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Sept. 5, due to the Labor Day holiday.

meeting also has been moved to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6.

9/11 ceremony

St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School will conduct a memorial service commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, that claimed the lives of 2,966 people at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va., and in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, on the south steps of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road.

This marks the eighth year for the service, which honors and remembers those who were affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, as well as recognize local fire, EMS and police personnel and members of the military who continue to serve and protect our community.

"The 10-year anniversary is a significant milestone for our country," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "This national tragedy renewed patriotism throughout America and we will continue to show respect to the families and victims who will never be forgotten."

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

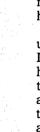
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Following his arrest on June 19, Dughman was taken to a psychiatric unit. He was later found competent to the extent of understanding the criminal proceedings

Held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond, Dughman is charged with arson, felonious assault and domestic violence. A

Johnathan and Julie Oswalt of Mission Based Books pose outside the Friends of the Westland Library bookstore with Friends Vice President Nan Borders.

Online seller helps boost Friends of Library sales

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

On an average week, there are about 500 books donated to the Friends of Westland's William Faust Library and most of those books are sold through the Friends bookstore where the top price is \$1.

Now the Friends are getting a better return on donated books thanks to a partnership with Mission Based Books, a firm that helps fund nonprof-

its by selling books online. "We try to take books that will sell in 90-120 days. Our clients all have physical book sales. We guarantee that we will meet what price they could get at their book sale," said Johnathan Oswalt, who partners with his wife, Julie, in Mission Based Books.

Each week, a Mission Based Books employee scans titles of books donat-

ed to the library to check the Amazon website to what the demand and sale price. And it's usually not some rare first edition given away by someone who didn't know what they had.

"Nonfiction sells the best. Last week, we sold a text book for \$369. We'd sell it for \$1 at our store," said Friends Vice President Nan Borders, who estimated Mission Based Books sells an average 10 percent of the donated books.

Mission Based Books sells books for prices from a couple of dollars to more than \$1,000 although Johnathan Oswalt said the average price was about \$5.50.

With some of the more expensive nonfiction books, such textbooks or reference materials, often it's a matter of using the Internet to connect those niche nonfiction books with the

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Another psychiatric exam delays court hearing

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for Westland man charged with assaulting his mother and setting fire to her home has been delayed a second time.

The hearing, which had been scheduled for Thursday in Westland 18th District Court for Yousef Dughman, has been adjourned to Nov. 17. As in the first adjournment, the delay is to allow additional psychiatric examination of Dughman, who was described as having a history of mental illness and had resided in an adult group

not guilty plea was entered for Dughman following his arraignment.

A fire was reported about 9:30 a.m. June 19 at a unit in the London Townhouses located at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt. Police said that Dughman had been beating his mother, 80, with a belt before she fled to a neighbor-

Once his mother had left her home, police said a fire was started in the living room of her unit. Neighbors

reported the fire after seeing smoke. When officers arrived, Dughman was reported to have been sitting on the curb in the parking lot and told police that he had started the fire.

Dughman's mother complained of some soreness following the assault, police said, but had no visible injuries. Police also reported several previous responses to domestic violence complaints at the home.

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Judges ready to pick firm to do study

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

Westland and four neighboring communities are getting closer to hiring a firm to study possible consolidations in their district courts.

A committee of judges and mayors or administrators that has been meeting to review consolidations was scheduled to meet Friday, Sept. 2, to interview three applicants to perform the study.

The whole committee will be doing the interviews, the goal is to chose a group by the end of the day," said Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli. "As judges, we'll want to know if they have experience working on court consolidation or courts in general. It's not like a city department."

The three groups that had responded to a

Request for Proposals and were selected to be interviewed include Plante & Moran and Redstone Architects.

The participating communities and district courts are Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Inkster and Dearborn Heights. The Westland and Dearborn Heights courts each have two judges while the other three courts have single judges.

The consolidation study is expected to cost \$45,000 to \$60,000 and after the loss of anticipated grant funding through the Michigan Municipal League Foundation, will be evenly divided by the five communities. Once the committee selects a firm, the individual city councils will need to approve the contract which is on target to be

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Court	Current Judges	Judge Need (+) Excess or (-) 2007	Judge Need (+) Excess or (-) 2009	Judge Need (+) Excess or (-) 2011
17th District – Redford Township	2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7
18th District – Westland	2	0.6	0.9	1.3
19th District – Dearborn	3	0.0	-0.3	0.1
20th District – Dearborn Heights	2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
21st District – Garden City	1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1
22nd District – Inkster	1 .	0.4	0.2	0.0
29th District – Wayne	, 1	-0.3	~0.3	-0.2

City, Habitat to build new home

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A new home will soon be under construction in southern Westland in a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Western

Wayne County. "During this economy we are fortunate for this great partnership," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "This is an excellent opportunity for the community to pitch in and they will feel a great sense of pride when they see the finished product.'

The city is using Community Development Block Grant funds for the project which will even-

tually put two new homes on what had been a vacant lot at 5315 Middlebelt. Delta Airlines is sponsoring this home while the second home will be sponsored by the Consortium of Churches.

"Delta has been an international sponsor of Habitat for Humanity and in western Wayne County for many years,' said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "So we're very excited about this project in Westland."

This year's first project is a new construction home, which marks

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select number of people who need them. The odds of matching the books with the potential buyer are low, if the books were simply offered for sale at the Friends bookstore.

"We had a zoologist in Africa who bought a set of books from the Detroit Public Library for \$500-600," said Johnathan Oswalt. "We had to find the books. We meet some cool people."

Julie Oswalt came up with the idea of selling books online as she and her husband were looking for a way to work with nonprofit organizations. He works in finance at the Detroit Institute of Arts and is earning a master of business administration degree at the University of Mich-

"We became aware of library books sales. We walked out having paid pennies on the dollar," said Johnathan Oswalt. "What struck us was the

opportunity \rightarrow \$300-400 books were being sold for

It's a time-consuming process to go through the books, get the information online, operate a warehouse and customer service handling the sales, said Johnathan Oswalt.

"We don't have the resources to do that," said Borders.

"A lot of the friends group are seniors — a lot of them don't know how to turn on the computer," added Friends Secretary Lynne Hagmann. "I do the newsletter, update the membership lists and help at the sales. I'm only one volunteer. This was too much. I was so excited to hear them (Mission Based Books) talk about

Currently based in Canton, Mission Based Books started in Ann Arbor in 2006. The Detroit Public Library was among the firm's first customers they have about 30 clients now, mainly libraries but also one university, a college and a muse-

"The Detroit Public Library was very positive about (the company), it funds their summer reading program," said Julie Oswalt, president of Mission Based Books. "They would not have summer reading without it. That's

very powerful." By working with Mission Based Books, the Friends are getting the increased financial benefit on donated books that once went to private book dealers.

"The book dealers would go through the books at the sales and resell the books on the web," Hagmann said. "The Friends are here to support the library not the independent dealers. We got some nasty emails from dealers when they found out we were working with Mission Based Books."

"They would get the money (from the resale) but we would get what we asked for at the sale," Borders added.

With their bookstore located off the library lobby, Hagmann said the Friends generate about \$100-150 revenue each week selling books, CDs,

DVDs and cassettes. Along with assisting nonprofits in fundraising, Mission Based Books' mission statement is also to help eradicate illiteracy — the company recently allowed teachers to obtain children's books at no costs - and also keep unwanted books from landfills.

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executed by Sept. 16 with the study to be completed by Nov. 21.

"It's a pretty aggressive time line. We won't know the costs for the study until we do the interviews and know the scope," said Cicirelli. "It's pretty wide open. They will make recommendations on the best operations.

The recommendations could range from courts combining services to multiple courts merging operations in a single building, she said.

For example, Cicirel-

li said she had discussed sharing probation services with Garden City 21st District Judge Richard Hammer and Wayne 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack.

One particular reason for the tight time line is that Inkster was beginning to construct a new court and police station using Tax Increment Financing Authority bonds.

"They have to make a decision, so the time line is to start work midto late September and report back to the committee by the end of November," said Cicirelli.

A study of recommendations on judgeships

from the State Court **Administrative Office** showed that in 2011 Westland's 18th District Court had the caseload to justify more than another full-time judge. That's unlike neighboring district courts which showed slight decreases in caseloads.

"We've always been close to needing three judges. We know with the finances, we won't get another judge. We asked not to get another judge with the courts looking at consolidation and no change in revenues," said Cicirelli.

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the fourth new construction in the partnership formed between the City of Westland and Habitat for Humanity in 2009. To celebrate, there will be a groundbreaking and wall raising at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at 5315 Middlebelt, Westland, Michigan.

Two homes also have been renovated during this partnership with a third, located in the Annapolis Park Subdivision, to take place later this year.

Through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the city has been acquiring blighted, foreclosed and abandoned properties. Some homes

are rehabilitated and others are demolished with new homes constructed or left vacant.

Using NSP funds, the city is working with two contractors to rehabilitate 20 houses. Home Renewal Systems has sold four rehabbed home with five more closings scheduled in the next two months, said Inglis.

The second firm, Guy Construction, sold three of their nine completed homes, she said.

"I'd say ves that the financing from the bank is going better but the issue is still the appraisals," said Inglis. "Some of the appraisals are coming at the asking prices."

NSP regulations require the city sell the rehabilitated or new construction homes for no more than cost. Homes in the

south end of the city are selling for over \$50,000 while the asking price for the homes in the area between Cherry Hill and Palmer are in the range of \$65,000-\$75,000.

The city is also working on new construction and rehabilitation projects with the construction trades program at the William Ford Career Technology Center. A home constructed by the students on Birchwood has sold for the \$75,000 asking price which Inglis said is about \$10,000 below what the home cost.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Habitat for Humanity can visit www.habitatwwc.org or call (734) 459-7744.

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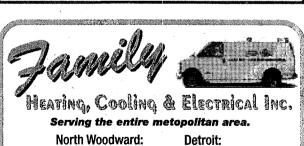
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12 vie for Miss Wayne County crown

Twelve contestants will vie for the title of Miss Wayne County 2011 at 20th anniversary scholar-

ship program Saturday, Sept. 10.

The program will start at 5 p.m. and will be held at Livonia CHurchill High School on Newburgh Road just north of Joy Road, Livonia.

The Miss Wayne County Organization Executive Director Sheila Sigro s impressed with the caliber of this year's contestants.

"We are very pleased with the number of intelligent, ambitious and talented young women who have entered the competition," Sigro said. "With the number of outstanding contestants, it will be a challenging task for the judges to choose the next Miss Wayne County."

Competing in the scholarship program are Jenae George of Harper Woods, Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Ashley Welch of Livonia, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Paula Langley of Novi, Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, Jessica Jackson of Detroit, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Shelby Gardiner of St. Clair Shores and Sydney Learman of Linwood.

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition at the competition, including private interview, on-stage question, physical fitness in swimsuit, talent and evening gown. During the competition, each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of

concern to herself and society at large.

The winner of the Miss Wayne County Competition will be awarded \$500 in scholarship funds for her college or graduate school education. Other cash scholarships will be awarded to preliminary competition winners, runners-up and special award winners, such as overall talent, overall physical fitness in swimsuit and community service.

During her year of service, Miss Wayne County will travel across the state, speaking to government officials, business leaders, community groups and all types of citizens about her platform issue and encouraging them to become involved in her cause. She will also be eligible to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon in June.

"I have truly enjoyed my year of service as Miss Wayne County and am proud to have traveled the state, raising awareness for fire safety and prevention," Sarah Suydam said. "I know that the leadership skills I have gained from this experience will help me as I pursue a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism."

"Miss Wayne County will not only serve as a role model for young women and as an ambassador for the Miss America Organization, she will also urge girls and young women to develop their leadership skills and to take an active role in their communities," said Sigro.

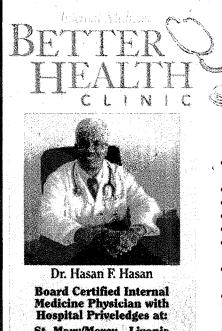
Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization provides opportunities for young women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals. A not-for-profit affiliate of the Miss America Organization, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization has made available cash scholarships to hundreds of young women throughout Wayne County.

Winners of the annual Miss Wayne County Competition are eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan Competition, held every year in Muskegon in June. The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Each year, the Miss America Organization makes available more than \$40 million in cash and tuition scholarship assistance.

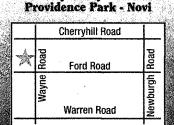
On an annual basis, Miss America state and local titleholders, along with the Organization's network of volunteers, participate in more than 12,000 community-service projects, providing in excess of 500,000 service hours to worthy causes. For more information about the Miss America Organization, visit www. missamerica.org website.

For more information about the Miss Wayne County Competition, call Sigro at (734) 367-0560 or visit program's website at www.misswaynecounty.org.

Competing for the crown currently held by the 2010 Miss Wayne County, Sarah Suydam (seated) are Jenae George of Harper Woods (back row, from left), Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Ashley Welch of Livonia, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Paula Langley of Novi (front row from left), Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, Jessica Jackson of Detroit, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Shelby Gardiner of St. Clair Shores and Sydney Learman of Linwood (not pictured).



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Landscape company donates butterfly garden to school



Kelly Cooney from Clippers unloads his truck.

Johnson Upper Elementary students as they return to school Tuesday.

Tuesday.
Clippers Landscape
& Supply in Livonia
installed a butterfly garden in an interior courtyard at the Livonia Public
Schools building in West-

"I am still so struck by the generosity shown to us by Clippers. They ended up coming in and doing most of the work," said PTA president Julie Thompson, who had gotten a team of 16 volunteers together for the project.

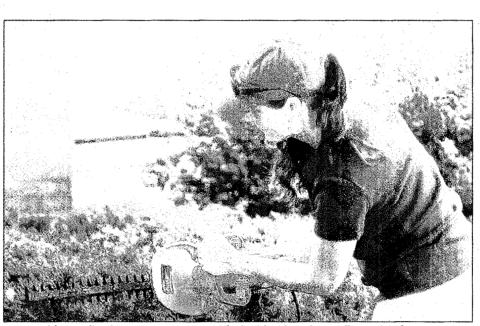
The PTA approached Clippers in late May to price materials for the front of the school and the courtyard garden, with a \$300 budget available to work with. Clippers offered to donate mulch to the school, but after hearing more about the project, decided to visit the school, prepare a design for the courtyard garden, secure the donation of plants and help prep the area for plant-

On Aug. 26, a Clippers crew showed up to help with the installation.

Marianne Cooney, office manager for Clip-



Principal Richard Steele works with the volunteers.



PTA President Julie Thompson came up with the idea for a butterfly garden for use as an outdoor learning area.

pers, said the 25-year-old family business donates materials to quite a few local schools, but this is the first butterfly garden the company has built for a school.

"The more I got people involved, the owner (Ed McIntosh) and landscape supervisor (Kelly Cooney) said, 'Well, we can just do it.' "I think they have big hearts," she said, adding the butterfly garden seems like a wonderful learning opportunity for the 625 fifth- and sixthgrade students.

Clippers installed 80

plants, donations from nurseries they work with — Christensen's Plant Center of Plymouth and Rushton Farms and Northfield Farms, both of South Lyon.

Thompson said the courtyard had been looking "kind of blah" so she came up with the idea for a butterfly garden for use as an outdoor learning area.

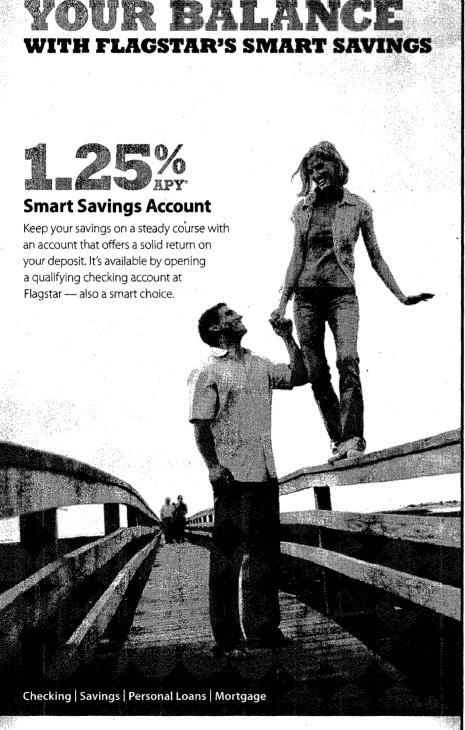
The transformation, she said, is amazing.

"Honestly, everybody just walks by and their jaws drop," she said of the teachers who were working in the building and students stopping by to pick up their schedules last week.

The butterfly garden is already doing what it is supposed to do.

"Before we were halfway done (laying the mulch), we had our first butterfly," Thompson said.

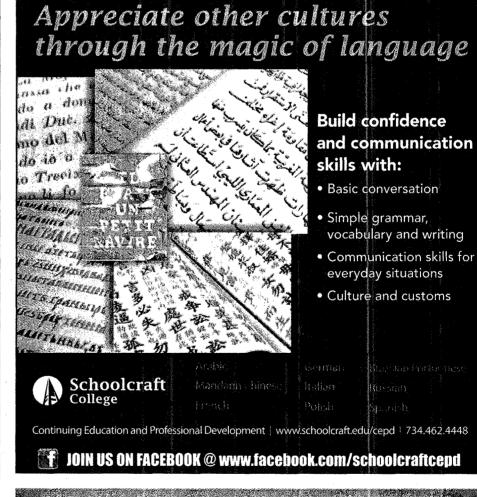
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Appeal aims at expanding arts understanding

Observer Staff Writer

Jill Engel believes there are still a great number of people in the southeastern Michigan area who don't even know the Village Theater at Cherry Hill exists.

As the executive director of Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Engel hopes to change that, and the partnership will soon be asking for help funding the kinds of programs that keep the theater on the map.

Letters to some 7,000 people in Canton and surrounding areas — statistics show the theater draws patrons from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Farmington and other western Wayne and southeast Michigan communities - will be asking for donations in the

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partnership's 2011-2012 appeal.

"It's not just for Canton," Engel said. "We say 'greater Canton community,' but the arts draw people from all over southeast Michigan."

The appeal will, in large part, help the partnership continue to hand out annual grants to artistic groups, most of them resident groups at the Village Theater, to make sure the arts are nurtured in the

In 2010-2011, according to Engel, the partnership

handed out some \$59,000 in grants. For 2011-

2012, Engel said, groups requested nearly \$121,000 in grants. The partnership approved some \$50,000 in grants.

A \$12,000 grant went to Forever After Productions, the theater group that features young children like Amanda and Geoffrey Grimm, who first auditioned for Wizard of Oz six years ago. Nearly seven years later, the siblings figure the performing arts have helped them with self-

confidence, public speaking and memorization skills.

"Performing has given us so much," the Grimms wrote in a testimonial. "We have had an amazing opportunity to be mentored by older performers and, as we grew older,

to mentor younger kids as

they learn about theater."

It's not just the youth group that inhabits the theater, though. Other grant recipients include the Michigan Philharmonic, the Canton Concert Band, Spotlight Players, the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers.

"Arts aren't just for one age group, they're for all ages." Engel said. "You've got people buying Mozazrt CDs for their newborns. And you've got older patrons who see the

Canton Concert Band and it brings tears to their eyes, because (the music) brings back so many wonderful memories."

The appeal offers everyone a chance to sponsor the arts, because there are a wide range of donation options available, ranging from \$25 for a "Rising Star" sponsorship to \$5,000 for "Advocate"

level sponsorship. Rob Bovitz, an actor with the Spotlight Players who last year was also Canton's Business Person of the Year, said having a home stage like the one at the Village Theater is a huge benefit to perform-

ing groups. Bovitz said he likes the idea of sharing the arts with his 6- and 8-year-old daughters.

"After years of per-

forming in middle school auditoriums, it was a breath of fresh air to move to Spotlight Players," Bovitz said. "Being a performer on stage gives me an additional sense of ownership in the theater."

While those kinds of testimonials from people involved in the arts are all well and good, Engel believes there are still plenty of people left for whom the arts have no meaning ... yet.

"I think the arts are important for so many aspects of people's lives, and we want to inspire them," Engel said. "There are still many people out there who the arts haven't touched, and we want to touch them."

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Stewart tribute raises cash for arts

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

The next big fundraiser for Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities will be a tribute to Rod Stewart and - if all goes according to organizers' plans - collect a tribute to the arts.

Danny D & the Vagabonds, a Rod Stewart tribute band, will play the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in an effort to raise money that would help the partnership promote the arts in Canton and all its surrounding southeast Michigan communities.

Combined with a sec-

ond planned fundraiser in February (that one will feature popular local entertainer Steve King and the Dittlies), the partnership hopes to raise some \$20,000.

"It's Sweetest Day, and (Stewart's music) is perfect for that," said Jill Engel, executive director of the partnership. "If we can sell the two events out, that puts about \$20,000 extra that we can use toward community arts. That's huge."

A Hamtramck native, Danny D has played private shows, nightclubs and the Michigan State Fair. He has opened for Mitch Ryder, David Lee

Roth, Bad Company, Air Supply and The Romantics.

The event will feature a one-hour, pre-show reception with appetizers and treats from Main Street Catering, Fat Chef in a Little Coat, Sweet and Savory Caterers, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa.

The event is sponsored by Western Wayne Urgent Care. Tickets are

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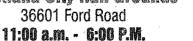
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

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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 the 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 stu-

Baseball fundraiser

An all-day fundraiser is being held at the Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt, Garden City, to support Garden City High School baseball program. Ten percent sales on Saturday, Sept. 17, will go directly to the program. The money will be used to help redo the baseball field. For more information, call Holly at (734) 516-3652.

Ice Cream Social

Garden City First United Methodist Church is sponsoring an ice cream



social and dance Wednesday, Sept. 14, under the main pavilion in Garden City Park.

The ice cream social will be at 6 p.m., followed by the music of The Big Band Express at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Garden City Park is a Cherry Hill and Merriman.

Online voting

The Garden City Garden Club is asking residents to show their support for Gardenville, the community garden at Maxwell's Art and Treasures, by using their computers to vote online for the garden

in Frame It All contest. Voting runs through midnight Monday, Sept. 22, at facebook.com/frameitall. The community garden is entered a contest with Frame it All, which was used to erect the tiered raised beds. Prizes will be Frame It All products valued at \$375.

Dine and Dash

Tickets are now on sale for the eighth annual Dine and Dash. Dashers may order their tickets simply by calling the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448 or by stopping at the Garden City Farmers Market on Wednesdays during the month of August to order tickets there.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors and \$70 for party of four.

The event will be held 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Tickets include: A souvenir Dine and Dash T-shirt, complimentary appetizers from the participating eateries, transportation (big vellow school buses) and an evening of fun for family and friends.

Limited seating available, so contact the chamber office or visit its website at www.gardencity. org and click on upcoming events.

Dine and Dash is hosted by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, the Garden City Public Schools and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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 Alian **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.

Community Chat

Join Kerry Partin every Thursday night at 9 p.m. for GC Community Chat at http://talkshoe.com/ tc/82757, a talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding area.

Listeners can call-in live at (734) 444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or they can join in a live chat room at http://talkshoe. com/tc/82757 where they can just listen to the show or also type their questions and comments.

AROUND WESTLAND

The John Glenn High School Boys Soccer Team will be holding a can and bottle drive Saturday, Sept. 10. Members of the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will be collecting returnable bottles and cans 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the high school soccer field on Cherry Hill west of Wayne Road.

Bottle Drive

Mom to Mom Sale

The Kirk of Our Savior will hold a Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Table space is available. An eight-foot table costs \$20, a five-foot round table/square card table is \$15. Space only - bring your own six-foot table/or rack or racks is \$10. Outside space also is available for \$10 - bring your own table and canopy. Large item space is \$1 per item.

Early Bird admission at 9 a.m. is \$2, after 10 is \$1, Strollers will be admitted after 11 a.m. Food will available and there will be a bake sale featuring homemade goodies.

For reservations or more information, call Kate Fox at (734) 260-9500 or Sharon Garcia at (734) 637-2662.

Chill at the Joe

First Step is holding its annual Chill at the Joe 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

The event features a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, and allyou-can-eat "game day fare," as well as a once-ina-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wings' locker room. Guests can bring their own skates, or rent a pair, and take a few laps on the ice and participate in hockey feats of skill.

This year's Chill at the

Joe features a charity hockey game between the **Detroit Red Wings Alum**ni and Police Department

All-Stars.

Proceeds will be donated to First Step to support the organization's mission of providing a safe place to stay, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacv. assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and at the door. More information is available online at www. firststep-mi.org or call Theresa Bizoe, associate director, at (734) 416-1111, Ext. 205, or by e-mail at tbizoe@firststep-mi.org.

Comets honored

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is putting out a call for members of the 2001 Comets varsity football championship team.

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 are also being accepted.

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.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner returns to the Dyer Senior Center in Westland Friday, Sept. 23. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. Dinner is served 4-7 p.m.

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

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

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.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

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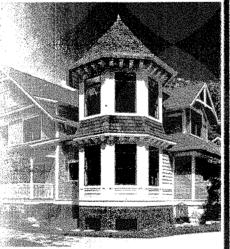
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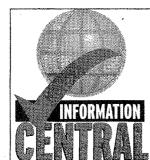
State has rich history

Most people know a few basic facts about Michigan's history: It joined the Union in 1837, it was the 26th state to join, and the original capital was Detroit.

Michigan history enthusiasts may seek out local historical societies, libraries, and museums to learn even more information. On the official website for the state of Michigan (www.michigan.gov), you can find historical information in the "About Michigan" section, including that Detroit was founded as Fort Pontchartrain in 1701 by the French, who surrendered it to the British in 1760. Michigan became a territory in 1805, the same year that Detroit was destroyed by fire.

The Public Library of Westland owns numerous books on the history of Michigan. For information on Michigan during historical wars, try Michigan Soldiers in the Civil War by Frederick Williams and At the Crossroads: Michilimackinac during the American Revolution by David Armour. When Michigan Was Young: The Story of Its Beginnings, Early Legends, and Folklore by Ethan Fasquelle, People of the Lakes by the editors of Time-Life Books, and Rites of Conquest by Charles E. Cleland describe Michigan's Native American history. In More Than Petticoats, author Julia Pferdehirt writes about the lives of historical Michigan women like Rosa Parks and Anna Howard

The library's local history collection includes The Westland Historian, a newsletter published by the Westland Historical Commission, and Great Pages of Michigan History from the Detroit



Free Press, compiled by Bill McGraw. There is also The Bark Covered House, about pioneer life in the 1830s in Dearborn, Michigan. For more information about our local history collection or Michigan history, visit the Public Library of Westland or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search the online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVI-

Documentary Movie Night: Restrepo, 7 p.m.

Sept. 7, Adults Spend 90 minutes in one of the most dangerous deployments for the U.S. military. Restrepo, nicknamed for a medic who was killed in action, is a strategically crucial valley in northeastern Afghanistan and the setting for the entirety of this documentary. No breakaway interviews, just constant danger, hard work and the camaraderie of soldiers. Come spend an hour and a half in their shoes.

Open Mic is Back: 7 p.m. Sept. 8, Adults and Teens

Poets, songwriters, bands, dancers and more are welcome. We have a friendly group who enjoy entertainers of all kinds and all levels. Our emcee for tonight is regionallyacclaimed singer-songwriter Dave Boutette.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class:

9:30 a.m. Sept. 9, Adults Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run from Sept. 9 through Nov. 4. Students with

children are welcome! 9/11 Memory Writing: 1-4 p.m. Sept. 10, Adults and Teens

As part of the Westland Public Library's efforts to remember the 10th anniversary of 9/11, this open-ended workshop is for all who would like to write about their experiences with this most heartbreaking and tragic of national events. View pictures, engage in discussions, and use writing prompts to help you explore feelings and experiences. Patrons are not required to write anything to attend. For those interested, their writings will be entered into the library's 9/11 journal.

Remembering 9/11: 102 Minutes That Changed America, Movie and Discussion, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13. Adults and Teens

versary as we remember the events of 9/11 through a viewing of the History Channel's production of 102 Minutes That Changed America. Kathryn Casa, former journalist and now director of communications at ACCESS Detroit, will moderate discussion before and after the movie. If you're interested in more events like this, please visit the site www.usrising.org, sponsored by ACCESS.

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

AD/HD conference returns

The 12th Annual Michael Golds Memorial Conference on Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) is scheduled for Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23.

The conference will once again be co-sponsored by the Eastern Oakland County Chapter of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD) and Oakland Community College's Project Bold.

This year's keynoter is Steven Peer, board president of CHADD. The title of his talk is "AD/ HD Through the Lifespan (WELL, My Lifespan, Anyway)." In addition to the CHADD board presidency, Peer is a business and personal coach and author of the forthcoming book, Why is My Child Always Angry?

Designed for physicians, therapists, educators, social workers, students and adults with AD/ HD, as well as their family members, the conference will have 15 breakout sessions featuring international, national and local experts on topics, such as "May I Have Your Attention Please? Improve Your Working Memory," "AD/ HD: The Basics," "Parenting AD/HD Adolescents into Adulthood," "Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Adults with AD/HD," "AD/ HD and its Relationships to Personality Disorders."

The annual OCC event honors the memory of the late Michael Golds who struggled with AD/ HD, and was academically successful for the first time in his life after enrolling at the age 30 at Oakland Community College. He went on to graduate

with honors from Eastern Michigan University. He was in his second year of graduate school in Florida when he died in a tragic accident.

His parents, Barbara and the late Jack Golds of West Bloomfield, established a memorial fund at OCC to help sponsor an annual symposium to help others understand and better cope with the impact of AD/HD on their lives.

General admission for the conference includes lunch, and is \$60 before Sept. 10, or \$75 at the door. Early registration guarantees a luncheon spot.

For more information, call Albert Synnestvedt at (248) 731-6747. A detailed description of the entire conference is available at www.oaklandcc.edu/ MGMC. The website for the local CHADD Chapter is www.chadd.net/527.



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Later in life remarriage raises legal, financial issues

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By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

O: Dear Rick: I've been divorced for a number of years and am now in an ongoing relationship. We are going to buy a house

together and are thinking of getting married. My fiancé has also been married. We are both in our mid-60s

and we're



Rick Bloom

not sure - from a financial standpoint — if it makes sense to get married. I hope you can help identify some of the issues we should consider as to whether we live together or get married. We both have adult children from a previous marriage. We no longer have any financial obligations to our past spouses. What issues should we consider before making our decision?

A: I love the fact that you are not rushing into anything but rather, weighing the various options. From a purely financial standpoint, there are some issues that you need to consider. The first is estate planning. If you get married, spouses have certain rights with regards to

inheritances that significant others do not. It is easy to disinherit a significant other: it's more difficult to disinherit a spouse.

Furthermore, with regards to estate planning, a spouse can leave unlimited amounts of money to another spouse without any estate tax consequence. That is not true with significant others. In addition, when it comes to other issues such as medical care and handling, if one person becomes incompetent, spouses have more rights than a significant other. Of course these issues can be resolved with the proper legal documents such as medical and durable powers of attor-

There also may be issues regarding pensions and health care. Spouses have certain rights with regards to a pension and health care that a significant other does not.

Whenever an older couple gets married, income tax consequences need to be reviewed. Even though the marriage penalty in America has been reduced, it is still there. In many situations when a couple gets married, their income taxes increase significantly. There are other times when a couple gets married and their income tax goes down. Tax consequences are something that should always be taken into consideration.

These issues here are major financial concerns that would affect people who are wrestling with the decision of whether to get married or just live together. I'm not saying that someone should make that decision purely based upon finances. However, adults should go into any relationship with eyes wide open. When someone gets married later in life or has had previous marriages, there are more issues that need to be discussed. We all know how complicated life has become and the pitfalls that can happen when we don't plan.

Finally, when it comes to couples getting married later in life, I generally recommend a prenuptial agreement. I know this can be a difficult topic to deal with, but it can save both parties from a lot of aggravation and problems if the relationship does not work out. In fact, a prenuptial agreement can even be effective and valuable if the relationship works as both parties hope it will. Good luck!

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

Man receives probation after fatal accident

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A Westland man has been sentenced to five years probation after pleading guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the death of a pedestrian struck by his vehicle.

Terry Albert Hinz, 45, was charged with fatally injuring Patricia Beaver, 19, of Sumpter Township on Aug. 4, 2010. Police said Beaver was crossing Cherry Hill southbound at Wildwood at about 10 p.m. when she was hit.

Hearings for Hinz, described in court by his attorney as having diminished mental capabilities and as being a resident of a group home, had been delayed to allow a competency examination. The case against Hinz proceeded after he was found competent.

Despite diminished mental capacity, Hinz is a licensed driver and owned the vehicle he was driving when he struck Beaver.

Immediately following the accident, Hinz told police multiple versions of how the accident occurred.

Staying at her father's nearby home, Beaver was reported to be walking to a nearby convenience store when she was killed. Police said that one of versions of the accident from Hinz was that he ran a red light at the intersection. There were no witnesses to the accident, police said.

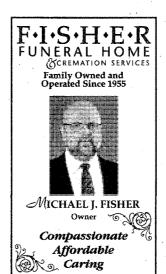
Toxicology reports showed that neither Hinz nor Beaver had drugs or alcohol in their system at the time of the accident, police said.

Following the fatal acci-

dent, the Michigan Secretary of State automatically reviewed Hinz's driver's license and decided to let him keep his license.

In addition to the probation, Hinz was ordered to pay court costs and fines, along with performing 250 hours of community service.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 11-002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard on the following agenda

11-002, Regulated Use, 27506 Ford Rd is proposing to establish an acupressure massage

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Building Department at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. The plans are available during regular office hours for viewing at the above address.

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this

Petition #2747-S. Fisher-31531 Lonnie

Req. for a side yd. fence location $\overline{\text{variance}}$ and a 1'6î side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to replace an existing 4' high chain link fence in the west side yd. of the home with a 6'high vinyl screening fence; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear vds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6î in hgt.

Petition #2748-V. Lewis-33631 Hazelwood

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6î side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6' high privacy. fence in the east side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2749-G. Fleehart-5710 N. Karle

Req. for 7' front yd. setback variance from Ord. 248 in order to construct a 7' x 15' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 18' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. requires a minimum 25' front

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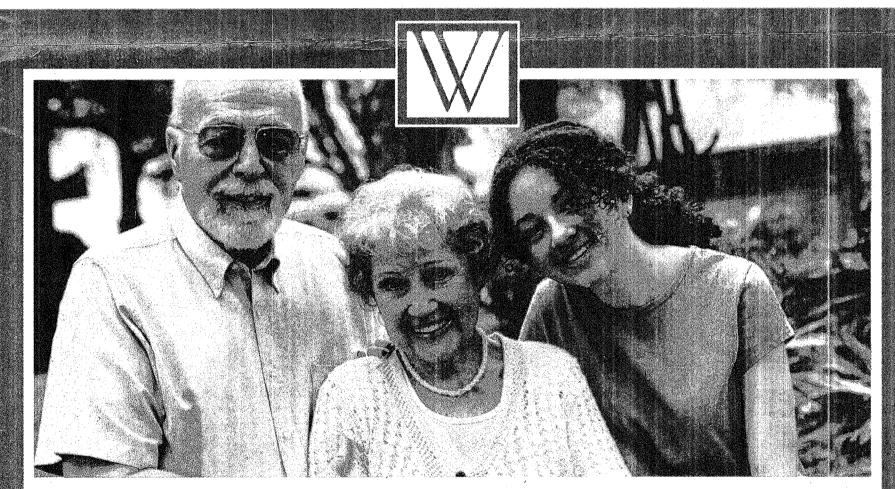
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99-yard kick return keys C'ville win

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

If Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook football coach Steve Graf probably had to do it all over again, he would have squib-kicked after taking a 13-6 lead with only 35.8 seconds left until halftime.

The Cranes, however, kicked it deep, and 99 yards later, senior Kassius Kelly whipped down the sideline for a touchdown after momentarily mishandling the ball near the goal line.

That proved to be a pivotal play as the Trojans regrouped and went on to a 40-27 victory to improve to 2-0 overall.

"Bottom line — we just did not hustle down to finish." Graf said. PREP FOOTBALL

"And to his credit, he (Kelly) took it 99 yards. Special teams can be a huge momentum changer. He got them fired up and put them right back in the game. And they put us on our heels and I think we were on our heels the remainder of the game.'

The 5-foot-11, 194-pound Kelly, the Observerland Relays 100-meter dash champion last spring, is new to football.

The Trojans also got a lift from sophomore running back Jalen Bryant, who finished with 113 yards on only eight carries to go along with three touchdowns.

Senior Romel Wright added 100 yards on 17 attempts and scored a pair of TDs.

"The biggest thing, and it had nothing to do with me, was the three runners," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "Romel Wright, Jalen Bryant and the run back of Kassius Kelly. You just can't coach speed. A lot of it they did on their own and I've been blessed. I've never had speed like that as a coach. How to try and figure out with what to do with them is my biggest problem.'

Clarenceville led 6-0 after one quarter, when Wright scored on a pitch and raced 36 yards into the end zone.

At the start of the second quarter, Cranbrook's Aric Homovec blocked a Clarenceville punt that was downed at the Trojans' 1yard line. Jacob Hall then ran a quarterback sneak for a score, but the point-after snap was bobbled keeping the count at 6-6.

Clarenceville had a 68-yard TD pass called back because of an illegal block and Cranbrook responded with a 12-play, 77yard drive capped by Christian Croom's 5-yard TD run. (Croom had a team-high 93 yards on 23 carries:)

The score was set up by Dan Mogill's clutch 23-yard catch and Michael Ray converted the PAT with only 35.8 seconds left to make it 13-6 in favor of the

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Gannon names Smith captain

Gannon (Pa.) University senior wide receiver Jerry Smith (Westland John Glenn) was named one of the team's five captains for the 2011 football season

Smith has seen action in 30 games during the last three seasons, including 13 starting assignments the last two campaigns.

The 6-foot-4, 230pound Smith was Gannon's fifth-leading receiver last season, hauling in 12 passes for 154 yards for the Golden Knights, who finished 6-5 overall and 4-3 in Western Division of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

MU spikers lose match

Embry-Riddle (Fla.)

handed the Madonna University women's

volleyball team its first

setback of the year, 25-

Setter Evia Priedi-

tis had 24 assist-to-

kills and 11 digs for

the Crusaders (6-1),

while Emilie Freeman

(Lutheran Westland)

added seven kills.

and Karie Altman each

Earlier in the day,

Altman had 16 kills

and Miranda Sechler

added 11 in a 25-23,

25-22, 18-25, 25-23 win

over Jamestown (N.D.)

in the Daytona Beach

Amanda Koszela

added 15 digs, while

Prieditis each added 12.

Embry-Riddle is 3-0 overall, while James-

Megan Fricke and

tourney.

town is 4-2.

17, 25-16, 25-20.

Abby Hall and Jordan Holcomb combined for 24 kills Friday as No. 8-ranked and host

Churchill stops Pirates, 21-14

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Depleted by a couple of key injuries during the first half, Livonia Churchill went to its pinch runners, hitters and throwers in the bottom of the ninth to pull out a 21-14 football victory Friday night over host Pinckney.

Junior quarterback Seth Suida connected with Connor Dwyer on a 6-yard touchdown pass with only 29 seconds left to break a 14-14 deadlock and give Churchill the dramatic victory.

Suida, who replaced the injured Charlie Hicks during the second half in Churchill's seasonopening 56-55 win over Walled Lake Northern, threw three TD passes in his first varsity start.

The Chargers, now 2-0 overall, also got a boost off the bench from senior running back Chad Lapinski. Filling in for the injured Romello Brown, who went down with a late first-quarter injury, Lapinski came up big during the second half, rushing for 144 yards on 14 carries.

"I'm not very happy with how we executed, but I'm really happy with those kids putting together a winning effort, especially after with the way how things went tonight," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "That was tremen-

Suida, who got more comfortable during the second half, hit 8-of-16 passes on the night for

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Lugging the pigskin



Lutheran High Westland's Martin Kemp carries the football in Thursday's 21-14 setback to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. For more on the battle for 'Rusty' and other are games,

Stevenson earns City title by one

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

It was nearly too close call when it came to determining the Livonia City boys tennis champion Wednesday.

Co-host Stevenson emerged the winner by a single point over Churchill, 19-18, in the four-team tournament which also included guest Dearborn Edsel Ford (13) and co-host Franklin (4).

"Great tourney, very close," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "The players' behavior was exempla-

BOYS TENNIS Stevenson captured five of the nine flights as Sam Tabor (No. 3) and

Johnson Yang (No. 4) each finished 3-0 to earn singles titles. The Spartans also took three doubles crowns, led by

erick (No. 2); Chase Tinham and Jason Wysocki (No. 3); and Neal Adams and Aaron Dzobiak (No. 4). Chris Haldane and Sam

Nick Marsh and Jeff Fred-

Klos, Stevenson's No. 5 doubles team, added a second

Churchill, meanwhile, got a singles title from Johnathan Martin (No. 2) and a doubles crown from Ian Clemens and Braden Swantick

The Chargers got runnerup finishes in singles from Matt Cezat (No. 1), Joe Mul-

Please see TENNIS, B4

Ocelots win two Five different players scored goals Friday as host Schoolcraft College rolled to a 5-0 men's soccer victory Lakeland (Ohio) Community College.

The Ocelots, now 3-0-1 overall and 3-0 in NJCAA Region XI, got goals from Phil Strachan (Livonia Clarenceville), Doug Beason, Adrian Tash, Gino Pasquali and Brent McIntosh.

Anthony Lourenco added two assists against Lakeland (1-1, 1-1).

On Wednesday, Pasquali scored in the 11th minute from Lourenco as the host Ocelots opened MC-CAA play with a 1-0 win over Jackson CC.

Goalkeeper Tom Duquette posted the shutout in both wins. Jackson falls to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the MCCAA.

Ladywood 6=0

Senior Erin Cronyn scored three goals and added one assist, while junior Jaclyn Snyder also notched a hat trick Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood rolled to a 7-0 field hockey victory over Dearborn.

The Blazers, now 6-0 overall, also got two assists from junior Lauren Kozlowski and a goal from junior Briana Sultana in a game shortened after 15 minutes in the second half due to extreme heat and player safety concerns.

Goalies Mackenzie Holme and Stephanie Mackley combined for the shutout.

Condra acquires taste for NHL

By Brad Emons

Observer Staff Writer

If it's not on his day planner, then the date is circled on his cal-

There's no other place Livonia native Erik Condra would rather be Friday, Oct. 7. "We open the (NHL) season in

Detroit at Joe Louis (Arena)," smiled the right winger from the Ottawa Senators. Of course, Condra has some

work to do. He must first make the Senators' roster coming out of training camp, which starts Sept. 16.

"With the new coach (Paul McLean from Detroit) coming in and the new guys fighting for spots, it's going to be a battle once we get there," Condra said. "It's open for the taking. I'm excited about camp and excited to get the year started."

The 25-year-old Condra, the team's seventh-round draft pick in 2007 out of Notre Dame, got his first taste of the National Hockey League when he appeared in the Senators' final 26 games, scoring six goals and adding five assists after being called up from the team's American Hockey League affiliate in Binghamton (N.Y.).

After Ottawa failed to make the Stanley Cup playoffs, Condra then went back to the minors and helped the B-Sens capture the Calder Cup title.

In 23 AHL playoff games, Condra wound up with five goals and 12 assists as the B-Sens defeated the Houston Aeros in Game 6 for the title, 3-2.

All told, Condra appeared in 104 total games last season (not counting exhibition) between Ottawa and Binghamton.

"It couldn't have gone better," said Condra, who had 17 goals and 30 assists in 55 regular season games with the B-



Posing with the American Hockey League's Calder Cup with Livonia native Erik Condra are his parents (from left) Sonja and Paul, younger brother Sean, and Erik's fiance Ryan Reynolds.

Sens. "I came in the season, and there were a lot of guys in Ottawa who had one-way contracts, and it didn't look great. I had a good start to the season and then Ottawa wasn't doing so great and they started making a lot of moves and trusting their young guys, so some guys got a chance.

"It was a chance of a lifetime to play in the NHL the first time coming up. I got an opportunity right away to play, and then after the season in Ottawa, we got sent down back to Binghamton, made

a run, and won the Calder Cup.' The 6-foot, 188-pound winger didn't mind going back down to

the minors for the AHL playoffs. "I was down there for the past year-and-a-half and those guys were close friends of mine, like brothers to me," he said. "It's a great experience to play for a championship — it's always fun.

"It's a great experience. It's not the Stanley Cup, but it's still 82 regular season games and you

still battle in a seven-game playoff series. It's really good hockey with guys who have played in the NHL, guys that got sent down. Older guys, younger guys. It's a great experience for us. It was a blast when it ended."

And, yes, the Calder Cup does travel just like the Stanley Cup. Condra recently got to show it off in his hometown.

"It's not like the Stanley Cup, where they have a special guy that carries it around," Condrå said. "I think our team did it where guys who wanted it over the summer, they shipped it out to them. It went into Canada, went to Minnesota. I guess it had some trouble crossing the border a few times because it's in a trunk and it's over 70 pounds. It's fun to have it in Livonia with my family and friends, so they were able to experience some of the

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joys we had with it."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Sue Tatro, 16th year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division) Last year's finish: first (KLAA South); fourth (con-ference); fifth (Division 1



Riley

regional). Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: Kerigan Riley, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Bethany Pilat, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Megan McFarlane, Soph.; Vivien Okechukwu, Jr.; Julia Twigg, Soph.; Erin McDonald, Soph.; Elyssa Hofmann, Soph.; Jenna Hickson, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Michelle Azar, Jr.; Lauren Bernhardt, Fr.; Gillian Carroll, Fr.; Erin Emmanuel, Fr.; Erica Krupsky, Fr.; Sediqua Nedam,

Tatro's 2011 outlook: "This team is definitely a lot stronger than a year ago. I'm confident that the level of maturity and improved work ethic should make for a solid

season. The girls have been working extremely hard, and the intra-squad competition definitely gives us a lot more death. I'm really looking forward to seeing this group accomplish some lofty goals this season.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, 11th year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: first (Division 1 regional); second (KLAA South); fifth (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Megan McPherson (first-team All-Area); Pia Klein (first-team All-Area); Leslie Gomez (second-team All-Area). Leading returnees: Tiffany Lamble, Sr.; Made-line Herman, Sr.; C.C. Shoemaker, Soph; Natalie Desautel, Jr.; Jane Modes, Jr.; Alyssa Edwards, Soph.; Andrea Wickens, Soph. Promising newcomers: Annaliese Snider, Jr.;

Katelyn Kovach, Fr.; Tina Oiter, Jr. Bjorklund's 2011 outlook: "Coming off of the most successful season in school history, we are hoping to build off of that momentum. We graduated our top four runners who were some pretty big scorers. We will certainly miss their leadership and the tone they set every day. However, we do have some good athletes on our team and some kids with a lot of potential. This year we will have a lot more of a 'pack' mentality and if we can get the right combination we should be pretty good by the end of the season. The girls worked hard all summer and have been doing a great job so far in practice. Currently Snider is our top run-ner, but Herman, Lamble, Shoemaker, Kovach, Desautel, and Modes all figure to be right up there. The more these girls work together and

'pack it in,' the more competitive we will be."
LIVONIA STEVENSON Head coach: Keith Hearns, third year League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fifth (KLAA Central); eighth (conference); ninth (Division 1 regional). Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Kraw-

Leading returnees: Karlie Gallagher, Jr. (second-team All-Area); Barbara Scupholm, Soph.; Brooke Hitchcock, Jr. (co-captain); Jackie Deacon, Jr.; Julia Capeneka, Sr. (co-captain). Promising newcomers: Lindsey Gallagher, Fr.; Aphrodite Palazis, Fr.

Hearns' 2011 outlook: "I think we have five legitimate girls who can run in the 19s and we should be competitive if we can do that. If we have one or two in the low 19s, and do that, we'll be competitive as a team. We have to stay injury free because we're not as deep as we'd like to be.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fourth (KLAA South); 10th (Division 1 regional); 11th (conference). Notable losses to graduation: Audra Flores,

Leading returnees: Abbey Wright, Sr.; Kirsten Smith, Jr.; Courtnie MacQuarrie, Jr.; Mariola Leka, Jr.; Madisyn Gehr, Jr.; Casey Butler, Jr. Promising newcomers: Kayla Hall, Fr.; Monet Jackson, Fr.; Shekinah Johnson, Fr.; Caroline Mahalak, Fr.; Barb Messics, Fr.; Bailey Paddock, Fr.; Amye Gnacke, Soph.; Lea Porter, Soph; Veronica Blanc, Jr.; Katelyn Johnson, Jr.; Kaitlyn Mitchell, Jr.; Lorie Thompson, Sr.; CJ Hickerson,

Fitzgerald's 2011 outlook: "This has been our best cross country summer since I have been coaching here. Our numbers are up and the girls have been very dedicated. The new girls have really impressed me with their effort and tough workouts. The girls have bonded and are having a lot of fun. We have a lot of nice girls that get good grades, are good athletes, and have a lot of potential. Abbey Wright and Kirsten Smith have lead us all summer and our new girls should give us some good depth to help compete in our tough division. I am very excited to see this group compete and look forward to a fun season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Deanna Strong, first year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division) Last year's finish: sixth (KLAA South); 12th

(conférence). Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: Megan Macek, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Kendelle Hood, Fr.; Kayla Hood, Soph.; Vicki Poleski, Sr.; Anna Zywej, Sr.; Navreet Bhabgu, Fr.; Christina Strickl, Jr.; Aaliya Harbin, Fr. Strong's 2011 outlook: "The team is building in numbers from last year. Last season ended with only two female runners. However, this year, with the addition of a separate male

and female coach to the Wayne cross country program we will be able to significantly build the program and fully compete. Wayne pride is contagious among our runners this year. The girls bring an amazing spirit and dedication to the sport. They consistently demonstrate a strong will to challenge themselves while wholeheartedly supporting their teammates. Each girl has made significant gains already this season. Given the team's current performance and drive, it's going to be a notable turnaround year for the team."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Alice Ahearn, third year. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Last year's finish: sixth (league); ninth (Division

2 regional). Notable losses to graduation: Emma McClo-

rev. Becky Babon: Leading returnees: Katherine Taylor, Jr.; Alexandra Darr, Sr.; Sinead Cox, Soph.; Meaghan Mulcahy, Sr.; Sarah Wickman, Sr.; Brenna

Wright, Jr.; Megan Talty, Jr.; Katarina Gaffka, Promising newcomers: Hannah Pereira, Jr.; Pilar Furlong, Soph.; Mary Simon, Soph.; Mackenzie Darr, Fr.; Elizabeth Rogers, Fr.

Ahearn's 2011 outlook: "We should have a good season with regards to individual growth and hopefully a fair amount of team success with all three seniors able to stay together during races. As soon as my post-injury athletes are strong enough, they will reinforce the strength of the team. My new and developing athletes are working hard and it will pay off for them as they should see their race times diminish over the course of our very packed season. Pereira is very promising. She came in first for our team at 23:23 in the Michigan Catholic Invitational, a

LUTHÉRAN HIGH WESTLAND Head coach: Alli Unger, second year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's finish: first (Division 1 regional and

Notable losses to graduation: Sarah Maynard. Leading returnees: Erin Lyle, Sr. (regional champion); Erin Hardin, Jr.; Jessica Rice, Sr.; Angela Morrison, Jr.; Jessica Drife, Jr.; Kelsey Kruger, Sr.; Lindsey Smith, Sr. Promising newcomers: Michelle Greening, Fr.;

Annalee Kuhr, Soph.

Unger's 2011 outlook: "I'm looking forward to my 2nd season at Lutheran Westland. Most of last year's team is returning, so I am hoping to have similar success as last year.'



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Off-and-running in Wednesday's Mustang Invitational girls race are Livonia Churchill's Kerigan Riley (149), who took fourth, and Bethany Pilat (146), who placed sixth, as the Chargers captured the 11th- and 12th-grade team title. See complete results.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MUSTANG INVITATIONAL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Aug. 31 at Cass Benton Park TEAM STANDINGS (11-12): 1. Livonia Churchill, 58 points; 2. Northville, 74; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 94; 4. Grosse Pointe South, 115; 5. Livonia Franklin, 165; 6. Romeo, 175; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 197; 8. New Boston Huron, 203; 9. Novi, 211; 10. West Bloomfield, 245; 11. Livonia Ladywood, 257; 12. Westland John Glenn, 267. Individual winner: Erin Finn (West Bloomfield), 17 minutes, 53.57 seconds.

AREA TEAM FINISHERS

Churchill (58): 4. Kerigan Riley, 19:30.34; 6. Bethany Pilat, 19:58.2; 14. Sydney Anderson, 21:08.36; 16. Vivien Oke-chukwu, 21:42.79; 18. Michelle Azar, 21:49.01; 42. Ashley Pedrotte, 23:47.68; 54. Cecilie Hansen, 25:09.27

Franklin (165): 15. Annaliese Snider, 21:24.55; 23. Madeline Herman, 22:18.08; 37. Tiffany Lamble, 23:26.16; 41. Natalie Desautel, 23:44.55; 58. Jane Modes, 25:25.69; 112. Hailey Hoyer, 20:19.3; 135. Stephanie Wonch, 35:23.04. Stevenson (197): 28. Karlie

Gallagher, 22:44.4; 20. Jackie Deacon, 22:48.89; 34. Julia Capeneka, 23:21.51; 52. Brooke Hitchcock, 25:02.79; 73. Alex Robles, 26:16.61; 79. Samantha Laurentius, 26:29.94; 92. Kelly Glynn, 27:20.64.

Ladywood (257): 33. Hannah Pereira, 23:20.65; 46. Alexandra Darr, 24:25.24; 57. Sarah Wickman, 25:23.5; 63. Meaghan Mulcahy, 25:34.32; 119. Brenna Wright, 31:45.40. **John Glenn (267):** 39. Abbey Wright, 23:33.72; 47. Kirsten Smith, 24:44.19; 72. Kaitlyn Mitchell, 26:08.56; 76. Lorie Thompson, 26:25.71; 96. C.J. Hickerson, 27:29.81: 118. Madisyn Gehr, 31:35.34; 137. Veronica Blanc, 37:32.31. Wayne Memorial (no score): 139. Vicki Poleski, 38:13.51. **TEAM STANDINGS (9-10):** 1. Northville, 17 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 98; 3. Clarkston, 102; 4. Livonia Churchill, 119; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 129; 6. Grosse Pointe South, 141; 7. Novi, 153; 8. Li-vonia Franklin, 223; 9. Romeo, 246; 10. West Bloomfield, 279; 11. Westland John Glenn, 326. Individual winner: Taleen Shahrigian (Northville), 20:10.32.

AREA TEAM FINISHERS Churchill (119): 12. Megan McFarlane, 22:00.67; 21. Lauren Bernhardt, 22:51.45; 22. Julia Twigg, 22:52.99; 44. Sediqa Nedam, 2:3.17.8; 47. Elyssa Hofmann, 23:17.8; 65. Jenna Hickson, 23:55.73. **Stevenson (129):** 14. Barbara Scupholm, 22:13.5; 15. Lindsey Gallagher, 22:15.29; 33. Aphrodite Palazis, 23:17.8; 45. Emily Kwasnik, 23:17.8; 53. Natalie Moore, 23:19.74; 79. Madalyn Maraldo, 24:26.66; 86. Jennifer Jaynes, 25:07.97. Franklin (223): 23. Christi Shoemaker, 22:54.93; 42. Katelyn Kovach, 23:17.8; 83. Alyssa Edwards, 24:56.61; 102. Patricia Wittenberg, 26:09.14; 103. Mackenzie Darr, 26:10.77; 104. Andrea Wickens, 28:03; 105. Amanda Pokryfky, 26:25.62. **John Glenn (326)**; 96. Caroline Mahalak, 25:44.24; 98. Shekinah Johnson, 25:52.96; 153. Monet Jackson, 29:41.19; 154. Hailey Lindsey, 29:46.23; 156. Leah Porter, 30:18.04. Livonia Ladywood (no score): 92. Pilar Furlong, 25:34.4; 117. Mary Simon, 27:31.38. Wayne Memorial (no score):

106. Megan Macek, 26:27.84; 129. Kendelle Hood, 28:06.83;

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MUSTANG INVITATIONAL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Aug. 31 at Cass Benton Park **TEAM STANDINGS (11-12):** 1. White Lake Lakeland, 49 points; 2. Romeo, 88; 3. Clarkston, 90; 4. Livonia Churchill, 91; 5. Northville, 106; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 149; 7. West Bloomfield, 194; 8. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 218; 9. Dearborn Divine Child, 231; 10. Westland John Glenn, 275; 11. New Boston Huron, 315; 12. Livonia Franklin, 326. Individual winner: Garret Zuk (Lakeland), 16 minutes, 20.89 seconds (5,000 meters).

AREA TEAM FINISHERS Churchill (91): 7. Ryan Wise, 17:40.4; 13. Robert Howard, 17:27.85; 17. Joe Hage, 17:49.04; 20. Ben Yates, 17:57.16; 35. Sam Yurgil, 18:33.71; 45. Derek Pushies, 19:01.84; 49. Peter Erl, 19:10.15.

Stevenson (149): 11. John Lynch, 17:26.54; 23. Jake Colley, 18:01.44; 31. Ryan Petrul, 18:16.91; 38. Matt Garon, 18:45.76; 55. Craig Rizzolo, 19:25.71; 57. Drew Graham,, 19:32.77; 58. Ryan Paulus,

19:35.89 John Glenn (275): 39. Ruben Maya, 18:46.65; 41. Jason Suarez, 18:52.32; 60. Jewell Jones, 19:46.33; 111. Keven Wacker, 22:29.37; 112. Michael Dalton, 22:42.93. Franklin (326): 74 Gabe Martinez, 20:46.46; 93. Brian

Riedy, 21:27.31; 94. Richie Wieczorek 21:28.46: 106. Andrew McGaughey, 22:12.56; 107. Jack Newa, 22:14.68; 115. Andrew Barnes, 22:54.64; 131. Bryan Fetner, 24:31.65. Wayne Memorial (no score): 59. Daniel Malcolm, 19:43.17. **TEAM STANDINGS (9-10):** 1. Northville, 44; 2. Livonia

Churchill, 99; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 101, 4. White Lake Lakeland, 121; 5. Novi-De-troit Catholic Central, 124; 6. Romeo, 134; 7. Clarkston, 188; 8. Livonia Franklin, 193; 8. 193; 9. Dearborn Divine Child, 202 West Bloomfield, 279; 11. Westland John Glenn, 297. Individual winner: Alec Toreki (Romeo), 17:02.0 (5,000 meters).

AREA TEAM FINISHERS

Churchill (99): 5. George Bowles, 17:54.0; 11. Andrew Malik, 18:45.0; 14. Colin Murphy, 18:54.0; 37. Sean McKeon, 19:50.0; 38. Patrick Dahlin, 19:57.0; 48. Jonathan Allessandrini, 20:20; 57. Austin Villeneuve, 20:46.0. Stevenson (101): 3. Stephen Fenech, 17:32.0; 17. Andrew Stratton, 19:05.0; 22. Erik Grisa, 19:13.0; 26. Luke Green, 19:31.0; 41. Alex Lee, 20:09.0; 71. Tommy Moening, 21:28.0; 82. Kevin Callow, 22:08.0. Franklin (193): 7. Keenan Jones, 18:24.0; 10. Ross Cecil, 18:39.0; 61. Nick Robertson, 20:56.0; 80. Noah Verellen, 22:01.0; 88. Mike Elrod. 22:27.0; 90. Jacob Forgacs,

22:32.0; 124. Finn Newcomb, 24:34.0.

John Glenn (297): 55, Chris Codd, 20:36.0; 56. Micah Orr, 20:42.0; 74. Ed Maya, 21:40.0; 150. Austin Hickerson, 26:45.0; 159. Brian Davis, 28:43.0; 166. Camren Bracy, 38:00.0. Wayne Memorial (no score): 20. Michael Gibson, 19:12.0; 21. Devin Gibson, 19:12.0; 47.

Zack Williams, 20:18.0:
SOUTH LYON INVITATIONAL Aug. 27 at Island Lake State Park

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 35 points; 2. Northville, 65; 3. Temperance Bedford, 66; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 117; 5. Novi, 132; 6. Clay (Ohio), 156; 7. South Lyon, 190; 8. Ann Arbor Skyline, 199; 9. South Lyon East, 248; 10. Livonia

Franklin, 267. Individual winner: Nicholas Renberg (Saline), 16 minutes, 16.3 seconds (5,000 meters). **AREA TEAM FINISHERS**

Stevenson (117): 10. Stephen Fenech, 17:26.6; 12. John Lynch, 17:30.8; 20. Jacob Colley, 17:53.7; 27. Ryan Petrul, 18:20.8; 48. Ben Lambert, 19:13.4; 53. Michael Sopko, 19:42.9; 56. Ryan Paulus, 19:55.3; JV: 18. Alex Chase, 18:39.0. Franklin (267): 35. Keenan Jones, 18:36.3: 55. Mike Witt. 10:49.9; 57. Noph Verelley, 19:56.0; 59. Gabe Martinez, 20:02.6; 65. Jack Newa, 20:35.8; 66. Richie Wieczorek, 20:35.8; JV: 29. Ross Cecil, 19:08.0.

CONDRA

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So what's different about the Calder Cup? "The top of it is like the Stanley Cup, the cup part of it," Condra said. "The bottom is more of the stone layers where they have the (players') names on plates from the past 20 years. They take one off and put another

one in." Condra's game has evolved since he left Notre Dame, where he appeared in 159 games (2005-09) and scored 48 goals and added 110 assists.

"As you grow up, you develop a niche," Condra said. "Top-end guys get more skilled. I was one of those highly-skilled guys at Notre Dame. Now I still have some of that skill, but I think now I'm a little more in a defensive forward role that can

also chip in on offense When Condra did get his NHL call, it was an eye-opener in some wavs.

"Some of those guys" skill and speed — like you see on TV — you look up to those guys," he said.

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Sept. 1 at St. John's G.C.

Ladywood scorers: Christina

Even, 46; Michelle Nelson, 47;

Kayla D'Allesandro, 53; Katie

Gubachy, 57; Alex Parisot, 60.

Notre Dame scorers: Lexie

Cipa 45; Kelly Mcelreaph 45;

Briden, 42 (medalist): Sara

"But once you get up there, you realize you're playing with them, and you're one of them now. It's a blast seeing the guys you grew up watching and actually playing with them.'

And Condra recalled his first "welcome to the NHL" moment.

"I think when we played against New Jersey, and (Ilva) Kovalchuk goes through about three guys, cuts back, and then goes back through the same three guys," the winger said. "You realize you are in the NHL. Some of these guys' top-end skill is amazing."

Condra returned home during the off-season, training at Total Performance in Wixom while skating at Suburban Ice

Arena to stay in shape. "It's been kind of a trial (off)-season," said Condra, who signed a twoyear deal with Ottawa on July 6. "Before this year, I only played into April, but this year I played over 100 games and into mid-June. You need the rest and recuperation, but you also want to be ready for next season. It's kind of been a trial of getting my body back into the recovery mode, but also getting stronger and more explosive for next season?

And the goal for Condra is to remain a permanent fixture in Ottawa.

"The Canadian cities are great to play in," he said. "Detroit's almost like a Canadian city in the fact that the people love the game of hockey — places like Minnesota, Detroit. But they love their hockey in Canada. That's the number one thing is hockey, and it's exciting. You're the headline news up there, so when you're doing good it's great, but when you're not, they'll tell you about it.

When your face is in the paper every day, it's a good thing or a bad thing. That's why you've got to be ready every game and be consistent every game. We'll be a young team in Ottawa, but we'll have fun I think."

And the fun for Condra hopefully starts with a homecoming Oct. 7 at

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 9 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Det. Allen at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m. VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 6 Clarenceville at Lamphere, 5:30 p.m. Huron Valley Lutheran Quad, TBA. Thursday, Sept. 8 Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Roeper at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m. Southfield at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Grand Blanc Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Lakeland Invitational, 9 a.m. UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m. Huron Valley Tourney, TBA. GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Sept. 6

Salem åt Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Lady Charger Relays at D.H. Crestwood, 11 a.m. **BOYS SOCCER** Tuesday, Sept. 6

Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m Luth. W'sld at Oak. Christ., 4:30 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Ypsi Lincoln at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 Clarenceville at Redford Union,

Luth. Westland at Liggett, 4 p.m. HVL at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Lutheran High Westland at Liggett Tourney, 1 or 3:30 p.m. Stevenson at Country Day,

3:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Sept. 6 Glenn at Erie-Mason Relays, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7

Public Schools of Livonia Inv. at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 Luth. Westland vs. Annapolis at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m. KLAA Invitational at Willow Metropark, 9:45 a.m. Woodhaven Invitational, TBA. **GIRLS GOLF**

Tuesday, Sept. 6 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at St. John's G.C., 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7 Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Wayne at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. S. Lyon East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 Ladywood vs. Regina at Gowanie G.C., 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9 Churchill vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Northville at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Wayne at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Wednesday, Sept. 7

Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Wednesday, Sept. 7 A.A. Huron at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Wednesday, Sept. 7 Marygrove at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8 Delta at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 (Julie Martin Classic at Madonna) Madonna vs. Daemen (N.Y.), 3 p.m. Madonna vs. Illinois Tech, 7

Saturday, Sept. 10 Alpena at Schoolcraft (2), noon. (Julie Martin Classic at Madonna) Madonna vs. Rochester, 9:30 a.m. Madonna vs. Walsh (Ohio), 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLÈGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 7 Lawrence Tech at Madonna, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Madonna at Calumet St. Joe, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Heartland (III.), 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 7 Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 Madonna at U-D Mercy, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Jackson at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Maddie Fioroni 48; Whitney Lorenz 53. Dual match records: Ladywood, 1-2 overall, 1-1 (Catholic League); Notre Dame Prep,

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 188 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 213 Aug. 31 at Idyl Wyld G.C. Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 40 (medalist); Maggie McGowan, 46; Jackie

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Burdette, 49; Claire Rose, 53; Katie Shereda, 60; Lauren Pickworth, 69. Franklin scorers: Alexis Smith, 41; Kelsey Gregorio, 55; Jamie Buchanczenko, 56; Ana Mazola and Kayla Buchanczenko, 61 each; Allison Karczynski, 65

Dual match records: Churchill,

1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA South. LIVONIA STEVENSON 182 SALEM 228

Aug. 31 at Fox Creek G.C. Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubenheimer, 40 (medalist); Sarah King, 46; Maddie Omietanski, 47; Kelsey Duntley, 49; Laura Shureb, 50; Dana

Smith, 54. Stevenson's dual match record: 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division.

QB Sims leads Stevenson by Mott, 35-14

There weren't enough superlatives to go around regarding the play of Livonia Stevenson quarterback Joe Mims on Thursday night.

The 6-foot, 170-pound junior ran for three touchdowns and accounted for 296 of the Spartans' 340 total yards in a 35-14 football victory at home over visiting Waterford Mott.

Mims rushed for 230 yards on 19 carries and hit 6-of-15 passes for 66 yards.

"Joe did it all," Stevenson first-year coach Matt Fielder said. "He was a workhorse. He won the game by grinding it out. He's a tough kid.

Stevenson (1-1) took a 14-0 first-quarter lead on a 72-yard TD run by Mims followed by a 54-yard interception return by Tony Wilson.

But the Corsairs (0-2) tied it at 14-all after two quarters on a 70-yard scoring pass from Evan Underdown to Justice Bolling followed by a 1-yard run by Underdown.

After a scoreless third quarter, Stevenson erupted for 21 unanswered points in the final **KLAA FOOTBALL**

period as Mims scored on runs of 24 and 74 yard followed by Kenny Doody's 33-yard TD run.

Underdown connected on 11of-31 passes for 199 yards. He was also intercepted by Adam Wheeler and Joe Scott.

Matt Rodey, a 6-2, 265-pound junior tackle, spearheaded Stevenson's which allowed only 95 vards on 29 carries by Mott after giving up 445 yards on the ground the previous week in a 42-13 loss to Livonia Franklin.

"Our focus this week was getting better against the run," Fielder said. "Our kids played a lot better up front.'

Patriots fall, 15-6

Livonia Franklin's anemic offense accounted for only 150 total yards in a 15-6 setback Thursday night at Hartland.

The Patriots (1-1) scored their only points on a Joe McRobb 6yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Hartland's Stephen Milarch answered with a 2-yard run later in the opening period to

make it 6-all. (Both teams failed to convert the extra points.)

In the second quarter, Hartland took the lead for good on Alec Bain's 33 yard field goal. And with only four minutes

left in the game, Travis Spears scored on a 14-yard run to put the game out of reach for the Eagles (1-1).

Franklin also lost three fumbles and was outgained 257-150 in total offense.

Quarterback Justin Forrestall was only 5-of-18 for 53 yards and an interception.

"I thought our defense was outstanding, but we couldn't pass, we couldn't run and we couldn't block," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "It was pathetic. We forgot all our blocking assignments.

Austin Simmons picked off a pass for the Patriots.

Rockets shot down

On Thursday, host Brighton invoked a running clock by halftime in a 48-0 victory over Westland John Glenn.

It was the Shane Dokey show as the senior ran for three

touchdowns (65, 4 and 15 yards) and also caught a 15-yard scoring pass from John Oberpeul with only 16 seconds left in the half to make it 35-0.

Other Brighton TD runs came from Aaron Calderon (1 yard), James Leitch (1 yard) and Nick Bravata (12 yards).

Dokey finished with 102 yards on eight carries, while Oberpeul hit 4-of-7 passes for 104 yards.

The Bulldogs (2-0) outgained Glenn (1-1) in total offense,

Glenn quarterback Jeff Kuhary was 4-of-8 for 11 yards and recovered a fumble.

Zebras beaten

In a game Thursday night, host Milford improved to 2-0 with a 42-14 victory over Wayne Memorial as quarterback Alex Larson ran and threw for a touchdown.

The Mavericks led 14-0 after one quarter on a 3-yard TD run by Brandon Wallace followed by an 11-yard scoring run by Larson, who had 13 carries for 81 yards on the night. (Larson

was also 9-of-15 passing for 130 yards.)

In the second quarter, Jordan Hayward scored on a 7yard run to make it 21-0 (following the PAT) before Wayne got on the board on Dean Caldwell's 9-yard scoring pass to Thomas Briggs (the kick failed).

Milford put it away with two scores in the third period - Wallace on a 28-yard run on Robert Ritchie on a 21-yard interception return.

Larson then connected with Wallace on a 2-yard scoring pass in the fourth quarter. Caldwell then hit Briggs

again on a 24-yard TD strike. Caldwell, a senior, was 8-of-23 passing for 57 yards with four interceptions. He was Wayne's leading rusher with 52 yards on

seven carries. Milford outgained Wayne in total yards, 391-165, and had 17 first downs to the Zebras' six.

Sam Ekanem had a team-high seven solo tackles and an interception for Wayne. Michael Cooper also picked off a pass for the Zebras.

Warriors fall short in bid to reclaim 'Rusty'

Turnovers led to Lutheran High Westland's undoing on a hot Thursday afternoon in its annual football battle for the coveted piece of hard-

ware called "Rusty." The host Warriors spotted rival Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest a 21-0 first-half advantage and a comeback bid came up short as the Crusaders held on for a 21-14 Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference victory. Northwest, which keeps "Rusty" for the fourth straight year, is 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC, while the Warriors fall to

0-2 and 0-1. Northwest junior quar-

terback Nathan Drews three first-half touchdown passes of 6, 25 and 34 yards – all coming after Warrior fumbles.

Lutheran Westland got an 8-yard TD run from Martin Kemp in the third quarter and scored with only 23 seconds left in the game on Matt Sylvester's 6-yard pass to Stewart Tarp. (Mitchell Boehm converted both extra points.)

The Warriors lost despite outgaining Northwest 342-246 in total yards and in first downs, **13-8**.

"The end of the first half with the heat guys were dropping like flies," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "But as tough as it was, I was proud of the guys. They fought back and battled their butts off the second half and just came up

short." Drews was 9-of-25 for 203 yards and three TDs. He was intercepted by Sylvester and Matt Dewitt.

The Warriors gained 234 of their 342 yards on the ground led by Jacob Richter (16-for-94), Darren Brown (9-for-66) and Kemp (8-for-61).

Sylvester was 7-of-11 passing for 108 yards. Richter paced the defense with six tackles.

CHURCHILL Continued from page B1 134 yards and engineered a game-winning seven-

final quarter. "Seth is a cool cat," Filiatraut said. "He doesn't get rattled. If you could pick a demeanor for a quarterback, it would be Seth. He's competitive, but he's not tight about being competitive. He's loose, he's solid. He

play, 59-yard drive in the

played well tonight." The slippery 5-8, 163pound Lapinski didn't have a carry in the first half, but made the most of his chances over the

final two quarters. "Chad played very well in the second half," Filiatraut said. "He was a good runner for us all last year as well. He's got real good vision and a feel for our offense. He did a nice

job. "We talked about halftime about the next guy in. Romello (Brown) has been a huge key for us, and when we lost him in the first half, some guys had to step up. I thought Duane Scott stepped in there well when he had to, and Chad, when we got him going in

Pinckney (0-2), which

the second half, he did a

great job as well."

unveiled its new stateof-the-art football stadium on an extremely hot night, missed a 25-yard field goal on its opening possession when the Chargers' Derek Jakubowski got a piece of

the kick. But the Pirates took a 7-0 lead on quarterback Dominic Bona's 78-yard middle screen pass to Rvan Haney with 2:28 left in the quarter.

With 2:09 left in the first half and trailing by seven, Churchill's Michael Tannana picked off a Bona pass and returned it to midfield, but went down in a heap and was carted off on a stretcher by EMS personnel for precautionary measures causing a 15-min-

ute delay. Game officials decided to break for halftime and play the final 2:09 as part of the third and fourth quarters and the Chargers came out of the gate and tied it on the first play when Suida hit Robert Foster on a 43-yard TD strike with 1.59 to go in the second. But the Chargers got the extra point blocked and trailed

third, Suida and Foster hooked up again on a 21yard TD pass. The two

With 2:46 go in the

also connected on the two-point conversion to make it 14-7.

Churchill had a TD pass nullified in the final quarter on a fourth-down pass interference call and Pinckney responded with nine-play, 62-yard TD drive, capped by Bona's 1-yard run with only 3:53 left.

Drew Stephens' PAT tied it at 14-14, setting the stage for the Chargers' last-ditch drive, which featured a key first-down run by Suida and a 31yard burst up the middle

by Lapinski. "I didn't think Seth had a particularly good night throwing the ball, but our receivers made plays," Filiatraut said. "For us to come back after that turnaround at the end --the offensive pass interference for a touchdown and then give up a score

— then we come back and score again ... that was great.' Pinckney got down to the Churchill 36 with only 10.8 seconds left, but came up short with the final play when defen-

sive backs Andre Abram,

ki broke up Bona's pass at

Jr. and Hunter Rimatz-

the 5 as time expired.

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Continued from page B1 But then the speedy Kelly came through with

his clutch 99-yard kickoff

return. "That was absolutely gigantic, especially coming in at half when they (Cranbrook) scored," Fry said. "He (Kelly) took it down the sideline. It could have been turning point. It really broke them and we came out strong in the third quarter, too.'

With 8:43 left in the third, Wright scored on a 4-yard run, while Hall countered for the Cranes with 3:07 remaining on a 1-yard run (followed by a two-point pass to Mark Wilhelm to make it 21-20).

But Clarenceville responded with just 48.6 seconds left in the same quarter on Bryant's 14vard TD run. Bryant also scored on the two-pointer to make it 28-21 and the Trojans carried that momentum into the final quarter on a pair of TD

runs of 33 and 29 yards with 3:39 and 2:20 remaining by Bryant again to go up 40-21. (DeAnthony

"I think everything broke down," Graf said of his defense "And I think their speed kind of caught us off-guard. We never got to break down (tackling) because it seemed like we were chasing most of the game. I think that was the biggest struggle ... dealing with their speed."

The Trojans also got a big defensive stop on fourth-and-goal from the 20 with only 7:07 left when Kimani Dooley broke up a pass.

Cranbrook got a lastsecond score when backup quarterback Brad Fraser hit Mogill on a 15yard passing play. But the damage had

already been done despite the Cranes winning the statistical battle in total yardage (268-250) and first downs (16-12).

"I think we played a little catch at the end," said

Graf, whose team is 1-1 overall. "I was happy to see that: We threw the ball and caught the ball Price's interception set better than we have in a up the first Bryan TD.) while, and so I'm hoping we can build on that. We'll look at the film and try and figure out where w go next week and where

> With temperatures rising above 90 degrees, Thursday afternoon's clash became a war of attrition. "Even before the game,

do we go from here."

we didn't suit them up until the very last minute," Fry said. "It's been so cool the last couple of weeks, and now it gets hot so we were just trying to save them.'

Graf also said the conditions were a factor, but not in the final outcome. "Everybody was tired,"

the Cranbrook coach said. "Everybody was hot, but to their credit they (Clarenceville) scored 40 points. We all played in the same conditions."

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Churchill utilityman Tiama proves keeper in 2-0 win

by one, 7-6.

Livonia Churchill boys soccer coach Reid Friedrichs calls Karl Tiama

"our Don Kelly." The senior showed his versatility just as the Detroit Tiger utilityman does as he stepped into goal Thursday night and earned the shutout as the Chargers blanked host Walled Lake Central, 2-0.

Tiama was filling in for starter Colton Robison, who was unavailable to play according to Friedrichs.

"Karl plays every posi-

BOYS SOCCER tion on the field - forward,

defender, midfield and goal," said the Churchill coach, whose team improved to 2-1-2 overall. "Tonight he did a great job. He handled the crosses, secured the ball in traffic and made the necessary saves when he had to. I'm very proud of him."

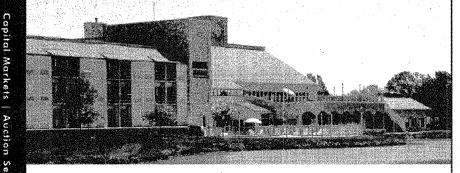
Both Churchill goals occurred during the second half with Evan Schweizer bending in a corner kick

for the eventual game-winner in the 50th minute.

Austin Henson then set up Allen Woodruff on a cross to give the Chargers an insurance goal.

The loss drops the Vikings to 3-2 overall. FRANKLIN 4, CREST-WOOD 2: On Thursday, Gabe Edwards' second half goal broke a 2-all tie as host Livonia Franklin (2-1-2) rallied past Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a non-league encounter. The Patriots trailed 2-1 at halftime despite Craig Beebe scoring the first of his two goals on a penalty kick.

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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Aug. 27 at Stevenson 200-yard medley relay: 1. Mercy (Christine Edwards, Maddy Loniewski, Annie Valentine, Elliott Schinella), 1:51.69; 2. Stevenson (Shaelyn Dolinski, Julia Hurley, Ashley Reed, Brenna Gabrielson), 1:52.89; 3. Mercy (Jordan Ewald, Halie Zulch, Michaela Bargardi, Carlee Jackson),

200 freestyle: 1. Olivia Samoray (FHM), 1:57.28; 2. Kathleen McGee (FHM), 1:57.87; 3. Evelyn

200 individual medley: 1. Loniewski (FHM), 2:07.95; 2. Valentine (FHM), 2:16.06; 3. Dolinski (LS), 2:18.29

50 freestyle: 1. Sato Kakihara (FHM), 25.2; 2. Schinella (FHM), 25.61; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 25.69. 1-meter diving: 1. Emmy Orrico (FHM), 208.95 points; 2. Erica Allor (FHM), 193.58; 3. Christine Peterson (FHM), 173.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Valentine (FHM), 59.12; 2.

Sara Stemen (LS), 1:00.65; 3. Reed (LS), 1:00.98. **100 freestyle:** 1. Kakihara (FHM), 54.55; 2. Edwards (FHM), 55.12; 3. Sarah Cauzillo (LS),

500 freestyle: 1. McGee (FHM), 5:11.69; 2 Samoray (FHM), 5:15.33; 3. Stein (LS), 5:24.43. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Schinella, McGee, Samoray, Kakihara), 1:43.38; 2. Mercy (Rachel Mack, Jackson, Jensen Pecora, Shannon Lemmer), 1:47.52; 3. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Aidan O'Dowd, Kelly Laporte, Stein), 1:49.09. 100 backstroke: 1. Gabrielson (LS), 1:01.21; 2.

100 breaststroke: 1. Loniewski (FHM), 1:07.22 2. Hurley (LS), 1:10.56; 3. Zulch (FHM), 1:13.58. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Kakihara, Samoray, McGee, Loniewski), 3:40.42; 2. Mercy (Valentine, Roxanne Griffore, Bargardi, Edwards), 3:46.57; 3. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Reed. Gabrielson, Dolinski), 3:51.63.

Edwards (FHM), 1:02.34; 3. Reed (LS), 1:02.41.

Dual match records: Mercy 1-0 overall; Stevenson. 0-1 overall.

LOCAL SPORTS

No. 1 singles flight. Edsel Ford's John Rye and Nick Boileau came

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Doubles teams also

going 2-1 on the day were

Brian Baumgartner and

1), along with Steve Van

Franklin's Stephen

Payne rolled through all

vielding only two games

in six sets, to capture the

three of his opponents,

Wormer and Riley Prince

Mark Denstaedt (No.

Arvikar (No. 4).

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away with the No. 1 doubles flight crown.

Stevenson quad

On Aug. 28, host Stevenson scored a team-high 21 points to down Wyandotte (16), Dearborn (15) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1) in a four-team quad.

Sam Tabor (No. 3) and Johnson Yang (No. 4) won singles for the Spartans with 3-0 records. Outright doubles titles

went to Nick Marsh and Jeff Frederick (No. 2), along with Chris Haldane and Sam Klos (No. 5).

There was a three-way

tie for first at No. 3 doubles with Chase Tinham and Jason Wysocki sharing the title with teams from Wyandotte and Dearborn.

Going 2-1 for Stevenson on the day in singles included Chad Northey (No. 1) and Marcus McCathney (No. 2), along with Neal Adams and Tom Cwiek at No. 4 doubles.

Wyandotte's Joe Loissello and Devin Jones swept the Nos. 1 and 2 singles titles, respectively, while Dearborn's Caleb Abston and David Stretanski captured No. 1 doubles.

Clarenceville spikers sweep Thurston

Junior Ashley Murphy recorded 10 kills and served three aces Thursday as the Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball team got back on the winning track with a 25-17, 25-12, 25-23 win at Redford Thurston.

"We played well tonight," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Mershman, whose team improved to 7-4-3 overall. "Our offense and serving was strong

tonight. Each time the girls get on the court they get better."

Junior Tonya Vernier and sophomore Ayanna Buckley contributed six and five kills, respectively. Senior Angela McAlpine chipped in with five kills and four aces.

Sophomore setter Nicole Kurdziel finished with 29 assist-to-kills, while senior libero Britney Olds had 10 digs and four aces.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2 Sept. 1 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Matt Cezat, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Jonathan Martin (LC) won by default: No. 3 Joe Mulka (LC) def. Jacob Liberati, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; **No. 4**: Rishabh Arvikar (LC) def. Joe Bastas, 6-1, 6-3. No. 1 doubles: Brian Baumgartner-Mark

Denstaedt (LC) def. Chris Sitarski-Tyler Turchan,

6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Nick Munro-Conner Benson (LF) def. Riley Prince-Steven VanWormer, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1; No. 3: Mayuresh Iyer-Kishan Trivedi (LC) def. Will Rowley-Churchill player, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Braden Swantick-Ian Clemens (LC) def. Zach Benson-Tyler Albers, 6-1, 6-0; No. 5: Matt Miller-Mit Patel (LC) def. Joe Vetula-Aaron Rogers,

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Play it cool with a fall garden

If you think the end of summer means your vegetable gardening days are done, you'll need to reconsider. The weeks when summer fades into fall are actually an opportune time to plant coolweather crops. Fall is a great time of year for planting vegetables.

Some of nature's most nutritious greens and veggies thrive in cooler temperatures. Planting them now, at summer's end, can ensure a bountiful fall harvest. Plus you'll save a bundle by avoiding the produce aisle in your grocery store for a few more months.

The sunny, cooler weather of autumn is perfect for many vegetables. With increased rainfall and temperatures ranging between 60 and 80 degrees in the day and higher than 40 at night, your plants suffer less, increasing your likelihood of good harvest. You can even cope with frost; some hardy vegetables can thrive without frost protection, and covering less resistant plants when frost threatens can keep them thriving.

The secrets of successful fall planting don't differ much from the techniques you've used during high season. Cool crops will need at least six hours of sun daily, ample water and a steady supply of much-needed nutrients. You can get a jump-start by planting transplants. Seed germination of cool crops during late summer requires much attention to detail. Transplants are a quicker, easier route to ensure success.

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Save seeds for fall garden

The best way to ensure you'll have seeds for your fall garden is to save a few from your spring/summer crop.

Many plant supply stores run out of seeds in mid-summer or send them back to their sup-

"What happens is we ship them back in July," said Linnea Garvey, sales and graphic design staff member for Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. "We don't have seeds or starts."

She said the nursery has a few Chinese pea pod, basil and cilantro seeds, as well as ornamental kale and cabbage.

"It's meant to be ornamental but you can eat it," she said. "We have it in starts. It's a fall crop. It looks beautiful."

est producer of vegetables and herbs in North America, offers some quick tips for picking the right plants for your fall garden:

 Choose fast-growing, leafy cool crops like broccoli, Swiss chard, lettuce, kale, spinach, collards and arugula. Leafy vegetables are actually harder to grow in the summer, when the heat can cause them to "bolt," forming flowers and seeds. Bolting leaves edible portions tasting bitter. Some plants, like collards, are sweetened by frost. Spinach, a cool-weather vegetable related to beets and Swiss chard, can yield many leaves in a short time in fall. Although it

A spokesperson for Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills said the store also had ornamental kale in stock, but no vegetable seeds.

A saleswoman at English Gardens in Dearborn Heights said the store has stocked seeds for fall planting in the past but wasn't sure if it would this year.

If you haven't saved some seeds over the summer, your best source is indoor and hydroponic garden stores.

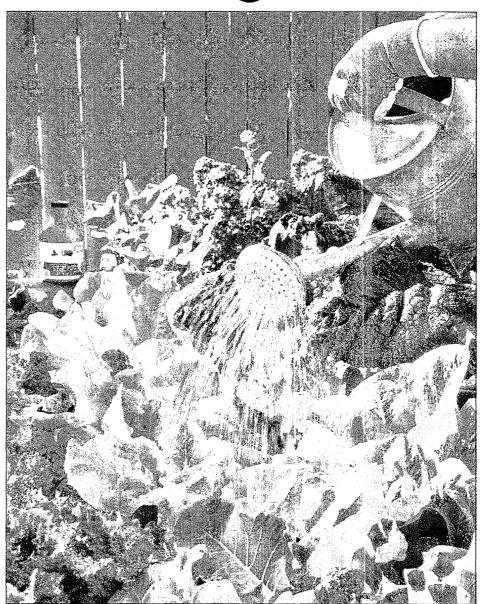
A spokesman for Superior Garden Supply in Livonia said the store sells vegetable seeds and its Web site lists a variety of them. They may be sown indoors or outside for fall crops.

The store is located at 29220 Seven Mile.

prefers full sun, spinach is one of the few vegetables that produce a respectable harvest in partial shade. Or pick a broccoli that develops in a short time, some 45-50 days. You could choose to plant two rounds of these vegetables, in spring and again in late summer-early fall.

• Don't delay. Ideally, you should plant your fall crops now, although if you wait another week or so, it doesn't mean you can't have a successful fall harvest. It just might take more time and ingenuity.

• Pick a place. Your existing garden is the perfect place to plant cool weather crops.



Give fall plants ample water.

Remember, frost flows downhill like water, so spots at the top of a slope or in south-facing locations will remain warmest. • You can also plant your fall crops in raised beds, which are easy to cover when frost threatens, or in pots that can be brought inside when temperatures dip too low.

 Know how they grow. Pay close attention to

"days to maturity" information listed on plant tags. You'll want to give plants enough time to produce before killing frost arrives.

· Good gardening practices will get your fall garden growing. Loosen soil before you plant and mix in some all-natural fertilizer.

With some advanced planning, active attention, and the right choice of plants, you can continue to enjoy your garden and fresh, flavorful produce, long after the dog days of summer are done. To learn more about cool season varieties and helpful hints on getting your garden growing, visit www.bonnieplants.com.

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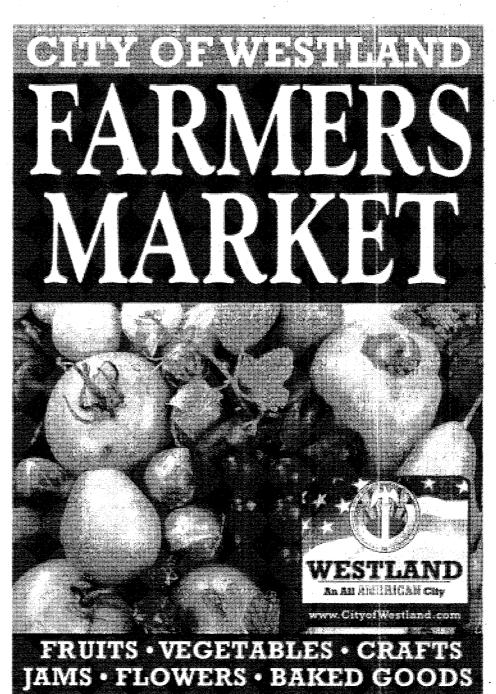
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Residents show it's never too late to camp

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, September 4, 2011

By Sharon Dargay O&E staff writer

Helen Dunn is a happy

camper. The 88-year-old resident of Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland and three of her neighbors bunked in cabins, sang songs around the campfire and took part in the evening Motown talent show during a recent three-day stay at Lions Bear Lake in Lapeer.

"I like the pontoon ride...being outdoors," Dunn said. "I have never been to a campfire before. It was nice."

The fun was all a part of NexCare Health Systems — the nursing facility's parent company — annual camping event for residents in its 17 facilities in Michigan. The end-of-summer, three-day camping trip drew approximately 50 residents and 60 staff members from 15 of NexCare's homes.

Carolyn Merucci-Anderson, NexCare's director of community services, said the outing gives residents a chance to meet new people.

"Campers talk about the experience for months after and look forward to next year,' she said.



Bernie Oswala, activities assistant, (standing) takes Helen Dunn for a spin around the activities center at camp. Both are from Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland.

The company has offered the camping trip to residents for 15 years. Project Compassion, a Detroit-based ministry dedicated to improving the lives of nursing home patients, has helped coordinate the camping experience for the past seven years.

"Just because you're in a nursing facility, it doesn't mean you can't. do fun things and meet new people. It's so nice to be able to go on vacation," said Jennifer Bogden, admissions and marketing director at Four Chaplains. "A lot of nursing centers have a reputation of being a forever

thing. That's not always the case here. We have short- and long-term care residents."

Bogden said the Westland home offers day trips in addition to the annual overnight camping experience.

Bernie Oswala, an activities assistant at Four Chaplains, has accompanied the Westland group to Lions Bear Lake for three years.

"I think everyone enjoys getting away from home base. Even the car ride — the small towns we went through, the cornfields - it was nice. We went on a pontoon ride and it was fun

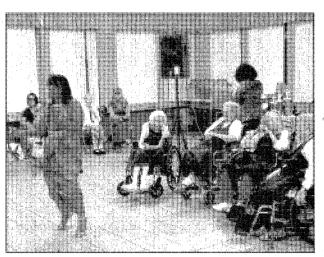


Dorothy Logan (left), Sue Kwaak, and Kathleen Kaiser from South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab, a NexCare Health System nursing facility, take a pontoon ride while at camp.

just to see their excitement and to reminisce." Oswala said. "One of the residents who usually has gone with us will always talk about it from year to year. She remembers going and having a good time. It does have a lasting affect on them."

For first-time campers, like Frances Brock, 90, it was a chance to take in some fresh air outdoors and meet new people. She's already looking forward to the camping trip next year.

"If I have a chance to go, I will," she said.



Campers from Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center in Westland take center stage during a Motown revue at camp. The women, all dressed in matching outfits, made hand gestures to the music as Deborah Rogers, a caregiver from Four Chaplains, sang. The residents are Frances Brock, Helen Dunn and Frances Rice and Rosemary Geis.

REUNIONS

Send class reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com

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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 Dysarz Hausch, 2100 N. Martha, Dearborn, MI 48128. For more information, call Dolores at (313)

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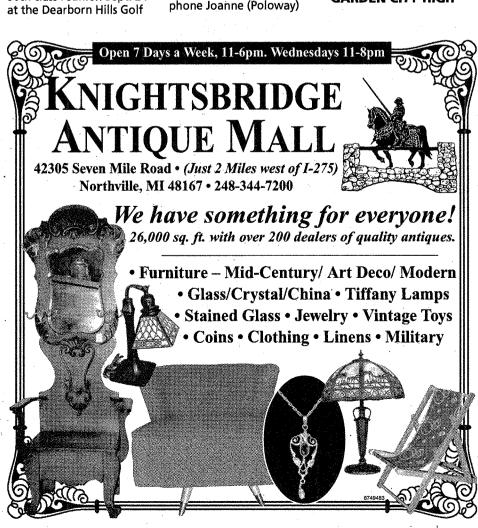
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A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn, 1214 Main, Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-3253; fjlocke@aol.com

ST. ALPHONSUS **CLASS OF 1971**

40th class reunion, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Liberty Street Brewing, 149 Liberty,

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who

apply for disability benefits. Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign

inexperi-enced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

interviewed on various **Both attorney Bieske** and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attornevs Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

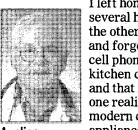
Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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With change comes new and different ways to do things

he computer came out years ago and this writer thought it was just a passing fade and would be gone in a short while. Little did I know or could even imagine where we'd be today.

I like change even for an old guy like me, but I am more old fashioned than most and it takes a while to break down the wall.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I left home for several hours the other day and forgot my cell phone on the kitchen counter and that makes one realize what modern day appliances may

mean to us. Change that is given to us without education

is happening all around us and that sort causes a lot of bad feelings on the part of many American consumers. Take the new style of washing machines available today and the many complaints I hear about them, for instance.

Chase writes: "I have a GE Profile front load washing machine that is about 10 years old. Over the past year or so, when you go to use it, the first load's dirty water really smells. Is there a remedy to this issue or is it time to replace?"

I called this homeowner and asked him to investigate this complaint through his computer and he was amazed by the amount of stinky front load washer complaints there are in this country. I explained to him how to solve this problem and that he doesn't have to purchase a new washer. The front load washer has been out for 15 years and yet consumers have never been educated properly on how to use it. It's just another case of change without education.

Take the dishwasher detergent issue today that has caused homeowners to replace a dishwasher, hot water heater and even their water softeners. They changed the dishwasher detergents by removing the phosphates and now our glassware looks like it been through the Chicago fire. The manufacturers of dishwasher detergents have done a terrible job of informing consumers that this was going to happen another case of change without education.

Next comes another example of maybe much more serious nature which has to the do with the gas pump at your service station. This is a bit out of my realm but I've lived it, so I'll write about it.

We purchased a used boat two years ago for out little cottage at Union City and when we tried to start it up for operation

it wouldn't budge. We hauled it to a Marine outfit and did I get an education on the subject of gasoline. My wallet took a beating worth \$500 because the petroleum industry gave us another case of change without education. The carburetors were all gummed up and the mechanic told us that this is normal today because of the different additives they keep adding to the gas at the fuel pumps. He told us to purchase only high grade fuel for our motor and to add fuel stabilizer to every tankful. Do not use gas with more than 10 percent ethanol and make sure to use fuel within two to four weeks. Merchants Hardware in Union City reports that tons of consumers are going through a lot of problems with their snow blowers, lawn mowers and gasoline-operated equipment as well.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Joe Henderson, an expert in the appliance world, states that using appliances today can be very different than in years past. Changes are made purportedly for the best, but manufacturers fail to forewarn us on how to use these products to achieve maximum effect. Stay tuned.

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

Day camp teaches kids to cheer

There's just one week left to register for Kid Camp 2011, a cheerleading camp presented by the Salem High School Cheer Team.

The camp will run 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, Sept. 24 at Salem High School, 46191 Joy Road, Canton. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 9.

It's designed for youngsters, age 5-12, who want to learn about cheerleading. Cost is \$50 and includes the cheer clinic, a snack, Salem cheer T-shirt and a backpack. Campers can check in starting at 8:30 a.m. and should wear comfortable shirt, shorts and gym shoes.

Participants also may cheer with the Salem team during the first half of the Salem vs. Stevenson football game Friday, Oct. 7. Game time is 6:30 p.m. and cheerleaders will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Salem's gym. Tshirts will be distributed at that time.

Basic medical information including any health concerns and emergency contact information is required at registration.

To register call Dee Bryan at (734) 673-4329 or

Keliisa Nordstrom at (734) 397-4562. Questions? E-mail to salemcoaches@gmail.com.

Auditions set for vampire play

Feeling a little dark and creepy?

You might want to audition for Schoolcraft College Theatre Department's production of Dracula, 7 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 6-7 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

No previous theater experience is necessary and you don't have to be a Schoolcraft College student to perform in the play, Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5 and 11-12. All auditions are open to students, faculty and

The play is adapted from the Bram Stoker novel by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston. In this version a mysterious presence appears at a sanatorium near London and, against a back drop of the full moon, creeping shadows and flying bats, the forces of good and evil battle.

For more information about the auditions, call the Schoolcraft Theatre Department at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5270.

REUNIONS

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Plymouth and 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 24, Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. The gathering on Saturday costs \$60 per person. For more information call Martie Zawacki McClain at martanmc@aol.com (734) 453-4946

ST. CHRISTOPHER - DE-TROIT

CLASS OF 1961

Sept. 18 reunion. Organizers are looking for 1961 June graduates. E-mail Cathy Assessor Stone at fmtpo2@ hotmail.com or call her at (734) 692-1692.

ST. MARY OF REDFORD

CLASS OF 1971 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443. Reston, VA 20190. For more

information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com.

ST. PHILOMENA GRADE **SCHOOL**

Class of 1961 50th reunion, Saturday, Oct. 8. Call Phil Ventura at 586 263-4909 or E-mail amvpav@aol.com

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962 Looking for classmates for

50th class reunion on May 19, 2012. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call

her at (586) 268-1663 or email to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com

CLASS OF 1976

35-year class reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net

CLASS OF 1991

Saturday, Sept. 10, in Wayne. For more information call LaTonya Mayfield at (734) 578-6333 or e-mail to teemamma15@yahoo.

The Detroit Diesel include a buffet lunch, Retiree Club will hold brief business meeting

Detroit Diesel retirees meet

its annual luncheon and business meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"It's primarily a social club. We don't do much in the way of lobbying or anything like that,' said Dick Hauser, member. "We have an annual luncheon get together on third Thursday of October. People come from all over the country."

The meeting will

and discussion of topics of interest to retirees, in addition to socializing.

Cost of the lunch is \$25. The price includes a publication with a roster of members and a memorial page. Retirees also can attend the meeting and buy the publication for \$3, without buying lunch.

For information and pre-registration, call Robert Pavol, membership director, at (734) 455-2668 or e-mail jrpavol64@ prodigy.net.

Bowling event set for charity Sept. 11

There's still time to sign up for Chicks4Charities' bowling event to benefit Ele's Place, an Ann Arbor organization that offers support and counseling to children grieving the loss of a loved

"Carnival Bowl" is set for noon, Sunday, Sept. 11 at Super Bowl in Canton. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for kids and \$60 foe a family of two adults and

two kids. That includes two games of bowling, shoes, two pieces of pizza, pop and a raffle ticket. The raffle offers a chance to win a flat screen television, a Wii, boys and girls bikes and many other items. The event also will include a silent auction, ice cream bar for kids, afterglow for adults, games and

Chicks4Charities is a group of

local women who raise funds for charitable causes. In the past five years, the group has raised more than \$15,000 for the Cancer Care Center at St. Joseph Mercy, \$10,000 for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, and \$5,000 for the Cancer Support Center.

For tickets or more information, call Lisa at (248) 719-4687 or visit chicks4charities.net.

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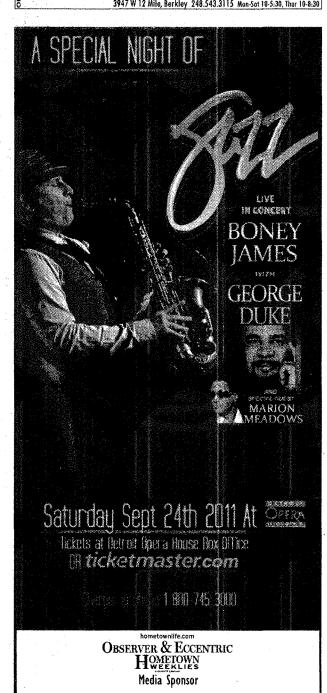
People know sciatica as a "pinched" nerve. The problem occurs in the low back with a protrusion of disc material pushing a nerve against the bony canal as the nerve is leaving the spinal cord. The site where nerve fibers are compressed determines which sites in the leg, ankle or foot the feeling of tingling will

This sequence of nerve compression followed by subsequent leg or foot impairment is what most medical personnel consider necessary to make a diagnosis of nerve impingement, i.e. sciatica. However, in many instances the individual with nerve compression in the back does not present that way.

Instead, the person with sciatica may first feel slight back pain but a more annoying discomfort in the buttocks area, with no further radiation of the pain. The patient and physician may consider the pain to represent early hip disease and as a result walks less or decreases activity in other ways. This response only worsens the nerve impingement.

In other instances the person notices pain in the outside of the led or behind the calf, or finds that on one day leg pain is present only in the morning. However, the next day there is no pain until nightfall. It makes no sense to attribute the pain to arthritis as arthritis presents daily and its intensity correlates with exercise.

Sciatica is more variable as its activity depends on position and posture. In life, even at rest, the body moves. Thus the variability of leg pain does not obscure the diagnosis of sciatica but defines it. For depending how the body moves, the involved nerve either become more impinged or less compressed.

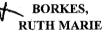


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BARBRICK, AUGUST (AUGIE), JR. $11/28/1936 \sim 8/17/2011$

Resided in Tucson, Arizona, former resident of Farmington, Michigan and born in Muskegon, MI. Augie, went home peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior after complications from a stroke 10 years earlier. The youngest and only son of August and Margaret Barbrick, he graduated from M.S.U. in 1958 with a B.A. in business. He faithfully followed his Spartan sport teams. He had a passion for his family and friends and was an avid sportsman. He loved hunting and fishing and anything related to the outdoors He was a genuine "people person' and everyone who met Augie was touched by his sense of humor and good nature. He was predeby his sisters, Mary Wheeler, Bernice Picard, Dorothy Czekuc, and Pauline Puhalski and step-siblings, Merle and Howard Banaszak, and Catherine Hutchins. He is survived by his former wife, Joan LaRou and their children: Pete Barbrick, Tom Barbrick, Linda Hutchison, John Barbrick, and Jeanette Rivas. He is also survived by his spouse. Janet Barbrick, and step-children Fred Ambs, Pete Ambs, and Lowell Weaver. He will be missed by his 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Augie and his first wife Joan LaRou were cal politics; Goodfellows, in local www.cremationmichigan.com Farmington Jaycees, and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Augie had been granted a patent for assisting in the design of wire harnesses. His extensive knowledge of metallurgy led him to be a successful metal salesman in the iron and steel business. His entrepreneurial attitude led him to Tucson where he and his wife, Janet



owned and operated a small printing business. Augie loved to golf

and was a member of the Tucson

Rotary Club. A memorial service will take place 9-9-11 at 11 am at

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic

Church in Farmington Hills, Ml.

Age 55, passed away on August 27, 2011.

DOVER, GLADYS I.

Age 91, of Sebring, OH died September 1, 2011, at Crandall Medical Center. She was a previ-Assembly of God in Dearborn, MI, member of the church drama group and enjoyed acting and directing plays. Her family truly was her life; she enjoyed all the special times with them and supporting them in all their endeavors. Gladys is survived by daughters, Darla (Gerald) Grill of N Fort Myers, Fla., Deborah (Lewis) Heath of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; grandchildren, Tammy Lowe, Cindy (Mike) Bonnici, Heather Carpenter, Michael Grill and Cynthia Newell; many greatgrandchildren; one great-greatgranddaughter; one brother, Harry Jr. (Judy) Walters of Ocala, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. September 6, at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden in Novi, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Copeland Oaks Life Care Foundation 715 S. Johnson Road, Sebring, Oh. 44672 or to the Hospice of the Valley, 5190 Market St. Boardman, Ohio 44512. Arrangements are by Cassaday-Turkle-Christian Funeral Home, 75 S. Union Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601. Friends may register online at www.ctcfuneral.com.

GREENFIELD,

PAMELA SUE Age 56, formerly of Westland, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2011. Survived by her husband Tom Greenfield and son Aaron. Services were held Saturday at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home.





HAMLIN, (NEE PRIORIELLO) **BARBARA IDA**

August 30, 2011. Age 69. Beloved wife of 35 years to the late William. Loving mother of Elizabeth (David) Shelton, Dean (Machelle) Hamlin, and Noreen Jeremy) Porter. Daughter of the late Michelle and Angeline Prioriello. Dear sister of Dolores (Tom) Kilty, Ronald (Debbie) Prioriello, and the late Mary (Fred) Miller and Carmen (David) Sobka. Loving aunt of David (Stacey) Sobka, Angela Sobka, Michael Prioriello, Joseph Prioriello, Cassie (Greg) Kiner, Dawn (Bob) Middendorf, Stacey Hamlin, Cindy (Duane) Morris, Mark (Katrina) Hamlin, Gary Hamlin, Joseph Schaffer and (Joseph) LuAnne Morgan. Barbara was a retired school bus driver for Wayne-Westland com-munity schools, safely shepherding students to school, sporting, and musical events for 30 years. She enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family. She was an awesome cook. There was always an extra plate at the dinner table and she made the best macaroni salad in the world. A private Memorial Service was held. Memorial contributions appreciated American Cancer Society or Cancer Institute. Karmanos Please take a moment to sign Barbara's online guestbook at:

JONES, ALEXANDER MICHAEL

of Milford and Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Farmington and Canton, Michigan and Matteson, Illinois, passed away May 3, 2011 in the care of his family. He was 21 years old. Alex is survived by his mother Annette Jones, Milford, MI and father Bruce (Jessica) Jones of La Honda, CA; brothers Benjamin Beggs Jones and Theodore Sampson Jones; grandparents James Dell (and the late Martha C.) Brown, Sally (Robert) Whipple Cockayne and (Maryann) Jones; nine aunts and uncles; 17 cousins. Alex is also survived by extended family and dear friends. Memorial Services were held this spring. Memorial contributions encouraged Volunteers Assisting the Disabled Camp, Muscular Dystrophy Association, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For further info, visit www.LvnchFuneralDirectors.com

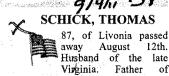
LAMPI, RAY

Age 83 beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Kathy Yuchasz, Kirsten Rattai & Ben Lampi. Blest by 6 grandchildren & 12 great grandchildren. He loved his Savior, his family and his career as an educator. He retired from Farmington Schools and continued to sub teach for many years after.



MERTA, JOYCE ELAINE Age 73 passed away gracefully

and peacefully on August 25, 2011 at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California. She was born July 20, 1938 to Sophia (Dluski) and Clement Lotowski. She was a 1956 graduate of Saint Alphonsus High School, Dearborn, Michigan. She married Ron Merta on November 14, 1959 and enjoyed 52 years of happiness with her family, friends, children and grandchildren. She is survived by her hus-band Ron Merta, children Denise Hayes (Forrest); Douglas Merta (Monika); Deborah Merta (Mark Walters). Sister of Corinne Stempien (Marvin). She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Lauren Hayes, Danielle Hayes, Lily Mae Hayes, Rosco Hayes, Zosia Hayes, Gavin Walters, Owen Walters and Drake Walters. Joyce truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures like spending time with her family and friends, and cherished children and grandchildren. She loved to relax and enjoy her homes in Traverse City and Naples, Florida. We will always carry her memory in our hearts. Now is the time to move from grieving to remembrance. Remembrance is a chain death tries to break...but all in vain. To have to love, and then to part, is the greatest sorrow of one's heart. The years may wipe out many things, but some they never will. Like memories of those happy times when we were all together. Rest In Peace Darling. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to: The American Lung Association or The Foundation For A Smokefree America. A "Celebration of Life" will be held Friday Evening, September 2, 4:00pm - 9:00pm at the Grille, Plymouth Road, Plymouth Ml. (734) 453-2002. A funeral Mass (134) 433-2002. A functal Mass Saturday Morning, September 3, at 9:30am at St. Aidan's in Livonia, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (734) 425-9333. A luncheon will immediately follow at the banquet hall adjacent to St. Aidan's. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



Schick, wife Paula, Tommy Schick (deceased), Gary Schick (deceased) and MaryBeth Hickey (deceased). Has 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Thomas was a proud World War II Veteran. He will be missed by all. Service held at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Thursday, September 1st, 2011 at 9:30am.



SNYDER, DOROTHY A

August 28, 2011, age 92. Wife of the late Darrell. Dear mother of Duke, Kathryn Snyder (Jerry Kutchey), Mary Elisabeth Kutchey), Mary Elisabeth, Thomas (Susan Chinn), and Julie Snyder (Cliff Diehl). Also 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Services and burial have taken place. Memorial Tributes to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, Development Office, 8400 S. Cambridge Ave., Detroit MI 48221, or P.E.O., Birmingham Chapter D.D. Treasurer, 3144 Middlebelt Road, Orchard Lake, MI 48323. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at:

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



SYVERSEN, ARNE R. Passed away 8/23/2011. He was

87 years old. Beloved husband of 65 years to the late Charlotte ersen. Survived by daughters Kristine (Gary Harla) Broderick Wendy (Tom) Sinkus Grandfather to Ryan Broderick Jason (Nicole) Broderick and Adam (Sarah) Sinkus. Great Grandfather of Lukas and Dylan Broderick, Jackson and Bailey Sinkus. Also survived by his brother Roy (Virginia) Syversen and sister Erma Baker and families. Predeceased by older brother Harry (Ardis) Syversen. He was a strong minded man, that built not only a wonderful and supporting family, but was a pillar in the community volunteering in leadership roles for over 40 years with the Lamplighters Lions Club. He was nnlished electri long time member of the IBEW Electrical Union, Local 58 for over 45 years. Arne enjoyed life with his wife, family and friends, participating in all types of sports including softball, hockey, archery, hunting, fishing, boating, golfing, bowling and skiing. Arne was always there for his family and friends and especially enjoyed the gatherings at the family cabin, holidays and birthdays. He was an avid sports fan - always watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play soccer and/or base-ball as well as the Tigers and Red Wings. He will be deeply missed by all that loved him. Please join the family for a memorial gathering September 10th, 2011 from 1:00pm-5:00pm at Lakelands Golf & Country Club, 8760 Chilson Rd., Brighton MI 48116. Memorial contributions can be sent to Leader Dog for the Blind.

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Milestones

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50th anniversary

Ralph L. and Laurie (Dondzila) Robinson, Jr., residents of Plymouth for more than 24 years, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 26.

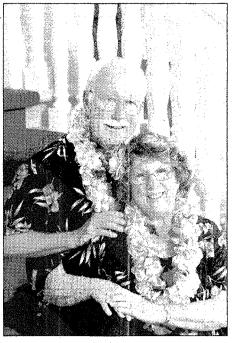
They met on a blind date set up by a mutual friend and it was "love at first sight." They were married at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia in

Both Ralph and Laurie are graduates of Bentley High School. Ralph graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology as an electrical engineer and was employed by Ford Motor Company for more than 40 years. He retired in 2007 and works at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute as a research scientist experimenting with intelligent transportation systems. Laurie was an administrative assistant/legal secretary for several prominent attorneys in the area for more than 40 years. When she retired in 2005, she immediately became involved with the Friends of the Penn, a non-profit organization established to save the historic movie theater in downtown Plymouth.

The couple's two sons both attended Plymouth Salem High School. Ralph (Rob) L. Robinson, III, a U-M grad, is an independent filmmaker in North Hollywood, Calif., and Jeffrey S. Robinson, a CMU grad, is a recording engineer in Plymouth.

Ralph and Laurie love to travel and began celebrating their 50th anniversary earlier this year by taking a cruise around Hawaii. The finale to their yearlong celebration will be a dinner reception with family and friends this fall.

What's the secret to their long, happy marriage? They say it's "Sometimes we do what you want to do and sometimes we do what I want to do."



Ralph and Laurie Robinson, Jr. of Plymouth



Ralph and Laurie Robinson on their wedding day in 1961.

Alexander-Dubay

Kim Dubay and Todd Alexander were married July 9, 2011, at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. Pastor Tim Stotler officiated

The bride, daughter of Tom and Peggy Dubay of Westland, earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2001 and a master of science degree in early childhood education in 2008. Both degrees are from Eastern Michigan University. She teaches in the Wayne-Westland Community School Disinstructor at The Dance

Martin-

O'Shaughnessy

Kimberly Anna Mar-

O'Shaughnessy announce

The bride-to-be is the

daughter of Jeffrey and

Janice Martin of Canton.

She is a 2011 graduate of

Michigan State Universi-

ty College of Nursing and

plans to work at Sparrow

O'Shaughnessy of Plym-

gan State University. He

plans to pursue a career

in environmental policy.

rick graduated in 2007

Both Kimberly and Pat-

from Canton High School.

An October 2012 wed-

ding is planned in Plym-

outh, will graduate in

May 2012 from Michi-

Hospital in Lansing.

Her fiancé, son of John and Sandy

tin and Collin Patrick

their engagement.

Academy in Westland. The groom, son of Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa., and the late Carl Alexander, earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1993 from Youngstown State University. He is an engineer with Navistar Defense in Madison Heights.

Jennifer Lyons, the bride's cousin, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Alexander, the groom's sister and Michelle Chuck, the bride's friend. Best man was Lar-

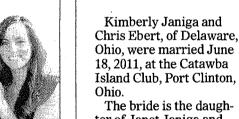
ry Verna, the groom's friend. Groomsmen were the groom's friends.



A reception was held at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Paradise Island, Bahamas, They Township.

Ebert-Janiga



The bride is the daughter of Janet Janiga and Bill Janiga, of Northville. She graduated in 2002 from Livonia Stevenson, earned a bachelor's of science degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and is current ly working towards her master's. She teaches students with special needs.



The groom is the son of Ken and Karen Ebert, of Northwood, Ohio. He graduated from Lake High School in 1998 and earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State. He is a regional sales manager for

The bride's attendants included matron of honor Marianne Bell and bridesmaids Stephanie Janiga, Andrea Falkowski, Amy Shortt, Sara Bohley and Jackie Sikora.

Corey Sharer served as best man. The groom's attendants included Rick Byington, Joe Janiga, Greg Falkowski, Clint Davis and Doug Hartman.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and reside in Delaware, Ohio.



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Walk/run boosts cancer fight

by Sharon Dargay O&E staff writer

Trish Tyl will slip into her walking shoes and hoof it approximately three miles Sunday, Sept. 11, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's annual Embrace Life 5K walk/ run. The Canton woman will do her part to ensure that no one goes through the "horrible experience" she did while being treated for breast cancer in

"I went to a wig shop and I realized they didn't know what I was going through. It was disturbing to me. When I walked in I had a bandana on and the lady said to take it off," she recalled. "I was very embarrassed and asked to go into a private area. They took me into a closet. It was dingy and dirty. When you're a cancer patient you're worried about germs."

Tyle is one of two licensed clinical cosmetologists at St. Mary Mercy's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Since the center opened in 2007, Tyl has helped individuals who are struggling with hair loss — generally as a result of cancer treatment - avoid the scenario she endured as a patient.

"We're conscious of atmosphere. I don't sit them under florescent lighting. It's more like a medical spa. We have a private salon."

Variety of services

The center, which will receive about half of the proceeds from Embrace Life 5K walk/run, also

EMBRACE LIFE 5K RUN/WALK

What: The 5K run and walk raises money for cancer services, including transportation for patients traveling to and from the hospital for treatments and necessary products and services from the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia When: 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11; race day registration is

Where: The USATF-certified course begins on the hospital grounds at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia, and follows residential streets

Details: Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. Health reporter Lila Lazarus will run and will be available after the race for autographs and photos. Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants also will be on hand. New this year to the race is "B-tag" chip timing. Runners will wear a chip on their race bigs that will clock their time accurately

Admission: \$27 registration fee Contact: www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer or call

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mate apparel and swimwear fitting. Other services include wig shampooing, shaping and styling; therapeutic facials; makeup application; therapeutic manicures and pedicures; and massage therapy. Skin care produces, corrective makeup for scars, skin discoloration and dark circles, and accessories such as hats and scarves also are avail-

Tyl, a cosmetologist since 2000, said the center is unique in Michigan. It serves patients from other hospitals in addition to St. Mary Mercy and often receives referrals from physicians and nurses.

"I've had people from Ohio. I've had hospitals calling me from around

the country asking how I'd handle certain patients. I wish every cancer center had one, (image recovery)," she said.

Patient's view

Rita Morris, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 is seen by a physician at the Hope Cancer Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The Ann Arbor woman walked into the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center "out of curiosity" one day, consulted with Tyl and bought a wig.

"Trish is a super person, very warm and nice," Morris said, adding that the center is conveniently located at the hospital.

She'll be on hand for the Embrace Life walk/run to cheer on her husband, Michael, and daughter, Kaitlin, 20.

Morris said she visits



Rita Morris of Ann Arbor (center) walks in Embrace Life 5K walk/run last year. That's her husband, Michael, walking behind her.

the center when it strikes her fancy. But for patients that need more counseling, Tyl and her staff are available to help them understand and deal with changes in their physical appearance.

The center offers free head shaving and a free one-hour massage during the customer's first appointment.

"We try to educate patients on the chemicals in products. That's especially important when you're going through chemo," Tyl said. "But it doesn't matter what got them to the point of hair

loss. I hear from women who have hair thinning out. We educate them on hair pieces and we also sell Nioxin, which boosts hair follicles. I like to give patients lots of options.

She figures the center has served approximately 1,000 clients since it opened its doors.

"I have so many beautiful cards from patients saying how important this was in their recovery plan. The more positive they are during treatment the better they do.

"We are happy to be here."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

September

ST. MARY MERCY

• St. Mary Mercy Hospital will a Childbirth Education class called, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby," a four-week program, 7-9 p.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 12 and running through Oct. 3, in classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. The class is open to expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Class fee is \$75 per couple and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information. Register online at www.stmarymercy.

• The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building,

Livonia. • Dr. Paul Makela will speak at the first of three sessions in the "Healthy Living Healthy

Woman" series, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Makela will talk about robotics in gynecological surgery such as hysterectomy, myomectomy, and pelvic prolapse repair. Registration is required. Call

(734) 655-2281 to register.



Run alongside our special guest Lila Lazarus this year at the 5K! Lila is best known in Detroit as the always-smiling, energetic and award-winning health reporter. When she isn't running around town with a camera crew, she's likely running a marathon, taking part in a triathlon, or teaching yoga.

Also, meet and greet Lila after the race!

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Sunday, September 11, 2011 9 a.m.

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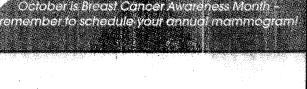
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For more information about our speakers or to schedule your screening mammogram, call 734-655-1182 or visit stmarymercy.org and click Classes & Events.

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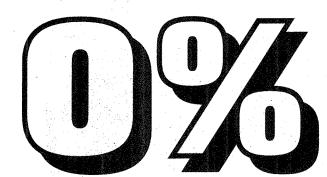
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