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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.

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 Road, just south of Eight Mile. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.) For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com or call (248) 476-4493.

Waste dropoff

Wayne County's Department of Public Services will hold a county-wide Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, in the lot behind JC Penney's at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

All waste must be from residential sources only. Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, dyes, floor care products, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, automotive and dry cell batteries (all types), fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and mercury thermometers.

Televisions, computers, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCRs, DVD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, miscellaneous cables, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles and handheld electronics devices also will be accepted.

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Goci facing charge of lying to federal agents



John Goci, a Wayne-Westland school board trustee and a recent candidate for Congress, was arrested Wednesday morning by the FBI.

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland school board member and recent congressional candidate John Goci was arrested earlier Wednesday on a charge of lying to federal agents investigating an alleged loan shark who owns Bray's Hamburgers. FBI agents took Goci into custody at his home in the 36000 block of Canyon in Westland. Released following his

federal court arraignment, Goci could face up to five years in prison, if convicted.

Goci has served on the Wayne-Westland school board since 2009. School officials learned of his arrest Wednesday morning and alerted the other board members, according to Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"It's very unfortunate to have school board member arrested by the FBI and it's very unfortunate

for the school district and our students," he said.

Baracy declined to talk about the specifics, saying "we have no knowledge of John's personal business."

"We have no further information as to the circumstances surrounding this situation; however, we do not believe there is any relationship between this event and the Wayne-Westland Community School District," he said in a prepared statement

released later in the day.

The criminal complaint, unsealed earlier today, charges that Goci lied to federal agents about a loan he obtained from Tomo Duhanaj, accused of running a loan sharking operation and being an illegal immigrant from Albania.

Specifically, the indictment charges Goci lied to federal agents by telling them his loan from

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Lt. Gov. Brian Calley tells Wayne and Westland officials that the consolidation of the cities' two fire departments could be a model for other communities around the state.

W-W fire merger earns praise from state's Calley

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The cooperative efforts that resulted in the creation of the new consolidated Wayne-Westland Fire Department could be a model for other communities across the state, according to Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

"We started discussion of consolidated services to keep costs down and not only maintain but improve services," said Calley, speaking at the grand opening of the combined Fire Administrative Office in Wayne Monday morning. "This is exactly what we were talking about."

Effective July 1, the Westland and Wayne fire departments were combined and began operating under Michael Reddy, who retired as Westland fire chief to become a shared chief for the merged operation. Sharing a chief alone is reported to save Westland \$250,000.

Noting similar merger efforts had failed in other communities for various reasons, Calley credited the cooperative efforts of the employees and the leadership of both cities with the local



State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (from left), D-Westland, 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cidrelli and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano listen to Calley's remarks.

success.

"You've done this in a way that is poised for growth and will perhaps allow other communities to join," said Calley. "It provides for the future vitality of the community. It shows that the leadership has the best interests of the community in mind. I appreciate the union leadership and affected employees who are here."

Commenting that Reddy was the perfect name for a fire chief, Calley said he had wondered how it was decided which city's name would get the top billing under the merger.

"We never worried about stuff like which name is first, we've worked together for years. Wayne-Westland Schools just rolls off the tongue," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "The Wayne-Westland Fire Department just follows."

With 15 firefighters funded through federal money for two years, Wild said the departments were going to be in a tough spot the third year in the face of declining property tax revenues. The merger provides savings immediately.

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W-W board accepts applications for vacant position

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has begun the process of filling a vacancy in its ranks created by the resignation of Andrea Clawson last week.

The board is accepting applications from residents interested in the appointment through 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Clawson resigned from the board last week, "due to a personal decision that will affect my eligibility required to serve as a trustee." She had just completed her first full year on the board when she submitted her letter of resignation.

School board President Carol Middel said Clawson's resignation was "a loss for the school board."

"She brought a lot to the school board," said Middel. "She was willing to put in the time to be on the board. It's unfortunate, and I'm going to miss her."

The school board has 30 days from the time of Clawson's resignation to fill the vacancy. The trustees will meet in special session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, to interview candidates and then select a new member. The person selected will serve until the next school election in November 2014 when voters will select a candidate to finish out the remainder of the term.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, resident of the state of Michigan and the

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Council OKs five-year clothing recycling pact

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A new five-year agreement will keep those clothing recycling bins in place around Westland and providing revenue to the city.

Council members approved the agreement with City Recyclers of Dearborn effective Sept. 1. A one-year agreement with Wear It Again, the company's previous name, expires Aug. 30. The city receives two cents per pound for recycled clothing under the current contract. It will increase to five cents per pound under the new longer agreement.

"How much did the city make? Why is this contract for five years? That's a stretch of time," said resident Nancy Froreich.

When the initial contract was approved last year, the city had projected the potential revenue at \$30,000. In the

first seven months of 2012, the actual revenue was \$9,300.

"We have increased the number of locations (for collection bins). They were at city buildings originally and now we've added containers," said Mayor William Wild. "We get the most amount of revenue from the longer agreement. There are no costs to the city, it's pure revenue for the city."

Another resident, Barb Hatfield, had questioned whether it was a new company or there had been a name change.

"I was concerned that it was a for profit company," said Hatfield, who also asked about how much revenue the city had received from the recycling company.

The city knew that the firm was a for profit company when the original agreement was approved, said Wild.

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Step by step: Walkers raise \$3.2 million



Walker Judy Evola of Highland, the former director of communications for Plymouth-Canton schools, gets a hug from her friend Paulette Groen of Northville, who is fighting breast cancer.



Supporters lined the streets outside Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth to show their support for 1,100 walkers who helped raise some \$3.2 million for breast cancer research.

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Six years ago, Mary Mack had no idea who Rose Cerroni was. Neither one of them knew Darcy Blakemore.

Now, the three women are fast friends, bound by fear and purpose, friendship and hope.

They met for the first time when they walked in the 2006 Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day, a 60-mile hike in support of breast cancer research. And that's what brought them to downtown Plymouth Saturday to cheer on some 1,100 walkers who raised some \$3.2 million this year.

Walkers passed through Plymouth at about the halfway point as they do every year. The first day had already taken them through Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia, where they'd camped at Greenmead Historical Park.

When they hit Plymouth, they found Mack, Cerroni and Blakemore waiting among the throng. The three are tied together by the walk and the disease. Mack, a Northville resident, is a 19-year survivor, while Cerroni is a 21-year survivor from Livonia. And Blakemore, who lives in Westland, has two aunts who fell victim to the disease.

"That's how we became friends," said Blakemore, a seven-time walker who took this year off to care for her ill father. "It's total support. (Walkers) need us. They're our family."

Long-term survival

Cerroni has now been part of that family. Having survived for more than two decades, she's acutely aware of the kind of work done with money raised by the walkers.

"They're walking has gotten (Mack) to 19 years and me to 21 years," Cerroni said.

Mary Ivan of Canton walked the 60 miles for her cousin, Karen Reynolds, who died in 2006 at the age of 37 after a five-year fight with breast cancer. She was in Kellogg Park Saturday with her boyfriend and her sister and a niece, all of whom have walked the walk, though they weren't this year.

"They were an inspiration to me," said Ivan, who lay on the ground stretching tight leg muscles. "Karen was a great person, and she was a fighter. This is my way of giving back to her."

Jeanette Jones of Novi wasn't walking, but she was among the 350 volunteers who served as crew members for the walk. She said she's got

family and friends fighting different kinds of cancer, and she supports anything that raises money to support a cure for any of them.

"If you find a cure for one, it'll trickle down to all forms of cancer," Jones said.

Kellie Stallings of Livonia walked with her friend, Courtney Zochowski of Redford as part of the team "Linda's Legacy, Kathy's Recovery." Stallings has an aunt who lost a battle with cancer, and a friend who is surviving.

Zochowski said she walked for the future.

Positive experience

"We walk to find a cure," the Redford woman said. "We walk for sur-

vivors, for our friends and for our children. We walk so one day they won't have to worry about cancer."

Emma Lucken of Birmingham and Claire Westerlund of Beverly Hills were part of the Susan G. Komen Youth Corps, supporting Emma's mom, a breast cancer survivor since 2008.

"I wanted to be part of it ... I did it last year," Emma said. "It was lots of fun."

Her mom, Pam Lucken, said her daughter and her friends have really been "part of it" for years, having come along many times with Mom, who was taking part in her eighth walk. She's glad for the support, but prouder of

the experience the kids are gaining.

"It's fun coming out here with the kids, especially when it has impacted their lives," Pam Lucken said. "It's a great, very positive experience for them."

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Man arrested for taking aluminum siding from home

Extortion

A resident in the 7400 block of Carousel told police that he had received a call on Aug. 5 from a man who identified himself as working for a computer services company. The caller told the man, 79, that his computer had several viruses and he needed access codes to correct the problem.

Although he said he wasn't aware of any viruses, the resident provided information to allow access to his computer. After that, the man said he noticed numer-

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ous viruses on his computer.

About a week later, he said a second man called and demanded \$300 or his computer would be shut down. The resident refused to pay. Shortly after the conversation, the man said his computer was inoperable. The resident filed the police report Aug. 17.

Larceny

A Westland man was arrested for larceny and held on warrants Aug. 16

after police responded to a complaint about aluminum siding being stolen from an abandoned home in the 34000 block of Decatur. The man lives across the street and told police he had taken the siding to make some extra money.

The siding was returned and officers found the man had two outstanding warrants from Wayne.

Stolen vehicle

A resident of Woodcrest Apartments told police Aug. 15 that someone had stolen her 2004 Dodge Intrepid from the

parking lot. The theft had happened Aug. 2-3 but the report was delayed because she thought the title was needed and she hadn't been able to locate it.

Larceny

On Aug. 15, a resident in the 800 block of Forest told police that someone had stolen her bicycle after it was left parked in the yard. The woman's bicycle was valued at \$100.

Vandalism

A window was reported smashed at a home in the 33000 block of Berville

Court Aug. 15. The tenant told police she was in the process of moving and still had some belongings at the home although most valuables had already been moved.

Nothing was reported missing. The officer noted a smeared foot print on the front near the door but no other damage.

Attempted break-in

On Aug. 15, a resident of Belding Court told police that he arrived home to find someone had torn the screen from

its frame on a kitchen window. He said that he suspected someone may have tried to get into the house because he had assisted an unknown man who was involved in a fight in the street two nights earlier.

Break-in

Police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Lydia Aug. 18 after a man who maintains the vacant home for a bank found the front door had been kicked open. The officer noted the home had already been stripped of its contents.

By LeAnne Rogers

Police ticket man for damaging neighbor's fence

Vandalism

A resident of 800 block of Cardwell was ticketed Aug. 20 for malicious destruction of property and trespassing after he knocked down a section his neighbor's cyclone fence.

Police were called to the location by the neighbor who is renting the home. She told police she has had constant problems with the man who has shouted and made threats against her and her family. She said he claims a metal fence along the property line was built without his permission on his property and on Aug. 20 he used a sledge hammer to smash the fence posts, knocking down a portion of the fence which struck the her on her leg, causing a small cut.

The man told police that he his property measure 50 feet wide and that he

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had measured from his property line on the north edge of his driveway and the 50-foot mark was at the neighbor's driveway. The police officer used a tape measure to check the distance and found that the fence fell outside the 50-foot mark.

The man, however, claimed when he measured, the fence was within the 50 feet. He told police he has used a 50-foot tape measure, but when the police officer asked to see it, he said he had taken it to his girlfriend's house.

The property owner told police he had numerous conversations with the man about the fence which was on his property. He had told the man to leave the fence alone and stay off his property. He also produced a survey

that showed the property line extended nine feet north of the exterior wall of the home and when measured, the fence was within that mark.

Vandalism

A resident in the 300 block of Radcliff discovered that the exterior mirrors of her car had been broken off and shattered in the early morning hours of Aug. 18. The car had been parked at the curb in front of the home.

The woman told police her son normally drives the car and that he had no idea who would have done the damage, estimated at \$500.

Stolen vehicle

An Inkster man reported his 2000 Dodge Intrepid stolen sometime between 11:30 p.m. Aug. 17 and 2:30 a.m. Aug. 18 while it was parked in front of a residence in the

400 block of Clair Avenue. He told police he had gone there with several friends and that he had locked the car. He had the keys and said that he owed no money on it.

Vandalism

A resident in the 31000 block of Balmoral told police that someone had damaged his 2009 Ford pickup truck and 2010 Ford Fusion between 9 p.m. Aug. 15 and 6 a.m. Aug. 16. The vehicles had been parked in the driveway of his home.

The resident found numerous key marks along the driver's side of the Fusion and possible damage to the driver side headlight. There also were numerous key marks on the passenger and driver sides of the truck as well as the driver side mirror and driver side tail light. A plastic bolt holding a wheel cover also was broken off.

Break-in

Employees of a property management company discovered appliances and copper pipes were taken from a home in the 32000 block of Kathryn sometime between Aug. 5 and Aug. 17. The men had gone to the home to get it cleaned and ready to be rented.

Missing were a stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer as well as copper pipes from the basement. The manager told police that the tenants had until Aug. 6 to leave the home after being evicted for non-payment and suspects that they are responsible for the missing items. They had keys to the home, and there was no sign of forced entry.

Vandalism

A resident in the 6200 block of Gilman told police that during the

overnight hours of Aug. 16 someone broke in the driver's side window of her vehicle while it was parked in front of her home. Nothing was removed from the car, and she reported that she did not hear anything unusually at the time.

Vandalism

A resident in the 30000 block of Rush said he discovered the driver's side window of his father's truck had been broken out during the nighttime hours of Aug. 16.

The man told police had no disagreements with anyone and that he didn't know who would damage the vehicle. Nothing was taken from the truck.

His roommate, however, told police she saw several teenagers hanging around the front of the house for several days.

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
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Oakwood Annapolis Imaging achieves full accreditation

The Diagnostic Imaging Services Department at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne has achieved a new standard in excellence.

The department recently earned full accreditation from the American College of Radiology in Ultrasound, MRI, CT, Nuclear Medicine and Positron Emission Tomography) as a result of a recent survey by the ACR, according to Dawn Baker, manager of Imaging Services at OAH.

"This is a direct reflection of the Imaging team and their commitment to quality and excellence," said Baker. "It's because of our technologists, along with Drs. Venkat Rudraraj, chief of radiology, Erica Luster, vice-chief of radiology, and Ashok Jain, chief of staff, all working together that we were able to accomplish this."

"We are very proud of this tremendous accomplishment," added Dr. Rudraraju. "It shows that our staff is recognized by industry experts as being experts in their craft. We have

a deep foundation of skilled physicians and experts using the safest, most up-to-date equipment. It is a testament to the high quality care we offer each and every day."

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic-interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine and medical physicists. The ACR accredits facilities in breast ultrasound, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, mammography, nuclear medicine, PET, stereotactic breast biopsy, ultrasound and radiation oncology.

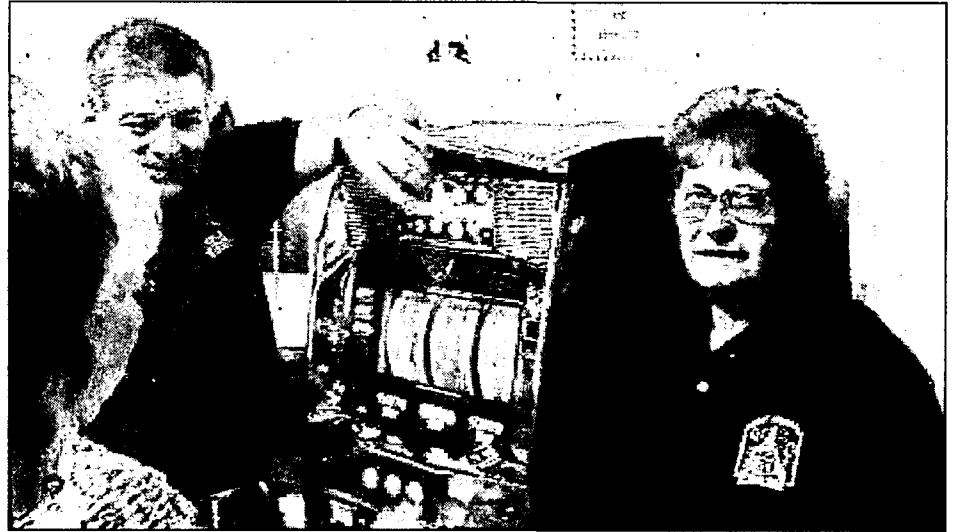
Accreditation is based on an evaluation of the department by board-certified radiologists and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They also evaluate personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs.

"This recognition is the result of hard work and dedication to pro-

viding the highest level of service to the greater Wayne community," said Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Healthcare. "It shows that we continue to be committed to operating a high-quality medical facility that offers the best possible care to the community."

Oakwood Healthcare offers imaging services at 15 locations throughout southeastern Michigan. Oakwood Imaging Services departments are staffed by experienced radiologists who are board-certified by the American College of Radiology (ACR), and fellowship trained in special areas, such as neuroradiology, interventional radiology, breast imaging, nuclear medicine and musculoskeletal radiology.

Its technologists are certified by their respective agencies, including the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers and Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board.



Jerry Thorne and wife Irene (both are wearing the maroon shirts) talk with guests at an open house at Thorne's new Party Animal Travel office on Middlebelt.

Party Animal's Thorne makes 'big' business move

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Travel agent Jerry Thorne doesn't deny his wanderlust. And he will soon get a chance to pursue this avocation full time.

Party Animal Travel, his business, held an open house Friday, Aug. 3, at its new location at 6543 Middlebelt, Garden City. Thorne and his staff moved two doors down on Middlebelt. The new location once housed a karate studio.

"We tripled our space and tripled our staff," said Thorne, 53, a charge nurse at Providence Hospital.

Community support persuaded Thorne, who plans to retire next month

from his nursing position, to keep his business in Garden City.

Thorne has arranged one day trips within Michigan as well as trips to as far away as Australia.

"I love to travel," Thorne said.

He is also expanding his venture aspirations into hot air ballooning and sky diving trips.

More than 200 people wished him well at his open house where he presented \$500 in free vacations.

Besides this move, this is a special year for Thorne, a Canton Township resident. Thorne is married 25 years to his wife, Irene, he has been a registered nurse for 25 years and he started his travel agency 24 years

ago. The Thornes have grown children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kerry Partin, a Garden City resident, hosted his Community Chat show at the open house.

Partin and wife, Cheryl, also have volunteered to sign up new members for the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, and Thorne is willing to present a \$25 gift certificate to anyone who signs up as a new chamber member.

Thorne is also a recognizable face in the community. He is a Kiwanis Club member and contributor of the Garden City Goodfellows.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



In celebration of the new store, TCC made a charitable donation to the Westland Firefighter's Public Awareness Committee during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Accepting the donation is Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams.

Grand opening

The Cellular Connection, the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., has opened a new store in Westland, marking more than 50 locations for the company across the state. The new store is located at 36610 Ford Road, in the city center shopping court, and offers customers the ultimate experience in interactivity while shopping for wireless devices and accessories.

On Aug. 17, TCC hosted a grand opening event for the Westland community with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Local radio station WKQI-FM (95.5) hosted a live remote at the store, and customers had a chance to spin a prize wheel, if they sign a new two-year activation or upgrade, as well as register to win a free Bluetooth headset among a variety of other prizes and promotional items.

In celebration of the new store, TCC made a charitable donation to the Westland Firefighter's Public Awareness Committee. To date, the company has donated more than \$25,000 to local charities and organizations across Michigan.

"We pride ourselves on making customers feel welcome the moment they walk into the store," said Scott Moore-

head, president and CEO of TCC. "Shopping for wireless devices and accessories should be a fun and stress-free experience, and we want Westland residents to take full advantage of the relaxing atmosphere in our new store."

TCC's long-standing relationship with Verizon Wireless coupled with its buying power allows the company to make its services more accessible to customers while offering unparalleled customer service and competitive pricing. The company sets itself apart from the many other cell phone retailers today by offering superior customer service.

To learn more about TCC, visit www.cellularconnection.com. Shoppers can also find more information about the company at www.facebook.com/tcctalk and www.twitter.com/tcctalk.

Medicare counseling

United Home Health Services, a local home care company in Canton, is offering free counseling with a certified Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor.

The counselor can help people review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll

in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long-term care insurance options.

The MMAP counselor will be at the United Home Health Services office at 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 6, Oct. 3 and Nov. 1.

No reservations necessary. For more information, call United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

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OUR VIEWS

No merit Council's vote not grounds for recall

A recent decision by the Wayne County Elections Commission approving petition language has opened the door for a group of residents to mount a recall of five Westland City Council members. Approval of the language doesn't attest to its truth or merit, just

Organizers want to recall the council members based on their vote to approve a Tax Increment Finance Authority plan amendment that includes the possible construction of a new city hall. The current city hall needs to be replaced, and at issue is the location of a new, one - on its current site on Ford Road, on city-owned land behind the William P. Faust Public Library or another location in the TIFA District.

its clarity so that registered voters understand what they are signing.

Organizers want to recall the council members based on their vote to approve a Tax Increment Finance Authority plan amendment that includes the possible construction of a new city hall. The current city hall needs to be replaced, and at issue is the location of a new one - on its current site on Ford Road, on city-owned land behind the William P. Faust Public Library or another location in the TIFA District.

We have several questions about this recall attempt. First is why five of seven council members are targeted when the plan amendment was approved by all seven members.

Why are the votes of James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Meriam Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves more egregious than those of Bill Johnson and Christine Bryant? There was no gray area with a yes or no vote. They were either for the amendment or against it. And in this case, all seven council members supported it.

Westland needs a new city hall. The current building is 48 years old and is plagued with problems related to being built below a high water table. The city has tried repeatedly to address the problems, but to no avail. Throwing good money after bad isn't the answer nor is asking city employees to work in poor conditions. With the difference between rehabilitating and building a new structure so small, the right answer is obvious: Build a new city hall.

Extending the TIFA plan and its indebtedness to \$40 million for 30 years was a wise decision. Sure, the plan includes a new city hall as a possible project as well as a new fire station and recreation center, but until the i's are dotted and the t's crossed, they are just proposals. Further more, including a city hall in the plan isn't something new. It's been a part of the TIFA plan since 1989.

City officials have to look at all options, they have to do their due diligence. Financing has to be a major consideration. More and more of the costs of city services has shifted to residents. The economy and declining property values have taken their toll on the city and residents alike. The cost of early retirements in the police and fire departments has bumped up that millage. The increase in water and sewer charges has been north of 10 percent for three years, and even street lighting assessments have taken a jump.

In discussing the petition language, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz questioned recalling elected officials for doing what they are legally supposed to do.

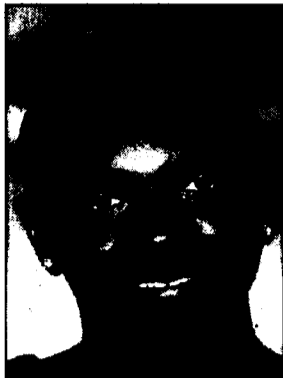
We agree. Residents want their elected officials to make decisions on their behalf, decisions that are based on the facts, not emotions, and are for the greater good of the whole. Recalling an elected official is serious business and we believe should reserved for malfeasance or misfeasance, actions that are illegal or harmful to the community. Voting yes for a TIFA plan amendment isn't even close to meeting such a threshold.

In our view, the city council has acted appropriately, and this recall attempt lacks merit. We recommend registered voters just say no to the petition drive and let city officials do the job they were elected to do.

COMMUNITY VOICE

If you could own any vehicle in the world, what would it be?

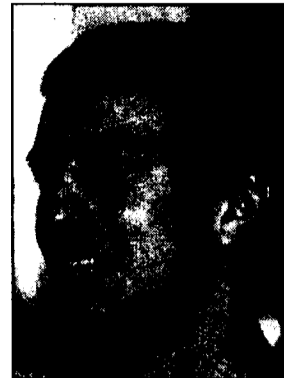
We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"It would probably be a '69 Camaro. It won't break easy and it's easy to maintain."
Mike Montgomery
Canton



"Busch grand national. It came stocked with a supercharger. It was the all-around fastest car."
James Harington
Inkster



"A Ford F-350 diesel in white. I love big trucks. I have a 250 at home. I'm from Texas and we love big trucks in Texas."
Colton Spanos
Denton, Texas



"A Silverado 2500 HD long bed with an extended cab. I'm a country girl all the way and this gets good gas mileage and I like the body style."
Angeyy Woldrich
Westland

LETTERS

Thanks for support

On behalf of the Westland Public Library Board, library director and the library staff I want to thank the citizens of Westland for their overwhelming support of the library. The passage of the library millage on Aug. 7 will allow the library to restore the programs and service it has lost over the past several years. The millage monies prevented us from having to go to a part-time library next year. By supporting the library millage our citizens have secured the future of the library. The Westland Public Library will once again be the jewel of Westland.

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support we received from Mayor William Wild, the Westland City Council, the Friends of the Library, the Save Our Westland Library Committee members, the Westland Fire Fighters, Westland Police Officers, Westland Sergeants and Lieutenants, Westland Youth Assistance and many, many others. Their public support and hard work helped instill confidence and inspire voters to turnout for the library. We had many comments from voters who came to the polls with the sole purpose of voting for the library millage.

While the increased millage revenues will not be available until February 2013, we are currently developing a plan to begin ramping up services and improve the library's literary collection. When details of the plan are approved, we will provide public notice.

Mark F. Neal
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McCotterized

Disgraced former congressman Thaddeus McCotter has become a national joke. Not only did he miss the primary ballot this summer because of "faulty" nominating petitions, it appears that he should have never been on the ballot in 2010 and 2008, and possibly 2006. And the Republican Party is complaining about election frauds?

Since the Republican state attorney general and the Republican secretary of state won't do anything to penalize Mr. McCotter, I have a suggestion that the House of Representatives or the U.S. attorney general should consider. Have Mr. McCotter reimburse the government for all of the salaries, health insurance benefits, congressional travel expenses to and from Washington, D.C., and his district, and the overseas "investigation" junkets he received and benefited from. That would be the minimum.

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It would nice if he reimbursed local communities for the estimated \$650,000 for their expenses in holding the special Sept. 5 election. If possible, his name would be deleted from all congressional records, similar to what the National Collegiate Athletic Association did to the University of Michigan and Penn State University for violations of NCAA regulations. (U-M had to remove all of its championship banners and return basketball tournaments from the Fab Five period in the early 1990s while Penn State had to forfeit its victories for a specific period in addition to pay the association a ton of dough.)

If he had any conscience, McCotter would also drive throughout his former district and offer a public and personal apology to his constituents and answer any questions on how this fiasco happened.

McCotter certainly ended his political career in shame. The best lesson that could come out of his political cesspool is that voters should be more aware of the potential political actions (or inactions) of their elected leaders. If anything, McCotter's name will be used in the future to describe fraudulent actions as "We've been McCotterized" or "That's another example of McCotterism."

His name will forever be related to political shame.

Leonard Poger
Westland

GOP Medicare foes

At least Paul Ryan seems to be right in step with the chronic mendacity of the Romney campaign now that he has been tapped as the Republican vice presidential candidate.

On Saturday morning, Ryan strode confidently to the podium and within seconds had advanced his first lie as the VP candidate, that Obama had cut Medicare by \$700 billion (the figure has been increased from \$500 billion) over the next 10 years. It doesn't seem to matter that Politifact.com and Factcheck.org and many other credible referees have debunked this claim on numerous occasions whenever any Republican, like former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter for instance, dared to push it.

Ironically the alleged "Obama cuts" represent savings from eliminating what can be categorized as waste, fraud and abuse that sprang from Medicare Advantage providers overcharging Medicare for services rendered. (Doesn't getting a handle on something like this sound just like something a self-styled deficit hawk Republican like Paul Ryan would have fallen in love with?)

The savings this would create would then be applied to fund other non-Medicare programs included within the Affordable Care Act and cause no reduction in benefits to subscribers since amounts equal to the overcharges would no longer have to be spent within the Medicare budget.

It seems that one could safely assume that since both Romney and Ryan and virtually every Republican in Washington has assailed Obama for these cuts that aren't really cuts at all, that all would reinstate these funds to Medicare immediately, if ever they had the chance. Nope, the Ryan budget, passed by the Republican-dominated House and endorsed whole-heartedly by Mitt Romney does not restore this funding in any way shape or form and Romney has put forward no such reinstatement plan.

The point is beware future seniors of the obvious ploy. This faux-rage is a ploy to convince you that the R-and-R and Republican team are friends of Medicare though nothing could be further from the truth. Romney/Ryan and Republicans intend to slash funding, "voucherize" the program and turn it over as a block grant to the states, increasing out of pocket expenses to as much as \$6,000 per year per enrollee according to experts after of course raising the age of qualification from 65 to 67. If they get their way, Medicare will look and act nothing like the program seniors have depended upon for more than a generation and that future retirees so richly deserve.

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Race fan wins Roush Stage 1 Mustang used to promote tourism

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mary Jane Rickett loves vacationing in Michigan and watching racing at Michigan International Speedway.

Those two interests merged over the weekend when the 46-year-old Redford resident won a 2012 Roush Stage 1 Mustang in a sweepstakes co-sponsored by Pure Michigan, Roush Fenway Racing and MIS.

"It's a beautiful car," Rickett said. "It sounds great when you rev up the engine. It sounds amazing."

Rickett, 46, who works as a receptionist in the body shop at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia, learned of the contest on Facebook, which had a link to the MIS website.

She was one of more than 7,000 people who entered the online contest. Two weeks ago, she found out she was one of three finalists. As a finalist, she received VIP tickets to the Pure Michigan 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race last weekend at MIS for herself, husband Joe and two friends as well as the use of a recreational vehicle Friday through Sunday. While there, she and the other two finalists competed in a chipping contest to see who could get closest to the pin and the chance to be the first to pick one of three keys.

Rickett won the chipping contest and was first to pick a key, which happened to be the right one.

"I started it up and that



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Mary Jane Rickett and her 2012 Roush Mustang.

was it," she said. "I felt almost guilty when I won it. Since I was the first one to start it up, they never got a chance to sit in the car (to try their keys)."

Bill Brown Ford sales consultant Kevin D'Arcy said the custom-made GT coupe Rickett won is valued at \$41,000. "It's pretty cool," he said of the car. He said the dealership sells Roush Mustangs, but there aren't too many buyers. "Who has the money?" he asked.

Rickett and her husband are longtime race fans who head out to MIS every June and August. They already had tickets to last weekend's race when Rickett found out she got VIP passes to all events, including the drivers' meeting. "We ended up giving our tickets to someone else," she said.

The couple also typically vacation in Michigan. One of their favorite spots is St. Joseph, where they enjoy riding bikes down to the beach, building campfires at night and making s'mores. "It's beautiful," she said. "The water, the beach; it's a nice little town."

Rickett has no plans to race her new car. Instead, she will drive it to work when the weather is nice. "I plan on enjoying it and having a good time," she said. Her 19-year-old son, Joshua Hutson, now gets to drive the car she was driving, a 2004 Ford Taurus.

The Mustang has Pure Michigan 400 decals on it. Rickett said she was asked if she wanted them taken off, but she said no. "I like having them on there," she said.

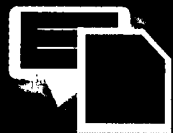
The car made its way around the state to pro-

mote the sweepstakes this summer, including the Tulip Time Festival in Holland in May and the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City in July.

The car turns heads — that's for sure. Rickett stopped on her way to work Monday to buy a water. "People were actually taking pictures of the car when I came out of the gas station," she said.

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Mary Jane Rickett, behind the wheel of her new Mustang.

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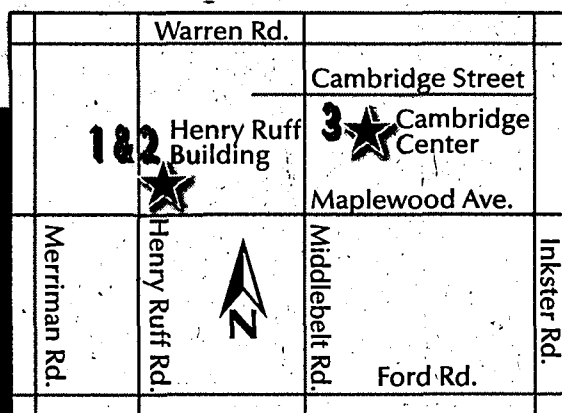
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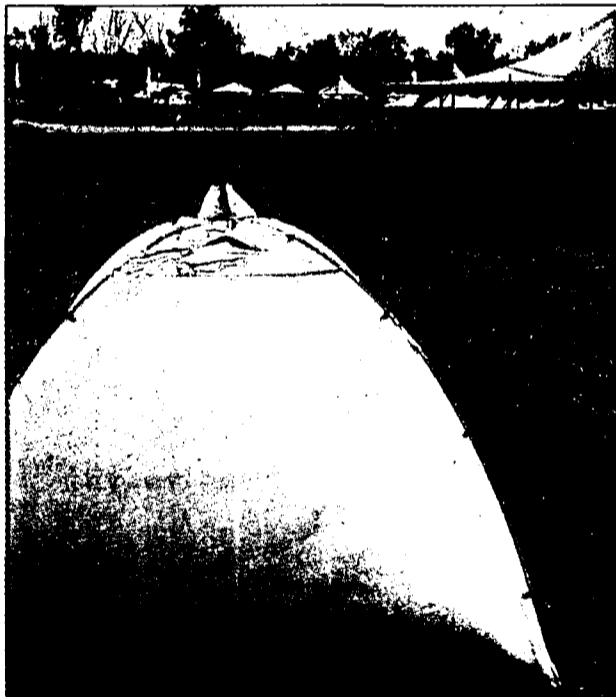
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Decked out in various degrees of pink are Rose Cerroni of Livonia (left), Mary Mack of Northville and Darcy Blakemore of Westland. The women have become friends since meeting at the 2006 Michigan 3-Day. Mack (19 years) and Cerroni (21 years) are cancer survivors.

Walkers raise money, hope in mission to end breast cancer



A single white tent amid a field of pink is where the memories of lives taken by breast cancer are solemnly remembered. The Remembrance Tent, as known by event participants, is also a stark, visual reminder of the reason why 1,100 individuals walked 60 miles in last week's 2012 Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day.



Tony Skilton of Canton with his English bulldog, Beckham, (outfitted with a pink ribbon) waits to welcome his wife, Kim, and his mom, Tina Skilton of Farmington, who participated in the 3-day event.



Courtney Zochowski (left) of Redford and Kellie Stallings of Livonia capture the moment during the pit stop in Plymouth Saturday.



Taking time out to pose in front of the Kellogg Park fountain (spouting pink-colored water in honor of the walkers) are (from left) Lisa Comerford of Indiana, Natalie Rager of Indiana, Ruth Susee of Maine, Jody Perris of Farmington and Lisa Joy Gordon of Farmington Hills.



Karen Patrosso of Plymouth along with her granddaughter Olivia Gorsuch, 15, of Livonia (at right) and Bridget Donehue, 15 of Livonia (middle) welcomed walkers, of Plymouth Saturday. Karen's best friend, Charlotte McCulley is a breast cancer survivor. Patrosso hosts her bra display and welcomes (with the help of her daughter and grandchildren) the walkers every year in Charlotte's honor. Patrosso who lives on Ann Arbor Trail just east of Sheldon has been welcoming 3-Day participants for the last three years - since the walk route has been coming through Plymouth. Patrosso and her crew handed out Popsicles and suckers to the walkers who were enroute to their lunch stop at West Middle School on Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail.

Ramp work worsens pain; traffic fix still hot issue

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

With two ramp closings causing worsening traffic bottlenecks around the already snarled I-275/Ford Road interchange, a long-range solution to Canton's motoring woes remains elusive.

However, the Michigan Department of Transportation could debut a series of potential solutions and gauge public opinion as early as this fall, MDOT project manager Gorette Yung said Monday.

MDOT has broadened its traffic and environmental study beyond embattled Ford Road to encompass an area bounded by Warren to the north, Cherry Hill to the south, Sheldon to the west and Lotz to the east.

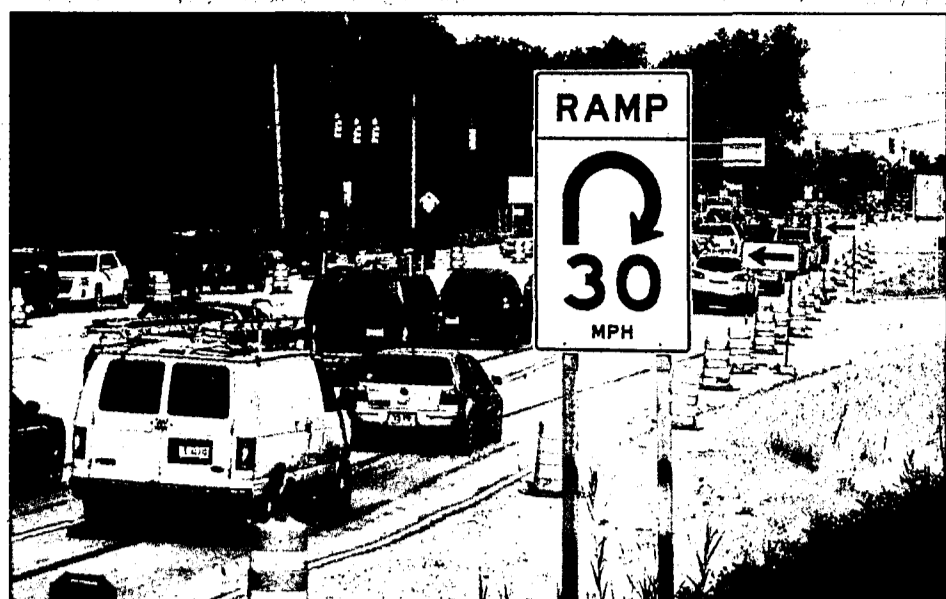
"We're still proceeding with the study," Yung said Monday. "We're looking into the data and analyzing it, and we're brainstorming some options."

MDOT initially indicated the options could be unveiled as early as this month during a public meeting in Canton, but Yung said the latest timetable appears closer to late September or early October.

Still closed

The latest developments come as MDOT has closed off two Ford Road ramps for repairs — one that allows westbound motorists to access southbound I-275 and another that lets eastbound drivers get onto northbound I-275.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the eastbound ramp is expected to remain closed until early October, while the westbound



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Eastbound Ford Road traffic finds the northbound ramp closed.

ramp could be shut down until early November.

The ramp closings come as Canton motorists already have been grappling with the shutdown of two separate overpasses — Warren and Palmer over I-275 — along with ramp projects at the Michigan/I-275 interchange.

While those projects will improve roads, they are, for now, dumping even more traffic on Ford, Cherry Hill and Joy roads, making for a grueling orange-barrel season.

"We've heard a lot of complaints," Faas said, "especially on Cherry Hill."

Even before the latest construction projects began, one MDOT traffic study had indicated that as many as 50,000 motorists traveled every day along Ford Road in Canton, though a more recent analysis put the number closer to the mid-40,000 range.

Find a fix

Regardless, local offi-

cials such as township Supervisor Phil LaJoy have repeatedly demanded that a traffic solution be found, whether by MDOT or the U.S. Department of Transportation. LaJoy has called Ford Road traffic woes a regional problem.

Canton and MDOT, despite widespread support from neighboring communities, lost four attempts to secure money to reshape the I-275/Ford interchange by applying for a federal grant dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

With hopes now pinned on the state, MDOT and a consulting firm, Wilbur Smith Associates, came to Canton's Summit on the Park grand ballroom in June for an informal meeting to hear the opinions of local residents who face the traffic woes every day.

During that session, Canton resident Larry Lucas summed up the sentiments of many.

"I want to find out when they're going to fix this

mess," he said.

No one can say with certainty, it seems. Money has been a huge hurdle.

Phasing in

Yet, Yung has said MDOT's approach likely will involve a phased-in approach to road improvements, rather than one massive fix.

Traffic accident studies indicate the extent of the problem. During the last six years, more than 2,378 crashes have occurred along Ford Road between I-275 and Canton Center. Officials have called it the state's most accident-prone stretch of road, particularly along the area of Ford near Haggerty and Lilley.

One years-old study

aimed at easing traffic problems involves adding connectors from the southbound I-275 exit at Ford to allow motorists to access Haggerty Road in either direction without getting onto Ford. It also suggests a northbound service drive east of the interstate from Cherry Hill to north of Ford Road.

MDOT officials have said that option would be considered along with other alternatives before they seek input from area residents during the next public meeting this fall. State transportation officials have indicated they hope to close in on a specific plan next year.

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Local mom in national pageant

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton resident Lisa Hemmie has served in the U.S. Marine Corps, drawn attention to special-needs children, worked in radio sales for the Disney/ABC group and achieved a successful career as director of Premier Athletics/Michigan Xtreme Cheer and Dance in Plymouth.

She has been involved in charity projects for Toys for Tots, Mott Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and Autos for Autism, which raises money for Garden City's Burger Center. One of her newest efforts involves helping to produce an anti-bullying video for an Ann Arbor-based, nationally syndi-

cated television program *The Ariel & Zoey Show*.

Hemmie, a 43-year-old married mother of two, isn't just another pretty face as she prepares to represent the state of Michigan Aug. 23-29 during the Mrs. America Pageant in Tuscon, Ariz. She is among 51 women from all U.S. states and Washington, D.C., in the competition.

"I'm ecstatic," she said, realizing her opportunity can open doors for projects she holds dear. "It's very exciting."

Beauty sleep

Crowned Mrs. Michigan last March, Hemmie isn't afraid to lose a little beauty sleep for issues important to her. Sitting in a Cherry Hill Village coffeehouse Tuesday morn-

ing, she had received just four hours sleep after flying in from California, where she was involved as a national advisory board member for the United States All-Star Cheerleading Federation.

"I represent 14 states in my region," she said.

By Wednesday afternoon, she had boarded a plane to Dallas for a similar meeting. Hemmie has worked hard to help young people, particularly girls, learn the importance of team work, good health and community involvement, in hopes she can inspire them to be confident and reach their potential.

Stacey Sherman, media director for Mrs. Michigan, said Hemmie has steadfastly fought against any stereotypes



Hemmie

that pageant critics aim toward contestants. Even as a young woman, Hemmie enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and graduated with honors. She had active duty, and her years of service including helping to plan and oversee motor transport operations.

Wowing the judges

A Milan native, she studied marketing and advertising at Eastern Michigan University, then worked as an account executive for a major advertising agency before she moved to radio sales for Disney/ABC. She has used her title as Mrs. Michigan to promote the importance of volunteerism and the impact people can have on their communities.

Despite her busy schedule, she finds time for her husband of 17 years, Matt, an active-duty U.S. Marine, and their chil-



Lisa Hemmie of Canton represents the state as Mrs. Michigan in the Mrs. America Pageant in Tuscon, Ariz., this week.

dren Brandon, 15, a Salem High School sophomore, and Keila, 21, a Western Michigan University student.

"She's amazing," Sherman said. "It's exciting we have such a good representative from our state (competing in the Mrs. America Pageant)."

Hemmie will compete in interview, fitness and evening gown competition, so she'll try to wow judges with both intelligence and glamor. When she was named Mrs.

Michigan, she won in categories for community

service, fitness and interview.

The website www.mrs-america.com will stream the competition.

Closer to home, Hemmie is available to appear at events such as business openings, conventions, church or school functions, banquets, parades and civic occasions. To book her for an event, contact Sherman by e-mail at media.Mrs-MI2012@gmail.com or by phone at (734) 564-6640.

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Fraudulent McCotter petitions may have been submitted in '08, '10

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer



McCotter

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.

Attorney General Bill Schuette indicated at a press conference on Aug. 9 in which he announced the charges that the staff-

ers 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 sig-

natures 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 archivist 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 petitions had few duplicates, but in 2008, at least 67 of the 177 petition pages submitted were either photocopies 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," Daggy 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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Congress gets \$174K salary, vested pension after 5 years and \$900K for staff

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

They're good perks, if you can get them.

Members of the U.S. Congress earn a salary of \$174,000, are vested in a pension system after five years and are allowed to have up to 18 employees with total salaries just under \$1 million.

Actually, there are several perks in being elected to Congress, many far better than businesses dole out to their employees and executives, including the members' representational allowance, which supports congressional members in their official and representational duties, averaging \$1,446,009 in 2011, according to Congressional Benefits Service.

With an unemployment rate hovering at 9 percent in Michigan and economic difficulties strapping the country, Congress needs to learn to live within its means, according to Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association.

" These are the same people who can't produce a balanced budget, they spend more than comes in, and they can't reach a decision that isn't a decision that will get them elected," Bogaert said. " Why are we paying them so much and giving them a lifetime pension? "

" It's ridiculous. We pay them all the time not to do their job. It makes me sick to my stomach with what they are doing. "

These benefits will be available to one of two political newcomers in the new 11th District, which includes Livonia. On Nov. 6, voters in the new 11th District will elect either Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford or Democrat Syed Taj of Canton to a two-year term to start Jan. 3.

In the old 11th District, voters will decide in a special primary election Sept. 5 between five Republican candidates (Bentivolio, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Cridler, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia) or one Democrat (Ken Curson of Belleville) with the winners facing off in the Nov. 6 election. The winner in the old district will serve the remaining six or seven weeks of the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6.

For the sake of simplicity, this article focuses on what the congressional member in the new 11th District will receive in starting a new two-year term in January.

Salary

Congressional members currently earn

\$174,000.

Members of Congress are on track to receive a pay raise in 2013, unless they vote against it when they return from August recess, according to *Government Executive*, a government's business news daily and website for federal managers and executives. Since the 11th District is without representation after McCotter's resignation, no one will vote for or against the proposal on behalf of the district.

Lawmakers are eligible for a maximum pay hike of 1.1 percent in 2013, or about \$1,900 for most lawmakers, based on a formula derived from the Employment Cost Index. Lawmakers may not see that extra \$1,900 because their annual pay adjustments cannot exceed the annual base pay adjustments of General Schedule employees. When Congress approved a two-year pay freeze for government workers beginning January 2011, it effectively froze its own pay.

Unless both chambers pass either standalone legislation or through appropriations, it will be up to President Barack Obama to decide by Aug. 31 whether federal employees will receive a pay boost in 2013. Obama has recommended a 0.5-percent bump for government workers next year. So if feds receive a 0.5-percent bump and Congress doesn't specifically deny itself a raise, lawmakers also will receive a 0.5-percent raise in 2013.

There are also several proposed bills to freeze congressional pay in both the U.S. House and Senate.

Pension

Congressional members who participated in the congressional pension system are vested after five years of service, according to the Congressional Research Service.

A full pension is available to members 62 years of age with five years of service; 50 years or older with 20 years of service; or 25 years of service at any age.

A reduced pension is available depending upon which of several age and service options is chosen. If members leave Congress before reaching retirement age, they may leave their contributions behind and receive a deferred pension later.

The current pension program, effective January 1987, is under the Federal Employees Retirement System, which covers members and other federal employees whose federal employment began in 1984 or later. This replac-

es the older Civil Service Retirement System for most members of Congress and federal employees.

Congressional members have four options: CSRS and Social Security; the CSRS Offset plan, which includes both CSRS and Social Security, but with CSRS contributions and benefits reduced by Social Security contributions and benefits; FERS and Social Security; or Social Security alone.

Congressional pensions are financed through a combination of employee and employer contributions, according to the Congressional Research Service. All members pay Social Security payroll taxes equal to 6.2 percent of the Social Security taxable wage base (\$97,500 in 2007). Members covered by FERS also pay 1.3 percent of full salary to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

The pension amount is determined by a formula based on years served and average pay for the top three years in terms of payment. For example, a member of Congress who worked for 22 years and had a top three-year average salary of \$153,900 would be eligible for a pension payment of \$84,645 per year.

As of Oct. 1, 2010, 443 retired members of Congress were receiving federal pensions based fully or in part on their congressional service. Of this number, 262 had retired under CSRS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$69,420. A total of 181 members had retired with service under FERS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$38,460 in 2010.

Allowances and personnel

The members' representational allowance supports congressional members in their official and representational duties. The MRA is calculated based on three components, including personnel, official office expenses and official (franked) mail. The 2011 allowances range from \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million, with an average MRA of \$1,446,009.

The MRA's personnel allowance, which totalled

\$944,671 for each member in 2010, is available to employ staff in a congressional member's Washington, D.C., and district offices. Each member may employ no more than 18 permanent employees.

The MRA also funds ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred in official and representational duties to the district. A base allowance of \$256,574 was authorized for each member in 2010, but the total varies for each member.

The official office expenses allowance may be used for travel, office equipment lease, district office rental, stationery (paper, envelopes and

other supplies), telecommunications, printing, postage, computer services and other expenses.

The MRA is not to be used to defray any personal, political or campaign-related expenses. A member also may not use campaign funds to pay for expenses related to his or her official and representational duties; may not use committee funds to pay for official representational expenses; may not use an unofficial office account to support official and representational duties; accept from a private source any in-kind assistance with a monetary value for an official activity; and may not use personal funds to

pay for franked mail.

Travel

Each member-elect and one designated staff person who attend an organizational caucus or conference are to be paid for one round trip each between their places of residence in the district and Washington, D.C., for the purpose of attending the caucus or conference. Each incumbent member re-elected to the ensuing Congress and one designated staff person who attend an organizational caucus or conference also receive this allowance.

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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

Upcoming Events

SHORT SALE SEMINAR

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27
Location: Livonia Public Library 32777 Five Mile Road.
Details: A professional resource panel will be on hand to discuss different alternatives and options when it comes to short sales. Buyers looking to learn about short sales are also welcome. The event is sponsored by the MacNRO Team, Keller Williams agents.

Contact: Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 to reserve a spot by Friday, Sept. 21.

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 27
Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are partnering in a blood drive campaign in the auditorium. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcross-blood.org. There will also be appointment sheets in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.
Contact: For directions or more information, visit the hospital website at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.
Contact: Mary at (734) 425-4421 (VM #10)
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.
Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmels-craftfair@yahoo.com for applications.



Cruisin' Hines

Classic cars and hot rods will take over Hines Drive Sunday, Aug. 26, for the second annual Cruisin' Hines car cruise. Hines Drive will be closed to regular traffic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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. Spectators will be able to enter Hines Drive 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. More information can be found on the Cruisin' Hines Facebook page as well as its website, www.CruisinHines.com.



The early bird get first place at that's what Ed Marnon did by showing up at 4:30 a.m. for last year's Hines Drive cruise.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia
Details: Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.
Contact: Tami at holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com.

Education

WILLOW CREEK
Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078
ST. DAMIAN
Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.
YWCA PRESCHOOL
Details: The YWCA of

Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10
OPEN ENROLLMENT
Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne
Details: St. Mary School is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings are available in pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.
Contact: For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

FRIENDS OF ELOISE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic

Organizations

Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918
WESTLAND ROTARY
Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.
Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Street at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND
Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month
Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.
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AMERICAN LEGION
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES
Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the September 5, 2012 Special Federal Primary Election on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
 Westland City Clerk

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools Westland, Michigan 48185 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Wayne-Westland Community Schools is accepting bids for six buses no longer used in the district's transportation operation. Specific information on the vehicles and bidding documents will be available at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan beginning on Monday, August 20, 2012 or by contacting 734-419-2048. These vehicles are offered "AS IS" only. Wayne-Westland Community Schools makes NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND with respect to these vehicles. Bidders must inspect the vehicles before submitting a bid. Bids will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bids will be conducted in public.
Date: September 17, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m. EST
Place: Board of Education
 Wayne-Westland Community Schools
 36745 Marquette
 Westland, MI 48185
 All bids received after the date and time stated above will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder unopened.
Faxed proposals will not be accepted.
 Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to award the sale of these vehicles in any way it deems to be in the best interest of the school district.
The selected bidder will be required to make payment by cash, cashier's check, or certified check.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SPECIAL FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION September 5, 2012

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Special Federal Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the issue of filling a vacancy in the office of Congressman for the 11th Congressional District will be voted upon.

The places of voting for the Special Federal Primary Election to be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4, 5, 8 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25 & 35	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

EILEEN DEHART, CMC
 Westland City Clerk

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Summer programs give way to fall lineup at the library

The Step Right Up and Join the Fun summer reading program at the Garden City Public Library has come and gone. The reading program kicked on Monday, June 18, and ended on Saturday, Aug. 11, and included the whole family as teens and adults were included for the first time in the history of the Garden City Library.

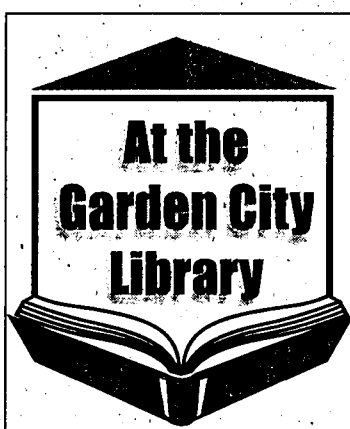
We started the program off with a furry touch with Dan the Creature Man's menagerie of animals he brought for us to learn about, and in some cases, pet. We had fun laughing and learning how to twist balloons with Joel Tacey and saw Jim Gill in action as he performed at our family concert.

We had fun making sharpie tie-dyed T-shirts, painted pictures with homemade puffy paint and did sand art at our craft programs. Teens were able to battle each other playing four games on popular gaming systems. Lastly, we gave out more than 300 prizes to enthusiastic participants at the carnival themed finale party.

The summer reading program would not have been possible without our sponsors: The Santieu Family, Dr. Sata of TLC Dentistry, Cherry Hill Dental, Urgent Care One, Mary Jane Schildberg, Garden City Medical Center, Rotary Club of Garden City, Gordon Chevrolet, Friends of the Garden City Public Library, Hayden's Restaurant, Gamerz USA, Dairy Queen, Jungle Java of Canton, Emagine Theaters, Detroit Zoo and American Pie Pizza.

Without these generous businesses and individuals the summer reading program would not have been possible.

Could you do the library a favor? When you visit these businesses, could you please say thank you for supporting



the library? It would mean a lot to us. Without their contributions, we would not have been able to offer the amazing grand prizes or the books all the finishers received as their completion prize. Speaking of prizes, congratulations to the winners of our grand prizes:

- Nicholas C, two tickets to the Detroit Zoo.
- Sarah P, Jungle Java Birthday Party.
- Cecilia C, two movie passes to Emagine Theater.
- Zarek D, Gamerz USA four-pack of passes.
- Sabina M, Gamerz USA four-pack of passes.
- Libby M, iPod Shuffle.
- Shelby B, two tickets to Cedar Point.
- Carin D, \$50 Kroger gift card.
- Kim L, \$50 Hayden's gift certificate.
- Mindy S, Barnes and Noble Nook.

Our biggest goal of the summer reading program was to increase the community's awareness that the library is open and to have you come visit us. During those seven weeks, we have seen a jump in our circulation statistics, those visiting the library and computer usage increase; and in addition, we had over 200 individuals registered for the program.

Thank you for reading with us all summer long and for

making this summer reading program a resounding success!

Just because summer is over, it does not mean the programs have ended. Here is what will be happening at the library from Aug. 23 to Sept. 10:

Family Storytime - 11:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 23 and 30

Come here stories, do finger plays and sing songs with Ms. Stephanie

Craft-a-Poolza - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29

Join our teen volunteers during this open craft time to create something fun during the last week of summer vacation.

Family Chalk Walk - 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Join us as we celebrate International Literacy Day. We will be drawing our favorite children's characters outside on the sidewalks. This program will be weather permitting. Call the library at (734) 793-1830 to register for the program, beginning Monday, Aug. 27.

Teen Volunteer Call Out - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10

Are you a teen in need of community service hours for school or community project? Come to this informational meeting to learn about the volunteer opportunities at the Garden City Public Library.

The library is located at 31735 Maplewood St. in Garden City. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Beginning Friday, Sept. 7, the library will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays.

At the Library was written by Stephanie Charlefour, youth and teen librarian. Contact her at scharlefour@garden-city.lib.mi.us or call (734) 793-1837.

Investor's goal is to make money

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I met with new clients last week to review and analyze their portfolio. They haven't done much with their portfolio in a while because they didn't know what to do. However, as a Ford retiree he just received the pension buyout offer from Ford which motivated them to sit down with someone on a professional basis.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

There were many mutual funds in the portfolio that I had recommended in the past such as Janus and Fidelity Magellan. Although these funds and others were stellar performers back in the '90s, they have underperformed over the last decade. When I asked the client why he continued to own these funds, his answer simply was he never got around to selling them.

One of the unfortunate facts about investing is there are a large number of investors who buy an investment and never sell it. Mutual fund companies and other investment companies rely on this and that is why you see funds that have severely underperformed for long periods of time continue to have large amounts of money under management. They depend upon the fact that many investors are lazy and will never sell an investment.

Whether it's because of laziness or loyalty, it doesn't matter. The goal of an investor is to make money. If you have investments that are underperforming - when you compare them to other investments in the same category - why continue to hold them. Of course, I don't mean under-

performing over the short term (six months or a year), but rather two or three years or longer.

If you have funds in your portfolio such as Janus or Fidelity Magellan or other types of funds that have severely underperformed, there are two options. The first is to become more active in your portfolio. This means occasionally rebalancing your portfolio and selling investments that no longer fit your needs or those underperforming. The second option is to recognize that for whatever reason, you're not going to do it on your own and turn your portfolio over to a professional. Not a professional salesperson but someone who will not be paralyzed by analysis, someone whose sole loyalty is to you and what's good for your portfolio. Someone that designs a portfolio based upon your individual goals and objectives.

Investing has become more complex and more difficult over the years. The number of investment alternatives has dramatically increased as well as the pace of change. I think we can all agree that life has become much faster than it's ever been before. You couple these items with the facts that we are living longer and that we are all responsible to save for our retirement, it adds up that we have to be proactive, not passive. The strategy of buy and ignore just doesn't work anymore.

We live in changing times and if you're doing the same thing with your portfolio that you did years and years ago, it probably means you need to consider a change. Good luck!

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

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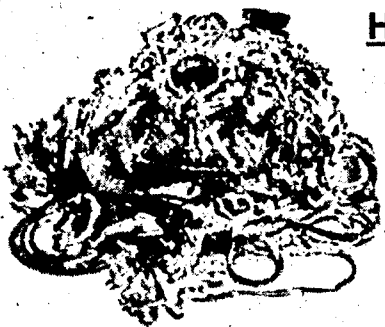
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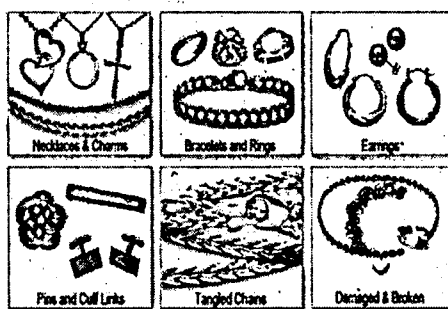
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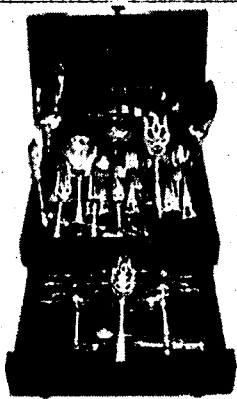
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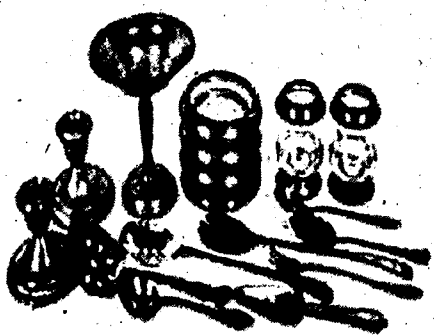
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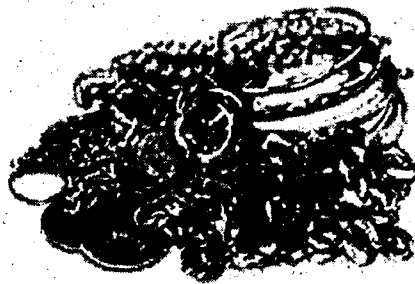
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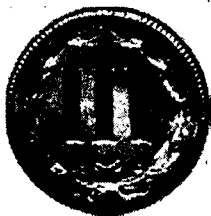
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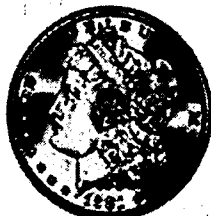
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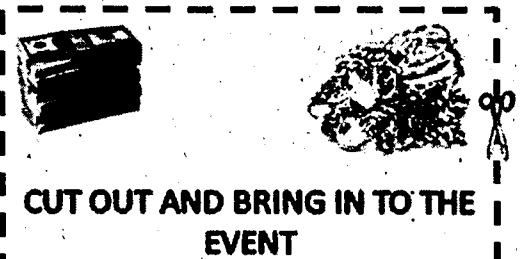


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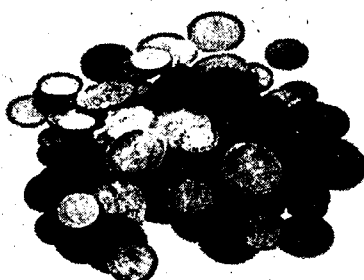
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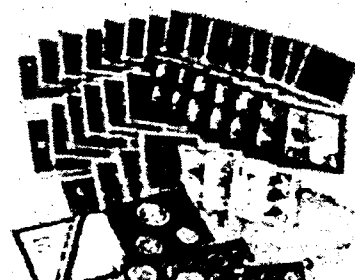
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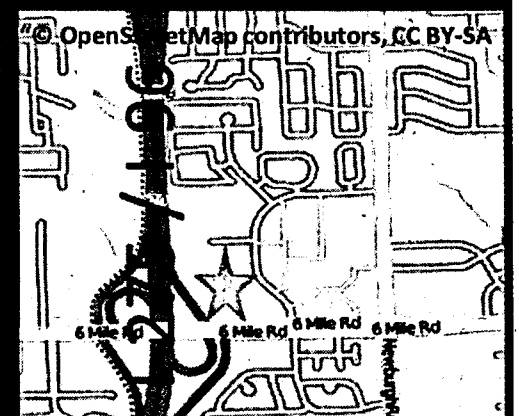
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Senior wide receiver DaMario Jones, who has committed to Central Michigan, should be an explosive offensive weapon this season for the Rockets.

Ready to orbit?

Defense pivotal to Rockets' launch

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

They won't be wearing retro uniforms, but fifth-year Westland John Glenn coach Tim Hardin wants his 2012 team to take a history lesson in Rocket football.

Following back-to-back 4-5 seasons, Hardin has made no bones about the fact that the Rockets have to stop people from scoring.

Last year, Glenn gave up an average of 29 points per game.

"Our big focus and emphasis in the spring and summer, and in camp, has all been towards defense," Hardin said. "The last two

years our defense has not been good. It's been terrible, as a matter of fact. So coaches and players alike, we've made a commitment to shoring up our defense, going back to the fundamentals and being great on defense. And so far that's been working out very well in camp."

Hardin has reason for optimism as senior Jake DeMoss, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound senior linebacker, spearheads the unit after recording 54 solo and 32 assisted tackles a year ago.

The second-team All-Observer selection will provide leadership on the defensive side of the ball along with the high-

ly-recruited DaMario Jones (6-2, 195) in the secondary and interior lineman Jordan Brandon (6-0, 240).

"Our defense is looking good," Hardin said. "They're fast. We talk all the time about playing hard and playing fast, and so far they're doing a good job at that."

The speedy and physical Jones, who transferred to Glenn last season from New Jersey, is being pursued by Mid-American Conference schools. He scored seven touchdowns and had 643 all-purpose yards as a junior.

But if things go accord-

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MU spikers win opener

The No. 16-ranked Madonna University volleyball team got double-figure kill performances from a trio of Crusaders in a 25-15, 21-25, 25-13, 25-20 season-opening victory Tuesday night over St. Francis (Ind.).

Senior Nastija Baranovska and sophomore Samantha Geile led MU with 12 kills each, while 6-foot-3 sophomore Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland) added 10 to go along with six block-assists.

MU setter Evia Prieditis collected 35 assists and 10 digs, while Amanda Obrycki led the defense with 15 digs.

Carrie Clark had eight kills and 11 digs to pace St. Francis. Sara Clark also contributed eight kills.

NFL updates

• Houston Texans wide receiver Keshawn Martin (Westland John Glenn) had three catches for 36 yards in Saturday's 20-9 preseason win at home over the San Francisco 49ers.

The fourth-round pick from Michigan State made his NFL preseason debut Aug. 11 with two catches for 24 yards, along with a 12-yard run on a reverse in a 26-13 Texans win over the host Carolina Panthers.

• Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw (Livonia Clarenceville) had two tackles in a 30-7 exhibition victory Friday over the host Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Penn State grad, a special teams standout now in his sixth NFL season, had one tackle in the Titans' 27-17 loss Aug. 11 against the host Seattle Seahawks.

Soccer rivals fit to be tied

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Nobody was able to break serve in Monday's 2012 boys soccer season opener Monday night between host Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson.

The two teams and their first-year coaches, Ken Shingledecker (Stevenson) and Matt Grodzicki (Churchill), watched their squads battled to a 1-1 draw.

Stevenson carried the play throughout, but found itself down 1-0 late in the match before getting the tying goal with 15:49 remaining from freshman Tyler Gregory off a feed from senior John D'Agostino.

Stevenson held a 13-3 shot advantage, but Churchill goalkeeper Colton Robison was clutch when he had to making a total of seven saves.

Churchill scored its lone goal just 1:44 into the second half when Mike Murphy — celebrating his birthday — popped

home a short one-timer in the midst of a scrum past Stevenson keeper Zach Verant with T.J. DeYoung drawing the assist.

"It looked a little bit like a scrum and they got a tap-in," Shingledecker said of Churchill's tally. "It was unfortunate. Somebody cleared the ball with their head and it (the ball) just sat down in the six-yard box and that made it easy."

Nothing came easy for the Chargers, who found themselves on their heels much of the night.

"I can't say enough about our backline with Nate Bradford, Brian Cavicchio, Joe Paul and Jacob Meyer," Grodzicki said. "Those guys held in there ... and Colton in goal. He didn't have to make the one huge save, but Stevenson is very dangerous and kept coming at us. Like I said, we need to score restart goals, grind-it-out, workmanlike goals, and that's what we did. We couldn't hang on, but Stevenson is

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Stevenson's John D'Agostino (middle) tries to slip through Churchill defenders Brian Cavicchio and Jacob Meyer (9) during Monday's season opener.



Lutheran High Westland's 2012 football fortunes rest with defensive end Alex Reardon (from left), coach Paul Gusé and running back Jacob Richter.

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Warriors think playoffs again

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Earning its first-ever postseason playoff berth in school history, Lutheran High Westland's football team generated plenty of buzz in 2011.

Now the trick is to build off that excitement and perhaps get a playoff victory in 2012.

The Warriors finished 6-4 after losing 46-14 to speedy Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology in the opening

round of the Division 8 state playoffs.

Last Friday, 11th-year Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé got a better read on his team after scrimmaging Flint Atherton and Springport.

"We had some troubles in the secondary," Gusé said. "We had a junior and sophomore starting at the corners, and a senior that has never played before at safety, so we screwed up some

Please see **WARRIORS, B3**

Field hockey: Blazers win

Sophomore Christina Meyer scored off a corner from senior Briana Sultana to give Livonia Ladywood a 1-0 field hockey victory Monday at home over Saline.

Ladywood senior goalie Stephanie Mackley had to make just one save to post the shutout.

Saline goalie Claire Koerschner also made one stop.

Ladywood is 1-0 overall, while the Hornets fall to 0-1.

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Tough debut: RU deals new Wayne coach 7-2 defeat

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

With just under 10 minutes left in Monday night's boys soccer game against visiting Wayne Memorial, Redford Union's Jeff Okerstrom settled a cross 30 yards from the goal, carefully teed up the ball with his left foot and unleashed a right-footed missile into the top third of the west goal at Hilbert Middle School's Kraft Field.

And so it went for most of the night for the Panthers, who cruised to a sometimes sloppy, but never in doubt, 7-2 triumph in the season opener for both teams.

RU senior captain Lewis Ellis opened the campaign in robust fashion as he led the home team's relentless assault with two goals and four assists.

"We experienced a few first-game jitters and there are some things we need to clean up, but we did a lot of good things tonight," RU coach Jim Gibbs said. "We're going to have to keep plugging away at the things we need to work on."

The contest was the coaching debut at Wayne for Jason Dean, who took over the Zebras' head



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Wayne Memorial's Sean Royal (left) and Redford Union's Jayson Walton hit the turf while battling for a loose ball Monday night.

position just two weeks ago after spending the previous two seasons at Garden City.

"The tempo of the game was awful for us," Dean said. "We worked good possession in the first half, but we gave up three goals on six shots. All three goals were basically single players getting into open space and my defense not communicating. Easy goals deflated us mentally."

"Neither team worked effectively in the second half and it looked like only a couple players were giving effort on either squad. It was not a great first result, but we will continue to improve on playing together as a cohesive unit."

The only thing that didn't go the Panthers' way came early on, when Justin Ruffner's goal was waved off due to an off-sides call.

Undeterred, RU tallied five unanswered goals within roughly 30 minutes. Ellis broke the scoreless draw 13 minutes in before the hosts padded their lead with a pair of Jeff Okerstrom goals sandwiched between ones from Justin Ruffner and Ryan Ruffner.

Wayne's lone first-half goal came from James Herdon, who ripped in a shot from 25 yards out.

Martin Ballah accounted for the Zebras' second-half tally, which was assisted by Herdon.

In terms of picturesque goals, RU saved the best for last. With 80 seconds to play, Ellis lofted a perfect cross to senior captain Joe Griffin, who headed in the night-capper from about 8 yards out.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 6, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Carson Kassel notched a hat trick Tuesday as host Roches-

ter Hills Lutheran Northwest (1-0 1-0) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division soccer win over Lutheran High Westland (0-1, 0-1).

Eric Drews, Deven Delinko and Oscar McDonald also tallied goals for the Crusaders, who led 2-0 at intermission. Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Jordan Williams made nine first-half saves and Mitch Meyer added four in the second half.

The loss spoiled the debut of new coach Bob Regan, who singled out the play of center-midfielder Erin Babon and center-back Noah Huffman. **CRESTWOOD 3, FRANKLIN 1:** Jordan Bickham scored off a set piece from Nick O'Brien at the 9-minute mark of the first half for Livonia Franklin (0-1) in a season-opening loss Monday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-0).

Goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski made nine saves in the setback for the Patriots, who trailed 2-1 at halftime.

"Overall defensively and offensively I'm pleased with the way we played," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said.

"We got in and finished, but our shots didn't go in. We also gave them a couple of goals." **N.B. HURON 8, C'VILLE 0:** It was a rough start to the season Monday as host Livonia Clarenceville (0-1) fell to New Boston Huron (1-0).

Nathan Hoge, Karan Khuman, Jesse McGowan and Kwadena Kusi-Appiah each tallied a pair of goals for the Chiefs, who led 5-0 at halftime.

Sophomore defender Cameron Fyffe stood out in the loss for the Trojans, according to coach Trevor Johnson.

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a good team. I wouldn't want to play them in a month."

Robison's best save came on a sprawling effort off the foot of D'Agostino with 28:42 remaining in the first half. D'Agostino then pulled off a nifty give-and-go play with teammate Ryan Schifano, who directed a shot off the right post just 12:22 later during the same half.

"I thought we kind of did what we wanted to do," Shingledecker said. "We applied a lot of pressure. Sometimes they go in, sometimes they don't. I think the game plan was intact and I thought our backline was excellent. We got our outside backs into the play, we just couldn't get that go-ahead goal."

And when the Spartans fell behind early in the second half, they didn't panic.

"We tried to move some players out of the back to the front line looking for a little bit extra upfront," Shingledecker said. "We were applying pressure with our normal rotations. I thought we were good in our attack even with our normal setup."

Gregory then made no mistake on the equalizer after scooting down the right wing and slotting a ball past Robison after taking a pass from D'Agostino.

"John's a big time player," Shingledecker said. "To lay that ball off and have the confidence in the freshman to finish it shows the character in him. Tyler did a great job finishing it."

Meanwhile, Grodzicki tinkered slightly with a more defensive scheme



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Churchill's Mike Murphy (3) scores early in the second half getting shot past Stevenson goalkeeper Zach Verant and defenders Tom O'Brien (23) and Brian Smith (4) with Churchill's T.J. DeYoung (8) also converging on the play.

after getting the one-goal advantage.

"We were thinking about switching our formation when we went up to go a little more defen-

sive," the Churchill coach said. "We stuck with it and I thought our defense was hanging in there, along with the three guys in the mid-

dle. We dropped our outside-mids a little bit, but they (Stevenson) got in behind us. D'Agostino is a big, strong, fast kid. We were worried about him

the whole game. He laid that ball off and that kid (Gregory) finished it, no doubt."

The two rivals are in opposite divisions in the KLAAs Kensington Conference, so they won't see each other until possibly at the end of the season.

"We'll get better and better," Shingledecker said. "We still sorting some things out, but I like what I see and like the personality of this group. We go down a goal and there's no quit. We knew we'd have our hands full. Matt (Grodzicki) is very good at what he does. They're well coached and organized. We knew their goalie (Robison) was top-notch. It's everything we expected. We just wish score a couple of more goals and it just didn't happen."

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

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Aug. 21 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Jonathan Martin (LC) defeated Rhit Bhandange, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Joe Mulka (LC) def. Austin Maley, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 3:** Rishabh Arvikar (LC) def. Prakash Pagadala, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Henry Medwed (F) def. Aditya Vemulopati, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Riley Prince-Mark Denstaedt (LC) def. Yasworth Kmety-Sahit Bollineni, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; **No. 2:** Mayuresh Iyer-Steven Van Wormer (LC) def. Tyler Szymkowski-Riley Balk, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Josh Miller-Ryan Gandy (F) def. Mit Patel Aditya Agrawal, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Copper King-Raymond Peters (LC) def. Griffin McCormack-Josh Hedgecack, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; **No. 5:** Rogv Subramanian-Sean Acker (F) dcef. Drew Lang-Shantam Ravan, 6-3, 6-4.
Churchill's dual match record: 1-0 overall.

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FAST FACTS

School: Westland John Glenn.
Head coach: Tim Hardin (fifth year).
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
2011 record: 4-5.
Notable losses to graduation: Alex Ryan (first-team All-Area), Terrance James, Mike Sims, Jeff Kuhary, James Williams.
Returning starters: Mike Lada, Sr. OG (6-0, 300); DaMario Jones, Sr. WR-RB-DB (6-2, 195); Jake DeMoss, Sr. TE-LB (6-1, 220); Tyler Clemons, Sr. RB-LB (5-11, 215); Jeremy Gysel, Sr. DE (6-1, 190); Keith Kranning, Sr. DE (6-2, 195); Jordan Brandon, Jr. DL (5-10, 240); Alex Isaevski, Sr. K/P (5-10, 140).
Promising newcomers: Devin Spalding, Jr. QB (5-11, 180); Chris Scheffer, Jr. QB (6-0, 185); DeShawn Baker-Williams, Soph. OT (6-3, 280); Sean Forman, Jr. DB (5-7, 150); Jaron Flournoy, Soph. WR (5-10, 140); Jaylen Peete, Jr. DB (5-7, 160); Greg Walker, Sr. WR-DB (6-0, 160); Taylor Ward, Jr. OL-DL (6-2, 210); Quavon Wright-Smith, Jr. DB (6-0, 165).
Hardin says: "It's an extremely tough schedule. There isn't one easy game on it. And of course, the first five games in particular are going to be five games to get through. Those teams that we play at the end of our schedule tend to be teams that seem to get better every week. So those teams are going to be at the top of their game when we get to them. It's going to be a tough schedule all the way around."
2012 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 24 (at Farmington); Aug. 30 (Hartland); Sept. 7 (7:30 p.m. vs. Livonia Franklin); Sept. 14 (Canton); Sept. 21 (6:30 p.m. at Plymouth); Sept. 28 (at Livonia Churchill); Oct. 5 (Wayne); Oct. 12 (KLAAs crossover); Oct. 19 (Ann Arbor Huron).

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coverages. But overall — up front — I thought we did a good job against the run."

The Warriors lost arguably their two top defensive linemen in first-team All-Area pick Dawson Davenport and Eddie Abronovich, a pair of 240-pounders.

Plugging those holes will be senior defensive end and guard Alex Reardon (6-0, 195) and under-sized sophomore nose guard Caleb Richter (5-7, 130).

"At taking on bigger kids and shooting gaps ... we couldn't block him last year in practice as a freshman," Gusé said of Richter. "He had a sack and several tackles in the run game (in the scrimmage). The kid is amazing. For being as little as he is, he's got a heart 10 times the size he is. He's just a tough kid."

The team's top offensive threat will be senior Jacob Richter (5-8, 145), who rushed for 728 yards on 123 carries (5.9 average) to go along with five touchdowns.

He will be joined in the backfield by senior running back Greg Klein (5-10, 165), along with junior quarterback P.J. Gusé (5-10, 150), who takes over

FAST FACTS

School: Lutheran High Westland.
Head coach: Paul Gusé (11th year).
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
2011 record: 6-4.
Notable losses to graduation: Dawson Davenport (first-team All-Area); Eddie Abronovich, Bobby Miller, Matt Sylvester, Thomas Winterstein, Mitch Boehm, Joe Fuoco, Ryan Miller.
Returning starters: Jacob Richter, Sr. RB-Safety (5-8, 145); Alex Reardon, Sr. OG-DE (6-0, 195); Martin Kemp, Sr. FB-ILB (5-8, 180); Greg Klein, Sr. RB-ILB (5-8, 180).
Promising newcomers: Brad Hura, Jr. OL-DL (5-9, 290); Jacob Davenport, Soph. TE-LB (5-9, 160); Nick Andrzejewski, Sr. K-WR-Safety (5-10, 170); Darren Brown, Jr. RB-DB (6-0, 175); Austin Olsen, Soph. CB-SE-RB (5-9, 160); P.J. Gusé, Jr. QB (5-10, 150); Cole Niemi, Jr. C (5-8, 160); Ricky LaChance, Sr. OT-DT (6-2, 220); Caleb Richter, Soph. NG (5-7, 130).
Gusé says: "I thought we were more physical than I thought we were going to be (after Friday's scrimmage). We have 39 kids in the program, but there's a big drop-off from your seniors ... because you end up scrimmaging your freshmen and sophomores. We didn't really know that we'd be physically aggressive as we were. I think that comes from the kids that were around last year, and kind of saw how it was done, and they've done a good job passing it down to the other kids."
2012 schedule (all 1 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 24 (5 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Aug. 30 (7 p.m. at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 8 (Detroit Cesar Chavez); Sept. 15 (Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett); Sept. 22 (Southfield Christian); Sept. 28 (7 p.m. at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian); Oct. 6 (Hamtramck); Oct. 12 (7 p.m. at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian); Oct. 20 (Detroit Allen Academy).

ophy is basically a Wing-T team. It's run first, pass later, especially with a young quarterback back there."

The Warriors open their season 5 p.m. Friday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook before moving into Michigan Independent Athletic Conference play Thursday, Aug. 23, at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Despite several key losses to graduation, Gusé said there is one variable to the upcoming season that can't be predicted.

"Like always, injuries will determine how far we go," he said. "Last year was pretty amazing. We only lost a couple of kids to injuries and the year before that lost everybody to injury. I like our starting 11. The problem is we don't have a lot of depth."

So is a return to the postseason a possibility?

"I don't know we can make the playoffs, but we'll know more after we play Cranbrook on Friday," Gusé said. "It's a winnable game for us, but it took us two weeks to get rolling last year. Last year we didn't have a scrimmage, but with the scrimmage this year, it really moves us forward."

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 Seniors Mike Lada (left) and Jeremy Gysel will help anchor the offensive and defensive lines, respectively, for the 2012 John Glenn football team.

ROCKETS

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ing to plan, Jones could triple those numbers this season.

"DaMario fits in the equation by playing wide receiver, running back, and he'll also take a snap under center sometimes," Hardin said.

Two juniors are vying for the quarterback job — Devin Spalding (5-11, 180) and Chris Scheffer (6-0, 185).

"Our plan right now is to play both quarterbacks," Hardin said. "One is throwing the ball better than the other, and the one not throwing the ball as well is a better runner, so we'll play both of them. We're going to have some similar plays for each of them, but then some specific plays each of them are going to run."

Hardin has tweaked his attack to be similar to vintage Rocket football.

"We're going to run a pro-style offense basically," he said. "It will look like more what John

Glenn used to look like. We'll have I-back sets — like old-school John Glenn — very often. But we're also going to run a lot of one back sets, too."

The big question mark, according to the Glenn coach, is the development of the offensive line where first-team All-Observer tackle Alex Ryan graduated.

Sophomore tackle DeShawn Baker-Williams (6-3, 280) and junior Taylor Ward (6-2, 210) both show promise.

"The offensive line has been a project this off-season and throughout camp," said Hardin, whose team opens the season with a tough test Friday, Aug. 24, at Farmington. "We haven't panned in who the starters are. Probably three to four guys have pretty much nailed down their spots, but we still have one or two guys that are competing. They're going to be young, but they're working hard, and that's good."

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the starting job from Matt Sylvester.

Junior center Cole Niemi (5-8, 160) helps anchor the offensive line along with Reardon and senior offensive tackle Ricky

LaChance (6-2, 220).

"Cole is very intelligent, makes all the calls on our blocking schemes," Gusé said. "We're still a Wing-T team. We ran some 'Jet' last year, but our philos-

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL Head coach: Mark Grenier, 10th year. League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division). Last year's overall record: 28-16-2. Notable losses to graduation: Erin Menard (third-team All-Area); Jackie Tolles. Leading returnees: Emily Norscia, 6-0 Sr. OH (first-team All-Area, 524 kills); Marissa Pomaville, 6-1 Sr. MH (third-team All-Area); Julia Szuba, 5-6 Sr. libero; Casey Bias, 5-6 Sr. DS; Mackenzie Hamill, 5-10 Jr. OH-MH; Krystyn Niescier, 5-6 Sr. libero; Katie Chartrand, 5-9 Sr. setter; Courtney Pietruszka, 5-8 Sr. OH; Audrey Durocher, 5-9 Sr. OPP. Promising newcomers: Beth Tarnacki, 5-9 Jr. OH; Natalee Dziewit, 5-6 Jr. DS-setter; Gabby Beck, 5-9 Jr. MH; Megan Damio, 5-6 Jr. libero; Rayna Yetts, 5-9 Fr. OPP-setter. Grenier's 2012 outlook: "We return a great core of last year's team and have added some very talented newcomers. With a solid offseason and everyone much improved, our goal is to be very competitive within the division and conference and especially against such good teams as Stevenson, Plymouth, and Canton. Overall, this team has as much talent as any team that we have had in the last five years or so."



Emily Norscia Churchill

DS; Sarah Cramton, 5-6 Soph. OH; Kelly Newton, 5-6 Soph. libero; Morgan Larkin, 5-9 Soph. setter; Mikayla Sienkiewicz, 5-6 Soph. setter. Jimenez' 2012 outlook: "We lost two key players to graduation, setter Rachael Kapchus and libero Nicole Williamson. Sophomore setter Mikayla Sienkiewicz is improving with each practice, while sophomore Kelly Newton continues to amaze with her relentless defense and athletic ability. Captains Kelly O'Brien, Mackenzie Lukas and Madison Osborn are providing much leadership. Offensively we are not big, but we are quick and have some jumpers. Our strengths are our defense and serving."

LIVONIA STEVENSON Head coach: Kelly Graham, 19th year. League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division). Last year's overall record: 39-13-2. Titles won last year: Class A district and regional champions; East Lansing and Carleton Airport invitationals. Notable losses to graduation: Kelly Vellucci (first-team All-Area); Jordan York (second-team All-Area). Leading returnees: Katie Tomasic, 6-1 Jr. OH-setter (first-team All-Area, co-captain; 587 digs, 416 digs); Mara Murray, 5-9 Sr. OH; Morgan Copperstone, 5-10 Sr. OH; Allie Koestering, 5-4 Sr. setter (captain); Kelsey Szabo, 5-6 Sr. DS; Annie MacDonald, 5-7 Sr. OH; Taylor McLaugh, 6-0 Jr. OH; Amanda Hawkins, 6-0 Jr. MB; Abby Whitehead, 6-0 Jr. MB. Promising newcomers: Sarah Soave, 5-5 Jr. setter; Allie Strautz, 5-3 Soph. DS. Graham's 2012 outlook: "I am very excited for this season to start coming off the fun season last year. In losing both (Kelly) Vellucci and (Jordan) York are huge shoes to fill but with so many veterans coming back I will rely on their experience and ability to fill in those gaps left. Again, we are tall and hopefully will be able to draw upon that along with the strength of our offense to find success."



Katie Tomasic Stevenson

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Krista DePoy, first year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division). Last year's overall record: 17-20-6. Notable losses to graduation: Sarah Headrick (fourth-team All-Area); Brooklyn Holbrook (fourth-team All-Area); Jordan Coniam, Katie McNally, Nicole Quaine. Leading returnees: Claire Truskowski, 5-5 Sr. setter; Emily McNally, 5-9 Sr. RSH; Hannah Staples, 5-6 Jr. LSH; Valerie Ernat, 5-6 Soph. LSH. Promising newcomers: Kelly Epperson, 5-9 Soph. MH; 5-4 Briana Robinson, Soph. libero; Courtney Schaber, 5-7 Jr. MH-RSH. DePoy's 2012 outlook: "We are working hard to rebuild the program to replace the key seniors we lost last season, as well as prepare for the three seniors we will be losing at the end of this season. Our ultimate goal is to be a winning team, not only this year but for years to come. We have been working very hard in the gym and in the classroom to prepare us for situations that happen on the court and the girls are stepping up to the challenges placed before them. This core group of girls has a lot of heart, dedication and talent. I believe that when you put them together in battle they can accomplish great things. We are looking forward to a strong district and conference run this year we are faced with a lot of talent in both spaces."

WAYNE MEMORIAL Head coach: Samantha Dye, second year. League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division). Last year's overall record: 19-13-2. Titles won last year: Class A district champions. Notable losses to graduation: Keri Horton (second-team All-Area), Ciara Frazier. Leading returnees: Katie Horton, 6-0 Sr. OH-MH (first-team All-Area; captain, 537 kills, 247 digs, 181 blocks); Danielle Robbels, Jr. 5-7 OH-DS; Samantha Hershby, Sr. 5-2 DS-setter; Ashley Carey, 5-10 Sr. OH; Promising newcomers: Deja Tamlin, 5-7 Jr. MH; Savannah Monette, 5-6 Jr. DS-setter; Paige Chalmers, Jr. 5-9 Jr. OH; Michelle Janes, 5-4 Jr. DS; Crystal Fletcher, 5-7 Jr. DS; Karley Buford, 6-0 Soph. MH. Dye's 2012 outlook: "I am expecting huge things from Katie Horton. As captain she has already stepped up and jumped right into the role. The girls listen to her and learn a ton from her every day. We have a ton of individual talent. Now we are just looking to combine that talent on the court joining together as one strong unit. With the season underway we still have much to work on as a team, but once we get our chemistry and flow down I know we will be very competitive. We are looking

to improve our record and in the long run we are looking to take the next step and get pass regional's this year. Deja Tamlin is new to our school this year. She will be playing middle opposite of Katie Horton. She is an aggressive player at net. She is starting to read the court more and more everyday and becoming a very smart player."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD Head coach: Erin Craggs, 12th year. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division). Last year's overall record: 39-18. Titles won last year: Class B district champions. Notable losses to graduation: Kenzie Kettner (first-team All-Area); Jenny Rhodes (first-team All-Area); Alex Hines (second-team All-Area); Cheyenne Woodall (third-team All-Area); Kristie Aurdand. Leading returnees: Olivia Quinn, 6-0 Sr. MH; Allie Malick, 5-10 Sr. OH; Andria Gietl, 5-8 Sr. OH; Victoria Williams, 5-7 Sr. OH; Izzabella Porada, 5-7 Soph. libero. Promising newcomers: Hayley Jury, 5-10 Sr. setter; Hannah Lauer, 5-6 Sr. DS; Theresa Micallef, 5-4 Jr. setter; Sabine Hutter, 6-1 Jr. RSH; Jackie Kirouac, 5-0 Jr. DS; Lindsey Wagner, 5-8 Jr. OH; Molly McClorey, 5-10 Soph. MH; Kayla March, 5-10 Fr. OH-MH; Natalie Panek, 5-8 Fr. OH; Haley Moores, 5-8 Fr. OH. Craggs' 2012 outlook: "We will have a different look this year. It is a fun group that is responding well and gelling as a team. We have a great mix of the veteran experience and young talent. This group of seniors will be relied upon heavily to make plays and provide leadership to the newcomers. As the newcomers continue to improve, we will be very competitive."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE Head coach: Wendy Merschman, seventh year. League affiliation: Independent. Last year's overall record: 27-15-4. Titles won last year: Class B district champions. Notable losses to graduation: Angela Murphy, Brittney Olds, Lauren Katz, Sadie Zachos. Leading returnees: Ashley Murphy, 5-11 Sr. MH-OH (All-Region); Jodi Ankiel, 5-5 Sr. OH-DS; Tonya Vernier, 5-9 Sr. OH-MH; Ayanna Buckley, 5-11 MH (third-team All-Area); Christine Hurmiz, 5-0 Jr. DS-setter; Kelsey Griffin, 5-0 Jr. libero; Nicole Kurdziel, 5-6 Jr. setter. Promising newcomers: Sarah Curvin, 5-9 Soph. OH; Hunter Iuliano, 5-7 Jr. OH; Summer Reddick, 5-2 Jr. DS; Erica Katz, Jr. 5-10 MH-OH; Justine Bateman, 5-6 Jr. DS; Tayla Heller, 5-7 Sr. DS. Merschman's 2012 outlook: "We are returning five of our six starters and adding some competitive players. We have a lot of work to do still but we are progressing well. The girls look strong offensively and our setter has more experience this year, so now we have been more determined to be stronger defensively. We have been

working hard on defense and serve receive. Really focusing on playing together as a unit. We are going to have tough competition, but I believe this group of girls is up for the challenge and are committed to working hard and playing hard. Our goal is to be better every day every time we step on the court. I think we have a lot of potential and will be very competitive."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND Head coach: Kevin Wade, seventh year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division). Last year's overall record: 18-18-4. Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Terranella (second-team All-Area); Taylor Wiemer, Hannah Conley, Marissa Hahn, Erica Killian. Leading returnees: Leah Refenes, 5-11 Jr. OH-setter; Shannon Abbott, 5-2 Sr. setter; Chandler Davenport, 5-6 Sr. DS; Aldreanna Fikes, 5-8 Sr. OH; Allissa Flury, 6-0 Sr. MH; Marcella Flury, 6-0 Sr. OH; Sam Roberts, 5-10 Sr. OH. Promising newcomers: Natalie Freeman, 5-9 Jr. MH; Madison Conley, 5-2 Jr. DS; Beth Cross, 5-3 Jr. DS; Emily Brown, 6-1 Jr. OH; Julia Yancy, 5-2 Jr. libero. Wade's 2012 outlook: "We're young experience-wise. We graduated pretty much the whole starting lineup, but we'll have some people that will allow us to compete. We'll play a lot of tough tournaments, so we'll be battle tested throughout the year. We need to jell as a unit and find the right combination to play as one. Ann Arbor Greenhill is the favorite in our division. They were good last year and have their top two hitters back."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN Head coach: Mike Dest, ninth year. League affiliation: MIAC (White Division). Last year's overall record: 27-12-4. Titles won last year: MIAC White Division champions. Notable losses to graduation: Allie Dest (fourth-team All-Area), Paige Schmidt. Leading returnees: Lexus Medina, 5-11 Jr. OH-MH (fourth-team All-Area); Ana Gutierrez, 5-2 Sr. DS; Dayna Schroeder, 5-10 Jr. MH; Madison Dest, 5-9 Soph. OH; Anne St. John, 5-8 Soph. setter; Julie St. John, 5-9 Soph. DS-libero. Promising newcomers: Sarah Setian, 5-6 Jr. MH; Brooke Kuehn, 5-7 Jr. OH-DS; Emma Bogenschutz, 5-9 Jr. MH; Bethany Schaffer, 5-2 Soph. DS-libero; Nikki Alcini, 5-8 Soph. OH-setter; Madison Ott, 5-9 Fr. MH. Dest's 2012 outlook: "Allie Dest and Paige Schmidt left a good foot print for our very young team to follow this year. Although we're young, we have a lot of experience and talent with a very high volleyball I.Q. With four starters returning from last year - Medina, Schroeder, Dest and St. John) - mixed in with some great newcomers, I'm really looking forward to getting the season started to see where we stack up this year."

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Livonia Churchill, coached by Mark Grenier (back row, second from left) opened the 2012 girls volleyball season Saturday by going 6-0 in the Grand Haven Invitational.

Clarenceville a hit in season opener

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville's volleyball team made an impressive opening statement Tuesday night against visiting Redford Thurston.

Fueled by the booming front-row play of Tonya Vernier, Ayanna Buckley and Erica Katz, the Trojans clipped the Eagles, 25-14, 25-9 and 25-17, in the first match of the season for both teams.

Vernier compiled a team-high seven kills — two more than Katz.

Buckley was an all-around force while pacing the winners with six service aces.

"I thought we played pretty well tonight," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman. "I still think we need to work on our defense, but other than that, we're coming together well."

The young and scrappy Eagles battled all night, but were hampered by shaky passing.

"Our passing was inconsistent and our serve-receive was very inconsistent," said Thurston coach Scott Gray. "Our setters are probably ready drive off a cliff because they're so frustrated and our hitters are frustrated as well. I keep harping on them that we can't run anything unless we pass the volleyball. Tomorrow at practice, that's all we're going to do: pass the volley-



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Clarenceville junior outside hitter Ayanna Buckley reverses roles and executes a set during Tuesday's victory over Redford Thurston.

ball, again and again and again."

Senior front-row ace Arielle Paris picked up two blocks and three kills for Thurston. Sarah Baker was solid when setting as she netting a team-high six assists to go along with one block and one kill.

Junior Ariana Gregory had an impressive varsity debut for Thurston as she notched two blocks, two digs, an ace and a kill.

After dropping the first two games, Thurston showed some spunk in

the finale as they trailed just 14-12 following a Paris kill. However, the Trojans put the match on ice by reeling off a 5-0 run that included three consecutive aces by Buckley and a textbook block by Katz, a 5-11 junior.

"It's not all doom and gloom," Gray concluded. "I see a lot of positives. I thought we served really well and we dug out a lot of decent balls. (Clarenceville) has some nice hitters."

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Tournament-tested Charger spikers rule Grand Haven invite

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill got off to a rousing start to the 2012 girls volleyball season on Saturday by winning the Grand Haven Invitational.

The Chargers captured all six matches capped by a 25-15, 32-20 triumph in the finals over Hudsonville after downing Holland Christian in the semifinals, 25-17, 20-25, 15-11, and defending Class A state champion Rockford in the quarterfinals of the elimination round, 25-19, 25-16.

Churchill, now 6-0 overall, started pool play with victories over Holt (26-24, 25-17), Jenison (25-16, 20-25, 16-14) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central (25-19, 21-25, 15-12).

Senior middle hitters Emily Norscia and Marissa Pomaville led Churchill's offensive attack with 67 and 64 total kills, respectively, on the day. The 6-foot-1 Pomaville added a team high 10 blocks, while the 6-foot Norscia contributed six.

Mackenzie Hamill, a 5-10 junior outside hitter, chipped in with 25 kills and four blocks.

Defensively, senior libero Julia Szuba led the way with 70 total digs and three ace serves.

Other standouts for the Chargers included seniors Casey Bias (39 digs, five aces); Krystyn Niescier (38 digs); and Courtney Pietruszka (34 digs, 12 kills, five aces).

Pats start 3-3

Livonia Franklin split six matches to open the

season Saturday at the Hartland Invitational.

The Patriots defeated Howell (25-22, 25-16), Hartland (25-23, 25-17) and Walled Lake Western (25-23, 26-24), while losing to defending Class B state champion Flushing (19-25, 7-25), Farmington Harrison (23-25, 18-25) and Imlay City (22-25, 14-25).

"I feel our record should be 5-1 at this point not 3-3," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We had some mental breakdowns and did not execute towards the end of some games. I was pleased with our defense and serving."

Sophomore libero Kelly Newton paced the Franklin defense with 72 total digs to go along with 10 aces.

Sophomore setter Mikayla Sienkiewicz added 53 assists, while senior Madison Osborn collected 38 kills and 22 digs.

Other leaders for the Patriots included senior Mackenzie Lukas (23 kills), sophomore Sarah Cramton (10 kills, 26 digs); and senior Tori Dubuc (13 kills, 10 aces).

Warriors split

Amanda McIntire proved to be too much Saturday as host Battle Creek St. Philip, the defending state Class D champions, rolled to a 25-10, 25-10 quarterfinal victory over Lutheran High Westland.

The Warriors earned the seventh seed in pool play after defeating Battle Creek Central (25-12, 25-16) and splitting with Saranac (21-25, 25-16) and Hanover Horton (27-

25, 16-25).

"Not a bad day for our first competition of the year," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 1-2-2 overall. "We let one get away against Saranac in the first set but rebounded nicely. It was good to play the six-time defending champion as well so we could determine some things to strive for as the season progresses."

Julia Yancy had 30 digs and served 27 points, including seven aces, to pace the Warriors.

Other contributions came from Leah Refenes (12 kills, 12 assists); Alissa Flury (seven kills, 12 blocks, including six solo); Sam Roberts (seven kills); Shannon Abbott (16 assists); Chandler Davenport (25 service points, 10 aces); and Natalie Freeman (four total blocks).

Rockets fizzle

Westland John Glenn opened its season Saturday dropping three-of-four matches in the West Bloomfield Invitational.

It was the debut of first-year coach Krista DePoy, who singled out the setting of Claire Truskowski, the hitting of Hannah Staples and the defensive play of Valerie Ernat.

In pool play, the Rockets defeated Southfield (2-0), while losing to Davison (0-2) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (0-2). Southfield came back and defeated Glenn in the consolation round, 2-1.

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GIRLS GOLF OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Paul Worley, fifth year.
Home course: Whispering Willows.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: second, KLAAs South (7-3); fourth, conference; third, Division 1 regional.

Leading returnees: Jackie Burdette, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Maggie McGowan, Sr.; Claire Rose, Sr.; Maddie Spooner, Sr.; Taylor Cutting, Sr.; Katie Shereda, Jr.; Elizabeth Havlik, Jr.; Marin McGowan, Soph.; Megan Hellie, Soph.; Alyssa Mazur, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Rylie Fallu, Jr.; Mia Mioduszecki, Jr.; Jackie Haddad, Soph.

Worley's 2012 outlook: "There are some big holes to fill with the losses to graduation of Jordyn Shepler (first-team All-Area), Nicole Kruse."

Leading returnees: Laura Shureb, Sr.; Kelsey Duntley, Sr.; Mary Peltz, Jr.; Alyssa Blaskiewicz, Sr.

Promising newcomer: Jessica Crachiola, Soph.

Higham's 2012 outlook: "I have already seen many improvements from the girls this year. We are in a very tough conference, but we can compete with any team out there. I look forward to a having a good season with a good group of girls."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Steve Pilon,

Home course: Idyl Wyld. Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAs South (6-4); ninth, conference; 13th, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Lexi Smith.

Leading returnees: Jacquelyn Hansen, Soph.; Kelsey Hansen, Jr.; Allison Karczynski, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Kendall Payne, Fr.

Dolmetsch's 2012 outlook: "We are a very young team, with some talent. We are just looking to improve each and every day and try to build the program back up to where it once was."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Dave Higham, first year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fifth, KLAAs Central (4-6); sixth, conference; ninth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Rebecca Bubenheimer (first-team All-Area); Sarah King, Maddie Omietanski.

Leading returnees: Laura Shureb, Sr.; Kelsey Duntley, Sr.; Mary Peltz, Jr.; Alyssa Blaskiewicz, Sr.

Promising newcomer: Jessica Crachiola, Soph.

Higham's 2012 outlook: "I have already seen many improvements from the girls this year. We are in a very tough conference, but we can compete with any team out there. I look forward to a having a good season with a good group of girls."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Steve Pilon,

10th year.
Home course: Fellows Creek.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: fifth, KLAAs South (2-8); 10th, Division 1 regional; 11th, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Bishop.

Leading returnees: Olivia Cabildo, Soph.; Hailey Aria, Soph.

Promising newcomers: To be determined.

Pilon's 2012 outlook: "We have eight freshman, two sophomores and no upper class. Some are learning the grip and all the basics of the game. If they stick with it they can develop down the road. They're looking forward to season and excited for starting the matches. We still have room on the team for three more golfers."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Brian Gabbart, first year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fourth, Catholic League; seventh, Division 3 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Nelson, Christina Briden, Katie Gubachy.

Leading returnees: Sara Even, Sr.; Kayla D'Allesandro, Jr.; Alex Parisot, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Caroline Bork, Jr.

Gabbart's 2012 outlook: "This season we will be focusing on solidifying the games of our returning players, while working with the JV squad to prepare them for the 2013 season. I see a lot of potential in our team, and with the right work ethic, I see 2012 being a successful year for us."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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August

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Musical groups from St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, will present selections of contemporary worship music

Contact: (734) 459-3333

FAMILY FAIR

Time/Date: 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: AlphaFest Family Fun Fair will include a jumbo slide, dunk tank, face painting, balloon animals, caricatures, live entertainment, and games for children of all ages. Refreshments are free to the public and will include hot dogs, popcorn, cotton

candy and ice cream. Attendees 18 years and older will be eligible to enter a free drawing to win a TV or other prizes

Contact: (734) 421-6300 or www.alphabaptistlivonia.com

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Sign up now; show is Oct. 6

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: An 8- by 10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community

Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: "Rocky Point Lighthouse" is designed for children, 5-11 or in K-5th grade. It will include stories

about Jesus, crafts, music, games, snacks, lunch and more. \$5 donation per child. Sponsorships are available to families in need

Contact: Register at (734) 427-3660

September

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13

Contact: Loretta at (586) 264-0282

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under

Contact: (248) 348-7600

BROTHERHOOD BREAK-

FAST

Time/Date: 9 a.m. breakfast; 9:30 a.m. program, Sunday, Sept. 9

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Bill Ballenger, editor of "Inside Michigan Politics," will kick off a Sunday morning breakfast speaker series. Ballenger is a former state representative and senator, an ex-state racing commissioner and former director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation. The breakfast costs \$3; coffee and bagels are \$2. No charge for the program. Both are open to the public

Contact: Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3149

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings, a support group for divorced Catholics, meets. The Rev. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will talk, followed by a Q&A ses-

sion that gives attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration recommended. No admission charge for the event

Contact: newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Time/Date: Rosh Hashanah services, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17; Yom Kippur services include Kol Nidre service, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 and Neilah service and breakfast, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Canton

Details: No tickets are required. Donations accepted

Contact: (734) 480-8880; BetChaverim@yahoo.com; BetChaverim.com

LECTURE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Marni Davis will be the guest speaker at the 2012 Mary Einstein Shapero Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives of Temple Beth El. She will talk about her book, "Jews and Booze: Becoming American in the Age of Prohibition" which portrays American Jews' relationship to alcohol during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the years of the national Prohibition movement. No admission charge. Davis' book will be available for purchase

Contact: For reservations or more information call (248) 865-0628 or at e-mail to franklinarchives@tbeonline.org

RALLY DAY

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. service; 11:30 a.m. picnic

Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: Get acquainted with Mt. Hope at a Rally Day service and old-fashioned picnic. The picnic will include lots of food, old-fashioned games, music and a dunk tank.

Contact: (734) 425-7280

Rosary Rally returns to Livonia

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 13, if you want to pray with others outdoors, using rosary beads.

The annual Livonia Rosary Rally will return to the parking lot at Madonna University for an hour-long gathering. The Rev. Don LaCuesta will lead the crowd in praying the rosary from noon-1 p.m. The rosary is a Catholic devotion that uses beads to keep track of each prayer recited.

"We had 206 people last year in bad weather conditions," said Paul Daniel, rally organizer, in an e-mail. "We're hoping to get over 500 people this year."

The rally will be held in conjunction with similar gatherings nationwide that are promoted by an organization called America Needs Fatima.

Participants may bring a chair to the rally and handicapped parking and restroom facilities will be available.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

A crowd withstands cold, damp weather to pray with rosary beads in the parking lot at Madonna University last year. Organizers of the 2012 Rosary Rally hope for better weather and a larger crowd.

Participants may bring a chair to the rally and handicapped parking and restroom facilities will be available.

For more information or to register for the

Livonia rally, call (734) 591-0360 or e-mail to padaniel1@gmail.com.

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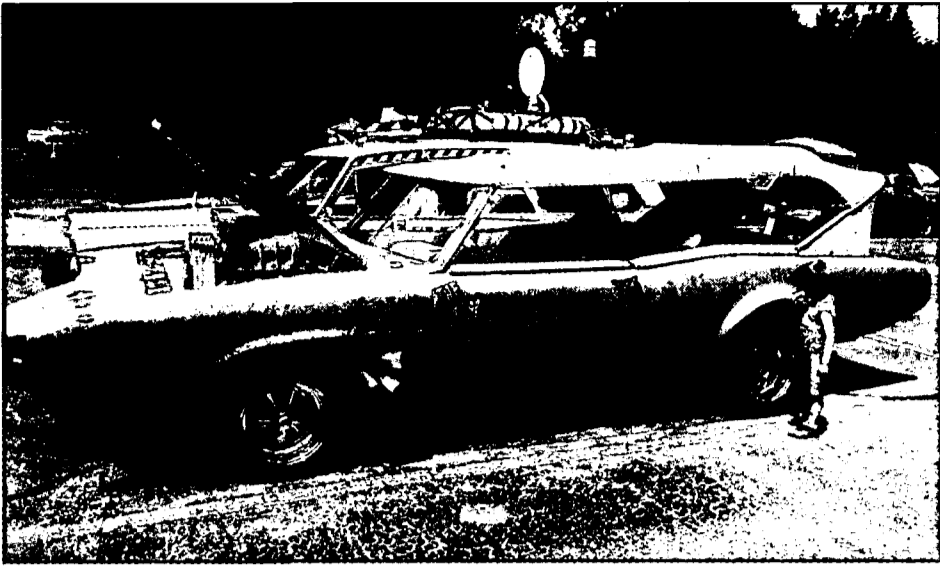
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A youngster checks out "The Monkeemobile" at a previous Livonia Church of Christ Charity Car Show.



Exhibitors find a shady spot to sit while showing their cars during the Livonia Church of Christ Charity Car Show last year.

Family-friendly car show benefits Angela Hospice

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Got a vehicle that isn't quite old enough to be called classic, but one that has aged a decade or two?

Members of the Livonia Church of Christ will give you their blessing to get in on the fun at the church's 11th annual charity car show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

"We don't have any restrictions on the vehicle. If it's unique and interesting, if people will be interested in looking at it, bring it out," said Lisa Stewart, a church member who's helping with publicity for the show. "It's not just classic cars that fall into a specific year or are considered antique."

Cars, trucks, and motorcycles will be on display in six different classes ranging from vehicles up to 1960 to those from 2003 and newer. Registration is \$15 per vehicle — cash only — the day of the show. The first 100 entrants will receive a goodie bag and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Judges will award class trophies and "best of show."

Spectators are admitted to the show for free. A disc jockey will be on hand, food and drinks will be available for purchase and a tin can auction will be held.

Mike Bennett, a church member and one of the show organizers, said the number of cars on display varies from year to year, depending on the weather. The show last year drew 78 vehicles, including a few trucks and classic motorcycles.

"Our show draws an eclectic mix of high quality vehicles, falling generally into two groups — classics, those from the 50s, 60s and early 70s, and late models, those from the last couple of decades," Bennett said. "This is different from some shows which are limited to vehicles at least 25 years old and is why we changed the name of the event from Classic Car Show to Charity Car Show."

Helping hospice

The show has included some form of charitable giving since its inception. For the first two years, Memories in Motion, a car club that helped the church organize the event, suggested raising money for Mott's Children's Hospital. The club supported the hospital at its own shows.

"We elected to support Angela Hospice because members of our congregation had connections with it through volunteering or family experiences, plus it was a local charity," Bennett said. Money raised from the first two shows was split between the hospital and



Visitors to the 11th annual Livonia Church of Christ Charity Car Show can peek under the hood of vehicles on display.

the hospice.

"Since we've been organizing the shows ourselves, all the money raised has gone to the hospice."

Last year the church raised \$2,000 for Angela Hospice.

Celebrity cars

Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan has supported the show through the years with a large turnout of

members. The Hypnotic Kreationz, a club dedicated to customizing late model vehicles, also was on hand last year. Two years ago car stars of television and movies, including the Monkeemobile and replicas of the General Lee from the *Dukes of Hazzard* and the *Ghostbusters* car, turned heads at the show.

"That same group is invited this year," Stewart noted.

This year the show is sandwiched between two much larger car events. The Woodward Dream Cruise was held last weekend and the Cruisin' Hines Drive Cruise is Sunday, Aug. 26. Stewart isn't certain if their proximity will help or hurt the charity car show.

"It could be beneficial in that they still have their car out ... it depends on the mindset

of car enthusiasts," she said.

The charity show started as an activity that fathers in the congregation could share with their children on Father's Day. It became a late summer event to avoid often poor weather and busy schedules earlier in the season.

For more information, visit livoniachurch.net. Livonia Church of Christ is located at 15431 Mer-

Make plans for State Fair fun

You'll find clowns, livestock, agricultural displays, and more under one roof at the new Great Lakes State Fair, Friday-Monday, Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at the Suburban Collection in Novi.

Advance tickets for all exhibits, entertainment, a Shriners mini circus, and unlimited midway rides, are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children, 3-12. Add \$5 for admission at the door Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

Tickets for livestock and indoor exhibits, entertainment and beer garden only are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children, 3-12, if purchased in advance. At the door prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

Visitors will see home-grown fruits and vegetables, homemade arts, crafts, photography, quilts and home-baked goods at the agricultural area and will get a close-up view of cows, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry and pigs in the livestock exhibit. Galloping Clydesdale, Percheron, and Belgian horses will perform in the Fair's arena.

Local musical acts will entertain throughout each day of the Fair. Annabelle Road will kick off the evening entertainment at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 with a sound



Jack

that combines the styles of Carrie Underwood, Johnny Cash and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Singer-songwriter, Jill Jack, the winner of 33 Detroit Music Awards, will headline at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 and David Shelby, playing country-rock, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2. Country artist John Phillips wraps up entertainment at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. Other performers include Kidz Klez, Stray Saints, Gratitude Steel Band, KayLyn Pace, Six Foot Poles, Michael Stefaniak, Detroit Soul Men, Paige Bolen, Tim Reeves, The Last, Jeff Taylor Band, Men of Grace, Azusa Street Band, Jennifer Lawson, Saline Fiddlers, Marvin Thompson Jr. and Friends, and Lyin' Dogs Band.

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ments will provide rides, amusements, games and tasty treats and the Shrine Circus will thrill crowds with high wire heroics, acrobatics, clowns and a number of wild animals acts.

Fairgoers will be able to buy food, beverages and other items that are grown, manufactured or produced in Michigan at the Michigan Pavilion. Michigan brewed-beer also will flow from taps outside in the Beer Garden.

Visitors, age 5 and older, may participate in a variety of contests — from spitting watermelon seeds to hula hooping — throughout the Fair.

The Suburban Collection is located at 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi. For more information visit www.greatlakesstatefair.org.

Symphony plays free concerts

Tickets will be available for five free Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) concerts beginning Aug. 27 at dso.org/dtemusic.

The concerts are set for five metro Detroit venues. They were selected from a pool of nearly 100 locations that were nominated for DSO concerts.

Local venues with concert times and dates are:

- 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 4th St., Wayne

- 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor

The venues were selected by a panel of community members, influenced by an overwhelming volume of feed-

back from the public. dso.org/dtemusic, which has profiled each eligible venue since June 5, received nearly 5,000 notes from community members in support of their favorite venue, and immediately became the DSO's most frequently-viewed page with more than 9,000 visitors.

Attendees will be eligible for an exclusive \$99 subscription offer, which includes six concerts — The Romance of Rachmaninoff, Oct. 19-21; Rodeo!, Nov. 9-11; The Nutcracker!, Dec. 13-14; Elgar's "Enigma", Jan. 19-20, 2013; Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Feb. 2, 2013 and Classical Roots, March 8-9, 2013. Box office personnel will be onsite to assist with purchase and seating.

GET OUT!

Art

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through Aug. 24

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

Contact: (248) 473-1800

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: Sept. 5-28

Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

Details: The Club, founded in 1960, holds its 52nd annual art exhibit, featuring oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, collage and drawings

Contact: Livonia City Hall at (734) 466-2200

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 25

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Thoughts With Thread" exhibit features art quilts, woven tapestries, embroidery, paper, baskets, felted wool and figurative

work

Coming up: "Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction" runs Sept. 7-22 and features mosaic work by artists from around the world that will be auctioned online at <http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF>. Online bidding runs from 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1 to 9 p.m. Sept. 21. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Northville Art House

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Dance

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30

Please see GET OUT, B9

GET OUT

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p.m. every Thursday
Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Details: Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6;

dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7 Sunday-Thursday

Contact: (734) 453-8300

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 25-26

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," \$3

Coming up: "Moonrise Kingdom," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6; "Brave," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

Summer Cinema: All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30.

Tickets cost \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "North by Northwest," \$4

Coming up: "What's Up Doc?" 8 p.m. Sept. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 8, \$4; "The Sea Hawk," 8 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 22, \$4

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Anders Osborne, Aug. 23; Mustard's Retreat, Aug. 24; Mark O'Connor & The Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 25; Blue Highway, Aug. 26; Goitse, Aug. 27; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Daniel Champagne, Aug. 28; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Aug. 29; Brendan James, Aug. 30; Bill Kirchen, Aug. 31

Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: The Julliard String Quartet opens the 69th season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, a non-profit organization based in Farmington Hills. Tickets

are \$30-\$60.

Contact: (248) 855-6070 or www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org.

CULTURAL CONCERT SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8

Location: Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Cut Time Players kicks off the series with a program of light classics, such as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," Ravel's "Bolero," and more. Cut Time Players is an ensemble formed in 1995 by an enthusiastic group of Detroit Symphony Musicians. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors.

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Poached Norwegian Salmon with Stewed Vegetables and Cucumber Salad

Make a delicious, healthful meal with Norwegian salmon

Whether you're trying to control your weight or embrace a healthier lifestyle, the food choices you make have to be enjoyable. And deliciously healthy recipes are the key.

"Recipes that use elements from New Nordic Cuisine are a great way to enjoy healthy eating," said registered dietician and author Kate Geagan. "This cuisine is naturally rich in some of the healthiest, purest foods in the world. And, it can be easily adapted to U.S. tastes and lifestyles."

A plate filled with seafood, especially Norwegian salmon, is a hallmark of New Nordic Cuisine. "I love how this cuisine is inspired by the sea," Geagan said. "The ocean provides some of nature's most perfect proteins that deliver whole body benefits."

For example, a serving of Norwegian salmon is an excellent source of high quality protein and omega 3 fats. It also contains key nutrients, including selenium (thyroid and cell health), iodine (thyroid and hormonal health), vitamin D (bone and immune health) and vitamin B12 (red blood cell and neurological health).

Norwegian salmon is available fresh year-round, so it's easy to incorporate into your everyday meal planning. For more recipes, visit www.salmonfromnorway.com.

Smoked Norwegian Salmon and Pearl Barley Salad

Serves: 4

- 1/2 pound smoked Norwegian salmon
- 1/2 cup pearl barley, soaked in cold water overnight
- 4 1/2 cups water, divided
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1 carrot, cut into small cubes or strips
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into small cubes or strips
- 1 cucumber, cut into large cubes
- 2 tablespoons chives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped

Dice salmon into 1/2-by-1/2-inch cubes (or if already sliced, cut in strips) and set aside in refrigerator.

Drain water from barley. Simmer on low heat in 1 cup water with sprinkle of salt for approximately 30 minutes or until soft. Drain barley and transfer to bowl. Immediately add oil, vinegar, orange juice, salt and pepper, mix well and set aside to cool.

Bring remaining 3 1/2 cups water to boil and add plenty of salt. When water boils vigorously, add broccoli and carrots and let cook for 30 seconds. Remove vegetables immediately with slotted spoon, plunge into ice water, and then take out of water to drain.

When barley is cold, gently mix all ingredients together and serve with whole-grain bread or sprinkling of bread croutons on top. Vegetables and herbs can be varied according to your own preferences.

NEW NORDIC CUISINE

Nordic cultures have long enjoyed a reputation as some of the healthiest people in the world. New Nordic Cuisine is filled with healthy, hearty foods anyone can enjoy. Delicious elements of this cuisine include:

- Seafood, such as salmon
- Whole grains such as rye bread, barley and oats
- Cabbage and other cruciferous vegetables
- Berries, apples and pears
- Root vegetables

Norwegian Salmon in Aluminum Foil

Serves: 4

- 4 sheets aluminum foil (12 by 18 inches, slightly larger than yellow legal pad)
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 medium carrots, cut into thin strips
- 1 small leek, cut into thin slices
- 1 onion, cut into thin slices
- 1 head iceberg lettuce, cut into 8 wedges
- 1 1/2 pounds Norwegian salmon fillet, boneless, skin removed, cut into 8 portions
- 1 tablespoon water for each package
- 4 tablespoons crème fraîche or sour cream
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Preheat oven to 350°F.

Place aluminum foil on table with shortest side facing you. All food will be placed in middle of bottom half of foil. Top half of foil will eventually be folded over food. Brush center of bottom half with oil.

Mix all vegetables and spread 1/4 of them over oil. Arrange 2 portions of salmon with vegetables. Add water. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat with remaining three sheets of foil.

To seal pouches, fold top section of foil over. Fold and squeeze edges together to form well-sealed pouch. Place packages on large baking sheet and place in preheated oven. When packages enlarge, they're ready to serve — usually after about 6 to 8 minutes.

To serve, carefully place each package on plate and open at table with pair of scissors or knife. Spoon crème fraîche or sour cream onto fish and sprinkle with lemon juice. Fresh herbs can be added before or after cooking. Eat straight from package.



Smoked Norwegian Salmon and Pearl Barley Salad



Norwegian Salmon in Aluminum Foil



The cold, clear waters of Norway create the ideal environment for ocean-farming salmon.

Poached Norwegian Salmon with Stewed Vegetables and Cucumber Salad

Serves: 4

- 1/2 pound Norwegian salmon fillet, boneless, skin removed
- 4 1/2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 lemon
- Stewed Vegetables:
 - 1 1/2 cups water
 - 4 potatoes, cut into cubes
 - 3 carrots, cut into cubes
 - 1 medium celeriac root, cut into cubes
 - 2 onions, cut into cubes
 - 1 medium size leek, cut into cubes
 - 2 tablespoons fresh parsley or chives, chopped
 - Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup milk
- Cornstarch, to thicken sauce
- Cucumber Salad:
 - 1 pound cucumber
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil

Cut salmon into 4 even pieces and rinse well under cold water.

In large pot, bring water to boil, add salt and then salmon. Immediately remove from heat and let stand to poach for 4 to 6 minutes, depending on thickness of fillet. Be careful not to overcook — the flavors and texture of salmon is at its best when served opaque throughout. Remove from pot with slotted spoon and let water drain off on towel before arranging salmon on plate.

For vegetables, sprinkle water with salt and bring to boil in a large pot. When water is boiling, add potatoes, carrots, celeriac root and onions. Lower heat and simmer until soft.

Add leeks and fresh herbs and simmer for 2 more minutes. Drain vegetables carefully in colander and make sure you keep cooking water. In same pot, bring milk and cooking water to boil; season with salt and pepper.

Dilute cornstarch in small amount of cold water and add to boiling liquid until you have thick sauce. Add vegetables to milk mixture to reheat before serving.

For cucumber salad, peel cucumber, split lengthwise and remove seeds with small spoon. Cut at an angle in thick slices and mix with sugar, vinegar and oil.

Serve salmon with stewed vegetables and cucumber salad on the side. Serving Suggestion: A few drops of lemon juice on the salmon is a must.

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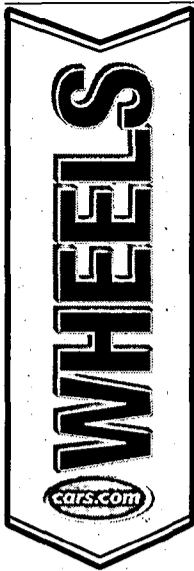
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