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Westland's Inspire Theatre is holding a "Show Must Go On" fundraiser 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Twenty percent of the sales will be donated to the live theater troupe with a coupon that can be downloaded on the theatre's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/inspiretheatre. Actors will be present 6:30-9:30 p.m. for autographs and photographs.

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W-W opts for board study sessions

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

How Wayne-Westland school board members get information about the issues coming before them is changing.

School board President Carol Middel is moving away from solely using three-member board committees to a mixture of committees as needed and study sessions in which all of the trustees will get the same information at the same time.

"This will make it more efficient for the board," she said. "Everyone at the same time will hear the information and have a chance to react. I'll be able to hear what they're thinking. There's two sides to every coin and I need to see all aspects of an

issue." Middel made the announcement at this month's school board meeting.

"While using study sessions isn't easy, I feel it best serves the community," she said. "Board members will receive timely information, so there will be no gaps in information."

Middel announced her decision after Trustee Frederick Weaver questioned the lack of standing board committees.

"These committees are lawful and have for many years been a valuable resource for the full board to receive pertinent information before a vote," said Weaver.

He also called on Middel to establish "an open and standing study session at 5 p.m. on the

board meeting night to publicly discuss the agenda and to have all of our questions answered" in lieu of standing committees.

Weaver was attending his first meeting after being appointed by the Wayne RESA Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel in May.

He questioned the use of a committee, that met Aug. 16, to consider the specifics for selection of the school district's legal firm. The board tabled the selection of Lusk and Albertson as the district's legal counsel at its July meeting to look into seeking bids for the work. According to Weaver, the committee was made up of trustees who voted to table the appointment in July.

"There should be no exceptions given to form a special commit-

tee," he said in asking Middel to dissolve the special committee "for the sake of public accountability and trust," and invite all board members to an open public session "so this procedure may be open for all to see."

"I am not accusing you of impropriety," he said. "If we are going to have a fully open process, let's begin now."

Middel said the committee used the meeting to learn what an RFP — request for a proposal — is and look at ones from the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Dearborn school district used in seeking a general counsel. That information is being sent to all board members to see "if what is they want and

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Sara McDonald of Monty's Farms serves customer Ed Andrews of Westland. Andrews waits all year for the local tomatoes to come in. He's been known to eat tomatoes for breakfast. Behind, Steve Gardner helps customer Sarah Gabel of Wayne and her son Elijah, 2½.

Shoppers find plenty at Farmers Market

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A wet spring that delayed harvests and extreme heat may have slowed business at the weekly Westland Farmers Market, but it's picking up.

"The Farmers Market is in full swing. We have more than 20 vendors out here," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "And the good thing is that we will be out here until Oct. 25. People love the fall crops with apples and pumpkins."

Last Tuesday was the first time Sara McDonald had been at the Westland Farmers Market, selling produce grown on her cousin's farm at 32 Mile and Van Dyke in Armada.

"We're doing pretty good," said McDonald, whose stand was offering corn, peaches, plums, tomatoes and yel-

low and purple peppers. McDonald, joined by her "kind of nephew" Steve Gardner, has had a stand at the Garden City Farmers Market since it opened and also does other area markets, including Redford and Oakland County.

While the vegetables and fruit were selling well, Kathy Kramer of Kathy's Flowers wasn't moving many of her perennial plants.

"This is my second time in Westland and I'm having a very bad day. I've had one customer," said Kramer, who grows her plants organically using worm casings. "I have been doing the Wayne market and I've done pretty good. They do later hours so the market starts at 3 p.m."

Located this year in the City Hall parking lot, the Westland Farmers Mar-

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DDA invites families to free outdoor movie

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's free outdoor movie night drew more than 700 people last year, but Robert Kosowski is hoping that scheduling with help will draw an even bigger crowd this year.

"Last year, movie night was on the day before school started so that kept attendance down," said Kosowski, Westland Parks and Recreation director. "We'll get an exact count this year."

Movie Night will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24, with a showing of *Yogi Bear*. The location will shift from the parking lot west of the Bailey Recreation Center to the lawn east of City Hall, a move that will let families sit on blankets to watch the movie, or bring their own chairs, Kosowski said.

"It's free and we are targeting all families. *Yogi Bear* is for the younger crowd — that's why the mayor picked that movie," said Kosowski.

Sponsored by the Westland Downtown Development Authority, the evening begins at 7 p.m. with live music, bounce houses, kids' activities and free giveaways. Mayor William Wild is providing free popcorn to movie goers, who can buy other concessions or bring their own beverages and snacks.

The movie is scheduled to start at about 8:30 p.m.

A second night of free family fun will be on tap Thursday, Aug. 25, as the Mayor's Community Gathering comes to the ground of the closed Jefferson Barns Elementary School on Dorsey east of Venoy.

From 5-7 p.m., residents are invited to stop by for a chance to informally interact with members of the city administration and enjoy an old-fashioned barbecue dinner.

There will be as a disc jockey, bounce houses, a police dog visit, a fire safety trailer, a close-up look at Department of Public Services equipment and new this year, a Dunk a Police Officer dunk tank. No word yet on who will be getting in the tank although Kosowski is hoping Police Chief Greg Angelosanto will take at least one turn.

"I'll be throwing at them," Kosowski said.

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ket is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays. This is the second year for the market, which last year was held in the Westland Shopping Center parking lot.

"I'm glad to see business at the market picking up. I'm by myself, so I wheel and deal to buy one or two things. I don't need a quart," said Westland resident Kathy Wallbom. "They will oblige me and I like that. I think it's great. I'm glad there are more booths open."

Westland Downtown Development board member Sharon Scott was shopping at the market.

"I love the market," she said. "We talked about it for a few years, I'm glad to see we finally got it. There are a lot of vendors. I try to make it every week. The food is great."

A retired bakery helper

and foreman, Vic "the Breadman" Ventimiglia was looking for something to keep himself busy and started selling bread and other baked goods at farmers markets.

"This year, I'm at eight markets. Next year maybe it will be 10. It's been good but not as good as last year," said Ventimiglia. "I have a lot of stuff people want to see that's not in store."

The best selling item is the nine-grain bread, said Ventimiglia, who had about 75 customers by midday.

Along with fresh produce, plants and baked goods, the market has vendors selling honey and bee pollen, custom jewelry and food including hamburgers and pulled pork sandwiches. There was live music last week and the Westland Veterans Association was on hand selling commemorative shirts and CDs.

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Device gives quick read for CO

The City of Westland Fire Department now has the latest advanced technology available to quickly, easily and painlessly determine if a person is suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Called the Masimo Rad-57 Pulse CO-Oximeter, the device uses multiple wavelengths of light to measure the level of carbon monoxide poisoning in a person's blood on the spot, without a painful needle stick or blood draw. The department has purchased one Masimo Rad-57 to test for carbon monoxide poisoning in persons at the scene of emergencies, as well as those who present with the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, including firefighters and EMS personnel.

Funding for this purchase was provided through a multi-jurisdictional grant through western Wayne County Fire Mutual Aid Association. A matching portion of the grant was \$799 which came from the Fire Department bud-

get. The cost of the equipment was approximately \$5,000 per unit.

"Carbon Monoxide can be a prevalent gas in any home that burns fossil fuels, we now have the ability to check CO levels for anyone in a home that has CO detector alarms (going off)," said Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy. "Additionally, we can also monitor our firefighters on the fire ground for exposure to this poisonous gas during overhaul operations."

"This will be a valuable tool for the citizens and fire fighters in Westland," he said.

With the Rad-57, firefighters, EMS professionals and ER clinicians have the ability to detect carbon monoxide poisoning on the spot in just seconds with the push of a button. Too often, even the most skilled first responders have missed the chance to treat carbon monoxide poisoning early. It wasn't until Masimo invented Pulse CO-Oximetry in 2005 that there was a fast, accurate and noninvasive way

to detect elevated levels of CO in the blood, according to Reddy.

Signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning mimic symptoms of the flu or even stress and range from mild to severe headaches, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness and fatigue to altered judgment, confusion, mental clouding, fainting and seizures. Shock, coma and death have been shown to follow, if the level of carbon monoxide in the person's blood continues to increase.

When the proper diagnosis is not made, patients have been inadvertently returned to a toxic environment where their symptoms return or worsen.

Even a single high-level exposure, or prolonged exposure to low-levels of CO, has been shown to cause long-term heart, brain and organ damage, including cardiac arrest, Parkinson-like syndromes affecting motor skills and speech, dementia, cortical blindness, acute renal failure and muscle cell death.

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what they feel we need in the form of a law firm."

"They're going to have input all along the way," Middel said, adding that

the RFP will be discussed at a special meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Middel believes the use of study session will dovetail with transparency in government agencies. She added that she likes to interact with board members and that

the community like to see that interaction and see how government works.

"In theory, this will help build trust in the community and among parents and students who watch meetings for classes," she said. "With this, everyone will have input."

Board Vice President John Goci voiced support for Middel's decision, saying that study sessions will allow all board members to be involved.

"In study sessions, we can all get the information at the same time where as in committees only three board members are on the committee and the rest of the board sees a page of the minutes and doesn't have a full understanding of what transpired," said Goci.

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Tests will determine suspect's cause of death

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Results of a toxicology report are being awaited in the death of a man who had forced his way into a Westland home and assaulted an elderly resident.

Donald Murray, described as in his 30s, collapsed July 30 while being taken to a patrol car. Officers began CPR on Murray, who was transported by Fire Rescue to an area hospital where he later died, said Westland Police Lt. Michael Matich.

The incident began about 2 p.m. when Murray knocked on the door of a home on Beechnut, then forced his way into the home when an 80-year-old woman answered the door, Matich said.

"He was forcing her to the back of the house into a family room area. Her adult son was in the basement and heard something — he thought his mother had fallen," said Matich. "He went to check and was confronted with the intruder."

The son, 47, tried to get the intruder out of the house but the suspect had armed himself with a decorative item that he was going to throw at the elderly woman, Matich said.

"They (the two men) struggled and ended up back out the front door. The suspect fell off the porch and hit his head on a landscaping brick," said Matich. "The scuffle continued as the son tried to keep the suspect there while police were called."

A neighbor who was taking a walk stopped and help detain the suspect until officers arrived. Murray continued to be combative, Matich said, fighting with officers who eventually were able to restrain him.

"The officers walked him to the patrol car. Before they put him into the car, he had a medical emergency," said Matich. "The officers had already called rescue and did CPR. He died at the hospital."

The elderly woman received minor injuries and was also transported to the hospital.

During the investigation, Matich said it was learned that Murray had been visiting at a nearby home and abruptly left, then began walking around the neighborhood.

"Through our investigation, we talked to a lot of people. We that learned that just prior to the home invasion he was using narcotics and became very paranoid," said Matich. "They (the people Murray had visited) were not sure what (drugs) he was doing — he'd gone into the restroom. We believe that is where he consumed the drugs."

It was unclear why Murray forced his way into the home on Beechnut.

"He probably didn't know what he was doing — it was excited delirium," said Matich.

Prior to forcing his way into the home, Murray's behavior was erratic enough that another resident who saw him was in the process of calling police. That resident delayed calling 9-1-1 when he went to see what was happening after he saw Murray go into his backyard, Matich said. Murray then continued to the woman's home.

Following an autopsy, the Wayne County Medical Examiner lists Murray's cause of death as pending until receipt of the toxicology report which takes several months.

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Crowds expected for inaugural Hines Drive cruise

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



Don Nicholson poses with his 1939 Willy's to show off the green "I cruised Hines Park" Street sign.

Don Nicholson has done his share of car shows and cruises, but he has to admit that he's "blown away by the day" by the response to next Sunday's inaugural Cruisin' Hines Drive.

"I've been told that this will be the Dream Cruise of Wayne County," the Westland resident said of the Aug. 28 event. "I've had more hits to print the registration form on the website that there should be 5,000 cars bumper to bumper from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive."

Hines Park will be closed to "normal" traffic from Westland to Dearborn, and that section of roadway will be limited to classic cars and hot rods. Classics are any car that is 25 years and older, while hot rods are anything that is modified, said Nicholson, the cruise organizer.

The event is drawing interest from in and around the metropolitan area as well as outstate and out of state. Inquirers have come from Lansing, London, Ontario, and Ohio.

"People seem to really like it because it's the only cruise where you'll see just classic cars and hot rods," Nicholson said.

Nicholson is asking cruisers to download the registration form at www.DonNicholson.net and fill it out in advance to make registration move faster at the Nankin Mills pavilion on cruise day. All cars will have to enter and register at the Ann Arbor Trail entrance. There is no charge for registration.

Spectators will enter at Merriman, Telegraph and Warrendale. All three of the pavilions in those areas will be free to spectators during the cruise. Vendors will set up in

those areas, and several car clubs have rented locations "to do their thing," said Nicholson.

"The bike path will be open, so people can still ride their bikes," said Nicholson. "There will be cars along the route, so we ask people to be kind to the cars, if their on their bikes."

There will be parades of one brand or model of car in single file on the hour and Henry's Field in the Nankin Mills area reserved for all pre-1931 vehicles. The Motors-

ports Hall of Fame will have Kenny Bernstein's top fuel funny car on display and the original Monkeemobile and Ghostbuster car will also be there.

The Six Foot Poles will perform from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the band stand in the Nankin Mills area. It's sponsored by Gordon Chevrolet. WOMC will be doing live remote feeds from the same stage from 2 to 6 p.m.

"Six Foot Poles was the cruise band for Cruisin' Michigan Avenue and

for my Wayne Skills Center car show," said Nicholson. "I think they've become the official car show and cruise band."

Mixed in with the vendors will be charitable groups like the Wayne Rotary Club which will be doing fundraising for Fallen Soldiers. They're being sponsored by Tenyson Chevrolet.

Nicholson wants to see the public come down and watch what he says will be a "moving car show." He would love to see 15,000 cars come for the cruise. While he doesn't think he'll see that for the inaugural event, he "would like to make Hines Drive into one big traffic jam."

"The park lends itself to this, it's so natural," he said. "I wish I had done this sooner."

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Five vie for three seats on Livonia school board

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Five candidates have filed for two seats on the Livonia school board.

The candidates are incumbent board President Lynnda Scheel, and Dianne Nay Laura, Eileen McDonnell, Lee Yesh and John Grzebik. Incumbent board Secretary Rob Freeman is not seeking re-election.

All seats are for four years. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Only one candidate, incumbent Trustee Randy Roulier, filed for the partial two-year term on the Livonia board. His name will appear on the ballot, but he is a shoo-in because he is the only one running for that seat, Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki said.

Roulier, 50, a manager for Blue Cross Blue Shield, was appointed Feb. 23 to replace Dan Lessard, who resigned.

McDonnell, 54, contract bid coordinator for PVS Chemicals Inc. in Detroit, said she is detailed-oriented and passionate about doing what is best for the community and the students. "The finances are the biggest priority that need to be addressed," she said.

A regular attendee of board meetings, she ran unsuccessfully in 2008.

Grzebik, 25, a materials handler for his father's business, is corresponding secretary for the Livonia PTSA Council. He also frequently attends board meetings.

"I have been looking at this for a long time," Grzebik said. "Above all, I feel this is the next step in a deep commitment with experience in

the district I attended."

Laura, 65, a school board member from 1996 to 2000 and wife of Livonia City Council Vice President Joe Laura, recently retired as principal of Kinloch Elementary in Dearborn Heights' Crestwood school district.

Laura said she is running because of the challenges facing education today. As a former educator and board member who served in all office positions on the board, including president, she said she has knowledge and experience with negotiations on both sides of the table, budgets and evaluations.

"I just feel I have some insight into the makings of a school district," she said.

Laura said she would, first and foremost, represent the community, blending the community's needs with the best interests of the students.

McDonnell, Grzebik and Laura were among the 18 candidates who applied in February for the seat Roulier got after Lessard resigned.

Scheel, who's finishing her eighth year on the board, said she enjoys giving back to the community. All three of her children graduated from Livonia Public Schools; her oldest grandchild starts kindergarten in Livonia in September.

"I feel it's important to have people willing to give of their time that are very interested in public education, the education of our students and the quality of the school employees," she said.

Scheel, 51, is executive assistant to the superintendent of Redford Union Schools.

Yesh could not be reached for comment.

W-W 12-for-17 in AYP scores

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

When it comes to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, meeting the proficiency targets doesn't necessarily translate into adequate yearly progress.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools as a district has achieved AYP and all of its schools have received state accreditation. And while the district as a whole continues to make progress, the inclusion of subgroups of race, nationality, gender and special education into the NCLB equation leaves five schools failing to meet AYP even though they received passing grades.

"We're pleased with the continued improvement, but it is being impacted by a flawed NCLB law," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "Our scores continue to improve and we're very pleased with that. However, we also know we have a lot of work to do. The work never ends."

The difficulty with AYP is not only are there targets for the general population, but for the subgroups. Each of those individual sub-groups needs to hit the target. If one of those sub-groups misses the target, a school doesn't make AYP.

In Wayne-Westland, it was primarily the sub-group of students with disabilities that bumped Adams Upper Elementary, Hamilton Elementary, Taft-Galloway Elementary, Franklin Middle and John Glenn High schools into not making AYP.

The district is appealing the Adams designation because it is a new school. Up until the 2009-10 school year, it was a middle school with sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. But with a reconfiguration of the elementary program, it became an upper elementary and all of its fifth- and sixth-graders and 80 percent of the staff are new to the building, Baracy said.

"It was unfairly characterized as failing, when it should have been identified as a new school. The scores of the past should not have been considered," he said.

Making the grade
Wayne-Westland schools making

AYP were Walker-Winter, P.D. Graham, Schweitzer, Hicks, Elliott, Roosevelt-McGrath and Wildwood elementaries and Marshall Upper Elementary. Wayne Memorial High School also made AYP for a second year and came off the sanction list.

"We're really proud of the Wayne Memorial staff for putting into place good quality teaching practices," Baracy said.

The district's letter grades ranged from A, received by Walker-Winter and P.D. Graham elementaries, to C, received by Adams, John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

"There's a disconnect between AYP and the letter grade, and we're hearing more about it with the new threshold when you have to have 100-percent proficiency to be identified as making AYP," said Paul Salah, deputy superintendent for instruction. "To reach the at-risk population takes a significant amount of ancillary services and we need help with that, but that's difficult with school funding declining every year."

"The state clearly sees the system is flawed, that's why it's appealing the new proficiency requirement, and Education Secretary Artie Duncan has been quoted as saying NCLB is flawed," he added.

Higher scores

State requirements on standardized tests, such as the MEAP and the Michigan Merit Exam, are increasing, a fact that will make AYP that much harder. For instance, the "cut" score last year for the MEAP was 400, and it may go as high as 420 for the 2011-12 school year.

Sally Vaughn, the state deputy superintendent/chief academic officer, last month alerted school superintendents that Michigan has asked for a waiver of the 100-percent proficiency on the state assessments by 2014 and to extend the deadline to reach the proficiency target to 10 years.

"Given the new rigor of the cut scores, the MDE believes a 100-percent proficiency target to be unreasonable," she wrote. "The MDE proposes to reduce the target percentage to 80 percent of

students career and college ready, or on track for career and college readiness. This aligns with our proposed state accreditation system."

Supt. of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan also expects the percentage of schools making AYP to continue to fall next year as Michigan raises the cut scores.

"While scores may initially decline, educators support this change because preparing students for long-term success is the right thing to do," Flanagan said. "I have faith that our outstanding educators across this state will rise to this challenge — and continue to do so with honest effort and integrity."

Karen Obsniuk, dean of the College of Education at Madonna University in Livonia, said higher education is working in partnership with K-12 schools to research fair and effective ways to evaluate educational achievement among a diversity of learners. She said lack of funding and changing targets have made NCLB "very difficult to implement."

"I think schools are working hard to find better ways to meet those benchmarks," she said.

Not everyone is a fan of the AYP process. Irish Brown, who heads Canton-based Tipping Point Education, a think-tank initiative for K-12 and higher education, said AYP "isn't realistic" and forces schools to conform to what government wants without any increase in funding.

"I ask any parent living successfully within the middle class, and having a vocation or college education, to take the test, along with the government officials who voted to enforce these ineffective measuring tools, and see how well they do," she said. "Let's stop finding ways to tell our children they aren't proficient and identify realistic goals that students must meet to be proficient."

"I guarantee many who criticize education would not be able to pass the tests we require our children to take," she added.

"We'll continue to work hard to get better, but it is unfair. This law is more punitive than helpful in providing guidance, so we can do better," Baracy said.

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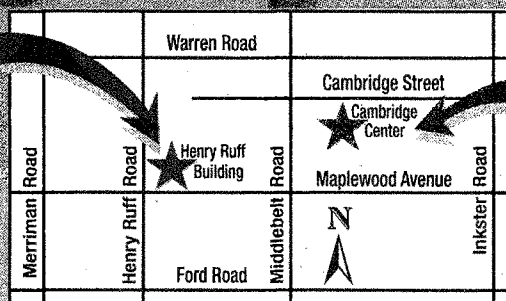
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Foundation pushes higher education

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff-Writer

Former Wayne-Westland school board member Irish Brown believes encouraging a more highly educated workforce is the only way to bring business to Michigan.

And instead of standing on the sidelines and railing about it, Brown formed Tipping Point Education, a Canton-based "think-tank, policy-making initiative" in favor of all "post-secondary efforts that promote educating as many members of society as possible," according to its mission statement.

"It's based on the concept of increasing and sustaining the middle class and building the work force while trying to attract certain businesses by having a more educated populace," said Brown, who claimed statistics show fewer than 10 percent of Detroiters, for instance, have a post-secondary education. "If major cities don't have an educated populace, companies won't go there."

Brown said the idea began to kick around for her while she was recuperating last year from an illness. Part of the impetus, she said, came during an event at Wayne County Community College, where she heard a young boy ask a friend, "Do you think I could go to college?"

The idea that someone wondered whether they could get a better education tripped an alarm for Brown. "No one had ever told this little boy he could do that," she said.

Using social media such as Twitter while recuperating, Brown started working out the plan for TPE. She said it's about build-



Irish Brown formed Tipping Point Education in November to push the idea that a workforce with more post-secondary education will attract the kinds of businesses needed to move the state's economy forward.

ing the workforce needed to attract key businesses, such as the film and energy industries. She said it starts with giving youngsters the opportunity — and the urgency — to obtain post-secondary degrees.

She quotes a Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce study that points

out the percentage of the U.S. workforce requiring some level of postsecondary education is up from 28 percent in 1973 to 59 percent in 2007 and is expected to increase to 63 percent by 2018.

"We want to increase the numbers of kids who move through high school into the post-secondary arena," Brown said. "That will

change society."

The problem for Brown is she sees a "major crisis" at the community college level, where students are seeking higher education in droves, at least partly because of the economy. People are being displaced from jobs, she said, or are seeking more education to try and better themselves.

The problem, Brown said, is funding isn't keeping up with demand.

"People think tuition pays for community college, but it's only about 20 percent," Brown said. "Most of their funding is tied to property taxes."

But money isn't everything. The key to success, she said, is keeping students "engaged."

"You could take all the money in the world and throw it into this plan," Brown said. "Unless people grab it and mold it, it's not going to work."

Brown, whose background is in public relations, has traveled the country promoting the TPE concept. She impressed Shawn King, the wife of veteran talk show host Larry King and the chairman of the board of the Larry King Cardiac Foundation enough that King provided a testimonial.

King said too many people out of work today are "in a state of imbalance and are seeking resources and solutions."

"This is a project and vision whose time is long

overdue," King said. "I encourage everyone to take a hands-on approach to this effort, and hope you will join us as we build the America of tomorrow."

Brown said it's not about pushing public education over other forms, despite her background as a public school board member. For her, it's simply about changes she says are needed in society.

"I don't think I'm as much of a public education advocate as I am an advocate of bringing opposing sides together to identify the real issues in order to solve the problems facing education and society," Brown said.

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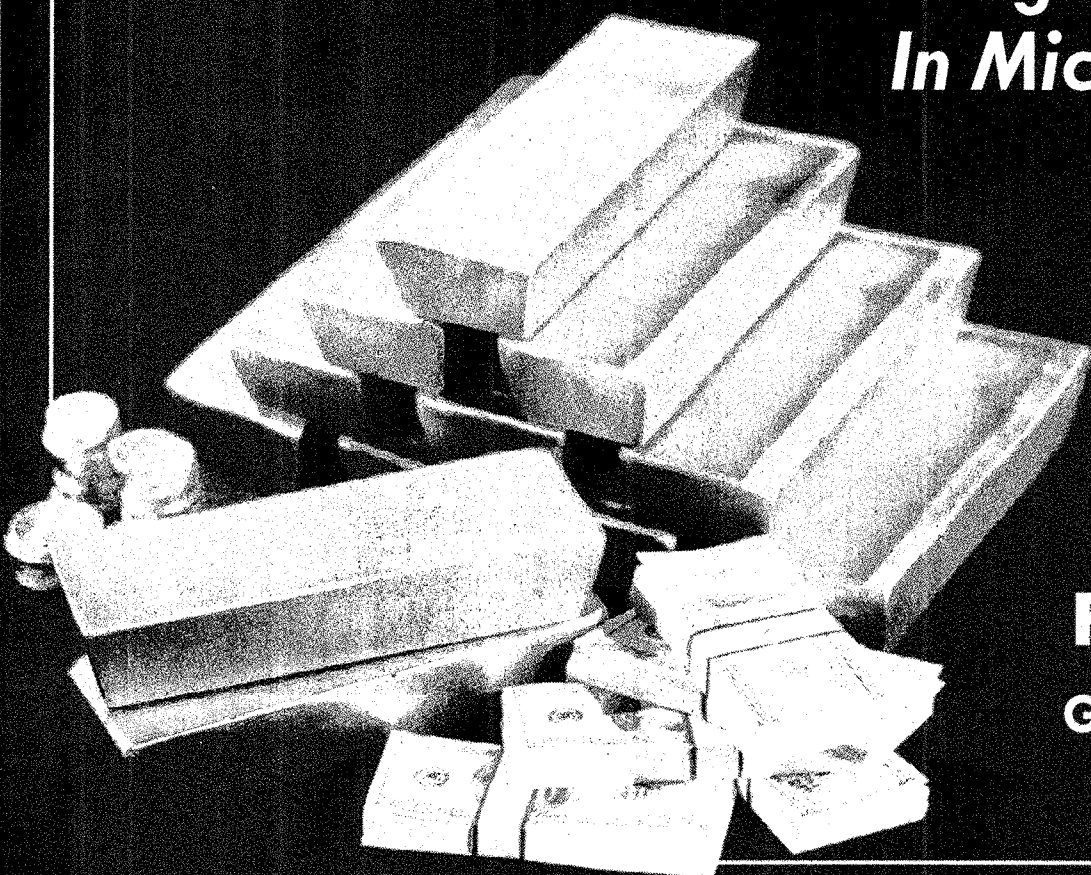
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State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Livonia and Garden City Monday, Aug. 22.

He will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington, Livonia 9-10 a.m., then move to Garden City for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Family Resource Center, 31735 Maplewood.

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

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

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Garden event

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, is holding an open garden event 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at her home at 1263 Springer St., Westland.

There will be butterflies as well as a display of eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalises of various butterflies. The Learn About Butterflies in the Garden book will be available for \$21.

For more information, call Dziedzic at (734) 326-0578 or go online to www.ButterfliesInTheGarden.com.

Children's challenge

Summer reading fun at the William P. Faust Public Library continues in August with the Children's Nonfiction Challenge.

Children will read books at their own reading level from different subject areas. Each category completed will earn an entry for a chance to win a jar of treats, a gift card or another cool prize. Youngsters also earn weekly coupons and other prizes along the way. Finishers can choose a free book to keep.

The Nonfiction Challenge runs through Sept.



Correction

Olympic athlete at Carlo Martina of Westland was among the seniors participating in the opening ceremony of the seventh annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

2. Pick up a challenge sheet at the Children's Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For more

information, call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

Comets honored

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is

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WYAA plans to honor the team during halftime of the 2011 Comets varsity Homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 24, at John Glenn High School on Marquette west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Former players can contact Keith Demolay at 734-516-9269 for more information.

Golf Outing

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 14th annual Golf Outing Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at www.rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information is also available on the website. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations

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Farmers Market

Westland Farmer's Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many other great items.

For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734)722-7620.

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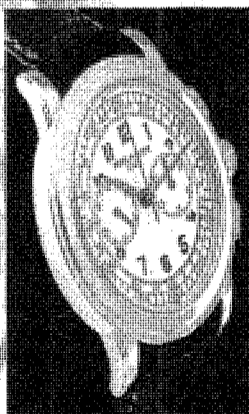
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If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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The fifth annual Fleming garage sale for the American Diabetes Association is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28.

The sale, which will be held in the Flemings' garage at 28576 Rush St. behind Menka's Kitchen, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Furniture, household items, toys and holiday items will be sold, with proceeds going to the American Diabetes Association.

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Garden City's Farmer's Market will be having a Treasure Mart/Garage Sale 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the market area at northeast corner of the Town Center Plaza at Middlebelt at Ford Road). Booth fee is \$12 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot.

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Divorce, bankruptcy won't eliminate liability

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I got divorced a little over two years ago. At the time, my husband owed a substantial amount on his charge card. Under the terms of the divorce, he was responsible for that debt. About a year ago, my ex-husband filed for bankruptcy. He still owed a substantial amount on his charge card. Last week, I got a letter from the charge card company claiming that I am responsible for my ex-husband's debt. I have not contacted the charge company yet, but I wanted to get your opinion. I assume that since my ex-husband was responsible for the debt under our divorce, that I should ignore the charge card company. What are your thoughts?

A: Unfortunately, the fact that your divorce settlement obligates your ex-husband to pay off the charge card is not binding on the charge card company. The divorce agreement is between you and your ex and does not impact the charge card company. In addition, the bankruptcy only affects the obligation of your ex with the charge card company, not your obligation. Therefore, the real issue is not what was in your divorce settlement, but rather, what obligations, if any, you owe the charge card company.

The key in identifying if you have any liability is to determine whether you signed the application for the charge card, or if somewhere down the road you signed a guarantee on that debt, then no matter what the divorce decree says, and no matter what happens in bankruptcy, you would have liability to the charge card company. On the other hand, if the charge card was in your husband's name and you were not a signatory or a guarantor, then you would have no liability and the charge card company would not be able

to pursue you. The key is determining whether you signed the charge card application.

I recommend that you contact the charge card company and have them provide you with the documents that were signed when the account was opened. If you did not sign those documents, then you have no liability. If it turns out that you did co-sign the application, there would be liability. The fact that your ex-husband was discharged from the debt has no bearing on your liability. The only thing that affects your liability is if you signed the application. Some charge card companies will tell you that since you were the spouse, you are responsible for that debt, but that is not the case. Remember, just because the charge card company says you're liable doesn't make it so. As far as I'm concerned, they have the burden to prove to you that you have liability, not the other way around. Whenever you co-sign for someone, whether it is a loan or a charge card, you're assuming certain legal responsibilities. Many people are under the mistaken belief that if the primary debtor goes into bankruptcy, it relieves the co-signer of their obligation. It doesn't work that way. The bottom line is that if you are asked to co-sign a loan, a charge card or whatever, take it seriously. You are assuming legal obligations and those can be expensive. Good luck!

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

Inspire Theatre announces new season

Take a local celebrity, add in the re-telling of classic Christmas stories, music, lots of laughs, several Santa sketches, some adorable children, and you have the recipe of Inspire Theatre's Christmas production, *It's Christmas Eve on Woodward Ave.*

Inspire Theatre will hold auditions for *Christmas Eve*, the premiere show of the 2011-2012 season, in mid-September.

An original show written by artistic director Len Fisher, *Christmas Eve* is a retelling of some of those Christmas specials that many people watched and heard growing up. The script includes an *Andy Williams Christmas special*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Gift of the Magi*,

Charlie Brown's Christmas and others.

Along with the retelling, there will be seasonal musical favorites sung by local artists such as Kylee Phillips of the Mean Reds. Interrupting the action will be a reporter who appears to be stalking local celebrity, Karen Newman, who wrote and recorded the title song. It's a wacky trip down memory lane filled with lots of music, comedy fun, and surprises.

Inspire Theatre is looking for males and females of any age with musical or comedy experience or both. The requirement is to be able to have fun on stage. Singing is an option. Those interested in auditioning should plan on doing cold readings and dress comfortably.

Auditions are 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 12-13, at Warren Road Light and Life church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

Other productions slated for the upcoming season include an original murder mystery comedy, *The Love Boat*, as a Valentine's Day dinner theatre and Neil Simon's *Rumors* in late spring.

The Love Boat will be reminiscent of the television show with an added twist of a murder mystery.

In *Rumors*, the Deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce. Gathering for their 10th wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife

is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken and wife Chris must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

Inspire Theatre is Westland's only live theatre. Begun in 2005 with the idea that theatre should be fun, a group of folks started putting on shows in rented or borrowed spaces. For the last three years, IT has called space rented from the church home. Past shows include original scripts as well as well known shows such as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride* and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*.

For more information about Inspire Theatre or the auditions, call (734) 751-7057.

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School supplies

School starts very soon, and the Rotary Club of Garden City is collecting school supplies and backpacks for students in Garden City who cannot afford these items.

The club has drop boxes at Garden City Hall on Middlebelt north of Ford, the school district's administrative offices on Radcliff south of Ford, Henry Ruff Elementary at Henry Ruff and Maplewood and Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east

of Venoy.

This second year that Rotarians are collecting school supplies. They plan to have the backpacks available for delivery the first week of September for each principal to distribute to their students.

Men's Health Screening

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Garden City Hospital is sponsoring its annual Men's Health Event, which focuses on healthy living and preventing and detecting prostate cancer 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

The screening is for men between the ages of 40 and 70, those older than

35 with a family history of prostate cancer or who are of African American or Hispanic descent. Exams will be provided by Dr. Gregory Weigler, the hospital's expert physician who is board certified in Urology, and staff.

The screening will be held in the lower level classrooms of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building on the campus of at Garden City Hospital, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City. The cost is \$10 (cash only), which includes a prostate exam and laboratory tests (PSA, Cholesterol, Testosterone).

Appointments are necessary. Call (734) 458-4330 to schedule an appointment.

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Researcher: Future depends on raising test scores

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A national movement to raise the achievement levels of nonwhite students is urgently needed for our country's future economic and social health, said a Harvard University faculty member and researcher who addressed a group of Wayne County educators in Livonia Thursday.

"If we can't make it happen, we may have already peaked as a nation," said Ronald Ferguson, faculty co-chair and director of the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard.

Because of changing demographics, black and Hispanic students, who have traditionally scored lower than white students in math and reading, will make up the majority of the workforce in 20 to 25 years as white baby boomers retire.

Already, white teens in 14 other nations do better in math than white teens in the United States, Ferguson said. Our country will continue to fall further behind unless we aim to raise the achievement for all children while narrowing racial achievement gaps.

"We're no longer leading world the way we were before. Other countries are doing better."

"We need young people who have the skills to be trained to fill those slots (left by retiring baby boomers)."

Ferguson addressed school officials from Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi and Plymouth-Canton school districts during a professional training session at Schoolcraft College.



Clarenceville Board of Education President Sharon Simpson, Superintendent Pamela Swert and Director of Curriculum/Instruction and Technology Wendy Kellehan listen and take notes on Dr. Ronald Ferguson's presentation.

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He said in 2000, whites comprised 68 percent of the U.S. population but in 2050 they're projected to make up just 46 percent.

Social strife

An achievement gap will lead not only to economic problems but to racial and age strife, he said. "We can see the seeds of those divisions even now in current politics," he said.

"Old white people, young people of color have to survive together and support one another," he said, with young people voting in ways to support medical care for the elderly and the elderly voting in ways to support education.

Educators can't narrow the achievement gap alone, he said. Parents and business leaders also play critical roles.

White and nonwhite 1-year-olds score the same on IQ tests, he said, but by age 3, white children



Plymouth-Canton interim Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes said his district has been proactive about improving student achievement as its demographics have changed. "It confirms so much of what we have been doing the past three years," he said of Dr. Ronald Ferguson's talk.

surpass nonwhite children.

"It's not genetic," he said. Parenting makes the difference. Infants need parents to talk to them continually from the day they are born, using hand gestures to help them understand before they know the meaning behind words. At age 2, they need to play simple board games so they can begin to learn to count and understand the relationship between numbers. They also need par-

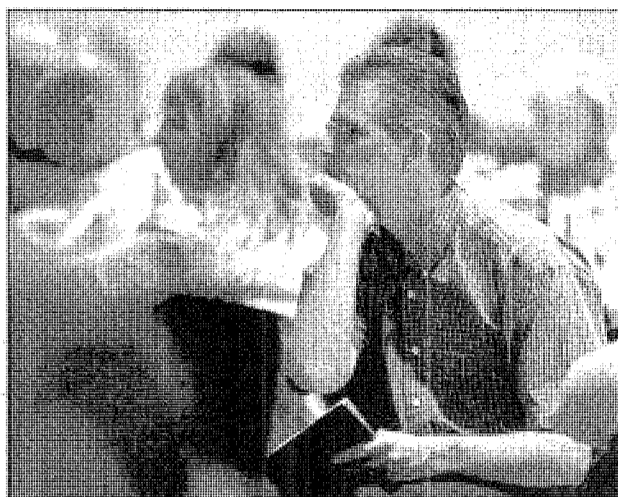
ents who are warm and responsive but also provide structure, set rules and expect them to follow them.

Classroom control

For educators, classroom control, which includes staying on task and maintaining mutual respect, is more important when teaching math and English language arts than caring about students or captivating them by making the material interesting, he said.



Dr. Ronald Ferguson, faculty co-chair and director of the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University, said an ongoing gap between white and non-white student test scores will lead not only to economic problems but to racial and age strife.



Dr. Randy Liepa, superintendent of Livonia Public Schools, said he sees the issue as more of a socio-economic one. Low-income black, white and Asian kids have the same struggles, he said.

He said a racially-mixed, blue-collar high school in Massachusetts raised the writing scores of its students by more than any other school in the state by having everyone, even the football coach, teach writing. It was non-negotiable, he said.

Teachers provided feedback to the students, and the teachers' feedback was reviewed by the department chairs, who were supervised by the associate principal. "Everybody's work is vis-

ible," he said.

Staff members who assigned writing only because they were forced to saw the differences in test scores, and their attitudes changed.

That kind of detail and stick-to-itiveness is what it takes to raise achievement levels, he said.

The United States is like an old prize fighter who has what it takes, he said. "Collectively we've got more resources, more determination and maybe more arrogance. We've just got to do it."

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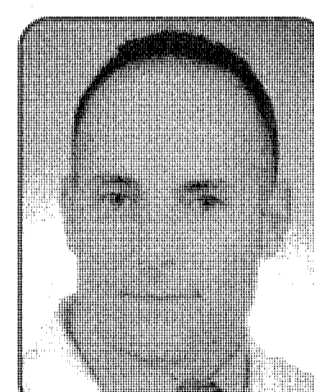
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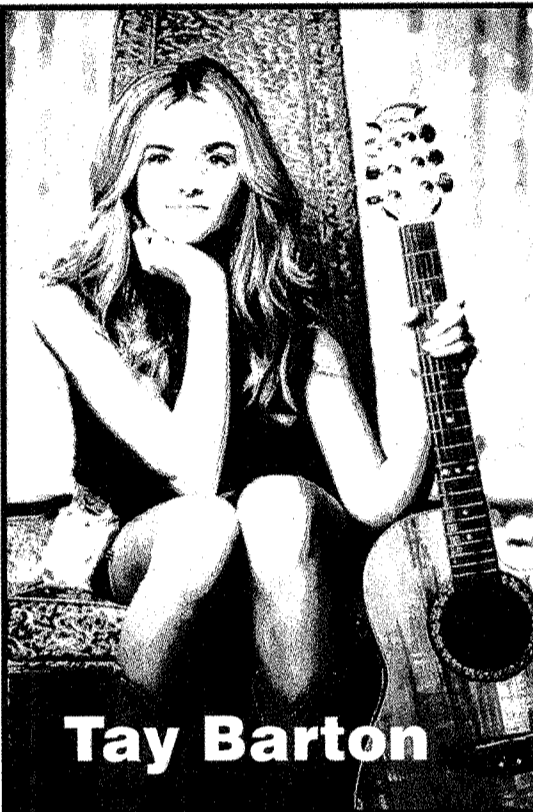


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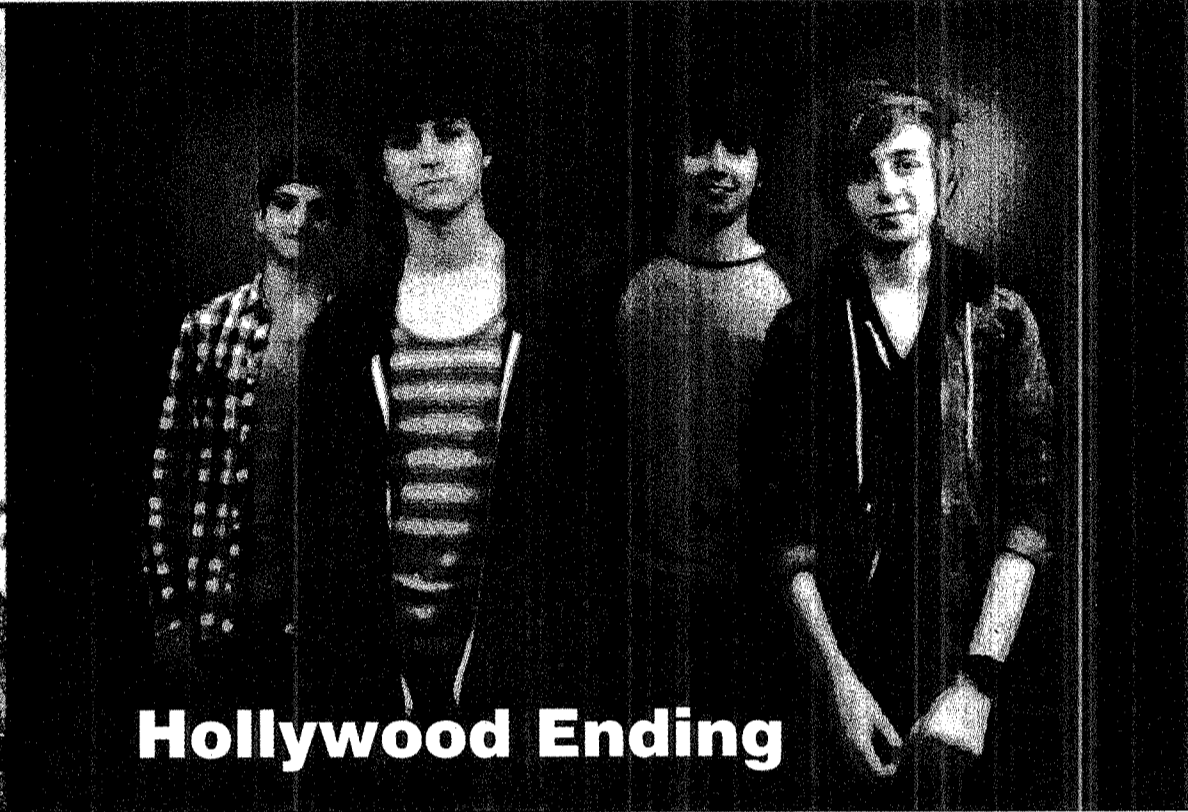
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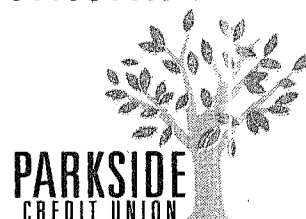
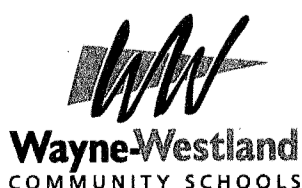
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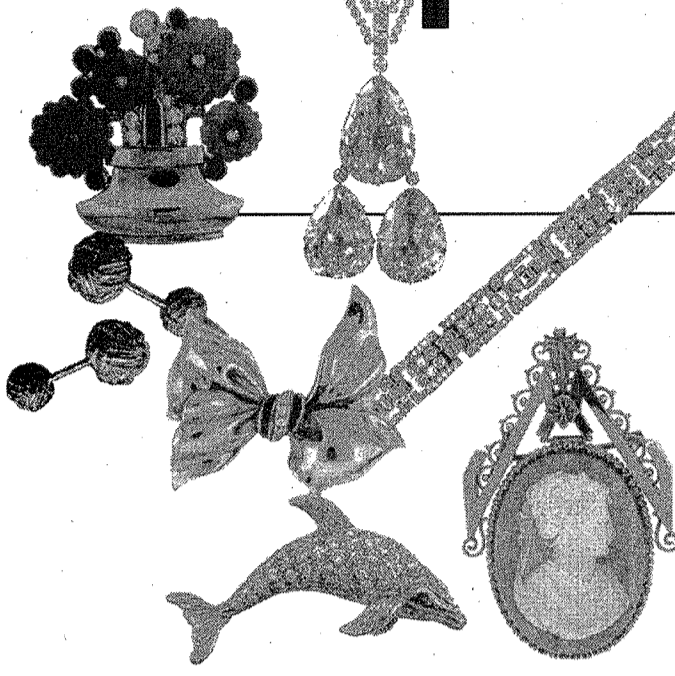
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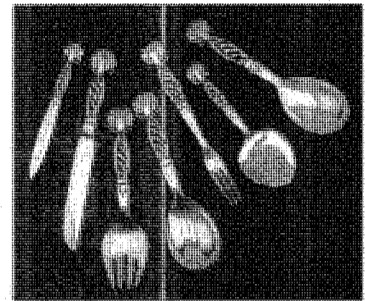
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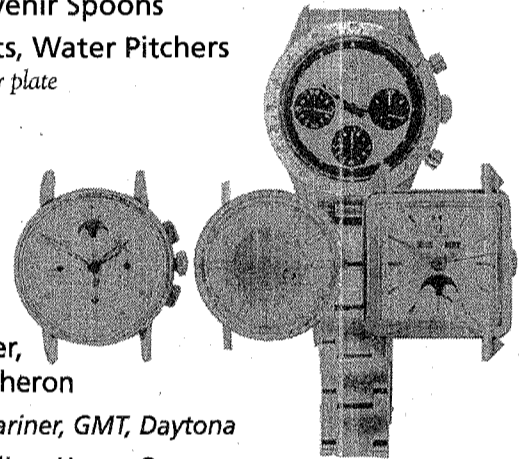
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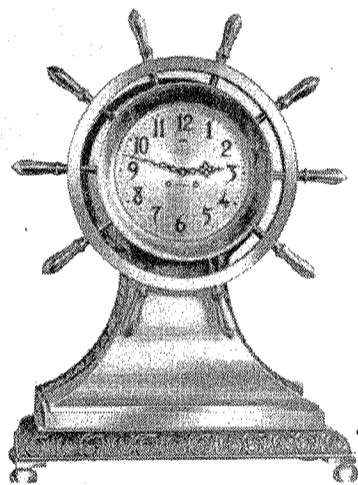
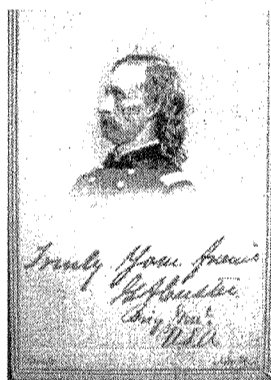
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Zebras plan reversal of fortunes



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Wayne Memorial senior quarterback Dean Caldwell (2) has 12 starts under his belt entering the 2011 season.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Is there light at the end of the tunnel for the Wayne Memorial football program?

Fourth-year coach Kevin Weber thinks so. Weber is coming off three losing seasons — 0-9, 3-6 and 1-8 — but believes his Zebras will take a step in the right direction in 2011.

He saw those positive signs when his team reported for camp. "The first day of double (practices) was a whole world of difference," Weber said. "Last year, the first day of doubles, I think we had like 20 kids. Right now we're carrying over 40 on the roster. We've never had those kind of numbers at Wayne. When I was an assistant coach we didn't have those kind of numbers.

"It's a process. It's not anything drastic we did. It's just some things you start when you want to change a program. Things are hopefully coming together. It's taken some time. Numbers are up, there's a lot

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FAST FACTS

School: Wayne Memorial.

Head coach: Kevin Weber, fourth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

2010 record: 0-9.

Notable losses to graduation: Keith Agee (second-team All-Area); Billy Shillingburg.

Returning starters: Dean Caldwell, Sr. QB (6-3, 215); Dimitrus Renfro, Sr. LB-OG (5-11, 235); Michael Cooper, Sr. SB (5-9, 175); Devin Korzetki, Sr. FB-OLB (5-10, 175); Thomas Briggs, Sr. WR-OLB (6-4, 185); Marcel Trinity, Sr. WR (6-0, 150); Ian D'Arcy, Sr. OG (6-1, 260); San Kkanem, Jr. DB-QB (6-1, 180).

Promising newcomers: Torrey Cooper, Soph. SB-Safety (5-11, 190); Stefan Perkins, Jr. RB-NG (6-1, 190); DaQuan Dunlap, Jr. DL (5-10, 250).

Weber says: "Our starting positions are changing weekly and daily because we have the numbers to do it. There were times last year when kids had to play two-ways just because there was no one else. This year, if a kid is playing two ways, it's because he's that good. Right now we only have one kid who is playing both ways most of the time. And in that situation they may be rotating, but that's it."

2011 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts):

Aug. 25 (at Brighton); Sept. 1 (at Milford); Sept. 9 (Plymouth); Sept. 16 (Canton); Sept. 23 (at Livonia Churchill); Sept. 30 (at Livonia Franklin); Oct. 7 (Westland John Glenn); Oct. 14 (KLAAs crossover); Oct. 21 (Redford Thurston).

Butler boots MU women

Four first-half goals carried Butler University (Ind.) to a 4-0 women's soccer victory Friday night over visiting Madonna University in the season opener for both teams at the Butler Bowl.

Rachael Melendez scored twice for the defending Horizon League champions in the fifth and 13th minute of the opening half. Ann Zerfas (25th minute) and Lucy Chauvin (41st minute) also added goals for the NCAA Division I Bulldogs.

MU was outshot 22-4 as seniors Nicole Rodriguez and Chelsea Shrewsbury, along sophomore Lilliana Serratos, posted shots on goal.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made 10 saves for the Crusaders.

Dube in K'zoo

Livonia's Joseph Dube finished 1-2 record at the U.S. Tennis Association Boys 18s Nationals held earlier this month in Kalamazoo.

Dube, bound for Marist (N.Y.) University, defeated Stefan Woog (Lakeland, Tenn.) in his first-round singles match, 6-0, 6-4, before losing to No. 14 seed Spencer Newman (Miami, Fla.), 6-2, 6-0 and Aaron Gomez (La Plata, Md.), 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 in the feed-in draw.

In doubles, Dube and partner John Patrick Mullane (White Lake) fell to Caryl Hernandez (Fullerton, Calif.) and Tyler Pham (San Diego, Calif.), 6-3, 6-3.

Dube, who is 28-14 in 2011, is currently ranked No. 1 in Southeast Michigan Tennis Association and No. 8 in the Midwest Tennis Association Boys 18 rankings.

The Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High grad was a two-time state runner-up (2009, 2010) in the MHSAA Division 1 state singles finals.

Boys hoops

Tryouts for the seventh-grade AAU Livonia Rebels boys basketball team will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2), located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

For more information, call Joe Jakacki at (734) 223-1070.

Newcomers key to Trojans' season

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Clarenceville.

Head coach: Ken Fry (second year).

League affiliation: Independent.

2010 record: 5-4.

Notable losses to graduation: DeOndre Hogan (first-team All-Area); Henry Seruga, Ardit Dushkaj, Anthony Page.

Leading returnees: Shawn Cummings, Sr. OL-DL, 6-2, 255; Romel Wright, Sr. TB-LB (5-8, 186); Deluan Smith, Sr. FB-LB (5-6, 176); Zach Kubiak, Sr. QB-DB (6-0, 180); Cam Shepich, Sr. OL-DL (6-1, 285); Denzale Leonard, Sr. WR-DB (5-7, 140); Niguel Evans, Sr. WR-DB (5-9, 160).

Promising newcomers: Kimani Dooley, Soph. WR-DB (6-3, 160); Kassius Kelly, Sr. TB-WR-DB (5-11, 194); Jalen Bryant, Soph. RB-DB (5-11, 175).

Fry says: "We play a lot of Catholic League (teams). With the way the (state) playoff is scheduled, you only have to win six (games) and you're guaranteed. What hurts the kids is that they don't have a league championship to play for, or all-league or all those honors, which is really difficult because they've always done well in the Metro (Conference) here. It's really hard when you only have to look for 'states,' but obviously that's the ultimate goal for everybody. You just miss some of the honors in between. It hurts the kids a little bit."

2011 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 26 (Southfield Bradford Academy); Sept. 1 (4 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Sept. 9 (Macomb Lutheran North); Sept. 16 (7:30 p.m. at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep); Sept. 24 (1:30 p.m. at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Sept. 30 (Waterford Our Lady of Lakes); Oct. 7 (Harper Woods); Oct. 14 (Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology); Oct. 21 (at Dearborn Heights Annapolis).

It may take awhile for second-year Livonia Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry to get a read on his 2011 team.

The Trojans posted a 5-4 record in Fry's first season and will play again this fall as an independent. Fry lost his franchise player to graduation in linebacker-fullback DeOndre Hogan, who earned a scholarship to Grand Valley State.

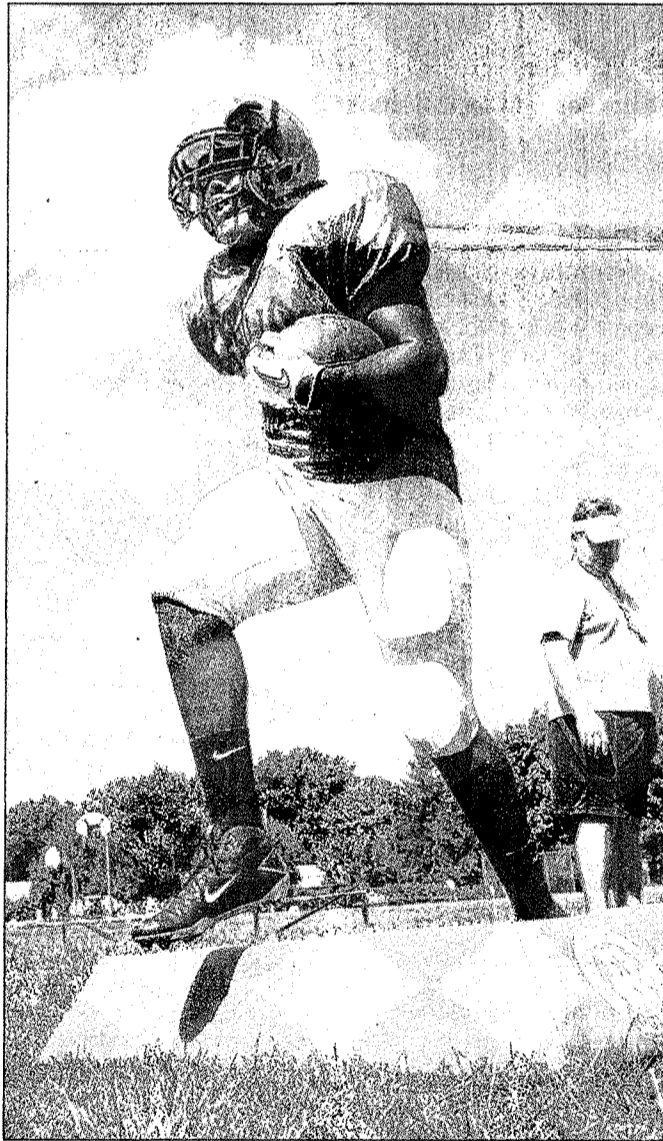
Running back Henry Seruga, kicker Ardit Dushkaj and offensive lineman Anthony Page — all lost to graduation — will also be sorely missed.

"Probably one of the biggest things is losing D.J. Hogan from last year playing middle (linebacker)," Fry said. "He recorded over 100 tackles himself, so it's going to be almost impossible to replace him. We know that. It's a young group of kids that aren't big, but quick so we're hoping that speed will help them out. We're going to go under the philosophy that we'll bend, but hopefully not break."

Promising newcomers Kimani Dooley, Kassius Kelly and Jalen Bryant each could provide big-play capabilities for the Trojans.

Kelly, the Observerland champion in the 100-meter dash and state placer in the Division 3 state track finals, could be the trump card. He has never played football before, but he has both speed and strength. Fry will try the

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Senior running back Romel Wright is expected to carry the load this season for Livonia Clarenceville and coach Ken Fry (background).

BOYS SOCCER

Patriots open campaign with 1-1 draw

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

While most area boys soccer teams open their season Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Livonia Franklin got the early jump Friday night and played to a 1-1 draw with host Walled Lake Western.

The Patriots, coming off a 10-10 season, allowed an "own goal" early in the second half, but fought back to tie it with only 20 minutes remaining on Andrew Crechiolo's free kick from Gabe Edwards.

Patriots senior goalkeeper Ryan Tikey, who earned second-team All-Observer honors a year

ago, made nine saves in the 2011 opener.

Practice for area teams officially began Aug. 10. The Patriots will play five matches before Labor Day weekend.

"I don't mind the early start, but when you have two-to-three days of tryouts, you have little practice time," Franklin 10th-year coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "It's different to put together a starting lineup. We did have a scrimmage with (Dearborn) Divine Child, but not a lot of practice."

Despite the "own goal," Rodopoulos was pleased with the play of his back line which included Crechiolo, Jon Girvan, Collin

Elliott and Hayden Steinman.

"Mike Jacoban played well as outside-midfielder and Craig Beebe played well up-top," Rodopoulos said. "I thought we controlled the game and outpossessed them, but we had trouble finishing. And as far as distribution of the ball, I thought our guys did a good job."

On Monday, Livonia Churchill (11-9-2) travels to rival Livonia Stevenson (13-5-2) in the season opener for both teams, which were hit hard by graduation losses.

Churchill will miss first-team All-Area pick Stephen Foster, while the Spartans had four key graduation losses including first-

team All-Area selections Charlie Swingle and Zach Cooney.

One interesting sidelight to that match is senior forward Jeff Thomas, who will play for Stevenson this season after transferring from Churchill.

Westland John Glenn (10-10-1) now has a permanent head coach after Brian Tomlinson took over the reins midway through last season from Jimmy Mortada.

The Rockets will play face Romulus in their season opener beginning at 4 p.m. Monday at home.

Glenn returns senior Caleb Samborski along with juniors

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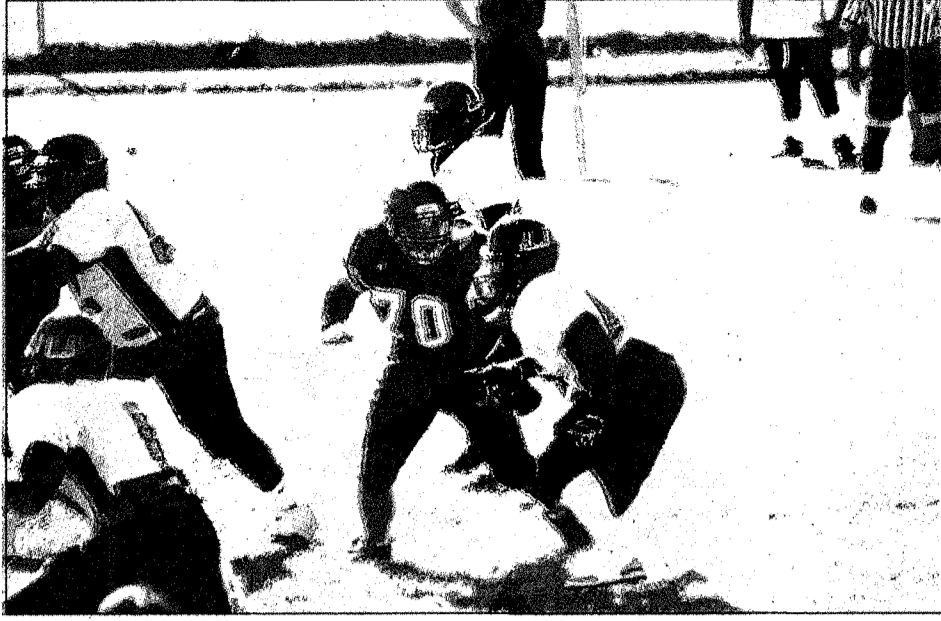
Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the LBSA and Livonia Travel Baseball at for the 2012 season are for the following age groups at Bicentennial Field No. 8:

Under-11: Sunday, Aug. 21, (6-8 p.m.) at Franklin High School — manager Matt Fournier, Livonia Longhorns, mattfournier22@sbcglobal.net;

Under-13: Saturday, Aug. 20 (10 a.m. to noon), Sunday, Aug. 21, (noon to 2 p.m.) — manager Brian Dewhirst, Livonia Titans, wd219@aol.com.

Please contact the team managers directly with any questions.



PHOTOS BY AMY DAVENPORT

Senior center and inside linebacker Dawson Davenport (70) returns this season for the Lutheran Westland High football team.

Warrior gridders hoping to avoid injury concerns

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

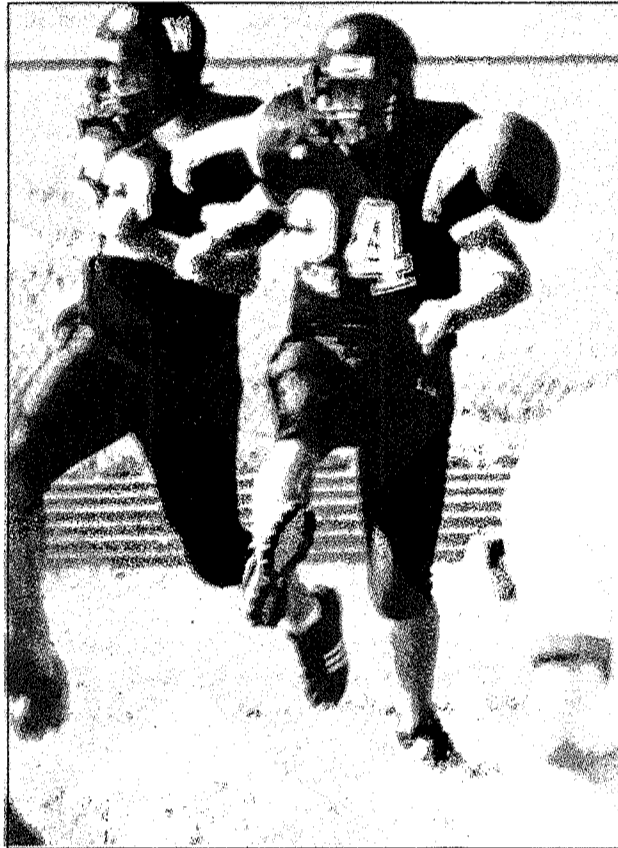
Tenth-year Paul Guse can't help but be optimistic about this year's Lutheran High Westland football team, but there's one catch.

"With a school our size it's always depth," said Guse, who is coming off an 0-9 season. "I think our starters are as good as anybody's in the conference, but once the injuries start happening, and the dominoes start falling, we just don't have a lot of depth. We gave up 343 points last year, so obviously defense has to be a key for us. What's the key to this team being successful? Stay injury free. Those were our last words last year and then we had 7,000 injuries."

Guse, however, thinks the Warriors are on the right track to compete in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference where Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest shared the title in 2010.

"I like the attitude, we have a good group of kids who are willing to work really hard for us," Guse said. "But we're still trying to fit the pieces together. So far it's been a great attitude. I think we've had a really good camp and we've stayed relatively injury-free so far."

Meanwhile, the Warriors took a major hit when the team's second leading returner tackler Eddie Christensen, was lost for the season after suffering serious injuries



Senior Bobby Miller (24) returns for Lutheran Westland as a running back and quarterback.

in a summer car accident.

Two-time All-Conference player Dawson Davenport will lead the way, but the 6-foot-4, 235-pound senior missed four games last year due to injury after suffering a broken wrist.

"Dawson is the key to the defense," Guse said. "He's the inside linebacker who led the team in tackles last year. He played in only five games. He and Bobby Miller, our strong side corner (back), probably are the two keys to the defense."

Meanwhile, Guse hopes

his team will improve its offensive production after averaging only 10.7 points per game.

"On offense, it's the offensive line as a unit," Guse said. "If they can work together and work cohesively, I think we should have a pretty strong running game."

The Warriors could get a lift up-front from 6-5, 335-pound senior two-way tackle Ryan Miller.

"It's like night-and-day," Guse said. "Ryan is a lovable, nice kid, but worked his butt off literally in the offseason. He worked out with a train-

FAST FACTS

School: Lutheran High Westland.

Head coach: Paul Guse' (10th year).

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

2010 record: 0-9.

Notable losses to graduation: Travis Doney, Derrick Mozham.

Leading returnees: Dawson Davenport, Sr.

ILB-C (6-0, 240); Eddie Abronovich, Sr. DE (6-4, 235); Jacob Richter, Jr. RB-LB (5-8, 160); Thomas Winterstein, Sr. OL-DL (6-0, 205); Matt Sylvester, Sr. QB (5-11, 165); Alex Reardon, Jr. OL-LB (5-10, 215); Joe Fuoco, OL-DL (6-0, 230); Ryan Miller, Sr. OL-DL (6-5, 335); Bobby Miller, Sr. CB-RB (5-10, 150); Aaron Rosin, Soph. TE-LB (5-9, 160); Brad Hura, Soph. OL-DL (5-8, 315); Martin Kemp, Jr. TE-DE (5-9, 170); Stewart Tapp, Sr. RB-DB (5-11, 150); Greg Klein, Jr. RB-LB (5-10, 160); Jacob Buffone, Sr. DL (5-6, 140); Nolan Edwards, Sr. DB (6-1, 150); Mitch Boehm, Sr. K (5-10, 170).

Promising newcomers: Darren Brown, Soph. RB (6-0, 175); Matt DeWitt, Soph. RB-DB (5-7, 150); Jacob Davenport, Fr. LB-TE (5-9, 150).

Guse' says: "We've gone back under center and Matt (Sylvester) is the number one quarterback right now. Matt can throw the ball pretty well, but let's just say our emphasis is on the running game. We'll be a ball-control kind of team."

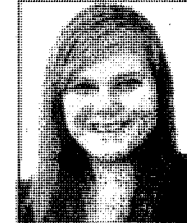
2011 schedule (all 5 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 26 (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Sept. 1 (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 10 (2 p.m., Detroit Allen Academy); Sept. 16 (at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett); Sept. 24 (5:30 p.m. at Southfield Christian); Sept. 30 (7 p.m., Auburn Hills Oakland Christian); Oct. 7 (7 p.m. at Hamtramck); Oct. 14 (TBD at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian); Oct. 21 (at Dearborn Heights Star International Academy).



Jordyn Shepler Churchill



Becca Bubenheimer Stevenson



Jackie Burdette Churchill

GIRLS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Paul Worley, fourth year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: second (South Division, 8-2); third (conference); fourth (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Margo McClain.

Leading returnees: Jordyn Shepler, Sr. co-captain (first-team All-Area); Jackie Burdette, Jr. (second-team All-Area; state qualifier); Nicole Kruse, Sr. co-captain; Maggie McGowan, Jr.; Amy Makila, Sr.; Lauren Pickworth, Sr.; Taylor Cutting, Jr.; Maddie Spooner, Jr.; Claire Rose, Jr.; Katie Sherada, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Elizabeth Havlik, Soph.; Marin McGowan, Fr.; Megan Hellie, Fr.; Alyssa Mazur, Fr.

Worley's 2011 outlook: "The girls are looking forward to the new season and they have been working hard on their game. With the top four players returning from last year's team and the improvement of the other returnees, expectations will be set high for the upcoming season. This will be a fun and exciting season to follow the Charger squad."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Mike Dolmetsch, first year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAS South, 5-5); ninth (conference); eighth (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Mariah Barcus, Zoe Riopelle.

Leading returnees: Alexis Smith, Sr.; Allison Karczynski, Jr.; Kelsey Gregorio, Jr.; Jamie Buchanczenko, Sr.; Kayla Buchanczenko, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Briana Stridion, Sr.

Dolmetsch's 2011 outlook: "This year could be a very good year for us. Lexi Smith is expecting a lot of good things to happen this year and with all her hard work the team seems to follow. We will have a lot of inexperience in matches, but if our four, five and six girls can put up some good scores, we will be in every match."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Brian Gulick, first year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAS Central, 2-7); sixth (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Brynn Cavanaugh, Chelsea Phillips.

Leading returnees: Rebecca Bubenheimer, Sr. co-captain (first-team All-Area); Sarah King, Sr. co-captain; Dana Smith, Sr.; Kelsey Duntley, Jr.; Madelyn Omietanski, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Rachel Schuit, Sr.; Alyssa Blaszkiewicz, Jr.; Laura Shureb, Jr.; Ashley Simigian, Jr.; Mary Peltz, Soph.; Jessica Crachiola, Fr.

Gulick's 2011 outlook: "Most of last year's team is returning and the girls are dedicated to improving and working hard. The girls have shown improvement in the first two weeks of

practice and are a close-knit group. They also help each other and have a great team chemistry. Stevenson will be a competitive team and I look forward to a successful season."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Steve Pilon, ninth year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAS South, 2-8); 10th (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Michelle Bishop, Sr.; Courtney Ditto, Sr.; Shaina Jones, Jr.

Promising newcomers: To be determined.

Pilon's 2011 outlook: "Our two seniors, Courtney Ditto and Michelle Bishop, will lead our team. They've been practicing and getting ready for the season, and will represent John Glenn in fine fashion. We'll never give up, we'll battle hard in all our matches and we're looking forward to the season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Co-coaches: Sandy and Andy Felan, third year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAAS South, 0-10); 10th (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Stephani O'Harris, Jane Thayer.

Leading returnees: Marion Castaldini, Soph.

Sandy Felan's 2011 outlook: "Our lone returning player is Marion (Castaldini). We also have two recent walk-on players. We're looking forward to getting on a few more walk-on players so we can compete in matches. We need four (players) in order to win a match."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Keith Kompoltowicz, third year.

League affiliation: Catholic League.

Last year's finish: seventh (Division 2 regional); eighth (Catholic League).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Christina Briden, Sr.; Michelle Nelson, Sr.; Katie Gubachy, Sr.; Sara Even, Jr.; Alex Parisot, Jr.; Kayla D'Allesandro, Soph.; Hannah Rozar, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Maureen Desmond, Fr.; Laura Hureski, Fr.; Sam Olekszy, Fr.

Kompoltowicz's 2011 outlook: "Our goals include a better record in our regular season and higher finishes in our league and regional tournaments. With some hard work and dedication, a return to 'states' for the first time since 2007 (runner-up that year) is not out of the question. Our trio of seniors will have to lead us this year. They have three or four years of experience and know their way around the course. I'll look to them for leadership and to set an great example for the underclassmen. Expectations are high this year and the girls are fired up for our first match (Aug 19) and our first tournament (Aug 24 at Hudson Mills). Both will be great tests of where we stand as a team."

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

MILFORD INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNEY RESULTS

Aug. 18 at Huron Meadows TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 324 strokes; 2. Flint Powers, 325; 3. Grosse Ile, 343; 4. Bloomfield Hills Marian, 347; 5. Birmingham Seaholm, 345; 6. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 352; 7. (tie) Livonia Churchill, Davison and Walled Lake Central, 354 each; 10.

Novi, 355; 11. (tie) Northville and Farmington Hills Mercy, 356 each; 13. South Lyon, 362; 14. Hartland, 364; 15. Milford, 375; 16. Livonia Stevenson, 377; 17. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 378; 19. Dearborn Divine Child, 385; 19. White Lake Lakeland, 439; 20. Pinckney, 441.

Individual medalist: Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth), 71.

AREA TEAM-BY-TEAM

SCORING

Plymouth (324): 1. Kelsey Murphy, 71; 3. Sarah Thompson, 75; 12. Sydney Murphy, 81; 66. Kayla Whatley, 66; 76. Carly Curvin, 104.

Marian (347): 4. Macy Hudson, 76; 6. Kelly Lughamer, 79; 9. Ellen Manson, 80; 86. Carlee Bazil, 112; 90. Victoria Li, 115.

Seaholm (349): 12. Essence Biggs, 81; 16. Rachel Wilson, 83; 41. Megan Lam, 91; 55. Jessica Harrison, 94.

Country Day (352): 16. Meghan Gatward, 83; 23. Piumi Jayatilake, 86; 41. Cor-

rin Hepburn, 91; 47. Monika Hedni, 92; 55. Ellie Miller, 94.

Churchill (354): 5. Jordyn Shepler, 77; 38. Nicole Kruse, 90; 52. Jackie Burdette, 93; 55. Maggie McGowan, 94; 93. Claire Rose, 118.

Mercy (356): 16. Brenna Hammond, 83; 38. Allison Shaw, 90; 41. Erica Heath, 91; 47. Gillian Hickey, 92; 55. Rebecca Romero, 94.

Stevenson (377): 23. Becca Bubenheimer, 86; 55. Sarah King, 94; 66. Dana Smith, 97; 71. Kelsey Duntley, 100; 92. Alyssa Blaszkiewicz, 116.

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BOYS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Reid Friedrichs, 12th year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 11-9-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Stephen Foster (first-team All-Area); Brian Lewandowski (second-team All-Area); Nate Motta, Joel Mancewicz.

Leading returnees: Mike Murphy, Jr. MF; Alex Jones, Sr. Def.; Bryan Barnum, Sr. Def.; Allen Woodruff, Sr. MF; Evan Schweizer, Sr. F; Austin Henson, Sr. F.

Promising newcomers: Colton Robison, Soph. GK; Ryan Kobylarz, Jr. F; Luke Otto, Soph. F.

Friedrichs' 2011 outlook: "The outlook for Churchill is totally dependent on work ethic. We have a good core of guys back, but are totally constricted by how hard we play. If we can be a team that is tough to play against, some good things can happen. We have some speed and need to utilize it effectively. Team defense everywhere on the field can get us in a position to be successful. I really like our boys and am looking forward to the season a lot."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Vic Rodopoulos, 10th year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 10-10.

Notable losses to graduation: Dillon Debeliso, Brad Tatro, Ben Iacoban, Jordan Monroe, Zach Miller.

Leading returnees: Ryan Tikey, Sr. GK (second-team All-Area); Gabe Edwards, Sr. MF; Fred Shatara, Sr. MF-Def.; Andrew Crechiolo, Sr. Def.; Jon Girvan, Sr. Def.; Collin Elliott, Sr. Def.; Nick O'Brien, Jr. MF; Chad Tweedy, Sr. MF; Craig Beebe, Sr. F; Jacob Talarak, Sr. F; Kyle Curtis, Sr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Matt Freed, Soph. F; Jordan Bickham, Jr. F; Alejandro Castillo, Soph. Def.-MF; Aidan Reynolds, Sr. MF; Mike Iacoban, Sr. MF; Jerome Schlaff, Jr. Def.; Ethan Fogle, Jr. Def.; Hayden Steinman, Soph. Def.; Justin Castillo, Sr. Def.; Nick Rende, Sr. GK.

Rodopoulos' 2011 outlook: "I'm very optimistic. We had a good season last year, a lot of key players returning. Defensively, we're new. Our whole defensive line graduated. Between (Andrew) Crechiolo and (Jon) Girvan, along with (Fred) Shatara, they should lead the defenders. We took more on the roster than last year to try and make up the difference for the players we lost. Our forwards and our midfielders are going to be key."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Lars Richters, 14th year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's record: 13-5-3.

Notable losses to graduation: Charlie Swingle (first-team All-Area); Zach Cooney (first-team All-Area); Patrick Smith (second-team All-Area); Camden Iwasko (second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Zack Atwood, Jr. F; Alex Vrzkowski, Sr. MF; Zachary Zukowski, Sr. MF; Christian Gajor, Sr. MF; Darren Sacks, Sr. Def.; Chris Liepa, Sr. F; Zach Verant, Sr. GK; John Boudreau, Sr. GK; Sean Kaczmarek, Jr. Def.; Joe SELLINGER, Sr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Jeff Thomas, Sr. F (transfer from Churchill); John D'Agostino, Jr. Def.; Tom O'Brien, Jr. Def.; Ben Stromberg, Jr. Def.; Jeremy Kozler, Sr. Def.; Dominic Sabatini, Jr. MF; Howard

KRUPSKY, JR. F; BRIAN SMITH, JR. DEF.; MATT McAULIFFE, SR. DEF.

Richters' 2011 outlook: "I am excited to start another year of Stevenson soccer. We will certainly miss some individuals who have been mainstays in our program, but I believe in the capabilities of both the returning players and the newcomers. I am optimistic that we will be creative and dangerous offensively. I am also hopeful that our primarily young back line will mature significantly over the course of the season and will work hard to reach their potential as individuals and as a unit. So far, the group has demonstrated a nice combination of humility and determination - a pleasure for their coach."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Brian Tomlinson, second year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 10-10-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Beguhn (second-team All-Area); R.J. Hurst, Troy McGuigan, Jacob Stevens, Paul Devetac, Steve Thompson.

Leading returnees: Tyler Simpson, Jr. F; Bobby Mason, Jr. F; Caleb Samborski, Sr. Def.; Alex Isaevski, Jr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Eric Cheek, Soph. Def.; Justin Bean, Sr. MF; Austin Valentine, Sr. GK.

Tomlinson's 2011 outlook: "This season will be a changing of the guard for Glenn soccer. There will be a lot of new faces on varsity. These guys are not just ready to step up, they are eager. Our style of play will reflect the all the change that has taken place on our roster. We have a lot of firepower on this team, a lot of smart players. We are looking to combine those strengths and then turn them loose."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: David Daigneau, third year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's record: 1-18.

Notable losses to graduation: Matt Hansen, Nick Staley.

Leading returnees: Kevin Diehl, Sr. Def. (second-team All-Area); Jacob Charron, Sr. MF-F; Sean Kunde, Sr. Def.; Darren Glassmeyer, Sr. MF.

Promising newcomers: Noah Karson, Fr.

Daigneau's 2011 outlook: "We are looking to improve upon last year's season. We are working hard, gaining confidence and hoping to pick up more victories this season."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Trevor Johnson, fifth year.

League affiliation: Independent.

Last year's record: 8-10-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Ardit Dushkaj (first-team All-Area); Jimmy Moody, Carlito Robles, Joey Schiffman, Matt Kurdziel.

Leading returnees: Ian Bunker, Jr. MF; Ma Sambou Jatta, Jr. MF; Matthias Hoffmann, Jr. Sweeper; David Vanderkerckhove, Soph. MF; Evan Gregg, Soph. GK.

Promising newcomers: Andrew Murphy, Jr. F; Alec Jones, Jr. Def.; Cameron Fyffe, Fr. Def.

Johnson's 2011 outlook: "It has the look of a rebuilding season, with only one senior, eight juniors, and 11 underclassmen making up the roster. We lost our biggest goal-scoring threat (Dushkaj) and our best passer and leader (Moody). And with only nine returning players from last year's team, we are very young and inex-

perienced. That being said, these guys are scrappers and they fight hard every day in practice. The returning core of players, led by (Ian) Bunker and (Matthias) Hoffmann, are helping the team improve daily, and by the end of the season, we could be a very dangerous, very hungry team, which could make next year's team one to watch out for. One thing is for certain, we will work very hard every game, and other teams will have to play us."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Rich Block, 21st year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's record: 9-10-2.

Titles won last year: Division 4 district champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Micah Reum, Kent Krzyske, Nick Natsik, Jake Andrzejewski, Trevor Sultana, Marc Rosin, Evan Shirkey (transferred out of state).

Leading returnees: Mitchell Boehm, Sr. MF (second-team All-Area); Ernie Babon, Jr. MF; Seth Whitehouse, Sr. Def.; Nick Andrzejewski, Jr. F; Nick Flanery, Soph. MF; Walter Gembarski, Soph. Def.

Promising newcomers: Daniel Roberts, Soph. GK-MF; Brandon Wyman, Jr. MF; Matthew Sankey, Sr. Def.; Taurrek Fikes, Sr. GK.

Block's 2011 outlook: "We've lost a lot of players from last year's team, but a good core group is returning. We look to build around that core group and just make progress throughout the season so by the end of the year we can challenge for another district title. We're young and we're rebuilding, but fortunate to have that core group with Mitchell (Boehm), Ernie (Babon), Seth (Whitehouse) and Nick (Andrzejewski). We're going to have to look to score in other ways - off restarts. Nick will have to shoulder that up-top and he's capable. Think our best chance for goals is off restarts."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Jim Ott, 12th year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's record: 2-18.

Notable losses to graduation: Matt St. John (second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Justin Howell, Jr. F; Brian Blackwood, Jr. F; Thomas Gutierrez, Sr. sweeper.

Promising newcomers: Adam Hodgson, Fr. MF-GK.

Ott's 2011 outlook: "We had a couple of seniors who were great leaders last year. They kept everyone positive and kept everyone working hard. Matt St. John was one of those leaders who was a tremendous goalkeeper. He will be missed as he kept us in many games last year. Any success we have this year will come from people stepping out of their comfort zones and learning how to lead other people. Until we learn how to lead and work together as a group we will struggle. However, the potential for some of these individuals and the potential for the group could be very positive and a lot of fun to see develop as the year goes on. If (Justin) Howell can stay focused, he'll have a good year. Brian (Blackwell), while small, plays the game very well and is a very smart athlete. (Thomas) Gutierrez will anchor the defense. (Adam) Hodgson is a hard worker. He's willing to listen, learn and do whatever is needed."

Equestrian champ



Shelby McMillan, a 16-year-old junior at Livonia Stevenson High School, recently captured the Wayne County Senior Master Equestrian championship. McMillan took firsts in her Showmanship, Equitation, halter and pleasure classes held Aug. 6-14 at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville. She also earned the trophies for Pattern and English challenge high points show series. McMillan, who has been riding for five years, has been captain for the Stevenson equestrian team for two years and recently earned the Soroptomist Young Women's award and traveling cup, which includes a \$1,500 college scholarship. She also participates with the Michigan State University Equestrian Stock team doing warm-up riding before their competitions. An active member of 4-H, McMillan also sat from 2008-2011 on their advisory council board. She currently sits on the Wayne County Horse and Pony Junior executive board.

SOCCER

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Tyler Simpson, Bobby Mason and Alex Isaevski.

Last season, Wayne Memorial came away with only one victory in 19 games as third-year coach David Daigneau will rely on second-team All-Observer defender Kevin Diehl, a senior.

The Zebras also launch their season beginning at 4 p.m. Monday at home against Belleville.

Livonia Clarenceville (8-10-1) will have difficult time replacing first-team All-Area forward Ardit Dushkaj, who led the area with 33 goals (to go along with nine assists). Dushkaj took his talents to Schoolcraft College.

The Trojans, who play as an independent once again this season, will bank on the play of juniors Ian Bunker, Ma Sambou Jatta, Matthias Hoffman, along with sophomore David Vanderkerckhove.

Clarenceville opens its season 4 p.m. Tuesday at Southfield Christian.

In the Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference, Lutheran High Westland coach Rich Block, now in his 21st season, will try and repeat last year's Division 4 district championship.

The Warriors (9-10-2) lost returnee Evan Shirkey, who moved away to Wisconsin, but welcomed back senior forward Mitchell Boehm, a second-team All-Observer selection.

Lutheran Westland will once again compete in the MIAC's difficult Blue Division.

Meanwhile, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-18) will be the last area team to take to the pitch when the Hawks play at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at home against Saline Washtenaw Christian.

The biggest obstacle facing the young Hawks is who will be able to replace second-team All-Observer goalkeeper Matt St. John.

Freshman Adam Hodgson, who also plays midfield, will get the initial call between the posts for coach Jim Ott.

See capsule outlook of area schools.

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PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 25
 W.L. Northern at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Anchor Bay at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 26
 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
 Bradford Acad. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 23
 Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 24
 Mercy Invitational, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
 Huron Valley at Greenhills Inv., 9 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
 Portage Northern Inv., 8 a.m.
 Ladywood Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
 W.L. Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Mich. Lutheran Quad, 9 a.m.
 Oakland Christian Tourney, 9 a.m.
 Carleton Airport Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 22
 Romulus at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 23
 C'ville at S'field Christian, 4 p.m.
 Saline at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 25
 Edsel Ford at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
 Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Roper at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Wash. Christ. at Huron Valley, 5 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 26
 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 3 p.m.
 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Luth. W'sld at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
 John Glenn at Ypsi Lincoln, TBA.

BOYS & GIRLS X COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 27
 South Lyon Inv. at Island Lake, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Saturday, Aug. 27
 Kenzie Classic at Howell, 1 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Monday, Aug. 22
 Seaholm Invitational at Forest Lake CC, noon.
Wednesday, Aug. 24
 Ladywood at DeWitt Inv., 7:30 a.m.
 Brighton Homestead Invitational at Oak Pointe G.C., 7:30 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 26
 Grosse Ile Invitational at West Shore G&CC, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Aug. 22
 Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 23
 Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 24
 John Glenn at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
 Ply. Christian at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 26
 Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Aug. 23
 Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
 Ladywood at A.A. Skyline, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
 Ladywood at Cranbrook, 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Aug. 24
 St. Francis (Ind.) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 26
 Schoolcraft at Ohio Kickoff Classic, TBA.
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
 Madonna vs. Shawnee St., 3 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Trinity Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
(UM-Dearborn Early Bird Classic)
 Madonna vs. Mt. Vernon, 12:30 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 2:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 27
 Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 28
 S. Suburban at Schoolcraft, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Aug. 27
 Schoolcraft at Cincinnati State, 11 a.m.
 Madonna at St. Xavier (Ill.), noon.

TBA - time to be announced.

ZEBRAS

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of competition.”
 Dean Caldwell, a 6-foot-3, 215 pound senior quarterback, could be the catalyst to bring Wayne back to respectability. He passed for 871 yards, including eight touchdowns as a junior. He added 358 yards on the ground and two TDs.
 “Dean has 12 starts under his belt already going back to his sophomore year,” Weber said. “He has a whole lot more on his plate as far as what he can change at the line of scrimmage. Our pass protection we’ve changed completely to let him have complete control over it. He’s a really smart kid and knows everything we’re doing. We’ll be very versatile as far as what he can process and us in the right situations.”
 “We have a lot more formations and a larger passing game especially just because of his comfort level with things. We’ll throw the ball a lot, but we’ll also vary week-to-week. Some weeks we’ll run the ball every down, and then we may throw every down, or somewhere in between.”
 Wayne scored only 111 total points last year, but those numbers are expected to rise this season.
 “All of four of his receivers are pretty solid,” Weber said. “I anticipate it being a different kid every week. Thomas (Briggs) returned and led us in touchdowns, but Torrey (Cooper) is a very promising young kid. He might be the best athlete out of all of them. Marcel (Trinity) is our fastest kid, a 4.55 (40-yard dash). He made some big plays and so did Mike (Cooper) last year, so they’ve just taken more of a step forward. It’s fun to see and that’s definitely the strength of our team this year.”
 The biggest question mark is the offensive line which will be anchored by

“We changed defensively. We’re going to be a 3-5 (scheme) this year.”

KEVIN WEBER
 Wayne Memorial football coach

senior guards Dimitrus Renfro (5-11, 235) and Ian D’Arcy (6-1, 260).
 “It’s coming along, it’s a work in progress,” Weber said. “We’ve got a couple of positions that we’re pretty comfortable with, but we haven’t found all five guys yet. Some guys are still competing and we’ll get those answers in the scrimmage.”
 Another key to Wayne’s success is limiting the opponents’ scoring opportunities. Last year the Zebras gave up a whopping 385 total points.
 Leading the way are Renfro, a state placer in wrestling who will hold down the inside linebacker spot. He is joined by senior outside linebackers Devin Korzetzki (5-10, 175) and Briggs (6-4, 165).
 Junior nose guard Stefon Perkins (6-1, 190) and junior lineman DaQuan Dunlap (5-10, 250) will also be keys as the Zebras open their season Thursday, Aug. 25 at Brighton.
 “We changed defensively,” Weber said. “We’re going to be a 3-5 (scheme) this year. We have a senior linebacker (Renfro) who has played and started his whole sophomore season and his junior year as well. He’s a lot like Dean (Caldwell) as far as the defense goes. We have a lot of freedom within that defense. He gets to do a lot and bring a lot of pressure. It’s a fun defense. The kids really like it. We blitz a lot. It’s a lot of fun. There’s not a lot of thinking.”

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Senior Shawn Cummings will be a two-way mainstay on the offensive and defensive lines for Livonia Clarenceville's football team in 2011.

Study throws age-old baseball myth for a curve

The curveball, it turns out, isn't the ligament-tearing, little-league-career-ending demon all of us youth baseball players, parents and coaches have been led to believe for the past, oh, 50 years.



Ed Wright

That's right: The deuce has been getting a bad rap.

If you're like me and you pitched even a little when you were a kid, your coach warned against throwing a curveball until you were old enough to shave — unless you wanted the inside of your elbow to end up looking like a plate of grandma's spaghetti.

The curveball's wicked ways were branded into our pre-high school pitchers' minds like the warnings that are printed on the side of cigarette packages: **THROW AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

On a list of items that have earned the least amount of respect the past several decades, the curveball would fall somewhere between the plague and the common cold.

Misplaced anger

I can't tell you how worked up I'd get every time I'd watch the Little League World Series and see a pitcher throw 50 pitches, 25 of them curves.

I'd blame the coaches for sacrificing the kids' long-term pitching success just to try to win a game or two.

"The reason you never hear of these pitchers again is because of all the darned curveballs they're throwing when they're 12," I'd tell anyone within range.

Well, I was wrong.

Numbers don't lie

The results of a five-year study conducted by the University of North Carolina — one that included more than 1,300 pitchers in youth leagues, high school and college — suggest that "there was no clear evidence that throwing breaking pitches at an early age was an injury risk factor."

The real culprit of arm problems, the study revealed, was overusage. "I believe it," said Bob Snell, the longtime head baseball coach at Redford Thurston and a youth travel baseball coach. "Overthrowing is the biggest problem with kids."

"I had a lady approach me at a 13U travel tournament this summer and ask me why I took my pitchers out after two innings. I told her we had a tournament coming up the following weekend and I wanted their arms to be fresh. She told me her son had thrown 160 pitches in one game the week before. It happens more than you'd think. If you want to keep these kids' arms healthy, you have to put them on a strict pitch count."

Too much, too soon

Dr. Stanley Szecienski of the Garden City Hospital's Sports Medicine Clinic has been educating parents and coaches about the dangers of overusage since a similar study was

released five years ago. "The forces to the elbow for a two-seam or four-seam fastball are actually stronger than the curveball," said Dr. Stan. "The least amount of force was the change-up."



Dr. Stanley Szecienski

While it's OK for junior to throw curveballs, he added, you'd better make sure he's throwing them the right way.

"Kids shouldn't learn how to throw a curveball from an older brother or an untrained coach, or it can hurt the arm," Dr. Stan said. "Proper technique is important."

Armed with reams of statistical information, doctors have developed strict usage charts for young throwers that recommend safe pitch-count numbers.

For instance, 11- and 12-year-old hurlers should be limited to 75 pitches per game, 100 pitches per week, 1,000 pitches per season and 3,000 pitchers over the course of a year.

This revelation is great news for pitchers who can spin a good deuce — and whose mound work is regulated by caring coaches.

It is bad news, however, for all those young hitters (like me, back in the day) who couldn't hit a curveball if their life depended on it.

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TROJANS

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senior at wide receiver and running back. Kelly can also return kicks and punts.

Dooley is a 6-3, 175-pound sophomore wide receiver, while Bryan is a 5-10, 175-pound sophomore running back.

"We're going to try and spread them out a little bit," the second-year coach said of his offense. "We have a lot of speed, so we hope to utilize that. We really can't get in the trenches and pound with anybody, so we'll use a little deception, use the speed I have and try and make it work to the best of what we have."

Signal caller Zach Kubiak, a 5-11, 170-pound junior, also returns after starting his entire sophomore season.

"Zach is back, which is nice to see because he has a year under his belt," Fry said. "He's matured a little bit, gotten a little bit bigger and stronger. Romel Wright (5-8, 186) was a running back who ran for us last year, along with DeJuan Smith (5-6, 176) towards the end of the season. Our two mainstays on the line end up being Shawn Cummings (6-2, 255) and Cam Shepich (6-1, 285). Then, we have some hopefuls and we're hoping some of the younger kids step in and try and run behind them when we need to."

Last year the Trojans missed the post-season playoffs by only one victory, the

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KEN FRY

Livonia Clarenceville football coach

most damaging a 13-10 loss to River Rouge Week No. 7.

"The good thing is that it's the second year of a program so they understand it a little bit better," Fry said. "We're farther ahead this year than we were at this time last year. In that respect, they understand what it is. Because they're so young, I haven't found that one person to stand out yet. Cam Shepich has started, but I thought there would be some other people that would step forward first. You just look for that natural leader. D.J. (Hogan) and Henry Seruga were such natural leaders last year. They really don't know to do yet because it's a learning process."

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NEW FACES

• Denise Mintz, of Canton Township recently joined St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, as director of patient access and patient financial services. She is responsible for Emergency Center registration, Outpatient registration, scheduling, financial counseling and coordinating revenue cycle functions. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and a master of science and administration in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University.



Mintz

St. Mary Mercy Hospital also recently announced these new medical staff members:

• Dr. Jeffrey Kimpson, a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, is board certified in anesthesiology and pain management. He received an M.D. degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, in Detroit and completed his residency at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Kimpson is located at Prizm Pain Specialists in Canton.



Kimpson

• Issam Mansour is board certified in podiatry and is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. He received a doctor of podiatric medicine degree from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, North Chicago, Ill. He completed a residency at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. He is located at the Advanced Foot & Ankle Care Center, in Novi.



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• Ryan Molli received a D.O. degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, Pa. He completed a residency at the St. John Providence Health System, Detroit. He also completed a Total Joint fellowship at Joint Implant Surgeons, Inc. in



Molli

Columbus, Ohio.

August

FUN FEST

This Wayne County event offers hearing and vision screenings, blood pressure screenings, immunizations, breast feeding information, car seat and bike helmet giveaway, on-site HIV testing, lead testing, Head Start information, dental screenings, and more. It runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born, Wayne. (734) 727-7000

PROSTATE CANCER

Participants will learn about prostate cancer, prostate-specific antigen testing, men's health research, the risk factors for developing prostate cancer and the available treatment options at a Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday Aug. 27 at the Marriott at Eagle Crest, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. The event, which will start with breakfast, is presented by University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Community Outreach Program and the Prostate Net. The event is free and open to the public. Register by calling (734) 998-7071.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local

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YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

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

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

CPR CLASSES

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FITNESS CLASSES

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FOOD ADDICTS

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HEALTH EDUCATION, SUPPORT & EXERCISE

Classes for cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac wellness, diabetes exercise and yoga are offered by the Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center. For information call (734) 458-3242. CPR (Adult & Infant), childbirth and child care education, support groups for cardiac patients, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; hearing loss; and Alzheimer's caregivers, are part of an array of offerings of Garden City Hospital's Community Education. For more information call (734) 458-4330. Free blood pressure and \$5 cholesterol testing are available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens 10 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 458-4330 for dates. Most insurances cover new CPAP and BIPAP supplies every year. Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free mask fitting clinic for users, 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Try a new style of mask and learn how to get one. No appointment needed. For information call (734) 458-3330.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Western Wayne Chapter; provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact afcrack@comcast.net or (734) 664-3297.



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Conference celebrates African roots of Christian Orthodoxy

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E staff writer

It was a moment of revelation for Sharon Gomulka.

The Livonia woman, who was raised a Missionary Baptist and converted to Lutheranism, visited an Orthodox Christian Church one day several years ago and watched as white worshippers kissed the image of a dark-skinned man. It was the feast day of St. Moses the Black and the congregation had lined up to venerate his icon.

"I didn't realize it was his feast day and I didn't know about venerating icons. I had a paradigm shift of the many Caucasian people kissing this black man," Gomulka recalled. "And I began to question what kind of church is this? Who are these people that color does not seem to truly matter?"

The answer became evident as Gomulka and her husband, Ted, studied Christian history and learned about the "desert fathers," African saints who helped shape the early church. The couple discovered that Orthodoxy not only recognized its African heritage, but also offered a deeper understanding of their Christian faith, a "fullness of Christian teaching."

"Being Orthodox became so right for us, said Gomulka, an African-American.

The couple and three



Gomulka

of their children — their eldest daughter remains Lutheran — joined the Orthodox church and are members of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia.

Creating awareness

Gomulka also chairs the Detroit Metro chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, a national organization of African-American Orthodox Christians. The group will hold its 18th annual Ancient Christianity and African-American Conference Aug. 26-28 at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile.

Cost, including registration and meals, is \$100 for two days, \$50 for one day and \$25 per day for high school and college students. Visit www.moses-theblack.org to register.

The Rev. Matthias Moriak, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest of the Orthodox Church in America, is the keynote speaker on the conference theme "The Ancient Faith for Modern Problems." A full schedule of activities

is available on the Brotherhood Web site. The conference will include panel discussions, prayers, vespers, guest speakers and demonstrations, including a session on the connection between Orthodoxy and Negro spirituals.

Personal story

The Very Rev. Moses Berry, pastor of Theotokos "Unexpected Joy" Orthodox Church in Ash Grove, Ark. and the founder and president of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, will explain how the ancient faith can free individuals from modern spiritual and mental prisons. He'll also offer a session on the African roots of Orthodoxy and the African-American experience.

"What Father Moses did that was pivotal for me was bringing in family artifacts," said Gomulka, who is familiar with his presentations. "He is the gate keeper of his great-great grandfathers' slave shackles. He has his great-grandmother's auction tag. He brings in quilts and talks about the oldest Negro cemetery in the Ozarks. It became this glue that I could attach myself to ... and understand that this is my story, too."

Gomulka said organizers hope to reach three distinct audiences with the conference — the Orthodox faithful, those who don't know the Gospel message, and African-American Christians.



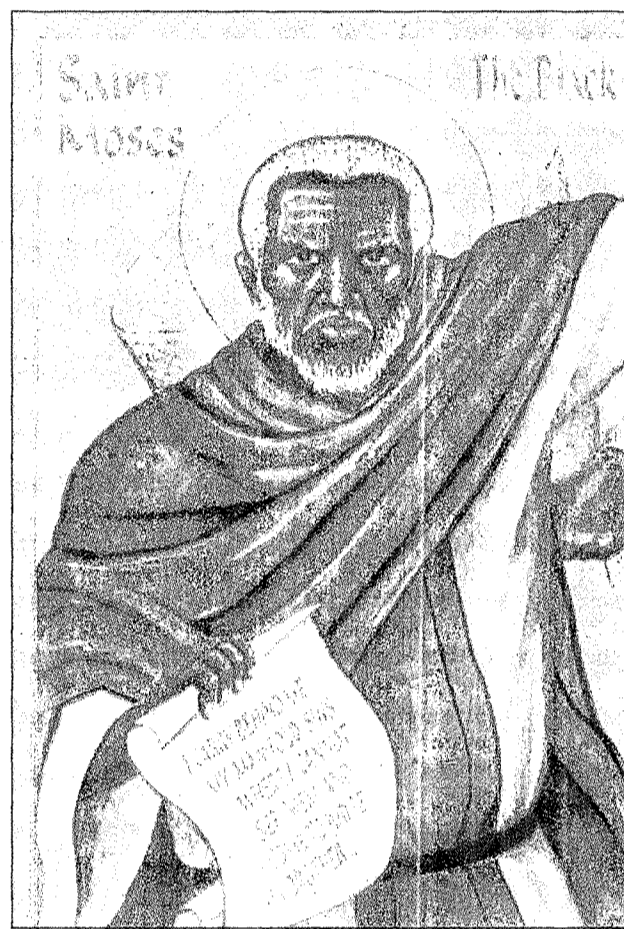
The Rev. Moses Berry, president of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, will speak at its conference Aug. 26-28 in Livonia.

"Many of us start our spiritual journey from the plantation ... tracing back to the point we got off the boat or just before we got on." But African-Americans can find their Christian roots in the early church, with the desert fathers. "It started much earlier."

"We invite clergy to come and grow with us on this spiritual journey of understanding African spirituality and roots." The invitation is designed to strengthen relationships and not to proselytize.

The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black's mission doesn't include evangelizing. It aims to create awareness of the Christian Church's African roots and heritage.

"That's another thing I like about the Orthodox Church. It doesn't proselytize. It's not out to get you to leave your church. Christians are Christians. We don't need to shuffle them around."



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Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

How do you make the right choice when purchasing a freezer?

First, decide if you want a chest or upright and which space it will consume in your home. Remember that the garage is not the place to install a freezer. A place where temperatures drop below 50 degrees can only create an expensive repair on

the product and I know your old one may have been working fine there for the last 20 years but today's products are not the same.

Find the coolest spot inside the house to give you better operating efficiency and make sure the floor is level. To help you decide on what size of freezer to purchase, the rule of thumb is that every cubic foot of freezer space equates to 35 pounds of food product.

If your choice is a chest freezer, see if you can get a couple of baskets thrown into the deal which helps in sorting out things for easy removal. A chest freezer is more efficient to operate than an upright. You can buy a self-defrost upright which is really expensive because it has a defrost system just like the kitchen refrigerator. I do not recommend the self-defrosting upright freezer for a few solid reasons. They can be expensive to repair as this following e-mail demonstrates:

Chris writes: "I have a Gibson upright freezer that does not seem to be getting as cold as it should. Started noticing it when my son went to get a popsicle and it was really soft. Bought it in December 2002. It has worked well up until now. Tried to turn it up but still nothing. There is some ice build up at the bottom and towards the back of the freezer. Should I be able to feel cold air blowing out of the top inside back wall of the freezer?"

I will Chris at the phone number she enclosed with her mail and will explain to her that she has a failure in the defrost system of her freezer, which most likely will require a call for service and that's expensive. The heat introduced inside a freezer during the defrost cycle will remove nutrients and taste from the frozen product that may be noticeable to your palate. Great care needs to be taken when defrosting your freezer. Anything you use with a sharp edge can scratch the inside walls and cause the refrigerant to leak

out of the system which in most cases is not repairable. Remove and store any food products in a cooler or some other container and use a hair dryer or fan to circulate warm air inside the freezer. Be careful as to not melt any of the plastic walls and keep in mind that you are using electricity around ice and water.

After you install your manual defrost upright freezer stand to the side of the unit a place your hand near the top. Give it a gentle push and notice the door moving up and down which is why the product should be level. Raise the front using the two leveling legs in front by a half an inch higher than the rear. This will cause the door to close on its own should someone leave it ajar.

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will be limited to classics — cars 25 years and older — and hot rods, which is anything that is modified.

All cars must enter and register at the Ann Arbor Trail entrance. Participants can download a registration form at www.DonNicholson.net.

net to make registration move faster. There is no charge for registration.

Spectators may enter at Merriman, Telegraph and Warrendale. Cars will be on display and on the move. Vendors will be set up in pavilion areas near each entrance. The cruise will

include an hourly parade of one brand or car model. Cars will parade single file.

Car clubs interested in renting one of the remaining pavilions should e-mail Don@DonNicholson.net. Food and product vendor locations also are available.

Culinary event benefits student scholarships

Sample food, wine, beverages and desserts — and support student scholarships — at the Schoolcraft College Foundation's annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talent at metro-area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

The 20th annual event runs 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

25, and will offer 50 food, wine, and dessert stations, a silent auction and raffle, along with a wine-tasting seminar led by vintner Lee Hershey and a wholesome healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel. Proceeds provide scholarships and grants for students. Attendees can bid on a variety of gifts cards and baskets, including a

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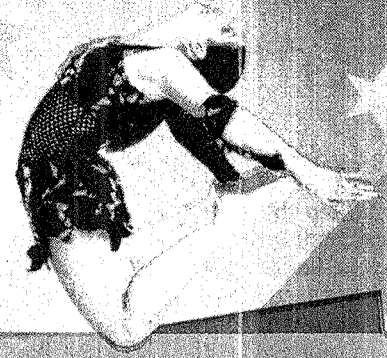
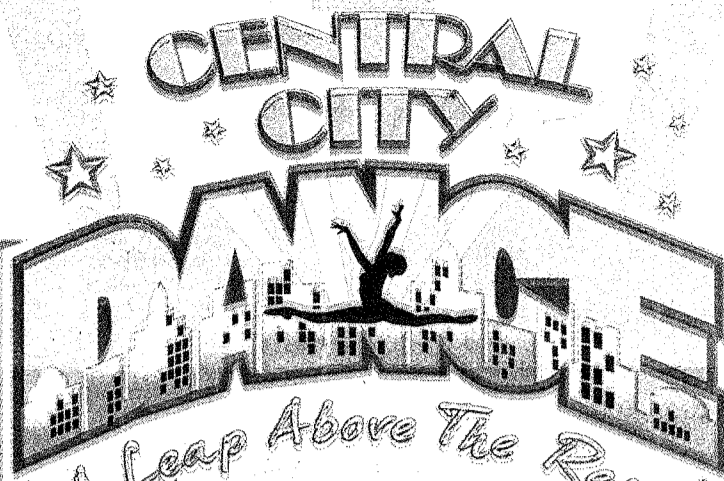
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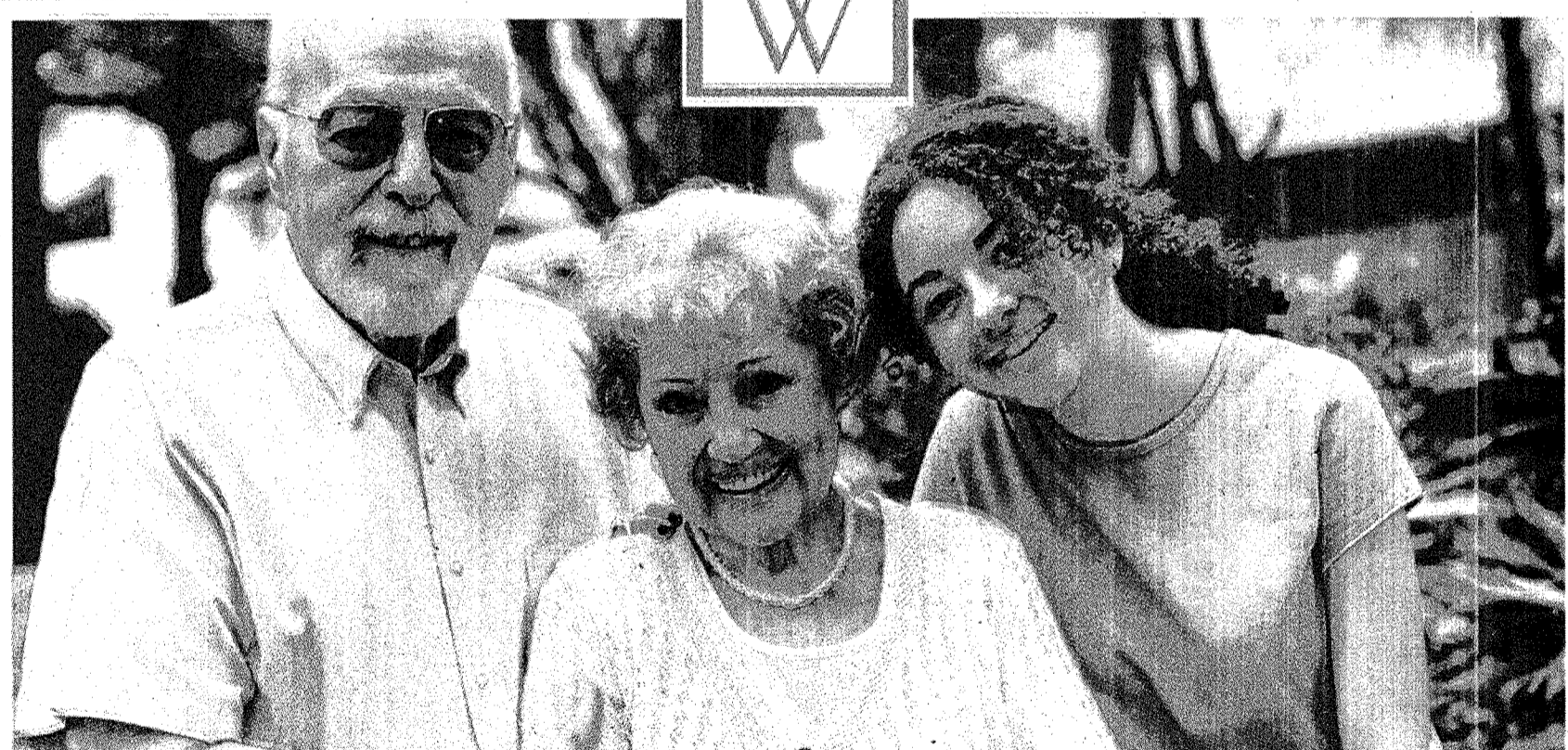
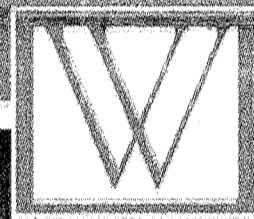
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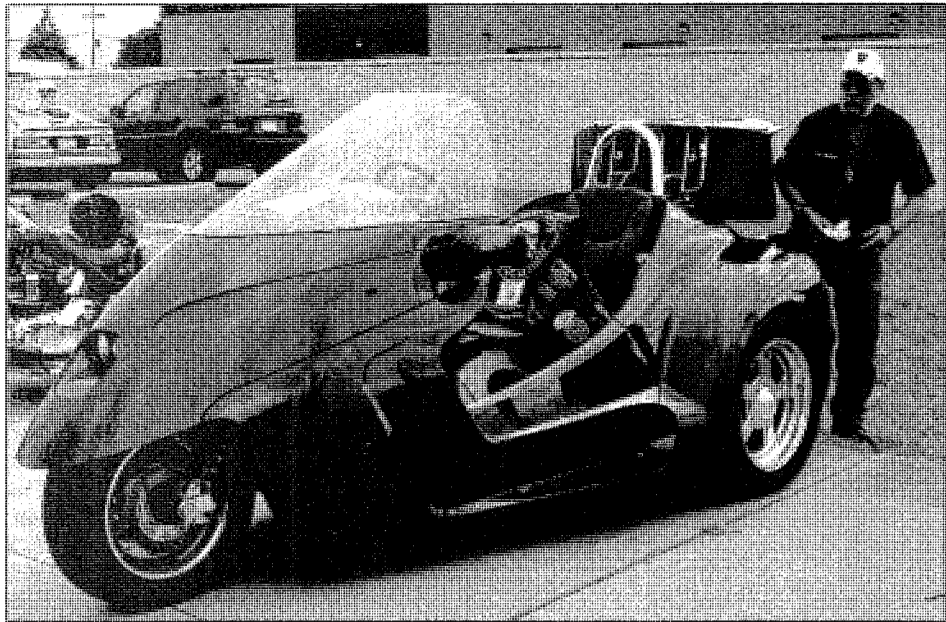
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The 2008 Thoroughbred Motorsports motorcycle belonging to Bradly Barnes, of Westland turned heads at the 4th Annual Car Show for Vets.

Annual car show benefits veterans

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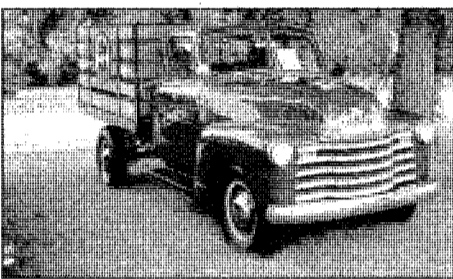
Prizes were awarded in each car class and those attending participated in a "bucket auction" for prizes such as autographed baseballs from Alan Trammel, Lou Whitaker and Kirk Gibson, a ride on the Yankee Air Force B-25 and a suite at an upcoming Detroit Tiger baseball game.

The Motor City Muscle Car Club "Best of Show" went to Lance Paton of Belleville and his 1970 Chevy Monte Carlo. The Westside Gearheads "Club Choice Award" went to Doug Sparks for his 1936 Chevy. He also received the trophy for traveling the farthest — from Chino Valley, Ariz.,

Ray Savage of Canton showed his 1947 Chevy Verner's Truck at the fourth annual Car Show for Vets.



Visitors stroll the fourth annual Car Show for Vets.



Musicians perform at Westland mall

Radio Disney AM910 Detroit will present a "Back 2 School" celebration with Tay Barton and Hollywood Ending, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

Barton, 15, is a country singer from Laguna Beach, Calif. Hollywood Ending is

a pop/rock band with members from the East Coast and from London, England.

Other activities will include a fashion show, performances from Wayne-Westland Community School groups, and free activity stations throughout the mall.

Registration ends Sunday,

Aug. 21 for a chance to win a private meeting with Barton and Hollywood Ending. Kids, 16 and under, also can register for a chance to win an electric guitar, autographed by Cody Simpson and Greyson Chance.

For more information visit www.radiodisney.com/detroit

REUNION CALENDAR

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CLASS OF 1954
A 57-year reunion luncheon is planned for Oct. 6 at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or e-mail to Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com.

CLASSES OF 1943-45

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 16, at Park Place, 23400 Park, Dearborn. Luncheon will be served. Cost is \$20 per person. Send a check payable to Class of 1944 to Dolores Dyszarsz Hausch, 2100 N. Mar-

tha, Dearborn, MI 48128.

For more information, call Dolores at (313) 278-4707.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolonl@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD

CLASS OF 1981

30-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 17 at Crystal Gardens, 5768 Grand River, Howell. Space is limited. Contact Cathy (Mamo) Dedakis at dedakis@chartmi.net, (810) 923-6446 or Sue (Toundaian) Turner at turnercrew@comcast.net, (734) 812-2937.

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50th reunion Aug. 27 at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

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Division A—Brookfield Sub. Ethan & Summerfield Drive
Remove Pavement 2,680 Syd
Subgrade Underdrain 6" 1,450 Ft
21AA Aggregate Base (Limestone) 1,360 Ton

Division B—Hunter Street Overlay
Remove Pavement 939 Syd
Casting Frame and Cover 2,000 Lbs
HMA Paving 1,520 Ton
Concrete Sidewalk 4" 2,750 Sft

This project consists of certain roadway improvements that are separated into Division A and B. Division A includes Ethan and Summerfield Drive curve within Brookfield Subdivision. Work proposed at this location includes reconstruction of an existing concrete pavement with a 6-inch bituminous pavement. Division B includes Hunter Street between Apache Trail and Farmington Road. Work at this location includes overlaying an existing concrete pavement with a 3.5-inch bituminous pavement.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after **1:00 PM, August 23, 2011**, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of McGraw-Hill Construction/ReproMAX, 36060 Industrial Road, Livonia MI 48150; Reed Construction Data at www.reedpr.com; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; and the City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after **1:00 PM**, local time, **August 23, 2011**, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A nonrefundable fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) will be charged for each set of Contract Documents. An additional non-refundable fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be charged for each set of Contract Documents that are mailed.

Proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes plainly marked on the lower left-hand corner with: CITY OF WESTLAND, WESTLAND 2011 PAVING and the name of the bidder. Bid Security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No pre-bid meetings are scheduled for this project.

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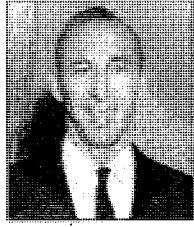
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DAVIDSON, CAROLINE A.

Age 94, August 15, 2011. She is the beloved wife of the late Mervyn (d.1980); the devoted mother of Harold (Nancy); and cherished grandmother of Nicole. Funeral Service Monday, August 22, 2011, 10:00 AM, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday 1:00-7:00 PM. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice: angelahospice.org heeney-sundquist.com



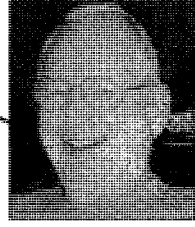
McLEOD, DOUGLAS A.

July 26, 2011, Age 93. Beloved husband of the late Betty. Dear father of Glenn (Martha) McLeod. Grandfather of Graham, Emily and Samuel. Great-grandfather of Ethan. Brother of Lillian and the late Evelyn. Douglas was a proud WWII Veteran of Aleutians & Europe who earned a Combat Infantryman Badge. He was a former designer for Ford Body Engineering and volunteered for World Medical Relief as well as the Livonia Adult Basic Education Program. Douglas was also a member of Cross Pointe Meadows Church. The family of Douglas McLeod has agreed to follow his wishes and generously donate his body to the University of Michigan Medical School for future research and education. Memorial Service: 11am Mon, Aug 22, 2011 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Memorial Donations may be made in Douglas's name to either the Alzheimer's Association or World Medical Relief. For more info: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



WHEELER, KENNETH LEROY

of Plymouth, MI passed away at his home on August 16, 2011. Born in Sciota, Illinois on February 11, 1920 to Lawrence Oliver and Una May (VanOrder) Wheeler, the Wheelers moved to Fremont, MI where Ken grew up and attended the Fremont schools, graduating in 1937. He married Agnes E. Carlson of White Cloud October 12, 1946. Together they lived in Detroit, Garden City, and Plymouth, Michigan, with a year in the state of Washington. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Agnes, daughters: Diane (Bertel) Schou of Green Banks, WV, Janice (Geoffrey) Schrock of Plainfield, IL, LeAnna (Bruce) Christenson of Canton, MI, sons: Victor Wheeler of Plymouth, MI and James (Katherine) Wheeler of Sterling Heights, MI. Eleven Grandchildren; Paul Schou, Victoria Wheeler, Dylan, Kelsi, Kara and Dana Schrock, Ryan, Christina, Catherine, Carl and Julianna Christenson, and Sister Mildred (Arnold) Woodring of Fremont, MI. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Harry (Doris) Wheeler, and sister Lora Ann (Hessel) Wever. Ken was creative and industrious. He built his own Amateur Radio station as a boy and was an Amateur Radio Operator (W8SRX) for many years, making friends around the world. After marriage he designed and built their home in Plymouth, MI. During WWII Ken served in the U.S. Army from November 18, 1941 to August 21, 1945 stationed primarily in the South Pacific including Australia. He was injured by a bullet in the shoulder, suffered partial hearing loss, and contracted malaria, although he continued serving and was involved in battles in the East Indies, Papuan, Southern Philippines (Lib), Luzon, and New Guinea. Army qualifications included: Combat Infantryman Badge, and Radio and Code specialist. Decoration & Citations Ken received: Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star, Bronze Service Arrowhead, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, Six Overseas Service Bars, One Service Stripe. Yes, he was a true American Hero. Ken received a BSEE Degree from Detroit Institute of Technology and a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University. He taught Engineering classes at Detroit Institute of Technology and Wayne State University. Next Ken did top secret work for the U.S. Government at Burroughs Corp. (now Unisys), then worked at Chrysler on the Missile that carried the first U.S. man into space. His work included the Jupiter C and Mercury projects, including the Redstone rocket. Working for Boeing took him and his family to Seattle for a year in the early 60's. Later, he worked with a committee to set engineering standards for U.S. Government. Ken was very proud of helping to start Washtenaw Community College by setting up the Electrical/Electronic Engineering Department in 1965. He wrote the first "purpose" statement for the college, and developed the first class catalog. Ken headed the Electrical Department, along with teaching and counseling students, until his retirement. Even long after retirement, students and staff would contact Ken for advice and help, and never turned down their requests. He loved to teach, work on cars or electrical equipment, and enjoyed talking to people and telling jokes. Each summer Ken and his family traveled and camped through all of the U.S. continental states and providence Southern Canada. Ken was an Eagle Boy Scout and remained in Scouting until his death, a total of 79 years. He was a role model for the Scout Oath and Law. From being a scout, to a troop leader, to being a District Commissioner he enriched the lives of many boys and their families. Always encouraging boys to participate any way they could. One of Ken's quotes was: "If a young man has one good experience or learned one life skill through scouting, then the program has been a success." Ken worked with the Goodfellows, was Volunteer of the Year in Plymouth, and was an active member of the 41st Infantry Division Association, holding various officer positions. Visitation at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170, was held Friday. Funeral Service at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, was held Saturday. Memorial contributions may be directed to Boy Scouts of America, Sunset District, Great Lakes Council, 1776 W Warren Ave, Detroit, MI, 48208. Please share memories at: <http://www.schrader-howell.com>



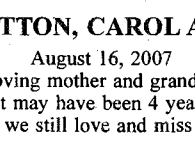
WILTSE, JOHN A.

was born on November 25, 1931 in Pontiac, Michigan. He passed away on August 10, 2011, at Seton Northwest Hospital in Round Rock, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Leila Seese Wiltse; his son Peter, grandchildren Kaitlin and John P. Wiltse and their mother Elizabeth Palmarozzi, daughter-in-law Rhonda, of Plano, Texas, their children Heather Buegler, her husband Britt and their son Bo, Erica Harvey and Houston Harvey; daughter Lynne Hughes of Victoria, Texas, daughter Joanna Middleditch, her husband Tom, their children Sean and Samantha of Ypsilanti, Michigan; daughter Kerry Lovelady, her husband Glenn and their children Kerilee, Glenn, and Kevin of Mayer, Arizona. He is also survived by his brother Richard Wiltse and wife Bea of Tucson, Arizona. He is preceded in death by his brother James Wiltse of Norfolk, Virginia, as well as his parents, Cecil C. and Mary G. Wiltse. John graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan on June 15, 1957 with a B.S. in Pharmacy. He was initiated as an active member of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of The Rho Chi Society at Idaho State University on April 13, 1984 and went on to earn a M.Ed. in Vocational Education from Idaho State University on December 21, 1989. John served in the Army on active duty for 3 years and in the reserves for 5 years. He attended the Army Security Agency School to become a Morse Code Interpreter and was stationed in Graz, Austria. His service awards include: Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); National Defense Service Medal; and Marksmanship Badge (Carbine). After leaving the service, John took over Wiltse's Community Pharmacy in Plymouth, Michigan where he was a compassionate, competent owner for 25 years. Many customers remember him opening the store after hours so they could fill a prescription immediately and get their loved one on the way to good health once again. He was never too busy to explain medications or answer questions for anyone who came in the store. While involved in providing pharmacy care for many patients, he still made time to found the Plymouth Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and was president from 1969-1970. He was awarded a plaque for Outstanding Club Leadership as President for his time in office. After making the decision to sell the pharmacy, he and his wife, Leila, moved to Idaho where he taught in the Department of Pharmacy at Idaho State University. He was recruited by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho to manage and develop their outpatient pharmacy. His development of the pharmacy was so successful that the hospital built a new outpatient pharmacy that was quadruple the size of the old one to accommodate the increased business. John retired from Saint Al's in 1997 but remained active in pharmacy. He was the Executive Director of the Idaho State Hospital Pharmacists from 1996 to 2001. He also received the Pharmacist of the Year in 1997. John and Leila decided to move to the sunny south and became members of the Sun City-Georgetown community in October of 2001. John soon became active in the Sun City Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and served as president from 2003-2004. In addition, he became founding member of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003. He served as a pharmacist in Louisiana during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. John continued to maintain his interest in helping others even after retiring as a pharmacist. He volunteered at the Scott & White Clinic in the lab. He had many neighbors and friends who will miss his smile, sense of humor and willingness to help others. He has touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed. The family wishes to thank the ambulance personnel who arrived so promptly, and the staff at Seton Northwest Hospital in Round Rock for their excellent care and obvious compassion. A memorial service will be held at Ramsey Funeral Home, 5600 Williamson Dr., Georgetown, Texas on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The service will be followed by interment and graveside service at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 State Highway 195, Killeen TX 76542. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sun City Kiwanis Foundation Fund. You are invited to leave a message or memory in the memorial guestbook at: www.RamseyFuneral.com



DUFOUR, DANIEL L.

Age 30, August 4, 2011 of Garden City. Beloved father of Corbin Covell Beattie, Gavin, Nevaeh, & Kiera. Dear son of Catherine Dufour. Brother of Ann Harris and Brian Dufour. Uncle of MariAnn and Michael Harris and Bentley Galinis. A Funeral Service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7 PM. Please share a memory of Daniel at www.rggharris.com.



DUTTON, CAROL ANN
August 16, 2007
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ERBEN, EDNA M.

Beverly Hills, MI. Age 83. Edna was born on April 19, 1928 in Jackson, MI the daughter of Maurice and Mabel (Siebold) Hath. She met Robert F. Erben Sr., while they attended the University of Michigan. After graduation they were married on July 1, 1950 at First United Methodist Church in Jackson. Edna is survived by her husband, Robert of Beverly Hills, MI their children; Robert F. Erben Jr., of Saginaw, Dr. Anne Erben of Troy and William Erben of Ann Arbor, grandchildren; Lindsay, Dan, Leah and Hannah, brother, Maurice (Judy) Hath and niece, Bridgette Hath all of Jackson. Edna was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Cheri Erben in 2008. Edna was a teacher in Highland Park, MI before starting a family. She cherished her time with her children and grandchildren and enjoyed playing Bridge with her friends from Stonycroft Hills Club. Edna was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Edna held a deep belief in education and the family requests memorial contributions be given to the Generations Fund at Ann Arbor Christian School where her granddaughters, Leah and Hannah attend. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham with Rev. Dr. John Judson officiating. Edna's family will receive friends at the church from noon until the time of service. Please sign Edna's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or call 810-231-0200 for more information.

RUBIN, RUTH B.

Age 91, August 12, 2011 of Garden City. Ruth was a 29 year volunteer for the Garden City Hospital Guild. Beloved wife of the late Herman. Loving mother of Robert, Marilyn Wren, Roger (Mary) & Raymond (Gayle). Dear sister of Gerald Kuck, and the late Lois Gierada. Also survived by seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggharris.com

SIEMEN, ANNA MARIE

Age 69 of West Bloomfield passed away August 12, 2011. Preceded in death by her beloved husband Chuck Siemen. Survived by loving children Laura (Douglas) George, John (Kelly) Schemanske, Lisa (Rick Behal) Schemanske, Chuck, Jr. (Gwen) Siemen, Scott Siemen, Ann Marie (Michael) Siemen; 9 grandchildren; siblings Barbara Ellen and Leonard John, Mattson; cousins Judy McCourt, Pat McCourt, and Mary Dufina, also extended family and many dear friends. Funeral Service were provided by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Memorial contributions encouraged to: your local hospice or the American Cancer Society. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons at 248.684.6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



GOTHAM, ALICE NANCY

Age 88 of Livonia. Cherished wife of the late Byron Roy. Beloved mother of Janice Kozub and Greg (Nancy). Proud grandma of Alicia M., Kelly J., and Brian R. Dearest sister of Thelma and the late Eleanor and Raymond. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Alice had a great love for many activities such as gardening, swimming, tennis, reading, playing the piano, bike riding, ice skating, and story telling. Memorial Contributions may be made to Arthritis, Alzheimers and/or Lung Cancer Assoc. Funeral was Wednesday at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

Milestones

Furca-Blouin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Furca of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Furca, to Jason Blouin, son of Julie Hunt of Livonia and the late Daniel Blouin.

The future bride is employed as a teacher in the Walled Lake School District. Her fiancé is employed by Pipefitters Local 636.

An August 2011 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Musser-Kremer

Amie Elizabeth Musser and James Edward Kremer II announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Diane Musser of Livonia, graduated in 2007 from Churchill High School and is pursuing a nursing degree.

Her fiancé, son of James Kremer of Livonia and the late Carol Kremer, graduated in 2001 from Clarenceville High School and works for Bosch.

A September 2011 wedding is planned at Oakland Hills Community Church, with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell officiating. A reception will follow in Dearborn.

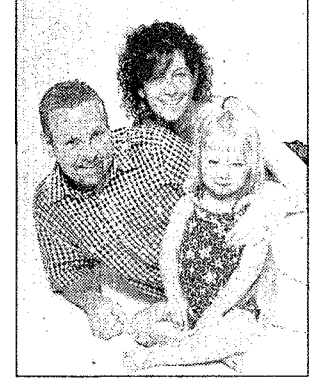


Penn-Robinson

Julie C. Penn and Thomas A. Robinson, Jr. announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Alan and Frani Penn of Sarasota, Fla., and Vince and Susan Howard of Davie, Fla., is self-employed. Her fiancé, son of Thomas and Sue Robinson of Livonia, is a former Livonia city councilman and current candidate for the office.

A September 2011 wedding is planned in Livonia.



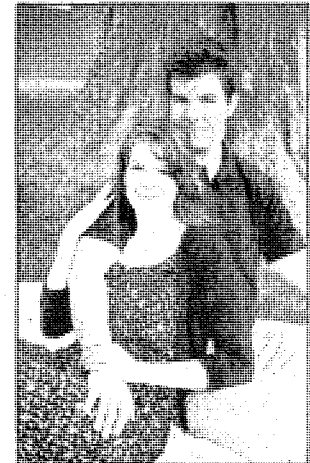
Thomas A. Robinson, Julie C. Penn, and her daughter, Sam. J. Penn

Smyrnos-Dean

Michael and Jill Dean of Plymouth announce the engagement of their son, Robert Edwin Dean II, to Jennifer Grace Smyrnos, daughter of George and Elena Smyrnos of Grass Valley, Calif.

Robert graduated from the University of Michigan and received a law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law. He is an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Jennifer graduated from the University of California, Davis, and is a



third-year law student at Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Va.

An October 2011 wedding is planned in Lexington, Virginia.

Carbott-Pawley

Ruthanne M. Carbott and Thomas G. Pawley, both of Canton, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Richard and Rosaline Carbott of Northville, is employed as a senior underwriter for residential lending at Main Street Bank in Bingham Farms.

Her fiancé, son of Howard and Sharron Pawley of Oscoda, works in building maintenance for Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation.



An October 2011 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann, Canton, followed by a reception at Wellers Historic Banquet Facility in Saline.

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STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1970. Those that bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1970. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1970 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These

coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at Record Highs. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free. If you're lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit WWW.INTERNATIONALCOINCOLLECTORS.COM



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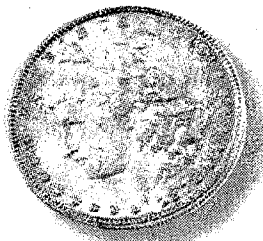
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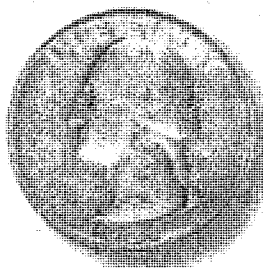
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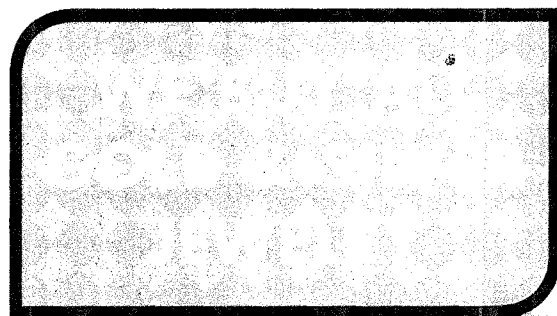
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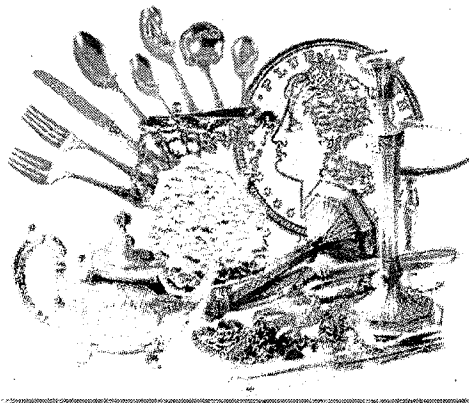
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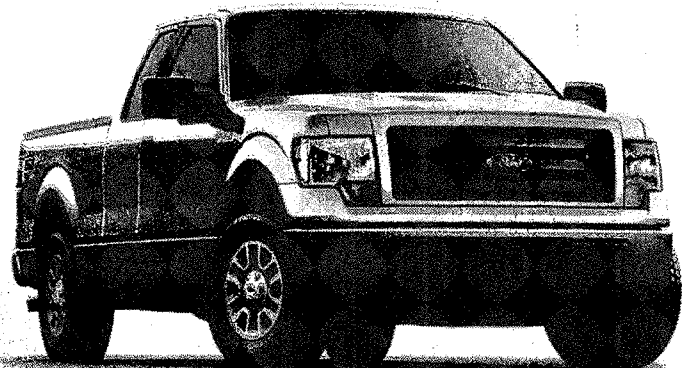


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