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**Holiday closing**

City offices, including the William P. Faust Public Library, recycling center, 18th District Court and the Bailey Recreation Center, with the exception of the Bailey Pool, will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, due to the Labor Day holiday.

There will be no rubbish or recycling pickup on Monday, Sept. 5, and both will be delayed one day all week, with Friday's pickup on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The Westland City Council's regular 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 Lambert 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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Johnathan and Julie Oswald 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 nonprofits 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 Oswald, who partners with his wife, Julie, in Mission Based Books.

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

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 Oswald said the average price was about \$5.50.

With some of the more expensive nonfiction books, such as 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 home.

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

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 neighboring unit.

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 choose 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 Planete & 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 Recommendations				
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

Source: State Court Administrative Office

**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 Oswald. "We had to find the books. We meet some cool people."

Julie Oswald 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 Michigan.

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

opportunity — \$300-400 books were being sold for \$1."

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 Oswald.

"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 this."

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 museum.

"The Detroit Public Library was very positive about (the company), it funds their summer reading program," said Julie Oswald, 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 e-mails 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, Cicirelli

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 mid-to 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 case-loads.

"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 homes 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 yes 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.habitatwvc.org](http://www.habitatwvc.org) or call (734) 459-7744.

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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 scholarship 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 is 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](http://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](http://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.



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.

Butterflies will greet Johnson Upper Elementary students as they return to school Tuesday.

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

"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 planting.

On Aug. 26, a Clippers crew showed up to help with the installation. Marianne Cooney, office manager for Clip-

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 sixth-grade 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 half-way done (laying the mulch), we had our first butterfly," Thompson said.

— By Karen Smith

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# Appeal aims at expanding arts understanding

By Brad Kadrich  
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

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Group	Grant
Michigan Philharmonic	\$4,000
Canton Concert Band	\$5,000
Spotlight on Youth	\$5,000
Spotlight Players	\$5,000
BeckRidge Chorale	\$7,000
Forever After Prod.	\$12,000
Canton Township	\$12,000

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 area.

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 Mozart 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 performing 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 \$30.

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

## 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 students.

## 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 yellow 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 Allan Breakie Medical Office Building on the campus of at Garden City Hospital, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City. The cost is \$10 (cash only), which includes a prostate exam and laboratory tests (PSA, Cholesterol, Testosterone).

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

## 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

## Bottle Drive

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.

## 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 be 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 all-you-can-eat "game day fare," as well as a once-in-a-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 Alumni 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, advocacy, 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](http://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](mailto:tbizoe@firststep-mi.org).

## Comets honored

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is putting out a call for members of the 2011 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](mailto: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 dessert, 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.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).

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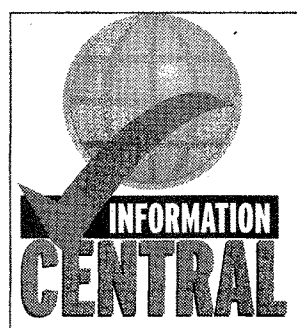
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Most people know a few basic facts about Michigan's history: It joined the Union in 1837, it was the 26th state to join, and the original capital was Detroit.

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](http://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. Cleveland 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 Shaw.

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](http://www.westlandlibrary.org).

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

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**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

Join us on its 10th anniversary 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](http://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](http://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 keynote 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 Synnsvetd at (248) 731-6747. A detailed description of the entire conference is available at [www.oaklandcc.edu/MGMC](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/MGMC). The website for the local CHADD Chapter is [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

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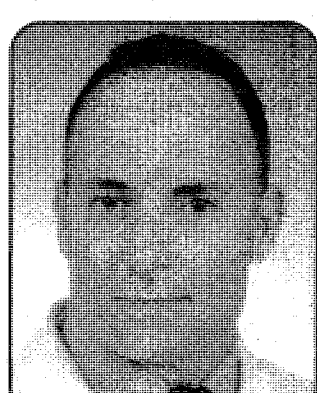
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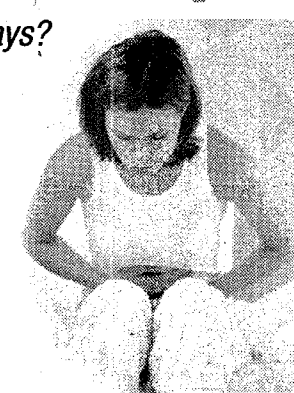


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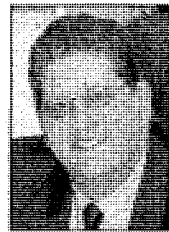
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# Later in life remarriage raises legal, financial issues

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q: 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 not sure**



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

**— 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 attorney.

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 tak-

en 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](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://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 capacity, Hinz was 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 conve-

nience 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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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**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 item.

- 11-002, Regulated Use, 27506 Ford Rd is proposing to establish an acupuncture massage clinic.

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 statute.

**Petition #2747-S. Fisher-31531 Lonnie**  
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'61 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 yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'61 in hgt.

**Petition #2748-V. Lewis-33631 Hazelwood**  
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'61 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 4'61 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 setback.

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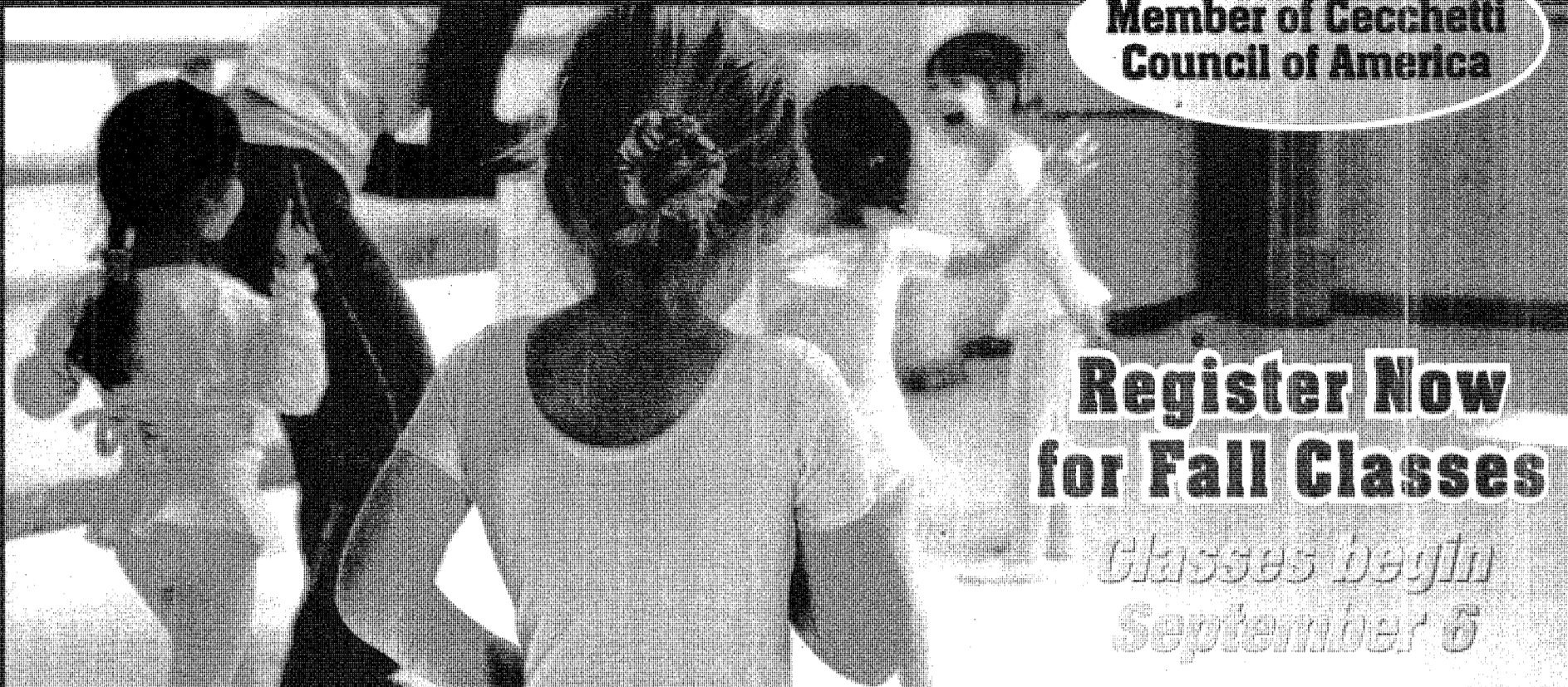
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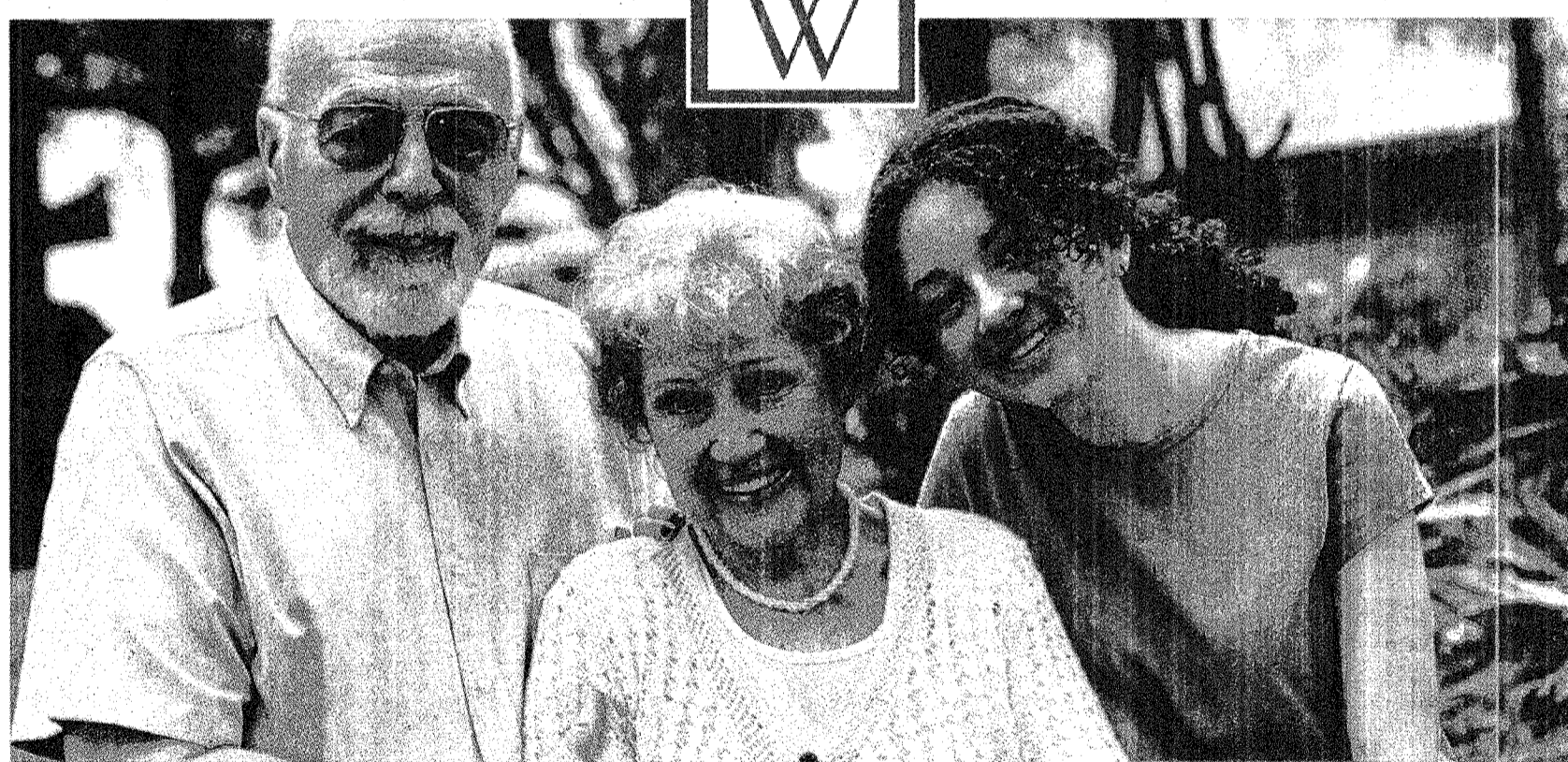
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## Play it cool with a fall garden

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 cool-weather 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 supplier.

"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. Bolted 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 atten-

tion, 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](http://www.bonnieplants.com).

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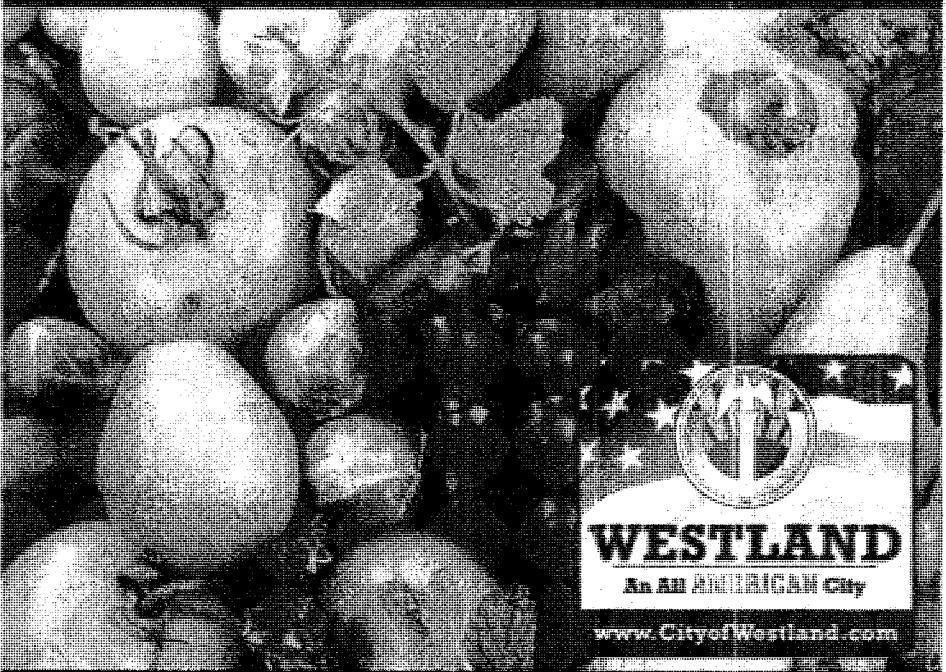
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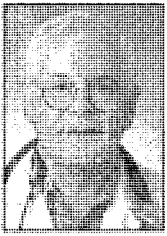




# With change comes new and different ways to do things

The computer came out years ago and this writer thought it was just a passing fad 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 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 our 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.

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@twm1.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. T-shirts will be distributed at that time.

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

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# Auditions set for vampire play

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tions 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 backdrop 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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# 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 one.

"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 for 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 more.

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.

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 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 leg 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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## They're embracing life, good health 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 2006.

"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."

Tyl 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 fluorescent 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 7-8:30 a.m.

**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 bibs that will clock their time accurately

**Admission:** \$27 registration fee

**Contact:** www.stmarymercy.org/5Kforcancer or call (734) 655-1590

assists breast cancer patients with bra fittings, breast forms, custom breast prostheses, intimate 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 products, corrective makeup for scars, skin discoloration and dark circles, and accessories such as hats and scarves also are available.

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.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

• 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.

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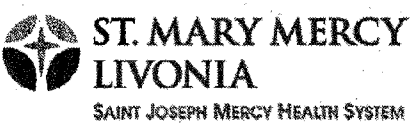
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- Cooking and Zumba demonstrations
- Food & refreshments
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This event is free, but registration is recommended.

**For more information about our speakers or to schedule your screening mammogram, call 734-655-1182 or visit [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click Classes & Events.**

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