Golf outing There are still spots open as the Westland

Lions Club host their annual golf tournament Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Polo Fields in Ann Arbor. Along with 18 holes of golf, lunch at the turn, prizes and raffles, there will also be a chance to

meet Leader Dogs. Registrations will be taken 8:30-9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Anyone interest-

ed in participating can show up for registration or call George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321.

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Anderson will be at

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munity Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents unable to attend can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI

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Panel selects consultant for court study

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A consultant has been selected to study possible consolidations of Westland 18th District Court and four neighboring district courts.

The committee of judges, mayors and city managers conducted interviews last week. As representatives of the funding authorities, the city officials voted and selected the National Center

for State Courts as their consultant.

"The council will have the resolution at the next meeting. The cost will be roughly \$48,000 which will be split five ways," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "It will cost about \$50,000, if the city wants to move forward."

With a contract slated to be executed this month, the study is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 21.

Also interviewed after responding to the RFP

was Plante and Moran. The participating com-

munities 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 mission of the National Center for State Courts is to improve the administration of justice through leadership and service state courts and

courts around the world, according to the group's website.

The Wayne City Council has already approved the agreement. Under the proposal from the NCSC, the report would include:

· Recommendations for consolidation looking the business processes and operations, organization structure, staffing, application of technology and legal requirements.

Potential cost savings.

 Options for alternate future use of vacant facilities.

 Cost of implementing consolidation of district court operations.

 Recommended cost sharing formula and budget management process.

 Implementation plan. A draft report would be presented and discussed prior to a final report being issued.

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Soldiers describe war on terror

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

For students in Karen Eldred's eighth-grade class at St. Damian School in Westland, Sept. 11, 2001, is something they read about in their history books. They were two years old when terrorists attacked the United States, sparking a war on terror that has taken the U.S. military from Afghanistan to Iraq to Pakistan.

But Friday, with the 10th anniversary of 9/11 just days away, they got a soldier's perspective of the war that still rages.

"Two days after 9/11 I had 15 kids come to me and say, 'I signed up for this, but they didn't tell me I would go to war, I came to go to college,' said Earle Lewis, who was an Army drill sergeant at the time.

'In the military, 'I changed my mind' isn't an option."

"We're fighting on so.

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Earle Lewis (left) and Jason Hurst talk about encounters with children while serving in the military in Iraq.

Ceremony honors country's POW-MIAs

City's three VFW posts participating

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

American POW-MIAs will be remembered at ceremony in Westland on Friday, Sept. 16. The third Friday in September has been designated National POW-MIA Recognition Day. Westland's ceremony will be held at

6 p.m. outside City Hall near the flag pole and Veterans Memorial. Initiated 23 years ago by Westland Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 387, the city's three VFW posts - Bova, Romanowski and Harris-Kehrer participate in the program.

"Basically, it's for all POWs and MIAs, but us being Vietnam vets we used to read the names of Michigan POW-MIAs and release a balloon," said

Rick Patmy of the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 387. "We stopped reading the names, but we now we release 50 balloons — one for each

The annual ceremony draws about 100 people, including veterans, politicians and members of the JROTC squads from Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill high schools. Wreaths will be laid at the memorial along with a 21-gun salute and music from a bagpiper.

"They have done this ceremony for a number of years, so we don't forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice or who are missing," said Westland Council President James Godbout.

A charter member of the local Vietnam Veterans Association chapter, Patmy mentions Army Staff Sgt. Refugio Thomas Teran, a Westland resident who disappeared in Vietnam in 1970.

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Zips vs. Lahs in vintage baseball

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

As the Detroit Tigers make their run to the playoffs, it seems appropriate that baseball comes to the forefront, historically speaking, later this month.

In addition to the annual vintage baseball game, the Westland Historical Commission will sponsor the first lecture at the William P. Faust Library of Westland. Commission member Jeff Koslowski will present a one-hour program 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, about baseball's evolution from a children's game before the Civil War into a professional sport following the

"This is my first time speaking at the library. The program is part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War," said Koslowski, adding soldiers played baseball during the war.

The fifth annual baseball game between the Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs and the Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Jaycee Park, next to the Mike Modano Ice Arena at Hunter and Wildwood. It's a game played by the 1867 rules or "Baseball the way it was meant to be played!" "The players will not be

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Westland man arraigned in dragging case

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Westland man faces a preliminary hearing after pleading not guilty in 35th District Court Wednesday to one count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. causing serious injury.

Rodney Manning will be back in court Friday to face the five-year felony. He was released on a \$50,000 personal bond. Canton police said Manning returned to Michigan from Florida to face the

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Manning was charged after a July 2 incident where he is alleged to have struck an 18-yearold Westland man attending a large social gathering near Beck Road and Woodlong Drive in Can-

"It appears to us there

was a social gathering at the residence, and during the social gathering a car drove up and reportedly went onto a grassy shoulder of the road, struck the 18-year-old and continued driving," Canton Detective Dave Schreiner said at the time of the incident.

The victim was caught under the vehicle described by police only as a small, domestic car — and he was dragged "a considerable distance" from the scene toward Beck and Saltz roads, police said.

Police said Manning allegedly got out of the vehicle, left the scene and later turned himself over to authorities.

Canton police received a call shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday about an incident involving a car that hit the 18-year-old man, who was attending what

Schreiner described as "a large gathering of young adults and teens" near Beck and Woodlong Drive.

An investigation has indicated the driver and the victim knew each other, police said, but no details had been divulged about what may have triggered the incident.

Authorities remained guarded about details of the case. Schreiner said

police were investigating numerous issues including the circumstances surrounding the large gathering, the driver, why he was there and his connection to the victim and others at the scene.

Observer staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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Known as Tom, Teran was a 1968 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and 21 years old when he was listed as missing in action.

It wasn't until 2002 that Teran's remains were identified and buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

"His parents would come to the (Vietnam Veterans Association) meetings religiously. His mom (Anna Teran) was like an adopted mom to us," said Patmy.

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customary in 1867. There

will be underhand pitch-

ing and nine innings,"

said Koslowski. "There

was a baseball team in

Wayne during the 1860s.

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wearing gloves as was

"Tommy was born on Mother's Day and disappeared on Mother's Day. Eventually his remains were recovered. His mother died shortly after that."

While he is skeptical that all Vietnam POWs were released, Patmy said it's his personal opinion that any POWs who may have been held are no longer living.

Those participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive by 5:30 p.m. to be ready for the 6 p.m. ceremony which is expected to last approximately 40 minutes.

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The commissioners also

held a recent dedication

of the graves of two Civ-

Treat at Chubb Cemetery.

"They never had a mil-

er on their graves," said

Copies of the men's

paperwork, including

ter, hospital, and death certificates, can be

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many fronts. When President Bush said we root out terrorism, we didn't realize how bad it really was," he added.

Lewis, wearing his Army fatigues, and Jason Hurst in his Marines camouflage, spent more than an hour talking to the students about the war in Iraq, comparing what they did there with the plot of Walter Dean Myers' Sunrise over Fallujah, which the students selected for their sum-

mer reading book. The two men came to visit the classroom by way of their employment. They work with Eldred's husband at G4S Security Solutions.

Like real life

"My husband saw the book, he knew the story and he knew some of the guys had been stationed in Iraq," Eldred said. "He asked if they would like to talk to the students. They were very interest-

ed and wanted to do it." "The book is historical fiction, but some of the battle descriptions are like what they were in," she added.

Lewis, who has been in the Army for 23 years and did three combat tours in Iraq, told the students that war isn't like what they see on TV or in their video games. There's no reset button, you don't get up after being shot. War is never good and there's always victims, like an eight-

year-old girl he meet. "She had burns all over



William Nagy of Livonia and his classmates listen to Army 1st Sgt. Earle Lewis and Marine Cpl. Jason Hurst talk about their tours of duty in Iraq as part of the U.S. War on Terror.

her body because of a bomb, she had no shoes and wore tattered clothing;" he said. "All she wanted is some clean water. When you go into a village, the children want clean water and food."

The mission of civilian affairs — Lewis lead a civilian affairs company during his final deployment to Iraq - is to win over the hearts and minds of the people.

"On every patrol, we'd pass out pencils and chocolate," added Hurst. "'Mista, Mista, chocolate.' You'd hear that all the time.

Both men told the students they never intended to join the military. Lewis who lives in the Monroe area, had a bet with a buddy to see who would do better on the

dent, went with a friend to see the recruiter. He took the test and scored high enough he could have any job. He opted for the Marines. He started boot camp but was sent home after he

broke bones in his wrist. He returned three years

"When I went in the first time, I was 19 and I knew what I wanted to do," he said. He served for four years and is now in college. His plan is to go back in with his college degree.

Life in Iraq

They talked about the living conditions in Iraq and the things they learned about their enemy, in particular their ability to adapt. C-4 explosives in a sock dipped in grease creates a dirty bomb that can stick to a vehicle. A cell phone can be used to detonate an improvised explosive device.

"A lot of the stuff used against was ours," Lewis said. "After the Persian Gulf War, we left so much there. We buried it. The sand shifted, and they

found it.' According to Lewis, the worst mistake Americans made was to think the Iraqi people were backward and poor. In some cases, they have better technology than we do,

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he said. "We were out in the des-

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sert and came a cross a clay hut. There was a shiny, new Mercedes parked beside it and the owner had a satellite phone," he said. "We had no reception on our radios, he asked if we wanted to use his phone."

The soldiers learned the clues to imminent danger. Pigeons would fly around announcing they were entering a village and when they saw doves they got into our vehicles because they knew an attack was coming.

"Sometimes the children were the combatants," Lewis said. "There was a 13-year-old who was the trigger for the bomb and he was successful."

"On my second deployment, we figured out that if we kept the children around us, we didn't get blown up," Hurst said. "If we saw them scatter, we'd give a sign that it was time to get in the truck."

With focus of the war on terror shifting back to Afghanistan, the two men offered an assessment of the Taliban fighters. Their view: they are "a very formidable opponent.'

"The Afghans are the only people going back to Alexander the Great who have never been defeated," Lewis said.

Eldred was glad the men visited her classroom. She served 10 years in the Air Force and her husband was in for 24 years and has a definite appreciation of what the military does.

"It is important that they know about this and they need to talk to people who have been there," she said.

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Local chef is 'surprise winner' at cooking contest

By Karen Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Executive chef Reva Bell-Constantine of Joe's Produce & Gourmet Market in Livonia, who took home the \$7,000 first prize and trophy in the cooking contest at Ford Arts, Beats & Eats last Sunday. knew even before she won what she would do with the

"I'm going to buy me a stove," she said. "My stove is awful; my oven doesn't even work. I use the top four burners.'

The 32-year-old Westland resident said the 1955 electric Jenn-Air, which shakes the counter top when she uses it, came with the house when they bought it a year and a half

Since the oven doesn't work, she hasn't been able to bake cookies or cupcakes with her 5-year-old daughter, Jaiden, and 3year-old son, Jeremiah, or make the meatloaf she craves. If she wants meatloaf, she has to ask her mother to make it for her. When she cooks a roast, she has to start it on the stove top and finish it in the crock pot.

She told her husband, Patrick, that if she won, she would buy a stove.

He told her, "I think that's appropriate."

Bell-Constantine beat out six other top metro Detroit chefs, including Marc Djozlija of Wolfgang Puck Grille at MGM Grand Detroit, who took home \$2,000 as first runner-up, in the contest sponsored by Holiday Market and its Mirepoix Cooking School.

'Stiff competition'

"I had a lot of stiff competition," Bell-Constantine said. "It was a joy and a pleasure to cook against people who actually know how to cook."

It was "definitely an honor" to go head-to-head against Djozlija, she said, adding Wolfgang Puck Grille is her favorite restaurant.

Bell-Constantine said she didn't experience any hiccups during the 90-minute, three-course competition, which required lime as an ingredient in every dish. "Everything went the way I had planned them to come out; the timing was good," she said.

"I staved real with myself and my methods, the way I cook, the things I'm comfortable with ... I just decided to be true to myself."

Bell-Constantine said she prefers to make simple,



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Chef Reva Bell-Constantine of Joe's Produce & Gourmet Market won the \$7,000 top prize in the Iron Chef-style competition held during Arts, Beats and Eats in Royal Oak.

foods but with a twist.

For the appetizer during the competition, Bell-Constantine made watermelon and feta salad with limemint vinaigrette. The main dish was crab cakes and scallops with lime risotto, tomato-cilantro relish and lime-cilantro beurre blanc.

Her three-item dessert course included a limeraspberry Mojito sorbet made by using dry ice, a coconut cupcake with key lime filling and a spicy lime chocolate truffle.

The Mojito was in keeping with the twist she likes to put on classic dishes,

classic dishes like comfort and the cupcake was for comfort, she said.

'Surprise winner'

Judge Shasta Fase of Old World Olive Press said Bell-Constantine was a surprise winner. Unlike some of the other chefs who had more of a showman style, Bell-Constantine was poker-faced focused on her work.

'She was there to do one thing and that was to walk away and win," Fase said. "She wasn't there to mess around."

All of the chefs' food was excellent, she said. "From a food standpoint, there

were no losers there."

But Bell-Constantine impressed the judges with her three-item dessert course, especially the sorbet. She said the challenge for the chefs was to make dishes in a remote location, away from their fully equipped kitchens, and Bell-Constantine used creativity in improvising with dry ice to make the frozen dessert.

Not only that, Bell-Constantine was typically the first one to finish each course and consistently provided flavorful dishes.

"She just a delight to work with," Fase said.

Elimination rounds

Sunday's competition was the last of four rounds in the contest. Rounds one and two took place at the Mirepoix Cooking School Aug. 22. The secret ingredients for those two rounds were corn and cherries. Three chefs were eliminated.

The final two rounds took place Friday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 4, on the Mirepoix Cooking School International Stage at Arts, Beats & Eats. The secret ingredient on Friday was peaches.

Eliminated that day were chef Zach Stotz of Atlas Global Bistro in Detroit, who placed fourth, and

chef Brandon Wolschleger of Table 5 in Northville, who finished third and won \$1,000.

The two finalists, Bell-Constantine and Djozlija, were each given \$150 Holiday Market gift cards to buy ingredients for Sunday's round. They could use only certain equipment - including convection ovens and blenders and were allowed no help on stage.

The \$7,000 prize was the most money she's ever won for a cooking contest, Bell-Constantine said.

She considers the award her second-best ever, right behind the national award she won in Las Vegas during the American Culinary Federation Junior Hot Foods Competition while a student at Schoolcraft College.

Bell-Constantine said she will look at a Viking stove, electric or gas, but she isn't set on a particular brand. "It really doesn't matter, anything else would be better," she said.

She's looking forward to having in installed in time for holiday baking.

"My daughter keeps asking me to make cookies," she said.

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Sample food and wine at Schoolcraft culinary event

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talent of metro area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors on Sunday, Sept. 25.

This year's event, from 2-5 p.m., marks two special anniversaries — the 20th year of the food and wine event and the col-

lege's 50th. The extravaganza allows guests to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. All proceeds from the event benefit the Schoolcraft College Foundation, a 501(c) (3) organization, providing scholarships for students, includ-

renowned culinary arts program.

Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 of which is taxdeductible) and are available by calling (734) 462-4518 or visiting www.

schoolcraft.edu/foundation. This year's event will feature more than 50 food, wine and dessert stations, a silent auction and raffle, along with a wine-tasting seminar and wholesome

healthy foods demonstration by master chef Jeff Gabriel.

Food and beverage vendors include 5ive Restaurant at St. John's Inn in Plymouth Township, Toasted Oak Grill and Market in Novi, Old World Olive Press in Plymouth, Zumba Mexican Grille in Birmingham, McCormick Distilling Co., Armitage Catering/Finnish Banquet & Conference Center, Farmington Hills; Dream Cakes LLC of Commerce and many more.

In addition to food, attendees can bid on a variety of gifts cards and baskets, including a VIP wine-tasting at Chateau Chantal, a weekend stay at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham or sports and entertainment packages.

The highlight of this year's raffle is a Hearts on Fire Diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Other raffle prizes include \$500 cash, \$250 cash (two winners) and dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft (three winners). Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

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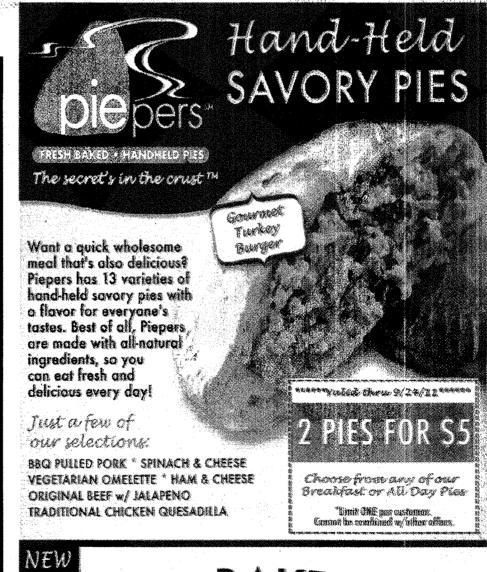
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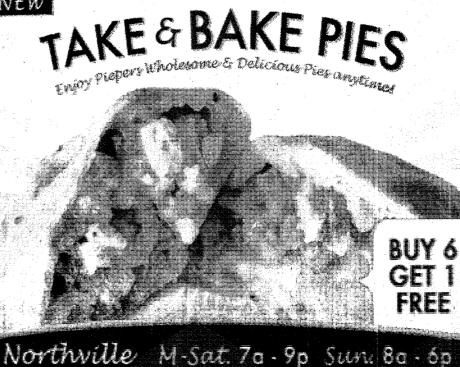
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Attorney general says Internet has 'dark alleys'

By Ken Abramczyk Observer Staff Writer

Students need to be aware of the dangers of the Internet and use precautions when using computers, according to state Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Schuette reminded eighth-grade students in a computer class at Holmes Middle School last week that they need to keep safe by not divulging personal information online, keep away from Internet strangers and keep telling parents or trusted adults about anything online that makes them uncomfortable.

Schuette visited Sheila Hoetger's eighth-grade computer class at Holmes to announce the launch of the 2011 Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative, a free Internet safety program for students in kindergarten through the eighth grade offered by the

Attorney General's office. Schuette said computers are "marvelous," but added that predators lurk on the Internet and aren't always who they seem to be, Schuette said.

Internet has 'dark alleys'

The Internet also features "the bad part of town," Schuette said.

"Sometimes the Internet can be a dark alley with places where you should not go," he said.

Schuette cited the three "keeps" of Internet safety: Keep safe. "You don't

Principal Eric Stromberg listens to the presentation.

need to divulge everything about where you live," Schuette said. "Some information needs to be yours."

· Keep away from Internet strangers.

 Keep telling parents. "Keep parents or adults informed about the things that are making you uncomfortable or uneasy." Schuette said.

Schuette's office has revised the four-year-old CSI program to include information on cyberbullying and "sexting," the transfer of sexually explicit photos via cell phones. The program continues to provide age-appropriate information about safe and responsible Internet use and how to avoid Internet predators.

Schuette: Don't give out info

Students do not need to provide personal informa-



Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette talks to students Andrew Thomas and Brandon Conn at Holmes Middle School.

tion online, Schuette said. He also reminded students that they should not cyberbully.

"You need to treat people with respect, the way you want to be treated," Schuette said.

Schuette also said students should not put any message or photos on the Internet that they would not want on the front of page of local newspapers.

"It can also get you in a lot of trouble," Schuette

Students need to be smart and responsible, Schuette said. "There are people who are no good," Schuette said. "They are predators who will prey on young people.

Schuette said the CSI program has been presented to more than 640,000 students in 455 school districts since

Schuette wasn't planning on any new legislation to be introduced to deal with cyberbullying or sexting, and said that local communities, school districts and law enforcement can work together to punish offenders.

Liepa: Safety is first with parents

Randy Liepa, superintendent of Livonia Public Schools, and Eric Stromberg, Holmes principal, introduced Schuette to the computer students.

Liepa said the CSI Initiative helps the district provide a safe environment, the No. 1 concern of parents in a survey taken by the district a few years

"A safe environment is what gets them learning,' Liepa said.

Liepa was asked if he believed that cyberbullying or sexting was an issue in the district. "I think it's an issue everywhere," Liepa said. "It's the world we live in today. The more we can do to be on top of it, the better it is for kids."

Students who violate codes of conduct can face anywhere from an in-school suspension to expulsion, Liepa said.

Students then watched videos presented by Cathy McCann, a state presenter from Schuette's office.

The students watched and heard stories from victims of Internet pred-

"They shared too much information online," McCann said. "They didn't keep their information safe."

Predators can find also piece together information on victims online, McCann said, using Google searches and maps from a T-shirt naming a school or a team in a pho-

Watch digital footprints

Students also leave a "digital footprint" on sites such as Facebook, You-

"You should only have Facebook friends from friends you know in real life," McCann said. "If you don't know them, they are a stranger.'

Tube, Skype and Twitter.

Anyone who sends a nude picture of someone under the age of 18 has committed a crime, McCann said. "You do not want to be passing something that will get you in trouble," McCann said.

Students need to "think, know and protect."

"You need to think before you send a photo or a message," McCann said. "Once you send the message, it's not yours.

"Know the consequences. Most importantly, protect your reputation and integrity."

Schuette noted that Michigan CSI also offers the option of a community seminar for parents, teachers and community leaders.

The seminar covers how to access the Michigan Sex Offender Registry, tutorials on searching a child's social networking site, monitoring Internet history logs, and the use of safe web surfing filters. The community seminar can be viewed online at www.michigan.gov/csi or by requesting a free DVD from Schuette's office.

The website also includes a community seminar calendar with information about currently scheduled events.

For more information about Michigan CSI or to register for a free seminar at your school or community, visit www.michigan.gov/csi or contact the Michigan CSI program by e-mail at AGCSI@michigan.gov or by calling tollfree, (877) 765-8388.



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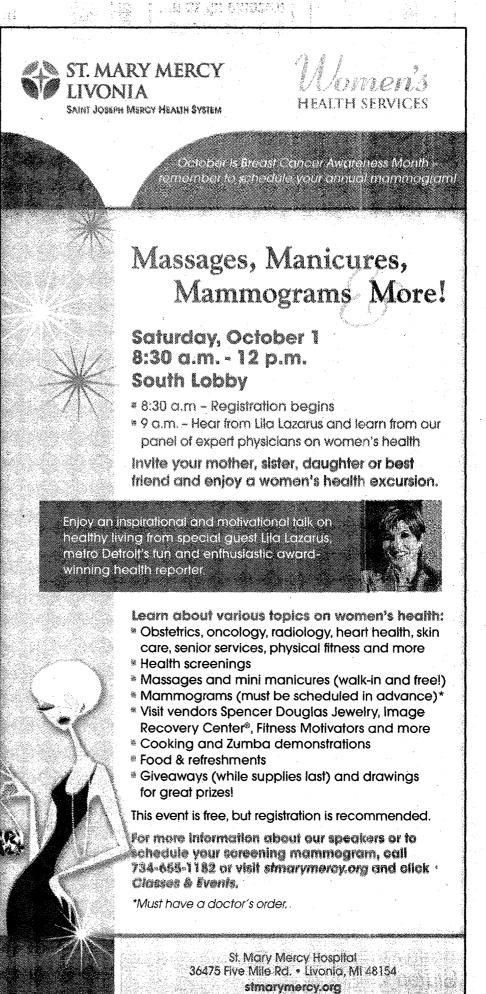
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Curtis Mathis will perform a piano and organ concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne.

In his 36th year as the church organist, Mathis will perform music by Bach, Mozart and Chopin, spirituals and hymns as well as a piano solo of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue in its entirety.

A freewill offering will be accepted and light refreshments will be served.

Surplus food

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents can pick up surplus federal food for the month of September.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

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

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribu-

For the month of September, apple juice, beef stew, corn, diced tomatoes, mashed potatoes,

and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Michigan Reads

The Westland William P. Faust Library will feature the Library of Michigan's Michigan Reads selection, Memoirs of a Goldfish by local news anchor and author Devin Scillian in each of its storytimes the week of Sept. 12 along with a related craft. And, in honor of September being Library Card Sign-Up Month, children can show their library to the presenter for a special treat.

No registration is required for the programs - Family Storytime at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, Toddler Tales at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, and Babytime Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Call the Children's Desk at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

Grand Opening

Harvest Bible Chapel will hold a grand opening of its new location in the former Patchin School, 6420 N. Newburgh, West-

land, Sunday, Sept. 18. Worship services will be at 9 and 11 a.m., and there will be a cookout and games at 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.harvestdetroitwest. org or call (734) 895-3280.

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It is wise to have attorney review severance agreement

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

Q. Dear Rick: I have a legal issue I hope you can help me with. I have worked for the same company for about 15 years. Last week, I was notified that I am being terminated. They didn't give me a reason other than to say it's for business reasons. I'm not happy with the situation, but it is what it is. On my last day, the company gave me a document that it wanted me to sign with regards to my dismissal. The agreement has lots of different things in it, but the bottom line is the company said that until I sign it I can't get any severance. My question to you is are these agreements relatively standard or do you think I should have an attorney review the document. The company says that there is no need to have an attorney review it, that it's a very standard agreement. My next question is if I do sign the agreement and receive severance pay, do I have to pay taxes on that money?

A. Whenever anyone says that a document is standard and there's no need to have an attorney review it, then almost always it means to me that I better get an attorney to review it. It is not unusual for companies



Rick Bloom

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dard and they can cover a wide variety of issues. In these separation agreements, it's not unusual for companies to require you to waive your rights against the company with regards to your termination. For example, your termination may have been caused by some sort of discrimination and you may have some legal recourse available to you. Typically, when you sign these types of agreements, you're waiving that right. In addition, many of these termination agreements require you to potentially do some work for the ex-employer without additional compensation. Furthermore, these agreements will frequently have non-disclosure provisions that can also potentially affect

to make The reality of the siting severuation is that sometimes you have very few options available to you. Sometimes busigent upon nesses won't negotisome sort ate separation agreements and they basical-These documents are

ly say to the ex-employee, if you want severance pay you must sign the agreement. Even in those situations, I recommend that you have an attorney review the document. If nothing more, you should know what rights you are giving up and how executing the agreement can limit what you say about your ex-employer. That being said, there are companies that are willing to discuss and make changes to separation agreements to make them fair. Unfortunately, you'll never know how the company will treat a separation agreement until you discuss it with them. However, under no circumstances should someone blindly sign a separation agreement without thoroughly reviewing and under-

standing the document. One last note, the money you receive is considered compensation and you are subject to

the same taxes as if you were working. In other words, the money is taxed at your ordinary tax bracket and subject to all payroll taxes.

• I don't need to remind anyone that today is the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11. When I think back to 9/11, the images that are ingrained in my soul are the heroes of 9/11. Heroes such as the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, who fought back and gave America its first victory in the war against terrorism, and the rescue workers in New York City and the Pentagon, who showed incredible bravery in trying to save their fellow man. 9/11 showed us not only how evil man can be to his fellow man, but also how in times of crisis Americans have always, and always will, rise to the occasion.

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. bloomasset management.



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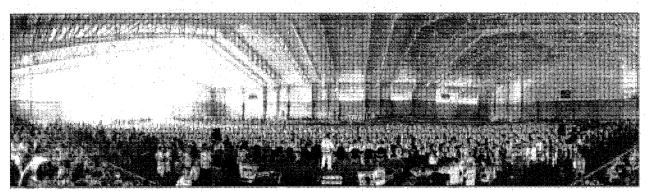




Several of students from the Westland and Garden City PKSA Karate participated in a Guinness Book of World Records record making even Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Ultimate Soccer arena in Pontiac.

PKSA Karate succeeded in making a new World Record by having the most karate students test for their belts at one time.

"Having more than 2,000 students test for their new rank was an exciting thing to see, considering where we first started from with only a



More than 2,000 PKSA Karate students test for their new rank and set a new Guinness Book of World Records record.

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handful of students," said igan based business that karate Master Richard Collins Jr., president and founder of PKSA Karate schools in Metro Detroit. PKSA Karate is a Mich-

focuses on teaching children and adults a traditional form of martial arts called Tang Soo Do.

tion to helping our students better themselves, "One of the reasons and to empower them to

make their communities that we have seen such great success through where they live a better place," Collins said. "Peothe years is our dedicaple join our schools due to the increase in violent crime, the increase

in bullies in school, and the desire for parents to have something positive for their children to be involved in that can truly teach them important life skills and give them the ability to defend themselves."

"We will strive to make our schools a better place to train and will continue to make Michigan strong by providing a positive environment for people to learn something that can truly change their lives," he said.

For more information about PKSA Karate, visit its website at pksa.org.

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 Merri-

Family Dinner

The Garden City Community Coalition, Family Resource Center and the Senior Volunteer Committee are joining together to sponsor Family Day 6 p.m. Monday,

Sept. 26, at the former Maplewood Center on Maplewood west of Mer-

Bring the family to the free event which included a complete with dinner, activities for the family and entertainment. There is a limited number of free tickets available They can be picked up at the Bal-

moral entrance desk. For more information, call (734) 793-1860.

Cougar Crops
The GC Cougars Crop 4 Sports is holding a 12hour cropping event 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday Oct. 1, in the cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6100 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Gar-

den City. The event will raise funds for the baseball fields and improvements.

The cost is \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be raffle baskets, vendors and mini workshops. New to scrapbooking? There will be experienced scrappers there to help, and Cricut, BigShot

and tools to use. Save your seat by sending a check or money order made to GCHS, with Crop 4 Sports in memo line, to Garden City High School, 6100 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI, 48135

For questions, send an e-mail to Specialprojects4gcsports@yahoo. com or call (734) 612-

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Soldier lauds nation's response to 9/11

9/11 MEMORES

By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer**

It was a beautiful, sunny day in northern Virginia; cool and dry. The country had been at peace.

And then, it was all interrupted by a shock.

To Col. Mark Lukens, it seemed more like an emergency drill than anything else, that day 10 years ago when terrorists struck at the heart of the country.

Lukens, a Plymouth native, was working in his Pentagon office when the plane hit, the third strike by terrorists Sept. 11, 2001 Lukens' office was a mere 50 feet from the crash site.

"There was a loud explosion, and then we were evacuating the building toward the center courtyard," said Lukens, then a major working for the U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for personnel. "When we moved out, we saw the big hole and the building on fire."

Figured it out

He and his staff had been watching televised coverage of the first two strikes the planes smashing into the World Trade Cen-

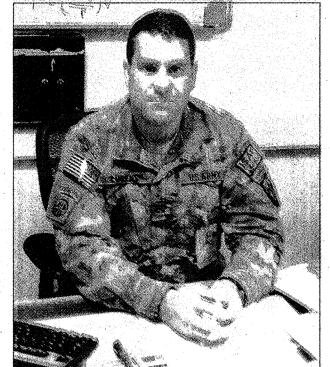
ter - and it didn't take long for them to put twoand-two together.

"Like everyone else that day, we just thought, 'Was it a mistake?" Lukens recalled. "Then the second plane hit, and we knew the whole thing had changed. We kind of knew when we hit the courtyard and saw the black smoke coming out, we'd figured it out by then."

As it did for the entire country, the sense of loss settled in quickly for Lukens and other survivors of the Pentagon crash. The plane smashed through the window of the office of Lukens' boss, Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, the highest-ranking army officer killed by enemy action since 1945. While Lukens' desk was

"far enough from E ring to be safe," the same couldn't be said for the rest of the people in his office. Lukens estimates he lost some 20 percent of his staff that day.

It triggered what Lukens called "the worst part" of the attacks: Burying coworker after co-worker, a stretch of "heart-wrenching" grief. One of the



Col. Mark Lukens, currently stationed in Afghanistan, also served in Operation Desert Storm. He was stationed at the Pentagon when the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks occurred.

funerals was for Maj. Kip Taylor, at the time an aide to Maude, the father of a 2-year-old son and whose wife was pregnant.

Funeral after funeral It didn't help that many

of the burials were in Arlington National Cemetery, directly across from the Pentagon crash site.

"Burying your co-workers was the toughest part ... it wore on you," Lukens recalled. "As they were

lowering the coffins into the ground, you could see the big, blackened hole in the Pentagon. They were buried a half-mile from where they were killed."

Lukens, who with wife Lisa has two children, 12year-old Hart and 7-yearold Helaina, has seen a lot in his 25-year career. After leaving Plymouth Salem High School, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated in 1986. He was an infantry paratrooper during Desert Storm, and now serves at the highest headquarters, the International Security Assistance Force, in Afghanistan.

He knows what the country has gone through, but believes all the fighting -"We've been at war ever since" 9/11, he said — has been necessary.

"It was a big shock to the system," he said. "We had to fight these terrorists, and we had to go where they live to solve the problem. We had to try to fix the problem, and the problem emanated from Afghanistan. We've been here 10 years, and we're moving toward, hopefully, peace and stability.

Sadness, then light

The attacks of 9/11 brought'a lot of pain and sadness. But Lukens' service has also allowed him to see the positives, the dedication of his fellow servicemen and women, the heart shown by the country.

He points to the effort of a soldier who works for him now who is on his third tour in Afghanistan. The soldier has earned a pair of Purple Hearts, but keeps coming back.

"He knows how important it is to help the Afghan people ... we have to give them that chance," Lukens said. "So many things about 9/11 seem sad and negative. We have to think about the positive things about our country.

"How our country responded after 9/11 the flags and the patriotism — was very impressive," Lukens added. "We rallied around each other, and we've moved forward since that time. I'm very proud of my country, and the way we've tried to do the right thing."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BASEBALL FUNDRAIS-

Time/Date: Saturday, Sept.

Location: The Sports Venue, 6327 Middlebelt,

Garden City

Details Two all-day fundraisers are being held at the Sports Venue to support Garden City High School baseball program. Ten percent those days' sales go directly to the program. The money will be used to help redo the baseball field.

Contact: For more information, call Holly at (734) 516-3652.

DIABETES DAY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Location: The Community Education Room at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland

Details: Garden City Hospital is presenting its 19th annual Diabetes Day. The program includes updates on healthy food choices, discussions about how to detect problems, the latest information from specialists, diabetes product displays, door prizes, giveaways, and other surprises. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$20 per person and \$30 for two people. Program registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Reservations are encouraged.

Contact: For more information, contact Diabetes Education at (734) 458-4330.

SANDWICH LUNCHEON Time/Date: noon Friday,

Sept. 23 **Location:** Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main St., Plymouth (734)453-0750 Details: "Our History is the Key to Our Future" will be the theme of a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution/Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck will be the guest speaker.

Members are asked to wear

bring a bell, as well as bring

white socks (men's 9-12 and

red, white and blue and

13-15), crossword puzzle and word search books, playing cards, men's boxers or T-shirts for Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital.

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Contact: For further information, call (248) 349-4827. **COUGAR CROPS**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday Oct. 1

Location: Cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6100 Middlebelt, north of Ford, **Garden City**

Details: The GC Cougars Crop 4 Sports is holding a 12-hour cropping event to raise funds for the baseball fields and improvements. The cost is \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be raffle baskets, vendors and mini workshops. New to scrapbooking? There will be experienced scrappers there to help, and Cricut, BigShot and tools to use. Save your seat by sending a check or money order made to GCHS, with Crop 4 Sports in memo line, to Garden City High School, 6100 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI, 48135

Contact: For questions. send an e-mail to Specialprojects4gcsports@yahoo. com or call (734) 612-5274.

MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 Location: The lower level classrooms of the Allan **Breakie Medical Office** Building on the campus of at Garden City Hospital, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: 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. 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 cost is \$10 (cash only), which includes a prostate exam and laboratory tests (PSA, Cholesterol, Testosterone). Appointments are necessary.

Contact: Call (734) 458-4330 to schedule an appointment.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley,

Wish You Were Here

Jack and Marilyn Baldner of Westland were out east with their 14-year-old grandson and stopped at Chocolate World in Hershey, Pa., where they posed with their Westland Observer newspaper. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen. Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 **Location:** Eton Senior Cen ter, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Itching to make money? The Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent an eightfoot table is \$15. Sellers are responsible for pricing and selling all of your items, the center will advertise the sale. All proceeds are kept by the seller. Table position will be based on first come basis. Crafters and vendors are welcome. Registration for a table can be made at

Eton Senior Center. Deadline for table rentals is Friday, Sept. 23. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center **Building Fund.**

Contact: For more information, call (313) 277-7765.

CLASS REUNION

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct.

Details: Garden City High

School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening through Sept. 29

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia,

Details: In addition to a variety of cars on display, there will be dinners will be served inside as well as arilled items like hot dogs hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

HIGHER ROCK CAFE Time/date: 7:30 p.m. sec-

15 ond and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

CRAFT SHOWS ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 Location: St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10) **CRAFTERS WANTED**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 Location: Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters are wanted for the church's 23nd annual arts and crafts show on Saturday, Nov. 19. Admission will be \$1 and there will be hourly 50/50 raπies.

Contact: For more information, call Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653 or Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173.

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL Time/Date: Saturday, Oct.

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights **Details:** Vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic School's vendor show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45,

electricity \$5. Contact: For more information, call Michelle at (313) 562-2835.

BIZARRE BAZAAR Time/Date: Saturday, Oct.

Location: First United

Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville,

Details: Crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs are being sought for a Bizarre Bazaar. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your talents and products to hundreds of local customers and support Village Banking. Grow your business and help women in desperately poor countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank you helped create by participating in Bizarre Bazaar. Reasonable entry fee, friendly community atmosphere and a great cause. For details and to reserve a space, go to fumcnorthville.org/#/missions-and-service.

Contact: Send an e-mail to fumcbazaar@gmail.com, find it on Facebook, or call (248) 446-8175.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH Time/Date: Saturday, Nov.

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights Details: Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church-St. Anne Altar Society's Christmas Craft Show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5. Contact: For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

EDUCATION

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Contact: (734) 326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool. for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's **Education Department** offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

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Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

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Art theft not going away any time soon

With the recent release of the independent documentary film, The Missing Piece: The Truth about the Man Who Stole the Mona Lisa, questions surrounding why someone would steal a priceless, and equally recognizable piece of art, often arise. Stolen from a wall in a gallery at the Louvre 100 years ago (Aug. 21, 1911), the whereabouts of this extraordinary painting remained unknown for two years

According to Eric Gibson in his piece in the Wall Street Journal on Feb. 15, 2008, "One of the main factors determining a work of art's value on the open market ... is a legitimate provenance, or ownership history. What thieves rarely recognize is that once artworks have been stolen from a museum, they have no provenance. They can't be sold, so they're really worth nothing.'

Gibson proposes that instead, art theft "may be driven primarily by art's easy availability and its high social profile." Gibson may be onto something since it has been estimated that art theft is a \$3-5 billion worldwide business which continues to grow each year.

International agencies such as INTERPOL, **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations) and ICOM (International Council of Museums) invest money, time and other resources every year to bring awareness to this problem. In addition, the FBI's Art Theft Program established a rapid deployment Art Crime Team in 2004. This team is composed of 13 special agents, each responsible for addressing art and cultural property crime cases in a specuic geographic region.

So, if talk about thief of cultural property interests you, why not pick up Simon Houpt's Museum of the Missing: A History of Art Thief. If you enjoy the thrill of the hunt, Edward Dolnick's The Rescue Artist: The True Story of Art, Thieves and the Hunt for a Missing Masterpiece and Robert K. Wittman's Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures are must reads. Both authors do a great job of putting you in the middle of the action, as these nonfiction books read almost like fiction.

Much has been written about the valuable art works stolen by the Nazis. Perhaps one of the best written books on this topic is Robert M. Edsel's The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure



Hunt in History. Hector Feliciano's The Lost Museum: the Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art is also a title that will keep you riveted to your seat.

If fiction is more your style, Norm Charney's The Art Thief follows three art thefts in three cities as they are simultaneously investigated. Any true mystery lover shouldn't pass up Ian Pears' mystery series featuring art historian Jonathan Argyll and Flavia di Stefano of Rome's Art Theft Squad.

So whether the largest - and yet unresolved art theft in history which took place at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston in 1990, or the stolen Post-Impressionist paintings from the Buhrle Collection in Zurich and followed by two Picasso's stolen just four days later from a Swiss exhibition near Zurich gets your blood running, there is no shortage of information available for you.

If you want to find out more about art theft or just want to peruse art books bursting with color plates from some of your favorite artists, stop by the library to relax and enjoy the world of art. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library seven days a week or check out our website at westlandlibrary.org 24/7 or Facebook. And remember you can always follow us on iwitter for more imoi mation about what interHighlighted Activities

Remembering 9/11 Movie and Discussion: 6 p.m. Sept. 12, 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 vou're interested in more events like this, visit the site, www.usrising.org, sponsored by ACCESS.

Digital Scrapbooking: 7 p.m. Sept. 13, Adults

Sign up to learn the how you can use your computer to create beautiful scrapbooking projects. Dawn Montagano, scrapbooking expert, will provide an overview of the whole process and an introduction to Studio J online design software. Registration required, space is limited. Computers will be provided. Basic computer skills are required.

Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. Sept. 13, Adults and Teens age 16 and up

Do you have a piece of writing that you need help with? The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org

They're Back ... Friday Night Movies: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16, Adults and Teens Come join us as we start

off the fall movie season with the return of our Friday Night Movies. Rango is an animated movie about a chameleon who accidentally winds up in a town in desperate need of a sheriff. This movie is rated PG. Trivia and prizes before the movie. Snacks and refreshments available.

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every. Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

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Computer Classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. Call (734) 326-6123.

The library's fall and winter hours begin Tuesday, Sept. 6: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Information Central was compiled by Interim Director Marilyn Kwik. 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.

Galileo Galilei transformed our knowledge of the universe in 1609 when he peered into the cosmos using an astronomical telescope — the first person to do so. A new exhibit opening at

the Livonia Civic Center Library on Monday celebrates that event and tells the story of how astronomy has evolved over the 400 years since then. "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery" uses historical drawings and diagrams made by Galileo and other early astronomers, along with dramatic contemporary images taken by the Hubble Space Telescope and other space missions, to show how our views and understanding of the universe and the objects within it have changed over the centuries.

The traveling exhibit, which is visiting 55 libraries throughout the United States, is part of a multiyear global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture, highlighted by the 400th anniversary of Galileo's achievement. In the United States, the goal of this continuing celebration is to offer an engaging astronomy experience to every person in the coun-

try.
"Visions of the Universe" is presented by the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.; and the American Library Association, Chicago, through funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

"We are pleased that our library was chosen as a site the library until Nov. 9.

for this ground-breaking exhibit covering four centuries of astronomy," City Librarian Kathleen Monroe said. "The exploration of space is a topic that fascinates everyone, regardless of their age, and the remarkable images in this exhibit show how far we have come in understanding the universe and our place in it. The images of the rings of Saturn and of stars that have exploded are truly awe-inspiring. We hope the whole community will be able to see the exhibit and participate in the programs the library has planned."

"Visions of the Universe" covers a wide range of topics related to the scientific exploration of the universe, from storms on the sun to features on the surfaces of Mars and the Moon, the nature of comets, star birth, and distant galaxies. The colorful exhibit panels feature striking images of planets, stars, comets, nebulae and galaxies taken by NASA's powerful astronomical observatories and spacecraft, as well as drawings and diagrams created by early astronomers such as Galileo, Christiaan Huygens and Charles Messier, which show how the universe, stars and planets were viewed and understood centuries ago.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is sponsoring a number of free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibit. Call the Browsing Desk at (734) 466-2197, lvcc@livonia.lib. mi.us or visit Livonia.lib. mi.us for more information. "Visions of the Universe" will be on display at

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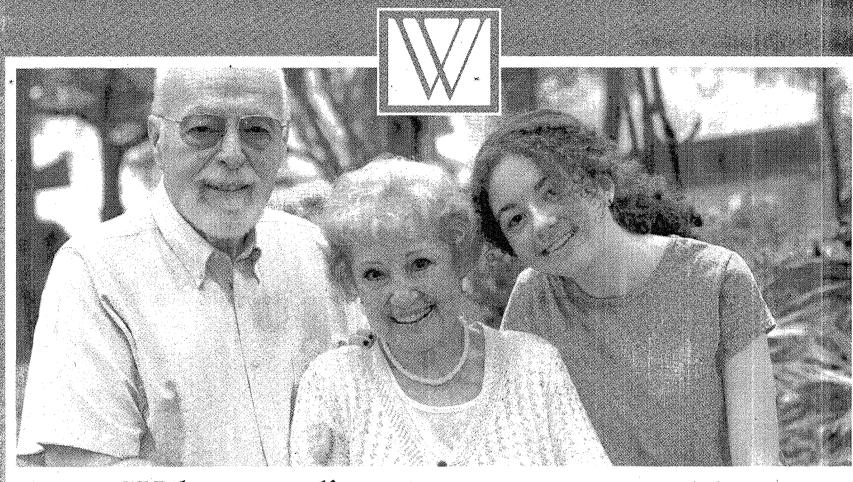
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Rockets orbit by Churchill

Chargers' miscues prove costly, 27-20

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn may have been down after a 48-0 shellacking last week by Brighton, but the Rockets proved Friday night they still have some fuel left in the tank.

Playing opportunistic football, host Glenn erased a 13-point deficit in the first half to beat visiting Livonia Churchill, 27-20

"I'm extremely proud of them getting off the mat," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "What happened last week was extremely demoralizing. The next couple of days after that game we were down in the dumps—we were on the mat. Our guys got off the mat and bounced back, and I'm extremely proud of them."

The Rockets, now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA's South Division, appeared in trouble after Chad Lipinski ran in from 13 yards out with 5:13 remaining in the second quarter to put the Chargers up 20-7. (Tyler Piotrowski's extra-point attempt, however, was blocked by DaMario Jones.)

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

John Glenn's DaMario Jones breaks free from Churchill tackler Dwayne Scott during Friday's KLAA South Division opener.

Carver's goal lifts Madonna

Joe Carver notched his first career goal as Madonna University opened its 2011 men's soccer season with a 1-0 win over visiting Lawrence Tech in driving rain and high winds at Canton's Independence Park.

Carver, a native of Royston, England, and a junior transfer from Schoolcraft College, scored in the 49th minute off an assist from senior Daniel Amaya.

MU goalkeeper Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) made three saves.

"It is always good to open the season with a win," MU second-year coach Eric Scott said. "I thought our backline did a good job of dealing with the skips and their pressure. Cayle (Lackten) played well and Adrian Motta made some big saves for us to keep the lead."

Mikey Knoff made seven saves for the Blue Devils (0-2-1 overall).

Lady Titans blank MU

The Madonna
University women's
soccer team took on its
second NCAA Division I
opponent of the season
Thursday at the University of Detroit Mercy
and came away on the
wrong side of a 6-0 decision at Titan Field.

The Crusaders (1-3-0) posted just one shot in the match — by senior Chelsea Shrewsbury — and were outshot

Alyssa Riley scored two goals for the Titans (5-2-0).

Spartan spikers denied

Novi wins KLAA Central clash, 3-1

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Unbeaten Livonia Stevenson used Thursday night's home match against visiting Novi as a measuring stick.

And the visiting Wildcats, behind a balanced hitting attack, gave Stevenson plenty to ponder after a 25-12, 21-25, 25-18, 25-17 triumph.

Outside hitter Katie Enright paced Novi with 13 kills, while middle hitters Aly Ryan and Victoria Rose contributed 11 and 10 kills, respectively, and three blocks apiece.

Isabelle Glancy chipped in with nine kills, while Kacey Sheldon added seven.

"We're pretty deep," said Novi first-year coach Ginette Parsley, whose state-ranked team improved to 15-2-1 overall. "Everyone can hit the ball well, we can hit across, hit line. I think we came out strong in the first (set), but we were a little complacent in the second. We had some hitting errors and let them dictate instead of us playing our game. And once we started playing our style of volleyball, we did well."

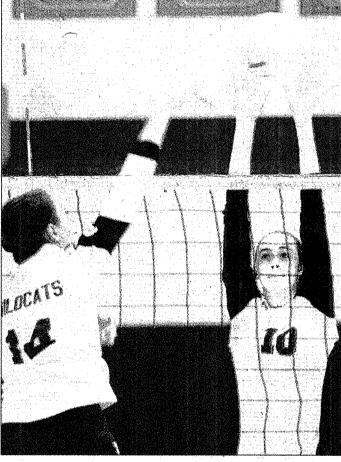
After the Wildcats cruised through the opening set, Stevenson responded in the second behind the play of senior Kelly Vellucci and sophomore Katie Tomasic.

"They (Stevenson) hit the ball well," Parsley said. "We didn't block as great as I thought we should have against them — and they found holes and the ball hit the floor — but I just think we hit and brought the ball harder towards them. And they couldn't deal with it."

Tomasic recorded seven of her 14 kills on the night during the second set, while Vellucci added three of her team-high 15 and two blocks.

"This was really our first true bout of high competition and faster-paced volleyball," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team slipped

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Stevenson's Katie Tomasic (10) blocks a kill attempt by Novi's Isabelle Glancy during Thursday's KLAA Central Division opener.

Lady Ocelots boot Bears

Lauren Badalamente notched her second straight hat trick, while Livonia Stevenson grads Renee Boudreau and Ashley Welch each added two goals as Schoolcraft College romped to a 9-0 MCCAA women's soccer win over visiting Kellogg Community College.

Jenna Williams (Westland John Glenn) and Sam Zerilla also scored for the Lady Ocelots (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the MC-CAA).

Livonia Churchill products Megan Bauman and Kelly Twigg combined on the shutout as School-craft outshot the Bears (0-4, 0-2) 23-2.

Churchill boys stay ahead of pack

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Churchill's "pack mentality" paid dividends in Wednesday's soggy Livonia City boys cross country meet at Cass Benton Park.

The Chargers, led by individual winner Ryan Wise, bunched up to take six of the first 10 places to unseat host Stevenson as champion, 25-34. Franklin was a distant third with 53.

Wise, a senior, captured the 5,000-meter race in 17 minutes, 8.7 seconds on a soggy course following a steady rain and temperatures dipping below the 60-degree mark.

"You really can't prepare for the weather," Wise said. "Day-by-day you just see what happens. You just run as fast as you can every day." Stevenson's John Lynch, a

Stevenson's John Lynch, a senior, and Stephen Fenech, a sophomore, placed second and third with times of 17:23.4 and 17:28.1, respectively.

"I was very pleased with Ryan's race," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "He knew his biggest challenge would be from Lynch and Fenech. There was a pack of about 10 at the mile mark, which was expected. Ryan ran a very strong second mile and really gained confidence with about 1,200 meters to go. He has run very strong workouts this past preseason. I believe Ryan can run around 16:30. He has a wonderful attitude." Wise placed fourth as a

Wise placed fourth as a junior and eighth as a sophomore in the City meet.

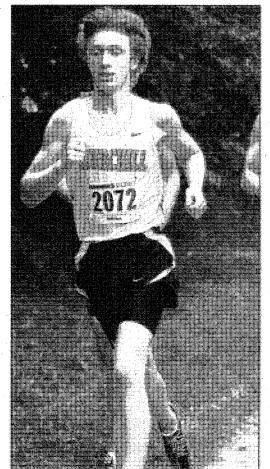
"I wanted to make my move before the second mile definitely," he said. "I didn't want it to be a kick because John Lynch and (Stephen) Fenech have strong kicks, so I know that they're good runners. I definitely wanted to spread my speed out throughout the race."

Churchill took the next three places led by seniors Robert Howard (17:39.9) and Joe Hage (17:46.8), along with junior Ben Yates (17:47.3).

Sophomore George Bowles and junior Sam Yurgil took ninth and 10th, respectively, in 18:02.5 and 18:04.4.

"It's my (17th) birthday today, it's been a good day so far," Wise said. "I got my teammates behind me. It's

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill senior Ryan Wise, shown here at the Mustang Invitational (Aug. 31), was the individual winner at the Livonia City Meet held Wednesday at Cass Benton Park.

Delay game: Chiefs down Pats, 35-6

By Tim SmithObserver Staff Writer

Canton football coach Tim Baechler didn't like the way things started Friday night as for the longest time it didn't look like the Chiefs and Livonia Franklin were going to finish what they started.

But a 90-minute delay because of lightning didn't slow down the Chiefs, who improved to 3-0 with a 35-6 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's.

Baechler laughed when recalling how he and other Canton coaches had to bark at players to get their game face back on when officials finally permitted play to resume (halfway through the first quarter and Canton up 7-0).

"It's a little bit of a maturity thing," Baechler said. "We had to get after them before we had to come out. They weren't

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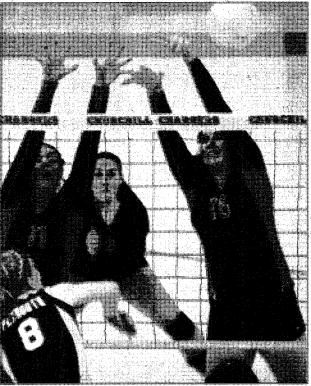
MU golfers finish third

Vince Carango and Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) each shot 4-over 75s to tie for ninth as the Madonna University men's golf team placed third out of eight teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic conference Jamboree No. 1 at the Highlands Golf Club

in Grand Rapids.
Davenport shot an
11-over 295 to win the
team title followed by
Siena Heights (300) and
MU (304).

Northwestern Ohio's Matt Smith was individual medalist with a 1-over 72.

Other MU finishers included Drew Mossoian (Livonia Stevenson) and Nick Sears, tied for 13th (77 each); Erik Taurence, tied for 25th (80); and Nick Corbeil, tied for 29th (81).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Audrey Durocher (11), Kathryn Chartrand (9) and Erin Menard (16) put up a block against Plymouth's Olivia Beyer (8) in Thursday's KLAA South Division opener.

Charger spikers get by Plymouth

Livonia Churchill overcame a sluggish start Thursday for a 20-25, 25-17, 25-23, 25-15 KLAA South Division girls volleyball victory over visiting Plymouth.

The Chargers, who improved to 10-6 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South, got 16 kills and three blocks from Marissa Pomaville, along with 15 kills from Emily Norscia.

Erin Menard chipped in with seven kills, three blocks and three ace serves, while Mackenzie Hamill contributed seven hits.

Krystyn Niescier paced the Chargers' defense with 15 digs.

"It was a slow start for us and we didn't play well overall," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "However, we did a good job hustling and we found a why to finish against an outstanding Plymouth

Glenn tops Pats

On Thursday, Westland John Glenn downed Livonia Franklin in a KLAA South Division match, 25-22, 21-25, 25-21, 25-23.

Senior libero Andrea Thompson led the Patriots (1-11-2, 0-1) with 13 kills.

Senior libero Nicole Williamson turned in a stellar performance with 18 digs, while senior Raquel Garza added 11. Junior Afton DeWyse also stood out defensively and contributed four aces.

VOLLEYBALL

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to 12-1 overall. "I think the fact that they realized what they had to do after the first (game), they came more prepared for the second game. Then what ended up happening was peaks and vallevs because they lost their confidence. They (Novi) were very, very strong. They had some power hitters and they moved real-

ly, really well. Sophomore setter Emily Robb finished with 40 assist-to-kills to go along with nine digs for the Wildcats. Senior libero Molly Marzonie finished with a team-best 29 digs, including 22 serve receptions, while Sheldon and Enright each added 13 digs.

And when it was all added up, it led to a convincing Novi victory.

'We play hard, we play strong," Parsley said. "We have certain plays we run. Everybody communicates as long as we're on the same page. We're fast. We set a lot of quicks, backslides, make their middle move and keep them on their toes and keep them guessing."

Parsley singled out some of team's unsung

heroes on the night. "I'd say Katie Enright, my outside hitter ... my sophomore setter (Emily Robb) did a great job,

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Setters Rachael Kapchus, a senior, and Julie Madowski, a sophomore, combined for 17 assists. Kapchus also collected four aces.

"Despite the loss, I was proud of our competitive attitude, team spirit and physical endurance," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "And the fan support we got tonight was unbeliev-

Hawks soar

On Thursday, sophomore Lexus Medina recorded 15 kills and two assists to lead host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran to a 25-19, 25-19, 25-23 MIAC White Division triumph over Birmingham Roeper.

The Hawks, who improved to 4-4-1 overall and 1-0 in the division. also got 12 kills and three digs from Madison Dest, while Dayna Schroeder had nine kills and three blocks.

Setter Paige Schmidt contributed 22 assists and six kills, while Allie Dest

added 11 digs. The Hawks also got strong serving from Anne St. John.

"It was a good team effort," HVL coach Mike Dest said. "Our bench played well with good energy. We're playing smart and there were not a lot of unforced errors like Tuesday.'

and my 'middles,' Alv (Ryan) and 'Vic' (Victoria Rose) played very well," Parsley said. "They're

strong." Graham, meanwhile, also came away impressed with Wildcats.

"They have a really good setter and they play really good defense, and so they put a lot of stuff up," she said. "They did everything right. We tried to change it up, but we didn't do it as much. We're working on that stuff instead of bump, set and hit to try to mix things up a little more to make it a little more com-

petitive. Junior Morgan Copperstone added 10 kills for the Spartans, while Tomasic had a team-high 25 digs followed by senior Jordan York's 18 digs.

Vellucci added 19 assists and four blocks. Junior Allie Koestering had 12 assists.

So what will the Spartans concentrate on leading up to their next tournament?

"Having confidence basically, and practicewise, just being able to play defense," Graham said. "I think we'll spend a lot more time defensively than anything else. I have strong offense, but if we can't set the ball, where are we?"

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Novi's aerial attack stops Spartans

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

LOCAL SPORTS

A heavy thunderstorm delayed kickoff at Novi by 105 minutes, but the Wildcats put Livonia Stevenson's football team to bed right away.

Novi (1-2) scored on their first drive and rolled to a 42-0 halftime lead before a running clock in the second half wrapped up a 49-13 win over Stevenson.

The Wildcats outgained the Spartans 434-79 in net yards, while Stevenson combined for a loss of 26 yards on 17 rushing attempts and threw two interceptions.

"It's obviously not what we wanted, it's disappointing," said Stevenson coach Matt Fielder, whose team slipped to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA Central Division. "I'm not going to fault our kids. We came out and played hard. It's just

they were just on top of us before we knew what hit us. We had the delay and we could give a lot of excuses, but they beat us. That's the end result. They beat us. Our focus now is moving forward here and trying to get a win next week.'

Senior Derek Ince aired out 343 vards of work for five touchdowns on 15for-22 passing in his first game in the starting quarterback role since last fall.

"We saw better improvement with our route running. We played some good football. We got better today," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "The quarterbacks made some good reads. I think we're settled on a quarterback at this point, which is a positive other thing I think that came out tonight."

Ince connected with senior Logan Regnier (132 yards on seven catches) for three touchdowns, while seniors

Scotty Kempa and Michael Jocz (52 yards on to catches) each reeled one in as well. Senior Derek Cingel led the Wildcat receivers with 135 yards on five catches.

"If a quarterback's making the reads, the ball should be distributed all over the place," Pennycuff said. "I think Ince finally discovered, when you go through your reads, good things happen. He did that tonight, the ball got distributed, points got on the board.

Kempa caught the first TD pass and ran in the Wildcats' last score in the fourth quarter. He had 74 all-purpose yards in his first game out of the quarterback role.

"Kempa's now a receiver in our starting rotation," Pennycuff said. "We went ahead and put him in and he was ready to go. He made a catch and contributed to this win. Kempa had that

great catch in the end zone on that first one.

"We've got some great kids who can play and I think our kids are starting to put it together, but we've still got a long way to go.'

Junior Mario Ferrini added an interception touchdown up the right side, one of two given up by Stevenson junior quarterback Joe Mims.

Mims went 13-for-25 for 107 yards, including a 40-yard bomb to sophomore Mitch Deacon in the fourth quarter. The Spartans' other touchdown came on a 15-yard toss from Mims to sophomore Don Ferrera.

"Joe is a playmaker and hopefully we get an opportunity throughout the year to really highlight him and Mitch is improving from every week," Fielder said.

Ferrera also led Stevenson's runners with nine yards on four attempts.

Trojans suffer first loss, 10-6

Livonia Clarenceville won the statistical battle, but lost on the scoreboard Friday night in a football game that was delayed 1 hour and 40 minutes to due lightning.

The host Trojans outgained Macomb Lutheran North, 245-215 in total offense, but came up on the short end of a 10-6 count.

The loss drops Clarenceville to 2-1 on the season, while North stands 1-2.

The Mustangs' Jordan Scharich scored on a 32yard touchdown run in the opening quarter for a 7-0 lead (following the extra point). He led North with 78 yards on 13 car-

Clarenceville's Jalen Bryant then countered

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Looking to score anoth-

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The Rockets kept com-

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Churchill, meanwhile,

ran just six third-quarter

plays and had an 18-yard

PATS

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Franklin coach Chris

Kelbert, whose team fell

South Division matchup,

said the lengthy stoppage

might have hurt his team

The Patriots had the

ball at Canton's 30 with

5:23 to go in the quarter

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was called (at 7:49 p.m.).

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with a 32-yard TD run later in the same quarter, but the Trojans could not convert the extra point and trailed, 7-6.

In the second quarter, North's John McGrath booted a 47-yard field goal and that was the extent of the scoring.

Romel Wright led Clarenceville's rushing attack with 113 yards on 12 carries. Quarterback Zach Kubiak was 4-of-13 passing for 91 yards.

North, meanwhile, passed for only 45 yards (2-of-6 with one interception), but rushed for a total of 170 yards.

Wayne falls, 56-0

Last year's Division 1 state runner-up Plymouth

"They (Glenn) scored three of their four touchovers," said Churchill coach John Filiatraut, whose team slipped to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA South. "We've been kind of living off other teams' mistakes for a couple of weeks. We just

made too many tonight. "Part of our inability with that is not being able to get a first down. They (Glenn) had a nice drive to open the half, we wanted to answer and couldn't. Our second drive we took penalties, then the (third) quarter was over. I don't know about time of possession. I didn't feel like we were getting worn down or anything like that. We just made so many mistakes tonight. That was the story of the

game, I thought. With only 4:46 left in the fourth quarter, Churchill found itself poised to take the lead. The Chargers drove 83 yards on 14 plays, all the way down to the Glenn 1, but another bad snap out of the shotgun formation led to a catastrophic 28-yard loss and Kuhary recovered the ball.

The Glenn senior then scored six plays later on a 5-yard keeper to give the Rockets a 27-20 cushion

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After waiting nearly 90

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The Chiefs didn't waste

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continues to roll.

The Wildcats made it 3-0 on the season Friday with a convincing 56-0 victory over Wayne Memorial.

Donte Fox rushed for 93 yards on 14 carries and four touchdowns.

Plymouth jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead as quarterback Shaun Austin connected on a pair of TD passes including an 8-yarder to Devin McMillan and a 27-yarder to Nate

Emminger. Fox added a 5-yard run during the same quarter and contributed two more scores in the second including a 10-yard TD run followed by an 11yard return of a blocked Wayne punt attempt with only a minute left.

at halftime, a running clock came into effect and the Wildcats were not done in the third period as Fox scored on a 1-yard run followed by another 1-yard run by Jordan Hernandez.

With a 35-point spread

Fred Dunbar's 47-yard TD run with 6:27 left in the final quarter completed the scoring.

Plymouth had 198 total yards to Wayne's 163. Wayne was limited to 74 yards rushing on 35 attempts. Quarterback Dean Caldwell was 5-of-14 passing for 89 yards with one interception (by

McMillan). Sam Ekanem picked off a pass for Wayne (0-3, 0-1) and Dimitrus Renfroe recorded five solo tackles.

(after the PAT hold was botched).

Tyler Clemons' 53-yard run set up the TD. The 5foot-11, 200-pound junior had a team-high 103 yards rushing on seven carries, while Terrance James added 75 yards on 13 carries.

"It was huge," Hardin said of Clemons' run. "He's a been a work in progress and he had a real big game tonight."

Churchill took the ball one last-ditch time, but couldn't convert after getting to its own 47.

"I thought our effort

was good," Filiatraut said.

"I thought Glenn's effort was good. We just made far more mistakes than they did, and that's what cost us. "It's amazing what happens when you turn the ball over. The biggest was

at the end of the first half when we turned it over. We gave them a 20-yard field. Turnovers will cost you games and they did tonight.' Massenburg recovered Churchill 33 to start the

a Glenn pooch kick at the game and the Rockets scored their first TD with 8:41 remaining in the first quarter on a 4-yard run

by Jones. Churchill then responded with three straight

scores - Suida on a 27yard TD strike to Jaylin and Lipinski on runs of 4

second). Lipinski, filling in for the re-injured Romello Brown at running back, rushed for 96 vards on 20 carries. Suida was 12-of-20 passing for 176 yards.

and 13 yards (both in the

Churchill had 308 total yards to Glenn's 261, but the Rockets got the 'W.'

"When you go back to last week, we made a million mistakes and the team we played didn't make any," Hardin said. "So we really focused this week on not making mistakes ourselves. And we told our players: 'If we don't make any mistakes, and just play John Glenn football, usually they make a mistake or two, and then when they do you have to take advan-

tage of that. "Our defense has not been playing well. We played much better today, but the other side of that is the offense has to hold onto the ball a little bit. When you defense is on the field a ton, it really puts pressure on them, so we were able to keep our defense off the field a little tonight."

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momentum," Kelbert said. Adams then did it again, 'We had that drive going racing downfield for a 42right before, got the ball yard score with 56 sec-

onds to go in the first. Canton made it 21-0 on a 29-yard TD run by running back Ryan Jones (six rushes, 73 yards) and added another on a short plunge by tailback Zac Merillat

just before halftime. Merillat's score was set up by a dazzling, 56yard interception return by Michael Boes — who caught the pass from Franklin's Justin Forrestall at the Canton 35 and then zig-zagged down

to the Patriots' 9. Over the final two quarters, Franklin's ground game moved the ball and chewed up minutes off the game clock. The Pats wound up with 222 rush-

ing yardage, their total output for the night. With 5:49 left in the third, a 35-yard run by junior halfback Jacob Kenney finally put the Patriots on the score-

board. The TD capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive.

Franklin had another lengthy drive, with running backs Jimmy Marazis (21 carries, 56 yards) and Jacob Tennant (28 carries, 114 yards) doing

yeoman's work.

Life of Riley Churchill girls cruise to LPS crown

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

It was certainly no walk in Cass Benton Park on Wednesday with temperatures plummeting into the upper 50s preceded by a hard rain.

But junior Kerigan Riley and her Churchill teammates proved once again they could weather the drastic change of conditions repeating as girls champion in the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational.

The Chargers garnered four of the top five places to score 20 points with host Stevenson runner-up with 43 and Franklin third with 72.

"It got really muddy," said Riley, who covered the challenging 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 19 seconds. "I had spikes on. I think it went well. I felt really good the first and second mile, and then not so good the third mile, but that's O.K. because I still tried to go

Churchill's four other point producers also proved up to speed with senior Bethany Pilat placing second in 20:13.4, while junior Sydney Anderson and freshman newcomer Erin Emmanuel taking fourth and fifth with times of 20:51.8 and 20:56.3, respectively.

Rounding out the Churchill contingent was junior Vivien Okechukwu, eighth (21:23.0); sophomore Julia Twigg, 10th (21:25.3); and junior Michelle Azar, 11th (21:27.0).



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill junior Kerigan Riley, shown here at the Mustang Invitational (Aug. 31), was the individual winner at the Livonia **Public Schools meet Wednesday** at Cass Benton Park.

"I was very proud of the overall effort of the team today." Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "It was really nice seeing Kerigan (Riley) take command of the race from start to finish. She ran like a true champion, and I think that she is definitely ready to compete at the next level.

"Bethany (Pilat) always runs a solid race and is prepared to

compete under any circumstance; she is a true leader. Sydney (Anderson) and Erin (Emmanuel) ran extremely well today, providing the depth that was needed to win the meet. Vivien (Okechukwu) and Julia (Twigg) were the icing on the cake."

Stevenson's top finisher was freshman Lindsey Gallagher, who placed third in 20:47.1.

Fellow freshman Aphrodite Palazis and junior Karlie Gallagher took sixth and seventh with times of 21:12.5 and 21:17.2, respectively.

Franklin's top finisher was junior Annaliese Snyder, who took ninth in 21:23.2.

Riley, meanwhile, took control of the race from the start and gradually pulled away to win by almost 55 seconds.

"During track I got Osgood-Schlatter (disease), some muscle bands and bone alignment problems, and it was a rough season," Riley said. "But my team was really nice and encouraging, and helpful and stuff. I did a lot of physical therapy and it's doing a lot better now. I'm feeling really good."

And the Chargers have to be feeling good about their start to the 2011 season.

We are hoping to go to 'states," Riley said. "We're all on the team working super hard and super good. We're all really good, and all really close friends this year. We're motivated and I think we can do it."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS **CROSS COUNTRY MEET** Sept. 7 at Cass Benton Park BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 25 points; 2. Stevenson, 34; 3. Franklin, 53.

Individual winner: Ryan Wise (Churchill), 17 minutes, 08.7 seconds

Top 25 finishers: 1. Wise (C), 17:08.7; 2. John Lynch (S), 17:23.4; 3. Stephen Fenech (5), 17:28.1; 4. Robert Howard (C), 17:39.9; 5. Joe Hage (C), 17:46.8; 6. Ben Yates (C), 17:47.3; 7. Jake Colley (S), 17:55.1; 8. Ryan Petrul (S), 17:55.4; 9. George Bowles (C), 18:02.5; 10. Sam Yurgil (C), 18:04.4; 11. Keenan Jones (F), 18:05.4; 12. Derek Puishes (C), 18:23.2; 13. Andrew Malik (C), 18:24.1; 14. Ross Cecil (F), 18:34.8; 15. Alex Chase (S), 18:42.0; 16. Jonathan Allesandrini (C), 18:49.4; 17. Michael Sopko (5), 18:49.9; 18. Andrew Stratton (S), 18:50.9; 19. Matt Garon (S), 18:54.3; 20. Ryan Paulus (S), 18:54.5; 21. Colin Murphy (C), 18:55.0; 22. Ben Lambert (S), 18:57.7; 23. Sean McKeon (C), 18:58.2; 24. Gabriel Torres (C), 19:05.9; 25. Peter Erl (C),

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 20 points; 2. Stevenson, 43; 3. Franklin,

Individual winner: Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19 minutes, 19 seconds (5,000

Top 25 finishers: 1. Riley (C), 19:19.0; 2. Bethany Pilat (C), 20:13.4; 3: Lindsey Gallagher (S), 20:47.1; 4. Sydney Anderson (C), 20:51.8; 5. Erin Emmanuel (C), 20:56.3; 6. Aphrodite Palazis (S), 21:12.5; 7. Karlie Gallagher (S), 21:17.2; 8. Vivien Okechukwu (C), 21:23.0; 9. Annaliese Snyder (F), 21:32.2; 10. Julia Tivigg (C), 21:25.3; 11. Michelle Azar (C), 21:27.0; 12. Megan McFarlane (C), 21:44.8; 13. Jackie Deacon (S), 22:03.9; 14. Madeline Herman (F), 22:20.8; 15. Christine Shoemaker (F), 22:23.5; 16. Barbara Scupholm (S), 22:24.7; 17. Julia Cap-eneka (S), 22:27.1; 18. Tiffany Lamble (F), 22:33.2; 19. Natalie Moore (S), 22:33.9; 20. Emily Kwasnik (S), 22:34.3; 21. Lauren Bernhardt (C), 22:40.3; 22. Natalie Desautel (F), 23:06.9; 23. Jenna Hickson (C), 23:15.8; 24. Elyssa Hoffmann (C), 23:16.5; 25. Sedigua Nedam (S), 23:17.9

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS **GARDEN CITY 15 WAYNE MEMORIAL 44** Sept. 8 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Mariah Carver (Garden City), 23 minutes, 16 seconds (5,000 Other Garden City finishers: 2. Briana

Grant, 25:02; 3. Bailey Terrell, 25:56; 4.



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Stevenson senior John Lynch, shown here at the Mustang Invitational (Aug. 31), was runner-up in Wednesday's Livonia City Meet held at Cass Benton Park.

Becca Reiter, 26:38; 5. Jamie Walton, 27:03; 7. Kayla Walton, 27:03; 9. Nicole Pettit, 31:03.

Wayne finishers: 6. Megan Macek, 28:35; 8. Kendell Hood, 30:25; 15. Vicki Poleski, 35:42; 17. Navreet Bhangu,

Wayne's dual meet record: 0-1 overall.
BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
WAYNE MEMORIAL 20 **GARDEN CITY 39** Sept. 8 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Devin Gibson (Wayne), 18 minutes, 45 seconds (5,000 meters).
Other Wayne finishers: 2. Michael

Gibson, 19:22; 3. Daniel Malcolm, 19:38; 6. Zack Williams, 22:11; 8. Dionte Burton, 22:53; 9. Avery Barron, 22:56; 10. Devin Person, 23:14.

Garden City finishers: 4. J Haira Johnson, 20:33; 5. Eric Hinkle, 21:57; 7. Derek Hacket, 22:21; 11. Rob Dane, 24:11; 12. Aaron Halama, 25:00; 13. Gary Hacket, 25:02; 14. Brandon Plond, 26:30. Wayne's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 16 Luth. Westland at Liggett, 5 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m. C'ville at Notre Dame Prep, 7:30

p.m. BOYS SOCCER Monday, Sept. 12 Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Inter-City, 4:30

p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

Luth. Westland at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 Parkway at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. John Glenn at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 Huron Valley at Univ.-Liggett, 6

Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 Clarenceville at Univ.-Liggett, 6 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17 Flushing Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Wyandotte Tourney, 8:30 a.m. Clawson Tournament, 8:30 a.m. **BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** Tuesday, Sept. 13

at Nankin Mills, 4 p.m. Stevenson vs. Northville at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Metro Beach Metropark, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne (Flats), 4:30 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15 Clarenceville vs. Redford Union at Lola Valley Park, 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 MSU Spartan Invitational, 3:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Warren Mott Autumn Classic, 10

Huron Invitational, TBA. **GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING** Monday, Sept. 12 Churchill at Farmington, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 Rocket inv. at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15 Churchill at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Tuesday, Sept. 13 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 John Gienn at Femdale, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF Monday, Sept. 12 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. John Glenn

at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Novi at Cattails G.C., 3 p.m. Wavne vs. Canton at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Marian at Oakland Hills (North), 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Franklin vs. Canton at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. South Lyon at Downing Farms, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fellows Creek G.C., 3 p.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Tuesday, Sept. 13 Ladywood at Marian, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

Sacred Heart at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 13

Windsor at Madonna, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17 Schoolcraft at Lakeland (Ohio), TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Sunday, Sept. 11 Schoolcraft at Parkland (III.), 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 Madonna at Hope College, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Madonna at Calvin College, 4 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 14 Madonna at Ferris State, 4 p.m. Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio), 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 1 p.m. TBA -- time to be announced.

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really nice. I've got great teammates — all of our varsity — Ben Yates, Robert Howard, Andrew Malik, Joe Hage. It's just a great group of guys to run with every day. I'm

honored to have them." Stevenson also got top

ten finishes from junior Jake Colley, who was seventh (17:55.1), and senior Ryan Petrul, who placed eighth (17:55.4).

Franklin's top finisher was freshman Keenan Jones, who took 11th in 18:05.4.

The key to the meet

was the strong performances of Howard, Hage, Yates, Bowles and Yurgil," McGreevy said. "They were able to run as a pack for much of the race and seem to feed off of each other. It was a nice team effort."

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Henson's hat trick spurs Churchill, 3-1

Senior midfielder Austin Henson's hat trick powered Livonia Churchill to a 3-1 KLAA South Division boys soccer victory Thursday afternoon at Westland John Glenn.

With the victory. Churchill improved to 3-2-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA South.

Glenn (5-2, 1-1) got a first-half goal from Bobby Mason off an assist from Justin Bean to make it 2-1 at intermission.

Glenn goalkeeper Austin Valentine, who made 19 saves, played brilliantly in the loss.

"He played well, stopped four or five point-blank shots and three or four breakaways," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said.

Meanwhile, Karl Tiama was in goal for the Chargers.

"I'm actually real-

KLAA SOCCER

ly happy with my guys

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tonight," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "We looked like the better team for most of the game. Sometimes the ball just does not bounce your way. My players played intelligently, and as a team. More importantly they behaved like true sportsmen, they never gave up and their attitudes were excellent throughout the entire match. We get another shot at Churchill in 19 days (Sept. 27) and we will be ready.

FRANKLIN 4, WAYNE 1: Senior midfielder Kyle Curtis scored three unassisted goals Thursday as Livonia Franklin (3-2-2, 1-1) stopped host Wayne Memorial (2-4, 0-2) in a KLAA South Division

Franklin led 1-0 at halftime on Curtis' first goal and Gabe Edwards made it 2-0 early in the second half unassisted from 25 yards out.

Lucas Moore cut the deficit 2-1 off an assist from Kevin Diehl for Wayne before Curtis put it away with two more tallies.

Franklin goalkeepers Ryan Tikey (first half) and Nick Rende (second half) combined for nine saves.

We played well, but our biggest problem was finishing," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The ball was wet and it was skipping." Zack Huffman was in

goal for the Zebras. "The kids played tough," Wayne coach David Daigneau said.

STEVENSON 4, S. LYON EAST 0: Senior Jeff Thomas notched a hat trick Wednesday as

Livonia Stevenson (5-0, 2-0) earned the KLAA Central Division road triumph at South Lyon East (1-5, 0-2).

Thomas scored all three of his goals in the opening half with two assists going to Zack Atwood and the other to Howard Krupsky.

Joe Sellinger added a second-half goal from Darren Sacks to complete the Stevenson scoring.

John Boudreau went all the way in goal to post the shutout for the Spartans. "On the heels of a real-

ly difficult game last night at Salem (2-0 victory), I was pleased with tonight's response," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was great to reward some deserving players with a lot of playing time and glad to work on our overall team depth."

Boehm's goal gives **Warriors 1-0 victory**

Mitchell Boehm's goal in the 70th minute proved to be the difference Friday as Lutheran High Westland upended previously unbeaten Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 1-0, in the opening round of the Liggett tournament.

Boehm moved up from his sweeper spot to score the game-winner off an assist from Walter Gembarski.

The Warriors, who improved to 3-2 overall, also got six saves from senior goalkeeper Taurrek Fikes, who notched his third shutout of the year.

"Liggett is a very good team who had won its their first three games by 8-0 scores," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "We got outplayed in the first half, but in the second half we made some midfield adjustments and Daniel

a midfield wing."
RU 9, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Friday, host Redford Union (4-2) exploded for six second-Dave Vandekerckhove tallied an unassisted goal for the

Roberts stepped up big as

half goals in a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-6). Trojans, while sophomore goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 25 saves in a game halted with eight minutes remaining as a result of the mercy rule.

MACOMB CHRISTIAN 8,

HURON VALLEY 3: Caleb Swiatek scored three times Friday as host Warren Macomb Christian (1-4, 1-2) pulled away in the second half for a MIAC Red Division victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-3, 1-2). Mario Leone and Shaina Rawls each added two goals for the Crusaders, who outscored HVL 6-1 in the second

Justin Howell had a hat trick in a losing effort.
LINCOLN 8, CLARENCEV-

ILLE 0: Usama Alqadi notched a hat trick and Will Peat contributed two goals Thursday as visiting Ypsilanti Lincoln (6-2) downed Livonia Clarenceville (1-5) in a nonleague match.

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Sunflower garners 'oohs' and 'ahs' from neighborhood

By Sharon Dargay O&E staff writer

The tiny seed came from a packet labeled

"Russian Mammoth." Robb Grandon and his family found a special place for it in their Livonia backyard earlier this summer — in grainy soil where the old sandbox used to be. They watered it, fed it and gave it regu-

By the time it bloomed earlier this month, it looked more like the beanstalk of folktale fame than a simple garden sunflower. Russian Mammoth had lived up to its name.

"It's absolutely beautiful. It was, holy cow, really mammoth," said Joanne Grandon, Robb's mom. "All the neighbors kept saying 'oh my gosh' and 'oh, look at it.' Everything we have in our garden is planted from little seed. That's why it's unbelievable how big it

The family estimated the plant's height at nearly 18 feet while it was still standing. When a storm knocked it over a week ago and they measured it on the ground. It topped 16 feet.

"Ît was a great experience with my kids and a great experience for them," Robb Grandon said, describing sunflower ardening. "We thought it would be cool – tall as dad. It was supposed to grow eight to ten feet. What ended up happening was it was huge.

"The weird thing about



The Grandon family — Jorma in the foreground, his sister, Kassia-Lotus, and grandmother, — remove their mammoth sunflower from the back yard of their Livonia home. The towering plant succumbed to high winds in storms that swept through southeastern Michigan on Sept. 3.



Kassia-Lotus Grandon, 8, shows the seeds she planted for a summer vegetable crop.

the sunflower was we planted it where the sandbox used to be. We put topsoil over the sand but there was about three to four inches of sand in there. I think the sand helped it."

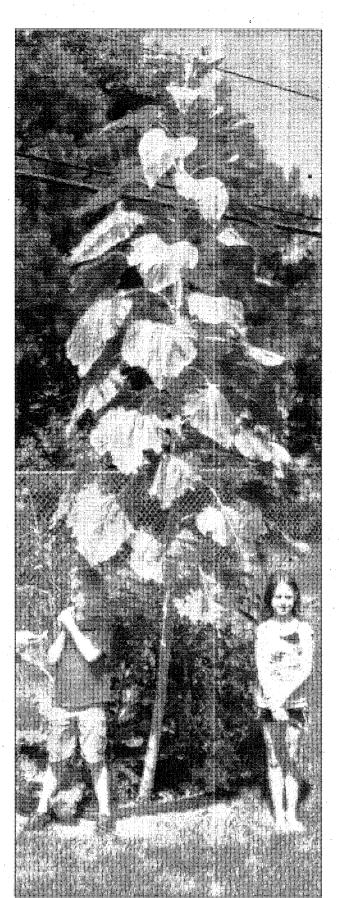
He and his children, Kassia-Lotus, 8, and Jorma, 6, grew their first vegetable garden last year when they moved into Joanne's home. Robb, who owns a title company in Livonia, figured a garden would help ease the family's food budget.

He and his children started this year's vegetable crop and sunflowers from seed last spring. They fed their organic plants only environmentally-friendly nutrients and avoided pesticides.

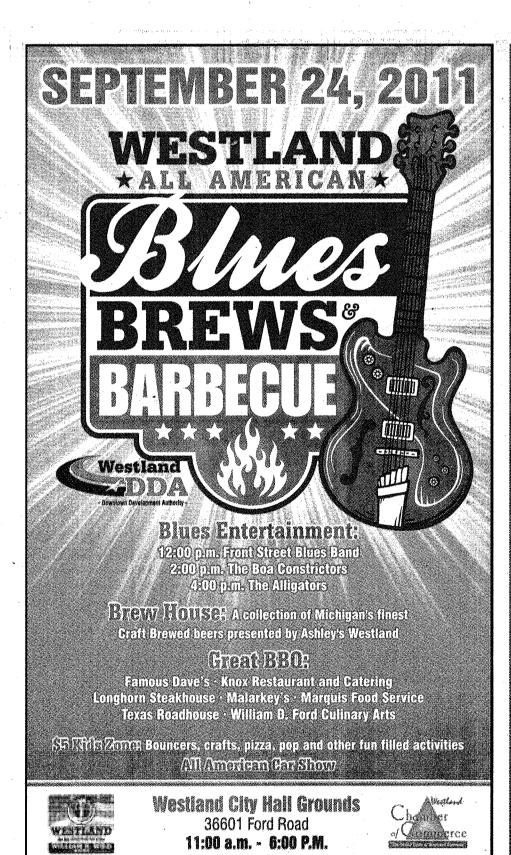
"Last year we had cucumbers and tomatoes. This year we added chocolate cherry tomatoes, carrots and broccoli. We have pumpkins and small squash. We planted winter squash," Robb said.
"They love it. They are out there every day wanting to water them.'

When she's not gardening, Kassia-Lotus, a third grader at Randolph Elementary, likes to read and studies Wing Chun Do at Ambrose Academy in Livonia. Jorma, a first grader at Randolph, also studies Wing Chun Do, and likes to ride his bike.

Robb said the family may plant a row of sunflowers along their backyard fence next year. He suspects the grouping will look like a line of trees by the time the flowers are grown.



The mammoth sunflower they planted towers over Jorma Grandon (left) and Kassia-Lotus Grandon of Livonia.



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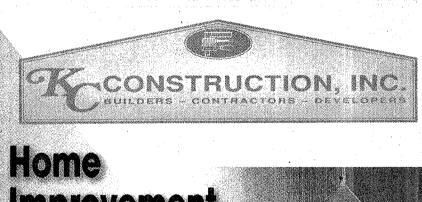
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Rod Stewart tribute show benefits arts

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, September 11, 2011

by Sharon Dargay O&E staff writer

Danny Dzialo expects to turn heads on the street.

"Even in Detroit where I live, people think I'm Rod Stewart," said the 52-yearold singer and businessman. "Diana Ross was playing the Fox and I was in the third row at the end. As she was leaving stage to change clothes, you could hear her on the mike saying 'I think we have Rod Stewart in the third row.' I get it all the time."

When he's on stage with his band, Danny D & the Vagabonds, he sings like Stewart, too.

"I won the Tribute Artist of the Year Award in Las Vegas for 2011," said Dzialo. He worked with Stewart's guitarist, Paul Warren of Plymouth, recently on an album he hopes will be ready for release this fall. It will include his original songs, in addition to some Stewart remakes.

"When I was playing with Paul Warren, he said 'You (and Stewart) are alike — the way you dress, the way you go into the sound booth.' I like white shirts and sun tanning ... hmm ... he may have stolen my identity," Dzialo said with a

Arts supporters can judge for themselves next month when Dzialo brings his Rod Stewart tribute show to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for "You're in my Heart," a fundraiser for the Partnership for



Rod Stewart? No, it's Danny Dzialo of Danny D & the Vagabonds, They'll play a Rod Stewart tribute show at the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities next month in Canton.

the Arts and Humanities.

"Every year we try to do a different kind of fundraiser," said Jill Engle, executive director. "So, this year when we were looking at a tribute band, I contacted the entertainment company and they said he's one of the best ones because he not only sounds like Rod Stewart. He looks like him. Everyone does a double take when they look at the flyer. The great thing is Danny D plays old and new Rod Stewart."

Engle said a soldout show will raise \$10,000 for local arts programs. The Partnership awards grants to such performing groups as the Michigan Philharmonic, Canton Concert Band, Spotlight Players and Beck-Ridge Chorale.

A second fundrais-

er is planned for Feb-

ruary 2012 with Steve

King and the Dittilies. The upcoming tribute show coincides with Sweetest Day, making it a perfect date destination, Engle said.

"It doesn't have to be couples. It can be a great outing, too," she said. "There are businesses that have purchased tickets. It's a great opportunity if you want to do an outing with your business," she said. "It's a great opportunity for first time patrons if they've never been to the Village Theater before. It's a great way for them to sample the Village Theater."

For more information about the fundraiser call (734) 765-7061. For more about Danny D & The Vagabonds, visit www.dannydlive.com. The site includes information about upcoming

YOU'RE IN **MY HEART**

What: A fundraiser

for the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, a Canton organization that gives grants to local arts groups When: 7 p.m. Oct. 15 Where: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton **Details:** Danny D & The Vagabonds, a **Rod Stewart tribute** band, will perform a two-hour show. A one-hour pre-show reception will include savory treats donated by Main Street Catering, Fat Chef in a Little Coat, Carolyn's Cocktail Cookies and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe. Showroom of Elegance, Ribar Florist and Indigo Salon & Day Spa will donate special offers or services. An after-glow will run until midnight at Hayden's Grill & Bar, Ticket-holders will receive one complimentary appetizer per couple. The event is sponsored by Western Wayne Urgent Care Tickets: \$25 by Sept. 15; \$30 after. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonvillageth-

shows, videos of the group's performances and links to Myspace and Facebook. Check out the video of Rod Stewart bringing Dzialo to the stage during a concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

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Thousands of runners and walkers will lace up their running shoes and head to the Detroit Zoo Sunday, Sept. 18, for the annual Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo. Proceeds from the event benefit the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care.

The event includes 5K and 10K runs as well as a noncompetitive 1.5mile Fun Walk. Runners in the 5K and 10K events will start at the Zoo's 10 Mile entrance and wind through the scenic streets of Huntington Woods surrounding the Zoo. Walkers will follow a course past animal habitats as they stroll through the Zoo grounds.

Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo begins at 8 a.m. with the 5K run, followed by the 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed Fun Walk at 9 a.m. Online registration is available at www. detroitzoo.org/runwild until Sept. 14. Registration also will be available at the Zoo on Sept. 16-18. Medals will be pre-

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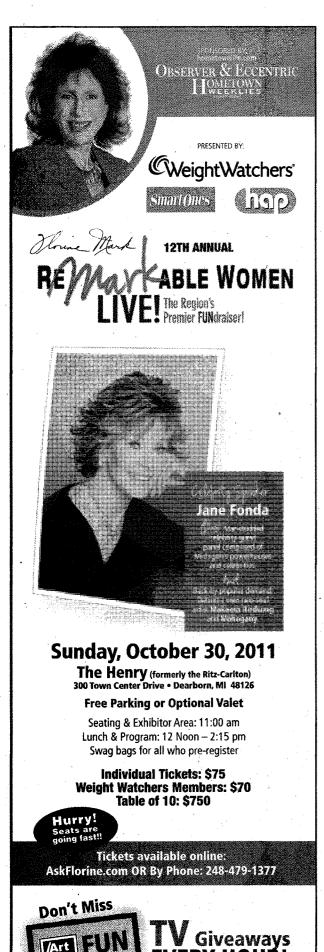
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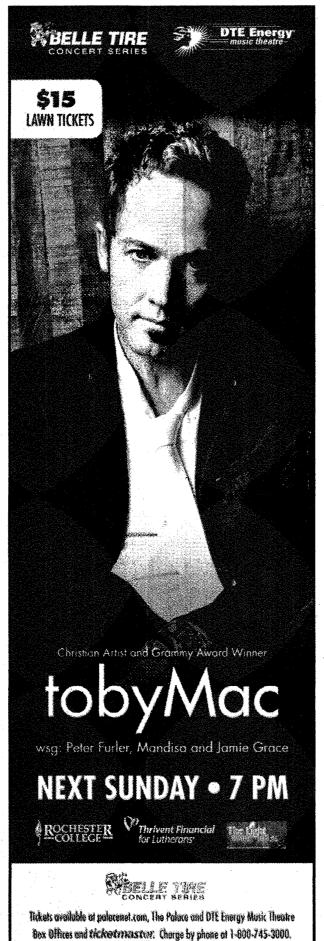
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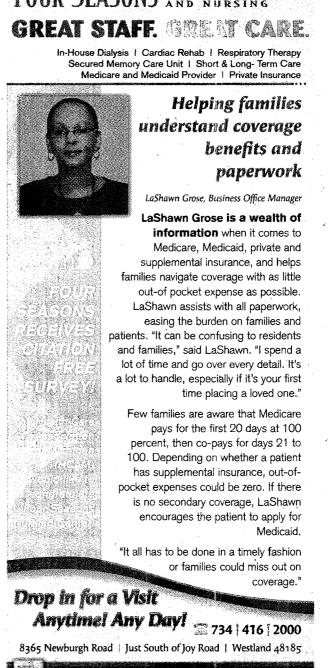
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Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

CLASS OF 1966 45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@ comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3509.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CLASSES OF 1965-66 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Plymouth Cultural

Center, behind the "old" high school. Attire is "whatever makes you feel good." Cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, live music, cash bar and hors d' oeuvres. Tour of old high school will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Make checks payable to PHS Class Reunion '65 & '66 and sent to Doug Jaskirny, 47237 Hunters Park Drive, Plymouth, Mi 48170 for the class of 1965. Class of 1966 members send to Donna (Cook) Marshall 1337 S. Harvey, Plymouth,

Mi. 48170. **REDFORD UNION**

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on Oct. 13, 2012

E-mail Linda (Horning) Tracy at lindatracy100@ gmail.com or call her at (231) 882-7268 or e-mail Madeline Rice at paddlinmadeline@gmail.com.

ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1951

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, 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.

(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. 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 e-mail 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

Broadcaster talks about his Catholic conversion

Al Kresta, president and CEO of Ave Maria Radio. will kick off St. Michael the Archangel Parish's third annual series, "Why Be Catholic?" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth, between Farmington Road and Merriman, Livonia.

Kresta will tell the story of his journey from Catholicism to Evangelical pastor well-known in the Detroit area for his top-rated WMUZ Christian broadcast, "Talk From the Heart," back to Catholicism. The questions he was forced to wrestle with as a pastor led him to return to the Catholic faith in a profoundly personal conversion that he has chronicled in his anthology. Surprised by Truth.

In 1997, Domino's Pizza founder Tom Monaghan recruited him to launch the media apostolate, Ave Maria Communications, and the rest is history. Kresta and his radio broadcast "Kresta in the Afternoon," produced by Ave Maria and syndicated by EWTN, is heard daily on more than 160 radio stations around the US, Sirius Satellite, and numerous Web streams.

There is no charge or reservations required for Kresta's talk. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Learn about touchpad technology

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County will present "Game Changer: The iPad & Me" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Ann Orr, associate professor in special education at Eastern Michigan University, will share how the iPad and its various applications can open up worlds of learning, entertainment and connection in all areas of life. Topics will include iPad use for communication, visual prompting, literacy, organization and more. Free. Call (313) 532-7915 for more information.

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Beyond that amount, extra fluid interferes with the smooth gliding motion a joint needs if it is to move well. One can think of joint fluid as being like air pressure in a tire. If a tire is made to take 32 lbs. of air, and the air gauge shows there is 34 lbs. of air, the mechanic will not bother to bring the air pressure back to 32 lbs. However, if the gauge shows 42 lbs., the mechanic will immediately take the air pressure back to normal because with that much extra air in the tire the amount of tread on the road will be less than normal, and the wear on the tread that is one the road will be excessive.

The same holds for the knee. Excess joint fluid takes the glide of the upper and lower parts of the joint off its normal track. Wear on the joint surface doing the work is excessive, while at the same time, the efficiency of the

Only by removing the extra fluid can the doctor restore the joint to its usual working order. The doctor removes all the fluid possible, because a monolayer of fluid will remain, and that amount suffices to lubricate the joint.

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SOCIAL SECURIT

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 themself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced 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 set.

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

Attorneys 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 1-275. 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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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Sept. 11-14

9-11 SERVICE

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sun-

day, Sept. 11 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: The congregation will recognize the sacrifice and commitment made by men and women in uniform. They will welcome all emergency personnel and military, along with their families to share in this special service

Contact: (734) 427-3660

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13 Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Focus is Samuel. Open to all Contact: (248) 476-4700

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank,

BEDWELL,

JANICE ANN

Age 74, September 3, 2011.

Beloved wife of Gene for 50

years. Dear mother of Sheri (Dirk)

Werhane and the late Carl. Grandmother of Patrick, Kristen,

Paul, Kirk, Laura and Sarah. Dear

sister of Carlene Kosis and Lyle

(Linda) Maloney. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and

friends. Funeral services were

held on Wednesday. Arrange-

ments by Santeiu & Son. Memorials suggested to Young

41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, in Canton Details: Free clothing and shoes are given to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CRAFTERS NEEDED Time/Date: Accepting ap-

plications now Location: Riverside Park

Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Crafters sought for fall craft show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15. Space rental is \$25. \$5 per table or bring your own table. Spots are limited to three crafters per category and one vendor per product Contact: (734) 464-0990 or e-mail rpoffice@around-

detroit.biz **GRIEFSHARE**

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. for 13 weeks starting Sept. 13 Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: GriefShare is a

friendly group of individuals who help others through the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Sessions will include such topics as loss of a spouse, getting stuck in grief and dealing with emotions. The \$15 fee for the workbook will be waived for financial

hardship

Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at:(734) 522-3570

POMEGRANATE GUILD Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 11 Location: Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan, a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework, will plan a children's Hanukkah table presentation for "Holiday Tables" in December. Its next meeting, Oct. 9, at Prentis Apartments, will be a "Beaded Kipot" workshop taught by Linda Lublin. Kit fee is \$10 Contact: (248) 661-5337

Sept. 15-30

ANNIVERSARY CEL-EBRATION

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sept. Location: Nardin Park Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, **Farmington Hills** Details: Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan celebrates its 25th anniversary with a \$25 per person plated dinner, speaker and awards. Dr. Wesley Brun is the guest speaker.

RSVP by Sept. 19 via phone, Contact: (248) 474-4701 or

mail or Paypal visit www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

Milestones

60th anniversary

Joseph and Dorothy (Shutt) Kovach of Houghton Lake celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. The couple married in Morann, Pa., in 1951.

Their children are David (Andrea) Kovach of Redford Township and Jerry Kovach of Monroe. They also have two grandchildren.

Joseph retired in 1990 from J. Levin Sons Company. Dorothy, a homemaker, also worked for Woolworth and Hudson's.



Dorothy and Joseph Kovach

Baias-Bolender

Stacy Ann Bajas and Charles Henry Bolender

The bride-to-be, daugh-



Gordy and Judy Smith

II announce their engage-

ter of Chester and Susan Bajas of Livonia, attended Stevenson High School in Livonia and currently attends Baker College of Allen Park. She works as a medical transcriptionist at Biotech Clinical Laboratories.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Cheryl Bolender of Livonia, attended Clarenceville High School in Livonia and Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Ill. He currently works as a master auto technician at Suburban Mazda of Troy.

An August 2012 wedding is planned in Livonia.

50th anniversary

Gordy and Judy Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 5 with a party at their son's home with family and friends.

They both graduated from Plymouth High School, were married at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wayne and have lived in Plymouth most of their lives. They have been members of St. Peter's **Evangelical Lutheran** Church since 1962. That's also where their children were baptized and attend-

ed grade school. Gordy started working at Saxton's Garden Center at age 14. He was in the U.S. Navy for three years after high school, and returned to Saxton's where he worked until

1982, when he entered a partnership in outdoor commercial power equipment, called PACE, Inc. He retired in 2005.

He and Judy enjoy traveling in their motor home. They usually spend winter in Florida or Texas, with occasional trips to California to keep up with their family.

They have three children. Sherry and her husband, Mike Talaga, live in Plymouth with their daughter, Haley. Deb is married to Jim Ondrus, and has daughters, Danielle and Paige, and stepson, Antonio. The family lives in California. Terry is married to Shenal. The Novi couple has two daughters, Jessica and Eryn, and a son, Nicholas.

CARLEY, ELIZABETH

L. (OSBORNE) A resident of Novi and former resident of Livonia and Gladwin died on September 2, 2011 after suffering a heart attack a day earlier. She was 80 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald in 1998, a son, Daniel, and sister, Shirley. She is survived by children, William, Donna (Ken) Koenig, John (Karen), Barbara, Joseph (Debra), James (Nancy); grandchildren, Lindi Koenig, Chris (Marianne) Koenig, Cynthia (Richard) Smith, Michelle (Brian) Przybycki, Steven, Michael, Anthony Christopher, Alexander Carley; great grandchildren, Jonathan Antol, Luke Koenig, Jade & Ethan Smith, and Brendan & Madison Przybycki and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Betty worked for over twenty-seven years as a Program Administrator with Ford Motor Company. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Tuesday, September 6, at 1PM. Friends may visit Tuesday 11AM until time of service. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Heart

FERGUSON, CHARLES A.

Assoc. or Am. Diabetes Assoc.

For further information please

phone 248-684-6645 or visit

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Age 80, of Northville, passed away September 6, 2011. Cherished father of Brenda, Donna, Denny, Terry, Larry, Patsy, Darcy, Darrell, Claudia, Paula, Billy, and the late Dorian. Dear brother of Betty and Norma. Adored grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 26. Visitation Friday from 2-8pm. The funeral service Saturday at 11am, visitation: beginning at 10am at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 Dunlap, Northville. Donations to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

MINER, MICHAEL S.

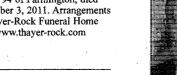
September 7, 2011, age 44, of Westland. Graduate of Garden City High School in 1985 and Eastern Michigan University in 1990. Beloved son of Donald (Karen) and the late Carrol. Brother to Donna (Dan Kerwin) Golden & Cynthia (Daniel) Tar. Grandson of Evelyn McConnell. Uncle of Andrew, Austin, Alexandra Golden and Rebecca, Olivia, Julia, Grant Tar. Step-Brother to Sean and Wendy, Step-Uncle of Wendy, Justine, and Ryan. Funeral service at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Home, 12, 10am. Sept. Monday Visitation at the funeral home Sunday from 4:00-9:00 pm. Please view memorial and tributes at www.uhtfh.com



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ĠALICA, STANLEY J.

Age 94 of Farmington, died September 3, 2011. Arrangements Thayer-Rock Funeral Home www.thayer-rock.com



OKERSTROM, RONALD A. "OKIE"

Age 73, September 2, 2011 of MI. Beloved husband of the late Bryna (nee Remer); loving father of Julie Delaney (Keith Roberts), Cindy (Brian) Finamore, Ryan (Karie) Okerstrom, and Erik (Stacie) Okerstrom. Dear brother of Robert (Nancy) Okerstrom and James (Pat) Okerstrom. Cherished Grandpa of Kelly and Katelyn Delaney, Shane and Jesse Warren Trent Okerstrom and Jeffrey and Alexis (Swinea) Okerstrom. Also survived by ex-wife and friend, Sally Okerstrom and several

nieces and nephews. Memorial

Service was held Sept. 10, 2011.

RENCE, DONNA JEAN Oct. 9, 1931~Sept. 3, 2011. Donna Jean "D.J." Rence, age 79, of Sarasota and Bradenton, formerly of Farmington, MI and McDonald, PA., died Sept. 3, 2011. Services and interment will be at a later date in McDonald. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes is handling arrangements. Survivors include daughters Shellev R. and Anita L., both of Sarasota; sons Randall W. of Augusta, MI,, Kevin M. of Naalehu, Hawaii, and Patrick A. and Scott T., both of Sarasota; sister Rhody McFarlane of Grand Rapids, MI; 11 grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild. Donna was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, William Arnold Rence.



SKAGGS, JAMES E.

September 6, 2011, age 77 of Plymouth. Loving husband of Lila. Beloved father of Susan M. Ragains and the late Bradley. Proud Papa of Christian, Andrew, Marlena, Jacob, Sarah, Luke, Bonnie, Paula and Ashley. Dear brother of Raymond, Alma (Noel) Mooney, Betty Bates and Delbert (Jenny). He was a dedicated U.S. Service Mail Carrier in Plymouth for 39 years and a lifelong dedicated member of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene where he served his Lord in all areas of the church. Visitation was held Thurs, & Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state was Saturday 10AM until the 11AM Funeral Service at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the

church or Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



JOHN GENE

73, passed away peacefully or

Sunday, September 4, 2011. John was born on January 12, 1938 ii Spinks-Corners, Michigan. He i survived by his sister, Mae Harms of Garden Valley, California, and nephew, Steven Taiclet and grandniece, Lauren Taiclet, of Hayward, California. He was preceded in death by his wife. Nanc Jean (Stewart) Spencer, his father Ben F. Spencer, and his mother Olga Krieger Spencer. John's grandparents were immigrants; he grew up in a rural farming community. John went on to have a very successful legal career as one of the founding partners of the law firm of Spencer and Stebbins where he practiced for many years. He graduated from Bentor Harbor High School (1955) Western Michigan University (1959) and Detroit College o Law (1968). He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and Admitted to Practice in the State of Michigan and before the United States Supreme Court. John's true love was golf. He was a membe of Western Golf and Country Club for 34 years, serving as its President in 1986. He was also a Governor of the Golf Association of Michigan and a Director of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation, a scholarship program that provides col scholarships to financially needy golf caddies. In lieu or flowers, the family would reques that donations be made to the Evans Scholars Foundation, Briar Road, Golf, Illinois, 60029 The family will have a luncheor in October to celebrate John's life

tion, please contact Mike Hainer at 248-642-4100 or mhainer@hainerberman.com or Carol Gabler at 734-718-1588 or carolgabler@sbcglobal.net. Arrangements entrusted to the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home

www.neely-turowski.com

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TASSELL, SANDRA K

Age 63 of Plymouth, Septembe 7, 2011. Beloved wife of Roger Loving mother of Teresa (Scott Chaney, and Aaron (Stephanie) Proud grandmother of Brandon Brittany, and Henry. Dear sister of Linda (David) Miller, and aunt of Joseph and Élizabeth. Visitation Saturday 4-8 PM and Sunday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwr Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth Funeral service Monday 10 AM Memorial contributions may be American Cance Society. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Charles Noel Bulbuk

Charles Noel Bulbuk was born Sept. 2, 2011, at Providence Park Hospi-

tal, Novi. Proud parents are Chaz and Johanna Bulbuk of

Plymouth. Grandparents are Mike and Karen Bulbuk of Novi and Brad and Pam Dase of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are nn Loveland of Bloomfield, Donna Saunders of Wixom, and Vikki Melton of Hartland.



GARDEN & NATURE

Pruning lessons

Global ReLeaf of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will talk about pruning and the benefits of homeowner composting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 five Mile, Livonia. Afterwards, participants can "Ask the Arborist" from 8-8:30 p.m. They can bring in plant material and ask specific questions about their trees and shrubs. RSVP to this free pro-

gram by calling (800) 642-7353 or e-mail to globalreleafmi@aol.com. For more information visit www.releafmichigan.blogspot.com.

Butterflies

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) presents "Overwintering Butterflies," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The program will explain how to overwinter butterfly eggs, cat-

erpillars, chrysalises and butterflies. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for nonmembers. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

Master gardeners

Growing with Master **Gardeners Conference** is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Sponsored by the Dearborn campus' Environmental Interpretive Center and presented by Master Gardener Association of Wayne County Volunteers, the 23rd annual all-day educational program is aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels. It will include two keynotes, classes, shopping, and lunch. Cost is \$40 if registered by Sept. 14. Visit www.mgawc.org or call (734) 786-6860.

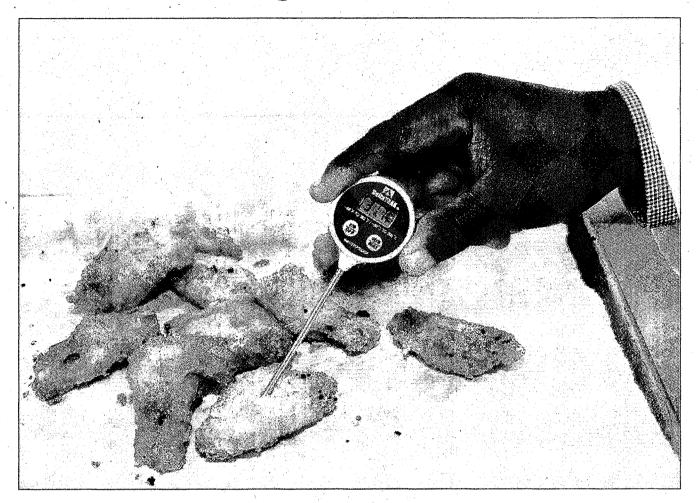
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Take aim to fight bacteria in kitchen



The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suggests using a meat thermometer to make sure food is cooked at correct temperatures.

September is National Food Safety Month — the perfect time to become aware of the hidden dangers found in kitchens.

Salmonella, norovirus, campylobacter and E coli are some of the bacteria found in kitchens that affect 48 million people each year. Of that number, 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die according to data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Young children, older adults, pregnant women, transplant recipients and individuals with diabetes, cancer or HIV/AIDS are most at risk for acquiring a foodborne illness.

The new Food Safety and Modernization Act, signed into law by President Obama earlier this year, strengthens the food safety system by focusing on problem prevention and enables the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to better respond to problems when they occur. The law gives the FDA new tools to hold imported foods to the same standards as food manufactured in this country and allows the FDA to build an integrated food safety system by building partnerships with state and local authorities

Creating a stronger safety system takes time, but consumers also can take steps to prevent foodborne illness in their homes.

• Clean: Wash hands and surfaces often for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food and after using the bathroom, changing dia-

pers and handling pets.

• Separate don't cross-contaminate: Cross-contamination is how bacteria can spread. When handling raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods. Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

• Cook to proper temperature: Use a food thermometer that measures the internal temperature of cooked meat, poultry, and egg dishes.

 Chill: Refrigerate promptly (40 degrees) because cold temperatures slow the growth of harmful bacteria.
 For more information on food safety call the FDA Detroit District

Office at (313)393-8196.

Adults need vaccines, too

As many adults make sure their child's immunizations are up to date this new school year, it's a good time for them to review their own immunization status as well, say health experts with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

"Vaccinations can protect adults from many preventable diseases, but too many Michigan adults are under-vaccinated," said Dr. Dean Sienko, interim chief medical executive for MDCH. "It is important to remember that vaccinations aren't just for kids"

Whooping cough has been on the rise in recent years in the U.S. and in Michigan, and recently, Michigan had three adult cases of tetanus reported by hospitals.

Individuals, age 13-64 who have not received Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) should be vaccinated at their next health care visit. Those 65 years or older should receive Tdap vaccine if they are living with or caring for infants under 12 months old. It is especially important that those in contact with infants get vaccinated against whooping cough, including pregnant women, new parents, siblings, grandparents, day care and child care workers, and health care personnel.

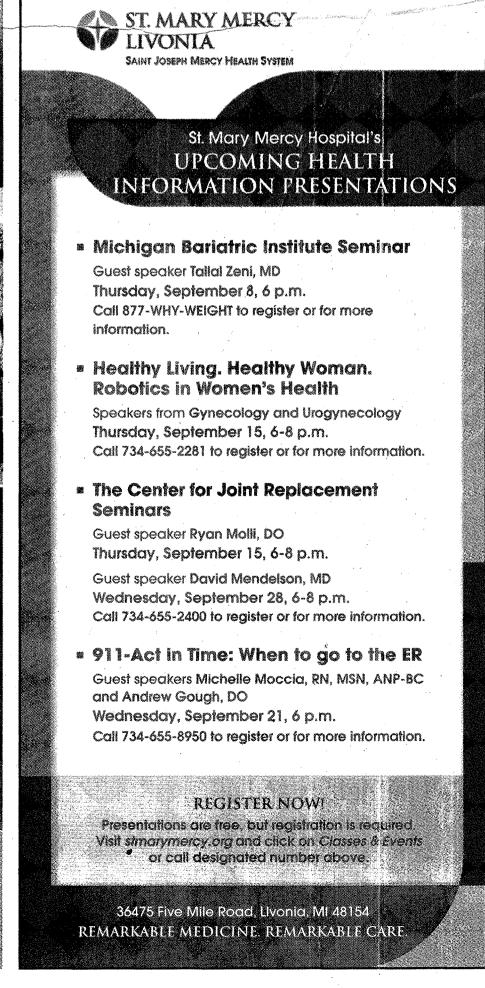
Measles, a highly contagious disease, is also on the rise in the U.S. and Internationally. Some adults who haven't received MMR vaccine should get immunized right away. It is especially important that individuals who are planning international travel are vaccinated against measles, because many of the cases throughout the U.S. have been brought in from other countries.

In January, the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices updated its recommendations on the meningococcal vaccine, based on new data. Teens now need a booster dose at ages 16-18 years and college students, ages 19-21, who haven't received meningococcal vaccine in the past five years should be given a dose of meningococcal vaccine. Other adults may need meningitis vaccine, too.

Adults should check to find out if they need to be vaccinated against other diseases such as shingles, pneumococcal disease, varicella (chickenpox), human papillomavirus, and hepatitis A and B.

For information about the vaccines adults need, visit www.adultvaccination.





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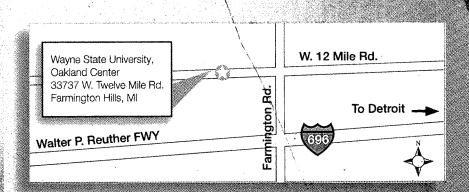
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25 Best Jobs For Boomers

By Rachel Zupek CareerBuilder

Attention baby boomers - If you're not ready to spend the rest of your life golfing, traveling or doing anything else that comes after retirement, good news awaits -- vou don't have to. Today's retirees are defying the stereotypes that surround retirement by changing careers, rather than ending them. Clarence "Nic" Nicodemus, 64, is living proof. At the ripe age of 61, Nicodemus graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) and was preparing for a one-year internship, according to a 2004 press release from Michigan State University. Nicodemus joined COM at age 57, after spending a decade teaching classes and doing orthopedic research at the University of Texas. He said

next logical step in his career and a lifelong dream. "I feel like I can relate to patients of any age," he said. "A patient can bring up any subject grandchildren or a death in the family or a disease in the family -- and I can relate to them.' Like Nicodemus, many baby boomers - the chunk of our population born in 1946 through 1964 - haven't been able to work in highly fulfilling jobs. Working lackluster. draining, even hazardous jobs just to bring home a paycheck was the norm for boomers just trying to get by. But times, they are a changin'. "The chances are good that you [baby boomers] are better able than at any time previously to choose work that will be fulfilling,"Michael Farr and Laurence Shatkin, Ph.D. write in their new book, "225 Best Jobs for Baby Boomers." For reasons that vary from being under less financial stress to

being able to consider part-time work for the first time, boomers now have the option of making another career move instead of retiring. Farr and Shatkin analyzed data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to formulate lists of jobs with a high percentage of baby boomers -specifically, the jobs for which 40 percent of the workforce is age 45 or older. The jobs listed had the best combination of high salaries, fast growth and ample job openings. Of the 225 jobs highlighted in

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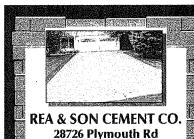
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FORD WANTS TO BUILD ON LEAD WITH GENERATION Y

By Dale Buss

Arguably, Ford is leading the U.S. auto industry when it comes to understanding the behavior and buying preferences of the Millennial generation. That's one big reason Ford was able to steal a



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march on all of its competitors with the Sync infotainment system -- by making it available in the first place, to work with most

smart phones, and then by promoting it heavily as a musthave "accessory" in small vehicles aimed at twentysomethings, including the Focus and Fiesta.

And so it's not surprising that Ford executives also appear to be leading their rivals when it comes to a related pursuit: worrying about whether the Millennials that they are so

arduously courting are actually going to buy more cars.

That's one reason Ford just announced a deal with Zipcar, the car-sharing service. It wasn't long ago that such upstarts were perceived as a threat to the sales volumes of Ford and other automakers. But now, Ford seems to be taking the view that young drivers who rent from Zipcar by the hour just might be potential customers down the road.

So the company announced an unusual partnership in which Ford will supply its vehicles to Zipcar locations on 250 college and university campuses in the United States. The two-year program will provide Zipcar with up to 1,000 Focus sedans and Escape sport-utility vehicles for students who prefer short-term vehicle rentals to the trouble and expense of owning their own car.

In addition to providing the



Ford Focus alredy is one of the most popular cars with Millennials.

cars, Ford will offer the first 100,000 university students who sign up for Zipcar a \$10 discount on the network's \$30 annual membership fee. And Ford has agreed to subsidize the hourly rental rate.

The desire by Millennials to borrow rather than own is one of at least three trends that have the Ford brain trust thinking for the long term about how to get the younger generation to keep coming to them for Fiesta, Focus and other Ford models long beyond the legions that have flocked to the brand over the last few years. The other two trends involve the economy and the generation's attitudes toward cars and driving.

One reason for the Zipcar deal is that Ford noticed a tendency of Millennials to gain laccess over ownership,î as Sheryl Connelly, Ford's global trends director,

rather than necessarily having to buy a "toy," whether it's jewelry, bikes, handbags or cars. That's why the biggest enthusiasts of car-sharing services such as Zipcar are twentysomethings. One unfortunate aspect of this attitude is that it's not so crucially important for Millennials to buy that first car for themselves, even after they're exposed to the enticements of new models like the Fiesta.

For another thing, Millennials demonstrate decidedly less enthusiasm than their parents, the boomer generation, and even than the subsequent Generation X, about owning a vehicle or even driving one. That ancient rite of passage for American youths, getting a driver's license, isn't such a Kodak moment for them, it

1978, less than one-third do now, thanks to factors such as tougher driving standards, higher costs for driver training -- and teenage indifference.

"You're always going to have driving enthusiasts," Connelly said. "Boomers kind of made the car an iconic symbol of freedom and independence, and so for at least the next couple of generations, I don't see that disappearing. But there are many Millennials who are more interested in mere mobility than actual driving dynamics," she noted. And, of course, many of that generation are far more interested in digital connectivity and devices than in engines and automobiles.

In the short term, the most troubling trend regarding Millennials, and for selling them autos, is the moribund economy. The Great Recession and the continuing stubbornness of high unemployment rates have thwarted intentions of many Millennials to launch their careers, start families, even to gain financial independence from their Boomer parents. These frustrated twentysomethings aren't in the mood or mode to be buying or leasing cars, even if they are trickedout Fiestas or a Focus that feels like a media lab to them.

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