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Reasther Everett has many pieces of art that remind her of the struggle blacks have faced and still face in America. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*Civil rights activist keeps working
to fulfill King's dream*

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Reasther Everett would love to tell Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that his dream has come true, the promise fulfilled, but sadly, that hasn't happened in the years since the late civil rights activist called for an end to racism in America.

Everett watched on TV as Dr. King delivered his now famous *I Have a Dream* speech before the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963. She was a bridesmaid in a wedding in New York and she found she couldn't pull herself away from the TV.

Fifty years later, the Westland resident remembers the speech gave her chills. It also gave her hope of a better tomorrow.

"I think we thought it would be different," she said. "He kept the faith and gave us faith that it could happen. We had a good start, but we never made it to the finish line."

Everett is no stranger to segregation. She grew up in a black community in North Carolina and attended a black high school. She remembers joining students in walking out of school, but they weren't protesting segregation, they were demanding "equalization." They wanted the same things afforded students at the white high school.

Promises were made. The black high school was closed

and those students were moved to the white high school. But it wasn't integration. The white students left for another school.

"When the white kids got new books, we got their old ones," she said. "When our football team was the North Carolina champions, we still weren't allowed to play a game in the white stadium."

'Something special'

There were segregated water fountains and bathrooms, and blacks had their own community and their own businesses. They were doing well until blacks were allowed to go into the white communities. Everyone wanted to go to the better stores.

"We really wanted to use those white bathrooms, but what we found when they were integrated was that those

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W-W
selling
surplus
items
online

Looking for a somewhat used dump truck? Maybe a couple of small offset presses or a 12-case milk cooler?

Those are among the items that will be sold during an online auction Thursday, Aug. 22, at www.biddergy.com. The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has contracted with the online auction house to liquidate surplus items that include tractors, printing equipment, tools, vehicles, lawn mowers, buses, furniture, kitchen equipment, supplies, desks, chairs, and more.

All of the items being liquidated are obsolete, in need of repair where replacement would be more cost effective and no longer support the curriculum, according to Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services.

"We estimate the gross proceeds could be \$20,000-\$40,000," Larson-Shidler said. "It's pretty old stuff."

The online auction will be from 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday. All items can be viewed and bid on online at www.biddergy.com. They also can be previewed prior to the auction 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the district's Maintenance and Operations Department at 33415 Myrtle, Wayne, and at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland.

All of the items are tagged with their respected locations online, including a 1996 Ford van, 1998 GMC dump truck and a 1999 Thompson school bus which has a bad engine, transmission and tires and is "missing parts. It's being sold for scrap."

This isn't the first time the district has liquidated surplus equipment. In 2010, it used Hoff Hilk Auction Services to handle the Internet sale of the equipment that was used to teach the computer aided manufacturing/machining at William D. Ford Career Technical Center, as well as obsolete equipment from other pro-

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**Bench finds
temporary home
at credit union**

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union is inviting customers to sit a spell on a granite bench under the flagpole in front of building.

But it'll only be available for a few months, then the 2,000-pound bench will be moved to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland, which is being built behind the William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway.

Delivered to the credit union office on Wayne Road by Tom and Andrew Woodruff of Downriver Stone Design, its

arrival was a thrill for credit union CEO Thelma Dasho who after hearing about the memorial knew the organization had to be a part of it.

"It spoke to me," Dasho said. "I'm all about the bottom line, but I knew we had to do this. If I go to the garden once and see it, it'll be an indescribable feeling."

"That is really nice," said Andrew Spisak, president of the credit union Board of Directors.

The memorial garden is being built by the Westland Veterans Association on city-

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More than 40,000 classic cars, street rods and modifieds filled Hines Drive last year for the second annual Cruisin' Hines car cruise. FILE PHOTO

Big crowd expected for cruise

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

With attendance doubling over two years, Don Nicholson has every reason to expect the third installment of Cruisin' Hines to be bigger, and definitely better.

The annual one-day cruise of Hines Drive from Ann

Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn will roar to life at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. More than 40,000 classic cars - those at least 25 years old - and hot rods - vehicles altered in some way after they left the dealership - are expected to participate.

"The third year is looking phenomenal," said cruise

promoter Nicholson of Westland. "We're getting more and more calls and we have doubled the number of car clubs. We had 24 last year and 52 so far this year."

Hines Drive will be closed to regular traffic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday for the

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cruise. In a switch from last year, cruisers must enter Hines Drive off Merriman, north of Warren Road. All spectators can enter at Merriman, Telegraph Road or the Warrendale picnic area in Dearborn Heights.

Few changes

The change for cruisers, who beginning showing up well in advance of 9 a.m., is to cut down on the congestion that developed at Ann Arbor Trail.

"With Ann Arbor Trail two lanes and Farmington and Hines, it was like

a funnel," said Nicholson. "It's four lanes on Merriman so hopefully traffic will flow a little better. I like the fact that a lot of cars want to get into the park, but I don't want the cruise to be known as a traffic jam. I want it to be known as a cool event."

Nicholson is opting to let the cruisers be the entertainment again this year. The first year, his official cruise band, the Six Foot Poles, had performed, but "everyone had their backs to the stage so they could watch the cars."

There also will be displays around Nankin Mills by the Model T Complex (the Piquette

Factory) where Henry Ford built the Model T, MotorCities National Heritage Area, and Detroit Historical Museum. A Detroit Grand Prix car also will be on display.

Nicholson will be giving cruisers mini "I Cruised Hines Drive" street signs and Cruisin' Hines programs. He has 30,000 programs and eight boxes of the street signs provided by *Cruis-'news Magazine*.

There also will be vendors up and down the 7 1/2-mile route.

Nicholson also is looking for 20 volunteers to help with the cruise. They will work at the spectator entrances and at the main gate to let

cars in and pass out magazines. Volunteers also are needed to work with the Friends of Nankin Mills in raising money to restore a Model T that will put in the museum for children to "get in and out."

Nicholson is holding a volunteers meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at Nankin Mills, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland.

Interested people can also call him at 734-658-5296 for more information.

Big turnout

There's no need to register for the cruise, something Nicholson shelved after the first

cruise in 2011. He had used the registration to develop a mailing list but discovered it was too costly.

"I expected 4,000 and got 24,371. I couldn't afford the postage," he said.

"I've even discontinued the goodies bags. I discovered people really don't look in them."

This is the first year Cruisin' Hines is included in Pure Michigan's Autopalooza and is being promoted outside of the state.

Nicholson also was at the Woodward Dream Cruise this weekend to promote "all Autopalooza events."

Nicholson is pleased

with the prominence the Hines cruise has achieved in just three years, rating a magazine cover with the likes of the Woodward Dream Cruise and Flint's Back to the Bricks.

"The Woodward Dream Cruise was the inventor of all of this," he said. "Where would we be without it? Everyone strives to achieve that level."

For more information about Cruisin' Hines, visit its website, cruisin-hines.com, or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CruisinHines.

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grams. The sale grossed more than \$300,000.

Interested bidders can register for free for the online auction at www.biddergy.com. For more information or questions, contact biddergy.com at 866-260-1611.

Headquartered in Kalamazoo, biddergy.com has helped school districts throughout the state to get the most value for their surplus assets.

Other upcoming school district auctions include Plymouth Canton Schools.

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bathrooms were just as dirty as ours," she said. "We had thought that they would be something really special."

Everett finished high school in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. Her mother had gone to the predominantly Jewish community to work as a live-in housekeeper.

"I went to pretty much a Jewish high school," Everett said. "Brownsville was a good community. I never heard anything about my color, but a couple of times I was told I wasn't Jewish."

Her activism carried over into her adult years. She joined King in the Walk for Freedom in Detroit on June 14, 1963. In a speech that day, King spoke about his dream of equality and brotherhood between the races. Parts of that speech were in his speech two weeks later in Washington, D.C., including his dream "that one day little white children and little Negro children will be able to join hands as brothers and sisters."

'Living the dream'

By the time King made his iconic speech, Everett and her husband Arnell, a World War II veteran, were living the dream. They were raising their children in their own home in Westland's historic Annapolis Park Subdivision. They were among the first homeowners in the community built in the city's south end for 1950s so "colored veterans could buy a brick house."

"This was the first chance to make a difference," Everett said. "We stayed. This wasn't our starter home, it was our homestead."

Everett was room mother at her children's school and active in politics, serving as a precinct delegate. She registered voters and when she had to, took on city hall. The community has changed over the years and mixed race couples, Hispanics and Arab families have brought integration to the tidy neighborhood.

Everett still walks door-to-door to talk to neighbors and welcome the newcomers, reminding them of the rules. Yes, she says, she may put pressure on them, but she wants to know that when they leave her neighborhood, they leave it the way they found it.

"I have no qualms about telling them they can't do that," she said. "I feel good knowing that I have made a change and the change is for the better. When I see an injustice, I work to change it. I hope I have made a difference in this world."

She also shares the wisdom of her years with her great grandchildren, helping them to see what still needs to be done to achieve King's dream. She laments that "we have built a generation that is all about me and has forgotten others. The biggest thing now is to love yourself."

She recently asked her 15-year-old grandson to tell her what he knew about civil rights. His response was to say King's name.

"I told him, 'That's just a name, what do you know,'" she said. "I was surprised that he didn't know anything. Many of our children really don't know either. As family

members, we have to teach our children to be proud and see to it that they got the best education possible.

"They don't have to go through the things some of us had to, they can grow to be anything they want to be."

'More hidden'

And the battles of the 1950s and 1960s continue. While it may look like segregation is gone, today it is "more hidden," Everett said.

"We talk the talk, but we don't walk the walk," she said. "We say things, but we don't accomplish them and the excuses we use as to why don't hold water. We have the haves and the have nots and it's hard to understand why we still have the have nots."

Looking back on the watershed moment in the history of the civil rights moment, Everett notes that there's still so much to be done and so little time to do it, but "by the grace of God" it will get done in her lifetime.

She also believes that King would be "really disappointed" that his dream hasn't been fulfilled and "in all of us for what has happened."

"Some of the things he talked about were a dream and some of the hopes came true, but for every three steps we've taken forward, we've taken two back," she said.

"I started working in civil rights when I was 13 and I continue to be an activist because I want to be a part of that dream coming true."

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owned land behind the library. WVA member Pam Martin talked to Dasho about the credit union supporting the project and Dasho agreed.

'Wonderful tribute'

"I thought it was a fantastic idea; in fact, I wish I could put it in our parking lot," she said. "I thought it would be a wonderful tribute for the veterans and the citizens. We're a part of the community and always want to be involved in the community."

The bench is one of seven solid granite benches that will be placed in the memorial garden which will feature 10 granite panels, walkways with engraved granite bricks and 30 granite park benches.

The solid benches cost \$3,000, the park benches \$1,500. Three of the former have been sold and a

dozen of the 30 park benches. Some 180 bricks also have been sold, and WVA president Kenneth Mehl believes that the number will top 200 when sales are cut off in early September for this year.

Then the price of the bricks, which start at \$100, will increase to cover the cost of lifting them, engraving them and then placing them back in the walkways. With more than 3,000 square feet of bricks being installed, Mehl doesn't anticipate they will ever sell out.

The memorial garden is being erected on the library's outdoor pavilion. That has been removed and trees cleared to make way for the construction. Stumping was being done last week, and Mehl was confident site work would begin this week, including setting the foundation for the center monument.

"We'll have it done" "Once they get it level, you'll start seeing more

activity over there," he said. "We want to wait as long as we can before we set the granite pieces to allow the ground to settle. We'll have it done for the Veterans Day."

The garden will feature center memorial monument, an infinity walkway with the benches and individual, descriptive memorials. Once installed, the granite pieces will be covered until the dedication.

Organizers have been working on the memorial for six years and broke ground last Veterans Day, with a goal dedicating it on Veterans Day 2013. While traditionally ceremonies are held at 11 a.m., the memorial garden dedication will be in the mid-afternoon to allow various veterans groups to have their own ceremonies.

Anyone interested in purchasing benches and bricks can call 734-334-7943.

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Woehlke Palooza to benefit fallen firefighter's family

By Sue Mason
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Some well-known musical acts will take the stage Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24, when U.S. 12 and the Wayne Westland Professional Fire Fighters. Local 1279 host the first ever Woehlke Palooza.

The palooza benefits the family of Brian Woehlke, the Wayne-Westland firefighter who died May 8 in the line of duty. The event will feature music, firefighter events and family activities.

"It's a celebration of Brian Woehlke," said John Goci of U.S. 12.

"Brian used to hang out here with his best friend. His friend still comes in here, but it's hard."

The event is being held in and outside U.S. 12 at Sims and Second Street in downtown Wayne.

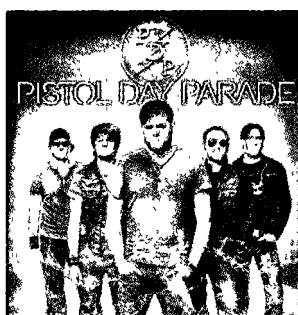
The outdoor event will be held in the parking lot of U.S. 12 rain or shine beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday and at noon on Saturday.

Activities on Friday include a corn hole tournament, firefighters auction and beer pong. Food and drinks also will be available. The music will start at 6 p.m. and feature the Thrill Billies, followed by Ty Stone and headliner LoCash Cowboys.

On Saturday, the palooza gets started a noon and features a variety of family activities. There will be kids' contests, including ice cream eating, Hula Hoop and musical chairs, clowns, face painting, a bounce house, dunk tank and firefighters competitions like water ball, rolling water ball and combat challenge.



Among the performers at Woehlke Palooza will be the LoCash Cowboys, who combine soul, rock, funk, pop, hip-hop and gospel in a high-energy version of contemporary country.



Detroit-based rock band Pistol Day Parade will perform at Woehlke Palooza.

Firefighter events

Also planned is a fire station cook-off and tactical demonstrations by firefighters. Food, drinks and a DJ also will be available all day inside and outside in the patio. WRIF radio will broadcast live from U.S. 12 on Saturday.

Inside, the Social Bandits, Juke Box Heroes, Pistol Day Parade and ESC4P3 — The Journey Tribute Band will perform, beginning at 6 p.m.

"It'll be a lot of fun, there be a lot of family things," Goci said. "It'll be a great time."

Goci and the firefighters union have been working on the benefit for about six weeks. They have been able to "get some good sponsors" to help bring in some national acts like Ty Stone who has toured nationally and is affiliated with Kid Rock. LoCash Cowboys also have written several number one hits, Goci said.

"We've gotten some anonymous sponsors and we need to nail down a few more," Goci said. "Now we're focusing on promoting it."

"Friday will be country, Saturday will be rock with the amazing Journey tribute band," he added

Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance at all Wayne-Westland fire stations, U.S. 12, and www.netpix.com.

Hopes are to raise \$16,000 to \$20,000 for the Woehlke family — his wife Jennifer and 13-month-old daughter Ava. The family will attend the event, according to Goci who is confident about how much can be raised. The bar can accommodate up to 3,000 people inside and out each day.

"I really hope we get 6,000 people, our goal is to generate 100 percent of the proceeds for the family fund," Goci said. "There's a lot of support for the Woehlke family and the firefighters."

Helping the family

Numerous fundraisers have been held since Brian Woehlke died in the May 8 fire. He had been with the department for 10 months, when he responded to a fire at Marvaso's Italian Grille and Electric Stick just after 8 a.m. A may-day distress radio call was received from him about 9:30 a.m., and his body was recovered from the collapsed building about 12:40 p.m.

It was determined that he died of smoke and soot inhalation after became

trapped in debris from the collapsed businesses. He was the first firefighter to fall in the line of duty in the City of Westland Fire Department's 47-year history.

Fire investigators have yet to rule on a cause for the fire at the popular restaurant and gaming room.

In July, Wayne-Westland Fire Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams had said he was waiting for another engineering report before completing his investigation.

At the time, Adams said that there was no evidence of accelerants found at the scene.

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A two-day event at U.S. 12 in Wayne will benefit the family of Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke, who died in a May 8 fire that gutted Marvaso's Italian Grill and Electric Stick in Westland.

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Westland foundation awards scholarships

Fourteen members of the Class of 2013 have received scholarships from the Westland Community Foundation.

The foundation presented eight \$500 scholarships and six \$1,000 scholarships to the Westland teens, who attended John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Franklin and Churchill high schools, at a program on July 23.

The foundation is made up of community and business leaders and raises money through its annual Spring Ball and various events to sponsor the scholarships.

It also donates money and matching grants to local organizations, such as the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Family Resource Center's Empty Bowls Food Bank.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

» Ashli Adams – A John Glenn High School graduate, she plans to attend Henry Ford Community College. She is interested in a career as an ultrasound technician and tax person. She was active in HO-SA, cheerleading and tutoring at Glenn.

» Tyler Barber – A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, he plans to attend Schoolcraft College and become an elementary school teacher. While at Wayne, he performed in the school play.

» Chelsea Blackburn – A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College and become a cardiologist or radiologist. She was on the honor roll and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She also was the MVP for her hockey team.

» Jacob Burcicki – A John Glenn High School graduate, he plans to attend Schoolcraft College to become an executive chef in culinary arts. He is an Eagle Scout, was on the varsity swim team and competed in culinary arts at Skills USA.

» Ashley Carey – A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College to become a pediatric nurse. She was a member of the National Technical Honor Society and Champions of Wayne and was on the varsity volleyball team.

» Brandon Detherage – A



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John Glenn High School graduate, he plans to attend Schoolcraft College to pursue a career in graphic design. He was on the honor roll and his middle school swim team.

» Gabriela Devetac – A John Glenn High School graduate, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College to become a social worker or registered nurse. She has been on the honor roll, involved in her church's youth group and children's studies.

» Donald Dick – A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, he plans to attend MIAT College to study alternative

energy. He was in the regional Skills USA competition, the Green Schools Award initiative and MACUL.

» Tyler Dunn – A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, he plans to attend Washtenaw Community College to pursue a career in video game design. He was on the honor roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

» Sarah Gosdzinski – A Livonia Franklin High School graduate, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College to study radiology. She was a scholar-athlete in gymnastics and ten-

nis, a member of the color guard and on the Student Council.

» Hailey King – A John Glenn High School graduate, she plans to attend Schoolcraft College to become a baker. She was on the Robotics team for world competition, in school plays and the National Technical Honor Society.

» Joshua Robinson – A Livonia Churchill High School graduate, he is interested in mechanical engineering and sports medicine and plans to attend Eastern Michigan University. He played football, basketball, track and field and wrestling.

» Britney Sergeichik – A John Glenn High School graduate, she plans to attend Washtenaw Community College to pursue a career in auto body repair. She was a Relay for Life survivor co-chair person, on the track and field team and in the National Technical Honor Society.

» Miranda Taylor – A John Glenn High School graduate, she plans to attend college to become a social worker. She was in the drama program and performed in school plays.

Bounce back to school on Aug. 27 at Churchill High

Livonia Public Schools and the LPS Foundation will once again welcome back students at the Annual Bounce Back to School event.

This year's event will be held 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, on the grounds of Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road.

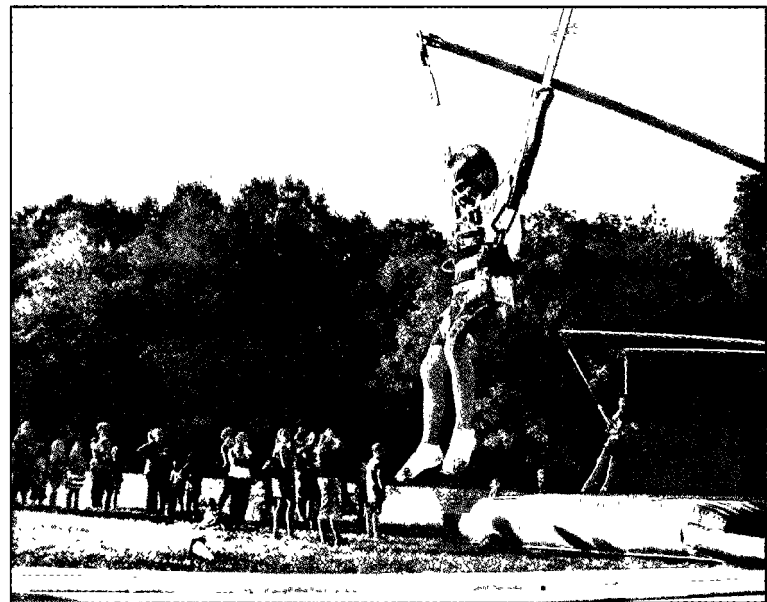
It will feature inflatable bounce houses and obstacle courses, a life-sized Angry Birds Game, carnival games, human hamster ball races, multiple airbrush tattoo artists and balloon artists and a petting zoo with pony, horse and llama rides.

Cost is \$5 per school-aged child. Pizza, pop, cotton candy and snow cones will be available for an additional cost.

All proceeds will be donated to the LPS Foundation to support the Competitive Edge College Savings Program for LPS children.

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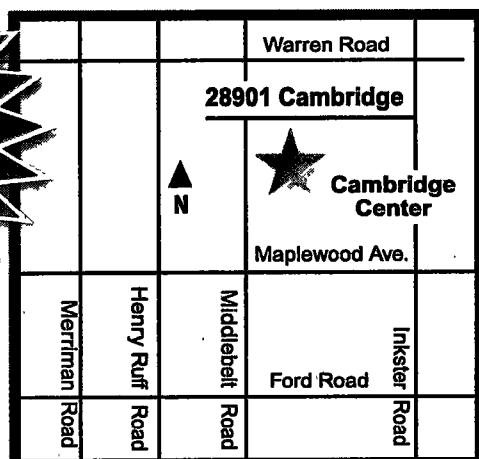
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Pavilion a welcome sight at Rotary Park

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Rotary Park in Westland has a new addition. The new pavilion, perfect for picnics, was dedicated Thursday, Aug. 8, by Rotarians and other civic leaders. Planning began earlier this year, said Dick Isham, club president.

The structure, which includes Rotary International's distinctive logo, was built by students from the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, under guidance of instructors Mark Valchine and Mike Koelzer.

Antoinette Martin, immediate past president

of Westland Rotary, shepherded the project through.

"She was the foreman of the project," Isham said.

Funding came from longtime Rotarian Don Douglass, a retired John Glenn High School assistant principal.

"It's fabulous," Martin said. "We're very pleased that we have a place to have a picnic. It also makes the park complete."

Martin and other Rotarians were glad to team up with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"The partnership was great," Martin said. "The kids were great to work



At center, Rotarian Don Douglass is joined by fellow club member/President Dick Isham and Mayor William Wild in cutting the ribbon for the pavilion at Westland Rotary Park.

with. They did an amazing job. I'm happy it's done."

In addition to Valchine and Koelzer, Martin also thanked Westland Mayor William Wild for his contributions.

"It's great," Isham said of the pavilion, the site of a picnic for Rotarians and community supporters Aug. 8. "They did a fine job. Hopefully,

it helped their careers as building tradesmen."

He also agreed that it was a win-win.

"I think it's beneficial to both of us," Isham said. "It gives the young folks something to build that's actually used. It puts something in that park that was never there before."

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Detroit Zoo hosts Senior Day on Sept. 4

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo on Senior Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Seniors age 62 and older and a caregiver will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad.

Senior Day also will feature live music, tractor train tours, bingo, a senior resource area and zookeeper talks highlighting some of the zoo's senior animal residents. In addition, Blue Care Network and the SilverSneakers Fitness Program are pairing up to offer a free group exercise class, exercise demos and functional fitness assessments.

The fall Senior Day

is one of two free days for tri-county seniors held annually at the Detroit Zoo in appreciation for voter approval in 2008 of a ballot proposal to fund the zoo.

Situated on 125 acres, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open 362 days a year, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April through Labor Day - with extended hours until 8 p.m. each Wednesday during July and August - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March.

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Auditions set for Detroit Youth Symphony

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Young musicians – from first-graders just beginning to play through the more-experienced high schoolers – are invited to try out for the 2013-14 season of the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony, billed as one of the premier youth orchestras in Michigan.

Open auditions will be held Aug. 24 at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, where students will meet with a conductor from the Detroit MYS' four orchestras and play their instrument. The audition fee is \$30.

Practices are Saturday mornings, September through May. Most



Open auditions for Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony are Aug. 24 in Farmington Hills.

are held at NFHS. The 2013-14 season offers public performances at Clarkston High School, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Detroit MYS, a non-profit, volunteer-run organization, is in its 32nd year.

Judy Darby, who handles auditions and was formerly in charge of promotion and recruitment, said Detroit MYS draws students from throughout the metropolitan area. Some 250 young musicians make up the four orchestras, which include Junior String, String, Concert

and Symphony. Darby's daughter, Rebecca, is beginning her third season with the orchestra as a clarinetist. Darby said Rebecca heard about MYS from a former member who has since moved on to college. "We checked it out and, fortunately, she got in," Darby said. "And

what really attracted me was how very well-run it is. I was just so impressed – it's very professional." The organization, she explained, is to supplement rather than replace orchestras or bands students are involved with at school. "The whole idea is love of music. If a

student wants to play music that might be more challenging, look our way," Darby said. Detroit MYS conductors are John Robertson, Geoffrey Benes, Victoria Halton and Kathleen Grimes. Each makes students feel "very comfortable and are very friendly," so youngsters needn't be intimidated or afraid of auditioning, Darby added.

Students accepted for MYS pay tuition ranging from \$230 to \$280. Audition packets and more information are available at www.detroitmys.org. Darby also welcomes calls at (248) 684-6058.

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Court interpreter course at Madonna

Madonna University in Livonia will host an open house 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, for those interested in learning more about its class that prepares Americans fluent in Spanish for careers as certified interpreters for the Michigan Court System.

Offered through the Office of Continuing Education, the class provides the necessary training for students to take the state exam to be certified. Since 2009, 36 students have taken the

course and gone on to work in the court system and in area hospitals, where interpreters are in demand.

This 13-week course, taught by Michigan State Court Certified Interpreter Evelyn Villarruel, begins Sept. 19. Villarruel prepares students to successfully pass the written part of the exam (with an 80 percent or higher), after which they are invited to take the oral portion, which includes Sight Translation, Consecutive Interpreting

and Simultaneous Interpreting.

"Although Michigan's economy is down, we continue to see job postings for interpreters, both in the legal and the medical fields," Villarruel said.

An interpreter since 2005, she works in district and circuit courts in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston counties and is an interpreter trainer for Oakland County.

Villarruel said the pay scale for interpreters

depends on training and certification and can range between \$25 and \$75 per hour.

Madonna's court interpreter class costs \$499 and meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Students must demonstrate fluency in Spanish upon enrolling.

Madonna is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road. The open house will be held in Room 1310.

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People who have diabetes are often plagued by morning stiffness in their fingers. In this case, the problem is not with the finger joints, but with the tissue in the palm of the hand. That tissue becomes thick making it difficult for the tendons that run through the palm to slide forward and backward in an unobstructed manner. The effect of this obstruction is to cause the hands, particularly in the morning, to move with difficulty.

Another cause of stiff hands is a thickening of the crease in the hand. When that occurs, the tendons in the palm are pressed between the thick tissue above them and the metacarpal bones under them. The result is tendons that can't move.

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A: In reviewing your situation I agree with your brother. My reasoning is based upon a number of different issues. Being a landlord is not easy. It is one of the toughest jobs. Not only do you have to deal with all the associated issues that arise from owning real estate, you also have all the issues surrounding being a landlord.

I recognize that you can hire a management company to handle day-to-day concerns, however, as an owner of real estate there are still going to be issues that you need to be involved with such as how to handle a tenant that is not paying rent to what improvements need to be done on the building.

I believe that prior to becoming a landlord one ought to talk to people who are landlords or study about what it takes to become a landlord.

Unfortunately, too many people think that



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as a landlord all you need to do is collect the monthly rent. It is not so easy. What makes it difficult for example is that if you have a tenant that you like but they can't afford the rent, what do you do? If you can't honestly answer that you would evict them, you probably shouldn't be a landlord. I know that personally, I would have a hard time evicting anyone and that is why I am not a landlord.

One other factor to consider is if you hire a management company, what does that do to your cash flow? You may find that by the time you pay management fees your cash flow has been reduced.

One last note, I look at owning real estate as a business vs. an investment. As an investment you can afford to be passive where you cannot afford to do that as a landlord.

As a landlord, you must be actively involved in the property. If you do not have the time or desire to be involved it is probably a good sign that you should look at doing something different with your money.

In your situation, using the proceeds to pay off a 6 percent mortgage is a very good use of the money.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. Send questions to rick@bloomassetmanagement.com

Choir overcomes obstacles to sing

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

A fulfilling life is possible after medical rehabilitation and therapy. And music can also help to heal the brain and inspire.

Len McCulloch, director of Therapy Choirs of Michigan, knows this and points to the members of choir as examples.

The choir is made up of individuals who have a variety of physical disabilities. It is a unique capella group composed of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries. Its performances are free and open to the public.

McCulloch is enthusiastic about the choir. "They have overcome many obstacles through music," he said.

About 20 members of the choir will present a free concert that is open to the public at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Garden City Hospital. The concert will be performed in the lobby of the hospital, located on Inkster Road, north of Ford.

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan has sung more than 160 free concerts over the past five years. Choir members have recorded five CDs, performed at Detroit's Fox Theatre, and sung the national anthem at Comerica Park. It has entertained listeners at the Capitol in Lansing annually for 14 years.

'It's therapeutic'

As McCulloch, a psychotherapist, notes, the performances are "about more than just singing, it's therapeutic."

The organization, made up of choirs in Farmington Hills and Auburn Hills, is therapy for its members, many of whom have suffered brain injuries from traumatic accidents. Singing is one way to help them regain communication



Among the many performances the Therapy Choirs does is one in the State Capitol in Lansing. FILE PHOTO

skills and self-esteem.

McCulloch also writes a regular column, *Our Mental Health*, for the *Observer & Eccentric*.

"We're finding it (the choir) helps with the emotional healing," he said. It also improves speech for those with communication difficulty as a result of stroke or brain injury and improves socialization skills.

Garden City Hospital rehabilitation director Kathleen Urban and recreational therapist Mary Bogush are responsible for the invitation to

perform at Garden City Hospital.

Urban heard the choir years ago and believes that the choir members will serve as an inspiration for the current 18 patients who are in rehabilitation.

"They face different challenges," Urban said.

Benefit by singing

Sometimes people with aphasia, which is the loss of the ability to understand or express speech, caused by brain damage, benefit by singing.

Experts say that

stroke survivors who have lost the ability to speak suddenly produce accurate words when singing familiar songs. This phenomenon was first reported by Swedish physician Olaf Dalin in 1736. Dalin described a young man who had lost his ability to talk as a result of brain damage, but who surprised the community by singing hymns in church.

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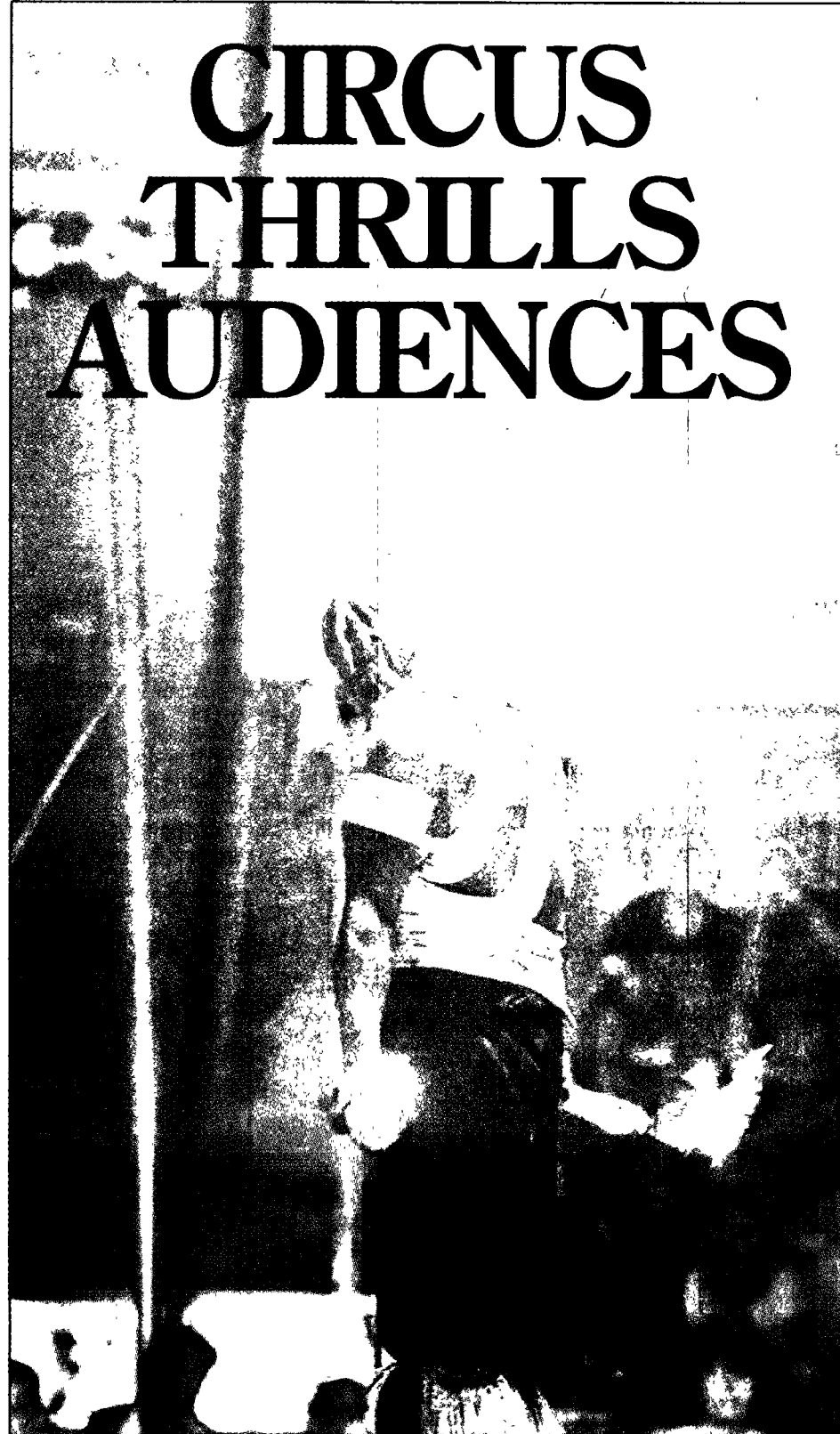


Jenny Wohlfel of Wayne and grandson Braiden Wohlfel pal around with Cookie the Clown (left) and Patches the Clown.

Two-year-old Abbey Cooper of Wayne watches the Kelly Miller Circus with her aunt, Marriane Casteels, also of Wayne.



Dante, Sophia, Maximo and Laurreta Di Giuseppe of Westland enjoy a ride on the camel at the Kelly Miller Circus that was in Wayne Aug. 10.



Kelly Miller Circus fire eater "Lamout" dazzles the audience as he breathes fire. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



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The Oklahoma-based circus company travels the country for nine months each year, performing two shows per day, seven days per week. It stopped in Wayne on Aug. 10, setting up its big top in Atwood Park for two afternoon performances.



Reyna Moss of the Kelly Miller Circus paints the face of Jasmyrn Kirkland of Wayne before the circus begins.



Four-year-old Trevon Walton of Wayne poses for a snapshot with Tippy the Clown.

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Sharks: Fact and Fiction

Shark Week just concluded its annual run on the Discovery Channel. Sharks have long captured the human imagination, and our popular culture has increasingly portrayed these fascinating ocean predators as dangerous creatures whose attacks we ought to fear. In reality, it seems sharks have much more to fear from us than we do from them.

Scientific evidence shows that sharks have flourished in the earth's oceans for 420 million years while humans have populated the planet for approximately 200,000 years. The International Shark Attack File at the Florida Museum of Natural History tracks the annual number of unprovoked shark attacks on humans, from 1580 to 2012.

Over the past four centuries, the global number of fatalities from unprovoked shark attacks averages approximately one per year. This is because humans are not a natural food source for sharks. In contrast, humans kill about 100 million sharks per year, either for their meat, liver oil, cartilage, or their valuable fins which are

hacked off to be used in shark fin soup, considered a delicacy in East Asia. In fact, those scary encounters with sharks reported on in the media and depicted in movies like the *Jaws* series are relatively rare in reality. But the rarity of shark attacks doesn't make these fictional stories any less compelling. There is something exciting about a monstrous

ocean creature with rows of sharp teeth, hunting us and smelling blood in the water. We understand that the tornado of sharks depicted in the recent SyFy movie *Sharknado* is a fantasy. Yet something about this fantasy thrills viewers in a way that a hurricane of crocodiles might not.

The library has a variety of books and videos featuring sharks. For adults, check out *The Encyclopedia of Sharks* by Steve Parker, *Sharks of the World* by Leonardo Campagno, or the classic 1975 shark attack movie *Jaws* on DVD. For kids, try *All About Sharks* by Jim Arnosky, *Killer Sharks, Killer People* by Victor Gentile or the video, *Captain Jon's Shark Safari*.

If you'd like to learn more about sharks, their history of interactions with humans, or the

deadly characterization of sharks in pop culture, visit the library's website at www.westlandlibrary.org, give us a call at 734-326-6123 or stop by the Reference Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. **HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES**

» American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 19, age 17 and up - Interested donors may sign up by registering at the American Red Cross website: www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor code: wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS. Anyone over 17 (16 with a permission slip) can donate blood. Walk-ins are also welcome.

» Meditation for Beginners, 7 p.m. Aug. 19 -

Get blissed out during this simple and powerful meditation from Isha Kriya-trained instructor, Shanthi Balakrishnan. For more information on Isha Kriya meditation, visit www.ishausa.org or to register online at westlandlibrary.org/events.

» Teens Minecraft Club, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 20, Ages 12-18 - Try our multi-player server just for Westland teens. Come even if you don't have a Minecraft login yet - we'll get you started.

» Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Aug. 21 - Author Mary Karr grew up in a town poisoned by chemicals and in a family poisoned by secrets and pain. Much of her delight came from the stories her father told his drinking buddies, who were members of an informal group called *The Liars' Club*. As her parents lived out the drama of their tragic lives, Karr transformed their tragedy into drama and poetry and made it her own.

Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

» Writers Workshop, 7 p.m. Aug. 21 - The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. The goal of our group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org. To read about our workshops, check out our blog at www.westlandlibrary.org/read/workshop.

» Road to Recovery: Breaking the Cycle of Addiction through Intervention, 7 p.m. Aug. 21 - Learn how families and friends can be successful in getting their loved

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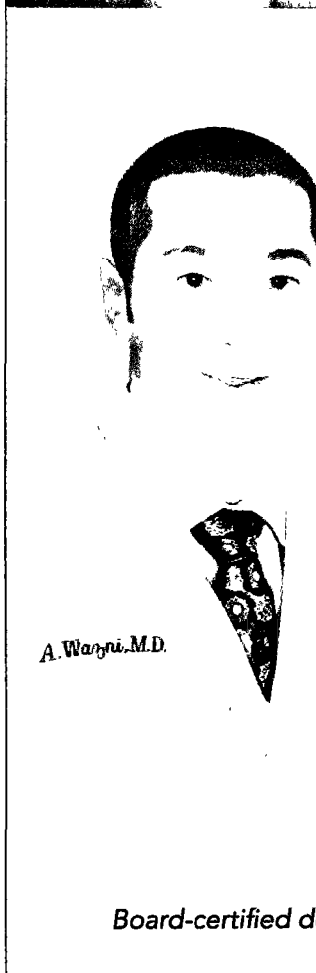
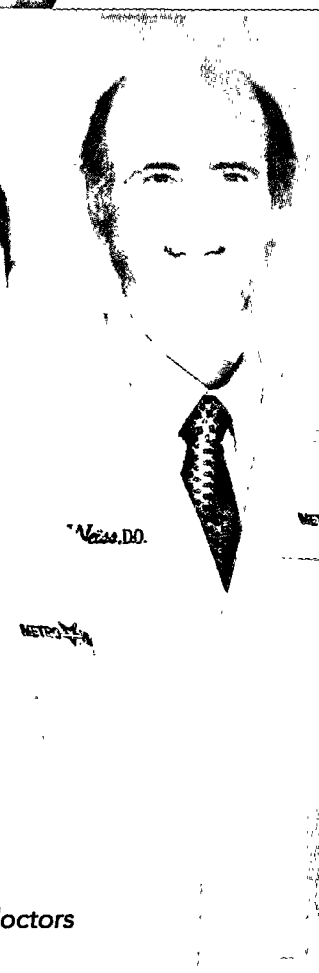






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Missing Canton man died from drugs, alcohol

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A spokeswoman has apologized after a mix-up by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office caused her to err by telling the *Observer* the incorrect cause of death for Matthew Morris, a Canton man whose body was found after he was missing nearly three months.

Wayne County spokeswoman Mary Mazur said Morris, 36, actually died after mixing alcohol and drugs.

"He died from alcohol and drug use and it was an accidental death," she said Thursday.

Mazur had earlier said Morris died of natural causes, specifically heart disease, but she said she was given inaccurate information when she inquired with



Morris

the medical examiner's office about his death. "Apparently there was an error in retrieving that file," Mazur said, calling it a case of "mistaken identity with someone who had a similar name" to Morris.

"It was an honest mistake that was given to me by our chief investigator," Mazur said, apologizing for the mistake.

The latest information ruled Morris' death as accidental from a mix of alcohol and drugs, though Mazur didn't immediately know what kind of drugs.

Morris' body was found April 1 in a marshy area in an industrial area on Westland's

far west side, not far east of the Walmart store on Ford Road.

Foul play was ruled out as a cause of death.

Morris had disappeared in mid-January from his Village Squire apartment near Ford and Lotz roads. Friends had searched for him, worrying he may have fallen victim to foul play after his car was found in the Emagine Theater parking lot in Canton.

Friends have said Morris left his apartment without his diabetic supplies or his coat on a cold winter day.

Westland police notified Canton authorities April 1 after a group of surveyors found Morris' body, Canton police Lt. Dave Schreiner said.

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ones into treatment. Chris Dimanin, a certified clinical interventionist trained at the Betty Ford Clinic in California and with more than 30 years as a state licensed counselor, will share the very effective "Love First" model of recovery. This presentation will provide you with easy to understand resources; a structured, successful plan; and encouraging hope for helping your loved ones get the help they need. Resources and "how to" books will be detailed. Any and all questions will be addressed that are related to the disease of addiction in a question-and-answer following the presentation.

» Sexy Sci-Fi Covers: What's the Fuss?, 7 p.m. Aug. 22, - Lansing-area fantasy author Jim Hines (*Jig the Goblin Princess* and *Magic ex Libris* series) got tired of seeing all of the outrageous depictions of women and men on science fiction book covers, so he started a funny blog in which he portrayed himself in all of these poses to start a conversation. Jim will continue the conversation at the library, tell you why he got mixed up in them, and what you can do to help out. Jim will also have books on sale and all of the profits will go toward the Aicar-

di Syndrome Foundation, to whom Jim is also donating his speaking fee. Come hear (and see, perhaps more than you want to) an original writer with a big heart. Everyone welcome. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/events or call 734-326-6123 to reserve your seat.

» Friday Night Movie, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 - Friday night movies roll on into the summer months with variety of concert movies, summer blockbusters (of the Spielberg variety), and great foreign films. Tonight's film, *A Royal Affair*, is about "A young queen, who is married to an insane king, falls secretly in love with her physician - and together they start a revolution that changes a nation forever." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments provided (with suggested, though not required, donation). No sign-up necessary. Rated R.

» Beginners Computer Lab, 2 p.m. Aug. 24 (second and fourth Saturdays each month) - During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the internet; and learning what you can do with email.

» Internet Special Topic: Selling Things

Online, 7 p.m. Aug. 26 - Are you interested in selling your used items, collectibles, or crafts online? Join us to learn about online marketplaces such as eBay, Amazon, Craigslist and Etsy. You will discover what each service expects from its sellers, what it costs, and what it specializes in selling. You will also receive tips on listing, pricing and shipping your items. Find out the basic requirements to begin selling things online. This is our Internet Special Topics course for August. Prerequisite: Internet Basics or experience using an Internet browser. Sign up is limited. Call the library 734-326-6123 to reserve your seat.

» Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays - Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

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MPWA hosts pro wrestling show

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will be taping four episodes of a new TV pro wrestling show, *COLLISION*, in Westland on Sunday, Aug. 25.

The show, which will premiere on WMYD MY TV20 Detroit on Oct. 6, is free of charge and is open to all ages. It will take place at 3 p.m. at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy,

Westland. Doors open at 2 p.m. There will be concessions available for purchase, including hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, pop and beer.

The lineup of wrestlers includes "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson, Titus, Jerome "Do It" Pruitt, Aaron T.I., TNA Gut Check Challenge winner Jon Bolen, and many more. They

will compete for the MPWA Championship.

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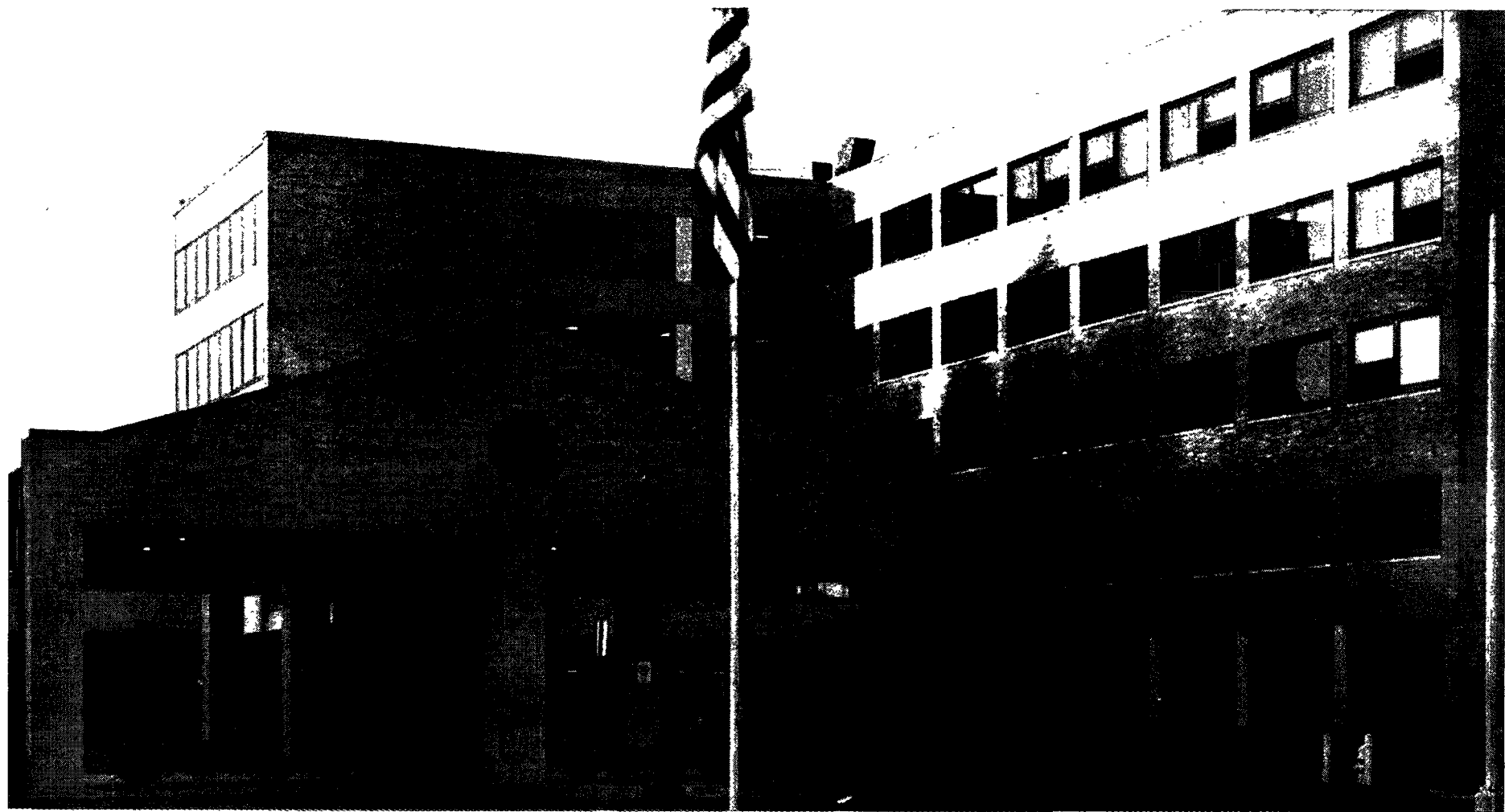
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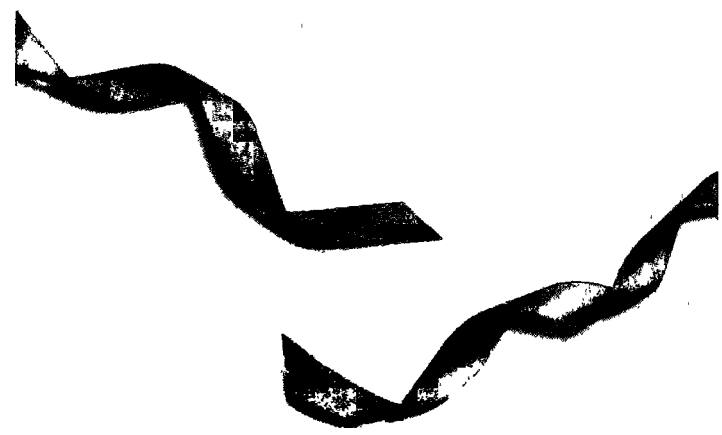
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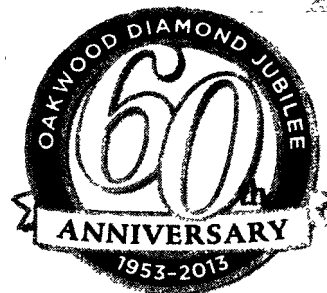
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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Rockets want to forget 2012 season

Defense is Hardin's No. 1 priority during practices

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It starts with defense, first and foremost, according to sixth-year Westland John Glenn football coach Tim Hardin.

The Rockets started the 2012 season 0-6 before winning their final three games.

But Hardin doesn't want a repeat of last year's woeful defensive display after yielding an average of 30.7 points per contest.

"We gave up more points (277) than we ever have before," Hardin said. "So our whole focus has been to have a great defense

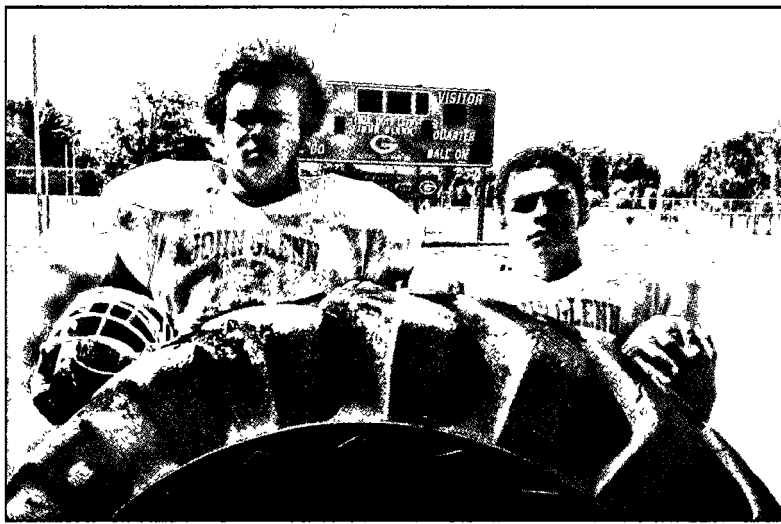
and ball control on offense.

"Although it appears we struggled offensively, I think the reason is our defense - if that makes any sense - because in every game we couldn't run ball control and keep the ball out of the other team's hands because we're constantly trying to catch up because we're giving up so many points. So it appeared our offense was struggling at times."

Leaders on the defensive side of the ball include 6-foot-1, 187-pound end Devon Spalding, along with junior down linemen DeShawn Baker-Williams (6-4, 300) and Renardo Brown (6-2, 295).

Senior linebacker Jordon

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Glenn's improved defense will be led by 6-foot-4, 300-pound tackle Deshawn Baker-Williams (left), who started as sophomore, and senior linebacker Jordon Brandon.

O&E men's golf signup

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Teetimes start at 8 a.m. both days.

The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered, including championship, first, senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under).

You must have a current USGA Index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes, including both low gross and net winners.

Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

To download a registration form, visit golflivonia.com.

For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-3400 (Fox Creek).

Team night at Churchill

Livonia Churchill High athletics will stage its annual "Meet the Team Night" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Carli Auditorium.

Attendance is urged for all parents and athletes at Churchill for all three sports seasons in a meeting that will cover team rules, selection process, criteria for post season awards, sportsmanship expectations and team philosophy.

For more information, call 734-744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5 with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) if registering Sept. 6 through Oct. 3. Visit www.heroesonhines.com.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Carrying the load

Chargers offense remains a strength

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When it comes to football at Livonia Churchill, it's hard to imagine that anything could top last year's dream season.

The Chargers posted the best record (10-1) in school history en route to KLA South Division and Kensington Conference championships before losing to Plymouth in the Division 1 district final.

Churchill's spread attack was prolific last season under offensive coordinator Bill DeFillippo, who now assumes the varsity coaching reins after John Filiatraut stepped down in February following 16 seasons.

The Chargers averaged 41 points per game, thanks due in part to the running of 5-10, 240-pound Romello Brown (now at Wayne State) and the passing of Seth Suida (now at Northwood University).

Brown rushed for 1,789 yards (7.6 per carry) and scored 31 touchdowns, while Suida threw for 1,913 yards and 19 TDs (with only four interceptions).

But despite huge graduation losses, Churchill can't be overlooked heading into the 2013 season.

A veteran offensive line should keep the Chargers humming once again led by 6-foot-5, 235-pound tight end Charlie Yost, who will team up with junior tackle Matt Skibinski (6-5, 270), senior tackle Alex Promo (6-1, 240) and junior guard Nick Davis (6-3, 280), the latter whom missed most of last season with foot surgery.

"That's the strength of our team, the offensive line," said DeFillippo, who spent one season as a varsity head coach at Ann Arbor Huron (2002 going 6-4). "Our top two tailbacks will be a little bit different. They're both 4.5, 4.4 (speed) kids in the 40 (yard dash). Malik Johnson (5-7, 170), a senior, who played some last year, and Paul Romaine



First-year coach Bill DeFillippo (middle) has the talent up front to lean on in senior Charlie Yost (left) and junior Matt Skibinski (right).

(5-9, 185), a junior, who is a very talented kid. So we'll be a little different, a little bit faster in the backfield, but obviously a little bit smaller."

Yost, meanwhile, is entering his third year on the varsity.

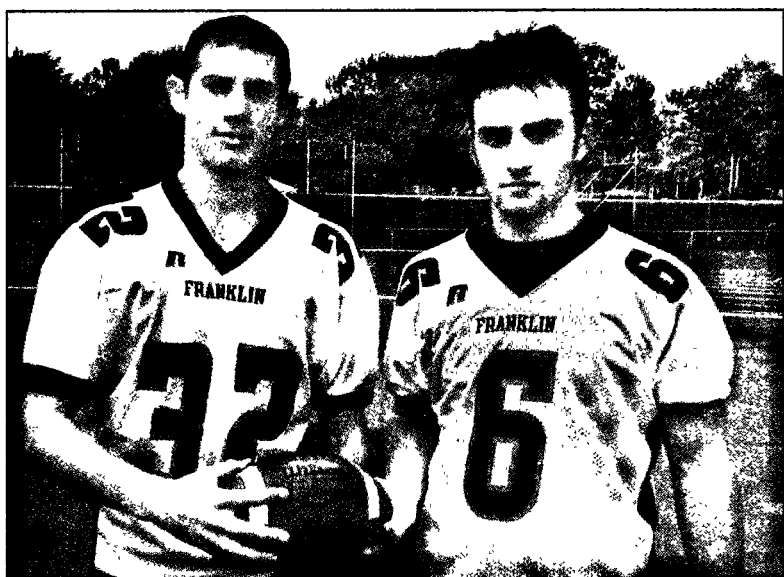
"Charlie is unquestionably our team leader," DeFillippo said. "We have very high

expectations for him on both sides of the ball. He had a real good summer in seven-on-seven (passing league) and he'll be one of our leaders on defense as well. We expect him to carry us with leadership and his on-field play."

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Franklin football fortunes resting on signal caller



Seniors Caleb Finamore (32) and Corey Ferrier (6) will lead the way this season. BRAD EMONS

Kelbert confident Riley can provide right leadership

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

He stands only 5 feet, 6 inches and weighs only 145 pounds, but Kyle Riley looms large in Livonia Franklin's 2013 football season.

The Patriots, who open their campaign Thursday, Aug. 29 at home against longtime rival Livonia Stevenson, will be banking heavily on the first-year starter.

"Our team's quarterback is always a key," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, now entering his 13th season. "If he can execute the offense and move the chains when we need to

move the chains, then offensively we're going to be pretty good."

Franklin has made six play-off appearances in past nine years, but has missed the post-season party the past two years.

That's why it's imperative that the Patriots get quality play from Riley.

"Kyle is not very big, but he's a very good game manager and he's a team leader," Kelbert said. "These kids believe in him no matter what. They don't see his size. When he's in they believe that they have the best chance to win. That's been the way since he's been a freshman. There's something about him. He's always been their quarterback, even going back to little

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 Wayne at Hazel Park, 6 p.m.
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 Portage Northern Invitational, 8 a.m.
 B.C. St. Philip Tournament, 8 a.m.
 Ladywood Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
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Thursday, Aug. 22
 E. Grand Rapids at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 24
 South Lyon Inv. at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 24
 Stevenson vs. Farm. Hills Mercy at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, noon.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 22
 Highest Honors Invitational, 7:30 a.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
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 Madonna at Taylor (Ind.), 4 p.m.
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Sunday, Aug. 25
 Schoolcraft at Lake Michigan, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25
 Brock (Ontario) at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

Senior Moments bring home softball bronze

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

Members of the Senior Moments 55-plus women's softball team proved last month in Cleveland that you're as young as you feel - and field.

Competing in the National Senior Games against 15 other high-achieving 55-and-older women's softball teams, the Moments showed they can field, hit and pitch with the best of them as they earned a bronze medal in the tournament's AAA division.

Several Observerland-area women played pivotal roles for the Moments, including Red-

ford's Kim Baldwin, Livonia's Peggy Backus, Canton's Nancy Eggenberger, Westland's Sharon Vreeland, Farmington Hills' Ellen Rieth, and Farmington residents Diane Brady, Marsha Crosby and Alice Duffy.

"We all play with and against each other in travel leagues around the Detroit area," said Baldwin, who has been competing in high-level softball leagues for several years. "The team from Farmington wanted to enter the Michigan Olympic Games, but they didn't have enough players, so they asked players from other teams to join them. After we won that, we decided to play-

ing in the national tournament.

"It was a fun experience. Some of the ladies on the team were first-time players and others have been playing travel softball for a while. It was a good mix."

After earning gold medals in the Michigan tournament, the Moments carried a ton of momentum into Cleveland.

On July 22, they won their first three pool-play games over teams from California, Arizona and North Carolina before falling to the Maryland Roadrunners, who went on to win the gold medal.

One day after playing four games - which is a

lot for a 25-and-under team - the Moments dropped a medal-round game against the California Spirit.

Proving she can never get enough softball, Baldwin played in a national senior tournament in Riley, N.C., a week after the N.C. event.

In addition to the Observerland-area players, the team included Milan's Jenny Criss, Oxford's Sue Johnson and Detroit residents Sonequa "Sneaky" Daniels, Denesia Jackson, Cheryl Ollison, Tresa Robinson, Carol Rogers, Toni Simpson, Janice Strozier and Lou Sykes.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer a seven-week Learn To Skate (Session 1) on Mondays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 21, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hockey skills with no sticks or pucks used).

The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (nonresidents). All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental is available.

The registration deadline and early enrollment for last year's skaters is Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154. (There will be a \$10 late fee beginning Aug. 22.) You can also fax to 734-466-2679.

Registration for new

students or missed mail-in will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 (pre-registration deadline Oct. 16); and Session 3, Jan. 1 to March 3, 2014 (pre-registration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal will be held March 9-29 with show dates March 28-29. For more information, call 734-266-2412.

Pro wrestling card at Westland VFW

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will be taping four episodes of its Collision card for WMYD-TV (Channel 20) beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at the VFW Post No. 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the event is free.

The card is scheduled to air Sunday, Oct. 6.

For more information, visit MPWawrestling.com.

Baseball tryout

Tryouts for the 9-and-under 2014 Michigan

Bulldogs will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (field No. 2), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

For more information, visit www.michiganbulldogsbaseball.com or email michiganbulldogsbaseball@gmail.com.

CYO soccer sign-up

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams. Boys and girls entering grades 4-8 are eligible.

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class Monday, Aug. 19, at Cabrini High School, 15305 Wick, Allen Park.

The target audience for the class is high school juniors and seniors, who will then be part of the MHSAA's

Officials Legacy Mentoring Program. It is also open for interested adults.

Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees. Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall 2013 season.

For more information, contact Byron Beattie at 734-775-4134.

Try Tami's Tri

PGA professional Tami Bealert will be staging her second annual 5-kilometer run-walk, 20k bike and golf scramble beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 (if registered through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through Sept. 24). Included in the cost is two free group golf lessons from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 27 at Hickory Creek.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Crusaders poised for conference push

All-WHAC players Parent, Ferrick lead talented lineup

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There's a slightly different air of anticipation entering the 2013 Madonna University women's soccer season.

"For sure, expectations are pretty high and I think they have high expectations of themselves, which make my job a lot easier," MU coach Jeff Hodgson said. "This is my fourth year and these are all of my recruits. We've gone from three wins, six wins to 11. And hopefully we'll always be in that 15-win year going forward."

The Crusaders finished with an 11-9 overall in 2012, including a 5-3 record en route to a fourth-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The team's leading scorer, junior Ashley Parent (Amherstburg, Ontario), returns after scoring 18 goals and adding seven assists.

Junior forward Katlyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere), who tallied nine goals and three assists, will also be



Ferrick



Parent

counted on to provide offense along with sophomore midfielder Jennifer Jurcak (Utica Eisenhower), who added seven goals and four assists.

"She (Parent) is very motivated," Hodgson said. "She's been coming off an injury. If she stays healthy she should be right around the same amount. And Katlyn Krysiak had nine goals and missed half of the season. Those two are pretty potent up front for sure."

Krysiak, however, may not be able to play in the season opener Friday at Taylor University (Ind.).

"She rolled her ankle pretty good, but we're not sure it's a sprain or a stress fracture," Hodgson said.

Senior Liliana Serratos (Dearborn) who started all 20 games at forward last season, adds depth up front.

Senior Amanda Ferrick (Warren Cousino), who recorded four goals and nine assists a year



Senior midfielder Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson) started all 20 games last year for the Madonna University women's soccer team. TIM BUSCH | TBSPORTPIX.COM

ago, will get help in the midfield from sophomore Kelly Capocchia (Livonia Ladywood), who transferred in from Grand Valley State after playing a reserve role on the Lakers' NCAA Division II Final Four team.

"Ferrick has been all-conference two of her three years," Hodgson said. "Capocchia will be one of our better players. With those two in the midfield, and if the people up front stay healthy, we should be fairly offensive."

Senior Amanda Jena-

way (Livonia Stevenson) will also help anchor the midfield after starting all 20 games in 2012.

Other midfielders vying for playing time include sophomore Morgan Himanek (Warren Regina), senior Kelsey Littman (Oxford), junior Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario) and junior Kayla Szado (Livonia Churchill/Schoolcraft College)

After losing Lauryn Dostilo and Jackie Vaguera to graduation, Hodgson had to retool his defense.

"Our back line is fair-

ly seasoned with a senior, two juniors and a sophomore," The MU coach said. "We've had a couple of scrimmages already and we have a pretty smart, fast back line."

Hodgson expects big things from Dayna Meloché, a sophomore from Amherstburg who missed nine games last year after suffering a broken foot.

"She's sort of a catalyst back there," the MU coach said.

Kristin Black (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), who started all 20

games last year, joins Lindsay McMullen (Churchill/Schoolcraft) and freshman Taylor Kelly (Lamphere) as backliners.

Sophomore Blaire Schmalenberg (Cousino) returns as the starter in goal after posting six shutouts. She posted a 1.34 goals against and .782 save percentage.

She will be pushed by freshman newcomer Katrina Arnold (Essex, Ontario).

"Blaire had a great year last year," Hodgson said. "And Katrina has looked strong the past couple of days. Goalkeeping is definitely on the rise from a couple of years ago."

Hodgson, meanwhile, remains cautiously optimistic about his team's chances this fall in the WHAC.

"I don't know necessarily about our depth, or if we're as deep as we need to be, but top 12 I'd put us up against anybody in the conference for sure," he said. "We should have some success this year, but we do have a hard schedule. Probably in the NAIA we probably have the hardest schedule of any of the teams."

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Thompson just misses Final 4 in Women's Am

Event held at Walnut Hills Country Club

The Final Four field at the 97th Michigan Women's Amateur at Walnut Hills Country Club nearly included a recent Plymouth High School graduate.

Matchups for Friday's Final Four were set after Thursday's second and third rounds of match play.

Aya Johnson (Muskegon) was scheduled to meet Christine Meier (Rochester Hills), while Jennifer Elsholz (Grand Rapids) was to square off against Hailey Hrynewich (Muskegon).

Hrynewich's third-round match versus Plymouth grad Sarah Thompson (Canton) went to 19 holes. Hrynewich said she never got flustered and just patiently waited for Thompson to make a mistake.

"She was 1-up for a few holes on the back nine," Hrynewich said. "I knew I needed to beat her on 18 and I did it with a good par. Then on 19, I got on the green and she didn't."

Meier also had a long day of golf Thursday, as both of her matches went extra holes. Her morning match against Michigan State University teammate Liz Nagle went 19 holes and her afternoon match against future Spartan Jacqueline Setas (East Lansing) went 20 holes.

"I've gone extra holes before in this tournament, but never twice in one day," Meier said. "I

am going home and going to bed now!"

Meier said both matches were very tough and that all three golfers were playing very, very well.

"The first match with Liz was mentally draining because we were both playing well and knew it was going to take birdies to win," Meier said. "Then to go against Jackie, who was playing well, it was tough. I had two tough matches today."

It is also the first time in match play for Elsholz, who admitted she was more than a little nervous in the first round of the day.

"When I was going into my second match, my dad pointed out that I was in the top eight, which is pretty cool, and told me just to go out and have fun," Elsholz said. "So that's what I did. But I think I almost gave my mom a heart attack in the first match."

Johnson credited her stellar short game for propelling her to victory in both of her matches.

"My putter was on fire," Johnson said. "And I chipped in twice (Thursday), so I feel like the short game overall is finally there."

A teammate of Thompson's with the 2012 Division 1 state champion Wildcats, Kelsey Murphy, was defeated in the second round by Ella Pendy (Grosse Pointe Farms).

The 97th Michigan Women's Amateur is sponsored by Palace Sports & Entertainment.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Lady Ocelots expecting to challenge again

Shivraman eyes 3rd straight state crown

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Success is always measured in titles when it comes to the Schoolcraft College women's soccer program.

The Lady Ocelots snagged their second straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association crown last year with a 7-0-1 record, but coach Deepak Shivraman's 14-4-2 team fell short in NJCAA Region 12 tournament losing to Delta College on penalty kicks in a semifinal play-off match.

"It's always high at Schoolcraft," said Shivraman, now entering his seventh season. "The standards set forth before I got there and the previous years with Bill Tolsted's programs. The same thing after I had taken over ... the players have really set a pretty high standard. We expect nothing less than winning the league again. We have a league now with several teams - Muskegon, Delta, Toledo Owens, and a couple of

other teams. And definitely getting a push to nationals, but it's a long journey from now until October so ..."

NAIA power Martin Methodist (Tenn.) signed three players off last year's Schoolcraft team, which finished second during the regular season in NJCAA Region 12 with a 9-1-2 record.

Lost to graduation was second-team All-Region and All-MCCA selection Lauren Badalamente and MCCA honorable mention pick Anthoula Papaioannou.

All-Region and All-MCCA midfielder Rachel Blackney (Livonia Churchill) also opted to forgo her second year at Schoolcraft to sign with Martin Methodist along Papaioannou and Badalamente.

The loss of Badalamente, a dangerous forward, will be immense.

"We think we can score the goals, but Lauren was just a phenomenal athlete," Shivraman said. "She was such a beast ... strong, aggressive with no fear, kind of an attitude. Sometimes you miss that because on the other side you have

the stat players. They're good players and they're special, but they don't like to get dirty whereas Lauren just enjoyed that. She enjoyed that part of the game, the physicality of it."

The cupboard, however, is far from bare as Shivraman returns the top-notch one-two goal-keeping punch of All-Region and All-MCCA pick Tara Gessler (Brighton) along with Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin).

Second-team All-Region and All-MCCA choice Chelsea Meador (Brighton) will help anchor the defense along with Lisa McMullen (Livonia Churchill), Erin McKay (Rochester Hills) and Maggie McLaughlin (Grosse Ile).

Returning in the midfield will be Samantha Jarrett (Northville), an honorable mention All-MCCA selection, along with Alexis Walker (White Lake Lakeland).

Forward Taylor Bunyak (Anchor Bay) also returns for her second season.

Among the promising newcomers include forwards Remy Houttekier (Bloomfield Hills

Andover), Alexi Cano (Riverview) and Jessica Perry (Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes); center midfielder Kelly McKay (Rochester Hills); midfielder Taylor Breault (Novi); and defender Kate Farthing (Walled Lake Western).

"Remy has a hard short, a rocket and we hope she scores some goals," Shivraman said.

Houttekier, Perry and McKay played club soccer for the Bloomfield Force, while Breault is a transfer from Central Michigan University who was a member of the Novi High's MHSAA Division 1 state championship team.

The Lady Ocelots will stage an alumni game at 5 p.m. Sunday before officially opening their season Saturday, Aug. 24 at No. 11-ranked Muskegon.

And with another week of practice, Shivraman hopes to settle on a starting lineup and find a style of play.

"We just don't know yet," he said. "We're still trying to find our identity."

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Fracassa plans to enjoy final season of coaching

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Al Fracassa's final season as Brother Rice's head football coach has attracted much attention.

And rightfully so. Fracassa is a coaching icon. Not only at Brother Rice, but across the state.

The 80-year-old mentor also enjoys a high-profile coaching reputation nationwide.

As he begins his final season - 57th overall, 54 years as a head coach, the past 45 as Rice, his passion for the game remains the same as it did when he played at old Detroit Northeastern High School and Michigan State University.

"My attitude is good

and I'm happy overall," said Fracassa following his fourth day of practice for the 2013 football campaign where his Warriors enter as the two-time defending Division 2 state champions.

"I don't think of this as my last year. I'm just going out and trying to enjoy coaching football. Football season is here and I'm ready to go. I still have that passion for the game.

"It's a great game," he said. "I have a lot of good kids on this team and a lot of good coaches who help me out. It's like a family we have here."

There was one major disappointment for Fracassa as practice got under way. On the very first day, junior Delano

Madison broke a leg and will be out for the season.

"Everything went well this week except for the first day when Delano suffered his injury," said Fracassa. "He broke that same leg when he was younger. I feel bad for him. He will be missed."

Fracassa enters his last year as the state's winningest coach with a 416-121-7 overall record.

The Hall of Fame coach has led Rice to eight MHSAA state titles and 14 Catholic League championships. He was named the National High School Coach of the Year in 2011 and was honored by the National Football League as the National Coach of the Year in 1997.



Seniors Chris Scheffer (left) and Devon Spalding return in the backfield this season for John Glenn. BRAD EMONS

ROCKETS

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Brandon (5-10, 233), the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling runner-up at 215 pounds, also returns, along with junior defensive back Jaron Flournoy (6-0, 148).

The Rockets, meanwhile, averaged almost 17 points per game a year ago on the offensive side of the ball, but hope to improve upon those numbers as well.

Chris Scheffer, a 6-foot, 174-pound senior, returns as the starting quarterback.

"I expect the natural progression that occurs between a kid's junior and senior year," Hardin said. "You usually see huge improvements between your junior and senior year and that's what we expect out of him. We expect to see a guy who drastically improved over last year."

Spalding appears to be the No. 1 threat at running back, but senior Sean Foreman (5-8, 165) and juniors Jamie Melchor (6-0, 187), Kimari Johnson (5-10, 153) and Leon Crawford (5-10, 176) are also in the mix.

"We have a few guys who are talented at carrying the ball," Hardin said. "The guy who will get the most work is Devon Spalding, but we have a whole bunch of

FAST FACTS

School: Westland John Glenn.
Head coach: Tim Hardin (sixth year).
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
2012 record: 3-6.
Notable losses to graduation: Da'Mario Jones (first-team All-Area); Alex Isaevski (second-team All-Area); Mike Lada.
Returning starters: Chris Scheffer, Sr. QB (6-0, 174); Devon Spalding, Sr. RB-DE (6-1, 187); DeShawn Baker-Williams, Jr. OT-DT (6-4, 300); Jaron Flournoy, Jr. WR-DB (6-0, 148); Sean Foreman, Sr. RB-DB (5-8, 165); William Voss, Sr. OG (5-10, 250); Jordan Brandon, Sr. LB-TE (5-10, 233); Jaylen Peete, Sr. WR-DB (5-8, 156).
Promising newcomers: Renardo Brown, Jr. OG-DL (6-2, 295); Matt Brewster, Sr. DB (5-10, 153); Jerome Gass, Sr. DE-TE (6-7, 227); Travis Solberg, Sr. WR (5-10, 153); Taylor Ward, Sr. OL-DL (6-2, 223); DeAndre Barthwell, Jr. WR-DB (5-10, 162); Kimari Johnson, Jr. RB (5-10, 153); Jamie Melchor, Jr. RB-DB (6-0, 187); Le'Jon Crawford, Jr. DB-WR (5-9, 187); Leon Crawford, Jr. LB-RB (5-10, 176); Anthony Williamson, Jr. LB-OL (6-0, 224).
Hardin says: "Last year was not a good year for us and it all started with that we did not have good attitudes or good work ethic. And it showed throughout the season, not just with our record, but with our competitiveness. We were not very competitive in many games. And so far this off-season has been the exact opposite of our off-season last year. Some of the bad apples are not around anymore and the guys who have returned saw what happened last year and are bound and determined for that not to happen again this year."
2013 schedule (all games at 7 p.m.): Aug. 29, Farmington; Sept. 6, at Hartland; Sept. 13, at Livonia Franklin; Sept. 20, at Canton; Sept. 27, Plymouth; Oct. 4, Livonia Churchill; Oct. 11, at Wayne; Oct. 18, KLAAS crossover; Oct. 25, at Ann Arbor Huron.

other guys that can run with the ball, too. Foreman, Melchor, Johnson and Crawford are all very talented. Our challenge is going to be to find ways to get guys touches."

The Rockets, who open their season Thursday, Aug. 29, at home against Farmington, are determined to get off the launching pad more smoothly in 2013.

"It's really been our senior leadership," Hardin said. "Devon Spalding and Chris Scheffer, and a handful of the other seniors, have taken it upon themselves to ensure this year that this team has a good attitude, works hard, (is) committed to the sport. It's been the best off-season I've experienced as a head coach."

Farmers Insurance honors Madonna men's golf squad

The Madonna University men's golf team was one of 134 intercollegiate teams nationwide to be recently honored with the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Team Academic Award presented by Farmers Insurance.

MU, coached by Steve Mato, was honored for posting a grade point average of 3.00 or better. The Crusaders recorded a 3.63 G.P.A. to lead all MU teams and rank second in the GCAA awards for NAIA member schools.

To be eligible for GCAA All-Academic Team honors a college or university must submit the GPAs for each player on its official squad list for the academic year.

"Farmers Insurance is proud to honor and support the GCAA and their 2013 recipients of the 2013 Team Academic Awards," said Chuck

Browning, Head of Sponsorship and Corporate Giving for Farmers Insurance. "A key philanthropic pillar of Farmers Insurance is Education, thus this award is a perfect fit for us and gives us a chance to extend our support of golf throughout the year. It is also an extension of our University Day platform at the Farmers Insurance Open, which we continue to see great success on each year."

2 NAIA scholars

In May, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced its 2013 NAIA Daktronics Men's Golf Scholar-Athletes as part of the national championship and Madonna University had two selections among the 111 student-athletes honored nationwide.

In order to be selected as a scholar-athlete, a

student-athlete must be a junior or senior academically, be nominated by his/her head coach and have a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

The Crusaders honorees included senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) and junior Drew Mossoian (Livonia Stevenson) selected.

The honor was the first for both in their MU careers.

Both Mossoian (business administration) and Myers (health care management) were also honored as members of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-academic team earlier this spring.

Madonna finished second last April in the WHAC tournament led by medalist Benjamin Gawronski and will open their 2013-14 season, Aug. 30-31, at the Olivet College Lou Collins Memorial Tournament.

CHARGERS

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Skibinski got his baptism under fire starting all 11 games last season as a sophomore.

"When you're a starting left tackle as a 10th-grader, you have loads of potential," DeFillippo said. "He's 6-5, 270 pounds right now. And with his high G.P.A. he was getting a lot (college) mail already throughout his sophomore year. He's going to play some D-line for us and be in the rotation there this year. Even as a junior, he's one of team leaders. Very committed, dedicated, just a hard working kid. We expect another big year from Matt."

Junior Brian Alsobrooks takes over for Suida and DeFillippo doesn't think the Chargers will miss a beat.

"Seth had a couple of good years for us," DeFillippo said. "Brian has all

the potential to do that and even more. He has two years to play for us. He's 6-2, 200 pounds, has a good arm, strong athletic ability and he's already played in the offense the last year-and-a-half with us. It is his first year as a starter, but we expect a lot of big things from him."

Alsobrooks will also give Churchill's special teams a boost after excelling as a kicker and punter his sophomore season. "He's actually rated one of the top kickers and punters in the nation in the junior class," DeFillippo said. "He's had a real good off season at the kicking camps."

DeFillippo, meanwhile, has placed an added emphasis after the Chargers gave up a whopping 223 points, which averaged out to 31.8 per game.

"One of the things we need to improve on is when we play playoff teams," said DeFillippo, who is preparing for the



New Churchill football coach Bill DeFillippo addresses his team following Thursday's morning practice. BRAD EMONS

Thursday, Aug. 29 opener at home against Walled Lake Northern. "I think we gave up four points per game to the non-four playoff teams we played and gave up close to 30 to the seven playoff teams on our schedule last year."

Junior Armon Perham (5-9, 250) returns as a starter on the defensive line, while juniors Aaron Mager (6-3, 230) and Aaron Kerr (6-0, 205) will anchor the linebacking

corps. DeFillippo will also lean on Johnson, Romaine, Mark Leja and Kyle Staff in the secondary.

But the strength of the Chargers' team remains all too evident.

That's because Churchill should be good in the trenches.

"With our offensive line, yes, we expect to be good up front on both sides of the ball," DeFillippo said.

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Churchill.
Head coach: Bill DeFillippo (first year).
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's record: 10-1.
Notable losses to graduation: Romello Brown (first-team All-Area); Seth Suida (first-team All-Area); Riley Moynihan (first-team All-Area); Andre Abram (first-team All-Area); Jeremy Lewis (second-team All-Area); Dwayne Scott (second-team All-Area); Dylan Seiffman, Anthony Groat, Robert Foster, Jr.; Jake Staff, Matt Bosas.
Returning starters: Charlie Yost, Sr. TE-DE (6-5, 235, first-team All-Area); Matt Skibinski, Jr. OT-DE (6-5, 270); Alex Promo, Sr. OT (6-1, 240); Armon Perham, Jr. DT (5-9, 250); Brian Alsobrooks, Jr. QB-K-P (6-2, 200).
Promising newcomers: Aaron Mager, Jr. LB-TE (6-3, 230); Nick Davis, Jr. OG (6-3, 280); Kyle Staff, Sr. FS-WR (6-2, 280); Mark Leja, Sr. SB-CB (5-7, 170); Malik Johnson, Sr. TB-SS (5-7, 170); Aaron Kerr, Jr. ILB (6-0, 205); Paul Romaine, Jr. TB-SS (5-9, 185).
DeFillippo says: "We want to be known also for playing good defense here and I think we have kids to get to that point. Our front four - some of whom are playing on the offensive line - will be some of our defensive linemen, so I think we'll pretty solid up there most games. I think our secondary is fast and athletic. We have five or six different kids rotating in at inside linebacker right now. The potential is there for us to be good on defense this year. We're just going to take it one day at a time, improve and develop as we go on."
2013 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 29 (Walled Lake Northern); Sept. 6 (at Grand Blanc); Sept. 13 (at Plymouth); Sept. 20 (Wayne); Sept. 27 (Canton); Oct. 4 (at Westland John Glenn); Oct. 11 (at Livonia Franklin); Oct. 18 (KLAAS crossover); Oct. 25 (at Livonia Stevenson).

PATRIOTS

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league. You can see a total difference since he's been the quarterback."

Although senior Jesse McCall was lost for the season to knee surgery, the Patriots have another capable senior that can run the ball in 6-foot, 170-pound Caleb Finamore.

Junior Nathan Rodgers (5-11, 165) also adds depth in the backfield along with senior fullback Brandon Davis (5-11, 180).

"Speed-wise, on the offensive side of the ball, is very, very good. It's the fastest offense we've had," Kelbert said. "If we can have that balance (run and pass) we'll be pretty good."

If the Patriots hope to navigate through the challenging KLAAS South Division waters,

they need to improve defensively. Last year Franklin gave up a total of 227 points (25.2 per game).

"The big leader of our defense and somebody we need good play from is Tony Vella," Kelbert said of the 5-10, 300-pound senior. "He's a two-year starter for us and all-conference. He's a big, strong physical guy in the middle of our defense. He's our run stopper."

The Franklin coach is also confident that he has a solid linebacking corps.

"(Senior) Corey Ferrier (5-10, 190) started every game last year and he'll be back," Kelbert said. "We have good additions in Dan Huber (6-0, 190) and Hunter Hertline (6-0, 215) playing on the inside at linebacker. With all three we're pretty confident. We're hoping with our inside linebackers, Tony (Vella), and some of our other defensive linemen, we'll be a good run

stop defense."

The secondary was somewhat of a liability last year, but this season Kelbert believes he can turn a negative into a positive.

Senior returnees include Danny Cline (5-9, 152) and Finamore at safety, along with Alex Karaszkiwicz (5-9, 163) and Riley at the corners.

"The key to our defense - where we struggled last year - is the playing the pass," the Franklin coach said. "Our pass coverage ... that's where teams really hurt us last year. The entire backfield was young and they played the entire year as juniors. All four are back playing as seniors this year. With their youth and inexperience they struggled, but this year they're experienced and older, so we're hoping it's one of our strengths."

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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Franklin.
Head coach: Chris Kelbert, 13th year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
2012 record: 2-7.
Notable losses to graduation: JaMarco Willingham (first-team All-Area); Chad Pounders (second-team All-Area); Joe McRobb (second-team All-Area); Brian Johnson.
Leading returnees: Tony Vella, Sr. DT (5-10, 300); Keith Abraham, Sr. OG (5-6, 250); Alejandro Castillo, Sr. K/P (5-10, 145); Danny Cline, Sr. DB (5-9, 152); Corey Ferrier, Sr. LB (5-10, 190); Caleb Finamore, Sr. RB-DB (6-0, 170); Juan Gamboa, Sr. DT (6-1, 260); Tyler Gerhard, Sr. OG (6-2, 295); Alex Karaszkiwicz, Sr. CB (5-9, 163); Kyle Riley, Sr. QB-CB (5-6, 145); Charlie Roth, Sr. WR (6-2, 170).
Promising newcomers: Adam Plocharczyk, Sr. DE (6-3, 195); Brandon Davis, Sr. FB (5-11, 180); Mitch Gonyaw, Jr. OT-DE (6-3, 225); Charles Keith, Jr. WR (6-2, 180); Nathan Rodgers, Jr. RB-CB (5-11, 165); Billy Galvas, Sr. OLB (6-0, 190); Dan Huber, Jr. ILB (6-0, 190); Hunter Hertline, Sr. ILB (6-0, 215).
Kelbert says: "What we've learned team-wise so far in camp is that it's a hard-working group of kids. We've had four really good days in terms of effort and them getting through we we need them to get through. We haven't had a lot of times where we've had to stop and run because they're not going hard or anything like that. They're working really hard and we know that the senior class is just a good group of hard-working kids."
2013 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 29 (Livonia Stevenson); Sept. 6 (at Howell); Sept. 13 (Westland John Glenn); Sept. 20 (6:30 p.m. at Plymouth); Sept. 27 (Wayne); Oct. 4 (at Canton); Oct. 11 (Livonia Churchill); Oct. 18 (KLAAS crossover); Oct. 25 (at Garden City).

CANINE WITH CANCER CARRIES ON PET THERAPY WORK

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chet, 6, and Talon, 8, welcome customers to Amazing Pet Grooming in Garden City with wagging tails and grins. Sometimes, they drop their toys at a visitor's feet. Or open the gate to the lobby with their noses and hunker down at a client's side.

The two golden retrievers, who are pet therapy dogs, are lovable fixtures at the shop on Ford Road near Merriman, owned by their "mom" Lisa Jacques.

"My regulars have known them since they were babies," Jacques said, during an interview last week at the shop. "There is not a day they aren't here except Saturday, because it's so busy for us. If I'm working on a customer's dog, they'll come out (to the lobby) and be with the people. The customers touch them and play with them."

These days, her clients also donate toward Chet's medical treatment. Jacques' employee, Tera Howard, placed a collection jar in the shop and the lobby is decorated with bone-shaped signs sporting names of contributors. Chet was diagnosed with lymphoma last October and takes chemotherapy treatment at the Animal Cancer & Imaging Center in Canton.

Jacques is grateful for her customers' financial support and kind words and for the care Chet receives at the center.

"They ask me every time they come in how he's doing," she said. "It's nice that people are so thoughtful. People put in a dollar or two and anything helps. I put it toward our bill."

Costly care

Jacques figures she and her husband, Frank, have spent

approximately \$10,000 on Chet's treatment and care since he was diagnosed.

"When he first started, he went once a week for chemo and in February, ended his treatment. He was in remission but came out of it. It's tough, he goes in and out of remission," she said. "Each chemo is different. The chemo we're doing now is a longer chemo, a drip. It's almost \$700 (per session) and there is one every three weeks."

Previous weekly treatments cost \$300-\$600, Jacques said. They also pay for blood work done between each chemo session. Talon accompanies Chet to every treatment as a "support" dog.

Jacques has owned five golden retrievers and lost two of them to cancer. In both cases, the prognosis wasn't good and the dogs were put down shortly after diagnosis.

"I didn't go through anything then, like I'm going through now. It has taken a toll on us physically, financially and mentally."

She said they continue to do everything they can for Chet because he seems to thrive in spite of the cancer.

"He runs, plays and swims. He is being himself. If he was sick all the time and lethargic and couldn't be Chet, we wouldn't do this. He is living a full life. He's young and could still have another seven years."

Pet therapy

Jacques admits she spoils her dogs. They go "everywhere" with the couple, including on vacation to "grandma's and grandpa's" house in Traverse City. They have their own chairs at home and sleep on their owners' bed. Jacques' husband takes them to the park on weekends and as a couple, they take the dogs twice



Lisa Jacques adjusts Chet's pet therapy bandana. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

monthly to Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor with Pet-a-Pet, the pet therapy organization. They also visit seniors at St. Christopher Church in Detroit.

"They are a very dedicated couple and both their dogs do pet therapy with us. I think it helps the patients considerably knowing Chet is going through this," said Mary Chamberlain, Pet-a-Pet's facility coordinator for Heritage Hospital. "They know the dog is going through life-threatening issues of his own and yet he takes time to see them and makes people happy."

"He wags his tail and shows how happy he is to be there," Chamberlain said, adding "and (chemo) is not an easy treat-



Tera Howard, a groomer at Amazing Pet Grooming in Garden City, came up with the donation jar to help pay for Chet's chemotherapy.

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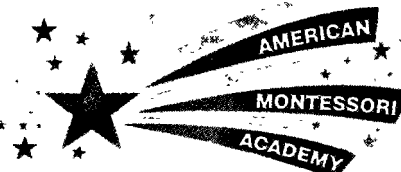
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Well, here it comes – another front-loader story

Recently, Ruth Spencer of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) did a story about the ongoing class action suit against the Whirlpool Corp. regarding the mold and odor issue with its front-load washing machines. This was the second time that Spencer has tackled the problem, having been through this herself some five years ago, at which time she reported to her viewing audience. She also did a radio interview with me, at which time she said, "I will load this washer on a flatbed truck and drive to Benton Harbor and dump it on the front lawn of Whirlpool headquarters." I assume that Whirlpool took care of this consumer.

Some years ago, when the concept of the front-load washer was first being introduced as the energy saver of tomorrow,



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

row, I took issue and wrote about it in my columns several times. I wrote, "You can't wash your hands properly in a tea cup of water and you can't wash clothes using eight gallons of water. This washer will have problems with odors because it doesn't drain off all the water when it's done."

The result of making a statement like that years ago has brought forth a ton of comments from homeowners. I would wager that more than 2,000 owners of the front-load machines have complained directly to me about how much they hate their front-loaders. Some have even given

them away and purchased top-loaders. One guy even bought a 20-year-old GE to replace his 4-year-old washer. The stories are many and nine out of 10 are on the very negative side. Once in a while, I hear from someone who loves their front-loader and I say, God bless her.

A little history lesson here — the U.S. Department of Energy got involved and issued mandates on energy consumption to the appliance industry. The front-load concept was going strong in European countries and Maytag used the engineers from other countries to develop a product for use in the U.S.A.

In the first few years of production by Maytag, a recall was announced to solve the mold and odor problem on several million of the front-load-

ers already being used by people who had made the expensive purchase. Maytag was purchased by Whirlpool, which paid a lot of money for this existing problem.

Today, a class action suit is going on against Whirlpool and other manufacturers. It is apparent that there is a defect in the manufacturing process. Many of the old top-loaders are still in use today and I know of one that lasted 54 years. Please don't ever think that the appliance retail-

ers wouldn't love to have this type of quality once again on their sales floors.

It used to be very easy to make friends with a retail customer and not so easy to do today. Let me give you a quote from Fred Louis Maytag, the first president of Maytag back in the very early 20th century: "A grave responsibility rests upon us in respecting the public's confidence. We must maintain the quality of our products in every respect. We

must give them more because they expect more."

For those of you who believe you have a mold and odor issue with your front-loader, you can contact the legal firm of Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, based in Nashville, Tenn. The telephone number is 800-254-2660.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You can email him at appldr@twmi.rr.com.

THERAPY

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ment." Chamberlain said Chet has missed his therapy visits just once since he was diagnosed.

As pet therapy dogs, Chet and Talon mostly visit the rehab unit at the hospital, where they stand at bedsides and welcome pats and strokes from patients.

Jacques said Chet's vets agree that it's a good idea to keep him engaged and active. She said pet therapy also gives the couple a way to "give back" to others.

"We struggle in our life, but we've had good fortune. We're healthy and have great friends and family. There are a

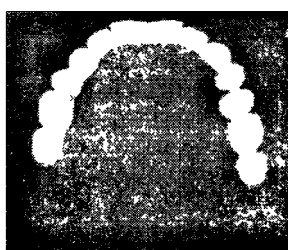
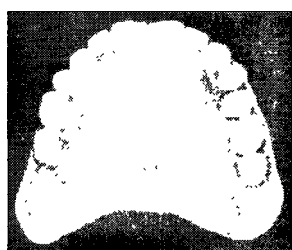


Chet (left) and Talon work as pet therapy dogs and greet customers at Amazing Pet Grooming in Garden City. Talon, also accompanies Chet to his chemotherapy treatments. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

lot of people who don't have that. They are lonely and it makes us happy to bring our dogs and give someone a smile," she said. "I've always done pet therapy and I love it. It's therapy to me. I get to see my friends

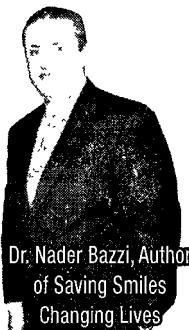
and the dogs get to see their friends. It's social and everyone has the same goal — to make someone else's day." Contact Jacques by calling the shop at 734-422-2660.

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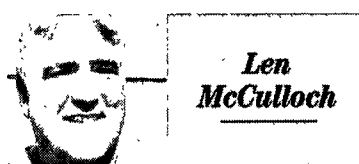
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Be aware of learning disabilities this new school year

According to the Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan some 91,000 students in the state's special education programs have a learning disability.

By definition, the term "specific learning disability" applies when a student whose achievement in one or more of the basic learning areas of reading, writing or arithmetic is substantially below that which is expected, given the child's chronological age, intellectual level and grade placement. This also assumes that the learning disorder is not due to other reasons such as cognitive impairment (low IQ), emotional impairment or other physical health impairments (ADHD, seizure disorder, traumatic brain injury, etc.).

A psychologist gives standardized reading, writing and arithmetic achievement tests and a standardized intelligence



Len McCulloch

test to diagnose a learning disability. Approximately, 5 percent of students in the public schools in the United States are now identified as having specific learning disabilities.

Some causes of learning disabilities may be genetic, neurological, the result of birthing problems or perinatal exposure to alcohol, other drugs, nicotine or some medicines. Some may be from exposure to lead poisoning during formative years. Interestingly, boys seem to outnumber girls by 3-1 in learning disabilities.

Misunderstandings

Over the past 30 years, I have worked with learning

disabled children and their parents and found that most of them do not understand that the child is not retarded, lazy, or crazy. Also, in conducting approximately 1,000 Social Security Disability determination evaluations each year, for the past 20 years, I have seen numerous cases of learning disability in people who have also developed maladaptive emotional/functioning and behavior disorders due to misunderstandings by themselves and their families of what learning disability is and what it is not.

Some people believe that special attention needs to be given by teachers, parents and friends of the learning disabled student to educate them about what their disability is. The misunderstandings can often be more devastating than the learning disabilities. These include low self-esteem, poor

self-image, conduct problems, delinquency, and a high dropout rate. It has been shown that there is a disproportionate number (up to 70 percent) of our prison population vs. our general population with diagnosable specific learning disabilities.

Considerations

Perhaps this sad state of affairs can be deterred by having psychotherapeutic groups within schools for learning disabled students, and their families, wherein they can see that they are "not the only one." They can learn ways to support each other, gain understanding about their problems and find ways to compensate for them. Learning alternative ways of gaining self-esteem, through sports, social programs and recreational activities, can aid in deterring the only thing worse

than a learning disability, which is having a misunderstanding of their problem and a misguided opinion of themselves.

Resources

» Help is available within school systems; ask for a consultation with the child's teacher and the school district's psychologist to learn more about what can be done.

» The Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan is at: www.ldaofmichigan.org

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REUNIONS

Send reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40-year reunion is set from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-451-9653. Tickets are \$75 presale only. Includes dinner, dancing, good times. Get tickets from www.73fhs40.reunionmanager.com. Join the reunion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714. Reunion contact is Sande Easterwood Rouke.

GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135.

GARDEN CITY EAST-WEST CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion will be held Oct. 5 at The Henry Ford and Best Western-Greenfield Inn. Register on: www.eventbrite.com/event/7527708579. Email 1973gcreunion@gmail.com. Call or text: Donna Sly at 734-552-0485.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1966

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Call 734-462-3100. Check-in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. Email Kathy Sindon Shinn at theshins2@att.net.

CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set from 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is also open to other classes. Contact Marcia Elliott at 269-327-0657 or email mickey55@chartermi.net for ticket information.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN CLASS OF 1966

A golf outing and/or lunch is planned for Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Golf scramble starts at 8 a.m., with lunch at 2 p.m. Contact Lruzsas187264m@comcast.net or call 810-599-3509 for reservations.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

A 50-year reunion luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Sheraton Novi. Contact mercy.hs.1963@gmail.com or call J. Quainte at 734-776-2561.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1968

A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For more information, contact Susan Keith Johnson at sgjohnson4@comcast.net.

REDFORD THURSTON CLASSES OF 1970S

A Best of the 70s reunion is planned for Aug. 24 at Whispering Willows Golf Course/ Tin Cup Bar & Grill, 20500 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, gratuity, music, keg beer, coffee bar and prizes. Cost is \$40 at the door. All alumni welcome. For tickets and more information, email tshmidtke3147@yahoo.com or visit Thurston 73 on Facebook.

REDFORD UNION CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is set for Oct. 19. Looking for former classmates. For more information, contact Jamie (Stafanson) Fraley at fraleyjmj66@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Burton Manor Banquet Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For reservations, visit www.ruhclassof1973.com or contact Debi Cutshall at debi.k.cutshall@gmail.com.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

A 40th reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Westin Hotel-Southfield, 1500 Town Center. Dinner tickets are \$89 and include food stations and a cash bar. Other weekend activities include a casual meet/greet Friday, golf outing option Saturday morning and a tour of the school and brunch Sunday. Register at www.southfieldhigh1973.com.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

The 40th reunion will include a picnic from 3-9 p.m. and an after-party from 9 p.m. to midnight Aug. 24. For more information, visit the reunion Facebook page: JGHS Class of 1973, Westland, or contact Carol Bevard at BevardC@aol.com or Karen Gooze at meowmom4@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1983

From 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. Tickets are on sale now. The early bird price, before Sept. 7, is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple; after that date it's \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. The price includes a strolling dinner and open bar with DJ. Make checks payable to Brian Baker, JGHS Class of '83 Reunion and send to P.O. Box 0876, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, email Linda Harbison at jghs.1983@gmail.com.

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Butterflies

Brenda Dzedzic, owner of Brenda's Butterfly Habitat and author of "Learn about Butterflies in the Garden," will demonstrate egg bleaching techniques to prevent disease in home-raised at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Diane Pruden from Monarch Watch also will talk about tagging efforts to track monarch butterflies. Questions? Call 734-223-5510 or sembutterfly.com.

Outdoor survival

Survival expert Mary Vance will show how to build a fire, use a bow drill, make a debris shel-

ter and extract pure water from the earth during Outdoor Survival Workshop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in Heritage Park, located between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. She'll also lead a wild edibles hike through the park. Participants should bring a bag lunch and water, all other materials will be provided. The fee is \$25 per person, for ages 16 and up. Advanced registration is required and available at https://recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participants should meet at the Nature Center. Call 248-477-1135 or e-mail asmith@fhgov.com for more information.

English Gardens

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

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Friday, Aug. 23, at the West Bloomfield store. Pre-registration is required.

» Learn how to use plants for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, at all locations.

» Find out which plants provide year-round color and learn to create interest in your garden every season, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at all locations. The presentation is free.

» Learn the basics of landscape design at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at all stores, in a free presentation.

» Get tips for fall lawn care and learn how to keep it healthy through the winter, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at all stores.

Area English Gardens 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.

In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hike is 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23, starting at the Nature Center in the park. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register at recreg.fhgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also offers a campfire from 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

Master gardener

Interested in becoming a master gardener? Classes will run from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Dec. 3, at the Wayne RESA Auditorium, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost for the training is \$300. To register, visit msue.anr.msue.edu and click on events to navigate to the master gardener program.

Bible garden

The Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden, is open sunrise to sunset from spring-fall, on the campus of Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The garden contains plants mentioned in the Bible and is meant to serve as a place of inner reflection, of education, and for social and community gatherings. It is available for group tours as well as for informal individual visitation. Group tours can be arranged for any day of the week except Saturday. If interested in a group tour of the garden, along with a visit to the sanctuary with a Beth Ahm docent, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at 248-851-6880, Ext. 17, or email ravsteven@cbahm.org. Garden visits are free, although donations are accepted. www.wollbiblegarden.org.

St. George Church's Greek Fest Sept. 6-8

Opening-day ceremonies for the YA'SSOO Greek Festival are Friday, Sept. 6, when St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave., is saluted for 85 years of service to the community and world.

Festivities began at noon with The Lighting of the Torch by Jack Weiner, CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, in front of the hospital's renovated surgical wing.

"Olympic runner" Harry Birken will carry the torch, running a short distance from the hospital to the church grounds, where attending dignitaries will witness the flaming of what may be the "World's Largest Saganaki."

There, Sen. George Pappageorge, R-Troy, will present a proclamation from the state of Michigan to St. George Church for its continuing commitment and dedication to both its religious community as well as the community at large.

Hours for the St. George YA'SSOO Festival are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8. Visit yassoooreekfestival.com.

MILESTONES

WEDDING

Theresa Bailey-Nathan Weidner

Theresa Bailey and Nathan Weidner were married Saturday, Aug. 10, at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Florissant, Mo. The Rev. Jim Mitulski officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Timothy Bailey and Joan Smykowski of Livonia. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weidner of Florissant, Mo.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her mother and father and given away by her father. During the ceremony, the bridegroom's godmother, Karen Petrumic of Chicago, Ill., read from 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a. Sue Whittaker, the bride's godmother, of Big Bend, Wisc., read from Genesis 1:26-28, 31.

Brain Baker of Florissant, Mo., was best man. Usher-groomsman were Marcus Weller of California, Nicholas Bergeron of Detroit, Thomas Friedoff of Florissant, Mo., and Ryan Diel of Eureka, Mo.

Elizabeth Bailey of Dearborn was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Audrey Jackson of Plymouth, Kinglerly O'Brien of Mt. Pleasant and Lindsay McCarthy of Virginia.



Theresa and Nathan Weidner

The unofficial ring barriers for the ceremony where Joey Grass of Big Bend, Wisc., Alexander and Benjamin Ritchey of Ellicott City, Md., and David Whittaker of Iowa City, Iowa.

The reception was held at the Sheraton Saint Louis. After cocktails on the hotel's 13th-floor patio, overlooking the famed Gateway Arch of Saint Louis, the wedding party moved to the banquet hall. The couple selected decorated doughnuts instead of a wedding cake.

The bride is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed by the Missouri University of Science and Technology in the Department of Global Learning. The groom, also a graduate of Wayne State University, earned a Ph.D. and is an assistant professor of industrial psychology at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

The couple will take a honeymoon trip to Hawaii in spring 2014. They reside in Rolla, Mo.

WEDDING

Bader-Moore

Pete Bader and Kristy Moore were married Saturday, July 20, at The Lost Arrow Resort on the Tittabawassee River/Second Lake in Gladwin County.

The couple was joined by family and close friends for the weekend event, which featured the wedding ceremony, dinner, dancing, boat rides and bonfires.

The groom is the son of the late Daniel J. Bader and is employed as the senior director of operations at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.



Kristy and Pete Bader of Livonia

The bride is the daughter of David Moore of Livonia and Jane Moore of Wixom and is employed as a global relocation specialist at Corrigan International in Farmington Hills.

The couple resides in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENT

Haddad-Darwiche

Katie Marie Haddad and Fadi Hussein Darwiche announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kathy Haddad and Nabil Haddad, both of Livonia, is an actress and model in Las Vegas, Nev. A huge car fan, she also owns two show and race cars.

Her fiancé, son of Mona and Hussein Darwiche of Beirut, Lebanon, grew up in Lebanon. He owns a car repair shop in Las Vegas, Nev., and shares Katie's love of cars.

A September 2013 wedding is planned at Burton Manor in Livonia.



Katie Haddad and Fadi Darwiche

ENGAGEMENT

Pankow-Redington

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pankow of South Lyon and Mr. and Mrs. James Redington of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Ashley Elizabeth Pankow and Robert Andrew Redington.

The happy couple plans to marry in October 2014.



Elizabeth Pankow and Robert Redington

ENGAGEMENT

Witkowski-Farquhar

Niki Witkowski and Ross Farquhar announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Larry and Debbie Witkowski of Livonia. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by EOS Solutions in Rochester.

The groom is the son of Maureen Valeri of Farmington Hills and Eric Farquhar of Livonia. He is a graduate of Michigan State Univer-



Ross Farquhar and Niki Witkowski

sity and is employed by Domino's Headquarters in Ann Arbor.

The wedding and reception will be held in April 2014 at the Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion.

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BORST, ROBERT C.

Age 94 of Utica, Michigan passed away August 16, 2013. He was born October 24, 1918 in Highland Park, Michigan. Mr. Borst was the previous owner of Borst Lincoln Mercury in Troy. He was a WWII Veteran. A member of the Birmingham Country Club and the Atlantis Country Club, West Palm Beach, Florida. He is predeceased by his wife Mary Borst. Leaving behind dear family and friends including, Annette (Gary) Rudzewicz, Deborah (Daniel) Jensenius, Witney (Matthew) Schmit, and William Begley. Visitation Monday 4-9 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3 blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica. In state Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 40501 Hayes, Sterling Heights, until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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HITCHCOCK, LARRY

July 26, 2013 age 76 of Garden City and Westland. Beloved husband of Karen. Loving father of John (Laura) Hitchcock, James Hitchcock, Deborah Fox, Shawn (Michael) McKay, Michael Connolly, and the late Maureen Sievertson. Also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Life member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge. Gathering Saturday August 24th 1 PM until the 2 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Assn.

To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FISHER, LAURA J.

Age 56, of Canton, died August 14, 2013. Laura is the beloved and devoted mother of Alicia Hall, Charles Fisher and Heather Buchanan; loving daughter of Roland and the late Bonnie Wright; dear sister of Randall Wright, Martin Wright, Debra Godin, Starla Adly, Julie Marino and Eric Wright; grandmother of 15, great grandmother of one. Sadly, in addition to her mother, Laura was preceded in death by her brother, Edward. Funeral Service Monday, August 19, 2:00 pm, at the Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm. Interment North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills. Memorial gifts suggested to the Fisher family to be used at their discretion.

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GABEL, JEFFREY T.

Age 48, of Farmington Hills, died at his home on August 13, 2013. He is survived by his children, Audrey and Cameron; his mother, Ruth Gabel; brother, Larry Gabel; sister, Laura Gabel; niece, Madison, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Gabel, in 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be left at: LynchFuneralDirectors.com For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Brighton, 810-229-2905

SHOEMAKER, MIRIAM LOVENIA ADKINS FAULKNER 92, passed August 16, 2013. www.oakesandnichols.com



DRUMM, LOUISE LEONA KAISER

Born in Detroit, Michigan on August 18, 1917. Departed to meet God and her loved ones on August 6, 2013 just 12 days before her 96th birthday. She resided in Birmingham and Beverly Hills Michigan since 1957. She was a member of Embury Methodist Church in Birmingham. Louise "Lee" Drumm was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, professional, and friend. She dedicated her life to the service of others. The major focus of Lee's life was raising and guiding her children and grandchild. She provided every opportunity for her children to be well-rounded and responsible persons of integrity. She was also actively engaged in her community, both as a caring and involved neighbor and friend and as a citizen who sought to enhance the lives of others. She was actively involved in the PTA, Pinewood Derby, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Groves Big Band Jazz Series, and numerous school events for both of her children. She also worked as a volunteer for Dr. Jonas Salk's initial polio vaccine campaign. Lee's service to others also took the form of providing expert leadership in her work. She helped others in need, and mentored and trained dozens of workers to become skilled artisans, craftsmen, and productive members of the community. Lee overcame incredible challenges in her life as a child of the Great Depression, a wife of a WWII veteran, and as an early widow. She was one of the women who assumed a supervisory industrial position during WWII. She also worked for the Harrison Luggage Company where she helped to develop some of the first airline carry-on luggage. Lee graduated from Lincoln High School in Warren, Michigan. She also attended Business College. She was an incredibly intelligent woman who went back to work after raising her children. She worked at Amber Management Company in Royal Oak for approximately 20 years. At Amber she supervised a large staff and oversaw the maintenance of all their properties throughout Southeast Michigan. Lee was married to Ralph J. Drumm for 31 years until his death in 1971. She moved and was at his side in Corona, California when he returned injured from service in the Pacific during WWII. Her parents were John and Maryann Kaiser. She was predeceased by all of her siblings, Bernadine Cain, and John, Norbert, and Werner Kaiser. Her children are Brenda Drumm Kidd (Clyde) and Mel Drumm (Elizabeth). Her beloved granddaughter is Amy Drumm. She has many nieces and nephews in both the Drumm and Kaiser families. Lee was a very strong and independent woman, yet she was also charming and amazing. People loved spending time with her, and she enriched many lives. She will always be remembered and loved, especially by her children. Funeral service was held Saturday, August 10th at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-549-0500. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Focus: HOPE, 1355 Oakman Blvd, Detroit, MI 48238 appreciated. view obituary & share memories DesmondFuneralHome.com

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To your health: Student, family show there's life after diabetes diagnosis

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jeff Hewlett, 19, of Novi was diagnosed at age 4 with Type 1 diabetes.

"It was certainly a shock at first," said Hewlett, now a sophomore at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a Northville High School graduate. "It certainly never slowed down anything I did."

He grew up with brother Joey, 17, a Northville High senior, and parents Rich and the late Chris Hewlett. Chris died in 2012 following a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer.

The family decided in the late 1990s, when Jeff was diagnosed, to do fundraising for JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). This year's golf outing, their fifth, raised some \$65,000, with a total of more than \$280,000 raised by the outings.

The family is in the "Noville" area, where people have a Novi mailing address, but children attend Northville schools. "At that time, we didn't have much experience with Type 1," Rich recalled of his son's diagnosis.

They got involved with Jackson friends in the JDRF Western Michigan Chapter, with a walk that included former University of Michigan football coaches Bo Schembechler and Lloyd Carr. Rich Hewlett played under Schembechler from 1979-83.

They later put together their own team for an



University of Michigan football coach Brady Hoke (left) introduces Rich and Jeff Hewlett during a fundraiser.

Ann Arbor fundraiser, rapidly becoming the top team. In 2006-07, they were asked about hosting an event for the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center, where Jeff gets his care.

"There was a real interest in getting those two organizations more closely aligned," said Rich, an attorney with the Grand Rapids-based Varnum law firm. Varnum has been the presenting sponsor for their golf outing the last three times.

The family appreciates support of the

Northville-Novu community. Rich serves on the JDRF board for southeast Michigan.

They transferred Jeff's care to U-M in adult endocrinology and the younger Hewlett is in an upcoming clinical trial there.

The study is funded by the JDRF and led by Dr. Massimo Pietropaolo of U-M. Dr. Max, as he's called, is studying the pancreas in those with long-term diabetes, seeing if it can be stimulated to produce insulin and cut down on injections.

"I've always been

comfortable with the injections," said Jeff, who generally gives himself four a day. He also checks his blood sugar with a finger prick.

"It's just something that has been an added aspect of my life," added Jeff, who played high school football and basketball. "It hasn't really changed anything for me."

He volunteered a couple of summers back at U-M and now works in a renal pathology lab there, a job he'll continue part time when school resumes. Jeff is taking

mostly U-M prerequisites now, not yet decided on a major.

"It's something we are very personally vested in," he said, with his father agreeing they like reaching out to others who don't have their resources.

The Hewletts have a website, www.swingtocurediabetes.org, on their efforts. They also recommend the JDRF website, www.jdrf.org, especially for those newly diagnosed.

"We do feel blessed," Rich said. "We are in a

situation where we can hopefully show there are ways to live with it. Jeff's always been a great ambassador."

Their supporters include U-M coach Brady Hoke, former coach Carr, his former teammates, Jeff's coaches and teachers, Rich's clients, friends and family. They had to skip the golf outing one year, due to Chris' illness and the economy.

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Keeping children healthy with immunizations

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Packey
Family Medicine

For most parents, childhood vaccines can be both a source of reassurance and anxiety. Dr. Nicholas Packey, of the Garden City Hospital Center for Family Medicine, explains how vaccines provide invaluable protection with little risk for side effects.

Q: Why should I have my child immunized if all the other kids in school are immunized?

A: It is true that a single child's chance of catching a disease is low if everyone else is immunized. But your child is also exposed to people other than just those in school. And if one person thinks about skipping vaccines, chances are others are thinking the same thing. Each child who isn't immunized gives these highly contagious diseases more chance to spread.

Q: Do immunizations cause autism?

A: Numerous studies have found no link between vaccines and autism. Likewise, a groundbreaking report from the Institute of Medicine found that thimerosal, an organic mercury compound used as a preservative in vaccines since the 1930s, does not cause autism. Still, some parents have opted not to have their children immunized, putting them at great risk of contracting deadly diseases.

The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, especially, has come under fire despite many scientific reports indicating that there's no clear evidence linking the vaccine to autism. In fact, in 2004 a long-disputed 1998 study that suggested a possible link between autism and the MMR vaccine was retracted and rejected by all major health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization.

Q: Are there dangerous side effects or reactions to childhood vaccines?

A: Fortunately, severe side effects or reactions to vaccines are few and rare. The biggest concern is anaphylaxis, an allergic reaction that can cause an itchy rash, throat swelling, and low blood pressure. Depending on the vaccine, side effects such as anaphylaxis can occur in 1 out of several hundred thousand, to 1 in a million vaccines.

Q: Is it dangerous for children to have so many vaccines administered at once?

A: Available scientific data shows that simultaneous vaccination with multiple vaccines has no adverse effects on the normal childhood immune system. A number of studies have been conducted, and have shown that recommended vaccines are as effective in combination as they are individually, and such combinations carry no greater risk for adverse side effects. There is no evidence to suggest the recommended childhood vaccines overload the immune system.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, Garden City Hospital provides helpful and in depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Children & Bullying," is Saturday, September 14.

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The kids are going back to school; should I?

Susan Ricker,
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It's now commonplace for job seekers to consider going back to school to advance their career. But is this a practical move for everybody? Not always. There are different industry standards for education, and a specific degree or certification may not always move you forward.

While back-to-school commercials may already be playing on TV, avoid getting sucked in and decide for yourself if going back to school is the right move for your career. Karen Southall Watts, business coach, consultant and author, provides the questions you should ask yourself when considering further education, as well as the answers to best to determine your options.

How much do you know about the job potential for this course of study?

How much do you know about local opportunities, the potential need to relocate to find work and the realistic time from entry-level wages to getting a promotion? Many students enroll in "hot" fields such as nursing, for example, only to find that they are unsuited to the physical demands of the job or that there are few local employers. Older students often have family obligations that mean they cannot pick up and follow the jobs after graduation.

What is your (true) comfort level with technology?

Many schools are pushing



courses online, using online registration and grading systems, and making libraries and other resources accessible via the school website. Some older students are not comfortable with intense computer use, although the stereotype of older students being computer-phobic and younger ones being digital natives is a bit deceptive. In students of any age, the ability to use things such as Facebook, email or a smartphone does not equal the ability to do online research, use computers to generate documents and presentations, or interact with online classroom software packages.

Are you overloading your schedule?

Adult students tend to be very goal-oriented and want to finish education and training as quickly as possible in order to get into the job market. This desire to hurry up may manifest in an overloaded and unrealistic schedule. Students who are depending upon financial aid sometimes feel pressured into taking the maximum amount of hours possible. Combine these issues with family and job commitments, and a student can start an academic term in a "no win" situation -- there simply are not enough hours in the day to do what he or she wants.

Is there another option besides a full degree?

If a student is already mid-career, he or she may need only a few courses or workshops to get to the next level. Rather than shifting from one field into something completely unrelated, it may be wiser to find ways to leverage past experience and pivot to something that doesn't require starting from zero. It is essential for potential students to talk to someone in their chosen field and not just admissions advisers when making the decision to return to school and selecting a course of study.

Education can be a great

option for those who have researched their career options and know which direction they'd like to take. However, if schooling isn't a smart career move for you, there are other ways to gain momentum in your career and opportunities that may lead to bigger roles down the road.

Susan Ricker is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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15 Saki grain
16 Try to grasp (2 wds.)
18 Hard to bear
20 Art-store buy
21 Soda-can opener
22 Cartoonist — Keane
23 Egg beater
26 Money pools
30 Qty.
31 Not care a —
32 Demire —
33 Called from the Tyrol
36 Whodunit suspects
38 Hoover or Aswan

DOWN
39 Cooking spray brand
40 Tomado finder
43 Waddles
47 Yellow spice
49 Lie adjacent
50 Previous to
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54 Sappho's verses
55 Was in the loop

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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3			4		7	1	6	
4	1	6			8		3	7
7				1		4		
	9		3		4			
	3					9		1
5	4							
			2		1		7	5
6					9			

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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8	2	7	1	6	9	3	5	9	4
6	7	1	8	5	9	3	4	2	7
5	4	3	2	7	4	1	6	7	5
6	7	1	8	9	3	5	9	4	2
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1	9	5	3	8	4	7	2	6	
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M	K	N	T	V	S	L	H	G	N	I	G	A	K	C	A	P	A	
E	T	D	K	E	V	G	I	N	V	E	S	T	I	G	A	T	E	
N	D	I	R	T	E	N	I	C	I	D	E	M	A	L	O	A	N	P
T	I	N	E	S	N	E	C	I	L	C	R	E	A	T	I	O	N	P
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Mazda plans to drive new Mazda6 top of midsize heap



By Dale Buss

Because it's a scrappy brand, Mazda has held on in the U.S. market without the vehicles or marketing muscle to pose a serious threat to Toyota's and Honda's dominance of the small-car market over the last few decades.

But increasingly, Mazda does have the cars to compete in the hottest segments, like the latest version of the CX-5 SUV and, now, the all-new Mazda6 mid-size sedan. And Mazda's marketing has wisely moved beyond the "zoom-zoom" mantra to a more differentiated pitch based on its SkyActiv sub-brand of "light-weighting" technologies and nameplate-centric campaigns that take advantage of the better vehicles.

"We realized long ago that we're not going to be able to out-shout any of our big competitors, so we have to be more clever than they are, in unique and different ways," Jeremy Barnes, Mazda's director of PR and brand experience in the U.S., told me. "Our biggest challenge as a brand is not that people think poorly of our brand but that they don't think immediately of us."

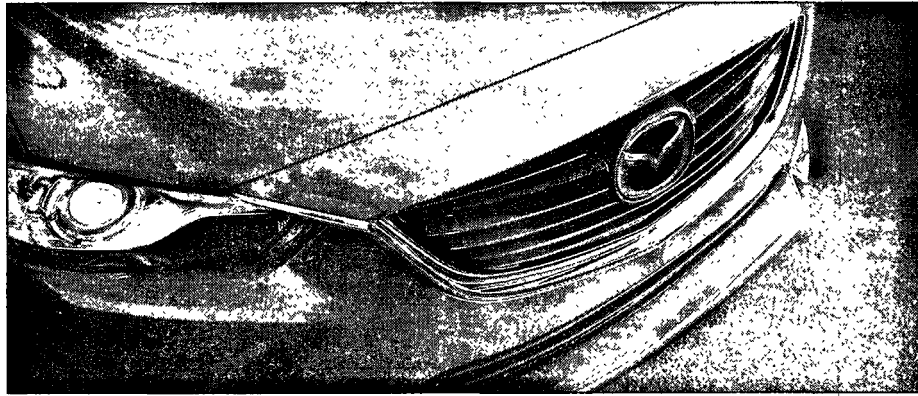
This problem has become mostly a marketing challenge, because Mazda vehicles themselves sure are taking on their share of the responsibility for a turnaround. The new Mazda6 touts highly acclaimed new styling and the product line's fullest expression yet of SkyActiv technologies such as a more fuel-efficient engine and transmission and lightweight new materials and components.

In fact, the car is completely new from the ground up, Barnes said, and is entirely a Mazda creation; the Mazda6 it replaces was a joint product of Mazda and its erstwhile partner, Ford.

The midsize sedan represents a huge departure from the old model, the second vehicle to flow from an engineering program that Mazda launched after the alliance with Ford ended in 2010. Mazda executives invested heavily in new engines and transmissions and lightweight materials under SkyActiv.

Mazda6 combines high fuel economy with a sportiness that separates the car, and the brand, from other Japanese companies' compact offerings and holds up well against other competitors including a redesigned Ford Fusion, Hyundai Sonata, Kia Optima and Volkswagen Passat.

The interior of the car already has won awards for its appearance and the use of quality materials. But some reviewers have complained about cargo space and interior storage niches being too small and about a 5.8-inch touch screen, which is smaller and less sensitive to the touch than some competitors'.



The just-launched new 2014 Mazda6 provides worthy competition in the compact segment.

Interestingly, Mazda also plans to take the plunge into clean-diesel technology with a new diesel engine that will be available on the Mazda6 later this year. This will provide yet another "green" way that Mazda can differentiate its worthy new compact from the competition.

The other early product of Mazda's go-it-alone engineering is the CX-5, a new version of the compact SUV that just ranked highest of any nameplate in the segment in the new J.D. Power study of shopper appeal.

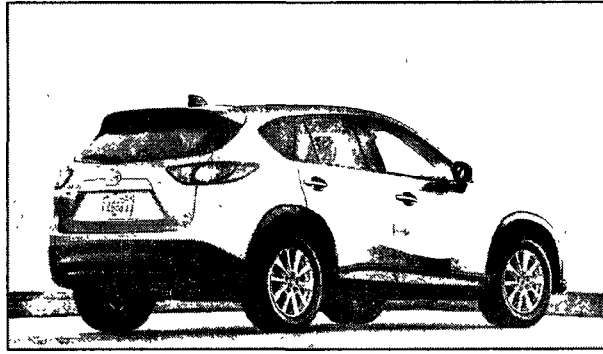
For Mazda6, the brand launched its "Take6 Ride and Drive Program" sequentially in 15 major U.S. cities (though not Detroit) beginning this month in Seattle and ending in November. The idea of this "experiential" initiative is for Mazda representatives to partner with restaurants where the brand's target Millennial demographic just happens to be waiting for a table. These "brand ambassadors" offer to take

up just six minutes of their idle time with a quick pitch about, and a test drive of, the Mazda6—which conveniently is sitting at the curb. Mazda offers gift cards or free dessert at the restaurant as a lure.

"They'll have gone out for dinner, and our goal is to catch these people where they are rather than making them go where the car is," like a dealership, Barnes said. "We're trying to drive interest, get people behind the wheel of the Mazda6, understand what makes it unique and different — and do it in a way that's comfortable."

"It's an opportunity for them to see that the car does drive wonderfully. And when they're in the market to go shopping for a new car, if they think of putting Mazda6 on their shopping list, then we've done our job."

As a final reward for going along in Take6, Mazda gives each diner a Mazda6-branded spice grinder. "It's because food is typically a passion point for our kind of customers," Barnes explained. "The Mazda logo will stare at you. It's another memory device for when you're buying your next car."



The CX-5 was the first new vehicle launched under the SkyActiv umbrella.

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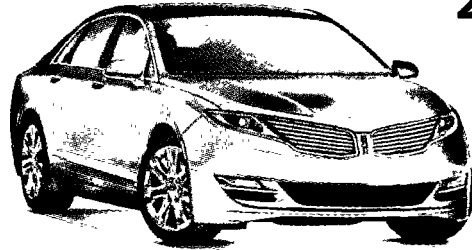
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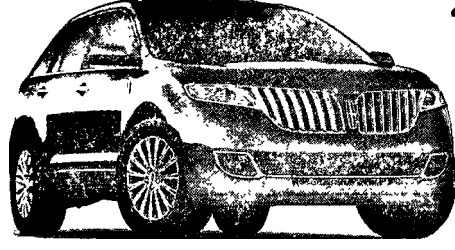


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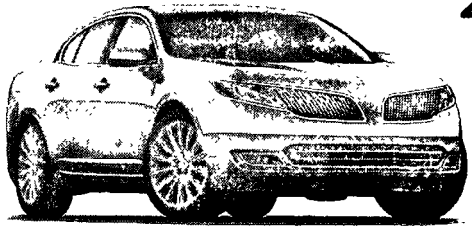


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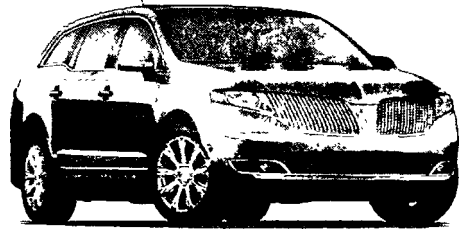


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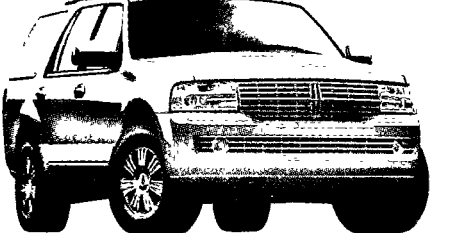


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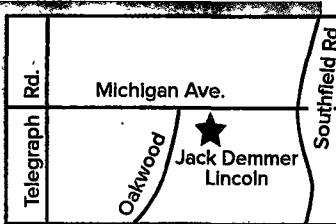
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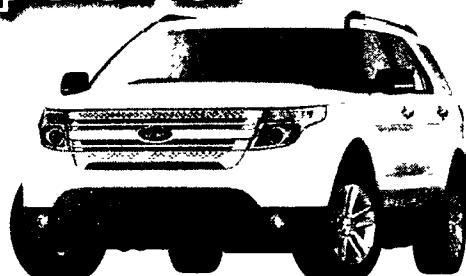
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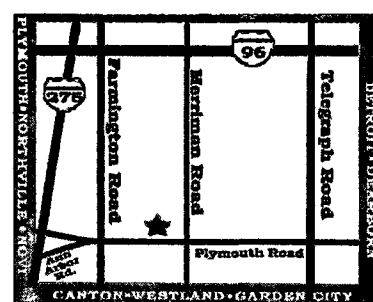
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