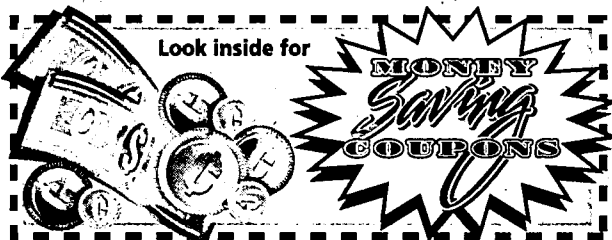


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The Wayne Westland Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, in the board meeting room at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, to review board governance and operations policies.

The board's regular monthly meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

The board also is accepting letters of interest, resumes and/or other information from residents interested in being appointed to the school board to replace Andrea Clawson, who resigned Aug. 15. The information can be submitted to the office of Superintendent Greg Baracy in the school district's administrative offices.

The deadline for applying is through 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. For more information, call the superintendent's office at (734) 419-2010.

Register for O&E tourney

Registration for the annual *Observer & Eccentric* Media men's golf tournament closes at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27.

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 is limited to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95.

You can register in person at Whispering Willows, located at 20500 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.) For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com or call (248) 476-4493.

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Recall organizers use council meeting to push petitions

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Recall petitions seeking to remove five Westland council members from office cite their approval of a plan with projects that include construction of a new City Hall behind the William P. Faust Library.

However, supporters of the recall effort made a wide range of efforts as they announced their efforts to gather more than 5,600 signatures per petition will kick off Sept. 5. Once the first signatures are on the petitions, sufficient signatures must be turned in within 90 days for the recall to move forward. The petitions seek to recall Council President James Godbout, Councilwoman Meriam Kadi, and Councilmen Adam Hammons, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves.

Speaking at Monday's council meeting, recall supporter Donna DeWitt called on residents to volunteer to circulate petitions. She cited complaints, including the approved but never constructed Nankin Mills Village senior housing development and the \$2 million paid to Belfor for clean-

up after widespread residential flooding in 2010.

In fact, DeWitt was involved in an unsuccessful effort to recall Mayor William Wild and four councilmen in 2008 over the Nankin Mills Village project. DeWitt asked residents to call her to volunteer to circulate recall petitions.

"Don't leave it up to others," she said.

Bill Campbell, who submitted the approved recall petitions, focused on plans for a new City Hall. A resident of the adjacent subdivision, Campbell is opposed

to the possible construction of a new City Hall behind the library — a possible project under the amended Tax Increment Finance Authority plan.

"We don't need a \$15 million City Hall. It's not a fair burden to the neighbors," said Campbell. "We only need a few more volunteers. We can stop recycling city officials."

Asking volunteers to call him, Campbell said that Dearborn had spent only \$3.2 million to buy a building that will be a new city hall.

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Taking aim



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Alex Garma of Dearborn Heights and Sue Hurn of Livonia shoot CO2-powered BB pistols during marksmanship competition. Instructor Mel Tockstein of Westland watches the paper targets. For more on the Senior Olympics, please turn to A4.

City presents hall replacement scenarios

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Various scenarios for building and funding a new Westland City Hall will be presented at what promises to be a long study session Monday — Mayor William Wild suggested attendees bring some coffee.

Set to begin at 6 p.m., the study session will be held at the Friendship Center on Newburgh rather than the usual location in the council conference room at City Hall.

Tony Slanec, director of planning and urban development for OHM, will facilitate the meeting.

"We need to master plan it to pull it all together. We'll have presentations on bonding capabilities," said Wild. "We need to tie it all together — a master plan for City Hall."

The council has informally agreed that a new City Hall is needed but no for-

mal action has been taken. A decision needs to be made on where to locate City Hall — it's currently on Ford west of Carlson but another option proposed has been to build on city-owned land behind the William P. Faust Library located north of Ford on Central City Parkway.

Funding sources for a City Hall, which could end up being a factor in its location, will also be discussed. City Attorney James Fausone will discuss funding options through the Downtown Development Authority, where the current City Hall is located, and the Tax Increment Financing Authority, where the library is located.

"We'll also have the concept done by the Mayors Institute of City Design," said Wild. "We'll spend time on different scenarios."

Along with City Hall itself, Wild said there is the larger municipal campus. That

includes the now-closed Bailey Recreation Center, located just south of City Hall, a fire station, Tattan Park and Central City Park, which recently opened.

"I think we'll have a separate study session on Tattan Park. We put in the Play Planet and H2O Zone after Central City Park but we never but in other amenities like (additional) parking, picnic tables and bathrooms," said Wild. "We can't lose sight of that. It needs to be tied together."

A city contractor recently completed some state-ordered asbestos abatement at City Hall. A bigger issue is the air quality in the building, Wild said, due to ongoing flooding issues in the basement.

"We've been lucky with the dry weather. If we can limp through, then I'd like to put that money into a new build-

Please see **CITY HALL, A2**

Board meets in closed session after Goci arrest

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A day after one of its members was charged with lying to federal investigators, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education held a special closed session meeting.

The entire board — including John Goci, who is free on bond — voted to move into a closed session. The motion to go into closed session cited the Open Meetings Act exception for attorney/client privilege to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure under federal law.

"No action was taken at the public meeting," Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

Released on bond shortly after his arrest early Wednesday morning, Goci subsequently issued a statement regarding his situation.



Goci

"I intend to fully cooperate with the FBI throughout the course of their investigation and furthermore maintain my innocence regarding this matter," Goci said. "I expect to be fully vindicated of the false allegations that are being made against me."

The federal indictment charges that Goci lied to federal agents investigating a loan-sharking operation allegedly run by Tomo Duhanaj, who owns Bray's Hamburgers in Westland.

Federal agents found paperwork indicating Goci obtained a \$30,000 loan from Duhanaj at a more than 45-percent interest rate. A recent unsuccessful congressional candidate, Goci told federal agents that the interest was 15 percent.

Described as a former Albanian freedom fighter, Duhanaj had a reputation as being violent, which resulted in loans being repaid, according to federal officials.

In wiretaps placed on Duhanaj's phone, the indictment charges Goci contradicted his statements made to federal agents.

The day after Goci was charged, federal officials moved to dismiss charges against Duhanaj, citing the need for time to obtain evidence against him and investigate other suspects.

What that means for Goci, released on \$10,000 unsecured bond, is unclear at this point.

Duhanaj, a Troy resident, remains in federal custody as an illegal alien and faces deportation.

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Man charged with molesting autistic girl

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man is facing charges of sexually molesting an 11-year-old autistic girl.

Joseph Petrini, 27, has been arraigned Thursday in 18th District Court on two charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. A not guilty plea was entered and bond was set at \$10,000/10 percent.

The girl's mother contacted police to report the July 26 incident which was alleged to have occurred in the Westland apartment Petrini shares with his wife and two young children.

The mother told police



Petrini

that she had become acquainted with Petrini and his wife earlier in the year while attending community college. Since then, the mother said the families had visited each other's home several times.

On this particular date, the mother said she had dropped her daughter off at the Petrini's apartment for a visit. When her daughter later shared details of the visit, the mother contacted police. The girl told police she

had gone to bed in Petrini's bedroom about midnight. Petrini came into the bedroom and showed her photos of himself and his wife as children, the girl told police.

Subsequently, it is charged that Petrini got into bed with the girl while fully clothed, pressed against her, then began kissing and fondling her, having pulled down her pants. The girl also told police Petrini showed her what were apparently a pair of dildos that he described as "fat sticks."

A preliminary examination for Petrini has been set for Thursday before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

Charges increased in embezzlement case

A Westland woman is facing more serious charges that she embezzled and stole from her longtime employer.

Bette Wicker, 61, is now charged embezzling more than \$100,000 from a local gas station where she had been employed as a clerk.

She is also charged with two counts of larceny in a building.

Originally, Wicker had been charged embezzling over \$20,000 from the Sunoco gas station at Cherry Hill and Newburgh where she had worked for 23 years.

A not guilty plea was entered for Wicker, who was freed on \$10,000/10 percent bond. Her preliminary examination on the original charges had been scheduled for Thursday. The new charges were filed and the preliminary examination was continued until Sept. 6.

RECALL

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Resident Burke Rock, whose duplicate recall petitions were dismissed after Campbell's were approved, also asked volunteers to call him. A regular critic of Wild, and more recently Godbout, Rock focused his comments on Wild's use of a city vehicle that had been used by the police chief — it had been purchased using drug forfeiture money.

"The reason for the recall is integrity. The problem is our leaders have no integrity," said Rock. "The mayor and the council president have no honesty or integrity."

The only part of Rock's comments are accurate, Wild said, was that the vehicle was purchased with drug forfeiture money and is still being used by the Police Department.

The recall backers' website demands honesty, accountability and open communication, said Wild, adding those are qualities

that go both ways.

Regarding Campbell's comments about the future Dearborn City Hall, Wild said the \$3.2 million was the cost to purchase the building.

"They will need to retrofit the building. They not be buying the building and setting up shop the next day," said Wild.

Wild also rejected charges that the council hadn't researched the city hall project noting a consultant, Cresa, had presented options at more than one meeting in the last 18 months. Another meeting looking at options for a new city hall will be held 6 p.m. Monday at the Friendship Center.

"Cresa looked at expanded options. The report is available. That is where we got the numbers," said Wild. "The \$15 million was always on the high end. An Emergency Operations Center for police and fire was part of the cost. The Wayne (fire) building has an EOC so that isn't needed."

Since the recall back-

ers are using the council meeting to promote their efforts, Kehrer said he would use the same forum to refute the allegations.

"You want to recall me for a decision that hasn't been made. You give blanket reasons for the recall but you can only have one reason on the petitions (legally)," said Kehrer.

Kehrer also questioned why only five council members were being recalled when the TIFA plan amendment was approved with a unanimous vote. Councilman Bill Johnson and Councilwoman Christine Bryant aren't included in the recall effort.

Petitions seeking to recall Wild were rejected by the Wayne County Election Commission as unclear. Campbell and Rock withdrew their recall petitions filed against City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, who is Johnson's sister.

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CITY HALL

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ing (rather than additional repairs to the current building)," said Wild.

Following the study session, Wild said he intends to schedule a series of town hall meetings around Westland to get public input on the proposals to replace City Hall. That

could include asking voters to approval a millage to fund construction of a new building.

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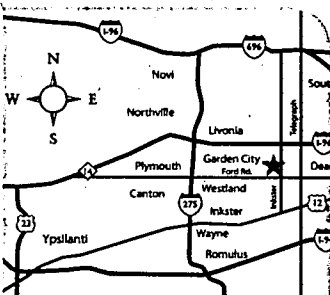
An incorrect date for the third annual Run for the Rouge 5K walk/run was reported in a story last Sunday.

The correct date for the 5K run/walk, presented by the Friends of the Rouge, is Saturday, Sept. 29.



A photo that ran in Thursday's Observer misidentified Mary Mack (right) of Northville and Darcy Blakemore (center) of Westland. Decked out in various degrees of pink at last weekend's Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day are Rose Cerroni of Livonia (left), Blakemore and Mack. The women have become friends since meeting at the 2006 Michigan 3-Day. Mack (19 years) and Cerroni (21 years) are cancer survivors.

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County eyes public services millage

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer



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Gebhardt

Joann Gebhardt voted to move a public safety millage proposal to a vote before the full Wayne County Commission Tuesday but that doesn't mean she supports the current proposal.

"I only voted to send it to the full board. I didn't say I would vote yes (when it is before the full commission)," said Gebhardt, D-Livonia. "A super majority of 10 commissioners is needed (to move the millage proposal forward). I don't think they have the votes now."

The proposal seeks 0.97 mill to fund sheriff, prosecutor and juvenile justice services. It would levied for 10 years. If approved Tuesday by commission-

ers, the millage question would appear on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The measure was introduced by Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Canton, who is running in November in a new district that includes part of Westland.

Gebhardt had been in contact with McNamara and Commissioner Bernard Parker, another proponent of the millage, to explain what changes she wanted to see before she could support the proposal.

"The length of time at 10 years is way too long. If you're going to use the

additional 0.97 mills to restructure, this (millage) make sense for a couple of years," said Gebhardt. "If they are just throwing money at the problem, I'm not in support of it."

For instance, Gebhardt said \$20 million in savings due to new technology has been promised by Sheriff Benny Napoleon once the new jail opens by the spring 2014. Those savings come from changes like using the Internet for prisoner arraignments, she said, so that deputies don't have to transport prisoners to various district courts.

"This should be a stop gap measure to assist public safety in restructuring. The millage should be for three years but not more than five years," said Gebhardt,

who also wanted to see changes in the prosecutor's office to reflect increases reported in senior citizen abuse.

Commissioner Diane Webb (D-Dearborn Heights), whose district includes Garden City, wasn't talking about the proposed county millage proposal.

"It's premature," she relayed to public relations spokesman Jim Toth on Thursday.

Webb said details regarding the measure can change at that time so she isn't discussing it yet with the media.

Under the language approved, the sheriff's department would receive half of the money collected; the children and family services departments would receive 27 percent and the prosecutor's office

would get 23 percent from the new tax.

Like local municipalities, the drop in taxable value has had a detrimental effect on the county. Property tax revenues are projected to be around \$270 million for fiscal year 2012-13, a drop of about 30 percent from 2007.

McNamara, who calls himself "as conservative a Democrat as you're going to meet," said he supports the move not because he's in favor of more taxes, but because it's an issue of public safety.

McNamara said Napoleon's assertion he'd have to release some 1,000 incarcerated prisoners and remove 300 more from electronic tethers is enough motivation to pass the tax.

"I am pro-public safety," McNamara said. "We've chopped down to the point where it's rubber meets the road. Public safety is the only thing left that can be cut, and I'm unwilling to cut public safety any more."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has proposed a \$25 million budget for the prosecutor's office compared to \$34 million Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she needs to properly run her office.

Likewise, Napoleon's budget for the sheriff's department is set at \$109 million - Ficano has proposed \$84 million.

The proposal must be approved on Tuesday if it is to appear on the Nov. 6 ballot.

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Garden City Council to consider time restraint

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City Council will again Monday, Aug. 27, consider reducing the time for public comments from five minutes to three minutes.

It also expects to go over rules of procedure.

The discussion comes following poor behavior on the part of some residents and simple grandstanding by others.

Some residents dominate the public discussion, coming up to make comments from the time of public announcements at the beginning of the meeting, to comments on every agenda item about to be voted on and then again during the public comments at the end of the meeting where they have a chance to comment on anything that was not on the agenda.

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker has asked Police Chief Robert Muery twice recently to remove citizens from the chambers for either making comments from their chairs or not getting to the point during pub-

lic announcements at the beginning of the meeting which is meant for quick announcements like announcing charity events and pancake breakfasts.

A case in point was that of resident Ray Wiacek, who, at the July 23 council meeting rambled through during the public announcements section and never got to the point of what event he planned

to announce. Walker first asked him to sit down and come back up during the public comment section.

Wiacek had begun by stating how proud he was to have participated years ago with his family in youth athletics, traveling locally and out of

state. These youth are now adults and outstanding citizens, Wiacek said.

Volunteers have donated hundreds of hours, he said.

As he continued, Walker pressed him to state which event he planned to announce, naming time and date. Wiacek said

that he was getting to it. Walker again pointed out that this section of the meeting was specifically for brief community announcements.

Rather than sit down, Wiacek came up to Walker during the council meeting, dug into a plastic bag and presented

Walker with a roll of toilet paper.

Walker asked Muery to escort Wiacek out of the council chambers and he stayed in the hallway until the end of that meeting.

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Westland seniors win big at annual Olympics

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

For three years, Westland has been on top when it comes to Olympic medals.

That that wasn't the case this year. The city passed the mantle to Canton which bested Westland, earning 112 medals in the eighth annual Senior Olympics held earlier this month.

"Westland for three years was in first place for all three categories, but Canton beat us this year with six more medals for gold," said Westland Senior Resources Director Barbara Schimmel Marcum. "I'm glad because you can't win all the time or it takes away the thrill of winning."

The week-long Olympics featured 42 events and culminated with a banquet where the 16 participating communities found out how their seniors did.

"We don't know until the day of the banquet how well we did or how many medals we won," said Marcum. "It's kind of exciting."

Sixteen communities participated in the annual Olympics. Garden



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Senior Olympics athlete Timothy Cronk tosses the bean bag at the target during the competition.

City, Inkster and Wayne served as the host communities. The different events are hosted by the 16 different communities that are a part of the Senior Olympics. Westland hosted seven events,

including Trivia, marksmanship and Wii Bowling which saw Jane Healy of Westland bowl a perfect game in the 70-79 age group. "What a day to bowl a 300, it was the only one



Carol Bodenmiller competes in the bean bag competition for the Wayne County Senior Olympics. She is watched by friends and competitors Jane Carbone and Boots Kawa. All three are from Canton.



D.J. Hoedel of Plymouth practices her marksmanship skills in the Wayne County Senior Olympics, held in Westland. Competitors fired CO2-powered BB pistols at paper targets.

in the tournament," said Marcum. "There's a method to Marcum's hosting so

many events at the Westland senior Friendship Center. It gets more of her seniors involved.

This year's team had 50 members, more than any other community, she said.

"We may do more next year," she added. "I'm very proud of all of my seniors. We had more senior participants and that's what I'm most proud of."

The Senior Olympics are open to Wayne County residents who are 50 years and older. The individual events are geared to the particular talent or achievement of the senior athletes and range from golf, bicycling and football and softball throwing to baking, creative writing and card playing like euchre and party bridge. And the athletes compete in events within their own age group.

With this year's Olympics done, Marcum also is thinking about next year. She "loved" having the Trivia competition, which was run by a private company, but is considering another game system game - Wii Jeopardy.

"We may do that next year," she said.

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Westland man faces assault, gun charges

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man faces a preliminary exam in 21st District Court in Garden City at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 on felonious assault and gun charges.

James Francis Cameron, 42, was arraigned Aug. 21 on charges of felonious assault and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony after a motorist reported to Garden City police that the man driving alongside her had repeatedly pointed a shotgun in the direction of her car which also contained her three children.

Cameron was arraigned before Judge Richard L. Hammer, Jr. of the 21st District Court on four



Cameron

charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

At the time of his arraignment, he was unable to post bond and was turned over to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Each count carries the possibility of up to four years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$2,000.

Cameron was also arraigned on the charge of felony firearm which carries a two year penalty. Cameron stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered for him at his arraignment.

A bond of \$100,000 cash was set by Judge Ham-

mer which Cameron didn't post.

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery described the incident.

"The 9-1-1 call from the victim originally went to Westland Police because the incident started on Cherry Hill, a border street between the communities and Westland dispatched their officers," Muery said. "Garden City Police Officer Steve Miller was monitoring Westland radio transmissions and heard information on a possible road rage incident at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, in which one of the parties was reported to be pointing a shotgun at the other vehicle. Miller, who was in the area, responded

and spotted the suspect's vehicle as it pulled back onto Cherry Hill from a business at Merriman."

Miller stopped the 1998 Dodge pick-up, removed the male and female occupants from the vehicle with the assistance of officers from Westland and recovered a loaded shotgun from the front seat area, police said.

"The victim, a 41-year-old Garden City resident, told police that she had turned westbound onto Cherry Hill at Middlebelt when she first noticed the truck," Muery said. "At Henry Ruff, both vehicles were stopped side by side for the traffic light when the driver of the truck began revving the motor. In the victim's car

were her three children, ages 14, 17 and 18. One of the children looked over to the vehicle and then reported the man had a gun. The victim told police she glanced over and saw a man pointing a shotgun directly at them."

The victim sped away from the light at speeds up to 50 miles per hour, police said.

"She told police that the man with the gun continued to point the gun at her and her children," Muery said. "As they approached the light at Merriman, which was also red, the victim slammed on her brakes. The truck, unable to stop as quickly, was now in front of the terrified woman and her family with the shotgun still pointed out the window at the family. When the light turned green, the woman reported that the truck remained stopped on the roadway with the driver continuing to brandish the shotgun and she was afraid to try and drive past."

Suddenly, according to the police report, the truck accelerated away quickly but then suddenly made a U-turn and started coming back toward the woman and her children.

"She turned quickly into the driveway of a residence on Cherry Hill as the truck pulled up and stopped with the

driver pointing the shotgun directly at them," Muery said. "The victim and her family scrambled out of their car and hid behind it. The truck then pulled into a business lot but turned around and was waiting to enter onto Cherry Hill when Garden City Police arrived."

The passenger in the truck, a 35-year-old Westland woman, appeared to police to also be terrified by the incident, he said.

She told police that Cameron had been drinking and there was no explanation for what had occurred. She told police that Cameron had pulled the trigger on the shotgun but that the gun jammed.

"Officers wrote in reports that the shotgun was loaded but appeared to have misfired," Muery said. "One round was jammed in the breach, three rounds in the magazine tube and one round on the floor. The gun was fully functional and it appeared to investigating officers that an aluminum ring, designed to be removed before firing, had been left on the ammunition and caused the misfeed."

There was no known relationship between the parties and the motive for the incident remains unexplained, according to Muery.

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Principal replaced, cameras added at school where alleged abuse took place

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Public Schools has appointed a new principal and added cameras to the pre-school and kindergarten program at Webster Elementary School, where a teacher and a parapro are accused of physically abusing special-needs preschoolers last school year.

"On behalf of all board members, I want you to know that we all take this issue very seriously," school board President Patrice Mang read in a prepared statement Monday night. "Our focus right now is on the successful start of school for students who will be attending the MOCI (Moderately Cognitively Impaired) program next year."

Mang said the appointment of Lora Boka as principal and the installation of video cameras are in addition to other actions the district has already taken, including firing the parapro and filing tenure charges against the teacher. The former principal, Shelly Moore, is being re-assigned. Boka was assistant principal at Riley Upper Elementary.

Mang said the district is "finalizing plans to address additional employee discipline," meeting with Wayne County prosecutors to update training on reporting requirements for suspected abuse and completing plans to provide added training for special education staff on handling students, among other actions.

Actions 'not enough'

Parent Terri Roeder of Ypsilanti said Monday the actions taken by the board are "not enough." Drawing a comparison to the Penn State child sex



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Livonia school board President Patrice Mang reads from a prepared statement Monday night on actions the board has taken in the alleged abuse case at Webster Elementary.

abuse scandal, she said administrators who knew what was going on in the classroom and didn't stop it or report it should also be held accountable.

According to school officials, administrators first heard complaints from other staff members about the classroom environment in

late October, the issue was addressed and, to their knowledge, the situation improved.

In March, there was another incident that was addressed with the teacher. In April, more allegations and concerns surfaced.

The allegations have included slapping, grabbing and force-feeding students, pull-

ing chairs out from under them to make them fall and the teacher commenting, "I have a sick sense of humor."

The class was part of a Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts. All 12 of the children who were in the class are cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Mark Schultz, the district's administrator of employee relations and public safety, began an internal investigation April 23 and reported the alleged abuse to the Livonia Police Department the following day.

Parents Jim Davenport of Garden City and Lauren Gohl of Plymouth echoed Roeder's sentiment that more district employees need to be held accountable. "There is a problem in that school and there is a problem with Livonia's administration," Gohl said. She said Schultz was the first person to report the incident to Child Protective Services, even though the law requires such reporting by all school members.

Superintendent Randy Liepa has declined to specify with whom disciplinary action will be taken, saying it's a personnel matter.

Supporters speak out

At Monday's meeting, several parents spoke in favor of teacher Sharon Turbiak, who has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the tenure hearing. Neither Turbiak nor the parapro has been charged with a crime and both have denied acting unprofessionally.

The Livonia Police Department investigated the abuse complaints, but the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

decided there was insufficient evidence to bring charges.

Lisa Brabec of Dunlap, Ill., traveled several hours to speak on behalf of her daughter's former teacher. Brabec said Turbiak taught her daughter how to walk by holding her waist and singing, "These feet were made for walking" to the tune of the Nancy Sinatra song, *These Boots Were Made for Walking*.

She said that in the more than 100 hours she was in the classroom, she never saw Turbiak exert inappropriate physical control over the children. "Mrs. Turbiak's work is her passion," Brabec said, adding the allegations are "completely opposite of what she is."

Kim Newell of Taylor said her daughter is now able to attend a general education classroom because of Turbiak's two years of work with her. "She gave this child a future she can now build upon," she said, adding she also never witnessed any abusive behavior in Turbiak's classroom.

Karen Teran of Livonia said redirecting children to get their attention or making them try one spoonful of a particular food is not abuse or force-feeding. "If any of you had been in the classroom, you would see she creates a loving atmosphere, she creates a predictable atmosphere," she said.

Heather Pizar of Northville brought her special-needs daughter to the meeting, saying she was delighted to go to school each and every day from 2006-11 when she was in Turbiak's class at Webster. "Sarah's best years at Webster were in Mrs. Turbiak's class," she said.

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The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information please call Doug at (248) 417-0195 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to westland-easytalkers.toastmasters-clubs.org/w

Dine and donate

Inspire Theatre will be holding "The Show Must Go On" fundraiser Monday, Aug. 27, at Buffalo Wild Wings, at 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Twenty percent of all food purchases, accompanied by a certificate, will be donated to the theatre between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Actors also will be on hand between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. for autographs and to pose for pictures.

A link to the coupon can be found on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/InspireTheatre/>.

Preschool signup

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is currently enrolling for classes which begin in September. Enroll during the month of August and get half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 value!

A Christian preschool, it offers classes for three-four-year-old children, a theme-based curriculum

taught by certified teachers and all the basic preschool academic skills, as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

For more information, schedule a tour or to enroll, call (734) 728-3559 or send an email to wfmpreschool@yahoo.com4556.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Further information also is available at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

Movie premiere

Join writer Mark A. Knudsen and director Daniel Knudsen for a special Michigan premiere of the film, *Creed of Gold*, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Warren Road Life and Light Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

The film follows three college students as they investigate this shadowy secret group of individuals who influence national economies for personal advantage. For centuries, this group has manipulated finances around the world and is now using the Federal Reserve to

undermine the U.S. economic situation.

Tickets cost \$8. Seating is limited, and after Aug. 27, tickets will cost \$10. For tickets or more information, email Gerry at the box office at forsalelegw@gmail.com.

Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Ayotte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, Sept. 21, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 per person and include dinner and the show. Dinner includes a tossed salad, pasta, main course, potato, vegetable, cannolis, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.agelos1958.com.

Craft show

Applications are being accepted for St. Damian's annual Fall Arts and Craft Show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the parish, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Table space is \$25 to \$40, depending on size.

For more information, call the parish at (734) 421-6130 or download an application at www.stdamian.com.

Fund-raiser

AmVets Post 171 is holding a Vendor Sale/Garage Sale/Swap Meet/Mom 2 Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at

the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

In addition to the vendors, there will be food available, hourly raffles and entertainment. Indoor spaces (hall) are \$25, with \$10 for table rentals, outdoor (parking spaces) are \$20. Proceeds will be kept by individual vendors.

For more information, contact Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by email at taylorskkt@gmail.com or Jennifer Basco at (636) 221-9573 or by email at j_basco08@yahoo.com.

Monday Madness

Visit the Westland Municipal Golf Course at 500 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill every Monday from noon to 5 p.m. for the Monday Madness Lunch and Golf Special.

For \$20, or \$15 for seniors, patrons will enjoy nine holes of golf, electric cart, hot dog, medium soda and a bag of chips.

For more information, please call (734) 721-6660 or visit the city's website at www.cityofwestland.com.

Farmers Market

Maxwell's Art and Treasures and the Plymouth Westland Grange Maxwell's will be doing crafting at the Westland Farmers Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. There will be a different craft each week and it will take 30 minutes to a hour to make.

The Westland Farmer's Market takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. very Tuesday through Oct. 23 in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road.

Volunteers needed

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers to help with office tasks or to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place at the Compassionate Care office at 5730 N. Lillie Road, Suite A, Canton. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at jgalat@cchnet.net or call (888) 983-9050.

Support groups

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has formed a new support Caregiving Support Group for those people who care for someone with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic conditions.

The group meets 6-7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman.

Wayne Metro also facilitates a Caregiver Support Group on 10 a.m. to

noon the third Tuesday each month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., in Westland.

Call Nancy Coman at (734) 955-6752 for more information.

Book sale

There's bargains to be had at the summer book sale in the Friends Shop at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Stock up on hardcover fiction books only with the shop's buy two get one free. Hardcover books are \$1 each, so get three hardcover fictions for just \$2. Also on the sale are audio books on cassettes for 25 cents each.

The sale doesn't include hardcover biographies, nonfiction and large-print books.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music, fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandHRC or call (734) 722-3660.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

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Refinancing could make sense, but not for everyone

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I've been getting calls from my mortgage company about refinancing. Currently, I have a 30-year mortgage at 5 1/2 percent. I have about 18 years left on the mortgage. They are telling me that I can refinance at 4 percent. Does it make sense to refinance?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: Obviously, it would be nice to lower your interest rate. However, there are a couple of issues that you need to consider before you proceed. The first is, how long do you plan to be in your home? If you only plan to be in your home a few years, then it probably does not pay to refinance. My reasoning is the cost of refinancing. It would take you at least a year or two to recoup your cost. On the other hand, if you plan to be in the home long term, then refinancing is a possibility.

The next issue to consider is the cost involved. Unfortunately, when mortgage companies contact you by phone, they neglect to tell you what the cost is to refinance. It wasn't too long ago that mortgage companies were waving fees and offering all sorts of deals. Today those

deals are few and far between. My general rule is that if you're going to be in your home long term and if you can recoup the cost of refinancing in two years or less, then refinancing is a viable option.

If by having lower payments you will recoup your cost in a two-year period or less, then the next issue is what type of mortgage do you get? Just because you had a 30-year fixed rate mortgage doesn't necessarily mean that it's the mortgage for you today.

If you made the same mortgage payment that you're making today, how long will it be until you pay the mortgage off? You may find by making the same mortgage payment you are currently making, coupled with the lower interest rates, it may take years off your mortgage. In many situations this is a viable alternative, particularly for someone who wants to pay their mortgage off as soon as possible. For example, I recently recommended this strategy to someone (early 50s) who is going to retire in about 10 years. He had about 16 years left on his mortgage and he was able to design a mortgage where he basically makes the same payment, but the mortgage will be paid off by the time he retires.

If you decide to proceed with refinanc-

ing, get a bid from your existing mortgage company. In addition, get a competitive bid from another company. Not only do rates differ between companies, but so does the cost. It may be a hassle to start up with a new mortgage company because it doesn't have your basic information, however, if you can save a significant amount of money by having a lower interest rate and lower fees, why not? After all, the money you save looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

With historic low interest rates, many people should be looking at refinancing their mortgage and taking advantage of the current rate environment. The key is to make sure you understand different options and costs.

Refinancing can be a very good way to go for many people. After all, lowering the cost of your mortgage is a very good strategy. On the other hand, refinancing is not for everyone. Take your time, get competitive bids and don't let anyone talk you into anything you don't feel comfortable with. 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.

Schoolcraft students, motorists face delays on Haggerty

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Students, instructors and employees at Schoolcraft College are being reminded to allow themselves more time to get to campus as the Haggerty Road resurfacing project continues. Classes begin Wednesday.

Lane closures and delays for motorists commuting to work or visiting businesses along Haggerty can be expected through October while Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile is resurfaced, a \$1.2 million project. Haggerty Road will remain open throughout the project.

The work will proceed in two phases. In the first phase, the two outside lanes will be closed, leaving the three interior lanes available for traffic. In the second phase, the interior lanes will be closed for repair and the outside lanes will be open.

If any of the five Schoolcraft entrances off Haggerty need repair, the four other entrances will remain available. Drivers can proceed to another entrance if they find one is blocked.

The project includes milling of the existing surface, repair of existing concrete pavement and curb, placement of

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new asphalt surface, upgrades of concrete sidewalk ramps, extension of the bike path from Wayne Avenue heading north and new pavement markings.

The project is being managed by the Wayne County Roads Division with funding from the county, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the U.S.

Department of Transportation.

Schoolcraft's students can be updated on the construction through Schoolcraft's Facebook page and Twitter accounts, Waze social navigation site/mobile app, MiDrive, which is the Michigan Department of Transportation's website or the Schoolcraft College website.

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Romney, Ryan rally supporters at Commerce farm

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Republican heavyweights were in full force Friday in the Huron Valley at a victory rally for presidential candidate Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan.

The former Massachusetts governor expressed his love for his home state, and the U.S. congressman from Wisconsin said he was glad to be "back in Big Ten country" at the Long Family Farm in Commerce Township with a crowd approaching 10,000 supporters.

On a hot, bright, sunny day, the slew of conservative speakers hammered home the need to improve the country's economy and to rein in federal spending.

"We need a president who believes in uniting the American people, not dividing them," Romney said to a burst of applause. "Our way forward is the only way to bring prosperity ... to all people."

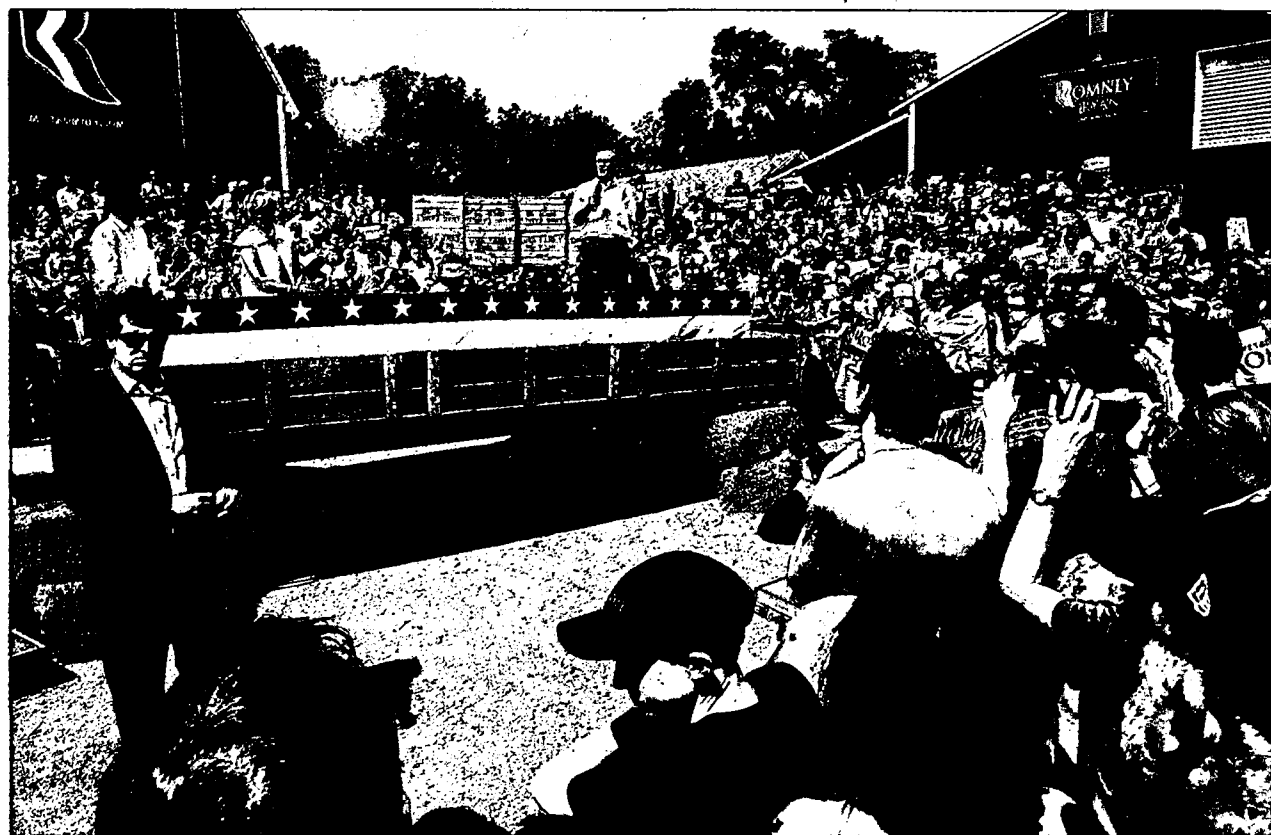
"The president (Barack Obama) tried. I believe he did. He was just going in the wrong direction. That's the problem," he added.

Those at the rally were ardent backers of the Romney-Ryan ticket.

"We came to support the hometown hero and get him elected," said Cathy Brush of Commerce Township. "We can't afford four more years of this."

Brush came to the rally with Martha and Jerry Klemmer of Commerce Township, who were sporting their Tea Party Patriots of West Oakland County shirts.

Martha Klemmer said she was "very excited



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A huge crowd showed up at Long's Orchard for a victory rally.

when Romney selected Ryan as a running mate. We really like the Ryan choice. He's got a budget head."

Added her husband: "We need a plan. There's no plan right now for the country."

Romney highlighted the five-point blueprint he envisions will get the country turned around.

- Getting North America energy independent.
- Giving everyone the skills and training needed to succeed. That includes fixing schools and "putting kids first, teachers first and leaving the unions behind," Romney said.

- Setting trade policies that are good for Americans.
- Changing the country's financial situation to entice businesses to build or expand in this



Paul Ryan addresses the crowd in Commerce Township.

country. That involves balancing the budget and eliminating the national debt, he said.

- Championing small businesses by lowering taxes, eliminating reg-

ulations and "repealing and replacing 'Obamacare,'" he said.

"If we do those five things... you're going to see America charge back economically," he said.

After the rally, as Gordon and Carol Hogan of Linden were walking their grandchildren back to their minivan, Carol said the event "was awesome. He gives us a lot of

hope." In addition to Romney and Ryan, U.S. Senate candidate Pete Hoekstra addressed the crowd, as did U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, state Sen. Randy Richardson and state Rep. Jase Bolger.

The Rev. Leo Lulko with Highland's Church of the Holy Spirit gave the invocation, and Cats and the Fiddler, a Highland-based youth trio, helped provide entertainment.

"We're going to put people back to work, not because the government built it, but because the private sector built it," Hoekstra said. He's campaigning against current U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. "We're bringing out true American values."

Rob and Christine Long, owners of the host farm, said they were excited to host the rally.

"Rob always wanted to have a political corn roast," said Christine Long, a county commissioner representing Commerce and Milford. "Who would have thought it would be for Romney-Ryan?"

Pat Melligan, a Commerce resident who lives just down the road from the farm, said she wasn't surprised the Longs hosted the event.

"They had that huge fundraiser at Bakers," she said. "Oakland County is the place to be. I'm not surprised (Romney chose the farm). It's a great location."

Romney and Ryan "have to win," she added. "I strongly support them. If they don't win, the U.S. is in big trouble."

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Playing ball

Miracle League going strong in second year

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Anyone wondering how the Miracle League of Plymouth is doing in its second year doesn't have to go far to find out.

Bilkie Field, the MLP home where special-needs kids get a chance to play baseball, is right downtown.

And this fall, some 80 players (and their "buddies") on eight teams are playing four games every Saturday, fulfilling the promise the MLP provided when it began last year. Players are coming from all over the area — from Milford to Dearborn — to get the experience.

"Everyone involved wants every child and family to feel welcome and have fun," said MLP president Deb Madonna. "Volunteers who thought they came out to help learn very quickly that they are part of something special and learn much more from players."

Miracle League of Plymouth gives an opportunity to special-needs players who might not have gotten the chance otherwise to "put on the uniform, become baseball players and be part of a team," Madonna said. She said while baseball is fun for everyone, the baseball played at Bilkie Field is also therapeutic for the players.

"The spectators watch the games and cheer all players, and there are times when the effort that a player puts forth causes everyone to stop and watch every move," Madonna said. "Watching these players makes you believe that baseball is the greatest game because these young people work hard to do things that many don't think twice about doing."

The money needed to build the field was raised last year, before the field



Coach Jeff Powers works with the players.



New player Noelle Caloia with her buddy, Anton Ferguson.

ever opened. But Madonna said some \$70,000 is still needed for the \$300,000 endowment that will help pay for things like fixing and replacing things connected to the field.

"We continue to be pleasantly surprised by the financial support we've received from many, many people, often very unexpectedly," Madonna said.

Donations are still gladly accepted. People can donate any amount by going to the website ([www.miracleleagueplym-](http://www.miracleleagueplym-outh.org)

www.miracleleagueplym-outh.org) and clicking on "Donate."

Madonna thinks those who get involved might be even luckier than the players themselves.

"What is most unique is that everyone who plays or is a volunteer or a spectator benefits," she said. "I know the children have a great time, but I suspect that the volunteers and spectators never forget what they experience at the field."

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Devyn Sweeting got up at 5 a.m. Saturday, excited about playing baseball.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the Special Primary Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. Candidates for the following office are to be voted upon:

Representative in Congress 11th District Partial Term Vacancy

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

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
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Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 4, 2012 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, September 1, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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On location: Canton brothers drawing praise with videos

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Fear strikes Homam Nasser of Canton after he answers a cell phone call and hears a wicked, vengeful voice on the other end.

The caller has abducted his wife and taken his stapler, his deodorant, his iPhone charger, his toothbrush.

"Stop taking things from me," Homam wails.

Then he learns the caller has taken "your stupid kitty ..."

"William," Homam says, uttering the pet's name.

So it begins, this dark-humor exchange that leads to a gunfight in this YouTube video spoof made by Homam and his brother, Mollie Nasser, based on the movie trailer for *Taken 2*.

Taken 2 star Liam Neeson liked the Nassers' two-minute, 19-second video so much he mentioned it on social media.

Homam calls it "surreal" that actors such as Neeson and Ashton Kutcher have acknowledged their video talents on YouTube, where Canton's budding filmmakers have accumulated 19 million views, attracted 53,000 subscribers and, some months, earned a four-figure income from advertising.

They've made 47 short videos that have drawn viewers from some 100 countries, though they are most popular in the United States, the United Kingdom and the Middle East.

Long-term goal

"The long-term goal is to become a director or writer of feature-length films," said Mollie, a 20-year-old Salem High graduate and Schoolcraft College student who plans to major in film studies at Wayne State University. "I'd like to move to L.A."

Homam, a 27-year-old graduate of Dearborn High School, is studying nursing at Ohio's Ashland University — a career he can rely on if this film thing fizzles.

Their video titled *Taken 2 Trailer Spoof* earned these accolades from Neeson — "really funny, great work."

The Nassers call themselves The Decimal Brothers — though "we hated math," Mollie says — and their videos can be found at www.decimalbrothers.com.



Homam Nasser, carrying brother Mollie on his back, play around in Canton, where they film many of their popular YouTube videos.



Mollie Nasser explains how he and his older brother Homam make videos that have garnered 19 million views on YouTube.

decimalbrothers.com. Homam also markets their work online under the moniker GreenHat-Angel.

Their videos often blend bloody violence with a twisted, topical sense of humor. After a Miami man chewed someone's face, possibly while he was high, the Nassers were inspired to make a 45-second clip titled *Zombie Attack Caught on Tape — Miami, Fla.*

"The best way to get attention is to make videos that are relevant," Mollie said.

Cast of characters

With four siblings and numerous friends, they have a ready cast of characters to help them. They've drawn perplexed stares from neighbors who have seen them filming near the Canton house of their parents, Faik A.K. and Enaam Nasser.

In *Stay Golden*, Mollie accidentally kills his brother's cat, touches his off-limits Russian cap and steps on his little yellow bird, resulting in a street chase that ends with Homam pointing a fake gun at him before coming to his senses.

"I've seen a couple of really disturbed faces" from onlookers while filming, Mollie said.

A fake gun segment filmed in Plymouth of the *Taken 2* spoof prompted alarm from an onlooker until it was realized that a video — not a crime — was in the making, he said.

Mollie recalls filming videos as a youngster after his father bought the family a big, clunky camera that, at the time, was the latest technology.

"I would be filming all the time," he said.

The brothers now use equipment such as a Canon EOS 7D, which they bought with money won from a video contest sponsored by camera company Olympus. Their first YouTube video came in early 2008, and they received support from popular YouTube partners such as David Days.

In June, they got a warm welcome in Anaheim, Calif., at VidCon, one of the world's largest online video conventions.

Location, location

The Nassers have filmed at places such as their home, their street, Canton's Heritage Park, an abandoned paper factory in Ypsilanti and The Somerset Collection, a Troy mall.

They've made odd little videos such as *Nice*, in which they repeat the title word, often for ironic effect, when they find no toilet paper on the roll, no toothpaste in the tube, no Little Debbie oatmeal creme pies in the box — or when Homam falls down the stairs while carrying a laundry basket.

They received a startling 6.1 million YouTube views for their *Saw 7 Teaser Trailer*, a blend of horror and humor based on the *Saw* movie series. Then there's *Unicorn Smiles*, in which Mollie awakens from a vivid dream and his brother concocts a sleep-inducing potion so the dream can finish.

They even have Decimal Brothers T-shirts.

Faik A.K. Nasser admits he once preferred that his sons pursue a career such as medical research, but he has decided they should pursue their dreams.

"I'm very proud of them," he said.

Mollie said he gets his inspiration from TV shows, other YouTube videos and real-life situations. Homam can get an idea by finding a chain in the family garage that becomes a scene prop.

"It's a very collaborative process," Mollie said. "We try to make things we would like to watch."

It seems the world is watching too.

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DECIMAL BROTHERS



Mollie and Homam Nasser, more commonly known as the Decimal Brothers for their YouTube videos.



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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

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- Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment** to permit licensed massage therapy establishments in the C-1, C-2, C-3 and CBD districts.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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Mom 2Mom Sale

Garden City High School is having a Mom-2Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

The price is \$25 for an 8-foot table, including space for a standard size clothes rack you provide or small shelf. The seller keeps all the profits from everything sold at their table. A large item area will also be available for items that do not fit on or under the seller's table - high chairs, strollers, exersaucers, swings, etc. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table. More than 65 tables will be available. Set-up will be Friday evening.

Admission to the sale is \$1. A concession stand will be open throughout the sale and there also will be a bake sale. All profits from this sale will go to the GCHS PTSA.

For more information, or to reserve a table, call (734) 367-0898. Email Sheryll Gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com for a table agreement. No Vendors please.

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Zumba classes

Zumba classes are returning to Merriman Road Baptist Church in September - Come on Back!

The Girlfriends of Grace Women's Ministry will provide an eight-week session Thursday, Sept. 13, through Thursday, Nov. 1. Check-in/registration begins at 7:30 p.m., the Zumba session begins at 8 p.m. and lasts for approximately one hour.

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Community free days

Stop by the Garden City Civic Arena in Garden City Park Monday, Aug. 27, for the Community Free Days.

The arena will be offering a free Learn to Skate program 5:30-6:30 p.m. with free skate rental, and information on fall programs. There also will be a Learn to Play Hockey program 6:30-8 p.m. Hockey sticks and free equipment will be available to use, and the Garden City Squirt team will play a half-ice game.

Public skating will be available 8-9:30 p.m., with free skate and free admission. The concession stand will be open and at 9 p.m. the lights will be turned off and the glow lights turned on.

For more information, contact the garden city ice arena at (734) 793-1882 or visit the arena website at www.gardencitymi.org/civicaena.

District hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-District 9, has announced her office hours beginning this September in the communities of Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Redford Township.

Commissioner Webb's office hours during this period will be as follows:

• The second Monday of each month in Garden City at the Maplewood

Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, at 10 a.m.

• The third Monday of each month in Dearborn Heights at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson Road, at 10 a.m. Office hours at the Eton Center, 4900 Pardee, are by appointment only. Call to schedule a meeting.

• The fourth Monday of each month in Redford Township at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, at 10 a.m.

The hours are scheduled to provide constituents the opportunity to discuss important issues and express concerns in a comfortable setting with Webb.

For residents who are unable to attend daytime office hours, Webb will host evening hours by appointment only. Call (313) 224-0930 to reserve an evening hour meeting.

Challenge Grant

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received financial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the City of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Outdoor Flea Market

An outdoor flea market is being held the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Saturday of the month through September at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road.

The cost is \$15 for a 10-by-10-foot space, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations are accepted. The flea market is held outside at the Straight Farm House and is cancelled during inclement weather. Upcoming market dates are Sept. 8 and 15.

Call Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999 for more information.

Farmers Market

Come out and support the new Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 31 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Town Center Plaza. Also visit its new Facebook page at <http://gardencityfarmersmarketmichigan>.

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Call Mickie Hickey at (734) 522-0036 for more information or to sign up.

Park and Read

Stop by the Garden City Library at the Maplewood Center for popular Park and Read program, sponsored by the Department

of Natural Resources and the Library of Michigan.

In its fourth year, the program offers library card-holders the option of checking out a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any of Michigan's 101 state parks and recreation areas.

The one-day pass, a \$10 savings, also provides free, one-time access to any of the events taking place within the state parks this summer. Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and are good for day use only. Park and Read runs now through Oct. 1.

The Park and Read pass also is valid at any of the 11 museums or historical sites within the Michigan Historical Museum system.

Community Chat

Join your host Kerry Partin along with co-hosts Kelly, Tom, Derek and Ben every Thursday night at 9 p.m. This is an internet talk show recorded live where the residents and surrounding communities are welcome to participate. Share your events, promotions or comments with your fellow residents and the communities.

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Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community - especially children - who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

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GC Rotary Club seeks school supplies

The Garden City Rotary Club is once again working with Garden City to collect and pack school supplies for the needy.

A collection box for local residents to drop off donated school supplies is set up in the lobby of Garden City Hall located at 6000 Middlebelt. The Rotary is also collecting items at the old

Henry Ruff Elementary building located on Maplewood between Middlebelt and Merriman.

The Rotary has also purchased 85 backpacks to fill. Club members will pack the items next Thursday, Aug. 30, after their regularly scheduled noon meeting at Amantea's Restaurant on War-

ren, east of Venoy.

"After they are packed, the school principals will be contacted and they will identify the students who will receive the backpacks," said past Rotary Club president Jack Pelon. "Once again, the residents of Garden City were generous with their donations."

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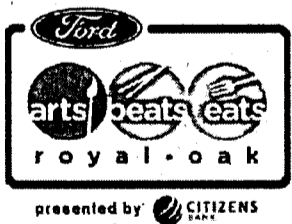
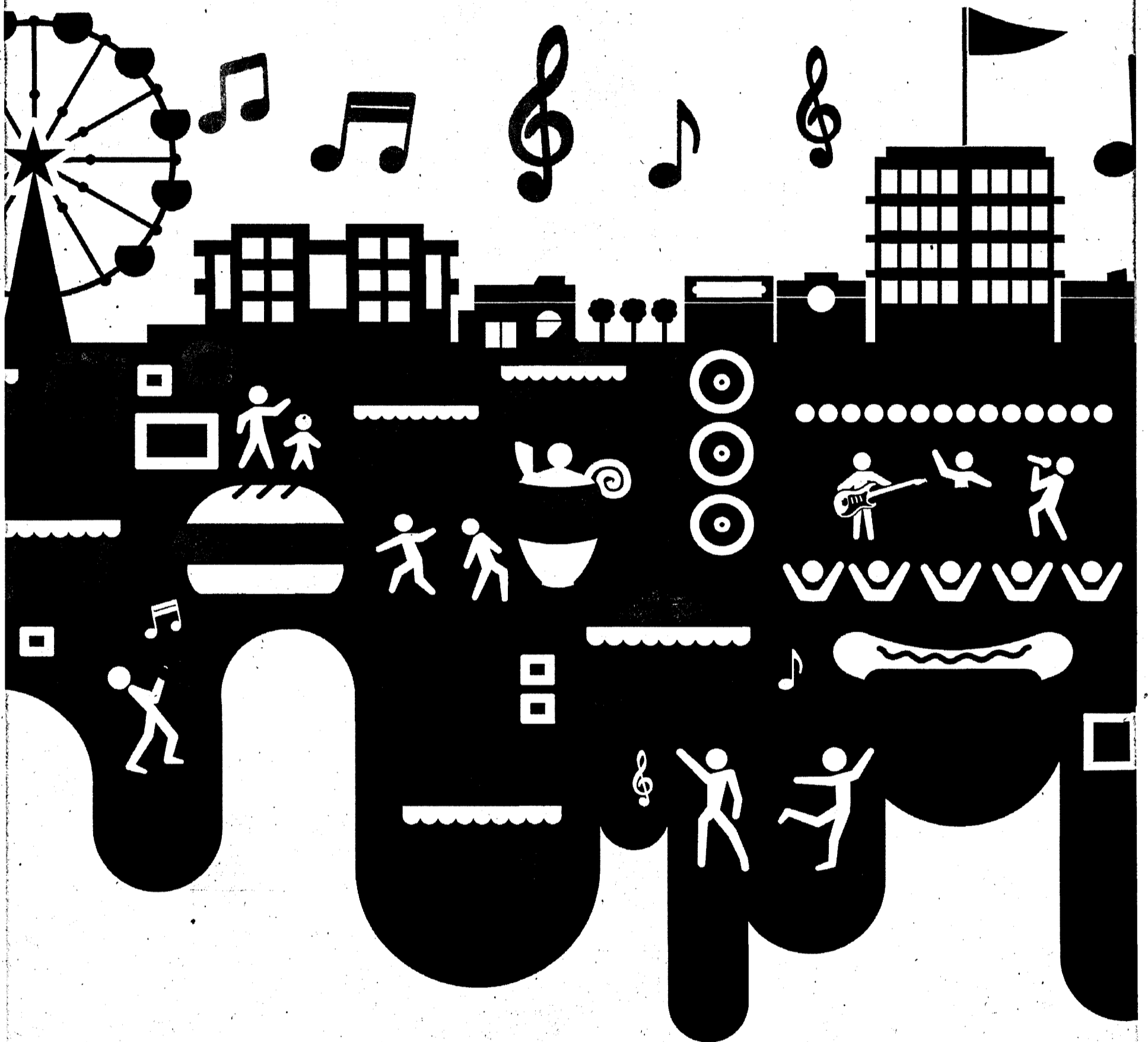
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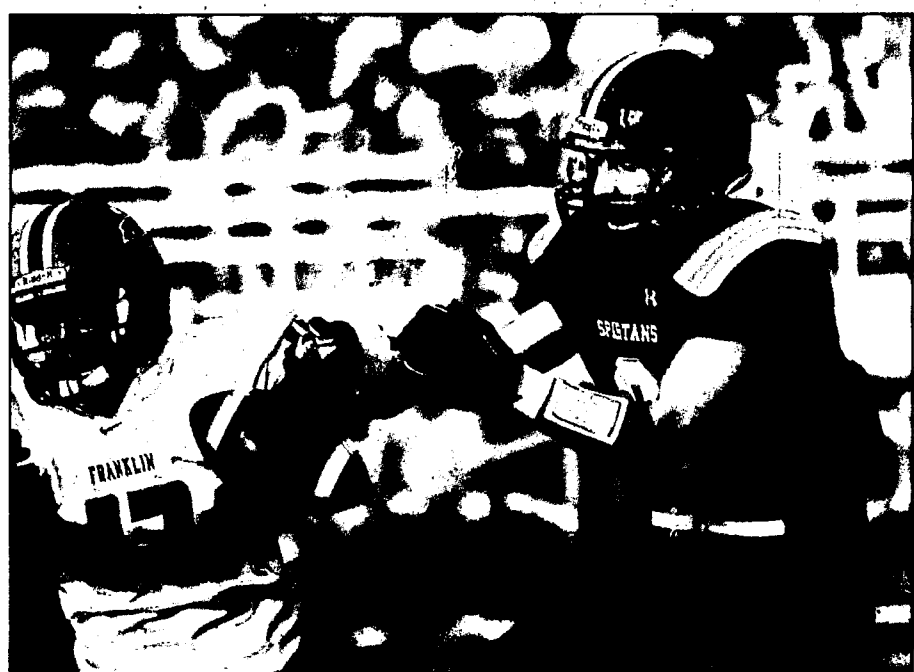
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Stevenson's Cody Coleman (right) and Franklin's Kevin Nisun contest for the pass during the first half in Friday's season opener.

Spartans pull off late-game magic

Mims last-second TD pass stuns Pats

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson was treading water.

Down a point to rival Livonia Franklin in Friday's season football opener, the Spartans found themselves on their own 24-yard line with only 3:30 left.

Senior quarterback Joe Mims then threw out a life preserver, engineering clutch game-winning drive that resulted in an 18-yard touchdown pass to junior Billy Bonanno with only eight seconds remaining to give the host Spartans a 26-20 victory.

Mims finished the night hitting 15-of-20 passes for 238 yards, but more impressively he connected on 7-of-9 for 57 yards during the final possession, including a key 11-yarder to Bonanno and running for 27 more on a bootleg — both coming on critical fourth down plays.

"It was rough, but we figured it out and got it done," Mims said. "That last play we saved it for the fourth quarter. Time was running down so we decided to run it and it

worked."

The Spartans were in field goal range for senior kick Tom O'Brien, who converted a pair of three-pointers earlier in the game of 24 and 36 yards.

But Stevenson coach Matt Fielder burned his final timeout with 17 seconds remaining and decided to take a shot at the end zone.

"He's matured, he's a leader out there," Fielder said of his third-year starting QB. "To make that throw ... my goodness. And the guys made the catches, but Joe knew what decision to make. The idea was that Joe makes the right decision, and he does.

"It's having an experienced quarterback and having receivers not afraid to make plays."

Mims followed his instructions from the sideline perfectly and took what the Franklin defense had given him.

"Coach (Fielder) said all we have is that 'wheel' route, and if that wasn't open to dump it out of bounds and let Tom O'Brien kick the field goal," Mims said. "It worked out, but I'm

confident Tom would have made it though. Either way I think it would have been a win."

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound signal caller also came up with a huge 27-yard run on fourth-and-two to keep the final drive after running for six yards on the previous play.

"Fourth-and-two we faked the 'power,'" Mims said. "The first play I was supposed to do it, but coach said to run it the next play and I got open down the sidelines and took off."

In a see-saw battle, Franklin had taken a 20-19 lead with 3:35 to go on a 9-yard run by Jesse McCall.

And it appeared the Patriots were poised to beat Stevenson for the fourth time in a row.

"We never gave up," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "They made plays — two fourth downs on that last drive — that's the difference. We converted a couple of fourth downs when we scored. This game ... it's crazy. Every year it's like this. It's the first game and we just can-

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Farmington back defuses Rockets

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Coach John Bechtel has talked of Farmington having a lot of home run hitters on its football team, and the derby winner Friday night was Jordan Degreifenreed.

The Falcons' version of Hank Aaron rushed for four touchdowns and 229 yards in Farmington's 32-14 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

"I give all my respect to my line," Degreifenreed said. "They blocked; they opened the holes for me, and all I had to do was hit it. And I took it to the crib."

The senior tailback scored his first two touchdowns on runs of 68 and 69 yards, shooting through the line and outrunning the second level of defenders.

"That was what I looked to in the game," he said. "It's all my line. Without them, I would never have scored the touchdowns."

The 5-foot-8, 183-pound Degreifenreed also scored from 13 yards to give Farmington a 19-7 halftime lead, and he added a 7-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to make the score 33-7.

"I was extremely impressed with him," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "At times we had guys in position to make plays on him. He wasn't really breaking tackles; he was slipping tackles and, once he got in the open field, you couldn't

stop him. He was too fast."

Bechtel also credited the play of Farmington's offensive line. The Falcons outgained the Rockets, 403-187.

"Not to take anything away from Jordan, but somebody was in there blocking, too," he said.

"We dominated line of scrimmage on both sides, which is exactly what Farmington is going to have to do to be successful this year.

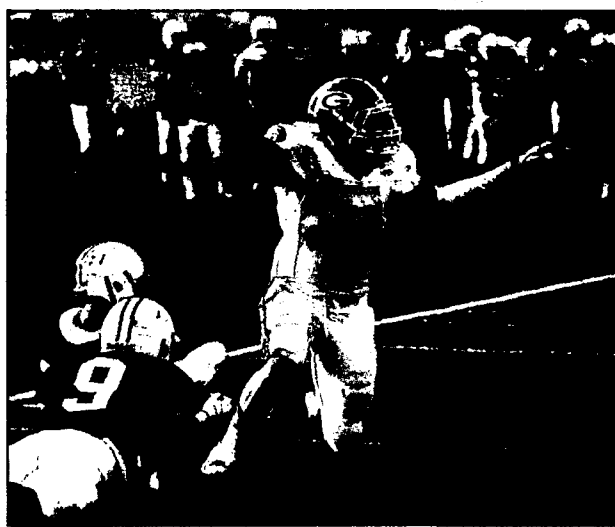
"All our backs run hard; they run downhill; they don't stop and try to make a move. They run and when that happens we have a chance to be explosive."

Glenn tied the score, 7-7, with a 10-yard pass from Chris Scheffer to star wideout DaMario Jones on the first play of the second quarter, but Farmington regained the lead on its next possession with Degreifenreed's 69-yarder.

The Falcons recovered a squibbed kickoff to start the second half and scored three plays later to take a decisive, 25-7 lead. Troy Mitchell lofted a pass over the Glenn secondary to Josh Craven, who completed the play for a 37-yard touchdown.

"We certainly didn't want to kick the ball to No. 11 (Jones) in the open field. That didn't make any sense," Bechtel said. "We have some kids up front who can go get the football. It went a little

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior DaMario Jones signals touchdown after catching a 10-yard pass from Junior Chris Scheffer.

Emenhiser adds cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emehiser recently announced the signing of 6-foot-6 forward Dayshon Daniels, who averaged 15.5 points and eight rebounds per game at Inkster High.

Daniels is the second Inkster product to sign with the Crusaders joining 6-7 sophomore center Donald Owens.

Daniels is the fourth player to sign with MU for the 2012-13 season joining Tyler Stewart (Salem), Zack Lewis and Jack Ocobock.

"He is a very versatile player who has great speed and quickness for his size," Emehiser said of Daniels. "We see him being able to fill a valuable position for us with his ability to defend and rebound."

Phill to join Hall of Fame

Longtime Livonia Stevenson girls swim coach Greg Phill will be among a class of 15 that will be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Central Michigan University's Bovee University Center's Terrace Room.

Phill enters his 28th season coaching the Spartans.

Tickets for the banquet and awards ceremony, beginning at noon, are \$25.

For more information, e-mail MHSAC Executive Secretary Kim Spalsbury at spalskru@yahoo.com.

O&E men's golf signup

Registration continues for the annual Observer & Eccentric Hometown Media 36-hole medal play men's golf tournament 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, just south of Eight Mile. (For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com; or call (248) 476-4493.

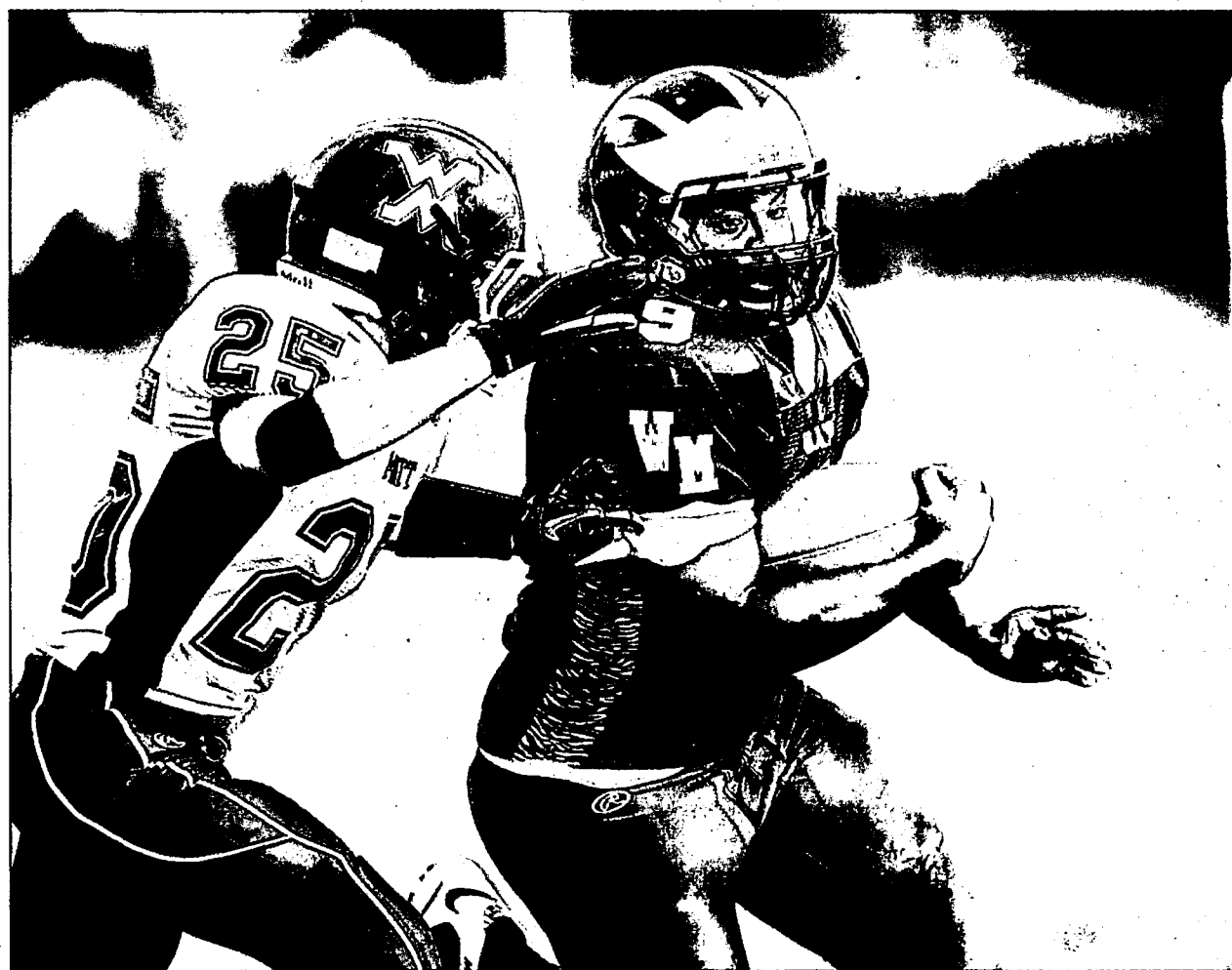
Blazers stick it to Regina

Sophomore Christina Meyer notched two goals and two assists Wednesday as Livonia Ladywood opened Catholic League play with a 9-2 girls field hockey victory over Warren Regina.

The Blazers, who improved to 2-0 overall, also got two goals apiece from seniors Jacylyn Snyder and Lauren Kozlowski.

Senior goalie Stephanie Mackley had an easy night with no saves required to post the shutout.

Angeline Fisher made two saves in goal for the Saddletites (0-1, 0-1).



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Two's a crowd

Wayne's Abdullah Myles (right) tries to elude Waterford Mott tackler Alex Moorner during Thursday's season opener. The Zebras lost in coach Lee Grizzell's debut, 34-12. See story on page B7?

Chargers win in wild, crazy finish, 56-54

Friday's season football opener between Livonia Churchill and host Walled Lake Northern could only be described as "Basketball on Turf."

The two teams combined for exactly 1,177 yards in total offense and 61 first downs as Churchill found a way to pull out a crazy 56-54 triumph.

Northern made a bid to send the game into overtime when quarterback Collin O'Donnell scored on a 4-yard touchdown with 1:15 left to pull the Knights to within two.

O'Donnell, who scored four TDs on the night, then tried to score the equalizer on the two-point conversion play, only to be stopped short of the goal line by Churchill tacklers Romello Brown and Matt Bosas.

Brown, the 5-foot-11, 235-pound senior tailback, rushed for 190

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LJAL president gets support by board in lieu of charges

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Junior Athletic League has given its president Paul Seewald a vote of confidence to continue in his position despite facing criminal charges in an election fraud case.

Seewald is among four members of former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's staff charged Aug. 9 in connection with alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May on McCotter's behalf.

Seewald, 47, is facing 10 charges: one county of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable up to 93 days in jail.

Seewald entered a plea of not guilty and is scheduled for a pre-exam on Sept. 18 and a preliminary exam on Sept. 20 in 16th District Court.

Seewald oversees the LJAL, a large organization which provides youth ages 8-17, who reside in the Livonia or Clar-

enceville School Districts, opportunities to play organized baseball, basketball, football and cheerleading.

"Wanted to let you know that the LJAL Executive Board held its regularly scheduled meeting last evening," LJAL vice-president Matt Yardley said in an e-mail Friday to *The Observer*. "Among other topics, the matter of Paul Seewald's recent issues relative to his former employment was discussed. Mr. Seewald continues to receive the unanimous support from the Executive Board in his current position as president of the LJAL."

Earlier in the week, Yardley indicated that concerns had surfaced about Seewald's status with the LJAL.

"I know we get some questions here and there, but right now we're still with Paul's leadership and he's provided so much leadership that at this time he's still with us until he decides what direction he wants to go," Yardley said.

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City champs

Spartans sweep all 5 doubles flights

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

BOYS TENNIS

Stevenson boys tennis coach Don McCathney is getting some good early season vibes from his squad, particularly from his doubles tandems.

On Wednesday, the host Spartans captured seven of nine flights, including all the doubles crowns, to repeat as Livonia City boys tennis champion.

Stevenson tallied a team-high 25 points in the quad meet which also featured runner-up Churchill (19), Franklin (7) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (3).

Going 3-0 on the day and winning all their doubles matches in straight sets for the Spartans were Jeff Frederick and Aaron Dziobak (No. 1); Ahmed Hussain and Joe Osmialowski (No. 3); Neal Adams and Chris Hal-

dane (No. 4); and Matt Lackey and Sam Klos (No. 5).

Stevenson's No. 2 doubles team also emerged the winner with a 3-0 mark, including a 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 10-4 (super breaker) victory over Mayuresh Iyer and Steven VanWormer of Churchill.

"Our singles came back intact - one through four - and it looks like our doubles carried us in this tournament," McCathney said. "We won one through five doubles, and basically lost one set through those flights, so it was really nice for our doubles to do that."

Churchill's Jonathan Martin and Joe Mulka both sent 3-0 to capture the No. 1 and No. 2 singles flights, respectively.

Martin won all his matches in straight sets with Stevenson's Chad Northey runner-up, while Mulka had to overcome the Spartans' runner-up Sam Tabor in two close sets, 7-6, 6-4.

Stevenson's Marcus McCathney (No. 3) and Johnson Yang (No. 4), who did not lose a game in three matches, both won their respective flights.

Franklin's Chris Sitariski (No. 3) and Churchill's Aditya Vemulapati (No. 4) each placed second with 2-1 records.

Churchill took runner-up honors in all five doubles flights led by Riley Prince and Mark Denstaedt (No. 1); Mayuresh and VanWormer (No. 2); Mit Patel and Aditya Agrawal (No. 3); Copper King and Raymond Peters (No. 4); Drew Lang

and Shantam Ravan (No. 5).

Stevenson opened its season last Saturday by winning a quad meet at home with 23 points followed by Bright (19), Brownstown Woodhaven (7) and Walled Lake Northern (4).

McCathney said his doubles lineup is pretty well set moving forward. "We still could make some changes because we had a kid gone for four days who didn't play and who is probably good enough to play at three, four or five," the Stevenson coach said. "I think we could be a little bit stronger, but for the most part who have most of those pairings beside that kid. He's got to fit in some place."

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BOYS TENNIS OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: John Webster, third year. League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's dual match record: 11-4.

Last year's finish: first, Division 1 regional and KLAAS South co-champion; seventh, KLAAS 'A' Tourney.

Notable losses to graduation: Matt Cezat (second-team All-Area); Brian Baumgartner (second-team All-Area); Tejas Soni, Braden Swantick, Ian Clemens.

Leading returnees: Jonathan Martin, Soph. (first-team All-Area

singles; No. 2 singles regional champion, 19-3 record); Mark Denstaedt, Jr. (second-team All-Area doubles); Joe Mulka, sr. (singles); Rishabh Arvikar, Jr. (singles); Riley Prince, Jr. (doubles); Steven VanWormer, Jr. (doubles); Mit Patel, Soph. (doubles); Kishan Trivedi, Sr. (doubles); Aditya Vemulapati, Jr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Aditya Agrawal, Sr. (doubles); Joe Healy, Soph. (doubles); Cooper King, Fr. (doubles); Drew Lang, Soph. (doubles); Raymond Peters, Soph. (doubles); Alex Rogosch, Soph. (doubles); Matt Sabatini, Jr. (doubles); Denis Sinan, Soph. (doubles); Kevin Xu, Jr. (doubles).

Webster's 2012 outlook: "This year's team is much younger with several key returnees and experienced newcomers. Several of our players have been playing year-round and the hard work is paying off. We are looking forward to a successful and exciting season. I look to lead the team back to the state finals."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dawn Fallu, fourth year. League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's dual match record: 5-7.

Last year's finish: fifth, KLAAS South and KLAAS 'B' tourney; sixth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Stephen Payne (first-team All-Area), Joe Bastas, Zach Benson, Will Rowley.

Leading returnees: Tim Crouson, Sr. (singles); Jacob Liberati, Jr. (singles); Chris Sitariski, Sr. (singles); Connor Benson, Sr. (doubles); Nick Munro, Soph. (doubles); Aaron Rogers, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Joe Vetula, Jr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers:

Adam Monroe, Jr. (doubles).

Fallu's 2012 outlook: "We have a big loss this year with two-time All-Stater Stephen Payne (Western Michigan) having graduated last year along with five other seniors. Tim Crouson will be our No. 1 singles player for this season. He had a tough year last season battling mononucleosis throughout. We have seven new players this year - all from other sports - so this will definitely be a rebuilding year for our team. Adam Monroe heads up are seven new players which all take part in other sports at Franklin, and are great athletes. I have no doubt as the season progresses we'll improve greatly as a team."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Don McCathney, fourth year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's dual match record: 8-3.

Last year's finish: first, Spartan Invitational and Livonia City Quad; third, KLAAS Central; second, Division 1 regional; 12th, KLAAS 'A' tourney.

Notable losses to graduation: Nick Marsh, Doug Giroux.

Leading returnees: Chad Northey, Jr. (singles; second-team All-Area); Marcus McCathney, Sr.; Johnson Yang, Sr. (No. 4 singles regional champion); Jeff Frederick, Jr.; Jason Wysocki, Jr. (No. 3 doubles regional champion); Chris Haldane, Sr.; Chase Tinham, Soph. (No. 3 doubles regional champion); Neal Adams, Soph.; Sam Klos, Jr.; Matt Lackey, Jr.; Joe Osmialowski, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Tom Cwiek, Jr.; Ahmed Hussain, Soph.; Eric Marsh, Jr.; Kyle Martin, Sr.; Noah Pappalardo, Soph.; Brad Weiland, Soph.

McCathney's 2012 outlook: "With many players returning we should be a competitive team. Our entire singles lineup returns, so they will have to carry us until we get our doubles teams playing together. We have qualified for the state tournament two years in a row so we would like to keep that going. Many of our players have improved a great deal since last season and all of them are working hard to get ready for the season. This is a very nice group to work with."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Wayne Woodard, third year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington

Conference (South Division).

Last year's dual match record: 9-7.

Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAS South; eighth, KLAAS 'B' tourney and Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Tommy Ruark, Mitch Dean, Nick Stone, Wayne Woodard, Shane Wiechert, Bill Messics, Karl Lawrence, Ainsworth Orr.

Leading returnees: Mike Woodard, Jr. (singles); Ian Villaroman, Sr. (singles); Chris Sabel, Sr. (singles); Paul Balilo, Soph. (singles); Charlie Messics, Jr. (singles); Joie Onadia, Jr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Josh Wakeford, Sr. (singles); Steve Gray, Soph. (doubles); P.J. Wright, Fr. (doubles); Myles Davis, Fr. (doubles); Airren Watkins, Soph. (doubles); Travis Trigg, Soph. (doubles); Dre Black, Jr. (doubles); Nick Daniels, Sr. (doubles); Matt Karpiuk, Jr. (doubles); D.J. Mayo, Soph. (doubles); Kyle Nikula, Fr. (doubles); Herb Taylor, Sr. (doubles).

Woodard's 2012 outlook: "We have a lot of newcomers who are working hard. Much of our success will depend on their continued progress. I'm looking for solid performances from our returners. None of our returners have any singles experience, so this will be new for them also. We intend to work hard everyday and represent John Glenn in a positive manner."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Andy Raisanen, fourth year.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's dual match record: 4-8.

Last year's finish: sixth, KLAAS South; ninth, KLAAS 'B' tourney and Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Zach Williamson, Zach Lankton, Jarret Williamson, Michael Battaglia, Micheil Hood, Cody Huffaker, Danny Lees, Chris Schmidt.

Leading returnees: Tyler Harnos, Soph. (No. 1 singles; Sam Herbert, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Josiah Ault, Sr. (singles); Danny Selvia, Sr. (singles); Andrew Watson, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Antonio Heberling, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Jack Delisi, Sr. (doubles); Tyler Dunn, Sr. (doubles).

Promising newcomers: Davion Holt, Jr.; Daniel Mills, Jr.; Tyler Stoll, Sr.; Austin Boyce, Sr.; Brandon Revell, Sr.; Sam Washington, Sr.; Arthur Straw, Sr.

Raisanen's 2012 outlook: "It will be a challenging year after losing most of the team to graduation last year. Tyler Harnos should have some success at first singles. It could be called a rebuilding year, but it the team is made up of almost all seniors again."

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beth Havlik, 76.
Glenn's top scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 49; Haley Arai, 66.
Dual match records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

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Late Registrants Accepted

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

August proved to be a busy month with mixed results for Livonia tennis standout Bianca Moldovan.

The just turned 16-year-old, who will be a sophomore at Stevenson High, just returned from the U.S. Tennis Association International Hard Courts Grade 2 event in College Park, Md. where she captured three-of-four matches in a highly competitive draw.

Moldovan, now 84-21 on the season in singles, posted qualifying round victories over Americans Raveena Kingsley (6-2, 6-1) and Alexandra Valenstein (6-0, 6-1), as well as defeating Alexis Prokopuik, the fourth-ranked Girls 16 player in Canada, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Moldovan then lost her first match in the main draw to Louisa Chirico of Harrison, N.Y., 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles, Moldovan and her partner Chole Michele Ouellet-Pizer (USA) defeated Jessica Cortez and Valeria Salazar of Mexico, 1-6, 6-3, 10-8 (super-breaker) before losing to Chingwen Hsu (Taipei) and Alexandra Morozova (USA), 6-2, 6-4.

On Aug. 4-12, Moldovan played the USTA National Girls 16 Championships in San Diego, Calif.

Ranked 13th nationally, Moldovan earned victories over Anna Smith (18), McMurray, Pa. 6-1, 6-3; Sophie Chang (39), Havre de Grace, Md., 6-2, 6-1; and Lauren Ghidotti (111), Dublin, Ohio, 6-4, 6-2; before losing to Jacqueline Pelletier (12), Huntington

Beach, Calif. 7-6, 6-3, in the Round of 32.

In the backyard, Moldovan downed 10th-ranked Kenadi Hance (Torrance, Calif.), 6-2, 6-3, before losing to No. 31 Gabrielle Smith (Henderson, Nev.), 7-5, 6-1.

Moldovan and her doubles partner Alexandra Najarian (Birmingham) started as the ninth seeds and made a strong run winning four straight matches before falling in the semifinals to Smith and Olivia Sneed (Prairie Village, Kan.), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Moldovan and Najarian then captured the bronze medal by defeating Daphne De Chatelus (Tiburon, Calif.) and Kareena Manji (Simi Valley, Calif.) in the consolation final, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

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Mott stymies Zebras, 34-14

By Brad Emons
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The Lee Grizzell football era at Wayne Memorial got off shaky start Thursday night.

The first-year coach watched his team self-destruct with three lost fumbles and over 100 yards in penalties in a 34-14 setback to visiting Waterford Mott.

The Zebras, who have now lost 22 straight dating back to the 2009 season, were penalized a total of 12 times for 102 yards, including five times for being offside and five others for either unsportsmanlike or personal fouls (including four in the final quarter).

"We just have to consistently make sure we do the right things all the time," said Grizzell, who took over for Kevin Weber this season after being the offensive coordinator at Dearborn Edsel Ford. "Usually when things broke down offensively the guy did the wrong thing ... just more consistency by the guys and doing things the right way."

After Abdullah Myles took the opening kickoff back 39 yards, Wayne had to a chance to score on its first possession, only to be stopped on fourth-and-3 at the Corsairs' 22.

Jack Aleman then recovered a Wayne fumble at the Zebras' 28 with 1:56 left in the first quarter and Mott capitalized five plays later to make it 6-0 on a 5-yard touchdown run by Alex Moor-er, who led all rushers with 132 yards on 24 carries. (Mott subsequently missed the two-point conversion attempt.)

With 8:20 remaining in the second quarter and Mott inside the Zebras' 10, Sankofa Taylor recovered the Corsairs' lone fumble of the night to set up an impressive 16-play, 91-yard TD drive resulting in a 7-yard run by Ste-



Wayne Memorial's Torrey Cooper (right) breaks away from Waterford Mott tackler Jalen Wade during Thursday night's 2012 football opener.

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fon Perkins, who finished with 65 yards on 11 carries.

But the extra point attempt was blocked leaving the count at 6-all with just over a minute to go in the half.

Mott's Maurice Mays then took the ensuing kickoff back 46 yards and the Corsairs took the lead for keeps with only 28 seconds remaining on sophomore quarterback Dakota Kupp's 30-yard TD screen pass to Moor-er.

Mott, however, missed to the two-point conversion attempt leaving the score at 12-6 at intermission.

The second half was all Corsairs, who took their opening possession by marching 62 yards in 13 plays resulting in a 1-yard TD run by Moor-er, who also ran in for the two-pointer to make it 20-6.

"What we did is run a zone scheme, we wanted to cut back a little more," said Mott first-year coach Chris Fahr said of his running game. "Quite honestly we gave the ball up down here at the 5-yard line (second quarter), so I feel like the whole game we had what we wanted. We just had to execute a little better."

Wayne fumbled away the ball on its first possession of the third quarter, but Mott couldn't take advantage.

The Corsairs, who had 260 total yards to Wayne's 205, scored on another long drive to start the fourth period going 61 yards in 10 plays with Jalen Wade scoring from 3 yards out to make it 26-6 with 6:52 to go.

A 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty and a pair of 5-yard offside aided the Mott TD drive.

"A couple of fumbles on offense hurt us," Grizzell said. "Defensively a couple of untimely stuff ... the defense is lining up offside. We had a couple of breakdowns there and that hurt us the most."

Myles, who led Wayne with 69 yards in 10 carries, added a second TD, along with a two-pointer, with 4:39 remaining on an 8-yard run and Moor-er quickly answered with his fourth TD of the night from 15 yards out with 2:07 remaining.

"We got a lot of new players," Fahr said. "We just have to keep getting better. I can't say how proud of our offensive line I am. They've been through a lot. We have a lot of first-year players. I'm extremely proud of those young men."

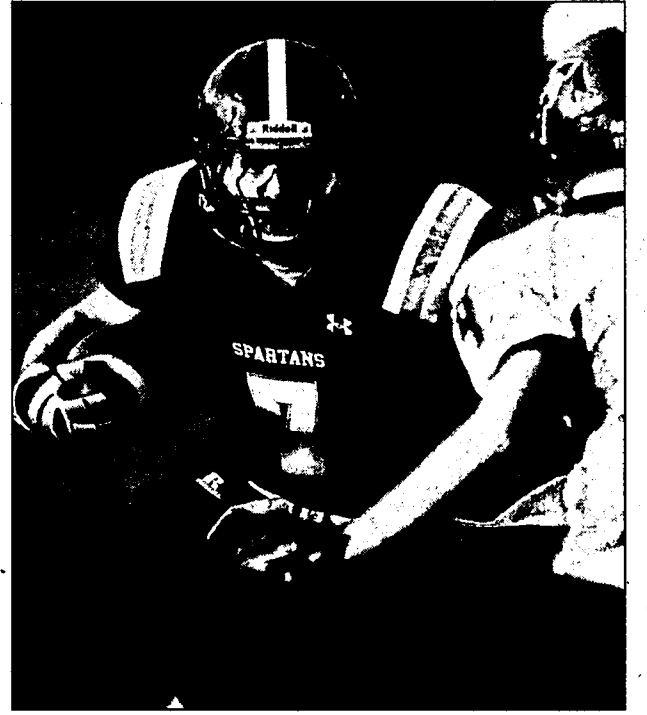
"I thought they (Wayne) were very big, but I also thought that we could get at them and wear them down. There's a lot of two-way players and we take a lot of pride in our conditioning. We just thought we might wear them down because of the amount of two-way players on their offensive and defensive line. Their coaches are great coaches and we're just fortunate to get out of here with a win."

Wayne used three quarterbacks and threw just two passes, both incomplete in the final quarter. Joe Porter started, followed by Torrey Cooper (11-for-63) and then Jeff Grant.

Wayne will try and snap its losing skid Thursday at home against Pinckney.

"Our conditioning ... it was not good today," Grizzell said. "Guys we thought that could go both ways maybe found out that we may have to two-platoon a little bit. We need to come back next week and play a good game."

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Stevenson's Adam Wheeler (7) turns the ball upfield in Friday's season opener against Franklin tackler Alex Karaszkiwicz (4).

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not let this define our season."

Stevenson led 3-0 after one quarter on O'Brien's field goal, but Franklin answered with 10:55 left in the second period on a 4-yard TD run by senior Joe McRobb, who led all rushers with 132 yards on 17 carries.

Stevenson, however, came right back on its next possession to take a 10-7 advantage on a 6-yard TD run by C.J. Weiss.

With 2:52 remaining in the third, O'Brien nailed another field goal to make it 13-7.

McRobb then responded with a 34-yard TD run on fourth-and-one to put the Patriots back on top 14-13 following Alejandro Castillo's point-after.

Mims hit tight end Adam Wheeler over the middle on the very next play following the kickoff for a 62-yard TD to put Stevenson ahead 19-14. (The two-point pass fell incomplete.)

Franklin's final possession was a 13-play, 74-yard TD run which con-

sumed nearly eight minutes of clock.

"It's Franklin-Stevenson," said Fielder, now in his second season as head coach. "It's always going to be a game. We played really good football to beat them. They're a good football team. They were powering us late in the game."

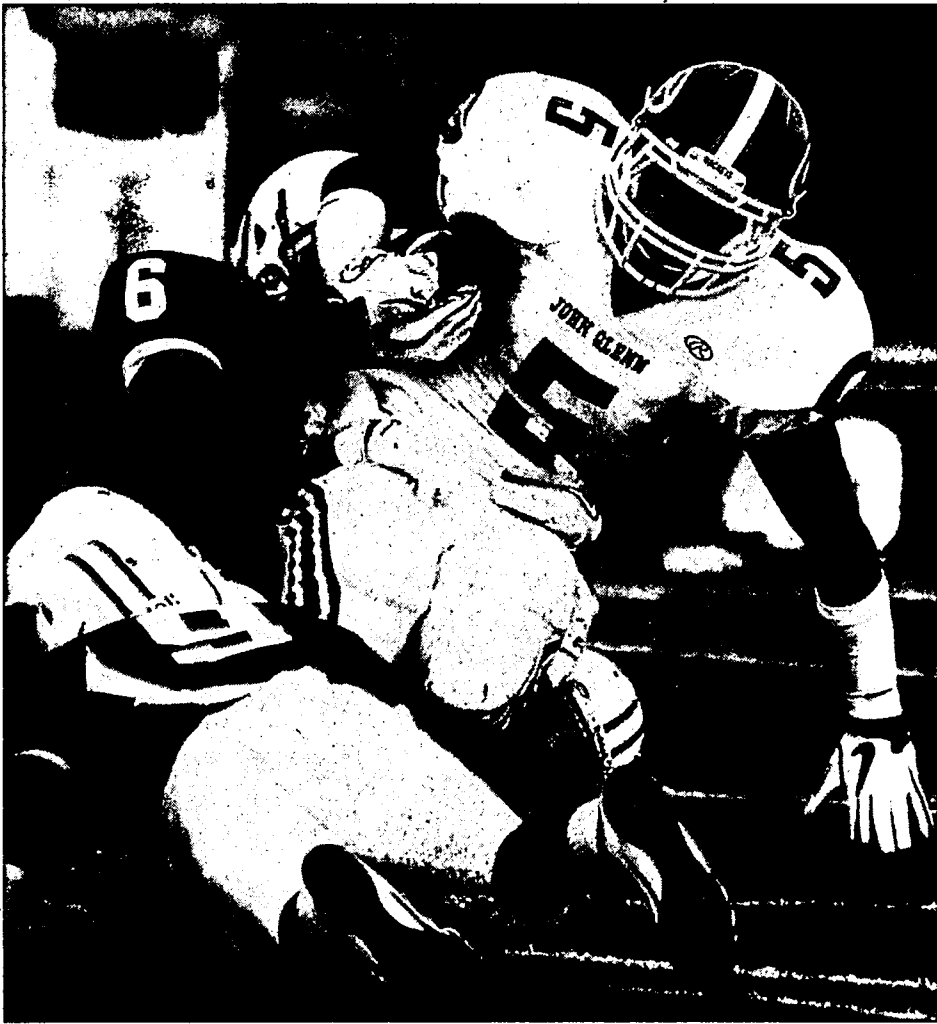
Stevenson had a decided edge in total offense (321-209), but Franklin had outgained the Spartans on the ground (181-83).

"All across the board we played horribly - offense, defense, special teams - we were bad," Kelbert said. "But they (Stevenson) played well. We didn't play up to our expectations I guess."

Meanwhile, Mims soaked up the moment afterwards.

"Personally it's the best accomplishment of my high school career," he said. "Never beat Franklin, and it took me until my senior year to beat them. Got the monkey off my back and now next it's Walled Lake Central, and got to be ready to go."

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Senior Tyler Clemons is stopped by Farmington's Kenneth Hammond (6) and Isaiah Gour-dine (9).

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yards on 23 carries and scored five TDs on runs of 1, 2, 22, 6 and 10 yards.

Churchill senior quarterback Seth Suida completed 17-of-23 passes for 320 yards and one score, a 73-yard bomb to Jeremy Lewis, who finished the night with nine catches for 215 yards.

Churchill led 14-0 after one quarter, getting its first TD when senior Dwayne Scott scooped up a Northern fumble and raced 47 yards into the end zone.

Northern then got its veer offense in gear going in the second quarter, scoring 19 points, but still trailed 21-19.

Churchill also led by two after three quarters, 42-40.

The Knights rushed for an astounding total of 536 yards as Matt Kosmalski led the ground attack with 303 yards on 20 carries, including TD runs of 15 and 80 yards.

O'Donnell added 90 yards on 22 attempts and had TD runs of 4, 3, 6 and 4 yards. He was also 6-of-15

passing for 77 yards.

P.J. Kern chipped in with a pair of TDs on runs of 3 and 4 yards, but it wasn't enough as the Knights lost despite holding a 613-564 advantage in total yards.

Trojans roll, 34-6

Livonia Clarenceville jumped out to a 21-0 half-time lead en route to a season-opening 34-6 triumph Friday night at home over Southfield Bradford Academy.

Senior quarterback Zach Kubiak posted a 158 percent passer rating, going 5-for-5 for 67 yards, including a pair of touchdown passes of 5 and 29 yards to Austin Douglass.

Clarenceville rushed for a total of 139 yards, with Jalen Bryant leading the way with 34 yards on five carries. He had TD catches of 1 and 11 yards, while Douglass also added a 3-yard scoring run.

Bradford Academy turned the ball over on its first four possessions during the first half, with Kimani Dooley and Douglass each picking off passes.

Kicker Ma Sambou Jatta connected on four-of-five extra points and had

four kickoffs reach the end zone for touchbacks.

Warriors edged

On Friday, host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook made a goal line stand with only six minutes remaining to hold off Lutheran High Westland, 15-14, in the season opener for both teams.

Trailing by a point, Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé elected to go for the win on fourth-and-one, but came up short.

All the scoring came during the opening quarter, with Martin Kemp scoring on a 9-yard run and Jacob Richter adding a 4-yard TD run for the Warriors.

Richter finished with a team-best 104 yards on 14 carries, while Kemp added 79 yards on 12 attempts. Nick Andrzejewski added 41 on nine carries.

Cranbrook held the edge in total yardage, 296-259.

The Warriors finished with 247 yards on the ground and were 1-of-3 passing for 12 yards.

Defensively, Luke Bonkowski and Jacob Davenport each made six tackles in the loss.

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further than it was supposed to go, but we'll take it. That was a big play."

"It certainly was kind of a backbreaker," Hardin said. "We talked to the kids at halftime and thought we got them in the right frame of mind."

"We were still in the game at that point. We talked about taking the opening kickoff and

going down and scoring. For them to get the ball back right away was devastating."

"Their squib kicks in the first half had been going deeper than that. If we put our hands team in, we wouldn't have had anyone back for the deep squib kick, so we decided to keep our regular kick team in there."

The Rockets scored again late in the game (3:35) against the backup defense. Scheffer completed an 89-yard drive

with a 22-yard pass to Jones.

Farmington had 299 rushing yards. Connor Mohr added 44 on 11 carries; Degreffe rushed 18 times. Mitchell was 3-of-5 passing for 104. Scheffer was 4-of-10 for 83 - all of it going to Jones, who also ran for 73 yards on five tries.

The Falcons might've had more points, but they had sustained drives cut short by lost fumbles at the Glenn 32- and 16-yard lines.

Cruasaders, Lady Ocelots prevail

Goals by Ashley Parent, Monique DeGrandis and Jennifer Jurcak propelled Madonna University to a 3-0 women's soccer victory Friday afternoon over host Fanshawe College (Ontario).

Freeshman Blaire Schmalenberg got the shutout in goal as the Crusaders evened their season record at 1-1.

SCHOOLCRAFT 2, NORTHWOOD 1: Lauren Badalamente tallied a pair of

goals Wednesday as visiting Schoolcraft College (1-0) opened its 2012 season with a victory over NCAA Division II Northwood University.

Both of Badalamente's goals came during the first half. The first was unassisted, while the second was off an assist from Alejandra Mesa (Livonia Franklin).

Allie Misner countered with a goal for the Timberwolves in the opening half as well.

Tara Gessler made 10 first-half saves in goal for the Lady Ocelots, while back-up Danielle Schendel (Canton) recorded three stops during the second half.

Rebecca Lipinski made seven saves in goal for Northwood.

WESTERN (ONTARIO) 3, MADONNA 0: Marjolien Butier led Western Ontario University (1-0) with a pair of goals Thursday, while Courtney Stocks added the final tally to beat visiting Madonna University (0-1) in the season opener for both teams at North London Soccer Field.

"We struggled today," said MU coach Jeff Hodgson, who used all 16 of his players.

"Western was good, big, fast and physical, something we're not used to. I know the style up here and knew it would be a good challenge for us."

Churchill spikers go 4-1 at Mercy

Senior setter Katie Chartrand collected 90 total assists on the day as Livonia Churchill improved to 10-1 on the girls volleyball season by going 4-1 and tying for first place in pool play during Wednesday's Farmington Hills Mercy Tournament.

The Chargers defeated the host Marlins (25-19, 25-23), Troy (22-25, 25-15, 15-13), Muskegon Mona Shores (25-22, 25-15) and Clarkston (25-19, 25-27, 15-13) with their only loss coming against East Grand Rapids (11-25, 20-25).

Senior Emily Norscia was the Chargers' top hit-

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ter with 72 totals kills, while Julia Szuba led the defense with 61 digs to go along with four ace serves.

Courtney Pietruszka added 40 digs, while Rayna Yetts chipped in with five aces and 19 assists.

Patriots drop 3

Poor serving led to Livonia Franklin's undoing in three losses Wednesday in the Northville Quad.

The Patriots were defeated by the host Mustangs (19-25, 15-25, 17-25); Hartland (14-25, 19-25, 15-

25) and Ann Arbor Skyline (15-25, 15-25, 20-25).

"We served too many balls into the net," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose team slipped to 3-6 overall. "We missed 30 serves and served only 80 percent."

Afton DeWyse and Kelly Newton paced the Franklin defense with 30 and 25 total digs, respectively.

"They did a fantastic job," Jimenez said.

Franklin's top hitters included Mackenzie Lukas (14 kills), Maggie Leins (12 kills) and Kelly O'Brien (seven kills).

Loaded again S'craft men's soccer team is top-notch

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

COLLEGE SOCCER

It's hard, but Schoolcraft College seventh-year men's soccer coach Rich Larson can only look in the rear-view mirror when it comes to the 2011 season.

The Ocelots went 22-0-1, captured the Michigan Athletic Association and NJCAA Region 12 titles, only to be eliminated by the College of Southern Maryland, 5-4, on penalty kicks, after the two teams played 120 minutes to a scoreless draw in the North Central District final.

Nine players have moved on to four-year colleges, including six to the NCAA Division 1 ranks led by first-team All-America Marco Lobo (Western Michigan University), who had 13 goals and nine assists.

Other key losses include Ryan LeMasters and Mario Teixeira, both at WMU; Brent McIntosh, Michigan State; Juan Garcia, South Florida; goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt, Coastal Carolina; Doug Beason and Phil Strachan, Madonna University; and Danjan Stamenkovik, UM-Dearborn.

Larson returns seven players from last year's squad with an Ontario native Adrian Tash, a defender, as the lone returning full-time starter.

"This year's team is this year's team," the Schoolcraft coach said. "They're

excited to be a part of our program. They've put in a tremendous amount of effort in the preparation phase here, so we're really excited about what 2012 has to offer us.

"Tash should have a big year for us. He's very versatile, very athletic."

Tash will help anchor a backline that will also include freshman Charlie Swingle (Livonia Stevenson), a transfer from Saginaw Valley State; returnee Nate Lightner (Northville); and freshman newcomer Mustpha Reychouni (Dearborn Heights).

Second-year player Tom Duquette (Novi) takes over as the starting goalkeeper for Shewfelt. His back-up will be freshman Ryan Tikey (Livonia Franklin).

"He (Duquette) took a little knock about 10 days ago, but he's recovered really well," Larson said. "We're looking for great things from him."

Returnee Pat Smith (Stevenson) will lead a talented group of midfielders which will also include newcomer Ardit Dushkaj (Livonia Clarenceville), returnee Carol Izquierdo (Venezuela) and Nate Hicklin (Troy), the latter whom returns after playing the 2010 season.

"Smith is really grown up and has played in some high club level games," Larson said. "He's extremely versatile, too. He can play attacking center-midfield

and up front."

The Ocelots should also have plenty of offensive firepower led by goal-scoring threat Chris Long (Stevenson), who returns after playing the 2009 season; freshman Romario Georgis (Warren Cousino); and second-year player Gino Pasquali (Utica Eisenhower).

"There's enough places where it's going to be difficult to defend us in terms of who is doing what on any given day," Larson said.

Other returnees include forward Nate Motta (Livonia Churchill) and defender Luis Gomez (Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Also expected to suit up for the 1 p.m. season opener Tuesday at home against UM-Dearborn are first-year players Garet Hintzman (Livonia Clarenceville), Jose Vitoria (Venezuela), Austin Covert (Salem), Ahmad Jawad (Dearborn), Mike Bojovic (Northville), Derek Boatright (U-D Jesuit), Titus Kozo (East Kentwood), Rob Ramirez (Venezuela), Tom Ashman (Farmington) and Chris Ensor (Salem).

"We also want to achieve Academic All-America team status in 2012," Larson said. "We were sixth in the country in men's soccer last year. We have a lot of impact guys coming back in the classroom and we're excited about that, too."

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Crusader spikers split in Early Bird

The 16th-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team split its first two matches in Friday's University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic.

In the opener, Georgetown (Ky.) won its season opener pulled out a 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 21-25, 15-13 win over the Crusaders as Allyson Wilbourn and Caraline Maher combined for 23 kills.

Nastija Barnanovska, Stacey Catalano and Samantha Geile had 15 apiece for MU. Seter Evia Prieditis added 54 assist-to-kills, while Catalano had a team-high 17 digs.

Also in double fig-

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ures in digs for MU was Amanda Obyrcki (11), Breanna and Samantha Geile (10 each).

In the second match, Emilie Freeman (Lutheran Westland) had a team-high 10 kills as MU improved to 3-1 overall with a 25-18, 25-21, 25-17 triumph over Daemen College (N.Y.).

Obyrcki collected 14 digs, while Prieditis chipped in with 31 assists and 10 digs.

Lindsey Nowak recorded 15 kills for Daemen (1-1).

On Wednesday, the junior setter's handed out 38 assists and

Baranovska recorded a team-high 13 kills to propel MU to a 25-18, 25-19, 25-19 home court win over Spring Arbor University.

Freeman and Ashley Hulbert chipped in with nine and eight kills, respectively, as the Crusaders completed their two-game home stand with a 2-0 record.

Obyrcki chipped in with a team-best 14 digs, while Samantha Geile added seven kills and eight digs.

Samantha Huber led Spring Arbor (0-1) with a match-high 14 kills, while setter Tenille Marowelli collected 24 assists and Ashley Morris finished with 13 digs.

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John D'Agostino notched a pair of goals to give new Livonia Stevenson boys soccer coach Ken Shingledecker his first win Wednesday night as the host Spartans defeated Livonia Franklin, 4-0.

D'Agostino's penalty kick gave Stevenson (1-0-1) a one-goal half-time advantage and followed up with his second in the 46th minute off an assist from Dominic Sabatini.

Clayton Greenwood made it 3-0 in the 69th minute off an assist from Billy Werthman and Kevin Puninske completed the scoring with only five minutes remaining from Joey DeMarco.

"Dominic Sabatini was excellent tonight and our two outside backs Brian Smith and Billy Werthman were dangerous getting forward out of the back," said Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Patriots, 20-2. "We are still leaving too many goals on the field and we haven't been as clean in our attack as I would like."

Goalkeepers Zack Verant and Mike Bolin combined to make one save for the Spartans' first shutout of the year. Spencer Lewadowski had five saves and Hunter Farren added two in the late going for Franklin, which slipped to 0-2 overall.

"The first half we played well, but they (Stevenson) possessed it more and we were a step behind," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The one-touch pass killed us late in the first half. We started to panic and it hurt us the second half."

JOHN GLENN 6, LINCOLN 3: Hat tricks by Dan Savor and Alex Isaevski carried Westland John Glenn (2-0)

BOYS SOCCER

a non-league win Friday over visiting Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Isaevski and Justin Sanders chipped in with two assists apiece, while Austin Hartford had another for the Rockets, who led 3-1 at intermission.

"We did a great job winning the ball out of the air tonight," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "We got to 75 percent of the 50-50 balls. With that type of effort we are a tough team. Our attackers shared the ball and some other guys got into the act tonight."

"This was a good progression from the last game."

Marco Macias, Nate McDonald and Mike Winters scored for the Railsplitters.

Glenn goalkeeper Austin Valentine made two saves.

LIGGETT 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 0: Adante Provenzano scored twice Friday to lead host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (1-0, 1-0) to the MIAC Blue Division victory over Lutheran High Westland (0-2, 0-2).

Anthony Simon and Andrew Lohman also tallied goals for the Knights, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Freshman goalkeeper Jordan Williams made nine saves for the Warriors, who also got strong play from forward Ernie Babon and Walter Gembariski.

CHURCHILL 2, SOUTH LYON 2: Andrew Smutek's goal from Mike Murphy with nine minutes remaining Wednesday enabled Livonia Churchill (0-0-2) to earn a tie against the visiting Lions (1-0-

1). South Lyon's Alex Stowe opened the scoring in the 20th minute, but Churchill's Joe Paul answered off a restart from Jacob Meyer five minutes later.

Stowe then notched his second midway through the second half to give the Lions a 2-1 lead.

"I was nervous going in and suffering a let-down especially after having a big game (Monday's 1-1 tie) coming off Stevenson," Churchill first-year coach Matt Grodzicki said. "South Lyon is a good team and they'll surprise some teams in their division (KLA Central). We were lucky to get out of there with a tie."

JOHN GLENN 6, C'VILLE 1: Senior Alex Isaevski scored a hat trick and senior Bobby Mason added a pair of goals Wednesday as host Westland John Glenn (1-0) opened its season with a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (0-2).

Tyler Simpson also scored for the Rockets, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Other assists went to Akshay Kommana, Jimmy Merandi and Isaevski.

"I was really pleased with how our defense was able to keep the game in Clarenceville's third," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "Our attacking is still a work in progress, but tonight you got to see glimpses here and there of how good we could really be."

Clarenceville's lone goal came on a second-half penalty kick by Ma Sambou Jatta.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 16 saves, while Glenn's Jeff Luke had to make only one.

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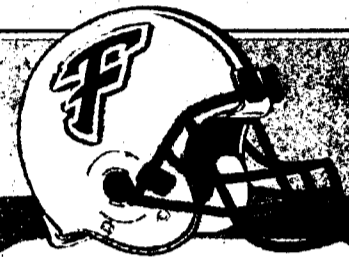
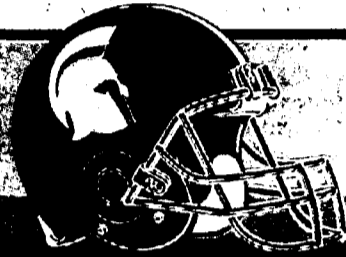
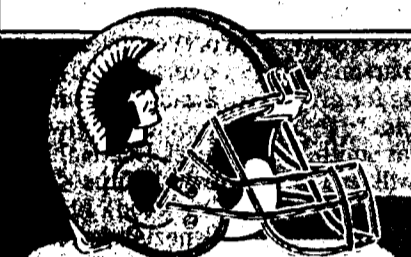
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@ Redford Union H.S.

Thur. Sept. 6.....6pm
@ Lutheran High North

Thur. Sept. 13.....6pm
Lutheran H.S. Northwest

Thur. Sept. 20.....5pm
Fr. Gabriel Richard H.S.

Thur. Sept. 27.....7pm
@ Madison H.S.
(Madison Heights)

Thur. Oct. 4.....4pm
Cranbrook Schools

Wed. Oct. 10.....7pm
Notre Dame Preparatory

Thur. Oct. 18.....6:30pm
Annapolis High School

JR. VARSITY Stevenson Spartans

Wed. Aug. 29.....6:30pm
@ Walled Lake Central

Thur. Sept. 6.....6:30pm
South Lyon East H.S.

Thur. Sept. 13.....7pm
@ South Lyon H.S.

Thur. Sept. 20.....7pm
@ Northville High School

Thur. Sept. 27.....6:30pm
Novi High School

Thur. Oct. 4.....6:30pm
Salem High School

Thur. Oct. 18.....7pm
@ Livonia Churchill H.S.

JR. VARSITY Franklin Patriots

Wed. Aug. 29.....7pm
Howell High School

Thur. Sept. 6.....7pm
@ John Glenn H.S.
(Westland)

Thur. Sept. 13.....6:30pm
Plymouth H.S.

Thur. Sept. 20.....7pm
@ Wayne Memorial H.S.

Thur. Sept. 27.....6:30pm
Canton High School

Thur. Oct. 4.....7pm
@ Livonia Churchill H.S.

Thur. Oct. 18.....7pm
Pioneer H.S.

JR. VARSITY Churchill Chargers

Wed. Aug. 29.....6:30pm
Grand Blanc H.S.

Wed. Sept. 5.....6:30pm
Plymouth High School

Thur. Sept. 13.....7pm
@ Wayne Memorial H.S.

Thur. Sept. 20.....6:30pm
@ Canton High School

Thur. Sept. 27.....7pm
John Glenn High School

Thur. Oct. 4.....7pm
Franklin High School

Thur. Oct. 18.....7pm
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 30
Grand Blanc at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Howell at Franklin, 7 p.m.
C'ville at RU (Kraft Field), 7 p.m.
Hartland at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Pinckney at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at L. N'west, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Cent., 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 27
RU at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Roeper at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Wayne at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 28
Arbor Prep at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Saline, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 29
Romulus at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Glenn at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 30
HVL at Calvary, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 28
C'ville at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 29
Lady. at A.A. Richard, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 30
C'ville at Wayne, 3 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 31
Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Aug. 28
East Lansing Invitational, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Annapolis, 6 p.m.
W.L. West. at Church., 6:30 p.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Aug. 28
Mustang Invitational

at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 29
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 27
Brighton Invitational
at Oak Pointe, G.C., 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 28
Franklin vs. Canton
at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth
at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. S. Lyon East
at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 30
Churchill vs. Plymouth
at Fox Hills, G.C., 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. John Glenn
at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Novi
at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Regina

at St. John G.C., 3:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, Aug. 27
John Glenn, Wayne
at Quad, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 28
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Aug. 27
Lady. at G.P. North, 6:45 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Aug. 31
S'craft at Owens Tourney, TBA.
(Embry-Riddle, Fla. Tourney)
MU vs. Okla. Baptist, 9 a.m.
MU vs. Montreat, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 1
S'craft at Owens Tourney, TBA.
(Embry-Riddle, Fla. Tourney)
MU vs. Brownsville, 11:30 a.m.
MU vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 2

S'craft at Owens Tourney, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Tuesday, Aug. 28
UM-Dearborn at S'craft, 1 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 30
Marygrove at S'craft, 4 p.m.
MU at McKendree, 8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 31
MU at UW-Parkside, 2:15 p.m.
Lakeland at S'craft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 1
Cuyahoga at S'craft, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 29
S'craft at Owens, 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 31
Fanshawe at MU, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 1
S'craft at Heartland, TBA.
Sunday, Sept. 2
S'craft at Parkland, noon.
TBA - time to be announced

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Fri. Sept. 14.....7pm
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Fri. Sept. 21.....7pm
@ Thurston High School
Fri. Sept. 28.....7pm
Annapolis High School
Fri. Oct. 57pm
Robichaud High School
Fri. Oct. 19.....7pm
@ Inkster High School

VARSIITY John Glenn Rockets

Thurs. Aug. 30.....7pm
@ Hartland High School
Fri. Sept. 7.....7pm
@ Franklin High School
Fri. Sept. 14.....7pm
@ Canton High School
Fri. Sept. 21.....6:30pm
Plymouth High School
Fri. Sept. 28.....7pm
Livonia Churchill H.S.
Fri. Oct. 57pm
@ Wayne Memorial H.S.
Fri. Oct. 19.....7pm
@ Ann Arbor Huron H.S.

VARSIITY Wayne Memorial Zebras

Thurs. Aug. 30.....7pm
@ Pinckney High School
Fri. Sept. 7.....7pm
Canton High School
Fri. Sept. 14.....7pm
@ Livonia Churchill H.S.
Fri. Sept. 21.....7pm
@ Franklin High School
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Fri. Oct. 19.....7pm
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Thurs. Sept. 13.....6:30pm
Crestwood H.S.
Thurs. Sept. 20.....6:30pm
Thurston High School
Thurs. Sept. 27.....6:30pm
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Canton H.S.
Thurs. Sept. 20.....7pm
@ Plymouth High School
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Canton mom stars in video spot with fellow veterans

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

"My name is Erin Meadows and I'm a senior chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy. I just returned from a one-year deployment."

Meadows, who is married and the mother of two girls, looks straight into the camera as she tells her story, holding a photo of herself in military garb.

"I'm not sure anyone can be prepared for the call they're being sent."

The Canton woman, who works as a paralegal for Ford Motor Credit Company LLC, talks about her deployment to Afghanistan and the support she received from her family of coworkers in a Ford-sponsored video shown on YouTube. A 30-second version of the piece, with announcer's voice only, runs every Monday night during the 9 p.m. broadcast of NBC's *Stars Earn Stripes*. Meadows is one of eight Ford employees featured in the spot that thanks veterans for their military service.

"Ford has a big veterans networking group and they asked everyone to go to a casting call. They took photos of us in our dog tags and Ford badges," Meadows recalled, adding that she was asked to return the next week for filming. "It was pretty fun. The film crew said I did a good job. It was neat to go through all the things they do in film — hair, makeup. I was there six or seven hours that day. They



Erin Meadows of Canton is one of several Ford Motor Company employees featured in a commercial about their service in the military. Meadows, a mother of two girls, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010-11.

taped all of us showing our (military) pictures. My interview was 20-25 minutes."

She and her husband, Jim, and daughters, Kendall, 11 and Taylor, 8, watched and recorded the commercial during the show's debut earlier this month. They watched the show, too. It pairs eight celebrities with special operatives and first responders to compete in missions inspired by real military exercises.

"It's a pretty good show," Meadows said, adding that during the first episode, the women celebrities reported for duty "all prim and proper and with their hair done."

"In 120-degree heat that hair in Afghanistan would not be all done up," she quipped.

Lethal territory

Hairstyling was the least of her concerns while serving as a paralegal, assisting the Army in Afghanistan from April 2010-May 2011. She was stationed on a base in Kandahar that often drew rocket attacks. Some-

times she flew to other bases on an armed Black Hawk helicopter, aware that it also was a target.

"We probably had more than 100 incoming rockets. They happen when you least expect it — in the middle of the night, during dust storms, Meadows recalled.

She dressed in combat garb and carried 40 pounds of equipment including a weapon, even though her duties consisted of paralegal work on an investigative team.

"It was interesting work. I got to travel on a couple of high profile investigations."

One case involved a soldier who was being court marshalled for shooting a detainee.

"General (David) Petraeus wanted an administrative investigation done to see if the Army was in any way at fault or should have known better. He wanted to take a fresh administrative look at it," Meadows said. "My investigative team was three women, a lawyer and myself. It was interest-



Erin Meadows, senior paralegal for Ford Motor Credit Company, wears military fatigues during her one-year deployment to Afghanistan. She received the call to active duty just one month before her 20-year anniversary in the Navy reserves.

ing because the base was attached to a local government center. Afghan police were all around. As women, we stood out like sore thumbs."

Signing up

It wasn't exactly the scenario Meadows, 41, had envisioned when she entered the Navy 22 years ago. The Dearborn native was majoring in travel and tourism at Eastern Michigan University, but growing tired of her armchair excursions. After watching a Navy commercial on television one night, she surprised her parents by announcing her intention to talk with a recruiter.

She signed up and worked in communications for four years, spending time in Iceland and in San Diego, Calif.

Meadows was in the Navy Reserves when she married. She used her GI benefits to earn a bach-

elor's degree in English from Madonna University and completed paralegal studies at Eastern. Both her day job at Ford and her Reserve assignments involve paralegal work. As a senior paralegal with the Navy, she manages other paralegals in the Reserves.

Her deployment orders came a month before her 20th anniversary in the Navy and during her 10th anniversary year at Ford.

"They wanted a senior paralegal and my name came up. I was shocked. I didn't see it coming."

Her enlistment in the Reserves would have expired six months into her new orders. She could have chosen to stay at home, allow her Reserve commitment to expire and then retire.

"I wasn't ready to be done with the Reserves. I wasn't ready to tell my daughters I chickened

out and walked away. I thought, how could I supervise other paralegals and tell them to be ready (for deployment)? It was an integrity issue."

Her in-laws pitched in to help her husband and daughters while she was overseas. She Skyped with her girls and their classmates at St. Raphael School in Garden City — "I became their social studies for 10 minutes a week" — and blogged about her experiences. Ford colleagues sent packages of office supplies and women's hygiene products to her. When she returned home, the company also allowed her to work a flexible schedule while she made up for lost time with her daughters.

She also reenlisted in the Reserves in April.

"Within five years I'll start considering retirement."

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Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic seek auction items, like this set of Royal Doulton China, for its fundraiser in October.

Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic want your stuff

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

If your collectibles are too good to sell at a garage sale, you're not inclined to auction them on Ebay or post them on Craigslist — but you're ready to cut them loose — give Jeannette Sullivan a call.

She'll be happy to take them off your hands. "I used to be an eBay'er when eBay first started. It was a lot of work, but it was fun. You could pick up nice things and re-sell them. The fun part was going to auctions to find things to sell. I just love auctions."

Sullivan, a member of the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic, drew from experience when she suggested auctioning donated items for the group's next fundraiser. The idea clicked with other members and the first annual Encore, Decor & More was born. It's set for Friday, Oct. 19 at the Elk's Club in Plymouth and will start with a preview



This wicker and glass table is among auction items for the Friends of the Michigan Philharmonic's fundraiser in October.

of auction items. "Buy it now" tables will open at 6 p.m., giving visitors the chance to purchase items outright before the auction starts at 7 p.m.

"I started the ball rolling and I'm learning as I go along. We have Joe Carli, a professional auctioneer. We'll have some of his people there to make sure it goes smoothly. His auctions are fun," Sullivan said. "It's fun for people who donated items to come and see what they sold for."

The Friends auction committee has begun collecting both used items in good condition from the public and some new goods donated by local businesses. The list includes donated pictures, lamps, tables, chairs, end tables, mirrors, china sets, glassware, toys and tools.

"Tools actually sell well," Sullivan said. "We've got a really neat cherry home mirror that has a little shelf attached and two little sconces on each side. We have a nice little wicker table with a glass top. We have a wonderful desk chair, a mission-style chair on castors. It's a great old chair.

"We're taking just about everything. But we're really and truly hoping for anything in really good condition. Everything gets recycled and it's kind of fun."

The group won't take electronics items, such as computers or television sets, unless they are new. Pick-up can be arranged and all donations are due by Oct. 1. Tax receipts will be available.

To donate call Sullivan at (734) 455-9674 or e-mail to Jeanette@michiganphil.org. Or call Jane Libbing at (734) 453-8910 or e-mail to jane@michiganphil.org.

Rescues call for book entries, fosters, benefit bowlers

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Feel-good rescue stories, photos of cute family pets and the satisfaction of knowing you've helped care for homeless animals — what more would anyone want in a hardcover, coffee table-style photo book?

Well, how about your own pet's picture and story?

Better Life Canine Center of Redford is accepting photos of rescue animals and their stories, through Aug. 30. All submissions accompanied by \$10 will be included in the book, "Better Life," which Barbra Losi, the Center's intake and adoption coordinator, is creating the with the help of online photo service, Snapfish.

"I did a book for my fiancé's niece and I thought this would be a great idea, to have a book," Losi said. "We thought of having (a book) of our rescues and selling it. I don't know if people would buy a book about our dogs, but they would buy to have their dog on one pretty page in a book."

Or two pages, depending on the size of the story and number of photo submissions.

And Losi isn't limiting the theme to rescued dogs. She'll accept stories and photos of horses, cats, birds, small animals — pretty much any rescued pet. If you don't own a rescued pet, you can sponsor one of the Center's adoptable dogs. For \$10 the sponsored dog's photo and story will be included in the book.

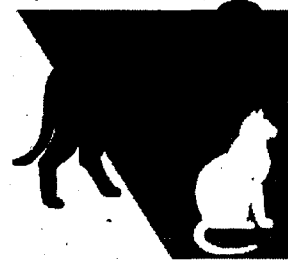
Names of all contributors will be tossed into a drawing, with the winner receiving a free copy of the book, along with their pet's photo on the cover.

She estimates the cost of the book will be between \$30-\$50. If she receives more submissions than expected, she'll create two books to keep the purchase price from increasing.

The Center has raised \$140 through the project so far. Losi said another



Guardian Angel Animal Rescue urgently seeks a foster for Jade, who was abandoned by her former family and left in a garage.



PET PROJECTS

er \$40 or more would be "fantastic."

The motivational value of the stories is priceless.

"I wanted it to be a feel good rescue story. Even though some stories start out being devastating, they end up happy. It's nice to be able to hear stories about successes. It's motivational for others."

Her favorite story so far?

Buddy, one of the Center's rescues, whose story and photos will be in the book thanks to a sponsorship.

"He would have been euthanized at the shelter. He was so terrified of whoever came near him. He's a hound dog-rottweiler mix. He's a mush ball of love. I'm thankful he's at Better Life."

Donate \$10 at <http://www.betterlifedogs.chipin.com> and then send an e-mail with your pet's photo and rescue story to betterlifecanine@gmail.com.

com. Visit the Center on Facebook or at www.betterlifecaninecenter.org

Save the date

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR) of Livonia has put out the call for both bowlers to participate in its upcoming fundraiser and a special someone to foster one of its adoptable dogs

The bowling event starts at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton; (734) 459-6070. Cost is \$15 per person and includes two games, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and pop. The event also includes a bake sale, raffle and 50/50 drawing. For more information, call (734) 776-2942 or visit www.gaarmichigan.org.

Save the dog

Jade. She's sweet, a little skittish and was abandoned by her former family. They moved away and left her in a garage. Now Guardian Angels Animal Rescue needs a foster for this sweet girl.

She was an "outside" dog at her former home, so a foster with a yard and "good-sized" dog house would help GAAR keep Jade safe until she is adopted.

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The first question the experienced physician will ask is: "Are you on blood thinners?" The bruises, combined with the enlarged shoulder, bring up the possibility of a sudden bleed into the shoulder joint and surrounding tissues. The most likely cause is a blood thinner like Coumadin getting out of therapeutic control. Then any jarring or slight injury carries the risk of a marked bleed.

The problem of hemorrhage into a joint happens mostly in the elderly because this group of patients is most likely to suffer from an irregular heartbeat or to have experienced a blood clot in the leg. Such problems require the patient to take a blood thinner to prevent complications like a stroke or an embolus to the lungs.

In turn regulation of the blood thinner is often difficult because small changes in the diet may increase the potency of the blood thinner to cause a large bleed after a slight bump. When bleeding occurs suddenly in the shoulder or knee, the person experiences marked pain not because of the volume of blood but from the sudden distention of the joint.

Treatment requires immediate removal of the blood from the joint. No steroid injection is needed, as the pain comes from bleeding not inflammation. If the physician removes the blood in a thorough manner, the patient needs no further therapy.

Fashion show benefits historic house

The 43rd annual Fall Fashion Show to Benefit the Longacre House is set for Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Doors open to the Fashion Boutique at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon and fashion show beginning at noon. The Clothing Cove in Milford will provide women's fashions and Gap Orchard Place will show children's fashions.

Proceeds from the fashion show will go toward restoration and upkeep of the historic Longacre House, an elegant Georgian-style mansion owned by the City of Farmington Hills. Extensive renovations have been made to the home, which was originally built in 1869. The Longacre House is now a popular venue for weddings, showers, special events, and popular programs such as Victorian teas, cooking shows,

and music lessons. Tickets to the 43rd annual Fall Fashion Show to Benefit the Longacre House are \$35. Buy tickets with a credit card at (248) 477-8404 or mail checks made out to "Friends of the Parks" to The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. To view a slide show or virtual "mini-tour" of the Longacre House, go to www.longacrehouse.org.

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Can this invention make washer detergents extinct?

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

I am no different than the next guy. I believe things that are simply too good to be true.

It's happened several times in my lifetime, like the time I listened to a radio show about products which improved your health. I purchased their own brand of fish oil tablets for \$41 and didn't notice any difference, so I took the tablets to my doctor and to my pharmacist. They both smiled and told me I could buy the same fish oil tablets at the drugstore for \$8.40.

Oh well, we all live and learn. Lessons like this have helped make me such a strong consumer advocate. I also

must never lead a consumer astray and must use great care in what I recommend to homeowners through print, radio and television. The following story is just in the initial stages of investigation.

It starts out with my reading something on the internet about a product that you hook up to your washing machine and you no longer need to use hot water and detergent when doing a load of clothes. Can you

image my antenna going straight up at such an invention? So, I went further into my studies. I interviewed the president and CEO of this company and told him right up front that I was a skeptic and asked him to try and make me a believer. Now let me try to explain in simple terminology what my pea-size brain absorbed in this interview.

This new invention mounts to the back wall behind your washing machine onto which you hook up your cold water line. You run another hose from this box to the washer—and you can do all of this yourself. Inside this box is a modulator which introduces ozone into the

water plus a few other things that clean your clothes without the use of detergents. Your clothes come out cleaner without any after-effects of retained detergents, the clothes are treated much more gently and you save on each load of clothes by not using hot water.

Saving money?
The engineer and president of this company told me that the average household with a family of four could save as much as \$600 per year by using this product. I was told that the suggested retail cost of it is \$600 with a projected life span of 10 years. It has a three-year warranty and a \$79 cost of the mod-

ule should it need to be replaced after the warranty expires.
Now, let's just say that all of this is absolutely true, I am still not ready to buy it and no, they are not shipping one to my house to try it. I have a better plan.

The company is sending one to my good friend's appliance store where it will be installed in the back workshop and tested many times over. Then, I'll give a full report on how this invention is changing the time-proven methods of doing laundry. If that being the case, can you imagine what the detergent manufacturers are saying right now. The environmental people would be jumping

with joy and this new invention would fit into the same category as the invention of the microwave oven.

Now, please don't go getting all excited, because that is a feeling that can make a person easy prey to a con job. I'm going to keep my cool until we have had several weeks to test the results. If it doesn't do the job as it was relayed to me, you will hear and read about it. If it does, then others will be ahead of me in spreading the good news. Stay tuned.

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

REUNIONS

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

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

CLASS OF 1948
The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept.

20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

CLASS OF 1952
60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. For more information e-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbglobal.

net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962
50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out *Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62* on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962
Looking for Classmates from January and June gradua-

tions for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

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

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DETROIT WESTERN

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

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening ice-breaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Aleggani Murray, (313) 399-

0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

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

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Claude and Pat Centers on their wedding day.



Pat and Claude Centers of Livonia celebrate their anniversary with a luau.

Haddad-Escobar

Jessica Rose Haddad and Alexander Escobar announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of George and Chris Haddad of Livonia, expects to graduate from AUC School of Medicine in December 2012. She is finishing clinical rotations at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Francisco Escobar of Baltimore, Md., and Luz Escobar of Seattle, Wash., is an anesthesiology resident at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Ill. A November 2013 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Bartrum-Coleman

Kurt and Karen Coleman of Westland announce the marriage of their daughter, Kailey, to Andrew Bartrum, son of Dave and Kelly Bartrum of Westland. They were married July 26, 2012 by Mayor William Wild, at Westland City Hall. Kailey expects to graduate in December 2012 from Grand Valley State University. Andrew is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is employed as a firefighter/paramedic for the Oakwood Health System.



60th anniversary

Claude R. Centers and Patsy (Margaret) Masky marked their 60th wedding anniversary June 21. They met at a summer resort on vacation in Geneva-on-the-lake in Ohio and were wed in 1952 at St. Coleman's Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. George and Peg (Munga) Masky of Cleveland and Clyde and Edna Centers of Livonia, were the proud parents. Following the ceremony, they enjoyed a breakfast and outside reception in the back yard of Patsy's Aunt Mary and Uncle Jack Frost's home in Fairview Park, Ohio. After a honeymoon to the east coast, they settled in Livonia and have been in their home almost 60 years. Claude worked in the steel erection business and Patsy was a homemaker

and mother. They have six children: Claudia King, Chris Centers (Laura), Tom Centers (Christine), Joe Centers (Jody), Gretchen Cotter (Lee) and Marianne Groth (Jeff). They have 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. After retirement, they have traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada. Trips to Hawaii in 1977, 1988 and 1999 were special. Claude, who celebrated his 86th birthday on Aug. 2, says one of the keys to a happy marriage is to say "Yes Kiddo, whatever you say dearie." Patsy's keys to a successful marriage are to overlook the things that don't go well and really enjoy the things that do. She'll celebrate her 84th birthday on Aug. 19. Their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a luau at their home.

Kloman-Best

Kelly Best and Ryan Kloman were married July 14, 2012 at St. Fabian Catholic Church. The bride is the daughter of Chris and Laurie Best of Farmington Hills. The groom's parents are Karl and Carol Kloman of Columbus, Ohio. The newlyweds live in Farmington Hills.



50th anniversary

Ray and Barb Rochowiak of Canton will mark 50 years of marriage on Sept. 1. They were wed in 1962 at St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights. They will celebrate their milestone anniversary with their children and their spouses, Greg and Diana Rochowiak of Canton, Laura and Ed Alonso of Canton and Chris and Jodi Rochowiak of



Barb and Ray Rochowiak of Canton. Brighton, along with their grandchildren, Spencer, Lily, Grant, Ben, Ella, Sam, Max and baby Rochowiak who is coming soon.

Smith-Meconis

Nina Smith and Brett Meconis announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Ann (Kevin) Keller of St. Charles, Mo., and Frank (Amy) Smith, of Pontiac, Ill., is a 2006 graduate of Missouri University of Science & Technology and works as an implementation specialist at Red-Card Systems.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Shari Meconis of Farmington Hills, is a 2002 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and a 2006 graduate of Arizona State University. He is the assistant general manager at ARAMARK Uniform Services. An October 2012 wedding is planned in Pontiac.




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ALLAN, ROBERT H. "BOB"

84, passed away August 23, 2012. He was born April 19, 1928 in Norristown, PA and moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL in 2004. Survivors include his loving wife, Marilyn; daughters, Lauren (Richard) and Elisa (Tracey); grandchildren, Christine, Richard, and Robert; 7 nieces; and 1 nephew. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Helen Martin and brothers John and Richard. A Memorial Service will be held at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, August 26th at Vicars Landing Main Building, with a reception following. He will be laid to rest at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Vicar's Landing Scholarship Fund or Class of '52 Colgate University Scholarship Fund. Please visit our online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Services under the care and direction of Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach, FL.



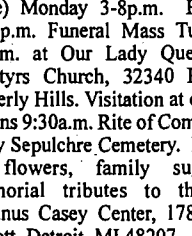
HOGG, WILLIAM FINLAY

Nov. 7, 1921 ~ Aug. 22, 2012. Aged 90, of Salem Township, passed away on August 22, 2012. He was born on November 7, 1921 in Philadelphia, PA to Alexander and Kathryn Hogg. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Joyce Evelyn Hogg, his sisters, Dorothy Jackson and Ruth Moore, and brother, Alexander Hogg Jr. He is survived by his brother, Robert Hogg of Salisbury, MD, his children, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Jr., Joyce Diane (James) Grace, John Earle Hogg, and David Richard (Judy) Hogg. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bill served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Following the war he was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corp. from which he retired as plant manager in 1981. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he served as a choir member, Sunday School teacher and Church treasurer for many years. He loved working on his farm and playing and watching sports of any kind. Friends may visit at the Schrade-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI on Monday, August 27th, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Pastor John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church will officiate. Interment services will be held at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.



CHAMBERLAIN, B. F. "BUD"

Age 92, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Royal Oak, died August 24, 2012. He was born May 24, 1920 in Clarkston. Mr. Chamberlain was the founder of Chamberlain Real Estate in 1948. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who earned a Bronze Star, and a 1942 University of Michigan graduate who was inducted into the Wolverine's Hall of Honor (Athletics). Beloved husband of the late Bettie. Loving father of Chady (David) Hall and Charles Chamberlain. Dear brother of Calvin Chamberlain. Grandfather of Barbara Jones and David Hall. Memorial service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



ODOM, RAYMOND E.

August 19, 2012, age 75 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Rose Gibbs-Odom and dear husband of the late Etta Kate Odom. Loving father of Mark E. (Kim) and Keith A. (Melissa) Odom. Proud grandfather of Brian (Jessica), Ashley, Chelsey and Nicole. Dear great grandfather of Ariana Maya. The family will gather with friends on Sat at 3 PM until the 4 PM Memorial Service at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Died 8-21-07; age 55. You are dearly missed & in our hearts. Love your wife Nora & daughters.



Owen Scott Campau

Owen Scott Campau was born at 8:43 a.m., July 2, 2012, at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Owen joins his parents, Chad Evan and Amanda Ruth Campau, twin siblings Hannah and Evan, 11, and older sister, Emma, 2, at home in Livonia. Proud grandparents are Sally Dimmer of Livonia, Barbara and Ronald Campau of Livonia, and Mike and Carol Dimmer of Walled Lake.



Jarocho-Garrity

Stacey Jarocho and Dean Garrity announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of William and Carol Jarocho of South Lyon, is a Michigan State University graduate and teaches mathematics at South Lyon East High School. Her fiancé, son of Tom and Gail Garrity of Livonia, is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and teaches special education at South Lyon East High School. A July 2013 wedding is planned in Petoskey.



Pedersen-Steinhilb

Brenda Pedersen and Aaron Steinhilb announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Scott and Ann Pedersen of Livonia. Her fiancé's parents are Rich and Cathy Steinhilb of Milan. A September 2012 wedding is planned in Milford.

Consider these tips for buying health insurance

By Claudia Swink
Guest Columnist

No one ever wants to think about it, but medical emergencies can occur at any time. When they do, consumers with health insurance know exactly why it is an invaluable investment. Without health insurance, a medical emergency can devastate a consumer financially.

The time to plan and shop for individual health insurance is now because hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents are expected to purchase their own health insurance, starting next year.

Deciding on individual health insurance coverage can be a daunting process, but advance research will help them be well-prepared.

Here are some key questions consumers need to consider when researching individual health care coverage:

- What are their health needs and those of their family?
- What are they looking for in their health insurance coverage?
- Do they take medications and need to consider optional benefits like prescription drug coverage?
- What products are offered in the marketplace? Compare them to meet their personal and family needs.
- What about the deductible options available? What other optional benefits can they add to their health plan?
- Can they keep their personal physician if they sign up for a particular plan?
- What would their out-of-pocket cost be when they compare benefits side-by-side? Are there set co-pays?
- How are office visits or emergency care handled?
- What are the number of services that are allowed within a

particular benefit? For example, for chiropractic services, one health insurance provider might allow 20 visits versus another that might allow only 15 visits.

• Does the plan offer an individual as well as a family deductible and payment max?

Consumers who think they can't afford to purchase health insurance for themselves and their families should reconsider; there are options available to meet most consumer budgets.

Health insurance products

For example, consumers who are between jobs, or who are recent college graduates, or who need to bridge their current medical coverage, can take advantage of short-term plans, which allow flexibility in the amount of time they are enrolled in the plan.

Typically, the length of coverage ranges from one to six months. There are usually variations in the benefit structures, and the deductible can be

higher or lower, depending on the consumer's price tolerance.

Another kind of plan is a Health Savings Account (HSA). Consumers contribute up to a set amount that the government allows each year into that account, and then uses those funds for services that are covered under the health savings benefit. If consumers don't use all of funds in their HSA in one year, the money rolls over from year-to-year, tax-free. In contrast, flexible savings accounts do not allow consumers to roll over their funds. If they don't use the funds by the end of the calendar year, they lose the money in that account.

PPO products, which offer the largest selection of network of providers and choices for deductibles, are a third option. Remember, the lower the deductible, the higher the premium.

Added services

Optional benefits, also referred to as riders, are elective options that allow consum-

ers to create richer benefits, or to control costs (because they are not blended into the health insurance product.)

Consumers should know what kind of rider — for prescription drug coverage, vision and dental, for example — they may need to add to their insurance coverage, because not all products can have all riders. Only PPO products can have all three types of riders.

Finally, consumers may want to explore value-added services that are not necessarily attached to a plan they are purchasing. Examples are medical emergency services when traveling, weight loss, exercise and wellness programs.

Michigan consumers need to make the time to carefully assess their health insurance needs. They can plan now, save time and be well-prepared when they purchase individual health insurance.

Claudia Swink is director, Personal Alliance Product Performance & Oversight for Health Alliance Plan.

Four physicians recently joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills. They are:

• Dr. Carla Oska-Gerak, D.O., is a pediatrician and a mother with two children. She earned a bachelor of science in dietetics at Wayne State University in Detroit. After receiving her medical education at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, Pa.,

Oska-Gerak did her first year of post-graduate clinical training at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce. She completed the pediatrics residency at Beaumont Health System

in Royal Oak where she also served as chief resident during her final year. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association. Oska-Gerak sees patients at Botsford Pediatric Associates, 23133 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington; (248) 477-0100.

• Dr. Megan T. Amos, D.O. is an obstetrician-gynecologist who sees patients at the three locations of Botsford Comprehensive OB/GYN: 28711 W. 8 Mile, Suite C, in Livonia, (248) 474-4590; 27031 Warren Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 561-1913; and 15540 Beech Daly in Redford, (313) 387-7476.

After graduating with honors from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Missouri, Amos per-



Amos

formed her clinical training at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center, where she served as chief resident from 2011-12. Amos is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Osteopathic Association.

• Dr. Edward R. Feldman, M.D., is board-certified in oncology, hematology and internal medicine. After medical education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Feldman completed the internal medicine residency and the hematology and oncology fellowships at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He has clinical



Feldman

interests in benign hematology, breast cancer, lymphoma, palliative care and hospice. He also is a fellow in the American College of Physicians and has coauthored oncological articles in professional journals. He sees patients at the Oakland Medical Group located in the Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 220, in Farmington Hills; (248) 477-0552.

• Dr. John M. Meek, D.O., is a cardiologist who sees patients at Cardiovascular Clinical Associates located on Botsford Hospital's campus at 28080 Grand River Ave., Suite 300

West, in Farmington Hills; (248) 615-7300.

After graduating from Western University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, Calif., Meek completed the internal medicine residency and then the cardiology fellowship at Botsford. He served as chief cardiology fellow from 2011-12. Meek also holds a master of science degree in molecular biology from the University of California, San Diego. Board certified in internal medicine, echocardiography, stress echocardiogram, transesophageal echocardiography, and nuclear cardiology, Meek has participated in several medical volunteer experiences. Most recently he joined Botsford's medical mission to Guatemala last spring.

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

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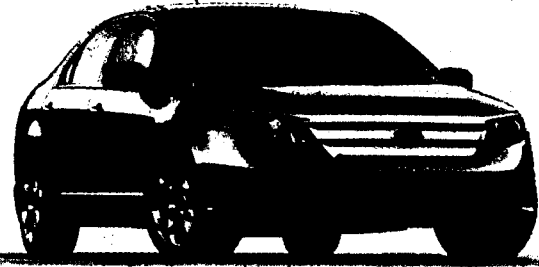
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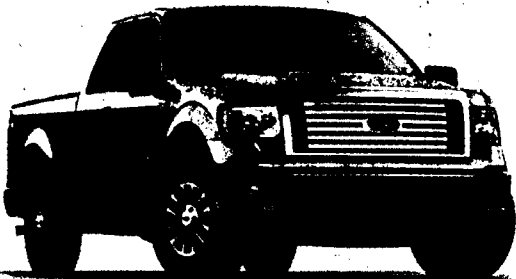


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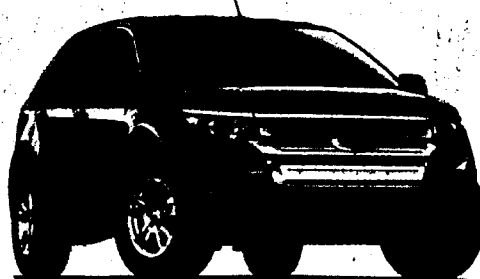


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\$199 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees¹
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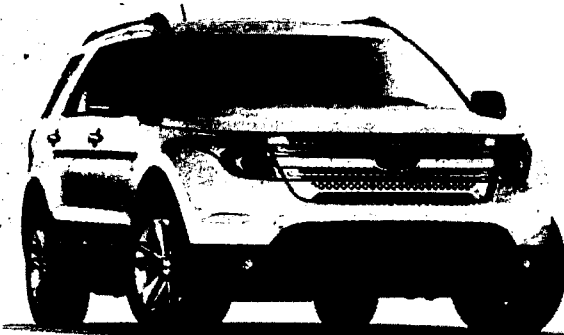


23 city / 33 highway MPG²

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