial.

The host Rockets built a 28-7 second half advantage before holding on for a 35-28 victory.

Glenn, which improves to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAAs South, earned its fourth straight win over Wayne in the long-standing series.

The Rockets won despite being outgained 417-283 in total offense.

Junior Marquise Graves got the ball rolling for Glenn with 3:20 left in the first quarter with a 50-yard punt return for a touch-

down. The Rockets then scored on a nine-play, 48-yard drive capped by Rico Cole's 2-yard run with 9:29 remaining in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead.

Wayne answered, cutting the deficit to 14-7 with 5:06 left in the first half on Keith Agee's 2-yard TD run.

With 3:37 remaining in the same half, Glenn took a 14-point advantage again on a Cole 44-yard scoring run.

Glenn increased its lead to 28-7 with 8:44 remaining in the third when Mark Layne ran a reverse for 19 yards and scored to cap a six-play, 58-yard drive.

Wayne, despite being winless in seven starts, refused to fold as junior quarterback Dean Caldwell threw

a 27-yard scoring pass to Thomas Bridges just 25 seconds later followed by a 2-yard scoring run with only 40 seconds left in the third to close the gap to 28-21.

And just 17 seconds later following the ensuing kickoff, Glenn scored again when Donnell Brewer cut loose for an 85-yard TD run.

That 35-21 Glenn advantage, however, didn't last long as Agee scored on a 58-yard touchdown run giving the Zebras life with 11:35 remaining.

But that was the extent of the scoring.

Agee had a stellar night leading all rushers with 223 yards on 25 carries.

Cole had 125 on 22 attempts, while Brewer finished with 104 on six tries.

Ex-C'ville cager Stewart commits

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One trip to Big Sky Country and Jamie Stewart was hooked.

The former Class B All-State guard who averaged 27 points per game his senior year at Livonia Clarenceville High School — and now entering his second season at Henry Ford Community College — recently committed to Montana State.

The 6-foot-4, 195-pound Stewart averaged 17 points last season for the 26-4 Hawks en route to third-team NJCAA Division II All-America honors.

"It was interesting when I got out there because at first I was hesitant when they were recruiting me," the Redford native said. "But I had a great time and it was a



Stewart

great atmosphere. They have all types of heritages and it was a beautiful place. I met a lot of good people and I really like the coaching staff and the players."

Montana State coach Brad Huse flew in last Monday to close the deal and Stewart was more than willing to make a decision.

Stewart took an official visit to Duquesne (Pa.) of the Atlantic 10 Conference and also had interest from UTEP, Bowling Green and Central Michigan.

"Recruiting is a busy process, and a business, so I didn't want to waste anybody else's time," said Stewart, who will sign an NCAA

letter-of-intent early next month. "I couldn't go back to the other schools and I just felt it was the right decision in my heart."

Stewart, however, still has some unfinished business this season at Henry Ford.

"I'm really high on this team if we get the pieces together," he said.

"I have to commit to the defensive end and play hard. It's the same as last year. We want to win the (Eastern) conference, the state (MCCA) and make a run to the (NJCAA) nationals."

Veteran Henry Ford coach Abe Mashhour said Stewart's game continues to evolve.

"He's definitely stronger, he's put on muscle and he's more confident with the 3-point shooting,"

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Burdette makes cut for Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's Jackie Burdette apparently doesn't want her season to end.


The sophomore was one of three additional individual state qualifiers as she carded 88 in Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf regional at Tanglewood G.C.

Regional host Northville edged No. 2-ranked Grosse Pointe South for the regional team title, 348-352, while Novi garnered the third and final qualifying berth with 380.

All three teams will be headed to the state finals this Friday at Eastern Michigan

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1 goal does it for Stevenson Rockets shine under lights; Canton clinches South crown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There weren't many grade-A scoring opportunities for Salem or Livonia Stevenson on Thursday night.

But all it took was a blistering kick by Spartans senior forward Pat Smith to decide the KLAAs Central varsity boys soccer match at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Smith's drive from the left flank with 18:42 left in the second half bounced off a Salem defender into the far right corner past sophomore goalkeeper Erick Beas (seven saves) and that stood up in Stevenson's 1-0 victory.

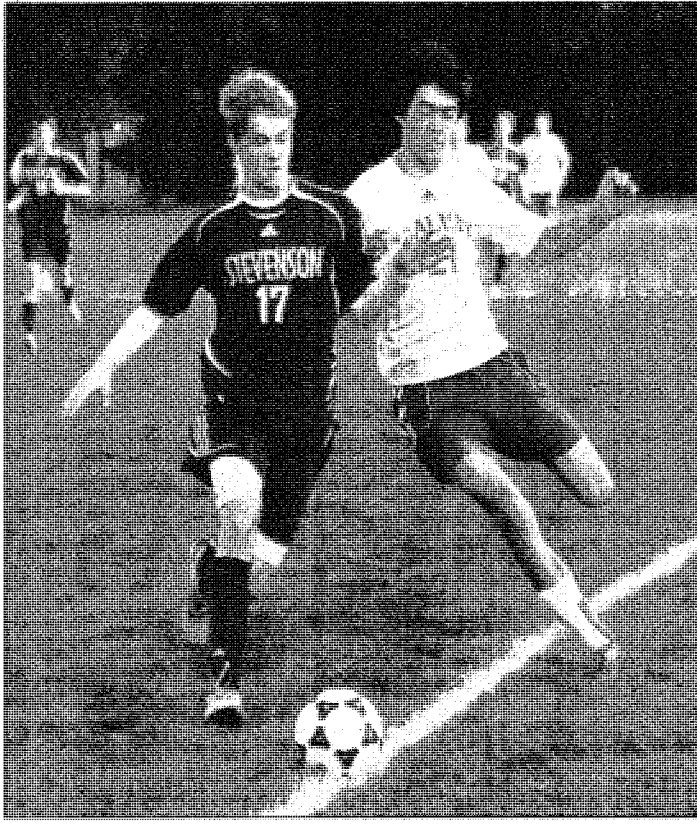
"They drove a good ball in and there was a lot of traffic," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, whose team stands 7-8-3 overall and 5-5 in the division. "It's one of those unfortunate things and it found its way in. Other than that we played very, very well tonight, one of our best games of the year."

Stevenson coach Lars Richters said Smith aggressively turned the corner and "just whipped the ball behind the defense" and it managed to find the back of the goal.

Over the final 18-plus minutes of the contest, the Spartans' defense didn't yield much to the Rocks in bend-but-don't-break fashion.

Salem senior midfielder-defender Brandon Barfuss and senior midfielder Dan Martin worked a nice play up the left side of the pitch, but could not finish with well-positioned Stevenson players in their path.

Martin did rip a shot behind Stevenson junior goalkeeper



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Stevenson's Charles Swingle (17) and Salem's Chris Dierker (21) vie for possession during Thursday's KLAAs Central Division match.

John Boudreau (who split duties with sophomore Zach Verant), but the play was ruled offside.

The Rocks very nearly did score in the opening 10 minutes of the game, but Verant (three saves) got in front of the point-blank bid.

"Verant had to make a very, very important save early in the game which played a major factor in the outcome," Richters said. "And Boudreau (three saves) was solid when they made their late push."

Both coaches said their teams played well from a defensive standpoint.

According to Richters, the hard-fought game was typical of the longtime Stevenson-Salem rivalry.

"It's one of the things you can count on when you play Salem, it's going to be difficult to score," said Richters, whose team is 10-4-2 overall and 6-3-1 in the Central. "And that certainly was the case today."

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Tough sledding Top-ranked Marian beats Ladywood for 4th time

Top-ranked Birmingham Marian defeated Livonia Ladywood for the fourth time this season Thursday in a Catholic League Central Division girls volleyball match, 25-14, 25-21, 25-19.

The defending Class A champions, who improved to 42-2 overall and 4-0 in the Central, got 14 kills and 10 digs from Alexandra Lovell.

Also getting into the act for the victorious Mustangs was Alessandra Dietz, 10 kills, three ace serves; Mary Henry, 24 assist-to-kills; and Erin Klosterman, 15 digs.

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Jennifer Rhodes led the defense with 17 digs and setter Alex Hines finished with 24 assists as the Blazers fall to 21-11-2 overall and 1-3 in the division.

Warriors rip Greenhills
Amanda Terranella had seven kills Thursday as Lutheran High Westland a 25-7, 25-21, 25-15 win over visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Setter Erica Killian had 11 assists and was 26-of-26 serving with 21 points and nine aces for the Warriors, who improved to 9-15-2 overall and 2-3 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference following

Leah Refenes added seven assists, three kills, three aces and two solo blocks, while

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Jacqui Schwartz contributed four solo blocks and three kills. Taylor Wiemer and Marisa Hahn combined for 33 digs with 17 and 16, respectively.

"Being near the end of homecoming week it obviously can be difficult to concentrate on volleyball with all the distractions that are associated with homecoming," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "With that said, the team did a great job leaving the distractions outside the gym and they played hard and were rewarded. If the team can play like that all the time, we will be in a lot of contests."

Chargers zap Plymouth

Sisters Kara and Nicole Kempinski combined for 55 digs Thursday as KLAAs South Division leader Livonia Churchill earned a 25-13, 25-19, 25-21 victory at Plymouth.

Kara finished with 32 digs on the night, while Nicole added 23.

Setter Cory Urbats added 37 assists and 18 digs. Megan Miller had 10 digs.

Top hitters for Churchill, now 26-6-2 overall and 6-0 in the KLAAs South, included Emily Norcia (15 kills), Audrey Durocher (eight kills) and Erin Menard (seven kills).

The loss drop Plymouth to 11-6-1 overall and 3-3 in the South.

Rockets bomb Pats

Westland John Glenn hit

for a high attack percentage Thursday in a 25-18, 25-12, 25-12 win over visiting Livonia Franklin.

The Rockets improved to 9-8-5 overall and 3-3 in the KLAAs South Division, while Franklin falls to 7-18-2 and 1-5.

Halie Baker paced the Rockets' attack with 12 kills and three blocks, while setters Sarah Headrick and Clarie Truskowski each added 15 assists. Katie McNally served three aces.

Brooke Zywick sparked the Glenn defense with 15 assists.

"This was a nice win at home on Parents Night," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "Not only did everyone play, but everyone played well."

Chelsea Williams had seven kills for the Patriots. "Glenn was on fire," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Everything they hit was a kill."

Novi bests Stevenson

On Thursday, KLAAs Central Division leader Novi rolled to a 25-17, 25-18, 25-13 triumph over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The state-ranked Wildcats improved to 18-2-1 overall and 6-0 in the division, while Stevenson falls to 11-12-2 overall and 2-4.

Reina Tyl led the Spartans with 14 kills, while Kristen Balhorn and Catherine Licata added six and three blocks, respectively.

Katie Tomasic finished with 13 digs, while Allie Koestering contributed 10 assists.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

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FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Aaron Zhang (Ply.) defeated Kevin Renehan (SLE), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Zhang def. Stephen Payne (LF), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Renehan def. Ryan Hansz (Canton), 6-0, 6-0.
No. 2: Walter Woods (LF) def. Brock Foster (Salem), 3-0 (injury default); semifinals: Woods def. Matt Dwan (Novi), 6-3, 6-4; Foster def. Andrew Ying (Ply.), 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Nathan Albanelli (N'ville) def. Jalen Woods (LC), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2); semifinals: Albanelli def. Andrew Cho (Novi), 6-4, 6-3; Woods def. Vince Sabatini (LS), 6-4, 6-4.
No. 4: Matt Evasic (N'ville) def. Michael Chang (Novi), 6-2, 6-3; semifinals: Evasic def. Ian Fleming (Ply.), 6-1, 6-0; Chang def.

Dion Walker (Salem), 6-3, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Jason Carless-Greg Richard (Novi) def. Josh Perrin-Scott Devine (Salem), 6-0, 6-1; semifinals: Carless-Richard def. Phil Lee-Austin Weaver (N'ville), 6-0, 6-0; Perrin-Devine def. Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS), 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.
No. 2: Bill Bell-Alex Brizard (Novi) def. Kaemen Holman-Rayos-Chad Northey (LS), 6-1, 6-2; semifinals: Bell-Brizard def. Drew Leist-Josh Heinze (Ply.), 6-3, 6-2; Holman-Rayos-Northey def. Rocky Willette-Josh Wendel (Canton), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Nathan Farooq-Chaitanya Kanitkar (Novi) def. Drew Baldwin-Brian Manney (N'ville), 6-4, 6-4; semifinals: Farooq-Kanitkar def. Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC), 6-0, 6-1; Baldwin-Manney def. Alan Halim-Ashwin Kumar (Canton), 6-1, 6-4.
No. 4: Stephen Kovacinski-Brandon Sanders (Novi) def. Luke Freeman-James Dodge (Canton), 7-5, 6-1; semifinals: Kovacinski-Sanders def. Tyler Foley-Vishnu Rajendran (Salem), 6-1, 6-0; Freeman-Dodge def. Rahul Raj-Trevor Page (N'ville), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.
No. 5: Nishant Kakar-Jon Thompson (Novi) def. Nirmal Pathak-Steve Price

(Canton), 6-0, 6-0; semifinals: Kakar-Thompson def. Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt (LC), 6-3, 6-0; Pathak-Price def. Robert Hsu-Luke Jacobi (N'ville), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 5 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 4 Oct. 4 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Glenn Miller (WLC) defeated Kevin Francisco, 6-4, 7-6; No. 2: Josh Rochette (LS) def. David Arnold, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Matt Sapperstein, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Vinny Hanasage (WLC) def. Marcus McCarthy, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Matt Davis-Brett Joseph, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Kaemen Holman-Rayos-Chad Northey (LS) def. Blake Boedecker-Mike Kinoyan, 7-5, 6-2; No. 3: Ian Farquhar-David Yang (WLC) def. Simjale Holman-Rayos-Jacob Ratliff, 1-6, 7-6, 10-7 (super tiebreaker); No. 4: Kenny Nikkila-Sam Tabor (LS) def. Blake Simons-Nori Mochizuki, 7-6, 4-6 (10-5 super tiebreaker); No. 5: Jai Sura-Jordan Goltz (WLC) def. Alex Parrinello-Nick Marsh, 6-0, 6-3.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-7 (3 overall); Central, 6-3 overall.

Tyler Simpson shined once again - this time under the Thursday night spotlight - as host Westland John Glenn posted a 5-0 boys soccer victory over rival Wayne Memorial.

Simpson, a sophomore, also had a hat trick in the Rockets' 6-2 win Sept. 21 at Wayne.

Alex Isaeviski added two goals for Glenn, which improved to 7-8-1 overall and 3-7 in the KLAAs South Division.

Kyle Beguhn and Troy McGuigan chipped in with two assists each, while Steve Thompson added one as the Rockets led 2-0 at halftime.

"Both teams played with a lot of heart and showed good sportsmanship," Glenn interim coach Brian Tomlinson said.

Goalkeeper Jason Rockwell earned the shutout for Glenn.

"Both teams played hard," said Wayne coach David Daigneau, whose team falls to 0-15 and 0-10. "Players worked hard and never gave up. The score did not match the level of intensity on the field. Both teams worked together with their players successfully executing passes, shots and goals. This is always a fierce rivalry."

CANTON 2, CHURCHILL 0: First-half goals by Bobby Budlong and Phil Bacink carried the state-ranked Chiefs (14-2-2, 8-1-1) to

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the KLAAs South Division title Thursday with a victory over host Livonia Churchill (9-7-2, 6-3-1).

Brian Ren assisted on Bacink's goal. Senior Brandon Laabs got the shutout in goal for Canton.

"They (Canton) came out and wanted to win - they took it to us," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "They got the 50-50 balls. They really wanted it and we didn't come to play the first half."

"We played better the second half and generated some chances, but it was too little, too late."

Bryan Bartig (first half) and Christian Van Dam (second half) split time in goal for the Chargers.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2, INTER-CITY 2: In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division match Thursday, host Lutheran High Westland (5-9-2, 4-7-1) overcame an early 2-0 deficit to deadlock Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (9-6-2, 6-5-1).

Junior Steve Fiema and brother Adam Fiema, a freshman, scored goals in the second and sixth minutes, respectively, for the Chargers.

The Warriors' Nick Natsik, a senior, cut the deficit to 2-1 in the 32nd minute off an assist from Mitchell Boehm.

Boehm scored the equalizer in the 62nd minute from freshman Walter Gembariski.

"We refused to fold when things got bad and we didn't let it get us down," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block

said. "It was the best thing that could have happened to us. It brought us closer together. All our forwards, midfielders and defenders played together. They grew up. I'm proud of the effort."

Goalkeeper Marc Rosin made 11 saves for the Warriors. CLAWSON 8, CLARENCEVILLE 1: In a non-league match Friday, Tyler Lehman scored three goals to lead Clawson to a convincing win over Livonia Clarenceville (7-8-1).

Ardit Dushkaj notched his 30th goal of the season for the Trojans.

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 0: Caleb Divens scored twice as the Wildcats (11-3-2, 8-2) erupted for four second-half goals en route to a KLAAs South Division boys soccer victory Wednesday at Livonia Franklin (9-7, 4-6).

Derek Austin and Andrew Yoder also tallied goals second-half for Plymouth.

The Patriots were missing leading scorer Jordan McGuire, while five others suffered went down with injuries during the match.

"We were outstanding the first half in terms of getting through balls, our overall ball movement and getting 50-50 balls," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we came out strong. We had opportunities, but they did not go in."

Ryan Tikey made 16 saves in goal for the Patriots, while Plymouth split the goalkeeping duties between Kyle Brindza and Rene Mejia.

"What caught us was their quick restarts," Rodopoulos said. "They got two goals and we got caught by surprise. I'm not upset with the way we played. We were just unfortunate with our finishing."

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200-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Julia Hurley, Ashley Reed, Kaylee Dolinski), 1:58.04; 2. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Lauren Seroka, Emily Nelson, Julia Suriano), 1:59.02; 3. Stevenson, 2:00.52.

200 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 2:01.11; 2. Aidan O'Dowd (LS), 2:06.65; 3. Maddie Gorman (Salem), 2:07.7.

200 individual medley: 1. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 2:19.25; 2. Kayla Perchall (LS), 2:19.72; 3. Suriano (Salem), 2:22.44.

50 freestyle: 1. Seroka (Salem), 26.92; 2. Reed (LS), 27.38; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 27.64.

1-meter diving: 1. Cassie Morford (LS), 185.35 points; 2. Sarah Rudelic (Salem), 126.45; 3. Ally Herman (LS), 120.25.

100 butterfly: 1. K. Dolinski (LS), 1:03.87; 2. Claire Amin (Salem), 1:05.96; 3. Nelson (Salem), 1:06.57.

100 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 56.15; 2. Aumiller (Salem), 56.48; 3. Emily Rogue (LS), 1:00.23.

500 freestyle: 1. Suriano (Salem), 5:26.84; 2. O'Dowd (LS), 5:37.01; 3. Irene Li (Salem), 5:47.68.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt, Perchall, O'Dowd, Emilee Montini), 1:48.2; 2. Salem (Amin, Gorman, Amanda Nilles, Li), 1:51.45; 3. Stevenson, 1:52.04.

100 backstroke: 1. Aumiller (Salem), 1:01.95; 2. Seroka (Salem), 1:03.61; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 1:06.09.

100 breaststroke: 1. Perchall (LS), 1:14.15; 2. Ashley Micek (Salem), 1:16.63; 3. Maria Radzwion (Salem), 1:18.06.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Suriano, Seroka, Aumiller, Nelson), 3:51.9; 2. Stevenson (Hatt, Rogue, Montini, K. Dolinski), 3:52.37.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 5-3 overall, 2-2 KLAAs Central Division; Salem, 1-3 KLAAs Central.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 105 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 80 Oct. 5 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Amanda Washko, Rebecca Van Gorp, Brittany Gates, Allison Mayer), 2:06.04.

200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Roeser (WLC), 2:05.21; 2. Megan Lancaster (LC), 2:19.03; 3. Kristen Gilley (LC), 2:27.26.

200 individual medley: 1. Washko (LC), 2:20.39.

50 freestyle: 1. Claire McCarthy (WLC), 27.21; 2. Mayer (LC), 27.46.

1-meter diving: 1. Janel Hathaway (WLC), 208.15 points; 2. Yumi Nozawa (LC), 142.95; 3. Kaitlyn Gluth (LC), 142.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Jessica Varana (WLC), 1:03.56; 3. Gates (LC), 1:08.72.

100 freestyle: 1. Washko (LC), 56.46.

500 freestyle: 1. Morgan Weber (WLC), 5:52.22; 2. Lancaster (LC), 6:09.22; 3. Tamara Marek (LC), 6:44.96.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Mayer, Gates, Christina Fox, Washko), 1:49.77.

100 backstroke: 1. Roeser (WLC), 1:07.63; 3. Gilley (LC), 1:11.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Varana (WLC), 1:15.29.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Central (Anna Berezovsky, McCarthy, Clarissa Baumgarten, Roeser), 3:59.74; 3. Churchill (Marek, Alex Herten, Lancaster, Fox), 4:27.45.

Dual meet records: WLC, Central, 4-1 overall; Churchill, 4-6 overall.

MU women, Hodgson secure 1st soccer win

The Madonna University women's soccer team posted 85 shots on goal and four different Crusaders tallied goals during an offensive parade en route to a 4-2 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday over host Concordia University at Rummel Field in Ann Arbor.

It was the first career victory for first-year MU coach Jeff Hodgson as the Crusaders stand 1-5-4 overall and 1-0-1 in the WHAC.

MU launched its offensive onslaught during the match's second minute when junior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) beat Concordia goalkeeper Jessica Braun for her second goal of the year.

Freshman Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) then scored on a penalty kick to make it 2-0.

Another MU rookie made it 3-0 in the match's 14th minute on a goal by Lilliana Serratos.

Concordia (1-4-0; 0-2-0) cut the deficit to 3-1 in the 18th minute on a goal by Monica Palushaj.

MU continued to pepper Braun with shots early and often in the second half, but could not find the back of the net before the Cardinals made it a one-goal match, 3-2, during the 88th minute when Palushaj struck again. The Crusaders iced the match away 57 seconds later when sophomore Jackie Vaquera finished off a Brda corner kick for the 4-2 final score.

For the match MU outshot the Cards, 44-8, and held a 35-5 edge in shots on goal.

MU keeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) had to make three saves compared to 31 for Braun.

The MU women return home on Saturday for a WHAC matchup against Indiana Tech at Stevenson. The match starts at noon followed by the men's match at 2:30 p.m.

Ocelot men drop Delta

The second-ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team bounced back from a weekend setback to earn a 3-1 victory Wednesday over visiting Delta College.

The Ocelots, 10-2-1 overall, trailed 1-0 at halftime but answered with three second half goals.

Brent McIntosh started the rally at the 53-minute mark off a throw-in from Bobby Merritt (Livonia Stevenson) followed by Dave Carver's deflection of a Nate Hicklin free kick just four minutes later in what proved to be the game-winner.

Marco Lobo then tapped in a rebound from an Andrew Koet shot with only 12 minutes remaining to seal the victory.

Adrian Motta (Livonia

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Churchill) played the first 71 minutes in goal for the Ocelots and made three saves before giving way to Ian McDonald-Wilkins.

Schoolcraft is 8-0-1 in the NJCAA Region XII standings and 5-0-1 in the MCCA.

Delta is 4-6-1 in the NJCAA Region XII and overall. The Pioneers are 2-4 in the MCCA.

On Oct. 2, Lincoln Land (Ill.) stunned the host Ocelots, 2-1, with a pair of second-half goals against McDonald-Wilkins.

Hicklin scored off a scramble in front of the net with only two minutes remaining, but it wasn't enough as Lincoln Land (9-4-1) held on for the win.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13

Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Friday at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15 Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Oct. 12

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m. Canton at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m. Churchill vs. Plymouth at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Ladywood vs. A.A. Gab. Richard at Hudson Mills Metropark, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Lamphere, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16 Gab. Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills, 1 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Oct. 14

Rocket Inv. at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14

John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16 (MHSAA Finals)

Division 1 at EMU's Eagle Crest, 10 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16 (MHSAA Finals)

Division 1 at Midland, TBA.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Monday, Oct. 11

Mercy at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14

Ladywood at Univ.-Liggett, 4:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 12

Madonna at Aquinas College, 7 p.m. St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15 Schoolcraft vs. Sault (Ontario) at Alpena CC, 4 p.m.

(St. Francis, Ind. Munciana Inv.) Madonna vs. Illinois Tech, 3 p.m. Madonna vs. IU-Southeast, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16 Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 9 a.m. (St. Francis, Ind. Munciana Inv.)

Madonna vs. Indiana Univ.-East, noon. Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 2 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 13

Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m. Owens (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16 Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio), 1 p.m. Madonna at Cornerstone, 2:30 p.m.

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Mashhour said. "He's always been a good mid-range scorer and he's very athletic. This year he's taken on more of a leadership role. He's been more vocal and his work ethic is much improved. I think he'll have a good year."

Mashhour said Stewart's trip to the Bozeman campus was an eye-opener.

"He didn't want to go, but once he got there, he loved it," the coach said. "He said the arena was great, the area was beautiful and the coaches were genuine and up front with him."

Stewart spent much of the summer lifting weights at Livonia Stevenson High School and also attended the Jerry Mullen Showcase for JUCO players in Tulsa, Okla.

Stewart, who did not meet NCAA Division I academic entrance requirements coming out of Clarenceville, plans to major in business management.

He believes he's developing as a person off the court as well.

"I think maturity comes as I get older," Stewart said. "Everybody matures at different times. I still have some more maturing to do."

Stewart hopes to follow in the Montana State footsteps of another former area player — Tom Domako, a Stevenson High grad who starred for the Bobcats in the late 1980s. Domako led MSU to NCAA and NIT berths and was named Big Sky Conference Player of the Year.

"I'll be a two guard, be a scorer and play defense," Stewart said. "Their two leading scorers (at Montana State) are leaving after this year and I'll fill that role and hopefully get them a conference championship."

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GOLF

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University's Eagle Crest Golf Club.

Rounding out the top seven regional teams were Churchill (392), North Farmington-Harrison (424), Dearborn (425), Royal Oak (426) and Livonia Stevenson (430).

Grosse Pointe South's Ella Pandy was medalist with 81.

And joining Burdette as additional state individual qualifiers were Royal Oak's Sydney Gossett (86) and North Farmington-Harrison's Molly Laird (93).

Burdette, who averages in the 230-yard range off the tee, called her round "extremely surprising." She recently quit basketball and softball to concentrate on golf.

"I've been practicing every day," she said. "I have a chipping and putting green in my backyard. I've shot (88) only once before. It was both my driving and putting. I played this course once last year and did not shoot as well. I was in the 100s."

Two days earlier, Burdette shot 95 and finished 21st in the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament at Pheasant Run.

She wanted to completely erase that round from her memory.

"I put in less thought, I was just more confident and sang random songs in my head while I was hitting," Burdette said. "And for the first time it worked. This is really exciting."

Churchill coach Paul Worley cracked to Burdette after her regional round: "This time a 'Snowman' is good."

"Jackie was disappointed with her play this past Tuesday at the conference

tournament and she wanted a little redemption, which resulted in her best round of the season," Worley added. "Jackie was all business today from the opening hole which she birdied."

"She has been working on her chipping and putting and it paid off today as she chipped in for par on her eighth hole to keep her momentum going during the middle of her round. Jackie is at her best when her mental game is on and it was on today."

Rounding out the Churchill contingent was Jordyn Shepler (97), Nicole Kruse (100), Maggie McGowan (107) and Claire Rose (123).

Stevenson's top performer was Becca Bubenheimer, who fired 98. She was followed by teammates Sarah King (106), Madelyn Omietanski (111), Brynn Cavanaugh (115) and Chelsea Phillips (124).

Mariah Barcus, Livonia Franklin's lone entry, shot 101.

Blazers take seventh

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (364), Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (383) and Warren Regina (389) advanced out of Thursday's Division 2 regional held at Willow Metropark G.C. in New Boston.

Livonia Ladywood, led by Alex Parisot's 104, took seventh with team total of 433.

Other scorers for the Blazers included Michelle Nelson and Christina Briden, 108 each; Sara Even, 113; and Nicole Salter, 124.

The Division 2 state finals are Oct. 15-16 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course).

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clutch 16-yard throw to Lukas with only 9.5 seconds remaining to make it 21-13 (following Bobby Andrus' extra point).

"We've got some kids that can make some plays," Kelbert said. "They came up big for us. That was the difference in the game — that our kids came up made plays when we needed to."

With 9:22 left in the third quarter, Brown scored on a 1-yard to cut the deficit to 21-19, but the two-point try was picked off by Ryan Tarhanich.

Franklin answered again on fourth-and-goal when Marzion connected with Max Shamus on a 7-yard TD pass.

Churchill closed the gap again with 11:54 remaining in the third when Grohoski hit Chad Lipinski on a 27-yard TD pass, but the Patriots blocked the PAT to make it 28-25.

Franklin scored again on Marzion's 25-yard toss to Mike Sharp with 7:35 remaining, but Grohoski responded with a 1-yard run less than three minutes later.

But once again, Franklin deflected the extra point as it bounced off the crossbar with the scoreboard reading 35-31 in favor of the Pats with 4:48 to go.

"We couldn't stop them and just luckily we blocked the extra points and they didn't," Kelbert said. "It was an even game. Those extra points were the difference."

Benaides' 58-yard TD appeared to seal the deal, but Churchill came right back with only 2:49 to play on Grohoski's 14-yard TD toss to Chantres. The two-point play was no good and Churchill's onside kick attempt went woefully short.

Franklin then was able to run out the clock and get one more first down to keep the ball away from the Chargers.

"They've got a lot of skilled athletes," Kelbert said of Churchill. "Number 17 (Brown) hasn't run like that all year long. He was a load. He's been on film. That kid was five yards deep before we even touched him. Their offensive line played well and he ran hard."

"The games we've lost we haven't been able to get off the field," Churchill coach John Filiatrout said. "Our defense hasn't been able to make a play to get off the field. I'm responsible for the defense, so it starts with me. I got them to get a little sharper and a little more focused and get them to make those plays."

Glover's 3 TDs, stingy defense spur Spartans

Senior Leroy Glover found the end zone three times and Livonia Stevenson's defense yielded just 147 total yards Friday night in a 21-7 homecoming football victory over winless Salem.

The 5-foot-8, 228-pound Glover, who missed the last two games with an ankle injury, scored on a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs in the first and second quarters, respectively. He also added a 3-yard plunge in the third quarter. (Tyler Jarosz converted all three extra points.)

Glover finished with a team-best 71 yards on 23 carries as the Spartans improved to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Salem trailed 14-7 at half-time scoring with 27 seconds left when quarterback Drew Thompson connected with Ethan Walsh on a 30-yard TD strike.

Stevenson had 264 yards in total offense with quarterback Joe Mims hitting 9-of-15 passes for 130 yards and one interception (by Walsh).

Salem (0-7, 0-5) managed just 20 yards on the ground in 17 attempts. Thompson was 6-of-22 for 127 yards and one interception (by Ryan Lackey).

"We've been a few plays away and we just stuck with being disciplined and doing our jobs," Stevenson assistant coach Matt Fielder said. "We had a couple of guys who stood out defensively — Lackey, and senior Jon Aneed, who was going both ways at tackle."

RIVER ROUGE 13, CLARENCEVILLE

10: Seeking to fight it's way back over the .500 mark for the season, Livonia Clarenceville (3-4) found itself more in the giving mood than taking Friday night against the visiting Panthers (5-2).

Playing before the home fans, the Trojans committed four costly turnovers that led directly to all the Rough points.

"Our kids played hard, but we just made too many mistakes," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "We ran 71 offensive plays, but we also had two interceptions and fumbled twice."

Two big plays on the part of the Panthers staked the visitors to a 13-0 halftime lead. The first came on the first play from scrimmage and resulted in a 65-yard touchdown run. The second came moments before halftime when the Panthers picked off a Trojan pass and returned the pigskin 50 yards for a score.

Clarenceville came out of the locker room in the second half looking like a new team and cut into the deficit when Deondre Hogan raced into the end zone from five yards out.

The Trojans managed to cut the lead to just three points early in the fourth quarter when place-kicker Ardit Dushkaj split the uprights from 33 yards out.

But Clarenceville's opportunity to tie the game and force overtime was thwarted when the River Rouge defense stood tall and did not allow the Trojans to penetrate far enough downfield to give Dushkaj another try.

Hogan paced the Clarenceville ground attack with 118 yards on 15 carries. Henry Seruga picked up 92 yards on 19 rushes.

"I was really proud of the way our kids played in that second half," Fry said. "They came out and really battled."



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Judy Walker watches as the models make their way across the stage during a previous Redford Suburban League Fall Festival of Fashion. This year's event is Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Redford fund-raiser combines fashion, boutique, lunch

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Reva Wujcik isn't sure how the rumor — that Redford Suburban League had dumped its annual fashion show — took flight earlier this year.

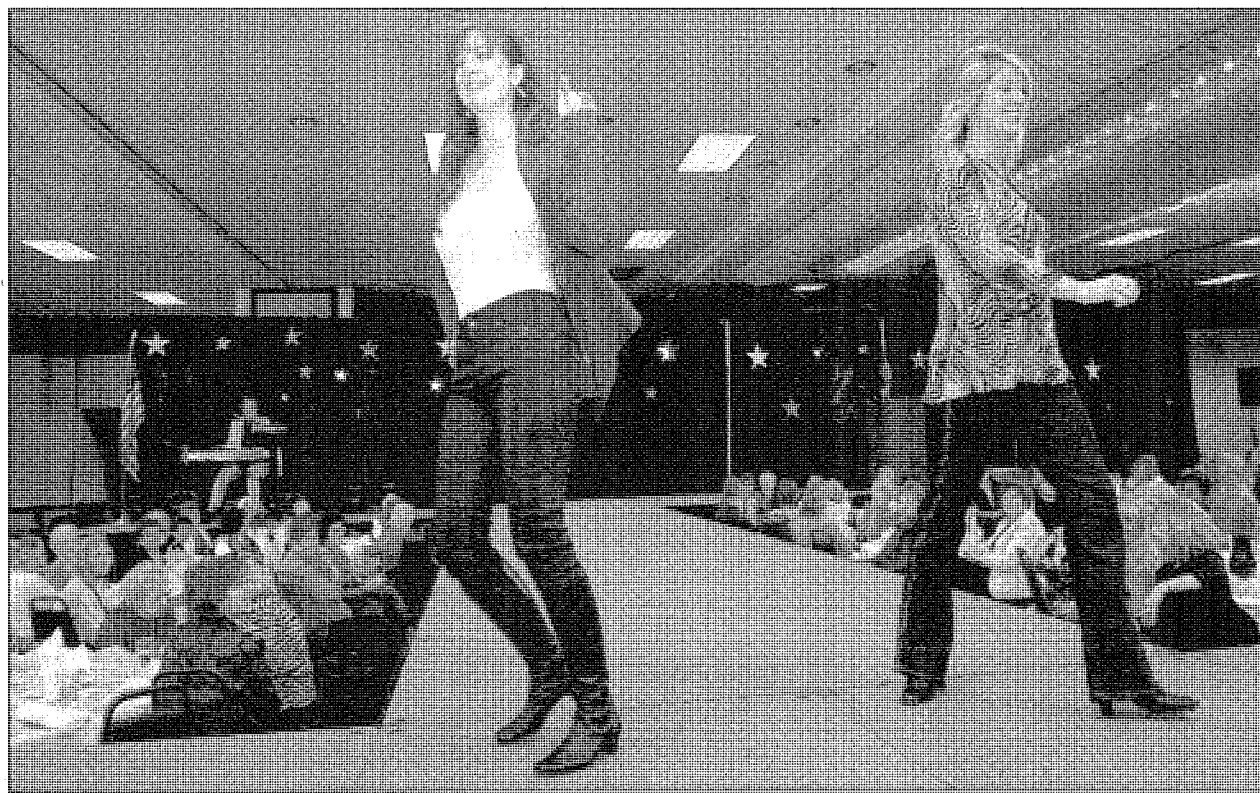
But the Redford resident assures patrons the 37th annual show, luncheon and boutique is very much alive and heading into its final planning stretch this week. The event is Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"We've had a couple of people tell us that," said Wujcik, League president, commenting on the rumor. "Every year we have a discussion about continuing with whatever fund-raising we do. If it came to the point where it was impossible to do that, we'd have another big fund-raiser of some kind. But right now, this show is our venue. People look forward to it and it has been successful."

Since 1983 the show has raised \$571,475 for Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. Suzanna Kain, show chair, said the League donated \$12,000 to Burger last year even though it experienced its "smallest crowd ever" at the fashion show.

The 116-member organization, now in its 55th year, has helped a variety of charities in the past but a few years ago decided to focus efforts on just one recipient.

"In the last few years autism has become a disability that people are very aware of. A lot of research is going on with autism. A lot of families are affected by autism," Wujcik



Sheila Sigro, Mrs. Michigan International 1993, (left) and Laura Welling Abney, Miss Michigan 1998, strut the catwalk at the Redford Suburban League Fashion Show last year.

said. "Everyone in our organization has a family member who has dealt with autism in some way.

"We've seen results of what the money does. It has done a lot with the speech department at Burger. They bought equipment they could not have otherwise bought."

Several staff members and some students from the school will model in the fashion show this year as they did last year. They'll wear fall and

winter fashions from Dress Barn in Farmington, Men's Wearhouse in Novi and Parisian at Laurel Park in Livonia.

CASUAL TO DRESSY

Kain, of Madison Heights, oversees the mix of fashion and works with the stores. She aims for variety on the runway.

"We want the casual and the let's go out for dinner and the theater and for

the holidays," Kain said. "With models from Burger School we're talking a younger age there and we'll show clothing for the mature woman also."

Presenting fashions for every age group can inspire ideas for holiday gift shopping, Kain noted.

"There might be people in the audience who say 'that would look good on my daughter or granddaughter.' I want to keep that aspect of the show, with an eye toward holiday shopping."

Kain attended a fashion show at Longacre House in Farmington last week to check out and compare clothing. She saw "a lot of purple" in the crowd. She hopes to see her models in a variety of colors and textures beyond "so much black" that's also seen in the fall.

"I'm looking at a beautiful grey heringbone suit with a ruffled blouse. I want to see someone steer toward that," she added, while browsing through clothing at Dress Barn.

DOZENS OF PRIZES

In addition to the fashion show, which starts after the luncheon at noon, Fall Festival of Fashion includes a boutique of approximately 25 craft vendors that opens at 9 a.m.

A popular raffle will return this year with more than 80 prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. A ruby and diamond ring, cherry wood and marble sink and vanity, four-day stay at a Harbor Springs condo and Detroit Red Wing tickets are among the prizes.

"You don't have to be present to win," Wujcik noted. "We sell a lot of tickets. They are easy to sell. As soon as you say the profits go to Burger School for Children with Autism... almost everyone knows someone with autism. I took 100 to my bowling league and sold every single one of them."

Raffle tickets are available at the Fall Festival of Fashion and from League members. Tickets for the boutique, luncheon and fashion show are \$45. Call Miriam Skinner at (734) 981-6003. If you're interested in joining the Redford Suburban League, call Janisse Quill at (734) 595-1403.

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Physician to speak at Giving Circle meeting

Dr. Jody Jones, a physician from IHA, Canton, will talk about menopause management and hormone replacement therapy at Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 13 at The Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Jones is involved in improving maternal and newborn health among the indigent of Michigan, volunteers as an officer for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and works on legislative issues in women's health.

IHA is one of largest private multi-specialty groups in southeast Michigan. With more than 150 doctors and 40 nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurse mid-wives from across 32 offices, IHA provides service to more than 260,000 patients.

The Giving Hope program also will include reports from local nonprofits that have received grants from the organization, an update on current grant requests, a short business meeting, and a social hour. A reception will kick-off the evening at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7:15 p.m. Light appetizers and desserts will be served at 8:30 p.m. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill.

Formed in 2006, the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grant-making initiatives that address the needs



Dr. Jody Jones

of families in Canton and Plymouth, creates an endowment fund for the future and building a community of women philanthropists.

By pooling their charitable dollars, the 68 members of the organization are able to make a greater philanthropic impact. To date more than \$20,000 has been distributed through the fund which is held at the Canton Community Foundation.

The *Observer & Eccentric* and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are sponsors of the program on Oct. 13. Admission is \$10. Call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com.

E-mails add up to a ton of savings

Some 20 years ago when I started writing this column the editors of this paper thought it important that you could contact me direct and I think that I can correctly say that a few thousand readers have done just that. I would like to thank all of you as there were many times when you gave me food for thought with your questions and kept the column going.

Today I would like to give you just one example of a reader who takes full advantage of the knowledge available to him and has proven to put it to good use. His name is Mike and he writes: "Joe, you have helped me on five different occasions, all successful. I have an Amana fridge model SXD22S2W. The ice dispenser works but the water side does not. I was told there is a reservoir behind the crisper that may freeze up. Can you please help? Please mail me back. Thank you."

My first reply, done immediately because I know that Mike is demanding and understands the word urgent: "Hi Mike, thanks for your note. Remove the crisper drawer in the bottom of the refrigerator section. Check out the tank and see if you can observe any ice in it. Let me know. Regards Joe Gagnon."

Mike's second e-mail arrived the next morning: "Joe, thanks for getting back with me last night. I took the crisper



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

drawer off. The tank you're talking about is almost an S shape with two plastic lines going to it. I removed the one screw that holds it to the back wall. I'm not sure if there is supposed to be water in it. It appears to be heavier than it should and the plastic tank seems to be really hard/rigid as if it is filled with water and frozen inside. I

can't press the plastic in at all. There is no give at all. I turned and rotated the tank to see if I could hear any water in there and could not. If you think it is frozen would I pull the two plastic lines off the tank and take a blow dryer to thaw or keep it attached and try to thaw it out in the fridge. I don't know if those plastic lines are compressed in the tank. Or maybe you think it is something else. Please mail me back."

Mike's third e-mail arrived midafternoon of the next day: "Hi Joe, I was wondering if you got my e-mail this morning?"

My second reply: "Hi Mike, thanks for your three e-mails which I receive as quickly as you send them. Trust me Mike, I'm trying very hard to be

prompt. Now, in regard to your efforts so far, you are not getting a passing grade. You have got to be able to figure out if the reservoir tank is full of ice or water although I don't think it's frozen or you would have complained about food freezing in the refrigerator section. That is not the case. In 99 percent of cases where the water dispenser is not pouring out water the cause is usually a defective water valve on the back of the refrigerator, or problems with water pressure from the supply line, many times caused by a water filter that has not been replaced on a regular basis."

Yes Mike, it has been my pleasure helping you several times in the past. It took your perseverance to get the job done and I made note from past communications that you would rather I e-mail you than call you on the telephone. This is no problem and I await your next e-mail.

For those of you readers who would prefer a phone call from me, rather than an e-mail response, please say so and I will be glad to do so during the hours you wish. Stay tuned.

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

Find pets, crafts at adoption event

The Country Cat and City Kitty Rescue will hold an adoption event in conjunction with the Halloween Costume Walk for pets and owners, today, Sunday Oct. 10

Purrs and Paws Pet Adoption will run

from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman. The event will include dogs, cats, birds, fish and other animals in need of homes; dog demonstrations, crafters, vendors, baked goods for sale and a horse and rider exhibition.

Dr. Shera Dickie of St. Julian's Cat Care will be on site to answer questions.

Country Cat and City Kitty also will accept donations for its pet food and kitty litter drive. For more information call Ann at (248) 249-9267.

Preschool open house Sunday

Stop in today, Sunday, Oct. 10, for birthday cake and a look at the programs and facilities of Livonia Coop Nursery Preschool, 9601 Hubbard, in Livonia.

An open house will run from 2-4 p.m. at the school, which offers programs for children, age 2-4.

Livonia Preschool is a non-profit organization owned and operated by the parents of the children enrolled in classes. Parents also lend a hand in the classroom.

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Here's an example of the kind of photo Jill Andra Young will offer for free during the 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth. Pictured are festival organizers Annette and Ken Horn.

Get free souvenir photo at chili fest

If you're heading to the 15th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff today, Sunday, Oct. 10, in downtown Plymouth, don't forget to stop in at Jill Andra Young's photo studio for a keepsake photo.

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MILESTONES



McGahan-Fioretti

OCTOBER WEDDING

Clarenceville High School sweethearts Nicole McGahan and Joseph Fioretti are being married today, Sunday, Oct. 10 at Excalibur Castle in Las Vegas, Nev.

Proud parents Edie McGahan and Sandy Fioretti, both of Livonia.

A reception will follow on Oct. 16 at Corsi's in Livonia.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City celebrated 60 years of marriage on Sept. 16. They were married in 1950 in Detroit.

Robert retired from Great Lakes Plastics in Salem after a 50-year career. Eleanor is a homemaker.

They're active in the Garden City First United Methodist Church.

Their children are Elaine Monks of Kentwood, Sandra Haraburda of Caledonia, Daniel Mullins of Columbia, Md., Laura O'Connell of Milford, and Jennifer Ness of Birmingham.

Robert and Eleanor Mullins of Garden City on their wedding day and in a contemporary photo.



Lennis-Sage

JUNE 2011 WEDDING

Ron and Rachael Lennis of Chicago, Ill., and Kellie Malloy of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shea Elizabeth Lennis, to Elisha Peter Sage, son of Michael and Teri Sage of Livonia.

Shea, a registered nurse, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and Elisha, a mechanical engineer, graduated from Lawrence Technological University. The happy couple both attended Livonia Stevenson High School.

The couple currently resides in San Antonio, Texas. They plan a June 2011 wedding in Plymouth.



Raymond Cornellier and Laura D'Angelo at their wedding in 1950.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Raymond Cornellier and Laura D'Angelo marked their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 30. They were married in 1950 in Grosse Pointe. They have lived in the Commerce area for 56 years.

Their children are Gary Cornellier (Sandra) of Plymouth; Mark Cornellier (Betsy) of South Lyon; and Bryan Cornellier (Cheryl) of Holt. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond retired from Burroughs/Unysis, and Laura was a housewife. They are members of Church of the Holy Family in Novi.

The couple celebrated their anniversary by revisiting their favorite Michigan locations.



Flohr-Witkowski

AUGUST WEDDING

Amy Frances Witkowski and Kevin Matthew Flohr were married Aug. 28, 2010 in an outdoor ceremony at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Carr of Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia, officiated.

The bride, daughter of Paul and Julie Witkowski of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School. She graduated from Madonna University in 2008 and works as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

The groom, son of Bruce and Linda Flohr of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School. He graduated in 2008 from Schoolcraft College and works as building supervisor for Livonia Recreation Center. The bride's attendants were Caitlin Petersmark, Lisa Flohr, Kellie Flohr, Trista Flohr, Laurie Flohr, and Victoria Buscemi.

The groom's attendants were Patrick Oakley, Scott Flohr, Paul Flohr, Gregory Flohr, Ryan Witkowski, and Anthony Buscemi.


A reception also was held at Fox Hills Country Club.

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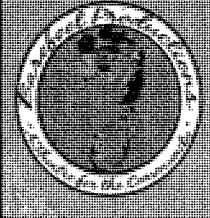
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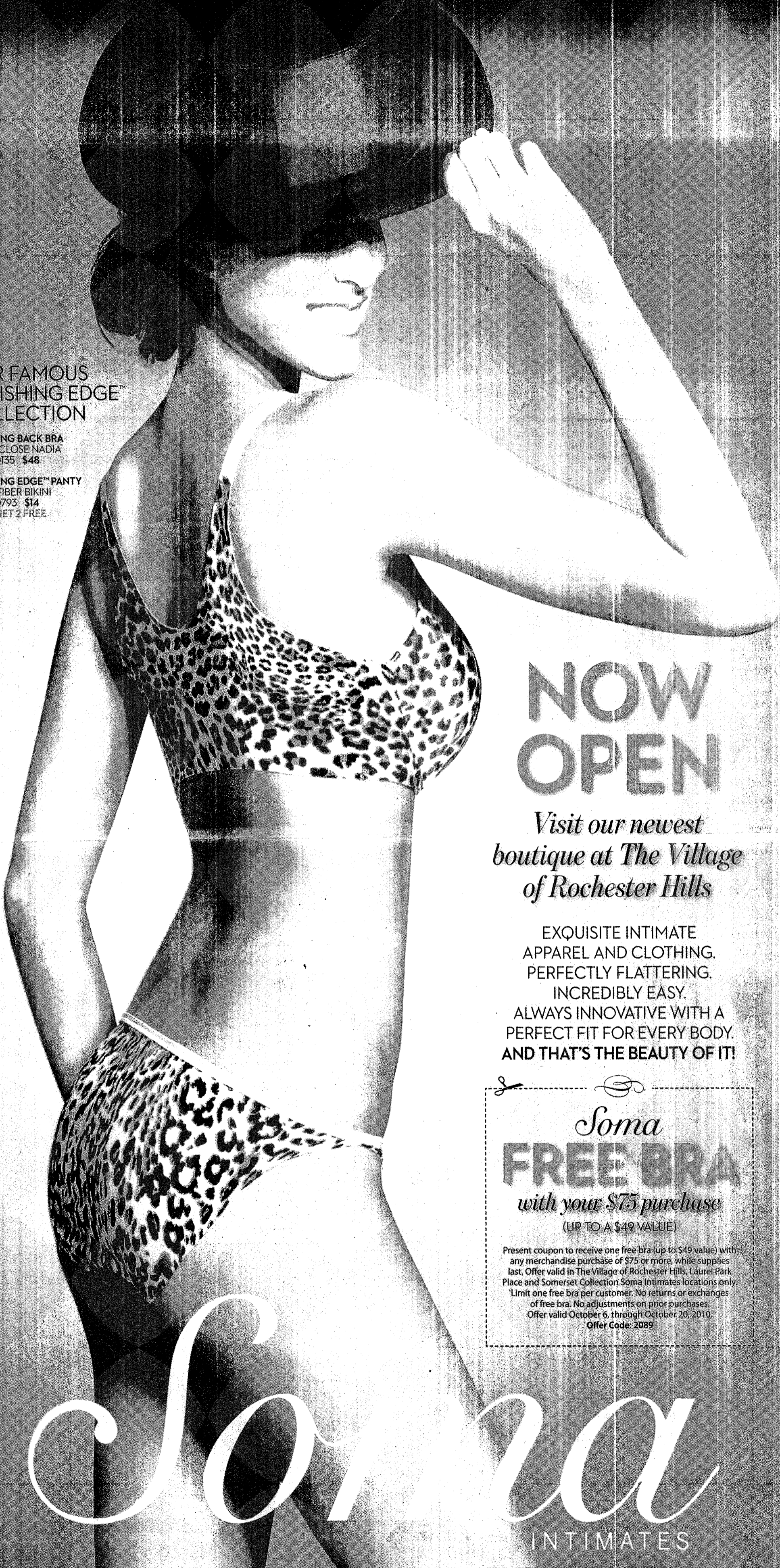
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Young leaders

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OCT 10-13

Baseball story

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11

Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Former Detroit Tiger player, Frank Tanana, and his wife, Cathy, will present "Riches Beyond the Diamond," the story of their journey through baseball life. A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Advance dinner and program reservations are \$10; \$12 at the door.

Contact: (248) 646-5041 or e-mail jmcMichael@slcmi.org for more information or to reserve for dinner and the program

Book study

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday through Nov. 13

Location: Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: Living Peace Church presents a study of Harvey Cox' book, "The Future of Faith." The church meets for fellowship and worship at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton

Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to info@livingpeacechurch.org

Revival

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 11-13

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Rev. Jimmy Mitchell, chaplain of the West Virginia State Police, is the guest speaker. He spoke at the memorial service for miners who died in the Upper Big Branch Mine

explosion in Montcoal, W.V. He also attended many of their funerals
Contact: (734) 721-9040

OCT. 14-20

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club, includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

Concert

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: The Birmingham Concert Band performs a program called "Music for Symphonic Band." The concert features Danielle Mukami, Birmingham Concert Band scholarship awardee, and a special segment of Irish music; free

Contact: (248) 474-0584

Concert

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Gary and Ron Matthews in concert

Contact: (248) 374-7400

Divorce support

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Mondays, for seven weeks beginning Oct. 18

Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Group for parents and their children (through 8th grade), "Rainbows," offered by National Council of Jewish Women, SPACE for Changing Families. \$10 registration fee; must pre-register

Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail space@ncjwgs.org

Living Rosary

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of

Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Biannual "Living Rosary," in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer it represents.

The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates October as the month of the Rosary, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. until closing ceremonies at 7 p.m.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Mass of Anointing

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of

Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Aimed at Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition. Register by calling the church

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

Multimedia performance

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16

Location: Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Actor Brad Sherrill performs "Prophets," a multimedia piece that is based on Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophetic texts. Tickets are \$8 per person, \$5 per student for advance reservations and \$10 at the door

Contact: (248) 626-2515

Pumpkin patch

Time/Date: Noon-6 p.m., Oct. 17, 24 and 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 16, 18-23; and 10 a.m. to dark, Oct. 25-30

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Pumpkin Patch sales will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a non-profit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for emergency food providers

Contact: (734) 464-0211

Rummage Sale

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 16

Location: Fellowship hall at Holy

Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. **Details:** \$2 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: (734) 464-0211

Spaghetti dinner

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 3-11, and free for children under 3. Advance tickets available at the church or at the door

Contact: (734) 427-3660

Why be Catholic?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 14

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Season two of the series kicks off with Debbie Herbeck, youth and women's ministry advocate and producer of Renewal Ministries' television programming for EWTN. She'll share the story of her conversion from traditional Judaism to Catholicism. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement by e-mailing to childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

OCT. 21-OCT 27

Barbecue fund-raiser

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster, in Livonia

Details: All proceeds will support the church's "Feed the Hungry" Ministries. Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and beverages. Advance tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children while supplies last

Contact: (734) 513-8457

Coats donation

Time/Date: Deadline to drop off coats is Oct. 22

Location: The Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: The Corps needs coats in adult sizes medium to extra large to fit middle and high school students. Individuals and businesses can drop off new coats at the Farmington Hills location. Southwestern Oakland County residents who need a new coat for their K-12 student can contact the Corps office during the first week of October. Only households which are pre-determined to be low-income and within the Corps' service area will be eligible for the program

Contact: (248) 477-1153

Games night

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23

Location: Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Bring favorite card or board games to this event, sponsored by Widowed Friends, a support group for women and men age 55 and under

Contact: Sue at (586) 939-0349 or e-mail 'ywfriends@gmail.com

Mass for widowed

Time/Date: Check in at 2 p.m., Mass at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 24

Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge, in Birmingham

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, meets for Mass, support and refreshments

Contact: Gerry at (566) 795-0477 or visit www.widowedfriends.org

Trunk or treat

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Dress in costume for this event that will include games, prizes, treats and lots of fun

Contact: (734) 427-8743

OCT. 28-NOV. 3

Bazaar

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington

Details: Baked goods, Nisu, white

elephant treasures, Christmas items and a jewelry table. Refreshments will be served by the choir for a nominal fee. There will be a raffle at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Contact: (248) 478-6520

Trunk or treat

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Members and friends of the church will pop their trunks and tailgates to reveal candy, stickers and other goodies. Children in the community may attend and bring their Trick or Treat bags with them. The church requests that children wear family-friendly costumes and be accompanied by an adult. Activities will take place both inside and outside. There will be games, prizes and candy

Contact: (248) 474-3444

Trunk or treat

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Oct. 30

Location: McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest Street, Livonia

Details: Bring your kids in their costumes for treats, a hay ride, a gourmet chili cook-off, and lots of other fun; free and sponsored by Bell Creek Community Church

Contact: www.bellcreek.org

NOV. 4-10

Christmas bazaar

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6

Location: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights

Details: Handmade items for Christmas giving; cookie walk and bake sale; Attic Treasures, Jewelry and other items

Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ladies' Inspiration Day

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 6

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Dr. Brenda Snow is the guest speaker. Child care is available for children under 8. RSVP for child care and bring a sack lunch to the event for each child registered

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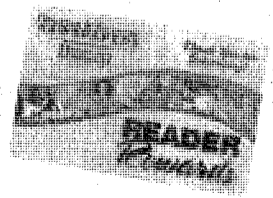


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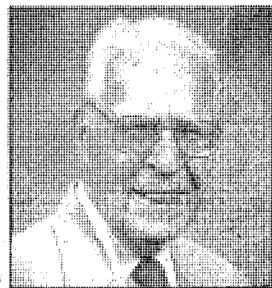
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RODA BAKER

Age 95, passed away in Arizona on October 2, 2010, formerly of Plymouth, MI. Funeral services are pending. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.



ALBERT G. BALLERT

Age 95, passed away on October 5, 2010 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Mr. Ballert received his Bachelor of Education at the University of Toledo, his Masters of Science in Geography at Syracuse University and his Doctorate in Geography from the University of Chicago. Dr. Ballert found his true calling in life through his research with the Great Lakes Commission, beginning during its inception in 1956 and continuing as Director of Research "emeritus" through 2006. He authored numerous publications, newsletters and checklists relating to the ships and their cargo, water levels and precipitation. His work became his mission, his passion, his hobby. Dr. Ballert visited every port and community along the entire Great Lakes and Seaway coastline, accumulating an extensive body of photographs from his visits. Many a person heard him declare, he was "the luckiest man in the world" to have such an interesting vocation. Although Dr. Ballert's (A's) roots were from Ohio, he was an avid University of Michigan football fan. A favorite past time was to cheer his beloved Wolverines with his wife at his side at home games. Their maize and blue banner was ready to hang at the many bowl games they attended. He leaves his beloved wife I. Josephine Ballert and his children Colby (Carol) Ballert and Josette (David) Koets. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Steven (Katie) and Sara Koets and Brendan (Janie), Cassandra and Zachery Ballert and great-grandson Connor Koets. He was preceded in death by his son Albert Jr. Visitation will be Friday, 1:30pm until time of funeral service at 3pm at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to the church or to the donor's choice of organization in his name. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



GERALDINE QUINN BRIGGS

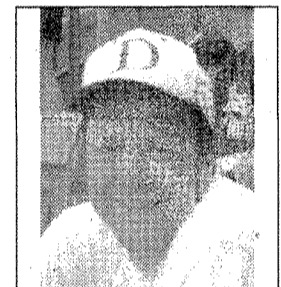
Peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior on October 2, 2010. Resident of Livonia since 1948. Loving wife of the late Otis Lee Briggs. Beloved mother of Laurel Farnell McNulty, Richard (Barbara) Briggs, Jerome (Sandy) Briggs, Lorraine (Alan) Matthews, Mary Ann Desmond, and Stephanie Pender. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter. Services were held Tuesday Oct 5 at 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia. Memorials suggested to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com

KENNETH A. BROWN

Age 70, of Northville. Beloved husband of Blanche and the late Nancy. Loving father of Heather (Rick) Hoffman. Proud grandpa of Katherine, Stephanie, Zachary, Rachael and Rick and dear daughter in law Sandy. Preceded in death by his dearest son Craig. Memorial Service was held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind and/or American Cancer Society. Please visit online guestbook at fredwoodfuneralhome.com

RICK GREGORY COTÉ

Age 80, of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at Clarian North Medical Center in Carmel. He was born on February 2, 1961 in Detroit, MI, and grew up in the Farmington, MI area. He and his wife, Denise were married on July 24, 1993 in Sarasota, FL. Rick was a manager for Robert Half International Finance & Accounting. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from University of South Florida and his master's degree from Keller Graduate School of Management. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Noblesville, and was very active with Relay for Life and fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Rick is survived by his mother - Suzanne (Nicholls) Gault; wife - Denise (Gerke) Coté; daughter - Lauren Grace Coté; son - Nicholas Ryan Coté; three brothers - Robert Coté, Scott Coté & James Coté; grandmother - Mary Nicholls; and several cousins, nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, John William Coté. Services will be held at 1:00PM on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at First United Methodist Church, in Noblesville, with Rev. Jack Wolfe officiating. Visitation will be Friday, October 8, 2010 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society 5635 W. 96th St, Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46278 - or - ascdetermination.org (search team: Rick's Racers (under "find an athlete")). Online condolences can be given at: www.randallroberts.com



THOMAS R. DOSTAL

Age 52, of Livonia, passed away October 7, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. The beloved husband of Carmen Marie (Sabatini), and dear father of Anthony and Anna, he is also survived by his loving parents Bob and Mary Ann Dostal of Midland, MI, and siblings Lori Dostal (Keith Latham), Pam (Drew) Bassi, Lisa (Charles) Alliss, Julie Dostal (Pat McNary), Joe (Stacy) Dostal, Marcie (Charles) Cassidy, and Jerry (Jodi) Dostal. He also leaves behind his beloved mother-in-law Dora Sabatini and in-laws Louis (Mary) Sabatini, Paul (Rhonda) Sabatini, Dora (Dennis) Martini, Richard (Debra) Sabatini, Michael (Karen) Sabatini, and many nieces and nephews. Tom was a devoted husband and father; his greatest joy was being with his family. Tom was known for his sense of humor and love of sports. He rarely turned down the chance to play, watch, or coach Anthony and Anna's teams. Since 2001 Tom and his family were all active members of the Livonia Goodfellows, "No Child without a Christmas" program. Tom graduated from Midland High School in 1976 and Central Michigan Univ. in 1980. He and his family have lived in Livonia since 1983. He worked as a sales representative for NES Rentals for the past nine years. The family wishes to thank his many caregivers and friends. View obituary and share memories at Heeney-Sundquist.com. St. Aidan memorial service details are also on the website.



MARY LOU GITRE

Died peacefully at her home in Beverly Hills, October 4, 2010. She was 90 years old. Mary Lou was born May 5, 1920, in Detroit, to Louise (nee Sullivan) and William Gitre. She graduated from Marygrove College in 1942 and taught at Greenfield Elementary School in Birmingham for many years. Mary Lou was a member of Christ Child Society, AAUW, and a Catholic Alumni Club. She was an excellent bridge player all her life and had many friends in her different clubs. Mary Lou also enjoyed golf and travel. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Mary Lou is survived by her beloved sister, Maureen Gitre Roberts, nieces, Colleen (Peter) Nicholas and Kathleen Roberts and great-nephew and niece, Joseph and Rosemary Nicholas. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 2-8pm. Rosary at 7pm. Funeral at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials appreciated to Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334. Condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

VIRGINIA JOYCE HARRIS

Age 80, of Tecumseh passed away September 25, 2010 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. She was born April 23, 1930 in Detroit, MI the daughter of Alfred and Ethel (Baker) Lint. She married Robert Harris on June 17, 1950 and he preceded her in death in November 2001. Virginia was the owner and operator of the Bisque-It Ceramic Store in Farmington Hills, Michigan before moving to Tecumseh in 2005. In addition to running her own business, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, and bowling. She also loved tinkering with her aquariums and tending to her tropical fish. Virginia is survived by her sons, Robert (Shirley) Harris of Clinton, MI, and Keith Harris, of Jackson, MI, and three grandchildren; Adrienne, Clair, and Robert Harris. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her four brothers and one sister. At her request, cremation has taken place. A gathering to remember and celebrate her life will take place at The Evans Street Station, 110 South Evans Street, Tecumseh, MI 49286, on October 12, 2010, from 4-8 PM. Light refreshments will be served. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be offered to the family at: www.handlerfuneralhomes.com

JULIA HOMAK

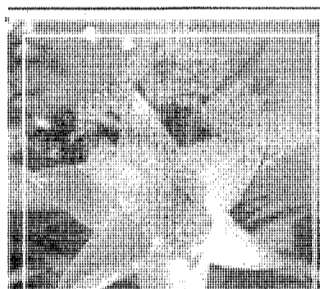
Oct 4, 2010, age 87 of Westland. Beloved aunt of the late Joan Marsh. Great aunt of Lynne Faulkner, Loreen (Brian) Graham and Leigh (Pat) Prouty. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd., Westland. Memorials to American Diabetes Association or the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated by the family. To share a memory please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ERIC DOUGLAS JONES

Age 52, died Sept. 14, 2010. Wife: Matri, Children: Jasmine, Kelsey, Megan, son Justin (d 1996), Father LaVerne M Jones (d), Mother Eleanor G. Jones. Obituary and condolences at: www.lyncfuneraldirectors.com

GEORGE LAMBIE

Age 80, September 29, 2010, has gone to join his beloved wife Terri. Loving Dad to Dee (Graham) Perrie and Dawn (Dave) Parks. Dear Papa to Jason (Susie) Gibb, David (Kelly) Gibb, David Carter Parks and Diana Parks. Great Papa to Alexander Gibb. Cremation has already taken place. An open House for family and friends will be held at George's home on Saturday October 16, 2010, from 1p.m. to 5p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Michigan. Please sign George's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.



HENRY N. LESTER

Age 85, veteran of the Army Air Corps WWII, of E. Lansing, MI, formerly of Manistee and Livonia, passed away Oct. 3 at his residence. Husband of 59 years to the late Audrey J., nee Culp. He is survived by his daughter Genie (Ken), son Robert (Cyndie), grandchildren Geoffrey (Deborah), Jennifer (Ron), Jamie (special friend James), Tracie, Steven and Ryan, great-grandchildren Samuel, Abigail, Chloe and Maxwell, special friend Jean, sisters Thryza (Roger), Mary Jane and Francine, and brother Sprague. Former president of Melvindale MI Kiwanis Club, former member of Livonia Christ the King Lutheran Church Council, and active in retirement years in Manistee arts associations. After many successful years with Fruehauf Trailer Co., of Detroit, he retired to the home he and Audrey shared on Lake Michigan, in Manistee. He was an amateur photographer, talented in macro-photography. His sense of patriotism and love of nature and photography have been passed on through his children and grandchildren. The family will honor his life and memory with a private service at Ft. Custer National Cemetery where he and Audrey will be interred. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Lansing.

ROBERT B. LINDBERT

Age 94, passed away October 4, 2010. He was born in Royal Oak Twp., MI on March 14, 1916 to Otto and Lydia (Platt) Lindbert. Mr. Lindbert was the Mayor of Farmington from 1953-1965 and was a key person to the city's development. He'd started his own company, L & H Wood Manufacturing Co., from the ground up and had also dabbled in the steel strapping industry. He helped others start their own lumber mills and resourced out a lot of work in further support of those he'd helped. He retired when he was 52. The family had a summer cabin on Big Bear Lake since 1948 and he spent his winters in Florida from 1950-2005. He was a remarkable musician and played the tenor saxophone. He enjoyed performing at various local clubs, including Tally's Bar and Hidden Valley Resort. He'd always had an ear for music and was awarded the Most Talented High School Musician at the Chicago World's Fair in the 1930's. His grandson now plays his same instrument. A true philanthropist, he was involved in various organizations throughout his lifetime, was a member of the Jaycees, Goodfellows, and had served as President of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club. He was also very instrumental in fundraising efforts for the construction of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lewiston. Mr. Lindbert was brilliant, inquisitive man who loved to learn, as well as being clever, kind, and giving. He was one to be mindful of the needs of others and sought to lend a hand whenever he could. He was a good cook and loved to travel. An adventurous and athletic person, he enjoyed downhill skiing, boating, fishing excursions, and all types of hunting, with a true passion for the outdoors. He'll also be remembered by his family as a flamboyant dresser, never one to shy away from bright plaid pants. Mr. Lindbert is survived by his daughters, B.J. Mares and Judy Godmar, both of Florida; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Lindbert. A MEMORIAL MASS will take place on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lewiston. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Aspen Ridge Retirement Village, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com

EMIN MEHMETAJ

Also known as Thanas Aliu in his native Albania, died October 4th, 2010 at the age of 88. He was born March 15th, 1922 in Tragias, Vlore Albania. His father and mother were Ali Mehmeti and Merusha Dermishi Mehmeti of Tragias, Vlore Albania. Mr. Mehmetaj is predeceased by his wife Maria Quadrelli Mehmetaj of Birmingham, MI and his brother Merko Mehmetaj and sister Masi Mehmetaj Russi of Vlore, Albania. Emin is remembered as a loving father by his son Joseph Mehmetaj of Royal Oak, MI and his daughter and son-in-law, Eva and Lawrence Kool of Clifton Park, NY. He is loved and remembered by his granddaughters Olivia, Julia and Sylvia Kool. Emin was a good man and a gentleman and will be remembered by those who loved him. Funeral and interment at Roseland Park Cemetery Royal Oak, MI 48067, (248) 541-1154, on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted by the family to the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home, 1550 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065, 518-371-5454.

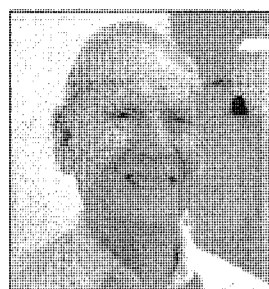


HERBERT LEE PEACH

Age 81, passed away September 22, 2010. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Rose in 2003. He is survived by his beloved children: Shannon Patterson, Christie Hulst and Michael (Monica) Peach; grandchildren: Kelly (Hector) Lopez, Darcy (Luke) Madsen, Tracy Sprague, Heather Patterson, Tristan Peach, Christiana Peach and Ariana Peach; great-grandchildren: Tyler Sprague, Faith Rose Madsen, Brook Madsen, Emma Madsen and Gracelynn Madsen. Memorial service is Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the Salvation Army Church, 26700 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights, MI. at 1:00pm.

GAIL ANN SARRAULT

Age 67 of Howell, formerly of Canton, MI, passed away at her home Monday, October 4, 2010. She was born January 1, 1943 in Cincinnati, OH. Beloved wife of 33 years to Dennis Sarrault. Dear mother of Angie (Ken) Mackey of Littleton, CO and Eric (Lori) Sarrault of Crystal Lake, IL. Also survived by grandchildren, Avery and Quinn Mackey of Littleton, CO, Macci Sarrault of Crystal Lake, IL and Maddy Diederick of Howell. Gail was a volunteer at OLHSA and a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton where Mass of Resurrection was held Friday, October 8 at 11:30 a.m. (in state 10:30 a.m.). Father Carl Pung, Celebrant. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or OLHSA. Please visit the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



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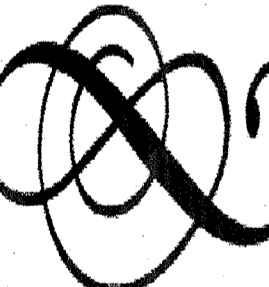
October 6, 2010, age 93. Predeceased by wife Jessie, and parents Artin & Cecilia. Brother of Rita Thompson. Uncle of Patricia Stoddard, Cathryne Rimsa and Caryle Ekberg. Also great-nieces and nephews. Brother-in-law of Halina Borkowski. Special friend of Pauline Kalafut and William Shamoun. He will be missed by his family at Wynwood Assisted Living in Northville. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) with Rosary Sunday 7 p.m. Funeral Mass Monday 11 a.m. at St. Alan Catholic Church, 2345 Coolidge Rd., Troy. Visitation at church begins Monday 10:30 a.m. Rite of Committal Service Monday 2 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Memorial tributes for masses or Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament or Capuchin Soup Kitchen. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ANTHONY J. "Tony" STOCKWELL

Age 79, of Westland, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in Gregory, MI, at his son's home, surrounded by family. He was born May 25, 1931 in Grosse Pointe Farms, the son of Chalmers and Helen (Sullivan) Stockwell. Over his lifetime, he made numerous fishing trips to Canada with family and friends. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and watching his sons and grandchildren play hockey. He was an active kid at heart, retiring his roller blades just a few years ago. Tony touched many lives over the years, making children happy was a top priority. He was "Grandpa" to many of all ages. He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Westland; children Janet (Gerald) Szymanski of Alanson, Barbara Biskner of Westland, Joyce Stockwell of Westland, Kenneth (Machelle) Stockwell of Cary, IL, Dennis Stockwell of Gregory; brother of Mary Lou (Leo) Sheehan, Sally (Neal) Hannan, Lawrence (Veronica) Stockwell; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Suzanne Schwein. Tony's wishes were to be cremated. A celebration of his life took place Saturday, October 9th at the Bailey Center in Westland.

ELIZABETH R. WORTLEY

October 2, 2010, age 91. Resident of Birmingham, MI since 1958, and long-time member of St. James Episcopal Church and the Women's Village Club. Wife of the late Alfred. Mother of James (Carole) and William. Grandmother of Kristen. Also survived by her brother, Robert Jones (Irene). A memorial service was held Saturday, October 9th at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham. Family suggests memorial tributes to Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48308. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500



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Study group offers lectures on history to cultural arts

The Plymouth Study Group presents a series of lectures on a variety of topics, Thursdays, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Membership for the Study Group is \$20 per series. Coffee, tea and refreshments are served starting at 9:45 a.m., with lectures beginning promptly at 10 a.m. For more information on the Plymouth Study Group and their fall series, contact Connie Grifford at (248) 477-7049.

Upcoming topics:

Oct. 14 — Mary Ann Wheeler, retired Livonia Public Schools librarian and a guide at the Plymouth Historical Museum, offers a snapshot of Abraham Lincoln's family.

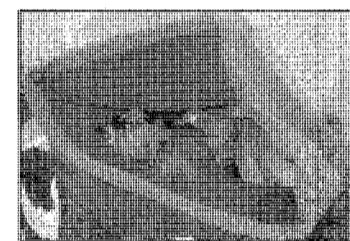
Oct. 21 — Beverly Thomas presents a program on the musicals of Rogers & Hammerstein.

Oct. 28 — Musical presentation by the Fabulous Heftones.

Nov. 4 — Sue Daniel from Greenmead Historical Park will give a presentation on Michigan's one-room school houses. Kathy Anderson of "Tastefully Simple" also will be on hand.

Nov. 11 — Still-Got-It Players talks about what's new at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill; freebies will be available for some events.

Nov. 8 — The Arbor, a vocal ensemble, carols in Victorian costumes.



Find craft items for dogs, like these Snuggle Sacks, along with many other handmade goods at the Delta Kappa Gamma craft show at West Middle School in Plymouth.

CRAFT CORNER

Send information about your upcoming craft show to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Remember to include a telephone number readers can call for more information.

LIVONIA

Frost Middle School Craft Show is set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of I-96. Admission is \$2. No strollers. (734) 744-2670

NORTHVILLE

The Northville Christmas Market opens at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, with the annual illuminated Christmas Parade. It will run 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 on Main Street. The event will include 60 artisan and craft booths, free carousel rides, treats. Free admission. Visit www.michiganchristmasmarket.com.

PLYMOUTH

Delta Kappa Gamma presents its 26th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Dee Winterhalter, a watercolor artist with works in private and corporate collections worldwide, will exhibit at the show for the first time. In addition to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing, accessories for dogs and much more.

Admission is \$2. For additional information call (734) 495-9327 or e-mail to jbstone716@comcast.net. All profits will support scholarships for Plymouth Canton Community Schools district students.

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Reasons why mammograms still matter

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, and is the second leading cause of cancer-related death for women in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society.

The organization expects 7,340 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year in Michigan.

The American Cancer Society supports research that has found annual mammograms, beginning at age 40, are still a woman's best defense against breast cancer death. Finding breast cancer early is the best way to control it, and the evidence supporting annual mammograms as an effective detection strategy is stronger than ever, according to the organization.

Here's a list of the American Cancer Society's reasons why mammograms are worth receiving:

- Early detection is the best defense – When breast cancer is detected early, at a localized stage, the survival rate is 98 percent. Once breast cancer has metastasized and spread throughout the body, the five-year survival rate drops to 27 percent.
- Mammography works – Mammography can detect breast cancer an average of 1.7 years before it can be felt by a clinical breast exam. Although mammography is not perfect, the imaging technique does detect the majority of breast cancers and can provide women with an important lead in treating the disease.
- Risk increases with age – That means there is no safe age to stop having a yearly mammogram.
- Once a year is enough

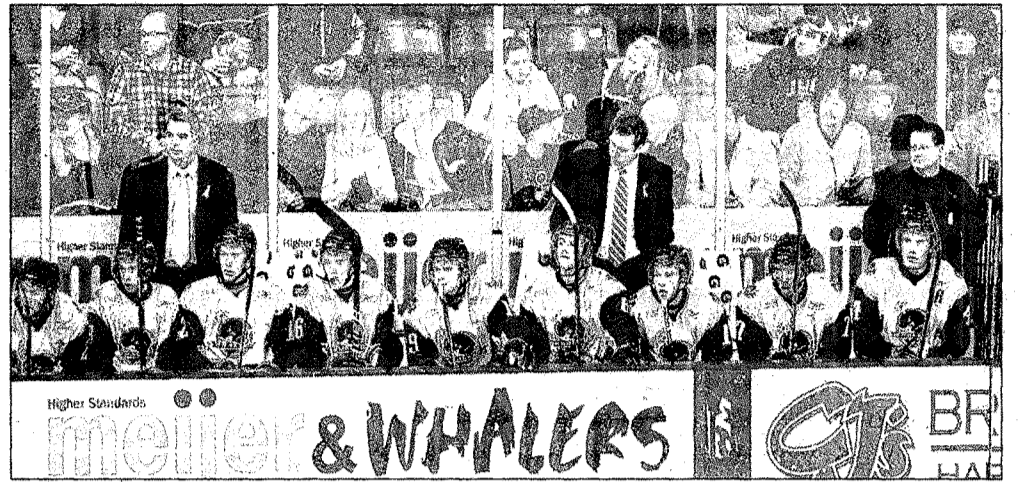


- On average, a mammogram appointment takes about 20 minutes from start to finish. While you may be hesitant to have your yearly mammogram, that is less time than your favorite half-hour weekly television program – and it could save your life.
- Lead by example – Encourage the women in your life to get their annual mammogram by having yours. Peer counseling is especially effective and provides an added emotional support network.
- Lower health care costs – While mammograms range in cost from \$75 to \$600, early detection testing for breast cancer saves as much as \$20,000 in initial treatment costs for each breast cancer case that is detected early.
- Financial support is available – Women without health insurance are eligible to receive their annual mammogram for little or no cost. The National Breast and Cervical

Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) is a federal program that makes breast cancer early detection testing more available to medically underserved women.

- The exposure to radiation is minimal – The risk of harm from radiation exposure during a mammogram is extremely small and cannot cause cancer. In fact, the level of radiation, during a mammogram, is comparable to the level of radiation exposure from a dental exam.
- Mammography is safe and reliable – The Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) is the federal law that ensures mammography is safe. All mammography personnel and facilities in the United States have met stringent standards, must be accredited, FDA-certified, and must pass annual inspections.

For more information visit www.cancer.org.



Pinking out

The Plymouth Whalers hockey team wear pink for breast cancer awareness in a special game last year. They'll do it again at a game against Windsor, 7:05 p.m., Saturday Oct. 16 at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. The pink jerseys that team members wear for the annual "Pink Out!" game will be auctioned off for the cause. Players will get their hair dyed pink Oct. 13 at Lucky Hair Company in Canton and will work the "Tip-A-Whalers" event Oct. 14 at C.J.'s Brewing Company at Compuware Arena. All tips from the night will be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The team hopes to raise \$10,000 in donations before the Pink Out! game. If they do, Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci and associate coach Joe Stefan will sport pink hair, too. To donate, call Lucky Hair Company at (734) 844-8166. Donations also can be dropped off at Compuware Arena; (734) 453-8400.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Alzheimer's

Learn the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 14 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Fr. Wolber Activities Center, 28933 Jamison, Livonia. Call (800) 272-3900 to RSVP.

Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is \$55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Bipolar class

Jacqueline Castine, author of *I Wish I Could Fix It, But...* and a community education specialist for the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, will lead a class "Living with Bipolar Disorder" 7-9

p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Holmes Jr. High School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia and from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. The author will share her personal story of living with bipolar disorder and discuss supports and services for people with mental illness and family members. She'll teach success stories for coping with mental illness and offer information on how to respond to family members or friends who struggle with mental illness and addictions, especially those who refuse to seek help. Class fee is \$25 and Castine's book can be purchased for \$14 at either class. Register for the Livonia session by calling Sharon at (734) 744-2602 and for the Birmingham session at (248) 644-5832.

Fibromyalgia

The Fibromyalgia association, H.O.P.E. will present the program, "Explain Pain!" for patients, families, physical therapists, and the pain community, 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. The purpose is to inform and empower people living with Fibromyalgia and chronic pain. Refreshments will be served. This program is used throughout Europe for chronic pain patients. This is its debut in Michigan. For more information visit: hfcc.org or call (248) 344-0896. Register on line at: <http://hfcc.org/2010>

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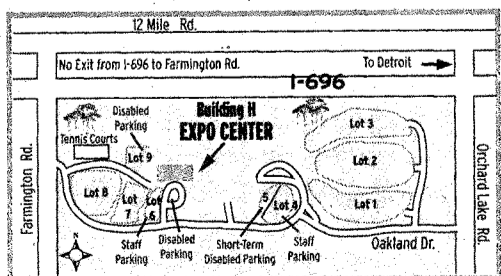
• Social Security Programs, Services and Updates
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
by Social Security Administration

• Scams Targeting Senior Citizens
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
by Better Business Bureau

• Emergency Preparedness
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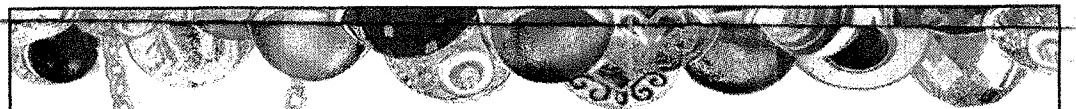
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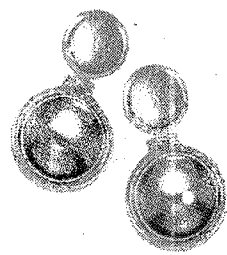
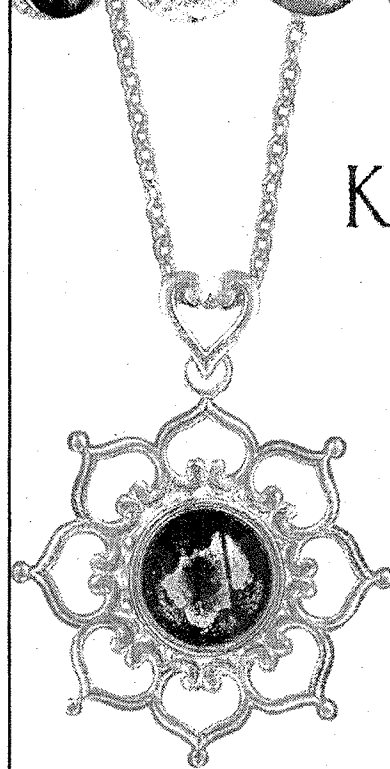
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