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Westland Mayor William Wild is inviting residents to join him at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, for a Community Gathering and Park-It Family Fun Night at Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter.

This free night includes live music, bounce houses, kids' activities and free giveaways, followed by a family movie under the stars. *Madagascar 2* will be showing on the big screen beginning at 8:30 p.m. Free popcorn will be provided by Wild and additional concessions will be available for purchase.

Wild and his staff also will be on hand to speak with residents and answer questions or help with community concerns prior to the movie.

"The purpose of a community gathering is to get the residents of our city together for fun the whole family can enjoy," Wild said. "A family night out can be quite expensive and I am pleased to have the opportunity to show my appreciation to our residents by providing this free event."

In addition to this event, the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department will be showing *Rango* on the big screen Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. The George Brothers Band will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 8:30 p.m.

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Five file for two seats in W-W school election

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will choose between five candidates to fill two seats on the school board in the November school election.

Appointed school board member Frederick Weaver will be joined by former board member Jeffrey Hayton and newcomers Chandra Cozart, Paul Futch and Sally Madison in the election. Two terms, held by Weaver and board Secretary Cindy Schofield, will be filled in election. Schofield has chosen to step down after serving more than 12 years on

the school board.

Weaver was appointed to the school board last August to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel. This is his second stint on the school board. He was first elected to the board in 2001 and served until 2008 when he resigned after taking a ministerial position in Midland. He returned to the district and his home in Westland last year.

In announcing his intention to seek election to a full term, Weaver said he planned "to stay in and fight for the district."

"My love is for education and I will work dili-

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Clawson resigns from W-W board

While voters will select two new trustees in November, the Wayne-Westland school board will have the task of filling a vacancy with the resignation of Trustee Andrea Clawson Aug. 14.

Specifics on how the vacant position will be filled should be available through the superintendent's office on Monday, Aug. 20.

In a short three-sentence letter to board President Carol Mittel, Clawson indicated that her resignation was "due to a personal decision that will affect my



Clawson

eligibility required to serve as a trustee."

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position," she wrote.

Clawson, who did not respond to a request to be interviewed, was elected to the school board in May 2011. A Westland resident, she was elected board treasurer during an organizational meeting last July. She held the position until Dec. 12, 2011, when

the school board accepted her resignation and selected Trustee Shawna Walker to replace her as treasurer.

The board has 30 days after being notified of the vacancy to fill it. If it can't reach a consensus, the decision is made by the Wayne RESA board. That happened last year when the board could not agree on a replacement for William Gabriel. The decision went to the RESA board which selected former board member Frederick Weaver.

By Sue Mason



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Kendall Hart of Garden City hopes he's one of the two chosen from the crowd to be on the "Price Is Right." If he makes it, he guarantees he'll be within \$1,500 on the value of the showcase.

Fans make pitch to be on popular game show

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Kendall Hart let them know at the registration table that he was a winner.

The Garden City resident was among hundreds of people who turned out at the MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 in Westland to audition for one of two spots on CBS's popular *Price Is Right* game show.

"I'll be with \$1,500 on the showcase, I guarantee this one," said Hart who has always wanted to be on that show since age three. "I'd watch it with my great-grandma. I knew how to say come on

down." *Price Is Right* hopefuls were given 30 seconds to introduce themselves and tell producers why they should be one of two individuals selected to fly out to Los Angeles for the show. One person is guaranteed a place on contestants' row.

This was one of five auditions being held for the show in the U.S., and contestant wanna-bes came from near and far. "We've checked in people from New York and Ohio already," said Melissa Rowe, sales marketing manager for CBS 62

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Rhonda Gates of Westland, makes sure her ID number is secure. At left, Maria Benjamin of Northville, working for CBS Channel 62, directs contestants to the audition rooms.

Changes improve police services in Westland

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland residents in need of a copy of a police report or gun permit, can now get them five days a week.

As of Aug. 1, the police department's Support Services/Records Bureau is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The bureau had been closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for several years to allow the staff to handle state reporting for crime statistics, but with more of that being done on computer and staff realignment, Police Chief Greg Angelosanto has been able to return it to a five-day-a-week operation.

"The reporting was very time consuming, but now it's more computerized and by reorganizing the records office, we're now able to add more services," said Angelosanto. "The bureau offers a wide variety of services. Making these services more available to residents is part of our commitment to the community."

The bureau is responsible for the process-

ing of report copies and record and background checks as well as notary fees for gun permits, gun registrations and safety inspections for guns, animal traps with a DNR permit.

According to Mayor William Wild, the expanded services didn't require hiring new staff.

"It's important that all city offices are accessible to the residents who utilize their services and the extended hours benefit people who come to do business in our city," he said.

The new Records Bureau hours dovetail with a new program that is putting more police officers on the street. On Aug. 1, the police department launched Police Service Aide, a new program designed to help in the area of prisoner care and management.

With the addition of the PSA program, four police officers have been reassigned to road patrol duties. The new program also increases the amount of time the officers are on the road patrolling because pris-

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# Westland Stars now are Stars Cheer, Dance Studios

The Westland Stars have moved and become the Stars Cheer and Dance Studio. Students ages 10-14 or fifth to eighth grades in the Livonia and Westland

area can try out for the Westland Stars. The group has moved to the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and will be practicing at the Livonia Community Center.

There will be opportunities for students to learn dance and cheer and be a part of the team. Cheer and Dance Studio classes include:

- Jazz and Lyrical class

5:30-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays (seven weeks), starting Sept. 12th.

- Cheers and Chant Class 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays (seven weeks), starting Sept. 12th.

- The Stars Team (pom-pom/cheer) 9-11 a.m. Saturdays (seven weeks), starting Sept. 15.

Participants do not have to be from Livonia to be on the team. The team is

open to anyone from the area. For more information, call (734) 466-2900, visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us), or send an email to the coach at [iluv16n19@aol.com](mailto:iluv16n19@aol.com).

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in Detroit. "We did auditions here for *Survivor* in December and had 400 show up. We've had close to 200 register in the first hour, so I think 500 will be a good number for this." The "Outlaw Grandmas," Jane Pisarski of Hazel Park and Nancy Kinney of Madison Heights, were among hopefuls waiting in a theater for their chance to audition. "My husband and I watched it, our day never got started until we watched *Price Is Right*," said Pisarski. "No day started right without it." "I watch it faithfully," added Kinney. "I raised a big family and took care of a lot of people, and everyone has told me it's my time to be on the show." Terry Viegas of Detroit

came armed with a video of when her mother appeared on *Price Is Right* 27 years ago. "I hope the hook will be the show tape," she said. "It was in 1985, Bob Barker had dark hair. I think her daughter should be on it." Rhonda Gates of Westland believed the stars were in alignment for her chance to make it on the game show. She had put the audition on her bucket list two months ago after seeing announcement in the newspaper, and because son Jacob had had his wisdom teeth out, she had the day off. "My heart's jumping out of my chest," she said as she waited to go in and do her 30-second pitch. Officially No. 15 among the contestants, she had written out her speech which highlighted the she was a veteran — she served in the U.S. Army — she loved to have fun, and she was there to win



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Arlene Zazula and Jerome Weingarden, both of Westland wait for their turn in the audition room.

prizes. And for good measure, she tossed in that all of her pets are spayed and neutered. "They're big about responsible pet ownership," she said, adding that "it's all come together for me. It's my opportunity to win." Son Jacob was also there, claiming "my mom made me come." His spiel was that it was his 21st birthday "and picking me

would be a great birthday present." This isn't the first time Jerome Weingarden of Westland has auditioned for a game show. He made it to the stage in auditions for *Wheel of Fortune* in 2007 and would have made it on the show had he solved the puzzle. He also had a spot on the *Dan Miller Show* in 2009. "I watch it every day, I've been watching it



Paige Sharrow of Westland, auditions before the camera for the "Price Is Right."

since 1972," he said. "If I get on the show, I'm going to win." The auditions are for the fall taping season and the people who auditioned should find out how well they did as soon as Sept. 7. "How can this not be

exciting?" said Arlene Zazula of Westland. "It's the best show, it has the best prizes. I like Drew (Carey), he makes me laugh, and besides, I've never been to L.A."

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oner processing duties are handled by the police service aides. The PSA program is being staffed by 15 part-time civilian employees 24 hours a day. Their duties include preparing reports, processing those taken into custody, processing complaints, fingerprinting, vehicle impoundments, inventories, monitoring broadcasts and answering telephone calls. The department looked for individuals who are pursuing law enforcement careers and who

had successfully passed the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards pre-enrollment written and physical agility tests within the preceding 12 months. "This is the first phase, if this is successful, we may see about doing this in other areas," said Wild. The program is a collaboration of the city administration, the Westland City Council, the Westland Police Department and the police unions. "It shows that innovative solutions can lead to better efficiencies," Wild said.

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## BOARD

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gently to move the school district ahead for the benefit of the students. I will do whatever I can that's within my power to defend what's been accomplished in this district," Weaver said. A Westland resident, Hayton also is a familiar face in the district. He was appointed to the school board in February 2011 to fill the remainder of Martha Pitsenbarger's term and served until July. Hayton called the experience "intense but rewarding." He is employed by the State of Michigan, performing quality analysis and systems development work for the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. He has his bachelor's and mas-

ter's degrees in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and is in the process of earning a second master's degree in public administration. His decision to seek a term on the school board is because he's "concerned about the direction that the district is headed financially and academically." "I want to do what I can make sure that our students graduate with the education and motivation needed to be happy and successful in life," he said. "I know I can provide insight and ideas for changes that are needed to really bring the school district into the 21st century." Also a Westland resident, Cozart is an attorney, employed with a local nonprofit organization that provides support to more than 3,000 adults

and children with developmental disabilities. She also has a practice that focuses on the welfare of children and adults. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. "If elected school board trustee, I hope to draw on my experience to ensure our community's resources are effectively used to keep our school district competitive, given the current economic climate and the forecast of declining enrollment," she said. "As a stakeholder, I have a vested interest in ensuring the best opportunities will be at the fingertips of current and future students, like my daughter." Madison, who has lived in the Westland area for more than 30 years, is attending Schoolcraft College where she is studying in the medical field and plans to complete her studies by the spring of 2013. She has been associated with PTA, volunteered in classroom, and have served as treasurer for her former homeowners' association. "I feel that I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that will help me in being a board member," she said. "I feel the most important position of a board member is being an advocate

for students. As a board member, I look forward to helping implement the common core standards to increase student achievement." Futch lives in Wayne and is the pastor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church in Romulus. He received his bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Arkansas and his master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. Futch is a chaplain at the Juvenile Detention Center in Detroit and does tutoring at his church for students who need assistance with test-taking skills. He is running for the school board because he would like to "a voice for the students as well as the families." "In order for the students to achieve, they must strong support from their families," he said. "I want to be a part of the process that brings about solutions to the issues that we may face as a school district. I have a passion for the success of every student that I will serve." The top two vote-getters in the Nov. 6 election will receive six-year terms on the school board.

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Last year more than 20,000 classic cars and hot rods cruised Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn for the inaugural Cruisin' Hines event. Even more are expected for the second installment on Sunday, Aug. 26.

# Cruisers take over Hines Drive for 2nd annual ride

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Don Nicholson has a prediction about the second annual car cruise being held on Hines Drive next Sunday: It will be bigger in terms of the number of classic cars than the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"They advertise 30,000-40,000 cars, but that includes minivans," the Westland resident said. "We had more than 24,000 classic cars for our first year and we expect even more this year."

Hines Drive will be closed to regular traffic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn to allow classic cars — those at least 25 years old — and hot rods — vehicles altered in some way after they left the

dealership — for 7 1/2 miles of unadulterated cruising.

Nicholson, who has organized car shows and cruises around western Wayne County for years, said there will be plenty of parking in the park for spectators. They will be able to enter Hines Park and park in the Warrendale area at Telegraph Road, at Merriman Road in Westland and at Nankin Mills at Ann Arbor Trail to see the vehicles.

Nicholson plans to have 25,000 goodie bags for cruisers that will contain prizes like a weekend at the Dearborn Doubletree Suites and Fairfield Inn in Canton and gifts like detailing products from Mother's Wax and Visa and MasterCard gift cards.

"There also will be giveaways from local museums ... things are still coming in," Nicholson

said. "No two bags will be alike."

Nicholson has dropped two things from this year's cruise. One is registering. Last year cruisers had to sign up the day of the event, but the overwhelming response has led him to discontinue that this year. He also has axed musical entertainment. His official cruise band, the Six Foot Poles, had performed last year, but "no one was watching."

"They were too busy looking at the cars," he said. "To me the cars are the entertainment and I want people to come on down and enjoy that entertainment. Last year we had Model Ts and a Roll Royce. If you like cars, I don't think you could come down and not find something to enjoy."

There will be food vendors throughout the park and at the spectator

areas, and even a mobile ATM at the Nankin Mills area, provided by the Public Service Credit Union, for those who didn't bring enough cash. The Motor City National Heritage Area also will be on hand to interview and talk to people.

Even the Friends of Nankin Mills will be there, selling water to help raise money for the mill, and they will show off the Model T they bought and plan to restore to use as part of an interactive display in the mill's museum.

Nicholson's expectation of an even bigger cruise than in 2011 is based on the number of emails and phone calls he's receiving daily. He has a lot of information posted on the Cruisin' Hines Facebook page as well as its website, www.Cruisin-Hines.com.

"Last year, I had at

least 150 emails and letters thanking me for putting on the best cruise of the year," he said. "This is the last big cruise of the season. It's the end of the season event."

He added that there are a few rules for the cruise. Cars can park on the grass, but not on the paved shoulder or bike path, and there is "zero tolerance" for burnouts and drunken driving by himself and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which will have a presence in the park throughout the day.

"Wayne County Parks and the sheriff's department have been so supportive of this," Nicholson said. "They're happy to have us here and as long as we keep it a fun and safe family event, we'll keep coming."

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## Health Dept. holds Fun Fest

The Wayne County Department of Public Health is holding its popular annual back-to-school free Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health at 33030 Van Born, at Venoy, in Wayne.

The event will provide Wayne County families with health services, screenings and resource materials, such as immunizations, dental hygiene, nutritional education and information about health topics and Wayne County programs/services.

Free book bags filled with school supplies and some with special giveaways will be given to the first 300 school-aged children. The event also features an array of vendors, a bicycle and bike helmet giveaway, farmer's market, food and refreshments, face painting, entertainment and lots of healthy, family fun.

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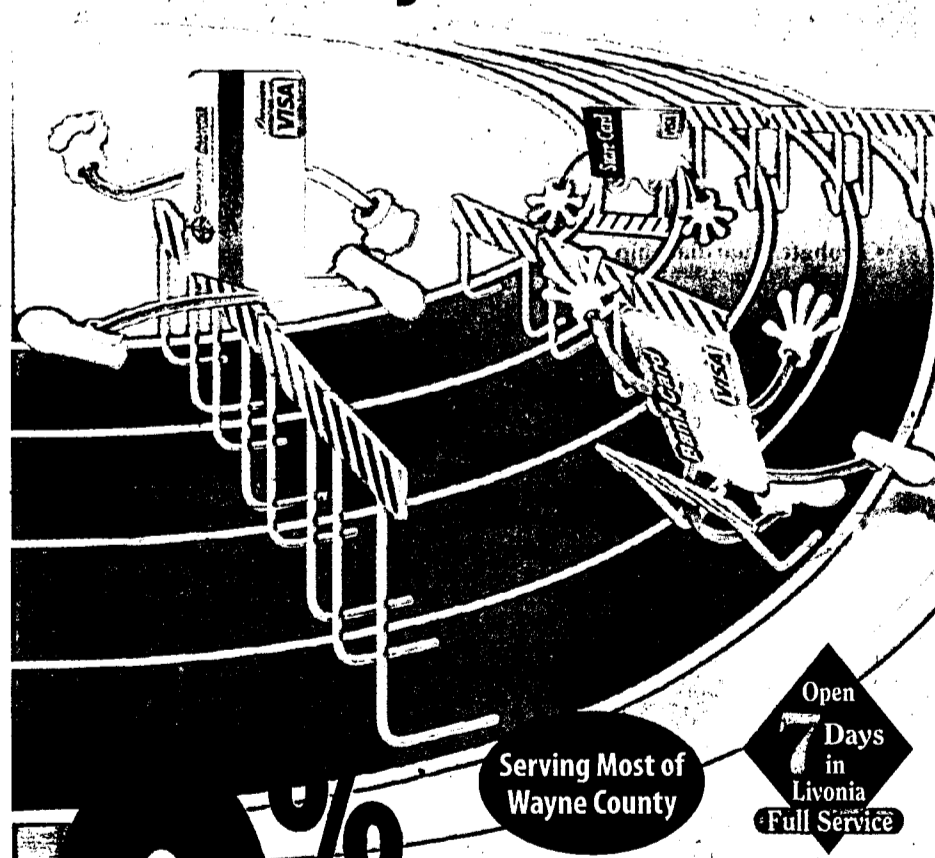
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# Passage of school retirement reform bill 'will help' W-W

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The financial relief school districts had hoped for when it comes to employee retirement is a pen stroke away from becoming a reality after lawmakers reached agreement Wednesday on Senate Bill 1040.

The bill, which is awaiting Gov. Rick Snyder's signature, will reform the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System and shrink the more than \$15 billion in unfunded liabilities facing the system.

"Even though it might not be what school communities wanted, it will help," Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "This will save us \$1.8 million this year and \$4.2 million over the next few years."

"This will help us dodge the bullet," said Scott Johnson, chief financial officer with the Garden City Public Schools. "It's

a significant savings. We won't have to add that cost to our general fund."

Schools officials have been pressing for relief from the growing percentage of payroll that must be paid to MPERS to cover employee retirement costs. The rate would have jumped from 24.46 percent to 27.37 percent in 2013, with projections of 35 percent by 2016, double what it was in 2002.

MPERS collects and compiles employee wage, contribution and service information from 551 school districts, 70 public school academies, seven universities, 28 community colleges, 57 intermediate school districts and 11 libraries. As of Sept. 30, 2011, the system served 444,185 members.

The bill makes several changes to the MPERS Act, including increasing employee contributions, as well as prefunding retiree health care beginning in fiscal 2012-

13. According to a statement from Snyder's office, the prefunding is critical because the state will now be setting aside money to meet the debt when it comes due in the future, meaning that the cost of the benefit will be paid for at the time it is accrued, putting stability back in the system.

Snyder has labeled the bill as "among the most critical pieces of legislation" he will sign this year.

"These reforms ensure that schools can keep critical and much-needed resources in our classrooms," Snyder said. "The administration, legislature and stakeholders worked together to advance a plan that is fair and affordable to teachers and other school employees as well as taxpayers."

Baracy said the reform measures are going to be significant, although they don't solve the problem completely for Wayne-

Westland. The district is reeling under the loss of its Wayne-Westland language which provided an additional \$6 million in school aid to address tax millage not used in calculating its per-pupil funding under Proposal A.

The district lost \$3 million last year and the remainder this year, despite efforts by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, to get it in the new School Aid Act. The reform measure means the district's revenue shortfall will be about \$6 million this year and \$11 million next year.

"We have a number of cost containment measures in place and we're not filling some administrative positions. We're whittling away at it so we don't go into deficit," Baracy said. "We'd like to make it through 2013-14 without going into a full blown deficit, but that's going to be a struggle. We would have been fine, if we hadn't

lost our Wayne-Westland language. We would have been fine this year and would have made it through 2013-14."

Garden City has managed to hang one to a \$3 million fund equity and not having to spend \$675,000 more on retirement is a blessing.

"We're thankful that the legislators acted early on in our fiscal year, school districts have been in limbo waiting for this," he said. "The retirement rate is pivotal to the budget. This will help us, but we still have other challenges that we face."

Under the legislation, new hires will receive \$2,000 that will be deposited into a health reimbursement account once eligibility criteria have been met, as well as receive up to 2-percent matching contribution into a 401(k) account for savings to be used toward the purchase of retiree health care, or for

any other purpose. That will replace fully subsidized retiree health care premiums.

It also allows existing members to opt out of retiree health care coverage, if they choose. The 3-percent retiree health contributions they've made to date would be credited to their 401(k) account.

According to the governor's office, the financial relief to school districts is substantial, capping the employer contribution rate at 20.96 percent of payroll and requiring an appropriation from the School Aid Fund to pay for any excess liabilities above that amount.

"This is a win for our children and their education, as well as a win for our school employees who need to know that benefits are secured and on solid footing for the future," Snyder said.

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## Still nifty at 50, Franklin High is planning a party

Livonia Franklin High School will celebrate 50 years of teaching, leading and learning this fall.

Several events are being planned for the school's golden anniversary including an Alumni Reception, building tours and a Homecoming football game halftime tribute. The Alumni Reception and football game will take place on Friday, Sept. 28, at Franklin.

Principal Daniel Willenborg and Franklin's 'Still Nifty at Fifty Festival' event coordinator,

Alicia Douglas (Class of 1987), are requesting the community's help in collecting stories for a booklet with 50 of Franklin's greatest personal narratives. Those stories might describe how a teacher influenced a student's life or it may be a description of a dramatic athletic victory or it may just be a particularly humorous event.

"Franklin has a proud history with many fascinating stories," Willenborg said. "We don't want to lose those threads of

our identity, and we need people to record some of their memories." Alumni and staff who would like to contribute and are willing to share a story in approximately 200-400 words are requested to submit them in hard copy to the Main Office at Franklin or to send them electronically to [dwillenb@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:dwillenb@livoniapublicschools.org).

Another effort is directed at producing a distinguished alumni list. As Douglas explained, "We are developing a list of

'Fifty Fabulous Grads' to demonstrate and share the reach of the Patriot link in the community and throughout the country." Those submissions can also be sent electronically to Willenborg or to Douglas at [aliciadoug@aol.com](mailto:aliciadoug@aol.com). More information regarding the planned events of the Still Nifty at Fifty Festival will soon be posted on the Franklin High School website.

Franklin's history reaches back into the Baby Boomer Generation and proceeds through Generation X, Generation Y and the Facebook Generation. In the fall of 1962 after five years of planning and construction, Franklin's first principal, David

Amerman, officially opened the doors of Livonia's newest school. Prior to that time, there was a burgeoning student population, and Bentley High School could not accommodate the excessive number of students.

During the 1961-62 school year, Bentley students and the newly identified Franklin students attended classes at Bentley High School and shared the facilities at the Bentley campus. Bentley students attended classes in the morning, and Franklin students attended classes in the afternoon. The Franklin administrative offices were temporarily set up at Five Mile and Hubbard and were affectionately known as the 'A & W Stand.'


In September of 1962, sophomore- and junior-level students entered the new building on Joy Road and in June of 1964, Franklin celebrated its first graduating class. Since that time, Livonia Public Schools has opened two additional high

schools (Stevenson in 1965 and Churchill in 1969) and Bentley was closed in 1985. Now, 50 years later, more than 23,000 graduates have raised high the banner of red and blue and proudly proclaim themselves as Franklin alumni.

The Alumni Reception will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the school auditorium and will feature a speaker's forum to share historical anecdotes. Yearbooks will be on display and building tours will be provided for alumni who want another stroll down the hallways. During half-time of that evening's football game, there will be a special program with Patriot memories and music. An alumni tent will be set up near the football field and it will serve as a connection center.

According to Willenborg and Douglas, Franklin High School has been filled with many high-flying personalities and many electrifying moments. "Benjamin would be proud!" they said.

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# Alleged petition fraud may extend back to previous McCotter campaigns

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

It appears Thaddeus McCotter's campaign fell short of signatures to nominate him in previous congressional campaigns, indicating the alleged signature fraud may extend prior to this year's congressional race.

Four staffers — Don Yowchuang, Paul Seewald, Mary M. Turnbull and Lorianne O'Brady — were charged with a total of 13 felonies and 21 misdemeanors in connection with petition signature fraud this year.

The charges that the staffers likely did the same thing in 2008, using 2006 signatures. Schuette did not issue charges for 2008, he said, because the statute of limitations ran out.

At least two media organizations have analyzed the nominating petitions provided by Practical Political Consulting of East Lansing and reported that McCotter fell short of the 1,000 required validated signatures to run in 2010. One of them, the *Detroit Free Press*, found that McCotter's campaign did not obtain the minimum signatures in 2008.

Practical Political Consulting, which provides

voter lists for candidates, had in its possession McCotter's nominating petitions between 2002 and 2010, which were obtained by several news outlets, including the *Observer*. The petitions exceed 800 pages in length.

Jim Daggy, a data architect with Practical Political Consultants, said he completed a "cursory flip-through" of the documents, but had not completed a formal analysis of the documents. He found white spots near dates where it appeared that White out had been used at the election year at the top of the petition.

The *Free Press* found that 2002 and 2004 peti-

tions had few duplicates, but in 2008, at least 67 of the 177 petition pages submitted were either copies or had been doctored by cutting and pasting dates from other documents onto the petitions. In 2010, at least 73 of the 167 pages turned in were duplicates, which would have invalidated more than 1,000 of the signatures. In 2012, both the cut-and-paste and duplicate tricks were used.

Daggy was surprised at what he called the "progressive brazenness" from 2006 to 2008. "I can spot visual red flags and there were white spots or White out and some records never had any background color," Dag-

gy said, indicating that those were photocopies.

A message was left with former McCotter spokesman Randall Thompson. Repeated attempts to contact McCotter have been unsuccessful since his resignation on July 6. In a statement after the charges were announced on Aug. 9, McCotter thanked the attorney general and his office "for their earnest, thorough work on this investigation."

Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Schuette's office, said the office had obtained the electronic copies of the petitions. Yearout said the office wasn't anticipating additional fraud charges from the new information as

the statute of limitations has passed.

"We are reviewing the information, and we could present this information in court to present a pattern of behavior," Yearout said.

Yearout said the investigation continues and that more interviews are being conducted. "If we find other laws were broken, we could file additional charges later," Yearout said.

McCotter was not charged. On Aug. 9, Schuette said his office "did not have specific, direct evidence" of his involvement.

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# Court dates set in petition fraud case for former McCotter staffers

By Ken Abramczyk  
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A preliminary examination was set for Sept. 27 for one of Thaddeus McCotter's former staffers accused in the signature fraud involving the Congressman's nominating petitions.

Mary Melissa Turnbull, 58, of Howell appeared for a pre-exam conference Thursday in front of Judge Dennis Drury in 52-4 District Court in Troy. The court set Sept. 27 as the preliminary examination date at the request of Turnbull's defense attorney, Robert Kostin.

Turnbull, a district representative, faces two charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia was charged Wednesday in 16th District Court in Livonia with five counts of falsely



Turnbull



O'Brady



Seewald



Yowchuang

signing a nominating petition as circulator. Each count is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

O'Brady stood mute before Magistrate Dennis Epler and a plea of not guilty was entered on her behalf. O'Brady was

released on a \$1,000 personal bond.

Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills faces 17 charges: 10 counts of election law forgery, a five-year felony; one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor

or punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Paul Seewald, 47 of Livonia faces 10 charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Pleas of not guilty were entered for

Seewald and Yowchuang at their arraignments on Aug. 10.

O'Brady, Yowchuang and Seewald are each scheduled for a pre-exam on Sept. 18 and a preliminary exam on Sept. 20 in 16th District Court.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette alleges that these four members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a

deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot. Schuette revealed examples of petitions that were allegedly manufactured electronically by transposing signatures collected in previous election years onto 2012 nominating petitions.

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# Fair is back as Great Lakes State Fair

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

The return of a state fair to Michigan, now known as the Great Lakes State Fair, received another boost last week when Bright House Networks announced it will be backing the event as the presenting sponsor.

"With a new name and a new venue, the Great Lakes State Fair is preparing to reclaim its historical importance as the nation's oldest fair. Our presenting sponsorship symbolizes our commitment to help make it a great experience for everyone who attends," said Bob McCann, president of Bright House Networks, the sixth largest owner and operator of cable systems in the U.S. It serves more than 2.5 million customers who subscribe to one or more of its video, high-speed data and voice services.

The four day event will be held from Friday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 3, at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue in Novi. The exposition, convention and conference center is owned and managed by Blair M. Bowman and offers approximately 320,000 square feet of space.

"We are thrilled to have Bright House join us in the effort to revive Michigan's State Fair tradition," said Bowman. "Bright House brings with it a vast amount of cross-promotional capabilities and resources that will help to make the event successful and enjoyable for those who

## GLSF ENTERTAINMENT

The following is the complete schedule of day and evening entertainment events for the Great Lakes State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi Aug. 31 through Sept. 3.

**Friday:** 11 a.m. Kidz Klez (traditional Eastern European); 1:30 p.m. Stray Saints (alternative rock); 3 p.m. Gratitude Steel Band (inspirational); 4:30 p.m. KayLyn Pace and the KayLyn Pace Band (country); 7 p.m. Annabelle Road

**Saturday:** 11 a.m. Six Foot Poles (classic rock); 12:30 p.m. Michael Stefaniak (multi-instrumentalist); 1:45 p.m. Detroit Soul Men (Blues Brothers tribute band); 2:45 p.m. Paige Bolen (soul, rock, jazz and pop); 4 p.m. Tim Reeves (saxophonist); 7 p.m. Jill Jack

**Sunday:** 11 a.m. Gratitude Steel Band; 12:30 p.m. The Last; 2 p.m. Jeff Taylor Band; 3:05 p.m. Men of Grace; 4:15 p.m. Azusa Street Band; 7 p.m. David Shelby

**Monday:** 11 a.m. Jennifer Lawson (guitarist); 12:15 p.m. Saline Fiddlers (youth show band); 1:45 p.m. Marvin Thompson Jr. and Friends (jazz and soul); 3 p.m. Lyin' Dogs Band (moonlighting medical professionals); 4:15 p.m. John Phillips (country)

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In addition to the announcement of Bright House's sponsorship, GLSF also unveiled the full schedule of live music, including three of Michigan's best-known Americana-style acts — Annabelle Road, Jill Jack, and David Shelby — to perform during three nights of evening entertainment from 7-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, through Sunday, Sept. 2.

"Our entertainment lineup includes some of the most distinct local performers providing energizing performances that will appeal to attendees of all ages throughout the entire fair," said Kent Roberts, vice chairman of the Great Lakes State Fair Board.

2 Stones Events handled the booking of the headliners.

Led by front woman Amanda Bailey, Annabelle Road will kick off the evening entertainment on Friday night with a sound that uniquely combines the styles of Carrie Underwood, Johnny Cash and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The following night

will feature the winner of 33 Detroit Music Awards, singer/songwriter Jill Jack and her band. Since the late '90s, in addition to performing with her own band, she has served as the opening act for a long list of prominent performers including Bob Seger, Emmylou Harris, Marshall Crenshaw, Chris Isaak, and Loretta Lynn.

On Sunday evening, David Shelby (www.davidshelbymusic.com) will perform songs that reflect his love for Nashville, the history of country music, and his gritty "Rock On!" sensibilities which are pure Detroit.

In addition to the evening acts, daytime performers have been booked by Studio B to provide musical entertainment throughout the four days of the fair, including a Sunday Gospel festival.

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# Mosque meal aims for understanding

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Delivering an embracing Ramadan message inside the Canton Mosque, Mohammed Tayssir Safi, the Muslim chaplain for the University of Michigan, said the Islamic religion is often wrongly perceived as excluding certain people.

"It doesn't matter what race or ethnicity — it accepts everyone," he said.

Safi's message of tolerance came Thursday evening as the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs marked the waning days of Ramadan, the holiest month of Islam, by inviting people of all faiths to share a sunset meal that ended a day of fasting for Muslims.

Canton-based Muslims sought to promote understanding and tolerance by teaching that Ramadan is a time to strengthen ties to God, partly by fasting and avoiding sex from dawn to sunset so



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Mohammed Tayssir Safi talks about Islam and its relationship with other religions. He is the Muslim Chaplain and teacher of the Arabic language at the University of Michigan.

that attention can be given to their faith.

"It's that traversing a path toward God," said Safi, who teaches Arabic at U-M and who was formerly the Canton Mosque's youth coordinator.

The mosque's latest community-outreach effort followed earlier events such as a 9/11 observance last September and clothing drives to help area families in need. The gathering came as Muslims across America continue to face discrimination and violence

in places such as Murfreesboro, Tenn., where a mosque finally was set to open this week after years of opposition and court challenges, and in Joplin, Mo., where a second fire deemed suspicious destroyed a mosque.

### Muslims misunderstood

Even though Muslims believe in God, often called Allah, Safi said they have become increasingly misunderstood in recent years.

Yet, he said Muslims want to worship God, help their communities and raise their families. "They're like everyone."

Local Muslims hope to promote understanding by hosting community gatherings. Thursday's meal drew an estimated 45 people, and Muslims are trying to figure out how they can draw larger crowds.

Canton mother of two Sarah Mohiuddin said Ramadan signals a time to remember God and bring together the community and families.



Sarah Mohiuddin says she is teaching her children the need to help others.

"It's a time of year when we do a lot more prayer and a lot more remembering of God," she said. "It's a time to help the poor and to give to the people you love."

Mohiuddin sought to instill a sense of giving to her children Hamza Syed, 6, and Sumayya, 3, by working with them to make baskets of brownies, cupcakes and dates to give to others. Dates are significant because they are typically the first food to break the Ramadan fast.

### Forgiving others

Canton resident Khaled Almadhoun, 20, said Ramadan is a time to fast and "purify your life" because "when you're fasting, you become more peaceful and more forgiving" of others.

Another Canton resident, 27-year-old Muhi Khwaja, summed up his thoughts on Ramadan by calling it "a time to inter-

nally reflect on how we can be better in every way."

As Safi gave his address, images of Ramadan prayers and celebrations from around the world flashed on a screen. Upstairs in the Canton Mosque, scores of Muslims bowed on a carpeted floor and prayed to God.

Safi said many Americans mistakenly believe that Muslims only recently came to the United States. He said it is believed that 15-20 percent of slaves who were brought here were, in fact, Muslim.

"It's a revisionist history to think that we're new here," Safi said, though the next wave of Muslims only occurred after the civil rights era of the 1960s.

Safi said the word Islam means to submit to God, and he said it contains three foundations: outward worship, a belief in God, and spirituality that involves purification of one's self.

"Muslims are called to be good citizens," he said.

To that end, local Muslims have vowed to continue to reach out with good deeds from the Canton Mosque to the larger community. They hope their efforts can lead to better understanding not just during Ramadan, but year-round.

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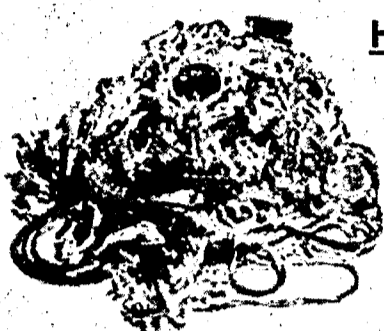
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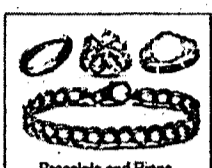
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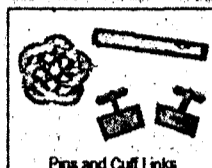
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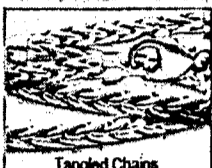
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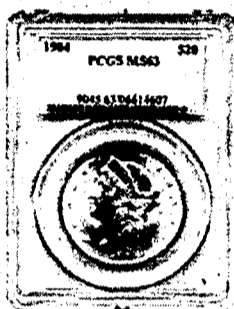
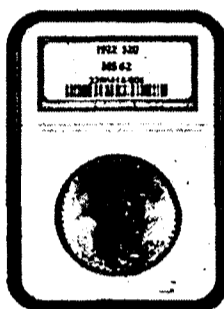
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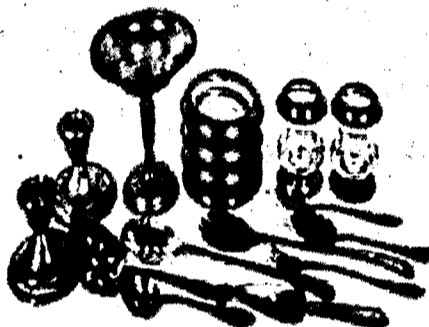
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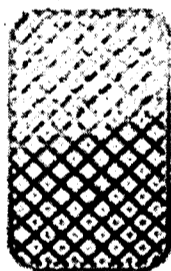
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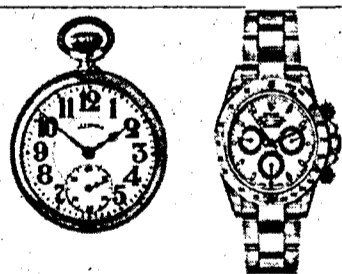
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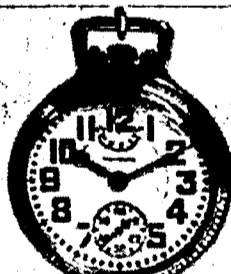
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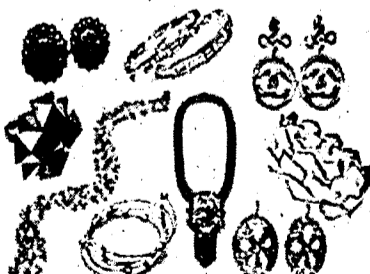


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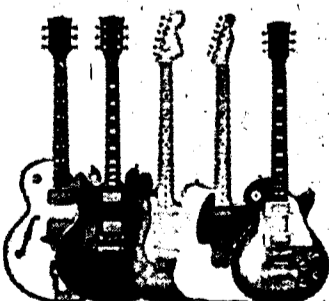
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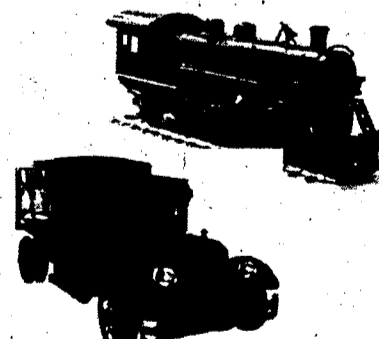
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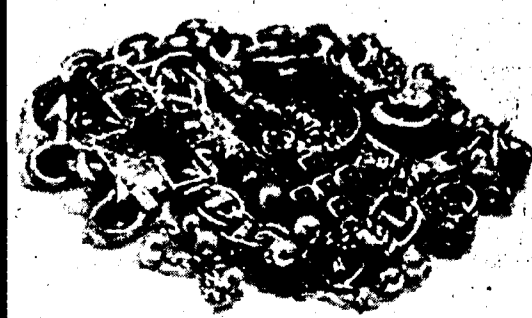
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# The ultimate show-and-tell event



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In what was a case of overstatement, a bus proclaims Woodward as its destination at Nine Mile in Ferndale. But for the driver of the classic car in front, and others who lined the artery that is as vintage as the vehicles it carried Thursday night, there was no mistaking where they were.



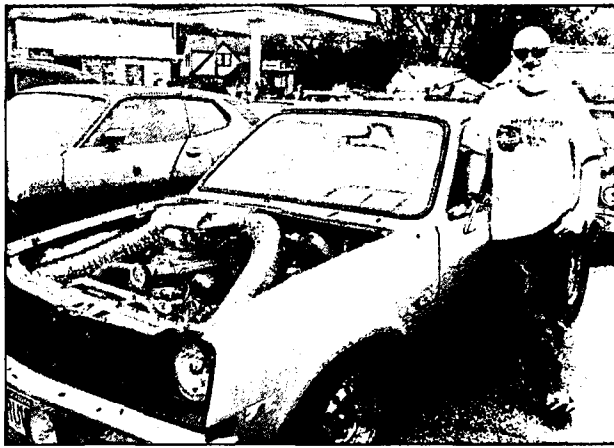
Bringing beverages and lawn chairs, a bevy of people took to the public areas, and not-so-public areas, along Woodward to watch cars and cruisers.

By Sandra Armbruster  
Staff Writer

There was nary a frown among the crowds who lined Woodward from Pontiac to Ferndale last week as they basked in the pleasant weather and warm memories built on the cars that defined their coming of age.

While Dream Cruise was officially on Saturday, the ribbon cutting and the Berkley Cruise-Fest were Friday night. But the truth is that Dream Cruise draws people from throughout the world to what arguably can best be described as the ultimate show-and-tell event.

A classic car show at the Royal Oak Historical Society and a special program at the Berkley Library last week cel-



For the ultimate show and tell experience, Phil Hatzos of Berkley brought his 1976 Chevette to display on Woodward. He has had since high school.

brated the history of Woodward and the cars that cruised to places like Ted's on a Friday or Saturday night.

And cruise again they did all of last week, as cars lined up in any vacant spot that could accommodate them,

with their owners grinning with pride and eager to share where their cars came from, and how they have been rebuilt and maintained.

They remembered the fins on rear bumpers that boys, bored with the day's lessons,



Tim Marshall checks out a 1956 Dodge Coronet.

would draw in class. They remembered the Love Bugs, as VWs were known, with a flower vase, flower upholstery and the four bolts that held the engine in place.

And they remembered the Ford Falcon that carried them to finals in a snow storm, the Maver-

ick that rusted and the Plymouth Volare that lasted for 127,000 miles.

It was a week to recall their shared experiences, and a week to share in the camaraderie and cars that make the Dream Cruise an attraction.

A week is but a

moment in time, but once again, just for that moment, metro Detroit was again the automotive capitol of the world. We had the cars to show it, and we would tell anyone who would listen.

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# SPORTS

## New soccer coaches face off in opener

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

"Under new management" is the new buzzword with the 2012 boys soccer season fast approaching. When Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson tangle in Monday night's season opener, both benches will feature new varsity coaches. After 14 years at Stevenson, Lars Richters stepped down to coach the Under-16 Crew Soccer Academy Wolves full time. His replacement is Ken Shingledecker, who has enjoyed success in the girls ranks coaching the past five seasons at Livonia Ladywood. Stevenson finished 14-7-1 last fall and captured its



Grodzicki Shingledecker

ninth district championship under Richters, who compiled an impressive 232-46-23 overall record, including Division 1 state runner-up finishes in 2006 and 2008, along with two other Final Four appearances. Shingledecker, however, lost his best returning player to the Crew Soccer Academy in senior forward Zach Atwood, now listed as a team

manager. Atwood, headed to the University of Detroit in 2013, scored 17 goals and added 10 assists while earning honorable mention All-State, team MVP and All-Observer honors. Stevenson's top returnee is senior forward John D'Agostino, a second-team All-Observer pick. Meanwhile, former Stevenson player Matt Grodzicki takes over for Reid Friedrichs at Churchill, which is coming off an 11-7-3 season. Friedrichs coached the Chargers for 12 years (151-85-29 career record) before bolting in June for the Warren DeLaSalle job. Grodzicki, who served as Friedrichs' longtime assistant, scored the game-win-

ning goal for Stevenson in the 1991 state Class A championship final. He'll bring a defensive-minded approach to the Chargers' attack this fall as he returns second-team All-Observer senior forward Mike Murphy. And for the first time in 21 years, Lutheran High Westland will have a new coach in Bob Regan, who takes over for Rich Block. Regan served as Block's assistant and inherits a team that finished 7-12 a year ago. Block compiled a 228-148-34 record, including a trip to the Division 4 state finals in 2004. Wayne Memorial also has a

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## Register for O&E tourneys

Registration continues for the annual Observer & Eccentric Hometown Media golf tournaments starting with women's event, which is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 26, at Livonia's Whispering Willows. The 36-hole medal play men's event follows Sunday, Sept. 2, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Monday, Sept. 3, at Whispering Willows golf courses. The final signup day for the women's 18-hole medal play event is Sunday, Aug. 19. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart) and you must have a U.S. Golf Association handicap index. Entries for the men's tourney, limited to the first 120 golfers, close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27. The entry fee is \$95 (does not include cart). To participate you must have a USGA index handicap (maximum of 20). The men's event also includes a 17-and-under boys junior division. The entry fee is \$49. You can register in person at Whispering Willows, located at 20500 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.) For more information, visit [www.golf-livonia.com](http://www.golf-livonia.com); or call (248) 476-4493.

## Girls golfers open season

The 2012 prep girls golf season opened Thursday with Birmingham Seaholm scoring 322 team total to capture the Highest Invitational held at Huron Meadows in Milford. Rounding out the top 10 in the 24-school field was Farmington Hills Mercy, 340; Novi (Green), 342; South Lyon, 343; Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 345; Northville, 365; Davison, 354; Canton, 365; Grand Blanc, 369; and Grosse Ile, 373. Livonia Stevenson placed 15th with a 387. Mary Peltz took 38th overall with a 91 followed by Kelsey Duntley, 95 (48th); Laura Shureb, 63rd (98); Jessica Crachiola, 79th (103); and Alyssa Blaszkiewicz, 95th (111). Churchill took 21st with a 426 total led by Maggie McGowan's 46th-place finish with a 94. Other Churchill scorers included Jackie Burdette, 48th (95); Maddie Spooner, 100th (115); Claire Rose, 109th (122); and Katie Sherada, 110th (125). Canton's Kelsey McDougall took individual medalist honors with a 75.

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## Thirst 5K run

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Stevenson will rely on the leadership this season from senior captains (clockwise, from top left) Joe Mims, Matt Rodey, Devin Kelly and Cody Coleman.

## Spartans ready for turn-about

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Uncharacteristically, Livonia Stevenson's football program has recently taken its fair share of lumps. The Spartans are coming off back-to-back losing seasons (3-6 and 2-7) for the first time since 1991 and 1992. But second-year coach Matt Fielder is confident that the Spartans can turn their fortunes around in 2012. It starts with a new mindset. "We've had a couple of down years," Fielder said. "Can our kids believe and get us back to where we should be as far as playing Stevenson football? That's the question. Can we rise above the last couple of years where we've been down?" Stevenson may have been down, but they're not out. Joe Mims begins his third year as the starting quarterback and Fielder believes the 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior can regain the form of his sophomore season. Why is Mims better?

"It's his decision-making," the Stevenson coach said. "Just mechanically as far as his reads and progression, and how to react in a bad situation. We've really tried to work on that." Devin Kelly (5-11, 180) got valuable experience last year in the backfield as a sophomore and has the potential to thrive this fall. "We've got experience coming back — three starters on the offense who were sophomores, who are now juniors who have improved and developed," Fielder said. "We have some help skill-wise from the JV team coming up this year, too." Kelly, along with senior offensive linemen Matt Rodey (6-2, 276) and Giovanni D'Agostino (6-0, 205) give the Spartans renewed hope that they can exceed their 16-point per game output of a year ago. "All three of those guys have been there," Fielder said. "Last year we didn't have a lot of game experience, but these guys know what to expect and I think that's going to have an

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## Speed demons

### Clarenceville quick on both sides of ball

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

After losing three close games in the closing minutes a year ago, Livonia Clarenceville's 2011 football team could have easily been 6-3 rather than 3-6. The Trojans, who will play this season once again as an independent, have only one singular goal as they embark on the 2012 season — get six wins and make the postseason playoffs. Coach Ken Fry's 32-member varsity squad could be up to the task if everything falls into place. And there's one thing the Trojans won't be lacking in. "What we've noticed is that we have good speed," said the third-year coach. "That's probably our overall strength. Even our linemen are quicker than they've ever been since I've been here." Fry has two capable quarterbacks to depend on in seniors Zach Kubiak and Austin Douglass. "We're going to spread it out and try and capitalize on our speed a little bit more," Fry said. "We've had Zach Kubiak



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Senior Zach Kubiak returns as Clarenceville's quarterback. The Trojans, independent, are coming off a 3-6 season in 2011.

as our quarterback the last two years, so hopefully he's more comfortable, but he's feeling a little more pressure from Austin Douglass. We're going to try and throw the ball a little bit more and see how that happens." If one starts, the other will be some place else in the offensive scheme of things. "We may use both in the

backfield, you never know," Fry said. "It could be a little Denard (Robinson) and (Devin) Gardner type thing going because they're both really good and they're both really quick." Expected to carry much of the offensive load this season is 5-foot-11, 185-pound tail-

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## COLLEGE SOCCER

### Lady Ocelots retool roster, eye nationals

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Everything went according to plan for last year's Schoolcraft College women's soccer with one exception. The Lady Ocelots went 15-0-2 in their first 17 games, only to be denied by host Delta College in the NJCAA Region XII championship game, 5-3, on penalty kicks after the two teams played to a scoreless draw through the first 120 minutes. That loss kept the Lady Ocelots from going to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Brevard, Fla. Eight players remain from that 2011 squad, which captured the first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association title with a 6-0 record. Returning sophomore starters include forward Lauren Badalamente (Woodhaven), midfielder Emily Behnke (Warren Cousino), defender Rachael Eklund (Utica Eisenhower), midfielder Kayla Szado (Livonia Churchill) and

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**FAST FACTS**

**School:** Livonia Clarenceville.  
**Head coach:** Ken Fry (third year).  
**League affiliation:** Independent.  
**2011 record:** 3-6.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Romel Wright (second-team All-Area), Shawn Cummings, Kassius Kelly, DeJuan Smith.  
**Returning starters:** Jalen Bryant, Jr. TB (5-11, 185); Austin Douglass, Sr. QB-LB (5-11, 185); Zach Kubiak, Sr. QB-DB (6-0, 185); DeAnthony Price, Sr. OG-LB (5-11, 180); Drake Taylor, Jr. OL-DL (5-10, 270); Kimani Dooley, Jr. WR-DB (6-3, 170).  
**Promising newcomers:** Brandon Beverly, Sr. OL-DL (6-3, 235); Brad Davis, Jr. TE-DL (6-5, 191); Brandon Uren, Jr. LB-FB (6-0, 200); Ma Sambou Jatta, Sr. K/P (6-3, 160).  
**Fry says:** "(Depth) is a major concern even though we have a lot of front line players. This year we have more linemen than anything else. We have about 15 overall. But the depth is a major concern - because if the injuries start to happen, which it always is."  
**2012 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts):** Aug. 23 (Southfield Bradford Academy); Aug. 30 (at Redford Union); Sept. 7 (at Macomb Lutheran North); Sept. 14 (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 21 (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Sept. 28 (at Riverview Gabriel Richard); Oct. 5 (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Oct. 12 (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep); Oct. 19 (Dearborn Heights Annapolis).

**TROJANS**

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back Jalen Bryant, who takes over for the graduated Romel Wright, who averaged 5.5 yards per carry.

"We're going to try and get the ball to Jalen as much as we can," Fry said. "He's just got tremendous speed and is a really good kid. We have some good wideouts we feel that can help us, too, with Kimani Doolley and even Austin (Douglass), even Zach (Kubiak) himself. We plan to spread it out quite a bit."

Senior DeAnthony Price (5-11, 180) will help solidify the offensive line along with junior Drake Taylor (5-10, 270).

Price, the team's top returning leading tackler with 50 solo and 60 assists. He will get help from Farmington Hills Harrison transfer Brandon Beverly, a 6-3, 235-pound senior tackle who can play both ways, along with junior defensive lineman Brad Davis (6-5, 191) and junior linebacker Brandon Uren (6-0, 200), a standout from the JV squad.

"The defense, as always, is always ahead of the offense,"

said Fry, whose team yielded 21 points per game last season. "We'll be very quick, a lot of good guys. I think we're going to be stronger defensively this year than we were last year."

Clarenceville's schedule is divided into three different segments with three opponents from the old Metro Conference, three from the Catholic League and two from the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. The Trojans open 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 at home against charter school Southfield Bradford Academy.

"It really hurts our kids as far as awards at the end of the year through all-league and everything," Fry said of his team's independent status. "We're almost in the Catholic League it seems like. It would be nice to get into the lower half of the C-D (Division) of the Catholic League. A lot of the schools we've played before in the Metro (Conference) being back with Lutheran Northwest, Cranbrook and Lutheran North. And we should have a good rivalry with Redford Union because a lot of our kids know their kids, too."

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Clarenceville will look to (standing, from left) DeAnthony Price, Austin Douglass and Zach Kubiak, along with (kneeling) Jalen Bryant this season.

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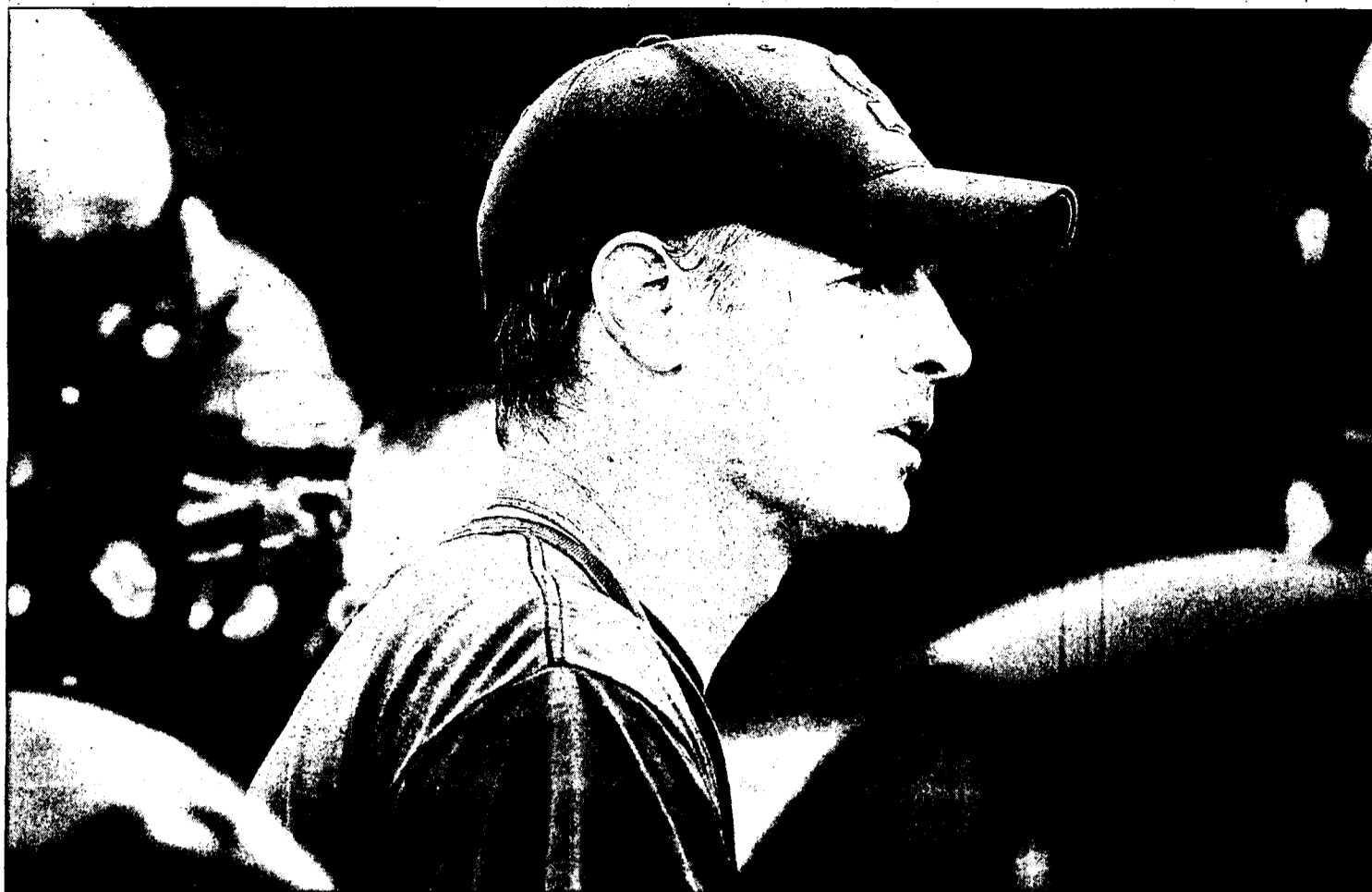


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Stevenson second-year coach Matt Fielder feels a lot more comfortable entering the 2012 season.

## SPARTANS

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impact on our offense. Just the general overall leadership is stronger. We have four or five guys there that have been there and done it. "I think we can have good balance. I think we'll have a good complement to our passing game and I think we can have a pretty strong run

game." While Stevenson's offense sputtered throughout 2011, the defense also struggled giving up a total of 270 points in nine games (30 per game). The Spartans' secondary is solid paced by defensive backs Cody Coleman (5-9, 160), Rodey and Kelly, the latter whom moves over from line-backer. "It's a strength," said Fielder, whose team opens the sea-

son Friday, Aug. 24, against Livonia Franklin. "You have communication, you have guys with game experience. A lot of guys were seeing time both ways. Those core guys are the leadership on both sides of the ball." But it's been a learning curve for the defense as well, Fielder cautions. "We've had time to learn the system and learn the scheme," he said. "That's made a big dif-

ference. "We have a group of kids that want to get to the ball and flying around. We had a lot of young guys last year playing defense, too, and now they're returning and they understand the system. They've been playing in the system for a year. We're ahead of where we were last year."

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## FAST FACTS

**School:** Livonia Stevenson.  
**Head coach:** Matt Fielder (second year).  
**League affiliation:** KLA A Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**2011 record:** 2-7.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Kevin D'Arcy (first-team All-Area); Tony Wilson (second-team All-Area); Kenning Brichford, Joe Scott, Josh Damesworth.  
**Returning starters:** Devin Kelly, Sr. RB-DB (5-11, 180); Joe Mims, Sr. QB (6-1, 175); Tommy Orlich, Sr. RB-DB (5-6, 160); Cody Coleman, Jr. SE-DB (5-9, 160); Giovanni D'Agostino, Sr. DL-OL (6-0, 205); Matt Miller, Sr. LB (5-11, 190); Dom Ferrara, Jr. LB-RB (5-11, 190); Mitch Deacon, Jr. DB-SE (6-1, 170); Matt Rodey, Sr. OL-DT (6-2, 275); Jake Kelley, Sr. LB (5-11, 175); Adam Wheeler, Sr. TE-DB (6-3, 207).  
**Promising newcomers:** Danny Pocalujka, Jr. TE-DL (6-0, 214); Ryan Edding, Jr. OL-DL (6-0, 270); Billy Bonanno, Jr. WR-DB (5-9, 150).  
**Fielder says:** "We've had a very good start here, even in the offseason we've been very committed. The guys are doing everything I ask of them to get prepared. I feel pretty good of where we're at."  
**2012 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts):** Aug. 24 (Livonia Franklin); Aug. 30 (at Walled Lake Central); Sept. 7 (South Lyon East); Sept. 14 (at South Lyon); Sept. 21 (at Northville); Sept. 28 (Novi); Oct. 5 (Salem); Oct. 12 (KLA A crossover); Oct. 19 (at Livonia Churchill).

## Custom fitted Lions team dentist donates to Churchill

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knocked-out tooth, which over a lifetime, according to the AGD, can exceed \$15,000, it makes sense to get the best mouth guard protection for your child," Regula said. The American Dental Association states that the average athlete faces a one in 10 chance of sustaining a facial or mouth injury while playing sports. Any force applied to the lower jaw is transmitted directly to the base of the skull and the brain through the TM (jaw) joint, resulting in possible injuries to the jaw or even causing a concussion. Mouth guards blunt the force of impact caused by falls or contacts that occur during sports. Therefore, they are essential in helping prevent injury to the teeth, mouth, lips, gums, tongue, jaw joint and brain. They also help reduce or prevent the incidence of concussion by acting as a "shock absorber" for the brain. Preferred Dental Group hopes that programs like theirs will help parents and student athletes recognize the importance of using a custom made mouth guard. For more information on getting custom mouth guards, call Preferred Dental Group at (734) 591-3636.

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## Making a difference

### Former Livonia resident finishes first year in 'domestic Peace Corps'

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

Katerina Sartori knew exactly what she wanted in her first job after college — and it wasn't big pay and benefits.

"My main focus was to work with poverty and education. Those are my two big passions," said the Mercy High School graduate. "I applied to places all over the country ... Habitat for Humanity, domestic violence shelters, soup kitchens."

She found the job that she hoped would make a difference in kids' lives on the north side of St. Louis, Mo. One day after her graduation last year from Saginaw Valley State University, Sartori accepted an assignment tutoring first graders in reading. She packed her bags, said good-bye to her family in Livonia and began serving in AmeriCorps St. Louis.

"It's kind of like the domestic Peace Corps. There are multiple programs across the country. Our program in St. Louis is unique. We have an education team, which I serve on, and an emergency response team, which deals with tornado and fire." A third component,



Katerina Sartori, a former Livonia resident, says she enjoys tutoring youngsters in St. Louis, Mo. The Mercy High School graduate says she has always enjoyed helping others.

City-Wide Service Team, works out of the mayor's office. The education team works with students in kindergarten through ninth grade in nine St. Louis schools.

"It's referred to as devoting a year of my life to serving the community," said Sartori, in a phone interview from her home in St. Louis. "I'm never in anything for the money. I understand we need it to survive and I've learned to live very frugally. I work hard for the money I do earn and I don't throw it away on things that don't mean something to me."

#### Funded by grants

AmeriCorps members earn a monthly living stipend rather than a weekly paycheck during their 10-month assignments. They also receive a \$5,350 educational award when they leave the program. Sartori, who has a degree in communications, plans to return to school for a teaching degree in the future. In the meantime, she hopes the St. Louis school district will match a federal grant needed to bring the AmeriCorps team to Clay Elementary for another school year.

"It would be a shame to not have an opportunity to



Katerina Sartori helps youngsters improve their reading skills through her tutoring assignment with AmeriCorps.

be there. I had an opportunity to tutor one-on-one eight students below grade level for reading 90 minutes a week. I did my own personalized lesson plans and targeted skills for each of the kids," said Sartori, who also served as a teaching assistant in class. "Some of my students, when I started, were at preschool level. They didn't know the alphabet."

Sartori won't forget the day her students first wrote their own names. Or the girl who said if she were granted three wishes, she'd complete high school, college and find a nursing job to help her family.

"That was something that surprised me because I wouldn't expect someone in first grade to say something like that. A lot of kids don't think about continuing their education. No one expects them to continue their education," she said. "We were a

big presence in their lives, always encouraging them and believing in them."

#### Giving back

After school ended in June, Sartori worked in an AmeriCorps summer program that aids families in crisis. She also has volunteered on weekends at an animal shelter, where she adopted a terrier mix last spring.

Sartori can't recall a time when she didn't volunteer.

"When I was growing up, I always liked doing extra projects. I'd donate clothes, go to soup kitchens, things like that. In high school I started doing Relay for Life and any other volunteer options available."

While on winter and spring breaks in college, she volunteered at nonprofit organizations around the country, including a shelter in Washington D.C. and a group home for sexually

abused girls in South Carolina.

"I love it. I feel I was given a lot growing up and it's my way to give back," said Sartori, 24, the second eldest of four daughters. She credits her parents, Anthony and Margaret, for teaching her to help others through volunteering.

"Everyone has a passion in life and they have a lot of skills and talents and can use that to benefit others. If you're good with sports, help with a kids team. If you're good with cooking, you can donate to a soup kitchen. With animals, there are tons of shelters that could use extra hands. There's always something you can do. It's something you can continue in life. You can build from it and see where it takes you. My volunteering took me pretty far."

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day of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

DIABETES SUPPORT

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. There is no charge to attend. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. Call Vining at (734) 454-0859.

Run for the river, animals

River trail

Take a scenic 5K run or walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, along the lower branch of the Rouge River in Canton.

The third annual Run for the Rouge will be timed and follow a trail that shows off the unique features of the river. There may be a little mud and uneven surfaces. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, 3855 South Sheldon, Canton. Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male finishers for each age category.

Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day. Proceeds benefit the public education programs coordinated by Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.

Run Wild

Support veterinary care for the Detroit Zoo's animals by running in 5K or 10K races or walking in a 1.5-mile fun run, Sunday, Sept. 16. Runners will race along the streets of nearby Huntington Woods and walkers follow a course in the zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive), at Woodward in Royal Oak.

The 5K will start at 8

a.m., followed by the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the fun run at 9 a.m.

Registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt and may attend a party after the race with food, beverages, children's activities and live entertainment. They'll also get free admission to the Detroit Zoo. Medals will be presented to the top two male and female finishers in each age category.

Registration by Aug. 31 is \$20 for the walk, \$25 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K. After Aug. 31 add \$5 to each race category. For more information or to register, visit www.detroitzoo.org/runwild



until Sept. 12. Registration also will be available Sept. 14-16 at the zoo.

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ARTHRITIS AT 70

It is not unusual for a doctor to see patients in their seventies or eighties who have their rheumatoid arthritis for forty or more years. Treating these patients presents several problems. First is being sure that the joint pain the patient experiences comes from inflammation rather than from the strain.

The second problem is to determine if medications will give more help than harm. The risks for older people are considerably more than for members of the younger generation. For instance: a side effect of anti-TNF medications, highly effective in treating rheumatoid arthritis, is that the medication makes a patient susceptible to tuberculosis. The risk becomes greater in people who have past or latent tuberculosis now. Therefore the popular drugs such as Enbrel, Remicade, Humira, Simponi and Cimzia are contraindicated for their care.

Another problem for the elderly is cancer. Advancing age brings decreasing ability of the body to identify and eliminate abnormal cells. Medications used to treat rheumatoid arthritis work by impairing the body's ability to mount the response the body needs to destroy abnormal cells. Thus, anti-arthritis medications increase the risk of cancer in the elderly.

Nor can patients with rheumatoid arthritis use non steroidal medications such as ibuprofen safely as they cause both stomach irritation and kidney impairment.

In sum, at present the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis in the patient over age 70 is both difficult and unsatisfactory.

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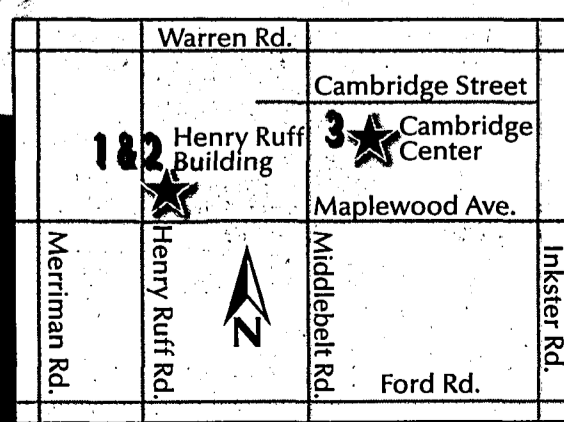
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REUNIONS

BELLEVILLE

CLASS OF 1957
55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donna-gotts@aol.com for more details.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASSES OF 1946-47
65th and 66th reunion Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Stitt Hall in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Earl Berry at (313) 277-7130 or (313) 727-8983.

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

CLASS OF 1952

60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. For more information e-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@junco.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeshoffield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962
50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names,

contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASSES FROM 1950-69
A second annual picnic is planned, noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Music, memorabilia, great camaraderie. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts and sweatshirts also will be available. A raffle will be held. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at (734) 377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962
50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

ALL CLASSES
Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at

Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening ice-breaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962
The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973
Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook. Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1972
6:30 p.m. Oct. 27. For more information e-mail to Janine (Alioto) Brown at jbrown@psm.inc.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962
50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6

p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

CLASS OF 1972
40-year reunion 6:30 p.m., Sept. 1 at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Please contact Cindy Pelloni Depoy for more details at (281)433-8453 or cindy1@aol.com or visit the "Clarenceville 1972" page on Facebook.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

CLASS OF 1962
Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

CLASS OF 1972

40th class reunion Sept. 22 at The Lafayette Grand of Pontiac. A "Meet & Greet" also will be held Friday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined. E-mail Tina Johnson tinastribe@charter.net.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

ALL CLASSES
7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 6, at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy. \$45 per person. For more information contact Rose Ann Filar (Novik) at rjfilar@yahoo.com or (248) 770-1271.

ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962
The Highland Park school will hold a 50th year reunion Aug. 25. Contact Milt Dugas at (248) 446-6042 or mgdugas@sbcglobal.net.

Learn to drum or paint in Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is accepting registration for new painting classes and fall drumming sessions.

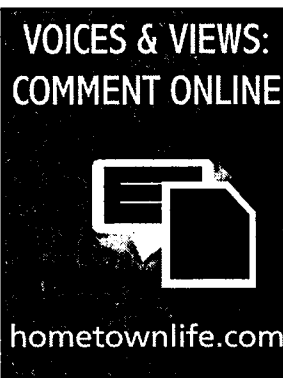
A drop-in acrylic painting class with Denise Cassidy will run 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, starting Sept. 11, at the Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The six-session series will explore acrylic painting methods, color mixing, and painting styles. Cost is \$17 per hour for members and \$20 per hour for non-members. The drop-in classes are aimed at ages 10-adult.

Cassidy also will teach a six-week acrylic painting class from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday, beginning Sept. 11, to adults, age 17 and up. Cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Pat Paul Sorise will teach four-week drumming classes that begin Sept. 5. Students, 7-12 will meet from 5-5:45 p.m. and ages 13-adult will meet from 6-6:45 p.m.

No drumming experience is required. Sorise will teach students how to hold drum sticks, count and play quarter and eighth notes and will introduce them to the drum set. Cost is \$64 for members and \$74 for non-members.

Visit plymoutharts.com to register or call (734) 416-4278.



Guide to Employment

Check out these exciting career opportunities! For even more opportunities see our "award winning" classified section!

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## Family 'steps out' to raise money for diabetes

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Casey Schachern of Farmington Hills takes her role as a Red Strider Family Ambassador seriously.

At 11 years old, Casey, who has type 1 diabetes, is getting the word out about the American Diabetes Association (ADA) fundraising walk Sept. 15 at the Detroit Zoo.

Individuals with diabetes who participate in the event are identified as Red Striders. Casey, her dad, Chris — who has type 2 diabetes — her mom, Tracy, and younger brother, Tyler, will headline the walk as 2012 Red Strider Family Ambassadors. By sharing their story with others, they hope to increase awareness of diabetes and recruit more walkers for the cause.

"I was shaking," Casey said, recalling a recent presentation before 400 employees at Johnson Controls in Plymouth, where her parents both work as engineers. "I did it once before but only in front of 30 people."

The presentation came off without a hitch, as Casey and her brother both addressed the crowd. Tyler told listeners that he wanted to raise money to stop diabetes so that "people can have a better life and be happy." Casey explained that she had received thousands of shots since her diagnosis at age 4. She pointed out that some of the funds raised at the walk go toward the annual ADA diabetes camp in Fenton.

"Diabetes can be very hard, but the one thing I



The Schacherns of Farmington Hills — Tyler (left) Chris, Casey and Tracy — enjoy a visit to the ballpark.

look forward to is going to diabetes camp," she said, reciting a portion of her speech during an interview with the *Observer* last week.

"I like being around kids that are just like me, and I always have a good time."

### Symptoms, complications

The ADA website describes diabetes as a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. Individuals with type 1 diabetes don't produce insulin. Type 2 diabetes results from the body's failure to properly use insulin, combined with insulin deficiency.

Diabetes sometimes goes undiagnosed

because its symptoms — frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, weight loss, fatigue, irritability and blurry vision — may not seem threatening. But complications from untreated diabetes are serious and can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney failure and nervous system disease.

Chris, whose father, a cousin and an aunt all are diabetic, suspected a medical problem when his symptoms began to emerge.

"I knew something was up. I was going to the bathroom at work 30 times a day. Literally," he said. A physician diagnosed type 2 diabetes and Chris began taking oral medication, later transitioning to insulin shots.

Six months after his diagnosis, Casey, then 4, also began exhibiting symptoms, but neither

parent saw a red flag for diabetes.

"Because she was a little kid, I just thought she wasn't being smart about controlling her bladder," Tracy said. After two bladder infections, her blood was tested and Casey was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

"That was a traumatic day," Tracy recalled. "At 4 years old, to all of a sudden have to get shots and have your finger poked, it's hard for a little kid to understand that."

### Managing the disease

Tracy described Casey's onset of type 1 diabetes like "an autoimmune attack."

"Something kicked off a reaction that killed all the cells that make insulin. So, eventually you don't have any cells and



Casey Schachern is all smiles at the American Diabetes Association's annual walk last year at the Detroit Zoo. She and her family raised more than \$5,000 in donations from relatives, friends, co-workers and other supporters.

you can't make insulin. Giving medicine doesn't help you make more insulin. You have to inject it. Every time you eat, you get a shot of insulin."

When she started first grade, Casey began using a diabetes pump. It administers insulin through a small tube inserted under her skin. She changes the infusion site every three days rather than undergo shots six times a day.

"If you go someplace and for some reason you leave your insulin at home, that's a disaster," Tracy said. "But now, she's got the insulin on her. She can swim with the pump on."

"What we've always said for her is you can do anything anyone else does. She just has this

### STEP OUT

**What:** The signature fundraising walk of the American Diabetes Association. Funds go toward research, public awareness, advocacy and programs, such as the annual American Diabetes Association camp in Fenton for children with diabetes

**When:** 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15

**Where:** The Detroit Zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

**Details:** Form a team, join a team, walk as an individual or contribute to an online fundraising page.

**Contact:** [stepout.diabetes.org](http://stepout.diabetes.org)


(diabetes) management thing she has to deal with."

Casey plays softball and basketball. Both she and her brother like to golf with their dad. The Schacherns are hardcore Spartan fans and enjoy Michigan State University football games, as well as Tiger Baseball.

Last year the Schachern Diabetes Walk Team raised \$5,080 for the ADA. Their pledge tally is approximately \$3,500 with less than a month before the event.

"People have been pledging. Ultimately we'll probably end up with 10-15 (walkers) on the team," Tracy said. "Our goal is to get up to \$5,000."

For more about the walk, visit [stepout.diabetes.org](http://stepout.diabetes.org).



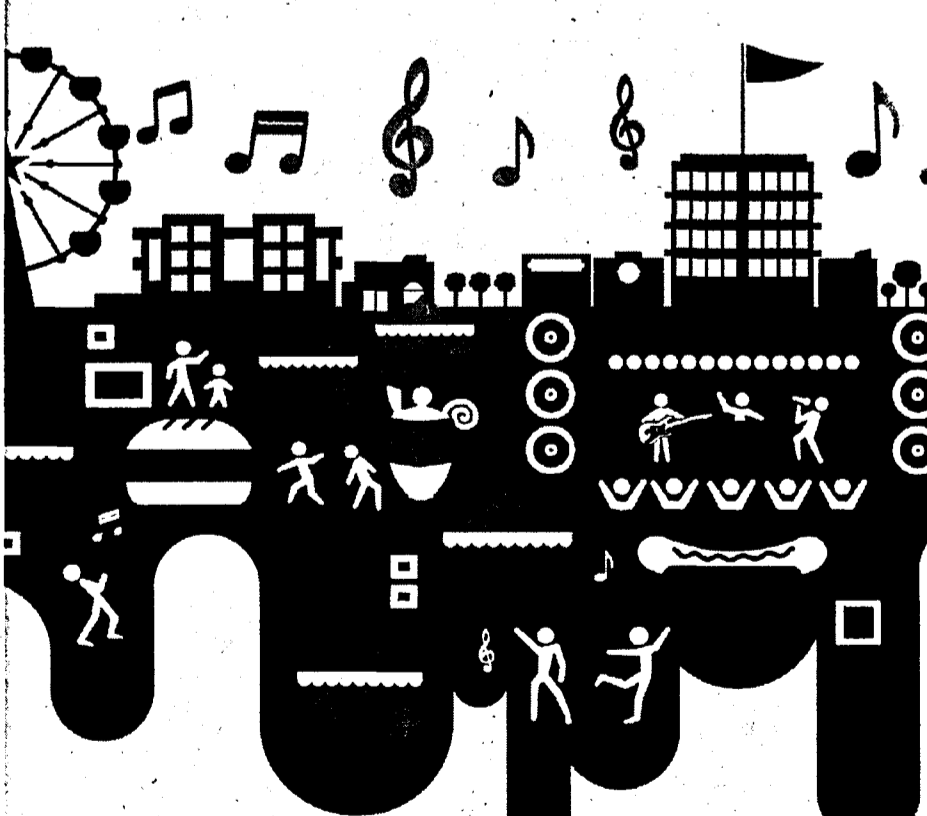
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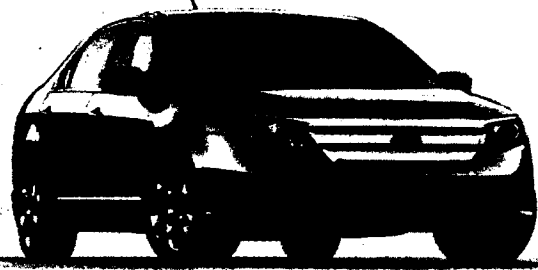
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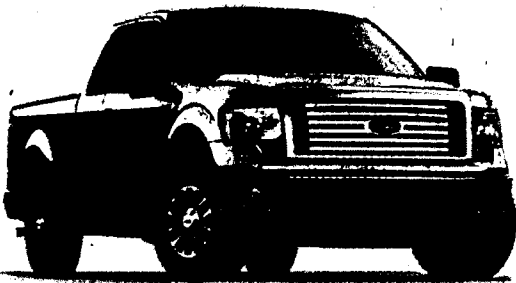


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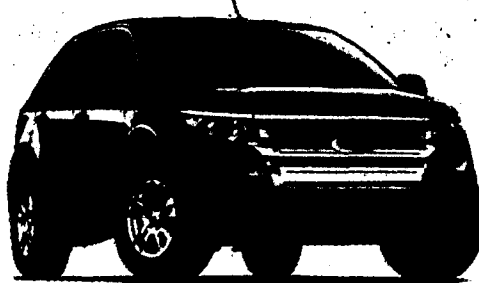


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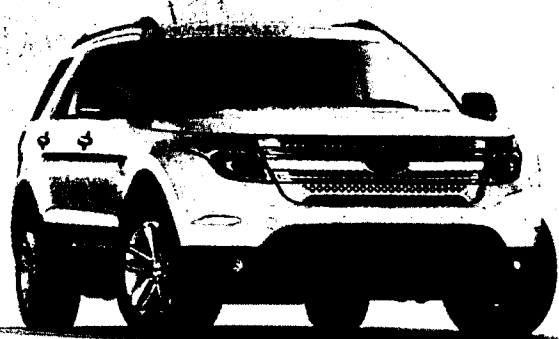


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