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Westland police investigate shooting near bowling alley

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A 43-year-old Westland man is recovering after undergoing surgery for wounds he sustained in a shooting Monday near the closed Westland Bowl on North Wayne Road. Police were called to

the parking lot of the bowling alley at 5:21 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, on a report of a man being shot.

According to police Lt. Michael Harhold, an unknown assailant fired two shots which struck the man in his torso. The assailant fled the

scene in a dark colored sedan and was gone when police arrived, he said.

Police officers have been able to interview the victim who indicated he did not know his assailant. The man was transported to a local hospital by Westland Fire Rescue where he is

recovering from the surgery.

"Our officers are actively working the case," said Harhold. "We're working on a few leads and we will see where they take us."

An initial report by the media indicated that the shooting has occurred

at Iliria Cafe, a private social club at 5800 N. Wayne Road. Harhold, however, said police were called to 5900 N. Wayne Road, the site of the now-closed Westland Bowl.

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Reappointed
The Westland City Council has confirmed the reappointment of Donna Jackson and Alan Marszalek to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jackson is a Westland resident and business owner and has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Westland Planning Commission since 2002. Marszalek served as an alternate from February 2012 until June 2012, when he was appointed as a voting member to fill an unexpired term with a term that expires in October. His new appointment is a three-year term that will expire in 2015.

Season of change



Stacey Watson from Mark's Greenhouse in Milan hands a bag filled with fresh produce to Paul and Dorothy Tresik of Westland. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fall crops make appearance at weekly farmers market

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Roberta Campbell dreads winter weather. It's not just the snow and the cold she dislikes, it's not being able to get fresh homegrown produce. Campbell was at the Westland Farmers Mar-

ket Tuesday picking up raspberry honey from one of the vendors who set up shop in the parking lot between the Westland City Hall and Westland Police Department on Tuesdays May through October. "I try to eat as much fresh produce as I can," said the Westland res-

ident who stopped by Stacey Watson's produce stand to look over the variety of fruits and vegetables she was selling. "The stuff I've gotten here is pretty good. The honey is really good." Watson was handling sales for Mark's Greenhouse out of Milan.

Despite the gloomy weather and a bit of a chill in the air, foot traffic was "pretty good," she said. "We have a lot of regulars who are here rain or shine," she said. "It's been pretty steady today." Please see MARKET, A2

U-M ticket contest
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GC couple, 5 Romulus police officers to stand trial in racketeering case

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A Garden City couple accused of accused of using police forfeiture funds to both purchase and operate a Westland tanning salon have been bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. On Wednesday, visiting District

Judge James K. Kersten entered a written order binding over as charged retired Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre and his wife Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre of Garden City and five suspended Romulus police detectives — Richard Balzer, Richard Landry, Donald Hopkins, Jeremy Channells and Larry

Droege. The charges stem from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit. The defendants are

accused of repeatedly making or assisting others in submitting expense reports in an effort to seek improper reimbursement; creating fraudulent documents to support improper expenditures of drug forfeiture funds; obstructing justice; Please see TRIAL, A3

Westland student faces expulsion over gun incident

A 13-year-old Stevenson Middle School student is facing expulsion after he brought a handgun and ammunition to school. The student, who was arrested and removed from the school by Westland police officers Sept. 25, has been turned over to the 3rd Circuit Court's Juvenile Division, according to Lt. Michael Harhold. An information sheet has been sent to the Juvenile Division, which will make a determination in the case, he said.

Harhold said school officials became aware of the situation when a student alerted a teacher that he had seen the handgun.

In a letter to parents, Stevenson Principal Adam Martin said administrators isolated the student and removed the weapon from his backpack that was in his locker.

"The weapon wasn't loaded and no students were threatened," Martin said. Weapons of any kind are prohibited on school property under state and federal laws. As a result, the student faces expulsion from school as part of the district's zero tolerance rule. According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, the expulsion would be for one year, after which the student can request reinstatement.

Martin urged parents to use this incident as an opportunity to discuss with their children the danger of handling weapons.

"Student safety remains our primary concern," he said. "I'm asking all parents to make sure any weapons within the home are secure and under lock and key."

— By Sue Mason

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Value City vouchers give needy families new furniture

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army put a smile on the faces of four families by providing much needed furniture, thanks to a partnership with Value City Furniture.

The families came from Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Romulus, the four communities served by the Wayne-Westland Corps. Each received a roomful of furniture.

"It was so great to be able to offer them something new and they were so grateful," said Gladys Beach, a case worker at the Wayne-Westland Corps. "They didn't expect that. They thought they'd get something from the Thrift Store."

According to Beach, the Wayne-Westland Corps received information about the furniture vouchers from the Salvation Army's divisional headquarters. Value City had provided some \$1



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Value City Furniture Store Manager Scott Davis talks with Natalie Romano of Inkster, one of the families that received furniture vouchers through the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

million to the Salvation Army and asked that it

be used in communities where it had stores.



Salvation Army Capt. Derek Rose of the Wayne-Westland Corps watches as the families use their furniture vouchers.

Beach submitted the names of people needing furniture and what type of furniture the vouchers would be used for. Then the store sent them vouchers.

Beach contacted the last few people who had called the Salvation Army looking for furniture. The families went online to see what they

needed and how much it would cost.

One woman received a queen-sized mattress and box spring, a bed frame, dresser and mirror. Another received a queen-sized bed and recliner. A mother asked for a captain's bed with a mattress and bunkie board that would fit in her child's small bed-

room, and the last family received a dinette set.

In all, Value City provided \$3,264 in new furniture for the families.

People who turn to the Corps generally receive vouchers to get items at the Thrift Store. The requests for help come from people who are leaving a shelter and have nothing, people who have been evicted from their homes and weren't able to move their belongings, and people who have lost everything in fires. Three of the four families helped with the Value City furniture vouchers had been victims of fire, Beach said.

"You don't realize how devastating it can be to lose everything, and then get shiny new," said Beach. "It would be great if they were to do this again. This is the first time for us and we're very grateful for it."

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MARKET

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Final month

The farmers market is in its final month of operation. It's open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 23. The change in seasons has meant a change in produce with winter squash, gourds, pumpkins and cabbage now in abundance. Summer items like tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and summer squash are trail-

ing off, according to Watson.

"Right now we can't keep tomatoes and cucumbers on the table, and zucchini and summer squash was very popular during the summer ... anything you can slice and put on a grill," she said.

Mark's Greenhouse has been at the Westland Farmers Market for five years. While Westland has one of the smaller markets vendor wise, it has a good customer base, she said.

"We do a farmers market every day except Monday," she said. "This is a smaller market, but the customer traffic is comparable to its size."

Business wasn't quite as good for Pooky T. Clown of Just Clownin' Around who had her table set up to do face painting. But with kids in school and foot traffic down, she found another way to use her talents — painting pumpkins for the other vendors. Watson had one of her painted pumpkins for sale at her booth.

"The summer was really good," said the Westland resident who pointed out that she can "paint what I see."

Like Watson, Pooky, who declined to give her real name, does six markets a week. While she doesn't have something to sell, she said she provides a service for market goers. She entertains the kids while their parents shop.

Pooky does clowning with her son, Goober Dufus Magee, who loves doing balloons. The talented clown has created everything from a balloon pool table to a Christmas tree, motorcycle and a variety of intri-



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Karen and Tom Sheldon of Westland enjoy lunch at Tuesday's Westland Farmers Market.

cate hats. "Market people are a different sort of people," she said. "They're good people, they work hard. Every day is different, it's a different set of people. If you didn't have the market people, you wouldn't have a market."

Sweet treats

Doug Lyons of Romulus was looking over the selection of homemade sweets and jams and jellies at Melissa Pauley-Geimer's Lula Bre's Sweet Eats table. He had been on his way to the Kroger store across the street when he saw the market and thought he'd stopped by.

He, too, had picked up a jar of raspberry honey, but paused to talk to Pauley-Geimer about her more exotic jams like her triple berry jalapeno.

"The first time I made it, I sold out of it in two days," said the Garden City resident.

Lyons, who likes to cook, told Pauley-Geimer the jam would be used "at a wine and cheese party to cleanse your palate."

Pauley-Geimer, whose selection included homemade fudge, candies, regular jams and jellies and sugar-free jams, said the jalapeno concoction is made with strawberries, raspberries and blueberries and, of course, jalapenos. She also has a hot pepper relish available.

And with an hour to go before the market closed for the day, she had already sold out of her chocolate covered pretzel rods.

Tina DeWulf of DeWulf Produce out of Howell, had sold out of corn.

"The hot dog vendor comes to us to get the corn and cook it," she said. "We help each other out here."

While Michigan had a hot summer, the weather didn't affect the fall crops "at all," DeWulf said.

"We'll have pumpkins ... maybe next week," she said.

DeWulf had one table filled with a variety of winter squashes and two more tables covered with large heads of cabbage, watermelons, tomatoes, plums and pears.

"The prune plums have really been selling well," she said.

The family plans to be back at the Westland market next year. Business has been very good there, DeWulf said. "We'll come back for the people," she said. "The customers have been awesome. I hate to see the season come to an end."

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making false statements in police reports; and misusing city of Romulus funds for their own personal gain between January 2006 and September 2011.

In announcing the charges last year, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said the case "defines a culture of corruption and greed at its core."

"This is not an indictment of the entire Romulus Police Department that has honest, hard-working officers who put their lives on the line to protect us each day," Worthy said. "Although an investigation of this nature takes hundreds of hours of time, it is crucial that we charge defendants where we find them, even when it is in a police department."

St. Andre, a 28-year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Vlaz-St. Andre has been charged with acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

The couple also is accused of using police forfeiture funds to both purchase and operate the Always Tan at 33712 Ford in Westland.

Balzer and Landry have been charged with conducting criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise/conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Hopkins has been charged with all but the neglect of duty charge.

If convicted, St. Andre, his wife, Balzer, Landry and Hopkins could face up to 20 years in prison.

Channells has been charged with two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Droege has been charged with one count of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. They face up to five years in prison, if convicted.

All of the defendants remain free on bond. They are scheduled for arraignment Oct. 10 in circuit court.

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Walsh bill would stiffen arson penalties

The House Judiciary Committee heard testimony Thursday on a bill introduced by state Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) that stiffens the penalties for arson-related crimes.

House Bill 5692, part of a four-bill package, establishes different degrees of arson crimes, with penalties ranging from 93 days in jail for misdemeanor arson to life in prison for arson of a multi-unit dwelling or a fire that results in physical injury to a person.

"With Halloween approaching and a great number of abandoned foreclosed homes in Michigan, the prospect

of malicious arson is high in certain areas of Michigan," said Walsh. "If this measure were in place, it would act as a deterrent to prevent the annual spate of arson that occurs during Devil's Night in Southeast Michigan."

Under the proposal, the penalties for arson would be:

- First-degree arson entails willful damage by fire or explosive to a multi-unit dwelling, a mine or any building if the fire results in physical injury. This carries a penalty of life in prison and a fine of not more than \$20,000;

- Second-degree arson is a 20-year, \$20,000 fine for someone who willfully or maliciously burns or damages a dwelling by fire;

- Third-degree arson carries a prison term of 10 years and a \$20,000 fine for a person who burns or destroys personal property having a value of \$20,000 or more, or a value of \$1,000 if the arsonist is a repeat offender;

Additional lesser degrees of arson would carry lighter sentences and fines.

The bill now goes to the full House for consideration.

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Futch: Strong passion for all students Madison: Make decisions as advocate

Paul Futch wants to serve on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education because of his "strong passion for education."

He believe he can bring a new energy that sparks interest in the advancement of all students' education.



Futch

"I am not seeking this position to be just a display, but a visible voice for the community and most of all the students and parents," he said.

Futch believes he brings an array of experience to the school board. He has served in the social work field for nearly 20 years, is currently a pastor, and is heavily involved in our local community.

"I have three children that attend the Wayne-Westland school district for which I am well pleased," he said. "I feel that we can enhance our performance as a district and I feel that I can be a part of making it a reality."

He also believes he is the best choice for school board trustee because "I will bring to this board a team approach in making decisions."

"I will gauge all decisions towards the advancement of our students," he said. "The strong passion that I have for all students is why I will be the best choice."

With school funding from the state at levels lower than 2008, where do you think the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can trim expenses to maintain a

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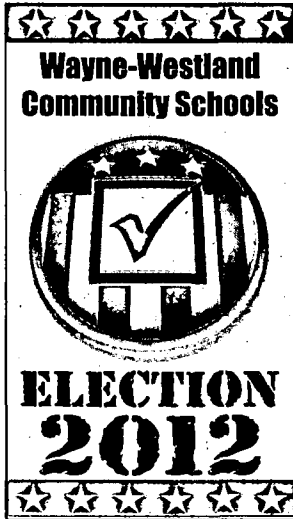
City: Wayne
Age: 40
Employment: Pastor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church
Family: Married with four children
Education: Bachelor's of social work degree from the University of Arkansas, master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.
Community Involvement: Pastor in Romulus, member of Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Ministerial Alliance, volunteer for Wayne County Family Center

balance budget?

I believe that a good look should be taken of the size of classroom, looking at the possibility of downsizing some of the classrooms. Also, replacing retired teachers with teachers of lesser experience; this would allow for salary reductions.

A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of putting more money in the classroom and how would you accomplish that?

My definition of putting more money in the classroom would be as simple as eliminating some of the administrative costs; cutting some administrative positions and spreading the



responsibilities in existing administrative duties. Also, closing schools in which the student population is significantly low.

What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

To make sound fiscal and educational decisions. I will accomplish these tasks by collecting current data to support my decision and doing extensive research on the different issues we may face; being a listening ear to the community, parents and most of all, the students; bringing a team and support approach to the administration as well as the board; to hold the school board and administration accountable to the mission of this district, by governing by the policies and procedures that have been set before us.

Having three children currently enrolled in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and a recent graduate, Sally Madison of Westland is fully aware of the financial challenges the district is facing.

She believes that by being on the school board, she could be involved "in the process of making the difficult decisions as an advocate for all students."

"As many people are aware, I have been involved in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for years and have attended many meetings," she said. "Being a former student and now a parent in the district, I am invested in our district and for advocating for a successful education for all students."

Without having all the data that is available to board members, it is difficult to currently assess the cuts that will need to be made. All categories in the budget need to be on the table for discussion to ensure proper cuts are made in appropriate areas for the best interest of all students.

However, I will advocate for the preservation of the classroom and instruction funding. Essentially, the necessary budgets cuts need to be fair and equitable.

A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of putting more money in the classroom and how would you accomplish that?

SALLY MADISON

City: Westland
Age: 38
Employment: Home-maker and college student
Family: Married with three children in the district and one graduate of John Glenn High School
Education: Graduate from high school, currently attending college
Community Involvement: I continually stay involved in the community whenever possible. I have been associated with PTAs, volunteered in classrooms, and have served as treasurer for my past homeowners association.

What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

There are two main goals, that if elected, I plan to accomplish. Execute the new "customer service" goal and support all Wayne-Westland departments in accomplishing this to improve communication with our community.

Also, I will work as part of a team with all Wayne-Westland employees to develop and implement a plan to ensure students confidently learn the new Common Core academics; to apply critical thinking skills to increase test scores.



Community school district has exceeded expectations with keeping up with technology and needs in our district's classrooms. The student-to-teacher ratio needs to be lowered to promote a higher level of successful learning.

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League holds forum on challenges facing millenials

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and the Livonia and Plymouth-Canton chapters of the AAUW are hosting a forum 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday

at Schoolcraft College. The subject is Millennial Generation Challenges: College Affordability, Fair Pay and Unemployment. The forum will be held

in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The moderator is Karen Schumann-Beltran, soci-

ologist and director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement at Schoolcraft. Speakers include Joan Gebhardt, Wayne County Commissioner

and Schoolcraft College Trustee; Mickey Edell, AAUW State Funds Director; and Julie Rowe, Michigan Organizer for AAUW Action Fund's Get Out the

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

The price is \$25 for an eight-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, exercisers, swings, etc. There will also be a pre-sale for those who reserve a table. More than 65 tables will be available. Setup 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 at Gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com for a table agreement. No vendors, please.

Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road north of Ford.

Project Graduation

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2013 will hold a bowling fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 6, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland.

Check-in time is 8 p.m., bowling starts at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoes, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 drawings and basket raffles.

For more information or to donate time or a raffle time, contact Dawn Gabrielson at (734) 308-955 or by email at dawngabby@comcast.net or Carolyn Burek at (734) 981-5243 or by email at carolyn_burek@hotmail.com.

Super Star Show

The Super Novas — Joe Tackett and Dennis Charles — will present a Las Vegas Super Star Show at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford Road, Garden City.

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In the book

The Lathers General Store, located inside the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman in Garden City, is currently selling the recently released book *Michigan's Haunted Legends and Lore* by Kristy Robinett, a Livonia-based psychic medium and author.

The book includes a chapter detailing her findings during recent paranormal investigations of the Straight Farmhouse. Robinett will host her annual Halloween program, "A Gathering of Souls Seance," at the farmhouse 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. The program offers a great opportunity to have her autograph her new book.

Visit www.tangledwishes.com for more information on Robinett's program and to purchase tickets.

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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.

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.

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Schoolcraft College trustee Adams seeks to retain seat

Incumbent Douglas Adams of Canton hopes to continue his service on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the policy making body for the college.

Adams is one of seven candidates who will be on the Nov. 6 ballot seeking a six-year term. Prior to his appointment to the board, Adams served on the Schoolcraft College Foundation's Board of Governors in the year leading up to Schoolcraft's 50th anniversary celebration.

Adams believes his accomplishments and experience in higher education, economic development and banking set him apart from other candidates on the ballot. His academic training began at the community college level, and Adams is proud of how institutions such as Schoolcraft help improve the lives of so many people, offering them the opportunity to learn skills that are in demand in the workplace.

"When I was appointed to the board of trustees at Schoolcraft, my experience in higher education, state government and the private sector was viewed favorably by fellow trustees,"

said Adams. "My demonstrated commitment to our community and to Schoolcraft are among the reasons many area leaders such as Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, former Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson, former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume have endorsed me. Just as I do, these leaders recognize that Schoolcraft is one of the gems of our region. We all recognize how vitally important it is to have capable and committed leadership on the board of trustees."

After attending Jackson Community College, Adams received his bachelor's degree from The University of Michigan in 1989, followed by a master of public administration degree from the University of Toledo. In 1992, while at Toledo, he was awarded a scholarship to study at Beijing University. Four years later, Adams earned a Ph.D. from the College of Business and Public Administration at The University of Louisville, authoring a dissertation on factors that influence business location decisions. His academic training paid dividends when he received recognition from former Michigan Gov. John Engler in 1998

for managing a project that resulted in Michigan receiving its first of four consecutive national awards for attracting major economic development projects.

"I am a practitioner who has a proven track record of building bridges between higher education, government and the private sector," Adams said. "Education is one of the great change agents in society, and Schoolcraft has positively impacted tens of thousands of people in the communities it serves over the years."

An employee of Comerica Bank for the past 13 years, Adams works at the Comerica Livonia Operations Center adjacent to the Schoolcraft campus. "I am fortunate to work for a company that promotes and encourages employees to serve their local communities. Working so close to the Schoolcraft campus has helped me be a more effective trustee by staying in greater touch with the opportunities and challenges facing the college and I look forward to continuing my service to Schoolcraft College and to our community."

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NorthRidge Church is sponsoring a 350-person team, the Ridge Runners, to run the Chicago Marathon next weekend to raise money to bring clean water to an African community.

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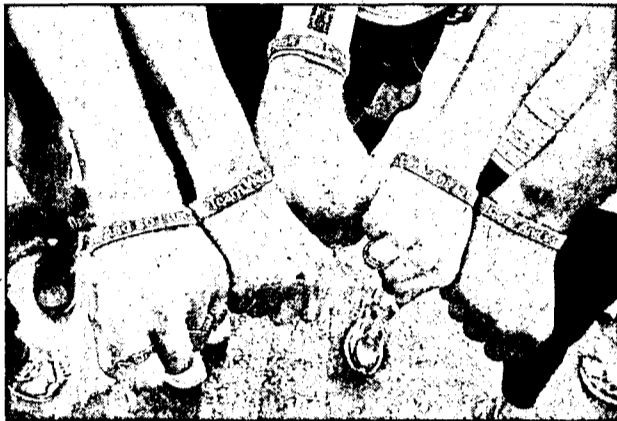
Church team runs to clean up African water

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Sarah Miller, a Canton mother of three, keeps pictures of two African children pinned to the orange shirt she plans to wear next Sunday as she runs the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon to raise money to bring clean water to Zambia.

Miller's pictures of Kalosy Matongo, 5, and Babian Vinus Chibalu, 1, remind her that they could become statistics among more than 3.5 million people worldwide who die every year because they drink dirty water and lack access to proper sanitation. "I didn't get to choose where I was born, and neither did these families," Miller said. "I don't have to worry about dirty water killing my children."

Miller is among 350 people who joined a Plymouth-based NorthRidge Church team, Ridge Runners, to raise \$500,000 to bring clean-water amenities such as wells and pipelines to two Zambian villages, Moyo and Hamaundu, by work-



Orange bracelets help keep the focus on the mission.

ing with World Vision, a Christian relief organization.

The team had raised \$457,251 as of Friday afternoon. To donate to the team or a specific team member, go to this link: teamworldvision.org/goto/ridgerunners.

Long talk

In all, 225 teammates are expected to make the marathon. Others have raised money even though issues such as training injuries forced them to stop running.

The effort by NorthRidge arose from a conversation Ridge Runners

co-captain Tony Hobart had last year with a World Vision representative while in Zambia.

Often training as early as 5 a.m. in places such as Hines Park, NorthRidge teammates have inspiring stories for why they started training in January for the Chicago Marathon.

Gabriela Tyler, a Livonia mother of three, wept while saying she is running partly to honor her late father, Arnulfo Rodriguez, who died last year. "I'm doing this for him and for myself as a person," Tyler said. "And I want to help because



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Sarah Miller runs for Kalosy Matongo and Babian Vinus Chibalu, children she sponsors.

my own children are so blessed."

Another Livonia resident, John Rankin, is running to honor his late brother-in-law, Bobby Perry, who was a marathon runner before he was stricken by ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. The marathon marks the one-

year anniversary of Perry's death.

Canton resident Bryan Amann said many Ridge Runners "had never run for the refrigerator, much less in a marathon."

Livonia resident Jim Ledingham hadn't gotten much exercise in six years, but he has run over

500 miles and shed 80 pounds from his former 290-pound body during months of training.

"I needed to have a goal," he said, "and the idea of running to raise money (for Zambia) was what I needed."

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RUNNERS

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Lifetime to drink

Ridge Runners learned that every \$50 they raise can provide clean water for one person for a lifetime. Canton resident Jessica Furlong, running the marathon with husband Tim, wears an orange band around her wrist to remind her of her commitment: "I care," it reads, "so I run."

Kyoko Foley, a 17-year-old Belleville High School senior, is eager to run the Chicago Marathon with her mother, Miyako Foley. It pains them to know many African children don't attend school because they are walking miles every day just to carry dirty water home from a polluted pond or lake.

"Our perspective has changed so much," Kyoko Foley said.

The marathon marks the latest effort by NorthRidge to help World Vision. Church members also sponsor nearly 3,500 children by donating \$35 per child every month - over \$100,000 every month or about \$1.2 million a year, Amann said.

NorthRidge also has supported charity projects closer to home in Detroit and in places such as the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast.

NorthRidge member Gail Neal of Detroit had decided to enter a 5K race this year, but now she's hoping to walk, rather than run, the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon.



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The NorthRidge Church Ridge Runners team includes, among others, Bryan Amann, Helen Chase, Miyako Foley, Kyoko Foley, Veronica Fox, Tim Furlong, Jessica Furlong, Bev Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, Debbie Heck, Jodi Heileman, Martin Johnson, Jim Ledingham, Kathleen Marken, Scott Masterbrook, Sarah Miller, Steve Minich, Beth Minich (not pictured), Gail Neal, John Rankin, Gabriela Tyler, and Ron Wells.

South Lyon resident Kathleen Marken, running the marathon with daughter Paige, 19, said the effort is a logical way to broaden the help NorthRidge already provides by sponsoring children through World Vision.

"Some people sponsor more than one child," Marken said.

Jodi Heileman, a Westland mother of two, said she had never considered herself athletic, though she has been training for the marathon.

"It feels wonderful inside to make a difference in somebody's life. We are all God's children," Heileman said.

Ready to run
Canton seniors Bever-

ly Hamilton, 64, and husband Jack, 65, might be among the older Ridge Runners, but they've run numerous marathons before so they're ready.

"Hands down this is the most meaningful marathon because we're not doing it for ourselves," Beverly Hamilton said.

NorthRidge members such as Veronica Fox of Canton is among those who say they felt guided by God to help Zambia.

"I've run almost 500 miles since January," Fox said. "I was a couch potato. I've lost 30 pounds."

Canton resident Helen Chase suffered a bone fracture that forced her to stop training for nine weeks, but she isn't

deterred from the marathon. Northville resident Theresa Boss said she is participating in the marathon because she is helping others through her faith.

"I'm running for Christ," she said.

As Canton resident Debbie Heck trained, she decided one day to imagine herself in Zambia. She walked a mile with a water bottle, filled it with water from a local pond and returned home. She imagined having to rely on dirty water.

"It gave me such a visual picture," Heck said. "I cried all the way home."

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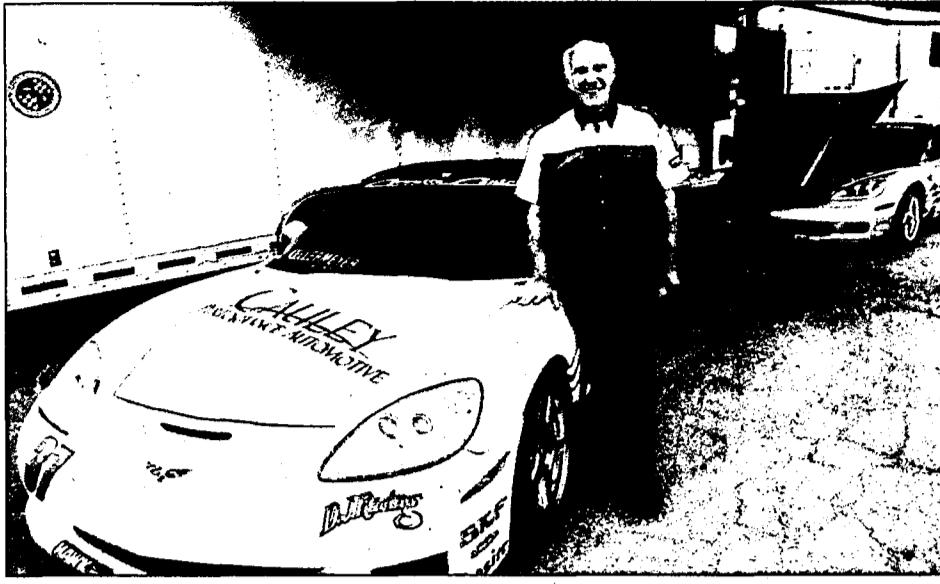
Fans converge to celebrate Corvette culture

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Every now and then, Sharon Mase pulls to a stop at a traffic light in her red 2003 50th Anniversary-edition Corvette and is greeted by the sound of an engine revving up in the lane next to her.

Evident that they want to race — “it’s usually the Ford Mustangs,” said Mase, a Livonia resident, admitting with a smile that it is sometimes very enticing to take them up on the offer.

Instead, she said, she resists the temptation to show off the car’s “undeniable power” and simply drives off in her favorite vehicle, a 35th anniversary gift she shares with husband Robert.



Race car driver Danny Kellermeyer with one of his coveted Corvettes.

STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It is all part of the special magic of the Corvette, General Motor’s iconic sports car, said

Mase, who with her husband has owned three Corvettes over the years and is clearly partial to

the brand. “There is really nothing like a Corvette — nothing compares to it,”

she said.

It is one reason that Mase and her husband joined with more than 100 other Corvette aficionados Wednesday evening at Redford Township’s George Matick Chevrolet to celebrate their favorite automobile.

The “Corvette Open House,” an early celebration of the car’s upcoming 60th birthday in 2013, featured Corvette test-drive opportunities, food and refreshments, an appearance by Corvette race car driver Danny Kellermeyer of Ortonville-based D.J. Enterprise, as well as a special question and answer session with Art Spong, GM’s Corvette brand manager.

Corvette fans from Birmingham, Farmington Hills and Southfield were among those mingling, bringing together what Mase called a “special group.”

“I really like the camaraderie. We have a special interest that we share — Corvettes — but everyone is just so friendly and nice,” she said.

Kellermeyer, who owns 14 Corvettes himself, agreed that the car enthusiasts make a great community.

“It’s the people — they are like a family. I really enjoy meeting them,” he said.

The open house attendees had multiple opportunities to rev up and take a spin in a coupe, a convertible or a Callaway performance Corvette. In addition to the special presentations, food and poster giveaways as well as drawings for Corvette-related gifts were all part of the event.

The party was a great chance to pay homage to

a sports car that is very near and dear to their hearts, agreed Jacquie and Howard Rundell of Northville.

Howard Rundell, a former Navy aviator, purchased his first Corvette in 1970. He still remembers the exact date he was finally able to buy the car of his dreams after seeing it in magazine advertisements.

“It was Nov. 6. Some days you just don’t forget,” he said. His most recent Corvette is just as special, he said. It was a retirement present “to himself,” after working as a pilot for GM for 35 years, Jacquie Rundell said.

“We had the opportunity to fly down to the plant in Bowling Green, Ohio, to see the car when it was finished. We walked in and there was our car, bathed in spotlights. It really was quite an experience,” Howard Rundell said.

Molly Williams, general manager of George Matick Chevrolet, was pleased with the evening’s turnout.

“We were thrilled to offer customers and Corvette lovers a special day,” she said.

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Matick recently announced a year-long Corvette racing partnership with D.J. Race Enterprise. Kellermeyer, founder of D.J. Race Enterprise, is a longtime Corvette race car driver and connoisseur.

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Former Oakland County prosecutor and President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Law Center, Richard Thompson will be the featured speaker at a special public meeting to be held at St. Michael the Archangel School to discuss in detail the provisions of the Health and Human Services Mandate and the resultant lawsuit initiated against it by the Law Center, which is a national non-profit public-interest law firm known for its defense of Judeo-Christian values. The Center filed the first law suit seeking to permanently block the implementation of the Obama Administration's recent HHS Mandate, requiring all employers and individuals to obtain insurance coverage for abortions, sterilization, and contraceptive services, regardless of religious convictions. Come, ask questions, learn what the issues are and how they may impact YOU!

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Madonna University celebrates 75 years with community



Brianna Bonenfant, 3, of Livonia enjoys her time in the bounce house.

The first college in Livonia, Madonna University celebrated its 75th anniversary Sept. 22 with a birthday party for the entire community.

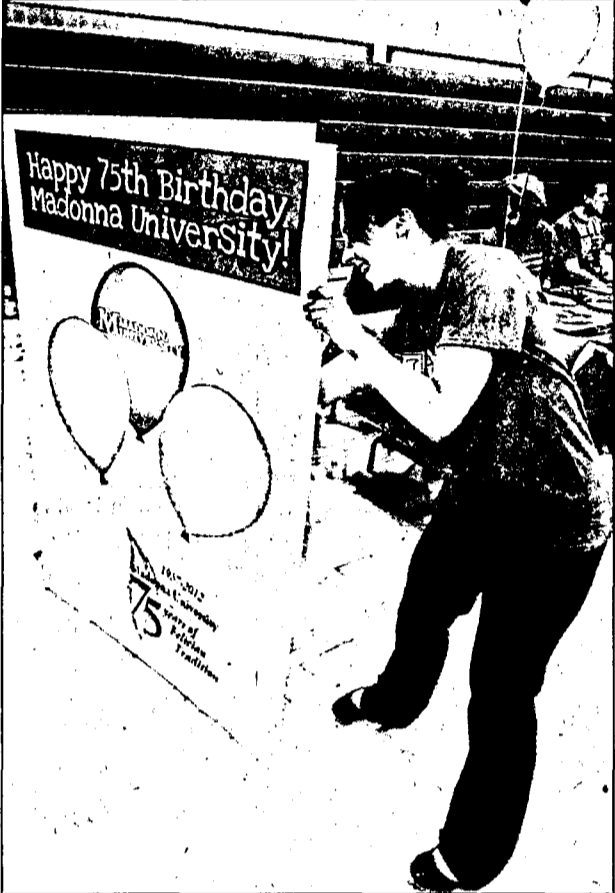
A Livonia fire truck hoisted the birthday banner high in the sky marking the party's location,

where there were cakes, tattoos, food, games and prizes for all who joined in the celebration.

Overall, about 400 people visited campus, took tours of the new labs, participated in demonstrations by the students and staff, or just enjoyed the festivities.



The president of Madonna University, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, along with University vice presidents and board members, serve cake from Awrey Bakeries.



Madonna University student Shannon Dusute of Grosse Ile signs Madonna University's birthday card.



Lauren Carter, 9, of West Bloomfield, left, her sister Brooke, 11, and Sidney Smerecki, 4, of Sylvan Lake, check out two Madagascar hissing cockroaches at the science labs.

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DISCOVER REMARKABLE

Driver charged in Canton double fatality

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Whitaker man has been charged in the death of two of his teenage friends, Canton Ruby Tuesday co-workers Brooke Kennedy and Danielle Beavers, who died July 24 in a two-car crash in the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road, not

far from the restaurant.

Rufus Thomas Brandon II, 24, was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on two counts of a moving violation causing a death, following allegations he caused the deaths of his two passengers when he failed to stop for a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Center.

Brandon could face penalties ranging from

probation to one year in jail if he is found guilty of the misdemeanor charges. Canton Police Department Detective Tim Wright said alcohol and drugs have been ruled out as factors in the crash.

"He was tested and there was nothing," Wright said.

Brandon was released with a \$50,000 personal bond set Friday by 35th

District Judge James Plakas. A not-guilty plea was entered for the defendant, who is expected back in court Oct. 22 for a pretrial hearing.

Brandon worked with Kennedy, 18, and Beavers, 19, graduates of Belleville High School. He was driving a yellow Chevrolet Cavalier south on Canton Center when it was struck on the passen-

ger side by a white Monte Carlo heading east on Michigan Avenue, Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan has said.

Authorities have said the Monte Carlo driver, a 21-year-old Westland man apparently on his way home from work, isn't facing charges in the double fatality. He had the right-of-way at the time of the accident, which

happened shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday, July 24.

Kennedy and Beavers grew up in Belleville and attended Van Buren Schools. After their deaths, Van Buren Superintendent Michael Van Tassel issued a statement calling them "wonderful young ladies."

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Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County offers scholarships for women

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is offering two \$500 scholarships to assist women in reaching their

educational goals. The scholarships will be awarded to women who are pursuing a career in the fields of or

are currently enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program or the Aviation Management Associate Degree program.

Classes must be taken at Schoolcraft College and all money will be handled through the Schoolcraft College Foundation office.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and reside in the Schoolcraft College District - Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion

of Northville. The scholarships are open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age.

To request an application, email rsrand521@sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by Nov. 1, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded by Nov. 19, and the money will be available for the winter 2013 semester.

The club also has scholarships available for women who need to complete their high school equivalency tests. Women who did not graduate from high school and want to get prepared to take the GED test, the scholarship will pay for them to attend the four-week Preparation Workshop at Schoolcraft College where they will learn test taking strategies and the tools needed to successfully pass the test.

The Zonta Club also will make tutoring available to applicants, if needed. Following completion of the workshop, the scholarship will pay for the woman to take the GED test. The work-

shop and GED test must be taken at Schoolcraft College and all money will be handled through the Schoolcraft Foundation Office.

To request an application, email rsrand521@sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by mail to and postmarked by Nov. 1. Scholarships will be awarded by Nov. 19, with money available for enrollment in the Preparation Workshops. The scholarship must be used before March 2013.

Zonta International is a non-profit women's service organization whose mission is to advance and improve the status of women. The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County supports the needs of women through community projects and fundraisers. Over the years, we have given more than \$30,000 in scholarships to help women reach their academic goals and be prepared to enter the workplace.

To learn more about Zonta, call (734) 464-0450 or visit its websites at www.zonta.org or www.zonta15.org.

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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (seated) with Wayne County residents awaiting organ transplants, including Robert Blackwell of Livonia (standing, far right). The residents appear in the Gift of Life video, waiting to Live-Wayne County.

New organ donation campaign aims to help save lives in Wayne County

Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue recovery organization, is trying to help Michigan's largest county close the gap between its great need for more organ transplants and the relatively low percentage of its residents signed up to be organ, tissue and eye donors.

organ, tissue and eye donors. That compares with more than 37 percent of adults statewide (2.85 million) and about 43 percent nationally registered as donors.

confidential database of people who want to give the gift of life. The first public service spots will air Monday on Comcast in Wayne County and will continue through November.

the donor registry by the end of the year. Signing the back of your driver's license is no longer the way to become a donor in Michigan. Instead, you must join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry to receive a red heart emblem for the front of your license.

'Swatting' bill heads to Snyder

High-tech "swatters" could face additional felony charges if they make false calls to Michigan emergency response centers under legislation approved this afternoon by the Michigan House and on its way to governor for his signature, announced state Rep. Kurt Heise.

with a five-year felony. If someone suffers "serious impairment of a body function" as a result of the false report, it is a 10-year felony for the person making the false report.

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Hiring Day

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will be holding a bell ringer hiring day Friday, Oct. 12. Applications will be accepted at the corps headquarters, 2300 Venoy in Westland between 1-3 p.m.

No musical ability is required for applicants wanting to work as bell ringers collecting donations through the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Christmas Campaign. Two forms of identification must be presented when an application is being filled out. The most commonly used are a driver's license and Social Security card.

The position begins Nov. 9 and runs Monday through Saturday until Dec. 24. Paid bell ringers receive \$7.40 per hour and can work up to 40 hours a week. For more information, call the corps at (734) 722-3660.

Veterans seminar

The Westland Veterans Association will sponsor a Veterans Benefits Seminar at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend to learn about

benefits they are entitled to and how to apply for them. Also covered will be financial planning, national cemetery benefits and pre-planned burials and VA Hospitals and how to register for benefits.

For more information about the seminar, call (734) 335-7943.

Westland Stars

The Westland Stars are back and they have found a home.

Girls ages 10-14 or in the fifth-eighth grades can learn to learn to dance and cheer at the Wayne-Westland Community Education Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. Practices will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Oct. 1. Information will be available at the first practice for parents about such things as the team, clinics and membership.

Join the Stars and learn to cheer and stunt as well as jazz, pom, lyrical, hip-hop, novelty/prop dance.

Town hall meetings

Mayor William Wild will continue his scheduled series of town hall meetings to discuss with the public the City Hall project.

The meetings will be 6-

8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at P.D. Graham Elementary at 1255 S. John Hix, Thursday, Oct. 18, at Edison Elementary at 34505 Hunter and Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Cooper Upper Elementary at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

Harvest Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its annual Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from the Wayne Post Office in Wayne.

The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12 for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and desert. Pop will be sold for an additional of 50 cents. Carry-outs will be available. There also will be crafts, Rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt and bake sale and more.

The church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Craft shows

St. Damian will hold its annual Fall Arts and Craft Show 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.

St. Theodore Church will hold its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

The show will feature unique and handmade crafts, homemade baked goods and a variety of filled baskets raffle. Refreshments available, and there will be free parking and admission.

St. Theodore is at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Toastmasters

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.toastmastersclubs.org/.

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

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 volun-

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

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.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@national-faith.org.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the General Election is **October 9, 2012.**

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted on:

President and Vice President of the United States of America
United States Senator
Representative in Congress 13th District
Representative in Congress 11th District Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013
State Representative
State Board of Education, Vote 2
University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
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Supreme Court Justice, Vote 2
Supreme Court Justice Incumbent Position Vote 1
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Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 3
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 2
Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Vote 3
Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 1
Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Member, Vote 2
Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Member, Partial Term, Vote 1

The following proposals will also be voted on:

PROPOSAL 12-1 A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved? **Yes No**

PROPOSAL 12-2 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved? **Yes No**

PROPOSAL 12-3 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved? **Yes No**

PROPOSAL 12-4 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved? **Yes No**

PROPOSAL 12-5 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

This proposal would:

- Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.
- This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved? **Yes No**

PROPOSAL 12-6 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved? **Yes No**

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR

"SHALL SECTION 3.119(E) OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT PROHIBITS AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR FROM PROVIDING AUDIT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND FURTHER TO REQUIRE INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITORS BE SELECTED BASED ON A COMPETITIVE PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE?" **Yes No**

FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

"SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5.120 AND TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 5.134 TO AUTHORIZE THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ESTABLISH THE FORM (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LUMP-SUM AND LINE-ITEM) OF THE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE FORM OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY DECEMBER 7, 2012 AND TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE FORM AT LEAST TEN MONTHS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF A FISCAL YEAR TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR; AND TO ALSO AMEND SECTION 5.121 TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE FORM ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION?" **Yes No**

REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR

"SHALL THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 4.124 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE FOR THE SAME REASONS AND WITH THE SAME DUE PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE SHERIFF, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND COUNTY TREASURER?" **Yes No**

THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION

"SHALL SECTION 3.115 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, WHICH SETS FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE POWER AND DUTY TO APPROVE ALL COMPENSATION OF EVERY EMPLOYMENT POSITION IN THE COUNTY, UNLESS THE COMPENSATION IS ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW?" **Yes No**

MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION

"SHALL SECTION 6.112 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO EXPAND THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM 8 TO 9, ADDING AS A MEMBER THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION, TO APPOINT A PERSON TO SERVE AS HIS OR HER DESIGNEE ON THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION; AND TO FURTHER ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR AND SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION (WITH NO MORE THAN ONE MEMBER BEING AN AIRPORT EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES ITS OWN RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION PLAN?" **Yes No**

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Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk
Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

Inheritance presents challenges, but also opportunities

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I just came into a substantial inheritance and I'd like your opinion on what I should do with the money. I've already taken some of the money and paid off my mortgage and all my charge cards. I still have approximately \$200,000. I'd like to take the remaining money and invest it toward my retirement. Currently, my retirement portfolio is about \$150,000, most of it in a 401(k) plan. I have approximately \$35,000 in my IRA. Should I use some of this money to convert to a Roth IRA? I was approached about buying a variable annuity. Do you recommend that? I am 62 years old and plan to work another four years. I consider myself a moderate risk investor.

A: I like that you paid down your debt, partic-



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

ularly your charge card debt. Most Americans are paying an average 18.5 percent interest on their charge cards. There is no investment that will give you a guaranteed 18.5 percent return on your money and that's exactly what you got by paying down your charge cards. With the remaining money, the first issue is should you convert into a Roth IRA. I love the idea of people taking advantage of Roth IRAs. It allows your money to grow tax-free and also gives you more control. Money in a Roth IRA is not subject to the required minimum distribution rules at 70½. That being said, the issue is whether converting will throw you into a higher tax bracket. If it does, then converting is probably not the way to go. However, you don't have to convert your entire IRA this year. You can convert a portion this year to stay in the same bracket and the rest next year. As to the variable annu-

ity, my advice is walk away. The majority of variable annuities are geared to benefit the financial salesperson, not the investor. Most variable annuities have high ongoing fees and they're very inflexible. In addition, it's not unusual for a variable annuity to have penalty provisions for 10-plus years. If you want to close out the variable annuity before the penalty period has terminated, you have to pay a substantial fee to close out the investment. On the whole, I see very little benefit for investors to buy variable annuities. I know the salespeople talk about the great advantages, however, when you start breaking them down, you realize they're not advantageous. One of the selling points of variable annuities is the tax consequences. Salespeople make a big deal about the money growing tax-deferred. There is no doubt that tax-deferred is a benefit in certain situations. Unfortunately, it's not with variable

annuities. The reasoning is when the money is withdrawn from the variable annuity, it's taxed at your highest tax bracket and does not receive the favorable capital gain treatment that other investments do. For most people that means, in effect, by deferring their taxes, they're actually doubling them. When you factor in the adverse tax consequences and high fees, it's a head scratcher why anyone would get involved in them. Of course, the old adage applies — variable annuities aren't bought, they're sold. My recommendation for your remaining money is to consider it between a stock and bond portfolio. The key issue for you is when you will need the income. The fact that you're going to retire

in a few years isn't the real issue. The real issue is when are you going to need the money? If you're going to need the money in a few years, that would be one portfolio, however, if you are not going to need the money for seven or 10 years down the road, that would be a different portfolio. People tend to think that everything in their portfolio should change when they retire. As far as I'm concerned, that is not the case. Your portfolio should change when your goals and objectives change. As long as I've been in the investment world,

I've always stressed to investors not to focus on their age or when they are going to retire, but rather their individual goals and objectives. To be a successful investor, the key is to focus on what you are trying to achieve with your money, not what everyone in your own age group is trying to do. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia will host a public viewing of the documentary *The Line* at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8. The 40-minute film by Emmy Award-winning producer Linda Midgett

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Books take to small screen as TV shows

A new fall television schedule is beginning and once again the small screen has taken inspiration from the written word.

One of the appeals of adapting books is that a main character has already been established and different situations and characters can be added during a television run. A symbiotic relationship also exists between the two: if you're a fan of the book, you'll probably watch the show and vice versa, if you like the show then you might want to read the books.

PBS has a long history with using novels for its programming. Current shows that are airing on the Masterpiece/Mystery series include *Wallander* (H. Mankell) and *Inspector Lewis* (C. Dexter). Agatha Christie's *Miss Marple* and *Hercule Poirot* as well as *Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle have been staples on public television. Popular mini-series have been adapted from Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and the Bronte sisters.

This fall, there's a new take on the classic literary sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, with the show *Elementary*. *Arrow* gets its background from the DC Comics series. *Beauty and the Beast* has connections to the classic fairy tale.

Game of Thrones, based on George R.R. Martin's novel, has been a hit with both fans and critics.

Crime novel series that gave rise to current television shows include Tess Gerritsen's *Rizzoli & Isles*, Jeff Lindsay's *Dexter* and Kathy Reich's *Temperance Brennan*.

Popular young adult books that have also found a broader audience include *Vampire Diaries*, *Gossip Girls* and *Pretty Little Liars*.

Shows based off of graphic novels include the fore-mentioned *Arrow* and *The Walking Dead*. *Once Upon a Time* doesn't credit Fables as its inspiration but if you are a fan of the show you might want to check out the graphic novels.

Some popular television shows spawned books after the show became popular. A popular example is the *Murder, She Wrote* series. A current example can be made with the show *Castle*. The lead character is a writer and there have been a number of books "authored" by him. Another feature of the show are the guest appearances by famous authors such as Stephen Cannell and Jeffery Deaver.

Although the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland does not have television shows in its collection, we do have other resources besides the source material. The library subscribes to *TV Guide* and *Entertainment Weekly* if you want up-to-date information about your favorite television shows. You can also check the networks' websites for scheduling and other information.

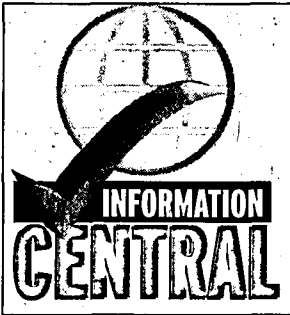
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Highlighted Activities

Preschool Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Oct. 5, 3 1/2-5 years old

Preschool story time is designed for an independent child 3 1/2-5 years old, not yet in kindergarten, who is ready to sit and listen to stories, learn rhymes and sing songs. Story time runs approximately 30 minutes and introduces early literacy concepts.

ESL English as a Second Language Class: 10-11:30



a.m. Oct. 5

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Veterans Benefits Seminar: 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6

This event will help veterans and their spouses learn about: benefits they are entitled to and how to apply for them; VA hospitals and how to register for benefits; financial planning for veterans; and national cemetery benefits and pre-planned burials. This event is sponsored by the Westland Veterans Association. For more information, call the WVA at (734) 335-7943.

Uncovering the Hidden Job Market: 4 p.m. Oct. 9

Join Mike Nosal of Reference USA as he discusses how to find jobs and connections you may have overlooked using more conventional internet methods. Note: This program will follow the Job Seeker's Lab that is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up for this program online

or at the Reference Desk or call (734) 326.6123.

Senior Health Series: 3 p.m. Oct. 9

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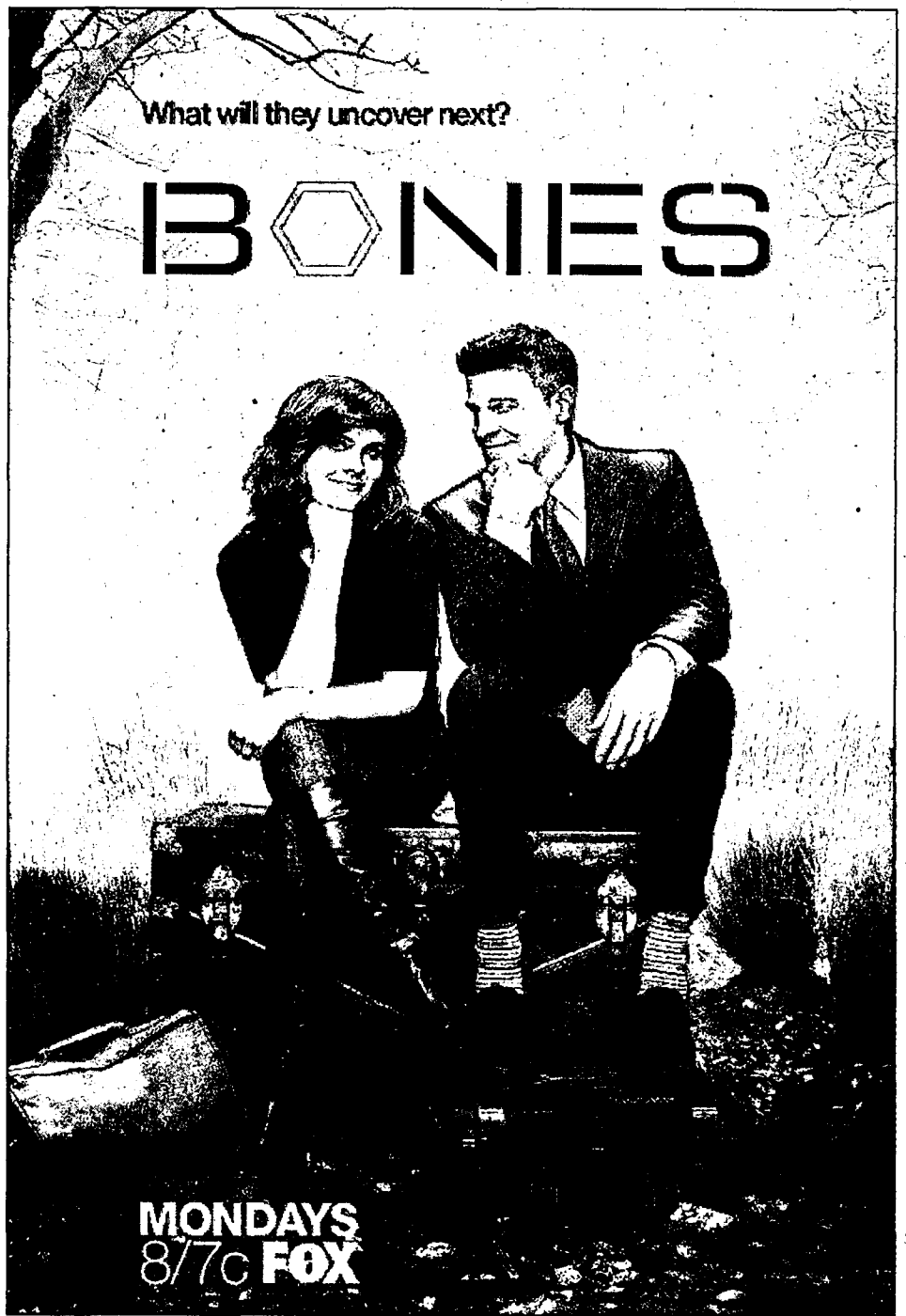
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Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

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Exam date adjourned for former McCotter staffer

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer



Turnbull

A preliminary exam for a suspect in the petition scandal involving former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter was adjourned Thursday until Oct. 4 in Troy's 52-4 District Court.

The attorney for Mary Melissa Turnbull requested more time to review information on the case, according to Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office.

Turnbull, a former district representative for

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

Schuette alleges that four members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliber-

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

After the signatures were declared invalid by the Secretary of State's office, McCotter said he was going to run as a write-in, then decid-

ed that he would not run in the 11th Congressional District in early June. On July 6, McCotter, who was not charged in Schuette's petition fraud investigation, resigned from Congress.

Three others also face charges.

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

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

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

Seewald and Yowch-

uang are scheduled for a pre-exam on Oct. 9 and preliminary exam on Oct. 11.

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Her sentencing hearing is scheduled for Oct. 25 in front of McCann.

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'Missing' child found sleeping on bus; driver faces disciplinary action

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Another Livonia Public Schools bus driver faces disciplinary action after she failed to notice a sleeping child on her bus for about 40 minutes Wednesday, panicking the child's parents and initiating a frantic search for him.

The boy, a first-grader at Buchanan Elementary, was supposed to have gotten off at his regular bus stop, where his father was waiting for him. When he didn't, the father told the driver his son was missing and the driver called the transportation department, which instructed her to double-check the bus.

"Obviously she didn't go and check all the seats," Superintendent Randy Liepa said, calling the incident "driver error."

The transportation department, Buchanan staff members and the boy's parents initiated a search for him.

The boy was found about 40 minutes later sleeping on the bus when the driver, while retracing her route to see if he had gotten off at the wrong stop, stopped and relooked at every single seat, Liepa said.

The child was safe the entire time, but it was "obviously a terrifying experience for them," he said of the parents.

On Sept. 18, another bus driver and a driver-in-training left a 7-year-old special-needs student alone on a bus parked at the bus yard for approximately one hour.

The boy, who is nonverbal, was supposed to have been taken off the special-education bus in the morning at Buchanan Elementary, but the driver and driver-in-training overlooked the boy and drove the bus back to the bus yard with him still buckled in the seat, Liepa said. Another driver noticed the boy was on the bus after doing one run with it. The driver and driver-in-

training resigned the following day. Both had been hired this school year.

The driver in Wednesday's incident, a 45-year-old Livonia resident, had been on the job for about a year and a half and was driving her regular route.

Liepa said both incidents are inexcusable. He said the district requires drivers to go through 80 hours of intensive training, pass two tests and ride with experienced drivers before they are allowed to drive a route.

"In each of these cases, they knew what to do; they just didn't do it," he said.

Liepa said he believes the district has the right policies and procedures in place, but he will be reviewing what's covered in the training sessions and manuals for drivers. "We will look at every procedure and see if we can go above and beyond," he said.

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By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

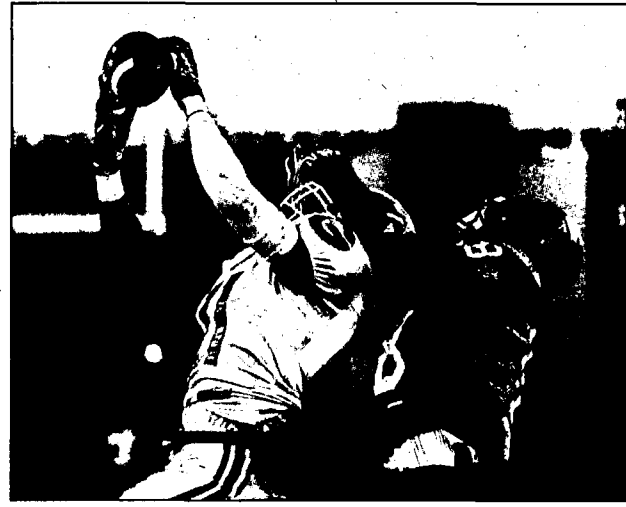
You can only hold Livonia Churchill's offense down for so long. Westland John Glenn was the latest to learn that cold, hard fact as the unbeaten Chargers, who entered the game averaging 46 points per game, quickly erased a 7-0 first-quarter deficit with four second-quarter touchdowns en route to a 35-7 victory.

The Chargers, now 6-0 overall, wrapped up at least a tie for the KLAA's South Division title while earning their fifth playoff berth in school history and fourth under coach John Filiatraut. "We didn't stub our toe, which is good,"

Filiatraut said. "That's the big deal. Frankly for these kids, we have a city title in the next three games. We have to work for that. Franklin and Stevenson are good teams, and they can sure beat us. Having something to play for against a crosstown rival and a city championship, we've got to have a good week of practice and be up for the challenge."

After host Churchill won the coin toss and deferred to the second half, Glenn got on the board first thanks to a Damarion Jones interception at his own 41 followed by 1-yard run on fourth-and-goal by Thomas Carter with 3:55 left in the first quarter.

Please see CHARGERS, B3



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John Glenn's DaMario Jones (11) snags the ball away from Churchill receiver Jeremy Lewis (18) for a first-quarter interception.

Cards deck MU men, 1-0

Brad Lyons scored at the 52-minute mark Wednesday to give host Concordia University a 1-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Madonna University.

Jonathan Heslop drew the assist on Lyons' game-winner as the Cardinals defeated MU for the first time in school history.

Goalkeeper Mikey Erickson had to make just one save for the shutout as the Cardinals improved to 4-5-1 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) had three saves for the Crusaders (4-4-1, 0-1-1).

Spartan QB Mims leads way, 30-20

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Team records provided little foresight of the rollercoaster football game that occurred Friday night when Novi came to visit Livonia Stevenson.

A trio of 10-point swings, including two streaks of 20 unanswered points, eventually ended with a 30-20 Stevenson victory over the Wildcats.

Stevenson struck first with the only points of the first quarter on a 31-yard field goal by senior Tom O'Brien just before the midway point, but the Spartans took control late on a 59-yard run by senior quarterback Joe Mims (123 yards on 12 runs) with 1:05 remaining.

"Joe played very well," said Stevenson coach Matt Fielder, whose team is 5-1 overall and remains tied for first in the KLAA Central Division at 3-1. "He made very good decisions. He ran when he needed

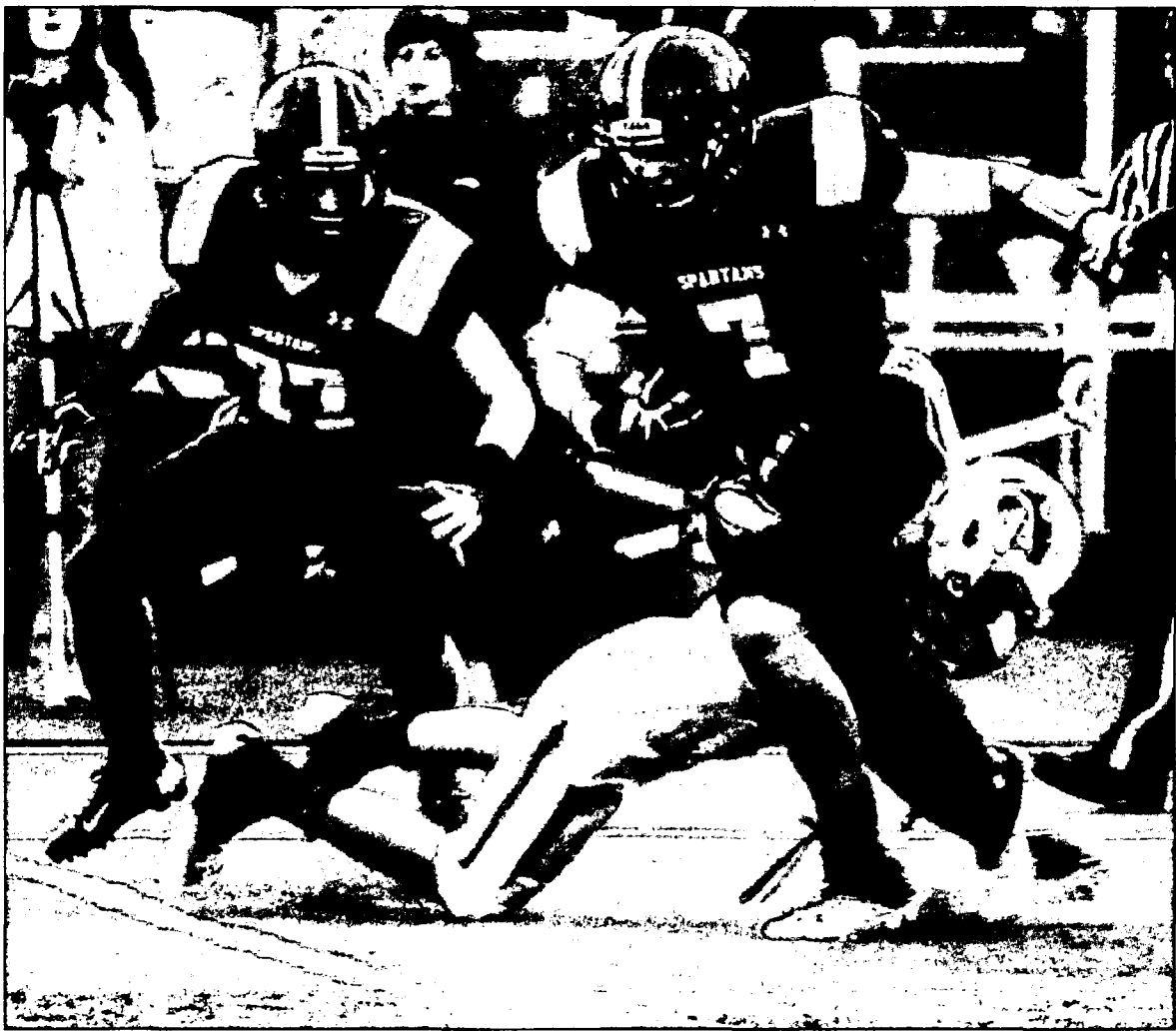


PHOTO BY CHRIS JACKETT
Stevenson's senior Adam Wheeler (7, blue jersey) attempts to break a tackle from Novi senior Grant Wheeler (7, white jersey) while Spartan teammate Giovanni D'Agostino (77).

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Laginess lifts MU golfers

Led by a career-low round by freshman Holly Laginess and three more scorers in the top six, the Madonna University women's golf team captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 3 on Thursday afternoon at Scott Lake Country Club in Comstock Park.

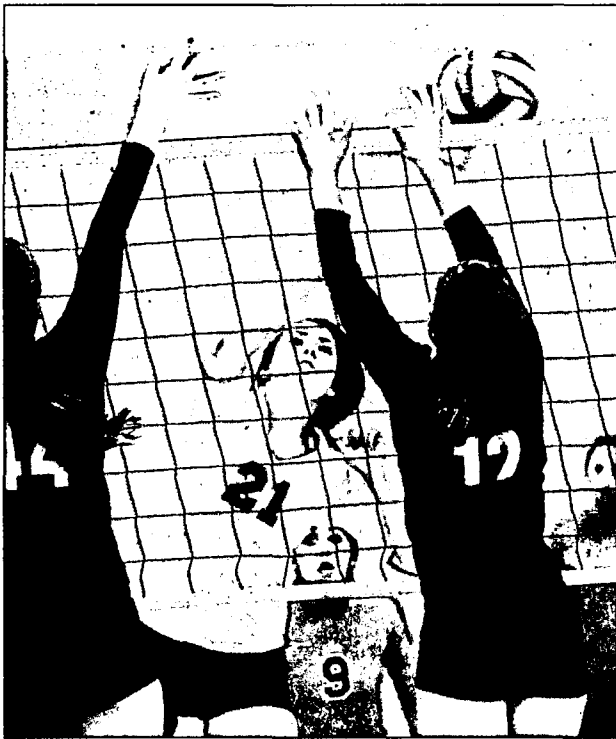
MU shot a team total of 320 with Indiana Tech runner-up at 339.

Laginess (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central) fired a career-best round of 79 to place second behind individual medalist Abby Hagan, who shot a 5-over 77.

MU's Kaitlyn Brasher and Michelle Hall tied for third with 80 each, while Chelsea Collura tied for sixth with an 81.

Becca Porter and Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill) shot 88 and 96, respectively, to finish 20th and 36th.

Blazers unable to reel in Marlin spikers



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ladywood's Sabine Hutter (21) tries to avoid the block from Mercy's Christa Greenwood (44) and Mary Dulzo (12).

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Loretta Vogel takes nothing for granted when she walks into Livonia Ladywood's gym.

"Anytime we come to Ladywood, we know they're definitely pumped, revved up, a lot of emotion to play us," the Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball coach said. "I think from the time we step in here, we always emphasize to our players the importance of this game. As usual, it was that kind of setting for us."

The state-ranked Marlins, who had beaten Ladywood earlier this season, took care of business again Thursday night with a 25-20, 25-20, 25-15 win over the rival Blazers to improve to 30-6 overall and 2-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Jess Rieckhoff paced a balanced Marlins offensive attack with 14 kills.

"This is the first year she's been an attack (player); prior to this she was a defensive specialist and a libero," Vogel said of the 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter. "She's very well controlled, real smart, reads the block well, knows where to place the ball. She had a real nice evening."

Six-foot junior middle hitter Christa Greenwood added 10 kills, while 5-10 junior outside hitter Jenna Reinhold chipped in with seven for the Marlins.

"I think some of our attacking and choices could have been a little bit different," Vogel said. "But I thought Ladywood played a nice game and kept coming back at us, so it was well-played."

Third-year senior setter

Mary Dulzo was the catalyst for the Marlins, finishing with 33 assist-to-kills. Eight different Mercy players recorded kills on the night.

"We try to move it around," Vogel said. "Our middles try and open up and one-on-one situation for everyone else. In that kind of setting, it's Mary Dulzo's job to try and find the correct person."

Ladywood, now 16-12 overall and 1-2 in the Central, got aced nine times, including four times in the first set, when Mercy built a 20-14 advantage.

"They're a top serving team and we were trying out a little bit of a new serve reception pattern that we're working into a little bit more," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "It was a little bit shaky and

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5K Fun Run

The Churchill Family 5-kilometer Fun Run will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 with the start at the high school parking lot.

There will also be a 1-mile 10-and-under fun run. (Donation is a can of pet food.)

The pre-register cost is \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. Family of four can pre-register for \$45.

To ensure a race T-shirt, register by Oct. 21 online at www.chs-cap.com.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic office at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

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Crusaders seize the day in win over Cornerstone

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

If Wednesday night's match was a used barometer, then Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham had to come away with a favorable reading.

The host Crusaders, ranked No. 17 in the latest NAIA poll, remained in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 25-21, 25-23, 27-25 victory over No. 22 Cornerstone.

Madonna is now 17-4 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC, while Cornerstone drops to 9-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

"That's an excellent team right there, we sort of took them out of their game plan little bit ... but gosh, we've been watching them on tape and usually they spread the ball and they have an awesome attack," said Abraham of the Golden Eagles. "I thought we blocked pretty good and played great



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Madonna volleyball players celebrate Wednesday night after defeating Cornerstone in the third set, 27-25.

defense today, and kept the pressure on them and that's what we wanted to do."

MU's balanced hitting attack was led by senior Nastija Baranovska, along with juniors Stacey Catalano and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High West-

land) — each recording nine kills.

Setter Evia Prieditis, also a junior, finished with 35 assist-to-kills.

"Evia is always tough," Abraham said. "She's one of the best setters in the land. She just

made real great and crisp decisions today, and set to the right people.

"And Stacey Catalano was a go-to player for us today — actually both of our outside hitters, Stacey and Sam (Geile). But Emilie (Freeman) and Nastija (Baranovska) both controlled the middle after the start of that first set. Heck, Emilie has been sick all week and came in here and had some key attacks."

The 6-foot-3 Freeman, used exclusively on the front row, made good on 9-of-17 attack with three errors.

"I was really sick two days ago," Freeman said. "It wasn't a good day. I had to miss practice. But I knew it wasn't going to effect the game or practice yesterday.

"It's huge ... beating a team like Cornerstone, who beat us in three last year. It's a rival. We knew they beat Embry-Riddle down in Florida, so they're a good team. Coming out with a win is huge. It hypes us up and

gets us amped up for the rest of the season and the rest of the WHAC conference."

Madonna's defense was keyed by Catalano and Breanna Geile with 14 and 12 digs, respectively. Sophomore Samantha Geile also finished with six kills and nine digs.

"I think we have excellent balance and two captain leaders (Prieditis and Baranovska), but the setter (Prieditis) runs the show," Abraham said. "We can attack from anywhere really and we actually can hit the ball very hard. We're a smart hitting team, too. It's good balance and experience. We have a freshman libero (Breanna Geile) right now and she's getting better each game."

Chelsea Lake paced Cornerstone with team-best eight kills and 12 digs, while setter Kim Weaver finished with 22 assists. MU returns to WHAC action 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Concordia University.

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Pats lose heartbreaker

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

What a 50th birthday party they threw Friday night at Livonia Franklin, and the Patriots came within an eyelash of enjoying the best icing on the cake — a thrilling last-second win over Canton.

Canton held on 35-34, but only after making a goal line stop on Franklin's two-point conversion bid that would have sent the homecoming crowd home happy.

"We wanted to win the game and that was our best shot," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said.

Canton coach Tim Baechler tipped his cap to Kelbert's squad following the KLAASouth Division contest.

"They're big and physical, their backs are physical and we just had a tough time tackling," Baechler said. "We were a little undersized in a few positions and they took advantage of it. It was like whoever had the ball last.

"But I'm very proud of our kids, they battled through. I feel bad for Chris, he works his butt off. They're a great 2-4 team, if there's such a thing."

Canton scored the eventual winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining, on a 1-yard plunge by running back Kendall Scott (100 combined yards, three TDs).

That wasn't easy, however, as the Patriots' physical defense nearly stonewalled Canton tailback Malcolm Hollingsworth the previous play



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin's Joe McRobb (28) gets behind Canton defensive back James Hall and makes the TD grab to make it 14-all in the first half.

on a fourth-and-inches just outside the 1-yard line.

Just as they had all night, the Patriots (2-4, 2-2 in the KLAASouth) came right back down the field.

Quarterback Austin Tarhanich (7-of-12 passing, 134 yards, two TDs) got the ball at the Franklin 20 with 1:39 left and mounted a penalty-assisted drive that culminated with a 44-yard touchdown pass to junior sensation Joe McRobb.

McRobb's big plays were a thorn in Canton's side all night. He scored four touchdowns — two on the ground and two in the air — and collected 274 all-purpose yards (including 18 rushes for 181 yards).

That TD, on a perfect spiral down the right side-line, sent the Franklin

faithful into a frenzy.

But the Chiefs stacked up Franklin running back Jimmy Mazaris (23 carries, 123 yards, one TD) just short of the goal line in his bid for a game-winning two-point conversion.

Kelbert, following the game, told his players he was never more proud of them for the way they battled the Chiefs tooth-and-nail.

"We talked all week to make this a game they would never, ever forget in their entire lives and they did," Kelbert said. "They played hard, to the final play they gave everything they had."

It was an entertaining game filled with high-light-reel plays from the opening kickoff.

The Chiefs (4-2, 3-1) led 7-0 one play into the game and just like last week against Livonia Churchill it was running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (16 carries, 150 yards) doing the damage — this time with a 75-yard TD run on a sweep around right end.

Franklin got it right back when McRobb, like a car gathering speed merging onto a highway, ran to his left and waited for an opening.

When he got it, he shot right through and accelerated down the sideline for a 65-yard score. That made it 7-7, the first of four times the Pats would tie Canton.

Canton regained the lead 14-7 with 7:32 left in the half, when sophomore quarterback Greg Williams (6-of-8 passing, 128 yards, two TDs) converted a fourth-down pass over the middle to a wide-open Scott for a 33-yard touchdown.

"He made some plays tonight in the air," Baechler said about Williams, who is gaining poise and confidence with every game.

Back came Franklin, tying the game 14-14 on a 42-yard touchdown pass from Tarhanich to McRobb.

Twins dig it

Kempinski sisters spark Lady Ocelots

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

It's safe to say the volleyball rarely hit the Kempinski family's backyard lawn during the one-on-one games of pepper twin sisters Nicole and Kara staged while growing up in Livonia.

"It didn't matter what season it was," Kara remembered, "Nicole and I would be out there hitting the ball back and forth to one another. Snow, ice — it didn't matter, we enjoyed playing so much. Having someone there all the time who loved the sport as much as I did was the best thing ever."

Kara Kempinski's reflections came just moments after she and Nicole played significant roles in a decisive victory for Schoolcraft College's volleyball team, which is the most recent benefactor of the turbo twins, who pack more spunk than 10 Energizer bunnies.

Before suiting up for the Ocelots, the twins — both sophomores at SC — helped propel Livonia Churchill's high school juggernaut to countless victories.

And before Churchill, the duo sharpened their skills in a big way for St. Edith's middle-school squad.

"I remember our first year at St. Edith's we were both on the JV blue team, which was the worst team we could be on," Kara recounted, smiling. "But the next year we both became a lot more dedicated and we made the varsity red team, which was the highest team."

There have probably been thousands of times over the past decade when Kara — a hustling, floor-sweeping libero — has slid across the floor to dig out a ball that would eventually be fed to Nicole, a pinpoint setter.

"The coolest thing," Nicole said, "is when we both factor into a point."

"Both the twins are very dynamic players," said Schoolcraft head volleyball coach Rod Brumfield. "They're very aggressive and they leave everything they have out on the floor. Nicole is an amazing libero — she touches every ball and is aggressive to every ball. She can't stand



ED WRIGHT

Twin sisters Nicole and Kara Kempinski are enjoying stellar seasons for Schoolcraft College's volleyball team after excelling at Livonia Churchill.

to lose and sets such a great example for the program's younger player.

"Kara is exactly the same way. As soon as she steps over the line, she's all business. If you cut the sound during a match and watch both of these girls play, you can just tell they love what they're doing."

The volleyball seed was planted in the pair far from the courts of Livonia.

"We actually learned the game playing on the beach when we'd go on vacations with our family," Nicole said. "Our parents never played the sport, but they're our biggest cheerleaders. My dad played football growing up, but he may be the most intense volleyball dad around."

Although several members of their family were alums of Dearborn Divine Child, the twins chose a different path that was partially paved by the sport they loved.

"We decided to go to Churchill instead of Divine Child mostly because of the school's outstanding volleyball tradition," Nicole said. "Mark Grenier is such a great coach. He gets the most out of his players."

"We took it really seriously at Churchill because everyone is so dedicated there," Kara added. "Our mentality really changed when we were there."

Both twins admitted that they're each other's biggest fans. But that doesn't mean they won't get on the other's case when the situation calls for it.

"It's really fun playing with Nicole because we

both challenge each other," Kara said. "If I mess up, I know she's going to get on me. And if she messes up, I'm going to do the same. We pump each other up in a positive way."

According to Brumfield, mess-ups are rare for the twins, who play every point like it's the final one they'll ever play.

"My favorite thing is getting to a ball and saving it when no one else in the gym thinks you're going to get it," said Nicole.

"I love the intensity that goes with the sport," Kara said. "I love the adrenaline rush and how the team comes together."

After playing together on the same team since sixth grade, the twins acknowledge this season may be their final one sharing a volleyball court.

Nicole, who is studying art history at Schoolcraft, is noncommittal about playing at a four-year school next year, while Kara definitely wants to continue her career if given the opportunity.

"Volleyball-wise, I'm not real sure what I want to do after this year," Nicole said. "But I love the sport so much, it would be tough not playing."

"If I get an offer (from a four-year school)," added Kara, a business major, "I definitely want to play."

Whether or not they play at the collegiate level beyond this season, one thing is clear: The twins-vs.-twin pepper games will probably never end.

And the ball will rarely — if ever — touch the ground.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

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LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL
Sept. 27 at St. John's G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 349 strokes; 2. Warren Regina, 357; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 373; 4. Livonia Churchill, 380; 5. South Lyon, 392; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 404; 7. Hartland, 425; 8. White Lake Lakeland, 456; 9. Livonia Franklin, 457.
Individual co-medalists: Jackie Burdette (Churchill) and Kendall Graves (Regina), 80 each.

Stevenson scorers: 7. Laura Shureb, 88; 10. (tie) Kelsey Duntley and Mary Peltz, 91 each; Alyssa Blaszkievicz, 103.
Other Churchill scorers: 8. (tie) Maggie McGowan, 90; Claire Rose, 97; Alyssa Mazur, 113; Marin McGowan, 118.
Ladywood scorers: Kayla D'Allesandro, 92; Caroline Bork, 96; Sara Even, 98; Cindy Ding, 118.

Franklin scorers: Kendall Payne, 104; Jacquelyn, 122; Allison Karczynski, 130.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
CANTON 181
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 260
Sept. 26 at Hilltop GC
Co-medalists: Kelsey McDougall and Alyce Krumm (Canton), 43 each.
Other Canton scorers: Erica Song, 47; Chloe Luyet, 48; Shelby Lobb, 56; Hannah Rohrborn, 59.
Glenn scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 55; Haley Avai, 62; Lindsey Crosby, 69; Ashley Andez, 74; Jaret Allen, 82.

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Babon's 5 goals sparks Warriors

Trojans take out RU, 2-1

Ernie Babon had quite an afternoon Thursday — and then some — for the Lutheran High Westland boys soccer team.

The senior midfielder scored five goals to power the host Warriors to a 7-0 non-conference victory over Romulus Summit Academy North.

Babon scored four of his five goals in the first half at the 7-, 13-, 15- and 30-minute marks. He added another just two minutes into the second half.

Troy Gotchev notched the other two Lutheran Westland goals in the 37th and 49th minutes, respectively.

Goalkeepers Jordan Williams (first half) and Mitch Meyer (second half) each made a save to preserve the shutout as the Warriors improved to 3-10 overall.

Summit (3-9) got 11 saves from goalkeeper Juan

Jimenez. **CVILLE 2, RU 1:** Senior Ma Sambou Jatta shook a defender, and buried a shot into the corner for the game-winning goal with only 12 minutes remaining to give Livonia Clarenceville (5-6-2) the victory over host Redford Union at Kraft Field.

Jatta also figured in Clarenceville's first goal with a perfect through-ball to Andrew Murphy to tie the game at 1-1.

Goalkeeper Evan Gregg made nine saves to preserve the win backed by the defensive efforts of Collin Orchard, Cam Fyffe, Alan Baumgardner, Matthias Hoffmann and Jatta.

CVILLE 2, FORDSON 2: Junior goalkeeper Evan Gregg made 13 saves Thursday to enable host Livonia Clarenceville (4-6-2) earn a tie with Dearborn Fordson.

After scoreless first half, Fordson took an early one goal lead before Clarenceville's Ma Sambou Jatta tied it at 1-1 off an assist from Matthias Hoffmann.

A few minutes later, Shane Martin scored the go-ahead goal unassisted, but the Tractors answered with a goal with 15 minutes remaining.

David Vanderkerckhove and An-

drew Murphy also turned in solid games, along with the defense, led by Jatta.

STEVENSON 3, S.L. EAST 0: Senior Jake Zeppa figured in all three goals Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson (7-2-4, 5-1-2) blanked South Lyon East (3-8-5, 0-6-2) in a KLAAs Central Division match.

Zeppa opened the scoring in the fourth minute off an assist from Ryan Schifano and then assisted on senior John D'Agostino's goal just a minute later to make it 2-0. Zeppa struck again in the 38th minute from D'Agostino to give the Spartans a 3-0 first-half cushion.

"Jake was dangerous all night," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Cougars, 14-5. "It's the best game he's played this year. It was a good result for us."

Stevenson goalkeeper Mike Bolin made three saves to post the shutout, while Travis Hamers also had three stops for East.

CHURCHILL 2, JOHN GLENN 0: Michael Murphy tallied a pair of second half goals Thursday to propel host Livonia Churchill (4-7-2, 4-4) to a KLAAs South Division triumph over visiting Westland John Glenn (8-5, 4-4).

Murphy's game-winner game in the 52nd minute off an assist from T.J. DeYoung.

Murphy then added an insur-

ance goal in the 64th minute off a restart from Jacob Meyer.

Churchill goalkeeper Colton Robison made two saves to post the shutout.

The Chargers also got sterling play from junior outside-midfielder Andrew Smutek, who helped put the clamps on Glenn's dangerous forward Alex Isaevski. "He (Smutek) hustled and worked his tail off," said Churchill coach Matt Grodzicki, whose team avenged a 2-1 setback Sept. 11 to the Rockets. "We marked him (Isaevski) to take him out of his game and it seemed to work."

Glenn played the final 46 minutes a man down after receiving a red card.

"The second half we showed more guts playing with 10 guys than we did the first half with 11 after we got that silly red card," said Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson, who got 13 saves from goalkeeper David Isaacs.

FRANKLIN 3, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, host Livonia Franklin (4-8-1, 3-5) got untracked in the second half to beat stubborn Wayne Memorial (1-12, 0-8) in a KLAAs South Division encounter. Scoring unassisted goals for the Patriots were Matt Freed, Hayden Steinman and Nick O'Brien. Goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski made two saves to earn the shutout.

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But the 7-0 Glenn lead didn't last long as Churchill evened the count with a 12-play, 80-yard scoring drive, capped by senior Romello Brown's 17-yard TD run.

Brown, the 5-foot-11, 246-pound senior, would later added TD runs of 4 and 2 yards, while Robert Foster Jr. also crossed the goal line with a 27-yard run on an reverse.

Jacob Staff's fumble recovery at the Glenn 11 set up the Chargers' go-ahead TD and Andre Abram's interception at his own 12 and return to the Churchill 41 with 13 seconds left thwarted a Glenn drive, leaving the margin at 28-7 at intermission.

It was a scoreless third quarter as both teams missed 41-yard field goal opportunities.

Brown, who finished with 139 yards on 30 carries, then scored his fourth TD of the night on an 8-yard run to complete the scoring.

Churchill had 305 total yards, including 223 on the ground. Suida was 5-of-8 passing with one interception.

"What makes them tough to stop is that they (Churchill) are a darn good football team with darn good players, especially their quarterback (Seth Suida) and running back (Brown)," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "I thought in the first half our defense did a pretty good job of containing him (Brown), but I wouldn't say we shut him down. We contained him and didn't let him run all over the place.

"We didn't do a good job defending the pass. We've got to be well-rounded and do everything right, and we didn't."

Glenn finished with 236 total yards on the night as junior quarterback Chris Scheffer went 9-of-22 passing for 139 yards. Carter was the leading ground gainer with 67 yards on 17 carries.

"We had a good second period," Filiatraut said. "Glenn is a good team with good athletes. They have the worst schedule in the state of Michigan. They have a miserable schedule, so I thought they played well tonight and made some plays."

Jones, a senior and coveted Division I recruit, had four catches for 80 yards.

"I don't know if it was his best performance ever, but it was a good performance," Hardin said. "It just amazes me no matter how many guys you put on him that when you throw the ball up, the odds are pretty good he's going to come down with it."

The loss leaves Glenn and 0-6 overall and 0-4 in the KLAAs South, but the Rockets will have a chance to pick up their first win next Friday when they host rival Wayne Memorial, which is also winless.

"I've seen progress every week," Hardin said. "We haven't won a game and our confidence level is so low ... but each of the last three weeks I've seen a good football team with John Glenn helmets on a times. They just have to get their confidence up and believe they can do it all the time."

Churchill, meanwhile, is just one win away from clinching the KLAAs South outright. The Chargers will also play another rival, Livonia Franklin (2-4, 2-2), Friday at home.

"Technically we are going to get a 10th game, but we want to be playing well and hopefully have an 11th," Filiatraut said of clinching a playoff berth with the automatic sixth win. "We've got to maintain these next two weeks and keep improving and play well against Franklin."

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that starts out your offense. We had to get that going to earn some points."

In the second set, Ladywood fell behind 10-7, but rallied to tie it at 16-16 before Mercy went on a 6-1 run and close out the set. In the third set, the Marlins took leads of 14-7 and 19-14 before coasting home for the victory.

Meanwhile, it's been a work in progress so far this season for the Blazers.

"We're getting there," Craggs said. "We've developed some different game plans and some things we haven't done in the past, so we're starting to improve. We played them earlier in the year and this was definitely a better match for us. We're there and I think we're on the right path. We just have to keep working."

Sophomore libero Izzy Porada had a team-high 20 digs, while 5-10 senior outside hitter Allison Malick added 18.

Olivia Quinn, a 6-foot senior, and Natalie Panek, a 5-8 freshman, led Ladywood's hitting attack with seven and six kills, respectively. Malick contributed five.

"I thought Olivia Quinn did a good job being available in the middle and kind of provided some leadership out there," Craggs said. "Same with Allie Malick and Izzy Porada. Izzy takes on a big responsibility and has provided some good leadership."

Haley Jury, a 5-10 senior setter, collected 21 assists.

"It starts with the pass," Craggs said. "I think our defense is much improved and we've got to run that middle (hitter) in transition until it's not working anymore. That's where we've been scoring our points is running that middle in transition."

The two teams will square off again Thursday, Oct. 11, at Mercy.

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Running wild

Warriors trip Oakland Christian, 34-9

The "Three Amigos" were at it again Friday night as the backfield trio of Jacob Richter, Nick Andrzejewski and Martin Kemp each cracked the 100-yard mark in Lutheran High Westland's 34-9 football win at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The Warriors evened their record at 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Richter, the senior quarterback, led the way with 175 yards rushing on 19 carries and was 1-of-3 passing for 10 yards. He scored on touchdown runs of 9, 6 and 6 yards.

Andrzejewski added 128 yards on 18 carries and scored on a 14-yard run, while Kemp chipped in with 125 yards on 21 carries and added a 9-yard TD run.

The Warriors had 490 total yards, including 457 on the ground.

"We kept it simple," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusè said. "We were able to overpower them at the point of attack and grind away. It was a good win."

The loss drops the Lancers to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the MIAC.

Bryant lifts C'ville

Jalen Bryant scored all four touchdowns Friday night as Livonia Clarenceville kept its state playoff hopes alive with a 28-14 win at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Bryant, a 5-foot-11, 185 junior tailback, rushed unofficially close to 100 yards, while Kimani Dooley made a couple of clutch second-half grabs from quarterback Zach Kubiak as the Trojans improved to 4-2 overall.

Austin Douglass also came up with a key interception in the fourth quarter to set up a Clarenceville score, while tight

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end Aaron Dalton came through with a clutch catch to keep a drive going during the same period on fourth-and-11.

The loss drops Gabriel Richard to 0-6 overall.

Cats' rout Wayne

Senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland accounted for 210 yards in total offense and scored a pair of touchdowns Friday leading host Plymouth to a 48-0 KLAAs South Division win over Wayne Memorial. Plymouth, which jumped out to 38-0 halftime lead, improved to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAAs South, while Wayne falls to 0-6 and 0-4.

Eiland was 5-of-7 passing for 75 yards and scored on TD runs of 30 and 16 yards in the first and third quarters, respectively.

He was the Wildcats leading rusher with 75 yards on five carries.

Mike Kennedy, who had five carries for 51 yards, added TD runs of 16 and 20 yards.

D.J. Rossell also found the end zone twice on runs of 4 and 3 yards, while Brenton Zuzo booted field goals of 32 and 24 yards. Bobby Deeg was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra points.

The Wildcats had 371 total yards, including 226 on the ground. Nate Emminger caught two passes for 87 yards and Stefan Turrentine added 56 yards on 11 carries.

Wayne was limited to 137 total yards as Abdullah Myles led the Zebras' rushing attack with 63 yards on 12 carries. Quarterback Joe Porter was 3-of-17 for 44 yards.

The Zebras have lost 26 straight games dating back to the 2009 season.

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Highly efficient: Stevenson makes quick work of East

It was a total team effort Thursday for the Livonia Stevenson girls volleyball team, which posted a 25-23, 25-12, 25-12 triumph at South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who improved to 13-14-1 overall and 3-4 in the KLAAs Central Division, got eight kills, five assists and four digs from Katie Tomasic.

The 5-foot-11 junior also was a perfect 7-of-7 on both serve receive and serves.

Also effective on the offensive side was Amanda Hawkins (11 blocks, three kills); Taylor McLaud (four kills, two blocks); Abby Whitehead (three kills, four blocks); Morgan Copperstone (three kills, two blocks); and Mary Murray (two kills, one block).

Setters Sarah Soave and Allie Koestering each had six assists, while Holly Mossioan collected nine digs. Allie Strautz went 13-for-13 serving with one ace, while Kelsey Szabo was 11-for-11.

Chargers roll

Courtney Pietruszka led the way with 14 digs, five kills and four aces as state-ranked Livonia Churchill cruised to a 25-11, 25-11, 25-19

PREP VOLLEYBALL

KLAAs South Division win Thursday at Westland John Glenn.

Other standouts for the Chargers, who improved to 33-4 overall and 7-0 in the KLAAs South, included freshman Rayna Yetts, who 17 assists, three aces, three kills, along with Gabby Beck, who had four kills.

Megan Damico, Natalee Dziewit and Beth Tarnacki also combined for 14 digs, three aces and two kills.

Kelly Epperson had seven kills and setter Claire Truskowski added 11 assists as Glenn falls to 10-19-3 overall and 0-7 in the division.

Hannah Staples also contributed eight digs, while Caity Lenard served five aces for the Rockets.

Wayne stops Pats

Senior Katie Horton's 22 kills, 22 digs and 11 blocks carried Wayne Memorial to 18-25, 25-17, 19-25, 25-21, 15-7 KLAAs South Division win Thursday at Livonia Franklin.

The 6-foot-1 Horton, bound for Ohio University, also served six aces as the Zebras improved to 7-

17-3 overall and 2-5 in the KLAAs South.

Other leaders for Wayne included Danielle Robbins (six kills, six blocks, 15 digs); Deja Tamlin (five kills, four blocks); Paige Chalmers (three kills, three blocks, three aces); Samantha Hershey (12 assists, nine digs); and Savannah Monette (11 assists).

Mackenzie Lukas had 21 kills, seven digs and three aces as the Patriots fall to 9-19 overall and 3-4 in the division.

Other Franklin leaders included Kelly O'Brien, 16 kills; Maggie Leins, 10 kills; libero Kelly Newton; 18 digs, four aces; Sarah Cramton and Afton DeWyse, 10 digs apiece.

Warriors win

Aldreanna Fikes had 10 kills and 14 digs Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland downed Plymouth Christian Academy with a 25-19, 25-18, 25-19 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win.

Alissa Flury chipped in with seven kills and five blocks (three solo), while Sam Roberts added six kills as the Warriors improved to 7-11-5 overall and 2-1 in the MIAC Blue.

Julia Yancy led the

defense with 16 digs, while Chandler Davenport added 10.

Setters Leah Refenes and Shannon Abbott had 15 and 11 assists, respectively.

"We definitely played

well tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were able to put some pressure on PCA and that helped. We got down 8-3 in the 3rd set and were able to go on a 9-3 run to take the

lead and then pull away again tied 16-16 by pushing the score to 20-16. We haven't beaten them in over 3 years so it was nice to finally get one."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Friday, Oct. 5
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Hamtramck at L. W'sld, 1 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Oct. 1
Franklin Road at C'ville, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2
L. W'sld at S'field Chr., 4:30 p.m.
Luth. South at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Arbor Prep at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Cranbrook at C'ville, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Oct. 2
L. W'sld at Inter-City, 5:30 p.m.
Liggett at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
L. W'sld at Greenhills, 5:30 p.m.
S'field Christ. at HVL, 6:30 p.m.
Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
Glenn at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Glenn at Wayne (Flats), 4 p.m.
(at Willow Metropark)
Stevenson vs. Salem, 4:20 p.m.
(at Cass Benton Park)
Franklin vs. Plymouth, 3:50 p.m.
Churchill vs. Canton, 4:25 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Wayne County Championship at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 4
Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Wayne Invitational, noon.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Oct. 1
Lady. at Divine Child, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Kensington Conf. Tourney at Salem Hills, 8:30 a.m.
Lady. at Luth. North, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Livonia Public Schools Tourney at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
Glenn at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Thursday, Oct. 4
A.A. Huron at Lady., 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Catholic League final, TBA.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday, Oct. 3
MU at Concordia, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4
Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5
(Ind. Tech Lykowski Classic)
MU vs. Campbellsville, 2:30 p.m.
MU vs. St. Ambrose, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
(Ind. Tech Lykowski Classic)
MU vs. Ashford, 9:30 a.m.
MU vs. IU-East, 2:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Lawrence Tech at MU, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
S'craft at Lakeland, 1 p.m.
MU at Davenport, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7
S'craft at Cuyahoga, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Oct. 3
Owens at S'craft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6
Aquinas at Madonna, noon.
TBA - time to be announced.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
PINCKNEY 5
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4
Sept. 25 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Jonathan Martin (LC) defeated Nick Romano, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Kyle Jurczak (P) def. Joe Mulka, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Ryan Fuller (P) def. Rishabh Arvikar, 6-4, 6-7 (8-10), 7-6 (7-4); No. 4: Kishan Trivedi (LC) def. Ben Schmitter, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Mark Denstaedt-Riley Prince (LC) def. Andrew Graves-Cameron Hein, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Mayuresh Iyer-Stevens VanWormer (LC) def. Tanner Barnes-Tom Cremona, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Nate Yenor-Matt Vasher (P) def. Mit Patel-Aditya Vemulopati, 7-5 (7-5), 6-1; No. 4: Brent Patterson-Austin Voight (P) def. Cooper King-Raymond Peters, 6-3, 6-2; No. 5: Adam Flickema-Noland Hubbard, 6-2, 6-3.
Dual match records: Pinckney, 7-2 overall; Churchill, 10-6 overall.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 8
WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 1
Sept. 25 at Lakeland
No. 1 singles: Alex Kim (WLL) defeated Chad Northey, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Sam Tabor (LS) def. Terry Haren, 6-0, 6-4; No. 3: Marcus McCathney (LS) def. Ben Evans, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Noah Evans, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Aaron Dzibak-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Jeremy Wimmer-Nick Vrahoretis, 6-3, 7-6; No. 2: Chase Tinham-Jason Wysocki (LS) def. Hayden Moss-Grant LeVasseur, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Ahmed Hussain-Joe Osmialowski (LS) def. Zade Koch-Christian Mersado, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Tom Cwiek-Chris Haldane (LS) def. Adam Rhoda-John Antishin 6-1, 6-2; No. 5: Matt Lackey-Neal Adams (LS) def. Adam Zammitt-David Chludzinski, 6-1, 6-2.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-2 overall; Lakeland, 3-3 overall.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 5
SALEM 4
Sept. 18 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Jacob Scott (Salem) defeated Chad Northey, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Alex Zultkowski (Salem) def. Sam Tabor, 7-6, 6-3; No. 3: Jake Sealey (Salem) def. Marcus McCathney, 3-4 (default); No. 4: Johnson Yang (LS) def. Ryan Chin, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Tom Cwiek-Jeff Frederick (LS) def. Nick Ortiz-Amol Carravella, 6-4, 6-3; No. 2: Chase Tinham-Jason Wysocki (LS) def. Rohan Thanedar-Jon Clark, 7-6, 6-2; No. 3: Ahmed Hussain-Joe Osmialowski (LS) def. Saheer Rabbai-David Bloxam, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Charlie Liu-Jeff Selweski (Salem) def. Neal Adams-Chris Haldane, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; No. 5: Matt Lackey-Sam Clos (LS) def. Max Merget-Anthony Zorney, 6-1, 6-7, 7-6.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-2 overall, 2-2 KLA Central Division; Salem, 1-3 KLA Central.

SPARTANS

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to run and threw when he needed to throw on the money and just managed the game very well."

Mims hit senior Adam Wheeler (33 yards on five catches) with a 7-yard touchdown pass up the right side on the first play of the second quarter for a 10-0 lead after O'Brien's successful point after.

That's when things got interesting.

Less than two minutes later, Novi freshman Emanuel Jackson (111 yards on 12 runs) burst up the right side for a 42-yard TD run, which senior Justin Danks capped with the point after to cut the deficit to 10-7.

"That's the thing with offense, you've got to get every block," said Novi coach Todd Pennycuff, whose team slipped to 1-5 and 1-3. "One block can make or break you. We had a breakdown on third down a few times that hurt us."

Following an interception by Novi player Mark Ryan two plays later, the Wildcats orchestrated a two-play combo between a 17-yard run by junior Jeffrey Baker (35 yards on 11 runs) and a 1-yard touchdown punch in by senior Kameron Mitchell (4 yards on two runs) to go up 13-10 after Danks's PAT was blocked 3:21 into the quarter.

Novi senior Matt Forche (85 yards on nine runs) burst up the right side for a 36-yard touchdown run to make it 20-10 with

1:58 left in the half after Danks's PAT, but the Spartans answered back 70 seconds later when Mims (20-for-30 passing, 171 yards) dropped a 23-yard pass into the hands of junior Billy Bonanno (37 yards on two catches) in the right corner of the end zone. O'Brien's PAT made it just 20-17 Novi at halftime.

Neither team could move the ball in the third quarter, as Novi junior quarterback Issac Burgess (0-for-3 passing, two interceptions) aired out his first pass attempt in the past two games, but it was picked off by Wheeler.

The Spartans couldn't get a first down on that drive, but their next drive carried into the fourth quarter, eventually ending after 69 yards on 10 plays that was capped by Mims connecting with senior Cody Coleman (one catch) on the right side of the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown. O'Brien's PAT was blocked, but the Spartans took a 23-20 lead.

Novi went three-and-out on its next drive and the Wildcats' punt bounced backward, giving Stevenson the ball at Novi's 41-yard line. Five plays later, Mims found a hole in the pocket and raced to the right for a 23-yard touchdown. O'Brien completed the PAT for a 30-20 lead with 5:57 remaining.

"I was very proud of the way we responded," Fielder said. "They came out and were very physical, like we were expecting. They run that offense very well. I was very proud of the way we responded in the second half defensively and also offensively to score."

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Glen Cerny, Vice President and CFO

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
SOUTH LYON 102
LIVONIA STEVENSON 84
Sept. 27 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Diedre Gerke, Kallie Krueger, Chanel Bonin, Stormy Malarik), 1:53.64; 2. Stevenson (Shaelyn Dolinski, Julia Hurley, Sara Stemen, Andrea D'Amour), 1:58.97.
200 freestyle: 1. Rachel Green (SL), 1:58.54; 2. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 2:03.15; 3. Evelyn Stein (LS), 2:06.07.
200 individual medley: 1. Bonin (SL), 2:13.7; 2. Rachel Arceri (LS), 2:16.25; 3. Dolinski (LS), 2:23.0.
1-meter diving: 1. Autumn Smith (SL), 203.18 points.
100 butterfly: 1. Bonin (SL), 59.01; 2. Stemen (LS), 1:03.27.
100 freestyle: 1. Green (SL), 54.19; 3. Brenna Gabrielson (LS), 57.41.
500 freestyle: 1. Stein (LS), 5:33.24; 3. Kelly Laporte (LS), 5:51.82.
200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Krueger, Caitlyn Thelen, Malarik, Green), 1:44.42; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Brenna Erickson, D'Amour, Arceri), 1:46.3; 3. Stevenson (Bayne Froney, Paige Longhi, Alicia Stark, Laporte), 1:51.76.
100 backstroke: 1. Gerke (SL), 1:03.72; 2. Stemen (LS), 1:04.66; 3. Dolinski (LS), 1:05.68.
100 breaststroke: 1. Krueger (SL), 1:12.24; 2. Arceri (LS), 1:13.16; 3. Hurley (LS), 1:15.24.
400 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Thelen, Bonin, Gerke, Green), 3:45.75; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Gabrielson, Stemen, Arceri), 3:47.75; 3. Stevenson (Erickson, Stein, Emily Roque, Dolinski), 4:00.57.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-2 overall, 0-1 KLA Central Division.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 110
PONTIAC N.D. PREP 75
Sept. 20 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. Notre Dame Prep

(Maya McPartlin, Allison Kavanagh, Marin McInerney, Payton Hoff), 2:00.11; 2. Stevenson (Sarah Cauzillo, Julia Hurley, Brenna Gabrielson, Aidan Odowd), 2:04.62; 3. Stevenson (Sara Stemen, Kelly Laporte, Emily Roque, Shaelyn Dolinski), 2:06.28.
200 freestyle: 1. McInerney (NDP), 2:00.94; 2. Rachel Arceri (LS), 2:01.54; 3. Merrill Froney (LS), 2:06.07.
200 individual medley: 1. Kavanagh (NDP), 2:25.67; 2. Laporte (LS), 2:26.01.
50 freestyle: 1. Gabrielson (LS), 26.44; 2. Cauzillo (LS), 27.28.
1-meter diving: 1. Alex Zukowski (LS), 153.30 points; 3. Samantha Ellis (LS), 130.05.
100 butterfly: 1. Payton Hoff (NDP), 1:06.02; 2. Bayne Froney (LS), 1:13.7; 3. Dolinski (LS), 1:15.67.
100 freestyle: 1. Arceri (LS), 57.71; 2. Brenna Erickson (LS), 59.61; 3. M. Froney (LS), 59.69.
500 freestyle: 1. Stemen (LS), 5:33.24; 3. Hurley (LS), 5:51.82.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Notre Dame Prep (McInerney, McPartlin, Kavanagh, Hoff), 1:47.46; 2. Stevenson (Gabrielson, Cauzillo, Odowd, Laporte), 1:48.64; 3. Stevenson (Hurley, Dolinski, Evelyn Stein, Roque), 1:54.01.
100 backstroke: 1. McInerney (NDP), 1:04.01; 3. Paige Longhi (LS), 1:09.72.
100 breaststroke: 1. Kavanagh (NDP), 1:17.24; 2. Laporte (LS), 1:18.49; 3. Gabrielson (LS), 1:19.37.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arceri, Andrea D'Amour, Erickson, M. Froney), 3:57.17; 2. Stevenson (Melissa Flannigan, B. Froney, Samantha Weak, Longhi), 4:12.31.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-1 overall.
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DOUBLE-DUAL MEET
Sept. 13 at Stevenson
TEAM SCORES: Stevenson 139, Franklin 47; Stevenson 110, Churchill 76; Churchill, 129, Franklin 57.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Sarah Cauzillo, Sara Stemen, Evelyn Stein), 2:02.78; 2. Stevenson (Emily Roque, Julia Hurley, Paige Longhi, Andrea D'Amour), 2:03.93; 3. Churchill (Amanda Washko, Madison Yttercock, Brittany Gates, Christina Fox), 2:04.76.
200 freestyle: 1. Rachel Arceri (LS), 2:06.75; 2. Kelly Laporte (S), 2:08.94; 3. Melissa Flannigan (S), 2:22.78.
200 individual medley: 1. Gabrielson (S), 2:23.7; 2. Erin McGarry (C), 2:39.8; 3. Allison Hill (C), 2:43.68.
50 freestyle: 1. Molly Jarvis (C), 27.19; 2. Brenna Erickson (S), 27.57; 3. Mary Skinner (S), 29.04.
1-meter diving: 1. Yumi Nozawa (C), 158.40 points; 2. Sydney Grenier (C), 153.00; 3. Jackie Dziurgot (LF), 141.75.
100 butterfly: 1. Stemen (S), 1:02.26; 2. Gates (C), 1:04.33; 3. Cauzillo (S), 1:06.67.
100 freestyle: 1. Washko (C), 57.21; 2. Laporte (S), 1:01.02; 3. Jarvis (C), 1:01.48.
500 freestyle: 1. Arceri (S), 5:31.03; 2. Aidan Odowd (S), 5:53.11; 3. Sara Bowen (S), 6:11.12.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Merrill Froney, Bayne Froney, Julia Hurley, Odowd), 1:52.16; 2. Churchill (Fox, Yttercock, Crystal Dombrowski, Jarvis), 1:55.69; 3. Stevenson (Mackenzie Queen, Grace Albrecht, Samantha Weak, Bowen), 1:58.76.
100 backstroke: 1. Washko (C), 1:00.27; 2. Lauren Campau (F), 1:02.12; 3. Longhi (S), 1:03.88.
100 breaststroke: 1. Dolinski (S), 1:18.81; 2. D'Amour (S), 1:21.04; 3. Megan Theisen (F), 1:24.02.
400 freestyle: 1. Churchill (Gates, Jarvis, McGarry, Washko), 3:58.81; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Gabrielson, Roque, Flannigan), 4:02.32; 3. Stevenson (Stein, Sarah Adamczyk, Megan Heath, Sara Elliot), 4:25.0.

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ArtPrize

Local artists show glass, metal, painting, fabric in Grand Rapids

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Joe and Jennifer Rutherford of Plymouth hope to ride their Fantastic Carousel of Dreams to new levels of fame — and maybe even a little fortune this week.

The couple is vying — along with more than 1,500 other artists — for a portion of \$560,000 in total prizes that will be awarded at the end of this year's ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids.

The festival consists of 1,517 entries at 161 venues throughout the city.

Visitors can vote for their favorite pieces, which will determine who receives the top prize.

Voting ends Oct. 4 and prizes are awarded on Oct. 5, but the festival continues through Sunday, Oct. 7.

At the very least, the fanciful glass and metal carousel that the Rutherfords created is turning thousands of heads while it's on display at the Courtyard by Marriott, 11 Monroe Ave., in downtown Grand Rapids.

"Even if you don't win money, good things can happen to you. A lot of serious art people go to this event. It's a good venue to let people know we're out there. It shows people what we're capable of doing," said Joe

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Jennifer and Joe Rutherford stand beneath the metal structure that forms their carousel. See the completed sculpture at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.

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Fitting small stained glass details to the metal framework.

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Large fantastic glass creatures are fitted to the carousel.

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Hospital gala benefits emergency, inpatient care

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 20th annual Gala "Return of Hollywood Nights" is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event will start with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail reception. The Gala will celebrate the glitz and glamour of Hollywood Nights and will feature a gourmet dinner, dancing, musical entertainment by the Robert Williamson Band, and special Hollywood entertainment.

The annual black-tie preferred event will benefit the Generations Together

Campaign to enhance emergency care and inpatient services at the hospital. Emergency Physicians Medical Group, PC (EPMG) will serve as the Gala's 20th Anniversary sponsor.

Individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Guest reservations are \$125 per person. A portion of the ticket purchases are tax deductible. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at (734) 655-2980, or visit stmarymercy.org/annualgala for more information.

ARTISTS

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Rutherford, who created the metal framework that holds the glass animals made by his wife. "It's an enormous example of the techniques we do."

The 800-pound carousel includes eight fused glass animals. The piece is more than 10 feet tall and measures 11 feet in diameter.

"It's quite a sight. We added LED rope lighting to it, much like a real carousel."

Rutherford figures he spent more than 600 hours on the metal work, alone. His wife spent nearly as many hours on the glass, he said.

The couple hopes their carousel makes ArtPrize visitors smile.

"People relate to a carousel. It's a visually cool thing," Rutherford said. "Ultimately we'd both like to have someone buy this and donate it to a children's hospital. Kids respond to it. They just go crazy."

Their Fantastic Carousel of Dreams is on exhib-

it 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

If you plan a trip to ArtPrize this week, check out other local artists and their works. Here's a sampling:

- Lynn Krawczyk of Plymouth combines traditional printmaking techniques with fabric and collage. Her "Remnants Collage 17" is on display at The B.O.B., 20 Monroe Ave., N.W.

- Alan Casadei of Livonia created "Quicksilver," a textured painting in acrylics. See it at Purple East, 250 Ionia SW.

- Jan Waller of Plymouth created a wall hanging in felted merino and silk fibers that depicts a woman in red hanging old love letters on an outdoor clothing line. "The Washing Line" is on display at Minty Keen, 125 Ottawa NW Site 170.

- Maria Elena Blanco of Farmington collected artifacts — both natural and man-made — from the island of Hispaniola, combining them to create 24 frames for portraits of friends. She paired the pieces with

journal entries. See her work at Pyramid Scheme, 68 Commerce SW.

- Melissa Machnee of Canton created "The Blue Raccoon" from steel with paint and fabric. It's on display at the Gerald R. Ford Federal Building US Courthouse, 110 Michigan Street NW.

- Nathan Hoste of Plymouth created a series of pictures that illustrate the effects of exposure to outer space. "Bodies in Space" is on exhibit at McFadden's Restaurant & Saloon, 58 Ionia SW.

- Tony Roko of Plymouth created "Lilly PLANT LIFE" with scrap metal and repurposed pallets. He painted the piece with enamels used by the auto industry. The piece, which honors the American autoworker, can be seen at The B.O.B., 20 Monroe Ave., N.W.

- Mark Minier of Plymouth created several paintings for his entry, called "All of myself 2012" for ArtPrize. See it at the Waters Building, 161 Ottawa Ave., NW.

For more information about ArtPrize, visit www.artprize.org.

Diabetes Day at Garden City Hospital



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DIABETES DAY AGENDA

Opada Alzohaili, MD, Endocrinologist
Diabetes Management Today and Tomorrow

Daniel Harber, DO, Cardiologist
Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease

Sharon Goodsell, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator
Evolution of Diabetes Care

JoAnn Henderson-Collins
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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If you represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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GARDEN & NATURE

and garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Master gardener Paul Rodman will talk about "What is true and what is false," at Livonia the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Rodman writes garden column, maintains two garden sites and has amassed more than 500 volunteer hours. For more information, call Kathy at (734) 513-5555

English Gardens

• Get tips on pruning, 10 a.m. Satur-

day Oct. 6. Free

• Find out about the latest trends in seasonal indoor decorating 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13. Free

• Youngsters, 3-12, can make a terrarium filled with tropical plants in a "Make It & Take It Workshop"

11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Fee is \$10. Sign up online at englishgardens.com.

• Learn what it takes to put your garden to bed at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.



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Dearborn resident Stephen Bunchek second from left, digs a hole to plant flowers at Claude Allison Park.

Silent auction, chili aid MS patients

Stepping Up for MS will hold its annual fundraiser, A Chili Night in October II, from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The organization's mission is to help individuals with Multiple Sclerosis continue family and seasonal traditions with the

help of volunteers. Their services include planting flowers, spring holiday preparation, holiday decorating, wrapping gifts, baking, help with shopping, fall leaf raking and finding ways to beat the heat.

Laraine Larkin of Livonia founded the organization. Her sister, Amy

Arsenault, who also lives in Livonia, was diagnosed with MS 18 years ago, and is active in the organization, along with two other siblings.

The chili dinner will include prize raffles, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children, 6 and under.

The menu includes chili, hot dogs, beverages and dessert.

Buy tickets online at www.stepsupforms.org or mail your request and a check to Stepping Up for MS Benefit Dinner, 15988 Foch, Livonia, MI 48154. Indicate number of adults and children who will attend.

Ski club welcomes new members

Thunderbird Ski Club will hold its open house, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Italian American Hall, 1900 Five Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$5 and it will include food, along with a cash bar for ages 21 and over.

Participants will see ski displays and may sign up for ski trips to Copper Mountain or Vail or Snowmass in Colorado, Sun Valley in Idaho, Mt. Bachelor in Ore-

gon, Whistler/Blackcomb in British Columbia, or Boyne Mountain. They also may sign up for a European trip with ski clubs in Chicago, Ill. They also can find out about bowling evenings, theater events, restaurant parties, Tiger and Red Wing games, summer picnics, a canoe trip to Oscoda, golf outings, ski racing and a brewery bus tour.

There will be prizes and a DJ and

dancing for the young at heart.

View the events, trips and club member photos at <http://www.tbirdskiclub.com> and see "Photos and Stories."

For more information about Thunderbird Ski Club, call Shirley Cookson, vice president, at (313) 300-2583. She is in charge of the open house. Or call the group's president, Jim Michon, at (313) 258-4522.

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INJECTIONS

Physician offices hear this question repeatedly. Patients will call stating that they received an injection in a knee or shoulder, and want to know when they can have an injection again. The callers expect to hear an answer such as "you have to wait at least three months," or an answer like that. But such is not the case.

What the inquiry will receive is a return question such as: "Did the injection help?" For what determines whether the doctor will inject the joint again has nothing to do with when he gave the last injection, but if that injection gave benefit.

The indication for a repeat injection is the answer to the question: did the last injection give benefit? It takes two people to make that judgement: one is the patient, the other is the doctor. If both parties agree, then another injection is in order.

From the patient's viewpoint, the reason to repeat is that having a pain free knee allows the person to remain at home and continue self-care. Often lung or heart failure precludes the surgery of knee replacement. Joint injection, even every 3-4 weeks, becomes the medical care the patient needs and prefers.

At the same time, the doctor may conclude that physical therapy and medication no longer give the patient relief, but steroid injections help. Furthermore, for all the talk about limiting knee injections there is no literature or evidence directed to answer the question of what limits, if any, exist. The only guideline at present is that joint injection is appropriate therapy as long as it provides benefit. If the doctor agrees, he will inject.

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September

AUTHOR SPEAKS

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Jim Kenney, co-founder of Common Ground, will talk about his book, *Thriving in the Crosscurrent: Clarity and Hope in a Time of Cultural Sea Change*. \$10 per person. Free childcare is available.

Contact: www.Farmington.org; (248) 478-7272

October

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland.

Details: Walk ins are welcome or make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code ppwestland

Contact: (734) 722-1735

BOOK SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 5-6

Location: Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: This annual used book sale includes hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks (for 50 cents, along with DVDs and CDs covering a variety of subject matter and popular authors

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CAPUCHIN MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

Location: Solanus Casey Center entrance, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Family Day includes an open house and guided tours of the Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Monastery grounds and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum site, including Earthworks Urban Farm gardens. Mass also is planned at 11 a.m. in the St. Bonaventure Chapel. Free light lunch snacks will be available

Coming up: The 5th Annual Second Helping Afterglow runs 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$50 per person and include two free drink tickets, parking, desserts, coffee bar, live entertainment and danc-

ing. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Get tickets at www.secondhelping.org or call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

Contact: www.solanuscenter.org or www.cskdetroit.org

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 8-10

Location: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Grady S. McMurdy, an international speaker on creationism vs. evolution, will talk about such topics as The Complexity of the Universe; Mt. St. Helens; Why I Believe in a Young Creation; No Truth to Global Warming; and, What is Really in the Ground? The presentations are free

Contact: (734) 464-6722

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High School Commons, 1062 Church, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings is a support group for divorced Catholics that features guest speakers who will address topics central to the experience of divorced

Catholics. The evening will begin with a talk by Pam Haase, MS, LLPC, followed by a Q&A session providing attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge

Contact: newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 17

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: The film "Precious Knowledge" will screen. Admission is free. Other upcoming films are "Domestic Violence," Nov. 14, "Freedom Riders," Jan. 16, 2013, "Traces of the Trade," Feb. 20, 2013, "Economic Hapopiness," March 20, 2013, and "Race is the Place," April 17, 2013

Contact: (734) 271-0070

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23

Location: St. Raphael the Archangel, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and per-

sonal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Ray Lewandowski, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the St. Raphael parish office

Contact: St. Raphael at (734) 427-1533

HEALTH MANDATE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 3

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Richard Thompson, the former Oakland County prosecutor and president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Law Center of Ann Arbor, will discuss the provisions of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate and the lawsuit initiated by the Law Center against the Mandate

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 20

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The Women's Guild will host this show that will

feature new items for sale. The group is seeking crafters for the show. Table rental is \$20. Homemade baked goods and raffles every half hour. Profits donated to charity

Contact: (734) 464-0476

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 pre-sale; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 6

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Saturday everything half price. Admission for pre-sale is \$2. Admission free Friday-Saturday

Contact: (734) 422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, in Farmington Hills

Details: Bag sale on Saturday. There will be something for everyone during the three-day sale, including a specialty boutique, house wares, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for all ages, furniture, sporting goods and more. Cash only

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Bruce and Kathryn Bathurst of New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 22. They were married in 1962 in Gibraltar.

They have a daughter, Valerie Staples of New Port Richey, and two grandsons.

Bruce, employed by Ford Motor Co. before retiring, is a member of the American Psychological Association.

He also swam in competition at the National Senior Olympic Games. Kathryn worked for the Trenton school district.

She enjoys creating oil and watercolor paintings. The couple sings and performs in local musicals. Bruce and Kathryn also appeared on the television show, *America's Got Talent*, in June. They performed a duet.

They celebrated their anniversary with a dinner at Loews Don Cesar Hotel in St. Petersburg, Fla. It was hosted by their daughter, Valerie, and son-in-law, Doug.



LECHNER-BRUCE

Holly Rose Bruce and Aaron Nicholas Lechner, both of Clawson, were married Sept. 7, 2012 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Clawson. The Rev. Gerard LeBoeuf officiated.

The bride, daughter of Stephen and Carol Ann Bruce of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Farmington High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in brain behavior and cognitive science. She also earned a nursing degree in 2008 from Loyola University in Chicago. She is employed as a registered nurse at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. The groom, son of Daryl and

Marie Lechner of Chesaning, is a 2002 graduate of Lapeer East High School and a 2008 graduate of Kettering University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He is employed as an engineer at Meritor.

The bride's attendants were Heather Bruce Boran, the matron of honor and the bride's sister; Ashley Bruce, sister-in-law of the bride; Stefanie Gilbert, Brittany Nuccitelli, Anne O'Rear and Clara Seymour, all friends of the bride.

The groom's attendants were Stephen Strong, best man, a friend; Eric Bruce, the bride's



brother; Corey Lechner, the groom's brother; Elliott Lechner, the groom's brother; Neil Lechner, the groom's cousin; and Lewis Strong, a friend.

A reception was held at Petruzzello's of Troy. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica. They reside in Clawson.

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DICKERSON, LON EDDY

Of Chelsea, Michigan, Age 96, passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born on February 7, 1916 on the family homestead in Ogden Township, Blissfield, MI, to Mary (Eddy) and Ellsworth Dickerson. Lon married Maxine Merryfield on October 14, 1939. Lon and Maxine moved to Plymouth, MI in 1950 where they owned and operated Dickerson's Market until 1968. Lon then worked as a butcher for Kroger's for the next 17 years. They moved from Plymouth to the Chelsea Retirement Community in July 2002. They had 63 years together before Maxine's passing in 2003. Throughout Lon's life he enjoyed sports, fishing, and being with his family and numerous friends. Lon is survived by his partner, Alberta Sabini; his children, Lon (Anne) of Metairie, LA and Karen (Merlyn) Street of Chelsea; his grandchildren: Charma Boquette, Robert (Cara) Dickerson, Sarah Jackson, Martina (Erik) Tjolsen, and Kyung Paik (Peter Dickerson); and ten great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Leota Powers, Harper, Alice Flanagan, Myrtle Schattenheim, Elmer, and Eunice Sherbrook. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, 801 W. Middle St., Chelsea with Janet Alford officiating. Visitation will be held at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and also at the Chapel on Friday from 9-10 a.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the UMRC Heritage Foundation, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

DORFSTATTER HELENE A.

Died 9/24/2012. Visitation Fri. 4-8pm Casterline Funeral Home 122 W. Dunlap Northville. Mass Sat. 10:30am, St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile, Novi.

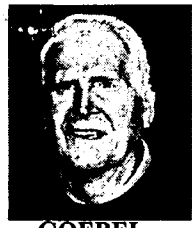
ECKLER, DWIGHTON N.

Age 81, former Farmington and Plymouth resident, died September 25, 2012 in Marquette, MI. Survived by wife, Mary Ellen (Fryfogle) Eckler; daughter, Andrea (Brian) Giddens; son, Brent Eckler; step-daughter, Kathy (Leroy) Snooks; step-son, William J. (RaeAnn) Knopf; 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. No services. Condolences at www.swansonlundquistfuneralhome.com



EVANS, TERESA P.

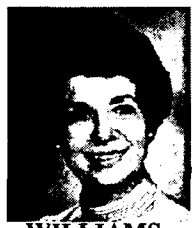
Of Hale, Michigan formerly of South Lyon, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness on September 25, 2012 at 87 years of age. Beloved wife of the late George M. Evans. Mother of Cheryl (Lawrence) Liedel of Hale. Grandmother of Lori, Sean, Jason, Jessica and Lucas. Also survived by 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Sister of Thomas and Richard Krehmelmer. Preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Helen Krehmelmer and siblings, Bethany, Arthur and Robert. Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions suggested to Hospice Angelic. Arrangements handled by the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home. Those wishing to express words of sympathy may do so at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com



GOEBEL, NORMAN "PHIL"

Of Holly, age 76, died Monday, September 24, 2012 at his residence. A Memorial Service will be held 11 am Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 7234 Fenton Road, Grand Blanc, Pastor William Stenke officiating. Cremation has taken place. Contributions may be directed to Genesis Hospice. Visitation 10am Tuesday until the time of the service at the church. Norman was born in Plymouth, Michigan on April 13, 1936, and retired to Fairfield Glade, Tennessee in 1998. He married Eleanor Hunt on June 29, 1957. He was a member of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church of Grand Blanc and served in Stephen Ministry. He was a member of Via de Cristo. Surviving are wife, Eleanor "Ellie"; daughter, Carol (Tito) DeFavero; grandchildren, Tony Centofanti, Carolyn Centofanti, Logan and Brayden Goebel; mother, Helen; brothers, Tom (Elaine) and Bill (Ellen). He was preceded in death by his son, Joel Phillip, father, Norman and grandson, Aaron Centofanti.

Your condolences may be shared with the family at www.swartzfuneralhome.com



WILLIAMS, DOROTHY H.

Died September 25, 2012. She is survived by Belton, her beloved husband of 66 years; her children, Martha W. Flynn and Thomas B. Williams; grandchildren, Emily Ann Lipnick and Kevin Flynn; brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Alice Hammond; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, Maud and John Hammond, and sisters, Ruby Mae Edge and Ruth Imes. Dorothy was born on July 17, 1924 in McAlester, Oklahoma and graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where she met Belton. They were married in 1946 when he returned from service in World War II. Dorothy made loving homes for her family in Oklahoma and Texas before moving to the Chicago area in 1958. She and Belton moved to Plymouth, MI in 1979. Dorothy is remembered fondly by the hundreds of people she taught in elementary school for more than 20 years. She was a supportive and caring teacher who loved her students. Dorothy and Belton were active in the life of Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Dorothy was a leader in the Thursday Morning Bible Study Group for over 30 years. Her contributions included bringing music to the group. She selected music, created songbooks, and took great pleasure in accompanying the ladies' singing with her autoharp. Dorothy was devoted to her family and supportive of all their endeavors. She is deeply missed and remembered with love by her family and her many friends. A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, October 4 at 11:00 AM at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with visitation at 10:00 AM prior to the service. Reverend Mark Fuller will officiate. Memories may be shared at vermeulenfuneralhome.com. The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to Trinity's Deacon Fund and sent to the church at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



GUERRERA, DR. DANIEL F.

Born on 2/29/48 in Waterbury, CT. Released from a rare form of dementia on 9/22/12. Dan leaves behind his wife, Peggy Lynch, who was his best friend/worst critic/partner in all things funny and absurd. He was the proud, playful, devoted father of Jamie and a faithful follower of her gymnastics teams. His sisters, Elaine Guerrero (John McFarlane) of S. Burlington, VT and Sandra Pierpont (David) of Christiansted, USVI, are mourning the loss of their baby brother who was known to them as "Butch". He was the adored and pampered son-in-law of Mattie Lynch of Livonia, MI, and a crazy fun brother-in-law to Peter (Donna), John (Denise), Jane, Pat, and Janet Lynch. Uncle Dan to many. Dr. Guerrero had a long and fulfilling career as a psychologist, graduating from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in 1985. Before then, he directed a residential treatment center for runaway and troubled teens (the Fourth Street Bridge) in Rockford, IL, where he met his dear friends, John and Mary Riedel and where he perfected his pancake making and omelette flipping skills. Years later, he brought these same skills to Hopewell Schools/Bridgepoint Academy along with his compassion and desire to help all kids who may need it. He joined his wife's private psychotherapy practice in 1988 and formed a lifelong partnership and the closest of friendships with Dr. Susan Love, Dr. Jay Callahan, and Dr. Frank Pieri (Dr. Gary Mihalik). Back in the day, a former student of Dr. Rob Puls with whom Dan spent some of the best days of his life playing tennis and goofing around. Rob and his wife, Carmen—the most supportive and wonderful friend—made the last days for his wife free of any needs and concerns. Dan will also be sorely missed by his "lakehouse" friends of nearly 30 years: Mary Kenyon, Don Smalligan, David Johns, Kathleen Turley, Jack Komejan, Anne Getz, Jeffrey Beard, and Karen Krawczak. Dan is also mourned by his personal caregiver, Steve Williams, who now has his own fan club among Dan's friends and family. Memorial Services to be held at Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest on Sat, Oct 13 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please help us show our deepest appreciation to the soulful caretakers at Rainbow Hospice in Mt. Prospect, IL. Arrangements by Giancola Funeral & Cremation 800.975.4321

HANTON, JOHN THOMAS

John "Jack" Hanton, age 91, formerly of Livonia, passed away Monday, Sept. 17 after a heart attack in Provo, Utah. Jack was born to Henry and Maria Morrison Hanton on July 4, 1921 in Windsor, Ontario. He is survived by his wife, of 69 years, Catherine Isabel Hanton; his sons John and William (Peggy); 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Sept. 29th at the Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia. Please visit online guest book fredwoodfuneralhome.com

PRINGLE, ROBERT W.

Age 89, September 23, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Maureen. Loving father of Paul (Cheryl) and Debra Pringle. Grandfather of James and Jacqueline Pringle and Ryan Ramsey. Preceded in death by her siblings, Dorothy and George. Funeral Services will be on Friday at 11am (instate at 10am) at the First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman Rd., Garden City. Visitation Thursday from 2 pm until 9pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Robert's family suggests donations to the Karmanos Cancer Center or Hospice Compassus.

HUEGLI, JANET VIVIAN

Born September 17, 1929 in Blue Island, Ill. to Joe and Esther Jackson went home to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on September 15, 2012. Janet and her husband Richard raised their family in Livonia, MI. where they lived for 40 plus years before they moved to Brighton, MI. Janet is survived by her six children, Richard, John, Elizabeth, Barbara, Peter and Jennifer, and a host of grandchildren. Janet will be missed by many for her generous and adventurous nature, good sense of humor, and love for God, family and friends. Janet's family will miss her for presence; she was always there. She was a promoter of independence, and an ambassador of big hugs and warm welcomes for home comings. She will also be missed for her loving spirit, her sense of humor and for the joy she brought with her where ever she went. Family and friends are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 PM, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 5 Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

IN MEMORY POND, MICHAEL L.

Always loved and remembered forever in our hearts. From: Dad Mom & sister Michelle



LABARGE JR., ALBIE

Died September 24, 2012, age 87. Beloved husband of the late Gwendolyn. Dear father of Gerianne (Charles) Anglin, David LaBarge, and Elizabeth LaBarge. Grandfather of CJ (Katharine), and Chad. Visitation MANN'S-FERGUSON Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile) on Thursday from 2 to 8 pm with a Rosary prayed at 6:30 pm. In State Friday 10:45 am until the time of Mass at 11:30 am at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Church 29015 Jamison St. in Livonia. Memorials are suggested to the Lions Club Highnooners 15600 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



MITCHELL, VICKIE L.

Sept 23, 2012, age 55 of Plymouth. Beloved daughter of Jerry and Sharlene Finnegan. Dear sister of Brenda (Gordon) Coram, Shannon Finnegan and Jennifer (Michael) Gibbons. Dear aunt of Bradley Finnegan and Ryan Coram. Dear granddaughter of Ella "Betty" Johnson. Visitation Friday 12 Noon until the 4 PM. Funeral Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the "Family Memorial Fund". To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

SZELIGA, MARIGOLD H.

Passed away September 23, 2012 at age 89. Beloved wife of the late Bernard W. Loving mother of Bernadette. (Clarence) Treadwell, Vincent (Barbara), Renee Therrien, Conrad (Wadad), Gerald, Brian, and Pamela Hess. Dearest grandmother of Kelly (Samuel) Molin, Kevin (Suzanna) Szeliga, James Therrien, Mark Szeliga, Jonathan Szeliga, Kayla Szeliga, Kimberly Szeliga, Andrea Hess (Fiance James), Erica Hess, Adam Hess (Fiance Sammi), Dear great-grandmother of Hailey and Sam Molin. Marigold was also a longtime member of the Daughters of Isabella. A funeral Mass was held at St. Cecilia Catholic Church and arranged through the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home in Livonia. www.neely-turovski.com

MURRAY, KENNETH JOHN

Age 83, September 22, 2012. Loving father of Preston (Janet), Mark (Dawn), Michelle (Al) Urban, Kevin (Brenda), Paul (Ryan) and Kathryn (Kent) Kzeski. Dear grandfather of Damon (Michelle), Heather, Erin, Albert, Emily, Amy, Allison and Alexandra. Great grandfather of Ian, Alexa, Ashley and Ava. Brother of Donald (Donna) and Gordon (June) Murray, Margaret Murray-Silverman and Mary Lou (Don) Rice. Ken was a longtime resident of Livonia, MI. He was an employee of Ford Motor Co. and subsequently an Airline Executive. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday, 11a.m. Visitation Sunday, from 1-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory at: www.rgharris.com



PASSAGE, MARION FLOWERS

Passed away on July 15, 2012 at the age of 96. Marion was a 53 year resident of Livonia and a member of St. Andrews Church in Livonia since 1959. Her husband Robert E. Passage preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters Carolyn Kleinsmith and Rita Passage. Also surviving are grandchildren Douglas and Astrid Kleinsmith, Jeffrey and Emily Kleinsmith and Erik and Susan Kleinsmith and six great grandchildren, Christian, Alexander, Ethan, Olivia, John and Grant. A memorial service will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 289 S. Main St., Plymouth, on October 6, 2012 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers the family is suggesting contributions to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or The Secret Service Uniform Division Benefit Fund, P.O. Box 27221, Washington, DC 20038

PETERS, GEORGE C.

92, of Northumberland, PA, died on September 22, 2012 at Nottingham Village of congestive heart failure. He was a native of Madisonville, Louisiana, and a graduate of Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. George served in World War II as a Marine officer assigned to the battleship Nevada. He participated in the invasions of Normandy, southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. George retired from the Corps with the rank of Captain. He had a successful business career with General Motors in Detroit and retired in 1984 as the Manager of Administrative Affairs, Public Relations Staff. George is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Thomas Williams of Dallas, TX; one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. John and Carrie Peters of Lewisburg, PA; one sister, Imelda Amador of New Orleans; two grandsons, George and Michael Williams; and one granddaughter, Shannon Peters. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Dorothea. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 am on Thursday, October 18, at the Sacred Heart Church, 814 St. Louis St., Lewisburg, PA with the Rev. Msgr. William M. Richardson, officiating. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to benefit Camp Victory may be made to The Nicholas Wolff Foundations, P.O. Box 810, Millville, PA 17846. The family is being assisted by Cronrath-Grenoble Funeral Home, South Second and St. Louis Streets, Lewisburg, PA. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at: www.cronrathgrenoblefuneralhome.com



SINKS, FRANK W., II

Age 87, of Longwood, Florida, and formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, died peacefully September 14th in Longwood. Frank was born on September 11, 1925 to the late Frank and Edna (Moiles) Sinks in Detroit, Michigan. He was brought up in Farmington, graduated from Cranbrook School in 1943, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Michigan. He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, and served during both World War II and the Korean War. Frank married the late Sally Mock in 1949. They lived in Detroit and then Birmingham, Michigan, before retiring to "Village on the Green" in Longwood, Florida. He enjoyed his work at General Motors, where he became the Director of Engineering for Detroit Diesel, Allison Division. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and of Christ Church Cranbrook. Frank was dedicated to his family, was an avid reader, loved to work with tools, and socialize with friends. He showed courage throughout his struggle with multiple sclerosis. He is survived by his three children; Frank Sinks III of Brooklyn, New York; Jim Sinks of Montclair, New Jersey; and Sarah Thompson of Murrysville, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by three grandchildren; Rachel and Keith Thompson, and Mia Sinks. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally, on September 30, 2009. A private memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date. Donations may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

WRIGHT, ALICE R.

September 23, 2012, age 95. Beloved mother of Gary (Barbara) Wright, Daryl (Judy) Wright, Cheryl (David) Wurster and Merrie (Bob) West. Also leaves seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and sister Anna Swindell. Services were held to-day at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI. www.schrader-howell.com

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Here are some common foot problems and what you can do to treat them:

Plantar Fasciitis

This is an inflammation of the plantar fascia, the band of thick, connective tissue that runs from the heel to the toes, creating the arch of the foot. When the plantar fascia is overstretched or overused, it gets inflamed, causing pain and stiffness in the bottom of the heel and sometimes aching, or a burning sensation in the bottom of the foot.

Plantar fasciitis is one of the most common orthopedic foot complaints, and is seen in both men and women. According to the National Institutes of Health, you're more likely to get plantar fasciitis if you have foot arch problems, sudden weight gain, shoes with poor arch support or if you are involved in long distance running.

Treatments — See your health care provider. He or she may start by recommending:

- Medication and/or ice treatments to reduce inflammation

- Stretching exercises for heel and foot
- Rest
- Night splints
- Shoes with good support; shoe inserts or a heel cup

Treatment can last anywhere from several weeks to two years, although most feel better in about nine months. Sometimes, more drastic measures are called for, such as wearing a boot cast for several weeks, steroid shots, or foot surgery.

Bunions

A bunion occurs when the joint at the base of the big toe gets enlarged due to the big toe joint being moved out of place. The toe is forced to bend toward the other toes, which causes a painful lump of bone to form on the foot. The joint itself can also become stiff and sore, making it even more difficult to wear shoes or walk.

According to the APMA, bunions are a symptom of faulty foot development and are usually caused by an inherited foot type, as well as the way people walk and the kind of shoes worn. Symptoms include redness, swelling or pain near the big toe joint, a firm bump on the outside edge of the foot at the base of the big toe, and painful or restricted motion of the big toe.

Treatments — You can relieve some of the pain by:

- Using a commercial, non-medicated bunion pad
- Wearing shoes with a wide, deep toe box
- Avoiding high-heeled shoes
- Applying ice sever-

al times a day to reduce swelling

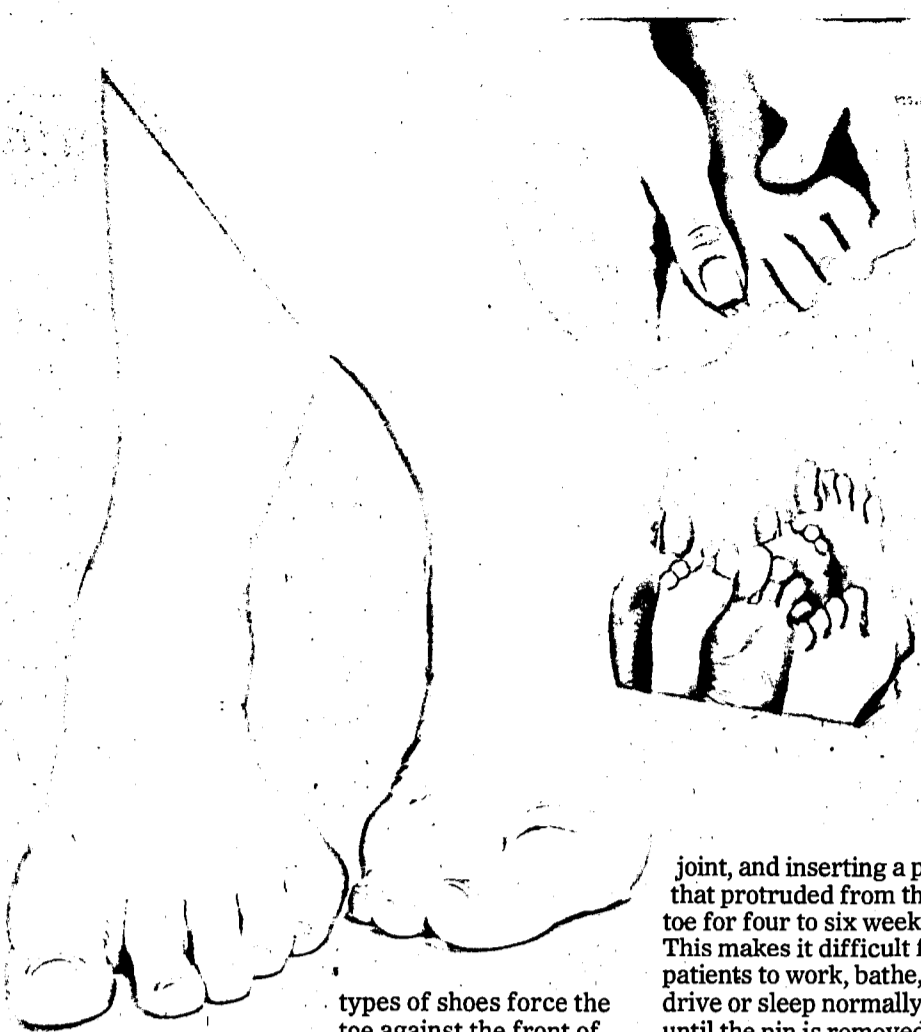
You should visit a podiatrist if the pain persists. If left untreated, bunions can get larger and more painful. Your doctor may recommend padding and taping, anti-inflammatory drugs or cortisone injections, physical therapy or shoe inserts. Surgery to remove the bony enlargement and/or restore normal alignment may be necessary.

Ingrown toenails

Ingrown nails are the most common nail problem. When one or both of the corners or sides of the nail curves, and grows into the flesh, it can lead to irritation, redness and swelling. Ingrown toenails can be caused by heredity, improperly trimmed nails, shoe pressure and crowding of toes, or repeated trauma to the feet from everyday activities such as running or walking.

Treatments — To relieve pain, immerse your foot in a basin of warm water or soapy water, then apply an antiseptic and bandage the affected area. However, anyone with diabetes, peripheral vascular disease or other circulatory disorders should avoid any kind of self-treatment, according to the APMA. Seek medical care as soon as possible.

If there is drainage, odor or excessive redness, you may have an infection. See a podiatrist or health care provider. For chronic problems with ingrown toenails, a podiatrist can remove a portion of the nail with a chemical,



laser, or other outpatient procedure.

To prevent ingrown toenails:

- Avoid tight shoes and shoes with narrow or pointed toe boxes
- Do not rip or tear the edges of your nails
- Trim toenails by cutting them straight across. Do not dig into the corners, and only gently round off corners with a nail file.

Hammertoes

A hammertoe is a toe that is curled because there is a bend in the middle joint of the toe. It can happen with any toe, but is most often the second toe. It's caused by an imbalance in the soft tissue, often due to shoes that are too tight or shoes with high heels. These

types of shoes force the toe against the front of the shoe, bending the toe unnaturally.

Symptoms of hammertoe can include redness and inflammation, joint stiffness, corns, calluses and open sores, and pain. If left untreated, symptoms can become worse, making it difficult to walk and wear shoes.

Treatments — Treatment options for hammertoes range from the simple to the surgical.

Nonsurgical treatment options include:

- Wearing wider shoes with lower heels
- Doing toe exercises
- Using padding, tape or splinting
- Taking medication for the pain
- Using orthotics

Until recently, surgical treatment meant partial or full removal of bone and cartilage in the

joint, and inserting a pin that protruded from the toe for four to six weeks. This makes it difficult for patients to work, bathe, drive or sleep normally until the pin is removed.

However, a new surgical option called nextradesis is now available. The procedure uses a micro-implant called Nextra, designed to straighten a toe to a stable, natural position. Developed by two prominent foot and ankle surgeons, Nextra was reviewed and cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration 2011. With this procedure, patients can return to work and normal activities, bathe more regularly and sleep more peacefully than with traditional pins. The risk of infection and recurrence of hammertoe also is reduced significantly when bone healing occurs. Learn more about this procedure at www.myhappytoes.com.

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