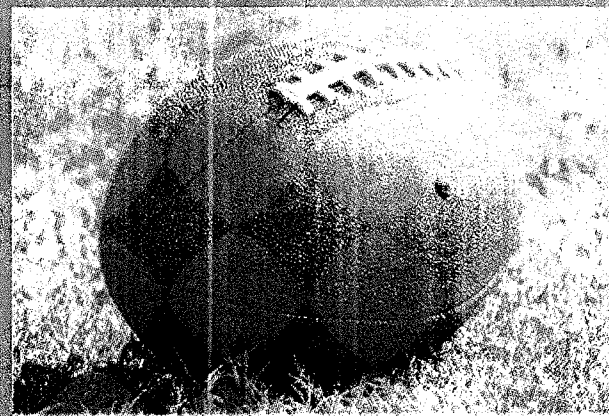


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IN BRIEF

Community gathering

Mayor William Wild is hosting a Community Gathering 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at Corrado Park, on Gladys at Flamingo, south of Joy and west of Middlebelt.

There will be a barbecue - Councilmen Michael Kehrer and Adam Hammons have volunteered to help with the cooking duties - along with a disc jockey, bouncers, police and fire demonstrations. It's free and everyone is welcome.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library will hold a used book sale Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-19, at the library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Regular prices on Friday will be \$1 for hard-cover books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for magazines. Green reusable Friends bags also will be available for \$2.

On Saturday, there will be a \$6 per bag sale. Go Green and bring your own brown paper grocery bag or comparable sized reusable bag. On Sunday, it will \$4 per bag.

A preview sale will be held for Friends members 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. Join the group and get an early bird look at the bargains. Friends memberships will be available at the preview sale.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, Sept. 13. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Landings tenant: Ban together to fight crime

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A recent shooting at her apartment complex prompted one Westland resident to bring her concerns about crime to the city council.

The woman, a long-time resident of the Landings Apartments, called on residents to get organized and work with apartment manager and police to address the problem.

"What I've seen is drug dealers from Detroit who network from building to building," said the woman, who asked that her name not be used. "Management knows it. They are enforcing rules against loitering in the halls and parking lot. They just wait till after 6 p.m.) when the office closes."

The woman called for a letter to be sent to all of the city's apartment complexes, urging residents to report suspi-

cious activities to Westland police and the apartment managers.

"These are people who have migrated from Detroit and Inkster. Yes, they are young African American males," said the woman, who is African American herself. "They think they are outsmarting the Westland police. Maybe the residents can stifle this, so that the drug dealers know, too, that there isn't just a chance of eviction but also of a police investigation."

After the meeting, Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden said police have a really strong working relationship with the management of all the apartment complexes within the city.

"We work hand-in-hand on issues of noise, drugs and other activities," he said. "They will take eviction action on disruptive people."

There hasn't been a particular problem at the Landings, Ramsden said,

'They think they are outsmarting the Westland police. Maybe the residents can stifle this, so that the drug dealers know, too, that there isn't just a chance of eviction but also of a police investigation.'

LANDINGS APARTMENTS RESIDENT

describing the Aug. 24 incident as a domestic issue - the man charged in the incident is married to the former wife of the victim.

"We really need to target problem areas and problem apartments rather than blanketing apartments," said Ramsden. "There are lot of good people who live in apartments. It's all the quality of the renter."

With the high foreclosure rate and high unemployment, Ramsden said

people are looking for cheaper rent and given a choice to relocate to a safer community with better quality schools, such as Westland, they will move.

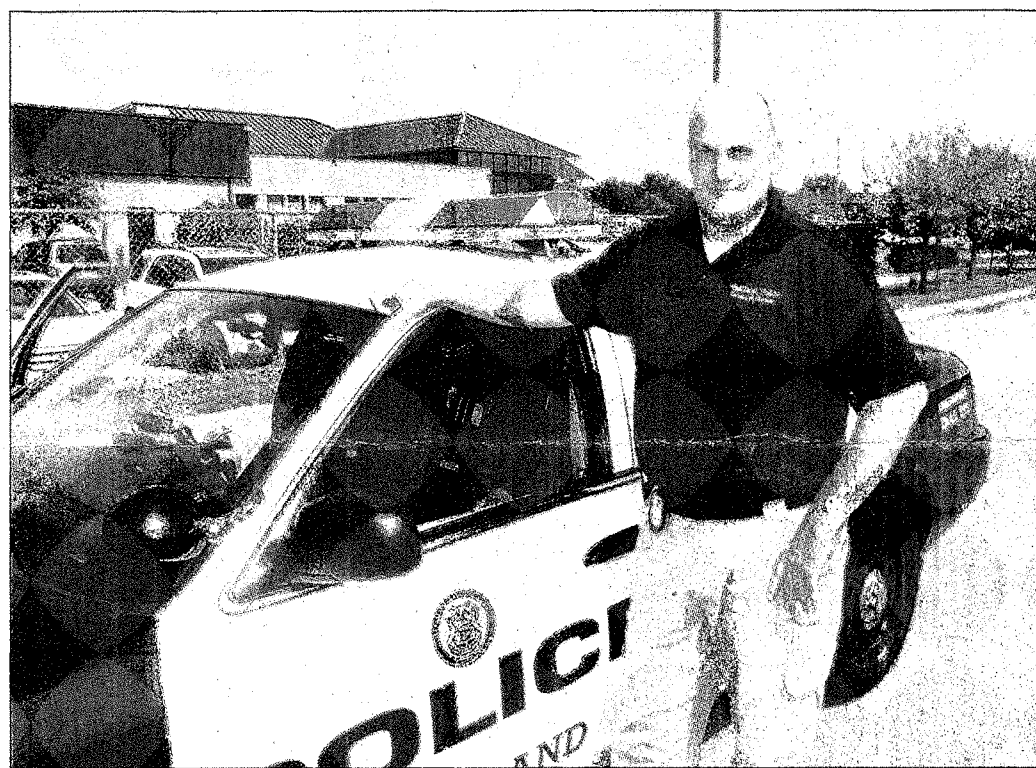
"I don't think our apartment complexes, and we have more of them than other communities, are worse than in other communities," said Ramsden. "If citizens have asked for help, we do it - anywhere, any time."

Officers recently responded to a problem with assaults and robberies at Woodcrest Villa Apartments by a group of young males.

"We had special patrols and arrested the ring leader," said Ramsden.

Management at the Landings, located near Central City Parkway and Ford, had no comment except to confirm that a community watch group had been formed.

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Westland Police Officer Matthew Bobby is beginning his first full year as school resource officer for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. He will be based at John Glenn High School where he graduated himself.

Resource officer finds schools a busy beat

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Now that the new school year is under way, Westland police Officer Matthew Bobby is looking forward to his new assignment as school resource officer.

"I love working at the

school. It's busy constantly but a different kind of busy than road patrol," said Bobby, who has been a police officer for 17 years.

While he is assigned to serve the entire district, Bobby will be based at a familiar spot - Westland John Glenn High School,

where is he an alumnus.

"We have a mini police station at Glenn, but I'm responsible for all of the schools," he said. "I have a radio with me. If I'm tied up at the high school, they'll send a district car to the other school."

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First day of school goes smoothly in W-W

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After eight months of preparing for a move to a two-tiered elementary program, the first day of classes went smoothly for youngsters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"We had a fabulous opening," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We had a few glitches in transportation, but that was about it, but everything is going well."

The Wayne-Westland school board voted last December to close six elementary schools and repurpose two middle schools in a move to the K-four/five-six elementary program. A transition team made up of school officials, staff and parents worked on the project which started just after the last bell rang to end the 2009-10 school year.

Youngsters who attended the closed schools were divided up among the remaining 11 elementarys, and the district spent the summer moving equipment, desks and supplies to the remaining schools.

Sinking fund money also was used to for parking lot expansions and similar exterior work, while building and grounds funds paid for

playground equipment, especially at Adams and Marshall Middle Schools which were converted to upper elementarys to house fifth- and sixth-graders.

If there was a pleasant surprise about the start of school, it was the surge in enrollment on the Sept. 3 and on opening day, Sept. 7 when 100 students signed up. The unknown factor, according to Baracy, is how many show up for class.

Initial counts show that even with the influx of new students, the elementary enrollment is down about 130 students.

"Based on what's coming in, we won't need any overload classes, but we may need to create and extra kindergarten at Edison Elementary School," said Baracy.

The district had projected it would lose between 250 and 300 students this school year, based on demographics and the birth rate, as well as the state's continued economic downturn.

"If there's any new growth it won't be a true growth like in the 1990s, especially with tens of thousands of families leaving the state because of the economy," Baracy said.

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Economy takes bite out of loan repayments

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's Community Development Block Grant Program received nearly \$134,000 less in loan repayments than expected, another victim of the poor economy and foreclosure rate.

That shortfall required the council to approve a revised budget reflecting the lower than expected income. Among the funded items are housing rehabilitation, Dorsey Park renovations, Norwayne water main, administrative costs and other city projects.

"We did have some money left over from prior projects, the current year projects had

to be reduced," said Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "It didn't impact us negatively. We didn't have to call anyone and say that we couldn't rehabilitate their home or reduce a grant."

The CDBG Program gets the largest amount of income from repayments of housing rehabilitation projects. For low-income residents with income at 60 percent or less of the area median income, the housing rehabilitation costs become liens on the property that are to be repaid when the home is sold.

Homeowners with incomes in the 60-80 percent of median income have the housing

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Martin tapped for Library Board

Appointment

The Westland City Council has confirmed the mayoral appointment of Antoinette Martin to the Westland Library Board to fill an unexpired term through June 20, 2014.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has a five-member board, appointed by the mayor and approved by the council. The Library Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the library's Community Meeting Room. The meetings are open to the general public unless otherwise indicated.

"Antoinette Martin's knowledge of the community and passion to better our city will be an excellent addition to our library," said Mayor William Wild.

Martin received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Eastern Michigan University. She has been an accountant for 10 years and has worked as a financial advisor for 23 years. She currently owns her



Antionette Martin

own Ameriprise business. Martin is the past president of the Westland Rotary Club and has been involved in the community for eight years. She was recently honored as Westland First Citizen in recognition of her community service. "I have always been interested in the workings of the library and look forward to learning a lot with this new position," said Martin.

MML delegates

Westland Council President James Godbout has been appointed by council as the city's delegate to the annual Michigan Municipal League which will be held Wednesday at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. Councilman Michael Kehrer, the council president pro tem, was appointed as the alternate delegate.

License transfer

The transfer of a 2009 Class C liquor license with a dance permit for the Copper Door, 8701 Inkster Road, has been approved by council.

Cynthia Snider of Canton has purchased the business and requested the license transfer from J. Estrada Inc. to her company, Vella Inc.

Snider listed 20 years experience in the food service industry, including the last 10 years as manager of the Plymouth Pub. During that time, she said the business had not violations with the state Liquor Control Commission or

the local municipality.

Fun run

The second annual 5K Trick or Trot fun run/walk through Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery has been given the go-ahead by the Westland council. The fun run will be held Sunday, Oct. 31.

The walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Forum Fitness Center parking lot on Ford at Wildwood.

Rosary rally

The Westland council has approved a request for a Rosary Rally to be held on the public sidewalk in front of City Hall at noon on Saturday, Oct. 16. About a dozen people are expected to participate in prayers, holding a banner and saying the rosary before dispersing after about 45 minutes.

The event had been held for three years in front of Garden City's City Hall, but was being relocated due to road construction on Middlebelt.

Council OKs expansion plans for two long-time businesses

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Revised site plans for three Westland businesses - two which are expanding their facilities - have been approved by the council.

• The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, received permission to construct a 720-square foot enclosed outdoor smokers patio at the rear of the business. It will be surrounded by a six-foot wooden screening fence with access from the rear of the business and out to the parking lot.

"This is a long-established business. We have seen several of these (smokers patios), so we are familiar with them," said Planning Director Bruce Thompson. "I want to thank (owner) Mr. (John) Anton for working with the city to do a good project."

• Sportway of Westland, 38250 Ford, received approval to construct a 2,800-square foot building at the north end of the business for storage of go-carts. The building will have a scored masonry exterior and shingled roof similar to the

existing building located in the go cart area.

"This is another long-term business. We are fortunate that they are making an investment to upgrade," said Thompson, noting the property is nearly five acres.

Council President James Godbout congratulated Sportway of Westland on celebrating 25 years in business.

"You do a great job, I know you give a lot back to the community. Thank you," Godbout said.

Council also approved a plan for a temporary mobile treatment trailer to be placed at Speedway gas station, 3734 Cherry Hill, east of Newburgh. The intent is to address an historic petroleum release.

The unoccupied trailer would be placed at the southwest corner of the property. It would be used for extracting ground water from existing shallow wells, treat the water and pump the treated water into the sanitary sewer. It would operate one month per quarter for two years.

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State, national candidates debate issues

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Candidates hoping to represent Westland and Garden City residents in Lansing and Washington, D.C., answered questions from an audience of about 85 Thursday during a candidate forum at Livonia City Hall.

Only one candidate was not there - U.S. Rep Thaddeus McCotter.

But his opponents, Democrat Natalie Mosher and Libertarian John J. Tatar, as well as the Republican and Democratic candidates for the state Senate discussed their views on a wide spectrum of topics including taxes, term limits, health care and education.

"Thaddeus McCotter blew you off this evening," Mosher told the audience during her opening statement.

McCotter's campaign office sent an e-mail to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, which sponsored the forum, shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday saying McCotter's official responsibilities precluded his attendance.

"Such things often occur when any organization



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State Sen. Glenn Anderson

chooses a date and publicizes a forum without confirmation from a campaign," the e-mail said.

Paula Bowman, president of the league, said the organization was disappointed. It had sent McCotter a "save the date" card June 25 and purposely scheduled the forum for when Congress wasn't in session, she said, adding he has attended past forums.

STATE CANDIDATES

Candidates for the state Senate — incumbent state Sen. Glenn Anderson and Anderson's challenger John Pastor, a Republican — do not support the Nov. 2 ballot proposal for a Constitutional Convention.

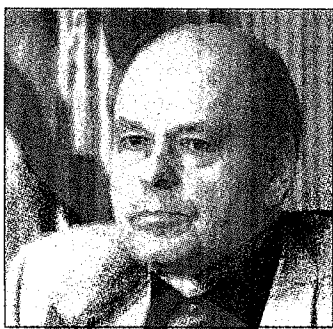


John Pastor

The candidates also said a second bridge over the Detroit River is needed to assist the economy. Anderson would support a public-private partnership to get the bridge built. Pastor said it should be a private endeavor.

"The government doesn't run programs well," he said.

None of the state candidates supports raising taxes to balance the state budget. Pastor said the state needs to fund only what's required by the Constitution, and then cut spending by 2 to 3 percent each year. Anderson said the state should ask for reductions in its contracts, like Ford Motor



John J. Tatar

Co. did to save money. A 5-percent cut would save \$3.5 billion, Anderson said.

Anderson and Pastor said term limits have been detrimental to state government, hampering the formation of relationships and the building of trust among elected officials that is necessary for stable, productive governance.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

Mosher said health care is a right for every man, woman and child, adding it must be affordable and accessible. Tatar said health care is not a responsibility of the government.

In response to a ques-



Natalie Mosher

tion about privatizing Social Security, Tatar said the government hasn't done anything right. Mosher said she disagreed, saying Social Security and Medicare are among the most successful government programs.

"Many single women over 65 would be living in poverty (if it weren't for Social Security)," she said, adding she doesn't support any privatization or weakening of Social Security.

Mosher also supports pre-kindergarten education for 4-year-olds across the nation.

"Kids have to be ready to compete globally," she said.

Tatar said the federal government should keep its hands off education.

"What does Washington know about educating people at that level?" he asked.

Mosher said her three top priorities would be jobs, jobs, jobs, adding that government must assist small businesses with loans. Tatar said his priorities would be reducing the size of federal government, nationalizing the federal reserve and returning all troops home from overseas.

Marisa Downs of Plymouth is a Mosher supporter who attended the forum. She said her big issues are education, the environment and peace. She thinks Mosher will provide better representation in Congress than McCotter.

Doris VanVuren of Livonia, another Mosher supporter, said she wrote McCotter shortly after he was elected concerning Canadian trash coming into Michigan. She said he told her it was good for business.

"I was thinking of us (residents)," she said, adding she wasn't happy with his reply.

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Republican candidate for governor Rick Snyder will hold a free town hall meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday Sept. 13, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of Warren Road, Westland.

People can reserve a spot at www.rickformichigan.com.

Participants can hear about Snyder's "Michigan 3.0: The Era of Innovation," and his 10-point business plan and real world experience he has to turn Michigan around.

The visit is sponsored by the Rick Snyder for Michigan Campaign.

Blood Drive

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, at the church at 36660 Cherry Hill Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road.

Call Jim Troutman at (734) 751-3632 to schedule a blood donation appointment or just walk in.

Spaghetti dinner

Prepare your palate and bring your friends to the Wayne Masonic Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under. Proceeds will be used to purchase food baskets for needy families in the community.

The Wayne Masonic Lodge is at 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

Oktoberfest

Join the Westland Community Foundation on Thursday, Oct. 15, for its first Oktoberfest Celebration at Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. and run through 8 p.m. Admission is \$50 per person and includes food, beverages and live entertainment featuring "The Rhinelanders."

For more information, call the Community Foundation at (734) 595-7727.

Foreclosure help

Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program 5-8 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11, 18 and 25 at the Westland Library, Central City Parkway north of Ford. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited.

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Rummage sale

The First United Methodist Church will hold its fall rummage sale with plus size room Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 16-18, at the church, 3 Town Square in Wayne.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 16-17 and 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 17. Items, excluding the plus size room, will be \$2 a bag on Saturday. There also will be a bake sale, hot dogs and refreshments.

For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

Register for classes

Wanna dance? Studio K is now enrolling children for its pre-ballet, ballet, tap, and jazz/hip hop classes. For adults, try bellydancing, Bollywood or round dance classes.

Registration is now open for these classes and many others, including fitness, at the Bailey Recreation Center. Call (734) 722-7620 for registration information or for a complete list of classes, visit the website at www.cityofwestland.com/parksrecreation/y-class.html.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market is open for business 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. The market is held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 N. Warren Road at Wayne Road. The market features seasonal produce, flowers and other items.

Garden helpers needed

Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting the food that is being grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan for distribution to children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in

need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill but volunteers are asked to use the Avondale entrance.

For more information, contact Shannon Ackron, Administrative Secretary, at (734) 467-3200.

Golf outing

The Westland Lions Club are hosting a golf outing Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome with sponsorships available. There is registration at 7 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner and door prizes are included.

For more information, call Mack Mayfield at (734) 722-5653, Kenneth Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, has resumed regular office hours in the 12th District.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

- The McDonald's restaurant (27125 Cherry Hill Road, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.
- Starbucks at 36545 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland at 10 a.m. and at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 6-8 p.m., both on the second Monday of the month.
- Biggby Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

Class reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1975 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Livonia Marriott. Reservations and tickets can be purchased online at www.jgh-schools75.com. For more information, contact Loren Zeidman at (248) 877-0909 or by e-mail at l_zeidman@americancredit.com.

Vendors needed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is looking for sales consultants from direct selling companies to display and sell their products at a sales event Oct. 16.

Rental space is \$20-\$30 for

the sale which will be held at the Salvation Army building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The event is a fund-raiser for two of the corps' youth groups which are working toward a week-long trip to the Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minnesota.

For more information, contact Sandy Kollinger at sandra_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org or Josh Hubbard at joshua_hubbard@usc.salvationarmy.org.

VA consultation

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On Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post 166, 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters. Bring your DD-214 (discharge papers), recent rating decisions and any other documentation which will help attorneys understand and evaluate your current position.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8:30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

OFFICER

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In investigating some crimes, Bobby said officers rely on assistance from school staff. As an example, he cited the help in identifying the youthful suspects in the shooting at the Westland Summer Festival carnival on July 4.

Last spring, Bobby actually started working at the high school, replacing then-school resource Officer Dan Serrano, who completed three years in the slot before being promoted to sergeant. Serrano helped show him the ropes, Bobby said, and still is available to help him out.

"Matt has been a great patrolman for 17 years. He's a hardworking individual — a dependable, self-motivated officer," said Westland Deputy Police Chief Daniel Karrick. "He's a graduate of Glenn, has grown up and lived in the city his whole life. He'll be a good fit."

Serrano did a good job working with the schools, Karrick said, adding that Bobby will be able to step in without missing a beat.

"Matt will do a great job," he said.

While handling law enforcement issues at the schools, Bobby also is available as a resource for classroom programs on related issues.

One program Bobby has been working on with Officer Kevin Yudit will teach students about dangerous driving.

"We bought a golf cart, and we will use the drunk goggles for programs on drunk driving and texting while driving," said Bobby. "We're trying to be proactive."

A Westland Police Explorer for five years before joining the police department, Bobby has three brothers who are police officers — Joe, who is a Westland canine officer, Mike, who is an Inkster officer and Jeff, a Garden City police officer.

Married with two children, Bobby, 37, recently purchased a horse he named Taser.

"I hope to work for a department with a mounted unit someday," he said. "In November, I'm going to North Carolina for mounted police training that I'm paying for myself. I got the horse two months ago. It's much safer than a dirt bike."

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rehabilitation costs charged as a low-interest loan.

"If we have a loan or a lien on property, we are in second position, the mortgage is in the first position," said Inglis. "Properties are worth less. If there is a foreclosure, 99 percent of the time the mortgage isn't being paid in full. We don't get paid."

The city used to collect about \$100,000 annually in loan/lien repayment - that number is about \$30,000-35,000 this year.

"It's the first time we've had this kind of impact. There are just so many ways we are impacted by foreclosures and the economy," said Inglis.

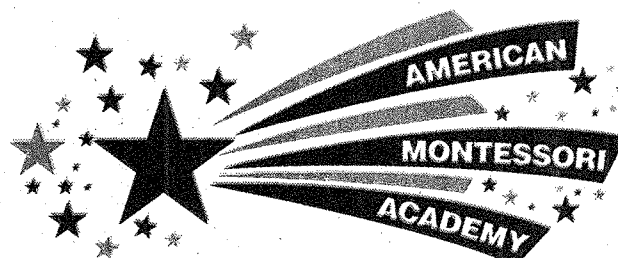
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

October Fun Fest

St. Dunstan Parish Council is sponsoring its first ever October Fun Fest noon-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

There will be music in the Oktoberfest tradition, games for all ages, crafts for youngsters and food at family friendly prices. Chicken dinners will be available 3-6 p.m., plus Brats, kraut, hot dogs, strudel and more all day long, beer for the traditional Oktoberfest crowd, root beer, cider and other choices. There also will be a big raffle, basket raffles and 50/50 raffles. The big raffle has a \$2,500 first prize, \$1,000 as the second prize and \$500 as the third prize.

Bad weather? No problem. The sun is always shining inside for the October Fun Fest.

St. Dunstan is at 1515 Belton St., two blocks south of Ford Road and two blocks west of Inkster Road. For more information, call St. Dunstan Parish at (734) 425-6720.

Teen movie

Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City is hosting a movie event Saturday, Sept. 18, that organizers say will "change your teen's life."

Slated to be shown at 7 p.m., "To Save A Life" doesn't shy away from tough topics like social divisions, school violence, cutting, suicide, teen pregnancy and divorce. The material isn't presented in a graphic way but in an authentic way that makes teens consider what they want their lives to be about.

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Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City, is resuming office hours after taking a summer break. Webb represents the county's 9th District, which includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City, and Redford Township.

She will hold office hours on the following days and times:

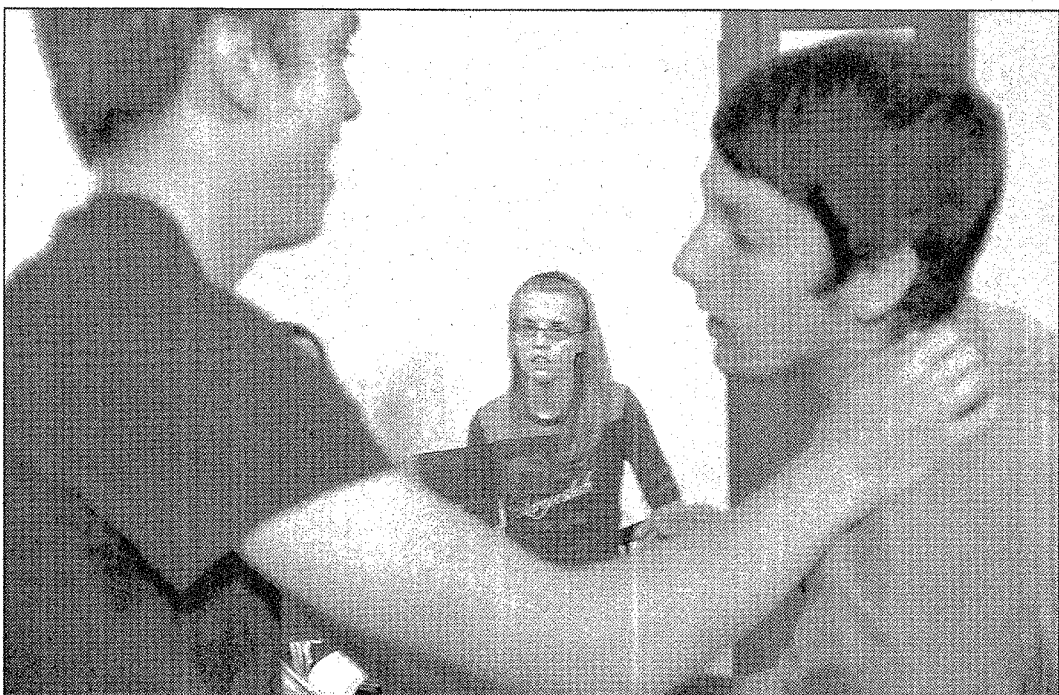
- 9:30 a.m. the third Monday of each month at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, and at 11:30 a.m. at the Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights.
- 10 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, in Redford Township.
- 11:30 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

For residents who are unable to attend daytime office hours, Webb holds evening hours at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month. The locations rotate throughout her district. Call (313) 224-0930 to confirm the location of the evening office hours for the current month.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.



'It's Not Too Late'

Teens at Merriman Road Baptist Church will present 'It's Not Too Late,' Christian music drama, based in part on the massacre at Columbine High School in 1999, at 6 p.m. this evening (Sept. 12) and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18, Katie Gibson of Livonia who plays Lisa Gibbons looks on in horror as Mark, a bully played by Nick Walters of Dearborn Heights, scuffles Matt, played by Austin Manuel of Garden City. The play is presented free of charge, but a freewill offering will be accepted to support the Columbine Memorial. Merriman Road Baptist Church is at 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.



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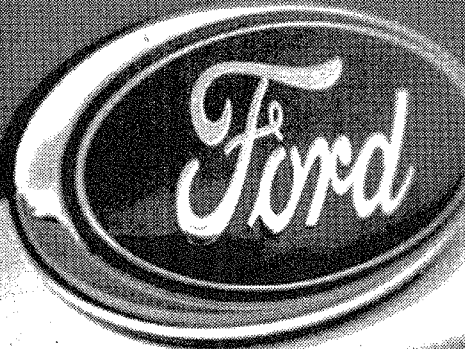
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Wings brass: Passion, execution among keys to success



Ken Holland and Mike Babcock address members of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock has a simple strategy for winning. Preparation. Execution. Reinforcement.

Those habits and traits in hockey — and in business — bring success, Babcock told the crowd of 280 people at a Livonia Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. Babcock was joined by Red Wings general manager Ken Holland, just days before they were to leave for Traverse City and preseason camp.

Preparation gets you ready to compete, and reinforcement increases your confidence for higher expectations, he said.

"All it is is a weeding out process, so that the best is left," Babcock said. "All you are doing is weeding out the competition."

Babcock rattled off the numbers of hockey games played by the team in various seasons. Several seasons tallied well over 100 games, which included a short exhibition season, an 82-game schedule and playoff games, an impressive run of success. Babcock credited the dedication of the entire organization to the team's success.

'YOUR WORK ETHIC'

"It's your work ethic and it's bringing that passion every day," Babcock said.

Holland spoke of last year's season, which was marred by injuries during the regular season to players like Johan Franzen, Henrik Zetterburg and several others. The team stayed afloat during the regular season due to the character of the locker room. "They are a proud group and they don't expect to lose," Holland said. He also credited the goaltending of Jimmy Howard.

Holland also discussed the signing of Mike Modano, who grew up in Westland and attended Livonia schools. Modano attended Livonia Franklin High School before going to the Prince Albert Raiders (Alberta, Canada) as a junior at age 16. Holland called Modano the face of the former Minnesota North Stars and Dallas Stars and signed him over the summer. Holland discussed one of the reasons why he signed Modano. "If he continues his career, it should be in Detroit in front of his family and friends," Holland said.

Holland also pointed to the experienced players helping the youth on the team for the team's long-running success, such as veteran center Kris Draper giving Darren Helm pointers on winning faceoffs during the playoffs against Phoenix last season. "You can't put a dollar on that," Holland said. The veterans understand the younger players will eventually replace their roles on the team, "but they are willing to step aside," Holland said. "They understand they have an important role in developing the younger players," Holland said.

Holland told the crowd it was important for people to find their passion. "You want to get paid for something that isn't work," Holland said.

Babcock said Holland was the best general manager in hockey. He "gets information, gets the best ideas and makes the best decisions," Babcock said. "He's very patient. He believes in a sequence of events."

players, talking with Mike Modano at an All-Star game about how Babcock should handle Chris Chelios, an aging Hall of Fame defenseman on a roster with young and talented players.

This summer, that relationship, along with Holland's salary cap discussions with players like Nicklas Lidstrom, contributed to the signing of Modano.

Babcock spoke of maximizing potential, too. Contracts are signed in one day, he said, but after that, it's all about competing, he added. "They care about displaying their skills," Babcock said.

Both Holland and Babcock are optimistic about this year's team. Many of the players are entering or are in the prime of their careers in their late 20s or early 30s, Holland said.

GOOD RESPONSE

Chamber members and other visitors were impressed by the two speakers, and enjoyed how they spoke about hockey success and its practical application into everyday operations into other businesses.

Ken Wagner of Wagner Insurance thought the two brought up great points on working hard and having passion in an occupation. "That just doesn't apply to sports," Wagner said. "You have to have that to be successful."

The message he took from the speech was "never burn a bridge," Wagner said. Babcock had told a story about Jiri Hudler, who played in Russia for one season for more money. Halfway through last season, Hudler had called other Wings players to say how great it was to play for the Wings. Hudler will return to play this season for the Red Wings.

Larry Pelliccioni of Northville was surprised at the frank assessment of the older superstars from Holland's perspective and Babcock's motivational skills. "They were refreshingly honest," Pelliccioni said. Pelliccioni liked that the two non-native Detroiters (both grew up in Canada) understand Detroit and Michigan's emphasis on hard work and dedication. "They really caught what this city is all about," he said. "They're great ambassadors not just for hockey, but for the city, too."

Kathy Hoen of Community Choice Credit Union liked that Babcock and Holland mixed leadership, management and business into their discussion about hockey. "They showed a lot of applicable connections in managing a successful business," Hoen said. "I loved Mike Babcock's circle of success in preparation, execution and reinforcement."

Hoen also enjoyed the long-term planning by the Red Wings organization for five and 10 years down the road. "Usually businesses look at how they can make money the next quarter," Hoen said.

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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Babcock once coached in the American Hockey League, but could not land an interview in the NHL so he asked one of the general managers why. He was told he needed to build relationships, so he worked on that.

Eventually he landed a job with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks (now just the Anaheim Ducks), taking them to the Stanley Cup finals in his first season as the coach. He also worked on forging relationships with some of the

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Tax documents don't need to be saved forever

Q: Dear Rick: In April, I filed for an extension for my 2009 tax return. I recently completed and e-filed my return. How long do I have to save my tax records? I have all my returns and the backup documentation for at least the past 20 years. Do I need to save them or can I just pitch them?

A: People save tax records to prove various deductions and other items if they are audited.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The general rule is you can be audited for three years after filing a return. Therefore, for the majority of people, the only returns that can still be audited are 2007, 2008 and 2009.

There is very little chance that your return can be scrutinized before those years and, from a tax standpoint, there is no reason to save any of the backup documentation before then. I recommend that you shred the information not throw in away. Identity theft is a major concern.

As to your actual tax returns, my general rule has been to retain copies of the return. However, I'm not sure that in today's world it's as important to save the returns themselves for any appreciable length of time. My new view is save your tax return for seven years and after that shred it.

Like all rules, there are some exceptions and the one with regards to documentation deals with fraud. If the IRS suspects fraud there is no time limit as to how far back they can audit your return. Therefore, if you've taken unusual deductions, had a unique tax situation or anything unusual about your tax return, save that return and the backup documentation for at least seven years.

There was a time when I saved every canceled check, bank statement and mutual fund company statement. Thankfully, times have changed. Technology has

provided a very efficient and cost-effective means of saving documents. Because of technology, it is not as important for people to save as much paper documentation. For example, if you own a mutual fund and you need to get a past statement it is relatively easy to get one. The same is true with bank statements and other pieces of financial data. Mutual fund statements today are cumulative and you can get them online. When I receive a mutual fund statement, whether for an individual mutual fund or from a 401(k) plan, I check the accuracy then shred the old one.

I believe from a record keeping standpoint the best strategy is to keep less not more. Sometimes I see people that save every piece of paper imaginable and they think they're doing the right thing. I think all it does is add clutter and increase the chance that you won't be able to locate an important document when needed.

Everyone needs some sort of document retention system. Is there one system that's good for everyone? No. The key is to have some sort of system that makes life less hectic and works for you.

I would like to wish the Jewish community a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. May this New Year bring peace, happiness and prosperity to the entire world. L'Shana Tova!

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

Motorcyclists rev up for annual Toy Ride

Motorcycle riders will take to the streets of Westland on Sunday, Sept. 19, to help the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

The Westland Community Foundation is inviting riders to join in the Motor City Harley Owners Group Chapter 2368, 16th annual Toy Run to collect money and toys for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army to help them purchase food for its food pantry and supply children with toys during the holiday season.

The motorcycle ride will start at the Westland City Hall. Check in is 10 a.m. to noon. Riders will leave promptly at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person plus a new unwrapped toy or \$15 per person.

The escorted ride will wind through the streets of Westland, ending at Joy Manor on Joy east of Middlebelt, where the group will enjoy an Italian meal of pizza, spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and pop which is included in the cost of the ride ticket. There also will be a auction.

All bikes are welcome. Donations also are being accepted for the auction. Call Sandy at (248) 755-7804.



Motorcyclists have been gathering in Westland for 16 years to ride and collect toys and money to benefit needy families.

Week honors older workforce

In honor of Michigan's older work force, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) is encouraging employers to observe 2010 National Employ Older Worker Week, Sept. 19-25.

"Michigan has benefited significantly from the skills and talents of older workers," says Sharon Gire, OSA Director. "We must continue to support opportunities to employ them in meaningful work that will keep them active, healthy, and supplement their retirement income."

Because of their experience, skills, dependability and strong work ethic, older workers are a valuable asset to employers and communities. They also support local economies by investing their earnings in the marketplace.

By 2014, it is estimated

that 41 percent of those aged 55 and older will be employed. This will make up more than 21 percent of the workforce.

National Employ Older Worker Week showcases the success of Michigan's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which is administered with funds from the U.S. Department of Labor. SCSEP provides job training and part-time employment opportunities for limited income older adults.

Since it began 45 years ago, SCSEP has helped more than one million older workers develop job skills which match the rapidly changing demands of the workforce.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28

Location: SS. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland

Details: The SS. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club is sponsoring a Toys and Train Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. the day of the show.

Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

Westland Stars

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland

Details: The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team is holding three mandatory clinics Sept. 16, 23 and 30, in advance of tryouts of Oct. 7. Tryouts are open to girls and boys in the fifth-eighth-grades from the Westland and surrounding areas. If you enjoy cheering and learning cheers, chants, stunts and pyramids or dancing and learning pom-pom, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical and novelty routines come and join the team. The Stars is a team-based program and not just a class. The competition team (Varsity) requires a season long commitment and girls must try-out to make the team. Regular attendance is required for competition team, members should attend every practice. The performance team (Junior Varsity) is open to any girl or boy who would like to join. You do not have to try-out but does require the students to attend practice each week. Fees can be paid \$5 per week, \$25 per month or \$185 per season for

Performance Team and \$210 per season for the Competition Team. The only additional charge is for the \$20 uniform deposit which is paid when uniform distribution is done. The fee will be returned when uniforms are turned in and all class fees are paid. The coaches are Jill Wehrheim who has five years coaching experience and is a former high school cheerleader and dancer and Lisa Walker, a former dancer and high school cheerleader. The advisor is Toni J. Bailey-Lay who has 27 years of coaching experience and is a former cheerleader.

Contact: Call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Walk of Remembrance

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Location: Madonna University at Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia, **Details:** Angela Hospice hosts its third Annual Walk of Remembrance, where families and friends can walk in honor of loved ones. The 2.3-mile walk begins with registration at 8 a.m. and ceremony at 9 a.m. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft and refreshments. Fees for adults are \$20 each (or \$25 the day of); children ages 6-12 are \$5; children 5 and under are free.

Contact: Individuals and teams may register in advance by calling Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

Walk for Melanoma

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10
Location: Kensington Metropark, Milford

Details: Registration will be at 9 a.m. with the fifth Annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth age 10-17. All paid participants will receive a T-shirt and goodie bag. Male and female winners of each age group will receive a prize. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation. Register online: www.melanomawalk.org. Click on First Giving.

Contact: Tricia Edwards at triciae363@comcast.net or call (313) 505-2445.



Wish You Were Here

Maureen Gorie (from left), Kerrie Whalen, Bernadette Balleza, Dolores Kapanke, Sharom Amaya and Laurie Mazure pose with a copy of the Garden City Observer in front of a statue of Jesus during a pilgrimage they made to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass. The statue was a gift to the shrine from the family of a victim of the 9/11 terrorist attack. All Wayne County residents - Kapanke is from Garden City - the group participated in a healing service with the Rev. Ralph DiOrion, visited Boston's Basilica of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, the Xateri Tekawitha Shrine in Fonda, N.Y., and the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, N.Y. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort

of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information,

call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Grief support

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21 - Oct. 16, 2010

Location: Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center, Canton
Details: St. Joseph Mercy Hospice is offering a grief support group to help people learn to cope with the grief over the death of a loved one. Through education, mutual support and sharing of information, members develop skills to cope with the loss, and learn that they are not alone in their grief.

Contact: Call (734) 327-3409 or (734) 327-3224 to register.

Comic Relief Night

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 16

Location: Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, located at 269 E 4th St., Royal Oak

Details: Attend an evening of fun and laughter recognizing "Fibromyalgia Friendly Health Care Professionals." The evening will include the recognition of selected professionals, dinner, one complimentary drink, a silent auction and a night of Comic Relief. To register go to <http://tiny.cc/9az5g>.

Contact: For more information visit hffcf.org/events.php or call (248)344-0896.

Baby Shower

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 30

Location: Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 Outer Dr., Lincoln Park

Details: The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 13th annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants younger than 3 months of age. Mothers and fathers will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will also share information regarding family health and safety, parenting tips and growth and development. To be eligible, parents must be low-income and reside in out-Wayne County (Wayne County, excluding Detroit).

Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. On-site childcare will be available for children over the age of one. Space is limited and the event does fill up quickly. **Contact:** Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156 for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave one message with their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

NAMI Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Location: Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills

Details: Come and join in the NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America. Check-in begins 9 a.m., the walks starts at 11 a.m. The event is a nationwide fund-raising and mental health awareness program that is being held in more than 70 communities around the country. There is no registration fee for the Walk. All participants are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates in support of their participations in the walk. NAMIWALKS for the Mind of America is a rain or shine event.

Contact: Anyone interested in participating can go to www.namimetro.org or call (248) 348-7197 or (28) 651-2578 for additional information.

Craft show

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore Fall Craft Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. In addition to crafters, there will be a bake sale, raffles and refreshments. Admission is free.

Contact: For more information, call Mary at (734) 425 4421, voice-mail 10.

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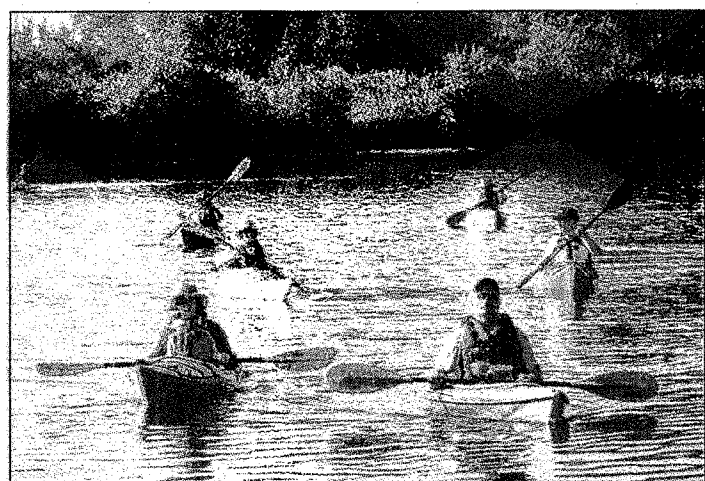
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On Sunday, Sept. 26, Friends of the Rouge is partnering with Riverside Kayak Connection to host an annual tour for kayakers along the highlights the industrial section of the Rouge River.

Kayak trip highlights Rouge River's industrial section

The Rouge River may not come to mind when one thinks of canoeing or kayaking, yet it is the closest river for much of metro Detroit.

After years of exploring different stretches of river, Friends of the Rouge has found two fun and interesting paddling routes. On Sunday Sept. 26, Friends of the Rouge is partnering with Riverside Kayak Connection to host an annual tour that highlights the industrial section of the Rouge River.

The sites on the Sept. 26 tour are like nowhere else in the world and offer a close up look at the history of this well-used river. Kayakers are dwarfed by the massive historic Ford Rouge complex; entertained by the up and down of the unique suspension bridges that all have operators; surprised by the occasional fish and blue herons and awed by the huge release of steam from the coking operations on Zug Island. An added thrill is the possibility of passing a freighter on its way upstream for deliveries.

Due to water quality concerns, the tour is limited to experienced kayakers only.

Reservations can be made by contacting Riverside Kayak Connection at (734) 285-2925.

The tour includes shuttle service and lunch: kayakers are \$45 a person or bring your own for \$20. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the end point at Belanger Park in the City of River Rouge to leave their vehicles and are shuttled to the start point behind the Melvindale Ice Arena.

Paddling time is approximately two hours. The tour is partially supported by Recreational Equipment, Inc., an outdoor gear store with locations in Northville and Troy that supports educating and outfitting people for outdoor activities. Marine Pollution Control will provide an escort boat.

This is the fourth year that Friends of the Rouge has partnered with Riverside Kayak Connection and Marine Pollution Control on the kayak tour. For those interested in a less industrial route, Friends of the Rouge is also sponsoring a canoe trip on Sunday Oct. 17, along the Lower Branch of the river in the City of Wayne.

For more information on the tours, visit www.therouge.org, map at: <http://bit.ly/qF0fg>. Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

EMU fraternity holds bone marrow registry drive

The National Marrow Donor Program's North Central Region will participate in Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity's National Donor Day at Eastern Michigan University.

The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is officially back at EMU in 2010, with more than 20 undergraduate members volunteering and working with a combined total of over 100 total volunteers comprised of the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter at University of Michigan-Dearborn as well as other organizations from both EMU and U-M-D's campuses.

The drive provides local community members the

opportunity to join others across the country who want to give the gift of life by joining the "Be The Match" registry, which is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program.

The local drive takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Volunteers will be helping inform and register people, located at four of the busiest locations on the EMU campus with directional signs posted as well. The goal is to help more than 200 people join the registry.

"Thousands of patients with life-threatening diseases need

transplants and do not find a donor in their family. We are encouraging local residents to come to the drive to learn how they could help save a life," said Tarita Gibson from the North Central Region Donor Center in Detroit.

Each year, thousands of patients are diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases such as leukemia. For a chance to survive, these patients need healthy marrow and blood cells to help their bodies make new, healthy marrow.

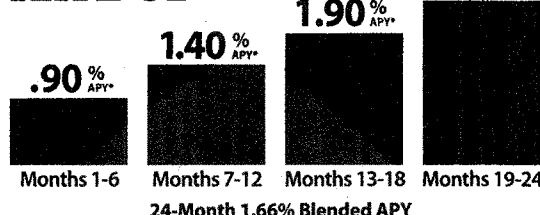
The first step to becoming a donor is to join the "Be The Match" registry. Anyone age 18-60 who meets the health

guidelines can join. Volunteers should be committed to helping any patient in need. To join, volunteers complete a short health questionnaire and sign a form stating that they understand what it means to be listed on the marrow registry. Then, a cheek swab sample is taken to determine the tissue type to be matched against patients who need a donor. This information is added to the "Be The Match" registry.

For more information about marrow and blood cell donation, contact the North Central Region donor center in Detroit at (313) 833-2624 or the NMDP at (800) 471-4627.

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Shoplifting

Three family members worked together to take two wall TV mounts Sept. 3 at the Kmart store, 29600 Ford.

A 16-year-old male served as a "lookout," according to the police who were notified by the store's loss prevention officers. A woman who was with them hid the mounts under a baby carrier. She also had an older child in her shopping cart.

Loss prevention officers observed the activity but were unable to detain the 25-30-year-old male.

When that man saw police, he bolted out north side of the building where the door was open because a truck was making a delivery. He struck his head on a conveyor belt and was momentarily stunned. Although it stopped him for a few seconds, he regained his composure and fled.

He was last seen in a back yard on Beechwood, according to the police report.

The woman escaped with the mounts in her 1996 Chevy Lumina without paying for them.

Disorderly conduct

Garden City police ticketed a 44-year-old Lincoln Park man for disorderly conduct after he caused problems among customers in the parking lot of McK's Liquor, 927 Inkster Road, Sept. 8.

He kept asking patrons who came to the store to buy him some beer or liquor. When they

refused, he yelled at them and banged on their car hoods.

When the police arrived, he was sitting on the pavement on the back wall of 874 Inkster Road, drinking a 12-ounce can of Busch Light.

Theft

Someone removed a GPS unit from an unlocked 2005 Dodge Durango which was parked in the street in the 33000 block of Leona sometime before 7 p.m. Sept. 6. The unit was taken from the front center console.

• A resident in the 300 block of North Leona reported that someone stole his handicapped sign from his daughter's car which is typically parked unlocked. The theft occurred sometime between Sept. 1-7.

Suspended license

When the police stopped the driver of a 2009 Jeep Liberty at Warner and Middlebelt about 10:15 p.m. Sept. 7 because she had tabs on all four corners of her license plate, they found that the 36-year-old Dearborn Heights woman had a suspended license.

Alarm

When the police and the owner responded to an alarm at Performance PC Inc., located at 33425 Ford, at 2 a.m. Sept. 8, they found that entry wasn't made and nothing was taken from the building.

— By Sue Buck

Area foundation sponsors VA benefits education seminar

Educating veteran advocates, and the estimated 400,000 veterans in metro Detroit, about benefits available from the Department of Veterans Affairs is the focus of a two-day seminar, sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation with the support of the Holbrook Charitable Trust.

The conference is scheduled for Sept. 21-22 at Laurel Manor and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to the training of professionals who work for veterans, including attorneys, County Service Officers (CSO), Veteran Services Officers (VSO) and independent veteran advocates.

The second day, which is free of charge, will focus on Wayne County veterans, their families and the host of benefits available through the VA. Those benefits and programs include health care, disability benefits, social services, housing, and burial.

As of 2009, the VA reported approximately 23.1 million living U.S. veterans, 8 percent of whom are women. But at an estimated 36 million, there are even more surviving spouses and dependent children of living and deceased veterans, who may be eligible for certain benefits.

In Wayne County, the VA spends an estimated \$400 million each year on veterans. Of that total, \$191 million is spent on medical care and \$154 million on compensation and pension payments, according to the VA.

"I have seen the confusion among veterans and their families about what benefits are available to them," says Jim Fausone, CCF board member and program chairman.

Legal advocates and attorneys will also have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits with participation in the conference. In Wayne County, 46 attorneys and 103 VSOs are accredited by the VA. Continuing educa-



Westland City Attorney Jim Fausone, a member of the Canton Community Foundation board and program chairman, and CCF President Joan Noricks established the Veterans Educational Summit to educate veterans on the benefits and programs available through the Veterans Administration.

tion is required to maintain accreditation. Similar educational programs are not available currently in the metro area, Fausone said.

"This conference is an opportunity for everybody who is a veteran stakeholder to gather," added Fausone, a partner with Fausone Bohn PLLC. "It's a chance to build relationships and contacts so veterans can be referred to the best resource."

Pre-registration is required for professionals, and veterans and their families. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served both days of the conference. Registration for attorneys is \$125. Registration for veterans is free. Registration may be completed online at www.cantonfoundation.org or by calling the CCF at (734) 495-1200.

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DAR Chapter celebrates Constitution Week

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a sandwich luncheon on Sept. 20 as part of its observance of Constitution Week.

The luncheon will be at noon at the Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main St., Plymouth, and feature a DVD presentation on the U.S. Constitution.

The luncheon is being organized by Mary Fritz, Cynthia Gresens and Pam Westerhold, and attendees are being asked to wear red, white and blue and to bring a bell, as well as bring white socks (men's sizes 9-12 and 13-15), crossword puzzle and word search books, playing cards, men's boxers or T-shirts for veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital.

For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Thursday, Sept. 17, marks the beginning of a week-long national celebration of Constitution. It's one of the country's least known official observances. The tradition was started many years ago by the DAR.

In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated to the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity.
- Inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States of America functions as a republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American Revolution.

Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which is the safeguard of our American liberties," said DAR President General Linda Gist Calvin. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom."

DAR has served America for 119 years as its foremost cheerleader. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial, was commissioned to design the performing arts center, known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, it is the only structure erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 165,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries. The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children, and programs for new immigrants.

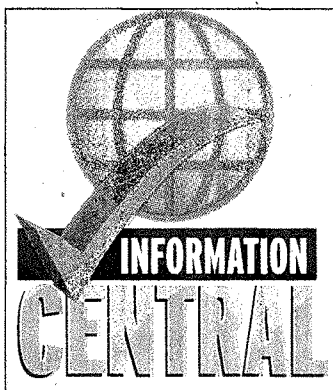
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If you like learning at your own pace, you should know that there are instructional books and videos available for all levels of skill and experience. These books can be found at your local bookstore or library, and range from beginner books like the "For Dummies" series to large reference books aimed at experienced users looking to master advanced functions, such as O'Reilly books or the "Inside Out" series.

The Westland Public Library offers free computer classes, many designed for beginners. The library also offers hour-long one-on-one sessions in which patrons and librarians can work on a specific technology need, such as setting up an e-mail address. These classes offer hands-on experience along with the opportunity to ask your



instructor any questions that may arise.

The Internet also is a great resource for expanding knowledge and practicing what you have already learned. If you are already familiar with the Internet or have a tech-savvy friend, grandchild, etc., on hand to help, there are many online tools available.

If you are new to computers, there is a great mouse tutorial available at tech.tln.lib.mi.us/tutorial/welcome.htm, or try typingweb.com to practice your keyboarding skills. Looking to learn a computer program, such as Microsoft Word or Adobe Photoshop? Try a web search for the program's name and the word "tutorial." The Internet is flush of helpful exercises!

For more information about boosting your computer skills, visit the library's website at www.westlandlibrary.org, give us a call at (734) 326-6123 or stop by the reference desk to learn more about technology resources in the library.

Highlighted Activities

Friends of the Library Preview Book Sale: 3-7 p.m. Sept. 16 for members of the Westland Public Library Friends of the Library ONLY. Learn how you can become a friend!

The general public book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, with a \$6 Bag Day Sale, noon p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, with a \$4 Bag Day Sale. Stop by and pick up a bargain.

Open Employment Forum: 7 p.m. Sept. 13

Have a question? Need an answer? Join Preston Banks, president of Resume Solutions for a question and answer session about resume writing, sticky interview questions, dressing for the interview, and whatever else is on your mind. Call at (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

Westland Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. Sept. 14, age 16 and up

Do you have a piece of writing that you need help with? WWW critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

Friday Night Movie: "Green Zone," 7 p.m. Sept. 17

Stop by the library every Friday evening for a screening of a recently released movie. This week's movie is "Green Zone." Discovering covert and faulty intelligence causes a U.S. Army officer to go rogue as he hunts for Weapons of Mass Destruction in an unstable region. Rated R. No registration is required. This is an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

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Bob-Lo talk inspires happy memories

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Lori Feret, Bob-Lo has many good memories.

"Many of us have fond memories of Bob-Lo Island and, of course, of the old steamers," the Madison Heights resident said during a Thursday, Sept. 9, Plymouth Historical Society presentation. Feret's been involved for years in efforts to restore the S.S. Columbia and S.S. Ste. Claire, the two steamers that took generations of Detroiters, as well as Canadians, to the popular island amusement park.

"Some people had a favorite and would wait for it," she said of the two ships. The Columbia was launched in 1902 from Wyandotte, where the Portofino restaurant and condos now stand.

The Ste. Claire was launched in 1910, and listed at its launch, causing some concern but no injuries. It's the smaller of the two.

Feret's presentation at the Plymouth Historical Museum included historic photos of the ships and amusement park, as well as ads such as one from 1911 showing the round trip fare was then 85 cents.

CAPTAIN BOB-LO

One photo showed Captain Bob-Lo, who came from a circus to entertain. He was Joe Short and died at age 91 in 1974, having retired at 90.

Bois Blanc ("white woods") Island was among destinations for steamships of the early 20th century. Feret showed a photo of the new cafe connected to the island by a dock, which opened in 1901. In 1902, the Amherstberg dock was built with ferry service to Canada added.

The one-hour trip to the island, which in early days included the S.S. Britannia as well, featured band music to help pass the time. Early rides on the island included the

first, a carousel, in 1906.

The memorable Amusement Building, still standing, arrived in 1910, the dance hall in 1913. At the time, it was the largest dance hall in North America and had a list of rules dancers had to obey.

During Prohibition, Feret said, rum runners on the Detroit River traveled close to the Bob-Lo boats, figuring federal agents wouldn't shoot out of fear of hitting Bob-Lo passengers.

The amusement park closed in 1993, and the island is now home to some residential development. "It is a series of very rich summer homes," Feret said. A program attendee who worked in security at Bob-Lo noted there's a restaurant on the island open part of the week.

BUILDINGS REMAIN

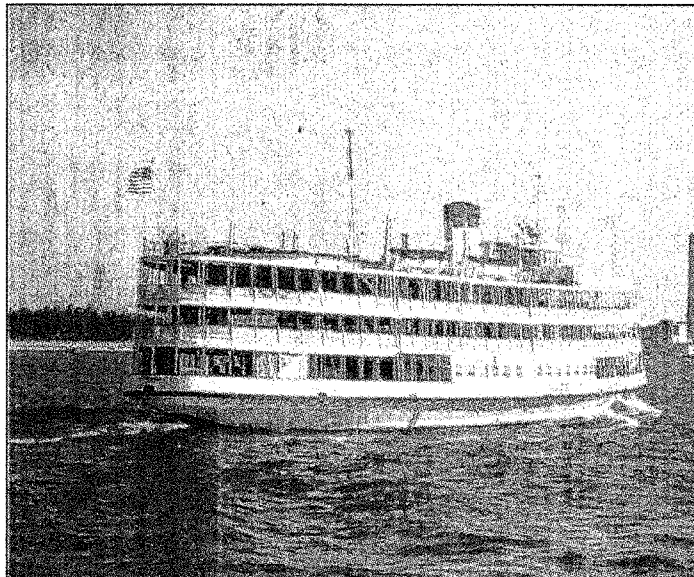
Feret showed photos of buildings still standing on the island, which is part of Canada. The building that housed the Dodge 'em cars remains standing.

Much of Feret's presentation focused on efforts to restore the Columbia and Ste. Claire. She and her daughter worked on cleaning and painting efforts for the Ste. Claire while it was docked in Toledo.

It later went to Lorain, Ohio, where a fund-raising "Nautical Nightmare" show was staged, with similar productions elsewhere nearby.

Both ships are now docked in Ecorse and owned by men who led groups aiming to restore them. The Columbia owner hopes to have that ship cruise on the Hudson River in New York for educational purposes. Plans are for the Ste. Claire to stay close to home and be restored.

Feret began volunteering with foundations for the ships, and later got a call from Richard Anderson, the Columbia's owner. He has no ties to Detroit other than his



The S.S. Columbia, which took generations of Detroiters to Bob-Lo, is now undergoing a restoration project. Plans are for it to ply the waters of the Hudson River in New York for educational purposes.

visits here.

Some Detroiters object to plans to put the ship in New York, but Feret noted it would otherwise be lost. Anderson is greatly interested in steamships.

"I'm hoping," she said of preservation efforts, which are challenging now. "That's all we can do is hope." Ron Kattoo, a Henry Ford Health System physician, heads the local Maximus Corporation which is working on the St. Claire effort, to feature private and corporate charters.

Feret likes going to local museums and meeting former Bob-Lo visitors. "I hear all their stories," she said. "It's a lot of fun to do that." She also had fun digging through Bob-Lo's history. "Bob-Lo was great. I wish it was still here." As a young single mom, she would camp on Amherstberg and take her children to Bob-Lo.

LOCAL MEMORIES

Gerry Barlage of Plymouth Township, who attended Feret's talk, has Bob-Lo memories.

"My first memory is as a teenager," said Barlage, a

retired Plymouth librarian. She and five or six neighbor girls took the Woodward bus and then the boat to Bob-Lo.

"Later, I went on dates to Bob-Lo," said Barlage, who enjoyed the museum presentation. She and her husband went on moonlight cruises in the mid-1960s before they were married, and later took their kids in the 1970s.

"I grew up in Columbus, Ohio," said Bee Friedlander of Canton, historical society board president. "I went once as an adult. I didn't have childhood memories of it. I enjoyed the talk."

Elizabeth Kerstens, museum executive director, said Feret spoke recently in Northville and was recommended.

"We find the nostalgia thing was pretty big," said Kerstens, noting the museum recently hosted a speaker on Vernors

pop history.

Next month, there will be a program on the Penn Theatre's history, followed in November by J.L. Hudson's store author/historian Michael Hauser.

"Just trying to get more people interested in history," Kerstens said. Many society members are seniors and enjoy older Detroit history, she said.

"I'm not from Michigan," the museum director said. "I've never been there (Bob-Lo). I wish I would have." She more recently did a Detroit River cruise with her husband.

Addresses for donations are: Maximus Corporation, 4541 Ottawa, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 for the Ste. Claire (www.bobloboat.com) and S.S. Columbia Project, 232 E. 11th St., New York, N.Y. 10003 (www.sscolumbia.org) for the Columbia.

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Franklin becomes Canton's latest victim, 41-0

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's knack for turning nothing into something frustrated host Livonia Franklin Friday night, and the Chiefs hammered out a 41-0 victory in the KLAA South football matchup.

On the fourth play of the game, Canton junior running back Kevin Buford took a pitch in the backfield, eluded several Patriots and sprinted down the right sideline for a 59-yard touchdown to start the scoring.

"I don't think we blocked a soul on

that," Canton coach Tim Baechler said. "Kevin just made three guys miss and outran everybody."

Buford (seven rushes, 148 yards, two TDs) also scored on a 66-yard dash in the third quarter to make it a 28-0 advantage.

Another big-play score for the Chiefs (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLAA South) was an 85-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Ben Merbler to senior tailback Davion Stackhouse (126 all-

purpose yards, two TDs) in the second quarter to widen Canton's lead to 21-0 at halftime.

But the Patriots (2-1) actually gave the Chiefs something to think about just before that touchdown.

Franklin's offense hung in there against Canton for a 17-play drive that helped move the ball from the Patriots' 17-yard line into the Chiefs' red zone. The drive was helped along when a Canton player ran into the Franklin punter, enabling the Pats to keep the ball.

On second-and-two at the Chiefs'

18, senior quarterback Brent Marzion (5-of-10, 34 yards) looked for a target, only to find himself under duress from senior linebacker Matt Gunnis.

The Canton player nailed Marzion for a 17-yard loss, and Franklin could not convert on third down. That was the last time the Patriots threatened.

According to Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, it was a tough pill to swallow when his team could not put points on the board after such an impressive drive.

Please see **FRANKLIN, B4**

SIDELINES

Lobo lifts Ocelots

Freshman Marco Lobo notched first-half goals Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team rolled to an 8-1 triumph at home over Kellogg Community College.

The Ocelots, now 4-1 overall and 3-0 in NJCAA Region XII, led 4-1 at intermission as freshman Nate Hicklin also scored.

Schoolcraft broke it open with four second-half goals — one each from sophomore Bobby Merritt (Livonia Stevenson), sophomore Nate Sergison (Stevenson), sophomore Andrew Koet (Plymouth) and freshman Doug Beason (Northville).

Sophomore captain Dave Carver, making his first appearance of the season after sustaining a leg injury during the preseason, chipped in with two assists.

Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) and Ian McDonald-Wilkins split time in goal for the Ocelots.

MU women fall

First-half goals from Jillian Honder, Carly Prins and Brittany Hiefje carried Calvin College to a 3-0 women's soccer victory Wednesday over host Madonna University at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

The Knights improved to 3-1 overall with the non-conference win. Madonna goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) made eight saves in suffering her first loss of the season.

The Crusaders, who slipped to 0-4 overall, return to action 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Albion College.

College volleyball

■ In an MCCA Eastern Conference match Thursday, Schoolcraft College needed five games to beat host Flint Mott Community College, 14-25, 25-16, 17-25, 25-21, 15-7.

Schoolcraft improves to 7-3 overall and 1-0 in the conference, while Mott drops to 3-7 and 0-1.

■ Madonna University snapped its longest losing skid since 1991 with a pair of victories Friday at home in the 11th annual Julie Martin Memorial Classic.

The Crusaders improved to 5-5 overall with a 25-14, 25-7, 25-18 win over Rochester College (10-5) in the second match of the day as Megan Fricke and Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) combined for 31 kills, while setter Eva Prieditis added 35 assist-to-kills. Dempsey also contributed 13 digs.

In the opener, Madonna broke its five-match losing skid with a 25-13, 22-25, 25-19, 25-18 triumph over Davenport (6-4) as Fricke had 20 kills, while Karie Altman added 15. Dempsey finished with 11 kills and 17 digs.

Blazers prevail, 1-0

Junior Kylie Birney's first-half goal was the difference Thursday as Livonia Ladywood defeated host Warren Regina, 1-0, in a Catholic League girls lacrosse match. Junior goalie Mackenzie Holme made five saves to post the shutout for the Blazers, who improved to 2-1 overall and 2-1 in the league.

Junior Taylor Marchin had two saves for the Saddletits (0-4, 0-3).

Run Like Wind

Former Lutheran High Westland standout Angela Matthews and Canton's Donna Olson were among the female open winners in the 5- and 10-kilometer Run Like the Wind races, respectively, held Sept. 4 at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Olson, 60, captured the 10K (6.2 miles) in 45:53, while Matthews, 26, took the 5K (3.1 miles) in 17:52. Brian Goodwin was the 10K male open champ in 33:51. Masters (40-and-over) 10K winners included Lisa Campbell (57:47) and Steven Harris (38:00).

Bennett Prudhomme was the male overall winner in the 5K in 17:13, while Vincent Jesudowich (17:18) and Amanda Fowler (24:23) were the masters champs.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Glenn wide receiver Mark Layne (11) gets tangled up with Churchill defensive back Justin Chantres during Friday's KLAA South Division clash.

James propels Rockets by Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn football coach Tim Hardin went deep into his bullpen of running backs and found himself a closer in Terrance James.

The 5-foot-7, 180-pound junior, who hadn't had a carry all season, came off the bench to rush for 105 yards in 17 carries — all in the second half — as the Rockets downed host Livonia Churchill, 17-14, in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

Leading 14-10 at the half, Churchill was poised to extend its lead, only to be denied on the Glenn 6-yard line after a costly illegal procedure call. Faced with a fourth-and-two, the Chargers elected

to go for a 23-yard field goal, but missed.

That gave life to the Rockets and James, who carried the ball 12 times on a time-consuming 15-play, 80-yard touchdown drive capped by quarterback Jeff Kuhary's 8-yard keeper with only 7:46 left in the game.

James then added 50 more yards on just five carries on the Rockets' final two possessions to thwart a Churchill comeback bid.

"I've been getting yards on scout team, just been doing my thing," James said. "I was surprised because it was my first time going in. I just thank my 'O-Line' for blocking for me. It was the first time getting in there and getting some good yards. I had fresh legs and I was ready. I just told myself to score and get yards,

just make my team better. It feels so good right now. I'm just so happy."

Glenn went back to the basics to get the win after stopping the Chargers from possibly going up 17-10 or even 21-10.

"They (Churchill) just kept moving the ball downfield and getting first downs, and our defense was kind of on their heels, but it's a classic example of bend, but don't break," Hardin said. "Once they got in the red zone, they hurt themselves on a penalty and we capitalized on it. We stayed tough in our red zone and kept them out of the end zone."

"We went back to old-school John Glenn football. Nothing fancy, power-1 (formation) and just run it up the mid-

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Tight finish: Pats edged by Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

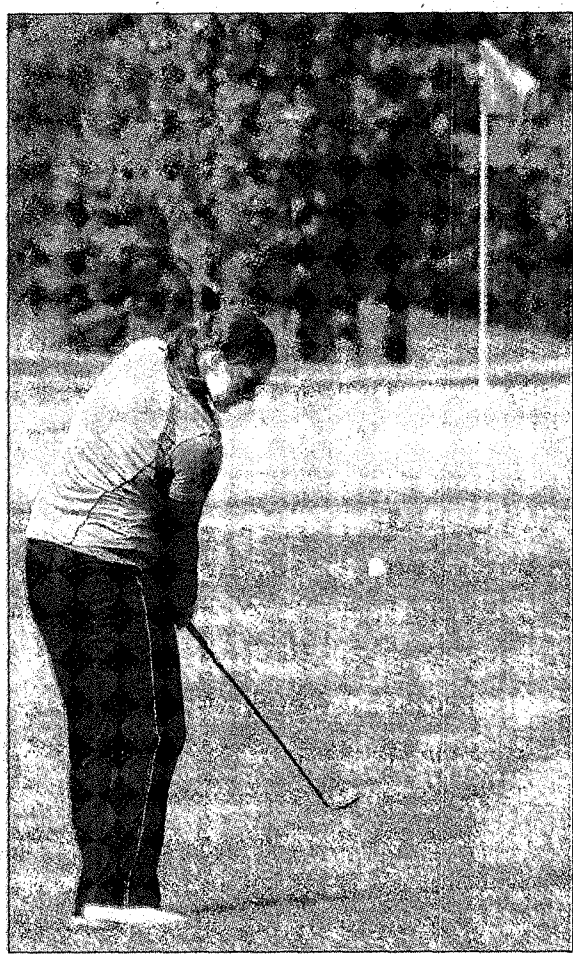
It was only fitting that scenes from the movie *Scream 4* were being filmed in nearby Northville, just a jog away from Cass Benton Park.

Wednesday's Livonia Public Schools girls cross country meet provided some suspense, and then some, as Churchill held onto its title by edging rival Franklin by a point, 30-31. Host Stevenson finished a distant third with 67.

Sophomore Vivien Okechukwu did not figure in Churchill's team scoring, but it was her 13th place finish overall that made the difference.

"I am constantly preaching to the girls about the importance of our sixth and seventh runners, and Vivien (Okechukwu) proved that concept by beating Franklin's fifth runner today,"

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Velvet touch

Churchill's Jordyn Shepler makes the short chip shot during Thursday's Livonia Public School girls golf tourney at Fox Creek. Shepler shot a low-round up 43 in stroke play as the Chargers won the team tiebreaker for the title. See story on page B3.

Smith's goal lifts Spartans by Novi

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson took a page out of the Muhammad Ali playbook Thursday to earn a hard-fought 1-0 boys soccer win over Novi.

The Spartans used a little "Rope-a-dope" to earn the key KLAA Central triumph as they improved to 5-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the division.

Novi, meanwhile, falls to 7-2 and 1-1 in the Central. Patrick Smith's goal with 10:23 left in the first half off an assist from Scott Brewer was all the Spartans needed.

"As much as you hate to see it as a coach, it was one of those 'hold on for dear life' moments toward the end," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "They (Novi) certainly put a lot of pressure on us and put a lot of balls in our box. It's one of those days where we were able to fight them off and make the plays when they counted. It certainly was a hard-earned victory."

Smith, a senior forward, took a feed up the middle and half-volleyed a shot with his opposite foot into the upper

left-hand corner of the net to beat Novi goalkeeper Wes Smith for the game-winner.

"We didn't play our most attractive game," Richters said. "A lot of that had to do with the way Novi played. We hadn't seen pressure like that on us before this game, this season. We had less time with the ball and they made it difficult to play the way we like to play, which is to their credit."

"But we certainly had a few chances, maybe not as many as we like. But it's one of those games where we were fortunate to put away the one really good chance we got, and Patrick (Smith) put it away very well and the defense was able to hang on."

Novi's best chance of the first half came when Alex Brusher's shot attempt grazed the crossbar with 11:42 to go.

"I actually thought we did a fairly decent job first half of creating some chances," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

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Best ball tiebreaker secures Charger win

It took a tiebreaker to determine the Livonia Public Schools girls golf champion Thursday at Fox Creek.

Churchill and Stevenson finished the Ryder Cup style format tied for first place with nine points apiece, while Franklin finished third with six.

But Churchill won the title based on its best ball scores from Jackie Burdette and Maggie McGowan, who carded nine-hole totals of 45 and 46, respectively.

Franklin's Mariah Barcus (50) and Haley Szpara (54) where second, while Stevenson's Kathleen Karczewski (57) and Dana Smith (57) settled for third.

Three points were awarded for first place; two for second; and one for third.

Churchill won the stroke play format led by Jordyn Shepler (43) and Nicole Kruse (52), while Stevenson's Becca Bubenheimer (49) and Madelyn Omietanski (55) were runner-up. Franklin's Lexi Smith (56) and Allison Karczynski (63) were third.

Stevenson's Sarah King and Mary Peltz combined

for a 43 to win the scramble. Churchill's Claire Rose and Taylor Cutting were second with a 46, while Franklin's Kelsey Gregorio and MacKenzie Meyers placed third with a 47.

In alternate shot, Stevenson's Brynn Cavanaugh and Chelsea Phillips won with a 50, followed by Franklin's Luci Patrick and Zoe Riopelle (59) and Churchill's Maddie Spooner and Margo McClain (61).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 188
SALEM 221
Sept. 10 at Fox Hills G.C.
Stevenson scorers: Becca Bubenheimer, 44 (medalist); Sarah King, 46; Chelsea Phillips, 47; Mary Peltz, 51; Brynn Cavanaugh, 53; Dana Smith, 58.
Salem scorers: Gabby LeBlanc, 49; Ewa Zajac and Lizzie Mazorowicz, 53 each; Katie Veno, 66; Christine Li, 70; Makenzie Brown, 84.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 1-3 overall; Salem, 0-4 overall.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 189
CANTON 204
Sept. 10 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 39 (medalist); Maggie McGowan and Nicole Kruse, 48 each; Jackie Burdette, 54; Claire Rose, 57; Margo McClain, 62.
Canton scorers: Kelsey McDougall, 50; Paige Osler and Chloe Luyet, 51 each; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 54; Katie Adames, 58.
Dual match records: Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South Division; Cnaont, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLA South.
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Churchill's Jordyn Shepler marks her ball on the green as Stevenson's Becca Bubenheimer looks on in Thursday's Livonia Public Schools girls golf tourney at Fox Creek.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 193
Sept. 9 at Cracklewood G.C.
Individual medalist: Corrine Walney (North), 41.
Ladywood scorers: Sara Even, 42; Nicole Salter, 46; Christina Briden, 52; Michelle Nelson and Cindy Ding, 53 each; Katie Gubachy, 56.
Ladywood's dual match record: 0-4 overall.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 204
WAYNE MEMORIAL 314
Sept. 8 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Jackie Burdette, 43 (medalist); Jordyn Shepler, 46; Maggie McGowan, 54; Margo McClain, 61; Maddie Spooner, 69; Amy Mikila, 70.
Wayne scorers: Jane Thayer, 62; Marion Castaldini, 69; Stephani O'Harris, 97; Krissie Carey, 97.
Dual match records: Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLA South Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLA South.

6-1 Patriots boot Glenn, 6-0

Even coach Vic Rodopoulos was at a loss for words following Livonia Franklin's convincing 6-0 KLA South Division boys soccer win Thursday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

"The guys outplayed themselves," said the Franklin coach, whose team is 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the division. "I like the way they handled themselves and the way the guys kept their composure when things got chippy and out of control."

Craig Beebe tallied a pair of goals, while Gabe Edwards, Jake Talarek, Zack Miller and Dillon DeBeliso added one apiece for the Patriots, who held a 3-0 halftime advantage.

"Our ball movement was great as far as going from the back to the front," Rodopoulos said. "We were just 'on' tonight. We got to the ball before they did and played well. We went wide and then inside."

Goalkeeper Ryan Tikey also stood out with 13 saves for

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Franklin.

"We marked their key players, including their key players like number 18 (Alex Isaevski)," Rodopoulos said. "Defensively we played great and kept the depth of the field tight."

Glenn, which received two red cards (ejections), slipped to 3-3-1 overall and 0-2 in the KLA South.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: Junior Connor Furgason scored a pair of goals Thursday as the Chiefs (5-2-1, 1-1) downed host Wayne Memorial (0-6, 0-2) in an eight-goal mercy.

Tyler Winningham added a goal and four assists, while Mitch Posuniak contributed a goal and assist.

Other Canton goal scorers included Shean Krolicki, Bryan Ren, Bobby Budlong and Griffin Parks. Goalkeeper Garren Carr posted the shutout.

FRANKLIN 4, GARDEN CITY 2: Livonia Franklin (6-1) broke a 2-2 halftime deadlock Friday to beat the host Cougars in a non-conference match. Gabe Edwards had a goal and

assist for the victorious Patriots.

Chad Tweedy, Zack Miller and Ben Jacoban had the other Franklin goals.

Brian Kalinowski and Brad Johnson scored for Garden City.

Jake Allen and Ryan Tikey split time in goal for the Patriots.

CHURCHILL 1, PLYMOUTH 0: After a shaky start to the season, defending KLA champion Livonia Churchill (4-4-1, 2-0) is beginning to right the ship with the latest win coming Wednesday at home over the visiting Wildcats (4-2-2, 1-1).

Joel Mancewicz's goal from Stephen Foster just 53 seconds into the match proved to be the difference.

"It was a throw-in, Joel chested it, turned and volleyed it into the upper corner," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We played so hard and played so tough. It's the best we've ever been in the air. Both our team defense and offense, too. We were all over them."

Goalkeeper Bryan Bartig notched the shutout for the Chargers.

"His communication was great and he took care of the air balls," Friedrichs said. "We've come a long way the last couple of weeks. I'm happy with the effort. I just hope we don't lose it."

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"We could have had a couple of goals. We missed a breakaway, we hit a crossbar. We created some chances, but they were more individual efforts."

The Wildcats upped their pressure early in the second half and had a flurry of opportunities, including two shots from Matt Wilson, one hitting the left post off a throw-in and the other saved by Stevenson goalkeeper John Boudreau from point-blank range.

"The second half, being

down 1-0, they (Stevenson) went a little more defensive and we went a little more offensive," O'Leary said. "I thought we had a lot of chances to score that second half. We had some real good opportunities there."

Stevenson's defense, however, withstood the blows.

"They have players like (John) DeLeon and (Chase) Jabori, that individually, can beat players," Richters said. "So you certainly need help from the second defender, sometimes even the third or fourth defender. It's a day where everybody has to contribute and help. As was the

case today there were some times where first defender was beaten by one of their talented players, but fortunately a teammate was there to help out on a number of occasions."

The rematch is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Novi.

"It's kind of like a state tournament where every little thing counts," O'Leary said. "We have to do a little bit better job of finishing our chances we get. That's really the way state tournament soccer is. You really can't say 'should, coulda,' but you really have to finish one of those."

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Warriors fall to No. 1 Lancers, 4-0

Lutheran High Westland ran into a buzzsaw Friday taking on top-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and Mr. Soccer candidate Caleb Stanko.

The Warriors gave it a good old college try, but came up on the wrong end of a 4-0 setback to Oakland Christian, which improved to 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Stanko, a senior, scored at the 36th and 44th minutes. Junior Drew Perrin had what proved to be the game-winner at the 5:50 mark of the first half as the Lancers led 2-0 at intermission. Freshman Daniel Smith had the other goal in the 52 minute.

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Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Nick Andrzejewski stood out with 15 saves.

Juniors Clifford Baxer and Luke Combs combined on the shutout for Oakland Christian.

"We had a lot of guys playing hard, but I'm proud of the way we played in a very physical game," said Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block, whose team falls to 2-2-1 overall and 2-1 in the MIAC Blue. "We'll learn from this and it was a good effort against the No. 1-ranked (Division 4) team in the state."

HAMTRAC 8, CLARENCEVILLE 2: On Wednesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (2-4) couldn't over-

come a 5-0 halftime deficit in falling to the Cosmos.

The Trojans trailed 6-0 in the second half before Zac Rosen broke through with an unassisted goal followed by Ardit Dushkaj's 12th of the year from Masambou Jatta.

"We didn't show a lot of mental toughness and I expect better than that," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "We flat-out just got outplayed."

CLARENCEVILLE 5, O.L. ST. MARY 4: Ardit Dushkaj scored three more goals Friday, adding to his season total of 15, to go along with two assists as host Livonia Clarenceville (3-4) turned back Orchard Lake St. Mary in a high-scoring affair.

Clarenceville led 2-1 at halftime as Masambou Jatta contributed a goal and two assists, while Jimmy Moody added the other goal.

Brandon Fagnani notched a hat trick for the Eagles.

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Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "She dug deep within herself, and it made a difference in the outcome of the meet."

Churchill's top five finishers included sophomore Kerigan Riley, who took second in 19:26.4; junior Bethany Pilat, third, 19:46.1; sophomore Sydney Anderson, sixth, 20:59.5; freshman Julia Twigg, ninth, 21:12.4; and freshman Megan McFarlane, 10th, 21:20.6.

Franklin countered with individual champion Megan McPherson, who pulled away for a comfortable win in 18:53.3.

The Patriots had three others place in the top ten including seniors Leslie Gomez, fourth (20:26.9); Megan Wickens, fifth (20:44.9); and Pia Klein, seventh (21:04.6). Junior Madeline Herman took 14th in 22:13.1.

"It's the best performance we've ever had at the City meet," Franklin 10th-year coach Dave Bjorklund said. "I'm so proud of the girls. They've worked really hard. Those top four especially. They really busted their butts today and gave us everything they had. I couldn't be happier."

"We've got a couple of injuries we're working through right now. Definitely the girls are going to be motivated. A one point loss hurts. They lost two dual meets last year by one point each, so they know what it feels like. It's definitely a motivator."

McPherson, meanwhile, was no longer the bridesmaid after finishing run-

ner-up the past two years to elite runners Sara Kroll of Churchill, now at Michigan State, and Stevenson's Courtney Calka (Eastern Michigan).

"Our coach (Dave Bjorklund) has definitely been talking to us about what we need to do and I think everybody did their jobs today," said McPherson, who won by over 29 seconds. "I'm really, really proud of everyone."

"I just wanted to go out hard and finish hard. It's rough because there are a lot of hills and it was a little bit windy. I just wanted to run it tough today."

"Last season over the summer I concentrated more on distance, distance, distance. This year I decided to cut down the distance a little bit and concentrate more on quality and speed."

When the final tally was finally announced, members of the Churchill team let out a loud scream.

"It was a great rivalry meet today against a solid Franklin team," Tatro said. "I was very pleased with how Kerigan and Bethany led the team. They ran with a lot of confidence and determination. It was also exciting to watch our two freshman, Julia Twigg and Megan McFarlane, place in the top 10, along with sophomore Sydney Anderson."

"We have high expectations that they will continue to improve as they gain the confidence that they need to be successful in a very tough league. But my hats off the Dave Bjorklund and his Patriots... they have made great strides in the last couple of seasons."

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Spartans snap 7-year run

Windle 1st, but Chargers unseated as City champ

BY BRAD EMONS
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Wednesday's Livonia Public Schools boys cross country meet provided some early indicators on what lies ahead for the rest of the season.

Racing under cool temperatures on the hilly Cass Benton Park course, it was Stevenson unseating seven-time defending champ Churchill for the team title, 32-26, while Franklin was a distant third with 65.

Churchill senior Tom Windle also repeated as individual champion as he covered the challenging 5,000-meter layout in 17 minutes, 01.6 seconds.

But Stevenson took five of the first 10 places as junior John Lynch and senior Joe Urso took second and third in 17:07.7 and 17:19.1, respectively.

Junior Ryan Petrul (eighth), senior Adam Chludzinski (ninth) and sophomore Jake Colley (10th) rounded out the Spartans' scoring.

"Good race by my team," Stevenson first-year coach Chris

Inch said. "That was a goal this year to win the City meet and it's something we'll build off of. We did what we needed to do today."

Inch also got help from an unexpected source, which helped secure Stevenson's first LPS title since 2002.

"Jake Colley, 10th grader, really stepped up," the Stevenson coach said. "He took our fifth slot. He was key today for us. We talk about interchangeable parts, and he was one of those parts today. He was probably the biggest surprise. We're getting better and better each race. We're still missing one of our key guys. That's Matt Williams. But once we get him back in the lineup... He's injured, but not season-ending. We just have to get him back healthy."

Windle, meanwhile, bettered his first-place time of a year ago by nearly 18 seconds.

He pulled away in the final mile from both Lynch and Urso, along with teammate Ryan Wise, who finished fourth in 17:24.2.

"It went as planned," the

Churchill senior said. "Last Wednesday (at the Mustang Invitational) I went out way too fast and died out and the Stevenson kid passed me. My coach (John McGreevy) and I decided to stick behind him for the first two miles. And because of my training, I knew I couldn't get beat that last 1,000 (meters). If I was close to the leader with a 1,000 meters left I knew I had it."

Windle was pleased with his repeat performance.

"It feels good," he said. "It's a little bit different workouts with (coach) McGreevy back on the team now. It's all good. I'll take it."

Churchill's other three scorers included seniors Stephen Charnley (seventh) and Cody Rossler (11th). Ben Yates added a 13th.

Franklin's top finisher was senior Austin Jones, who took fifth in 17:38.5. Teammate Bobby Wilson, also a senior, finished sixth.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Sept. 8 at Cass Benton Park
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson, 32 points; 2. Churchill, 36; 3. Franklin, 65.
Individual winner: Tom Windle (Churchill), 17 minutes, 1.6 seconds (5,000 meters).
Stevenson finishers: 2. John Lynch, 17:07.7; 3. Joe Urso, 17:19.1; 8. Ryan Petrul, 17:48.0; 9. Adam Chludzinski, 17:54.7; 10. Jake Colley, 18:07.1; 12. Andrew Longhi, 18:24.7; 15. Stephen Fenech, 18:36.4.
Churchill finishers: 1. Windle, 17:01.6; 4. Ryan Wise, 17:24.2; 3. Stephen Charnley, 17:43.4; 11. Cody Rossler, 18:15.8; 13. Benjamin Yates, 18:27.9; 14. George Bowles, 18:32.3; 16. Sean McKean, 18:38.0.
Franklin finishers: 5. Austin Jones, 17:38.5; 6. Bobby Williams, 17:43.1; 17. Mike Witt, 19:01.4; 18. Gabe Martinez, 20:19.3; 19. Dan Martinez, 20:27.3; 20. Elliott Preston, 20:32.9; 21. Brian Riedy, 21:29.3.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 30 points; 2. Franklin, 31; 3. Stevenson, 67.

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18 minutes, 53.3 seconds (5,000 meters).
Churchill finishers: 2. Kerigan Riley, 19:26.4; 3. Bethany Pilat, 19:46.1; 6. Sydney Anderson, 20:59.5; 9. Julia Twigg, 21:12.4; 10. Megan McFarlane, 21:20.6; 12. Katie Rash, 22:06.8; 13. Vivien Okechukwu, 22:12.6.
Franklin finishers: 1. McPherson, 18:53.3; 4. Leslie Gomez, 20:26.9; 5. Megan Wickens, 20:44.9; 7. Pia Klein, 21:04.6; 14. Madeline Herman, 22:13.1; 19. Kelly Walby, 22:55.7; 21. Natalie Modes, 23:29.3.
Stevenson finishers: 8. Karlie Gallagher, 21:06.1; 11. Allison Gudeman, 21:48.9; 15. Barbara Scuphohn, 22:43.1; 16. Taylor Cieslak, 22:43.9; 17. Kelly Hall, 22:44.7; 18. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:52.3; 20. Rebecca Lank, 23:05.0.
BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
GARDEN CITY 28
WAYNE MEMORIAL (NO SCORE)
Sept. 9 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Micah Orr (Wayne), 19 minutes, 30 seconds (5,000 meters).
Garden City finishers: 3. William Whitaker, 20:31.4; Jordan Buck, 22:38.6; Eric Hinkle, 22:46.7; Rob Doane, 24:35.8; Derek Hackett, 25:34.9; Danny Kerwin, 28:12.10; Kyle Weatherbee, 36:40.
Wayne finishers: 2. Daniel Malcolm, 20:04.5; Avery Barron, 22:44.
Wayne's dual meet record: 11 overall.
GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS
GARDEN CITY 15
WAYNE MEMORIAL (NO SCORE)
Individual winner: Jamie Walton (Garden City), 24 minutes, 14 seconds (5,000 meters).
Garden City finishers: 1. Walton, 24:14.2; Alyse Madej, 25:11.3; Alayna Smith, 25:26.4; Faith Lovelace, 29:19.5; Briana Chambo, 29:27.7; Lilly Darames, 34:59.9; Kaitlyn Sanders, 41:01.
Wayne finishers: 6. Megan Macke, 29:55.8; Sydney Ball, 37:50.
Wayne's dual meet record: 11 overall.

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"It's frustrating because you can see we're capable of competing with them and being a good football team," Kelbert said. "But we just couldn't do it

consistently."

Gunnis' sack of Marzion couldn't have come at a better time and

Baechler said his team received an important jolt from that sequence.

"We needed that play, we got a little lazy," Baechler said.

"Not to take anything away from Franklin, they're a tough, gritty team."

"They're very well-coached, they execute so well. I was nervous after watching their two games on film. And we got a little lax."

In the second half, Canton

did not give the Patriots much of anything.

The Chiefs gave up roughly 50 yards of offense (Franklin netted about 110 for the game) and widened the gap on Buford's second huge TD run with 9:06 to go in the third.

A second-effort 20-yard touchdown run by junior running back Ryan Jones and a 4-yard plunge by junior tailback Zac Merillat (11 carries, 52 yards) wrapped up the scoring.

Canton gained more than 310 yards on the ground, in


40 attempts, to ultimately wear out the Patriots.

Conversely, the Chiefs wrapped up Franklin senior running back Brandon Tower, who amassed just 18 yards for the night.

"We made a lot of mistakes and they don't make mistakes," Kelbert said. "To me, you have to play your absolute best game. You have to play perfect on both sides of the ball and we didn't even come close. But part of that is because they're so good."


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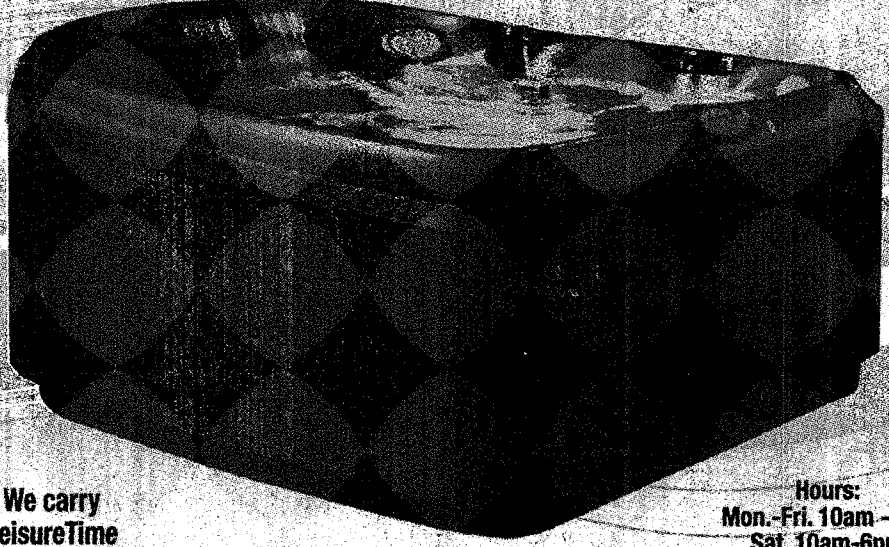


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Remember good times, tears at annual Angela Hospice walk

 BY SHARON DARGAY
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It's only 2.3 miles long, but packs in a lifetime of memories.

The Walk of Remembrance on Saturday, Sept. 25 from Madonna University to Angela Hospice in Livonia, melds a leisurely stroll with a peaceful setting, beautiful music, and a program designed to help participants reflect and commemorate loved ones who have died.

Sheila Wofford of Canton couldn't ask for a better way to remember her mother, the late Betty Monteith, while also demonstrating her appreciation for Angela Hospice.

"I've done the cancer walks and Relay for Life, but I'm so excited about this because it was so amazing what they did for me," said Wofford, who organized a team of family members and friends to participate in the third annual walk. "When you take someone who does not know which way to turn and help them as much as they helped me... I want everyone to have the same opportunity I had."

Wofford turned to Angela Hospice for help after her 82-year-old mother was diagnosed with a cancerous "tumor

the size of a football" in her lung last year. The former Westland resident, who lived



The late Betty Monteith inspired the 'Betty Boops' team led by her daughter, Sheila Wofford, at this year's Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance.

with her daughter in Canton, was hospitalized in "excruciating pain" in July 2009.

"It wasn't until hospice came in that she was out of pain," Wofford said. "She finally got the medicine she needed."

"Someone recommended them to me. They came right out and solved problems before they came up. They met

with the whole family. They laid out all the options. I got to concentrate on Mom and not worry about anything else. I couldn't imagine not having them. They made it 100 percent easier on me."

FAMILY TEAM

Wofford, who received bereavement counseling through Angela Hospice, said her mother remained hospitalized for about a week and a half before her death on Aug. 2, 2009.

Team Betty Boops, named after Wofford's mother and her mother's favorite iconic character, will collect donations for Angela Hospice in conjunction with the walk.

"There are seven of us. I'm going to push my son, who's in a wheelchair. My mom just adored him and he adored her. He, too, is happy to give back," she said.

Northville resident and hospice nurse, Kathleen Pidruzny, was among the 500 walkers who participated last year. She formed a team of friends and family to walk this year.

"It's a beautiful walk," she said. "They loved it. They thought it was so peaceful."

OPEN TO ALL

Bob Alexander, Angela Hospice business development manager, said the walk draws participants of all ages and from many communities. Although walkers may raise funds for the nonprofit hospice, the event is meant to satisfy the need to honor deceased loved ones. It also gives participants an opportunity to see the lush grounds of the Felician Sisters' campus.

"It's open to the entire community, as is so much of what we do," Alexander noted. "We want it to be a leisurely walk."

A harpist will perform at a grotto along the route and a



Northville resident Kathleen Pidruzny (far left) and fellow walkers enjoy bagels and painted rocks for the memorial garden, at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance. They walked in memory of her father Howard Pingston. With Kathleen are Colleen Brumo of Dearborn Heights; Allison La Combe of Canton; Colleen Pidruzny of Northville; Carla Sladowski of Dearborn Heights; Jo Ann and Veronica Brumo of Dearborn.

WALK OF REMEMBRANCE

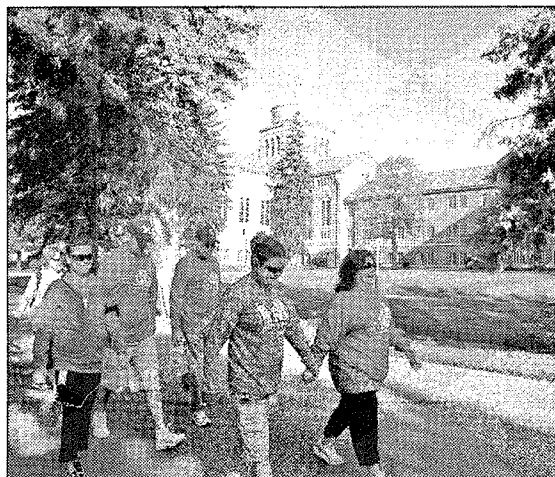
When: 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. opening ceremony

Where: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: 2.3-mile walk from Madonna through the Felician Sisters' campus to Angela Hospice is designed to encourage participants to commemorate loved ones who have died. The event includes an opening ceremony, music, refreshments, and a chance to decorate a rock for the hospice's memorial garden. Fees are \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day of the walk. Children, 6-12, pay \$5 and children, 5 and under, are free and don't need to register. Registration includes a commemorative T-shirt, ribbon, craft and refreshments. All proceeds benefit Angela Hospice's bereavement programs, including free grief support counseling, which are open to the public.

Contact: Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or download a registration form from www.angelahospice.org.

Participants at the 2009 Walk of Remembrance stroll through the Felician Sisters' campus in Livonia.



violinist and keyboard musician will play at the Ladywood High School track. In addition to receiving a map of the route, walkers will find "conversation starters" in their programs. The suggestions are designed to help them reflect on the life of the loved one who has died.

"We really do nurture that remembering piece," Alexander said, adding that walkers can decorate commemorative rocks when they finish the route. "They write little messages on the rocks. It's so precious to watch family clusters, walking around the rock garden, looking for

the perfect place to put their rock down. It's like a personal ceremony."

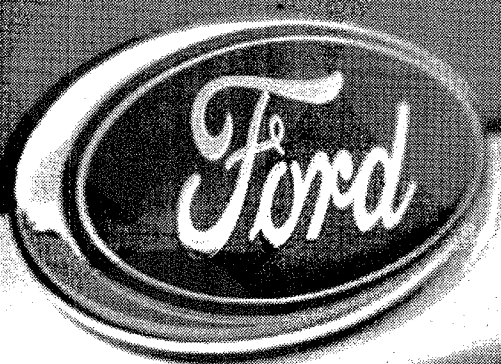
Participants will have the option of leaving the rock in the garden or taking it home.

Wofford said she'll likely leave hers in the garden with a message explaining how much she misses her mother.



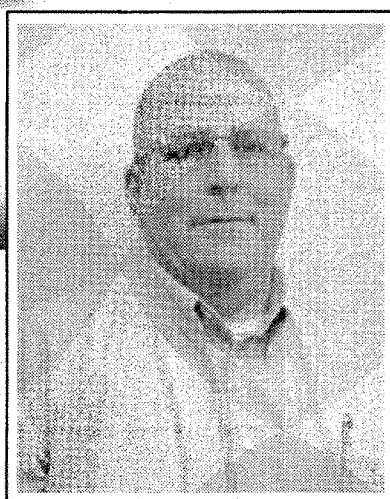
Walkers gather at the start of the 2009 Walk of Remembrance.

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Adopt a formerly feral cat, help to end puppy mills

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Suzette Clement of Westland took a bold step forward for the feline population at an all-dog event a few weeks ago.

Sporting a cat image on her T-shirt, Clement passed out flyers at Canton's annual Paws in the Park, a two-day event that draws hundreds of pet lovers. Clement didn't care that most were dog owners. She'll spread the word just about anywhere in the quest to find homes for Ariel and Uriel, two formerly feral cats.

"I was not planning on fostering six kittens," Clement said. "I had never fostered feral kittens and did not know anything about it. It was either up to me to socialize them or leave them out in nature. I could not turn my back on them so I intervened in their lives hoping I was doing the right thing."

Clement, owner of three cats, feeds the feral mom, who sleeps on her backyard deck. Four of the six kittens have been adopted. All kittens were socialized and are about 5 months old.

"Being part of a bond of trust and love was worth every minute. Even when I was tired, once I was with the kittens the fatigue would be washed away with smiles and laughter. I started and ended my days with joy because of kittens."

Ariel was nearing the end of the time period in which feral kittens can be socialized when she was trapped. She had spent the most time with the litter's mother, away from human contact.



PET PROJECTS

"It took longer for her to trust me and let me hold her. I did not give up. I spent more time with her. I kept showing her everyday that she was safe and loved. Little by little, she allowed me. Now I can hold in her in my arms like a baby while she purrs for me."

Clement said she took on the feral cats because she wanted to "make a difference" in her life. She said she knows that she made a difference in their lives.

"I was speaking to another cat lover that had adopted a rescue. She said that her cat had actually rescued her lifting her out of a depression," Clement said. "The animals are not the only ones that benefit from a rescue. My soul is richer for this experience. I am grateful that I had the time to devote since I am unemployed after a corporate downsizing. Divine timing, intervention and inspiration gave me six little angels that I will always love."

Clement said the kittens have been seen by a veterinarian and received deworming and their first vaccine. Ariel and Uriel tested negative for parasites and Feline

Leukemia Virus.

She describes them as "sweet" with plenty of "licks and nose kisses" to share.

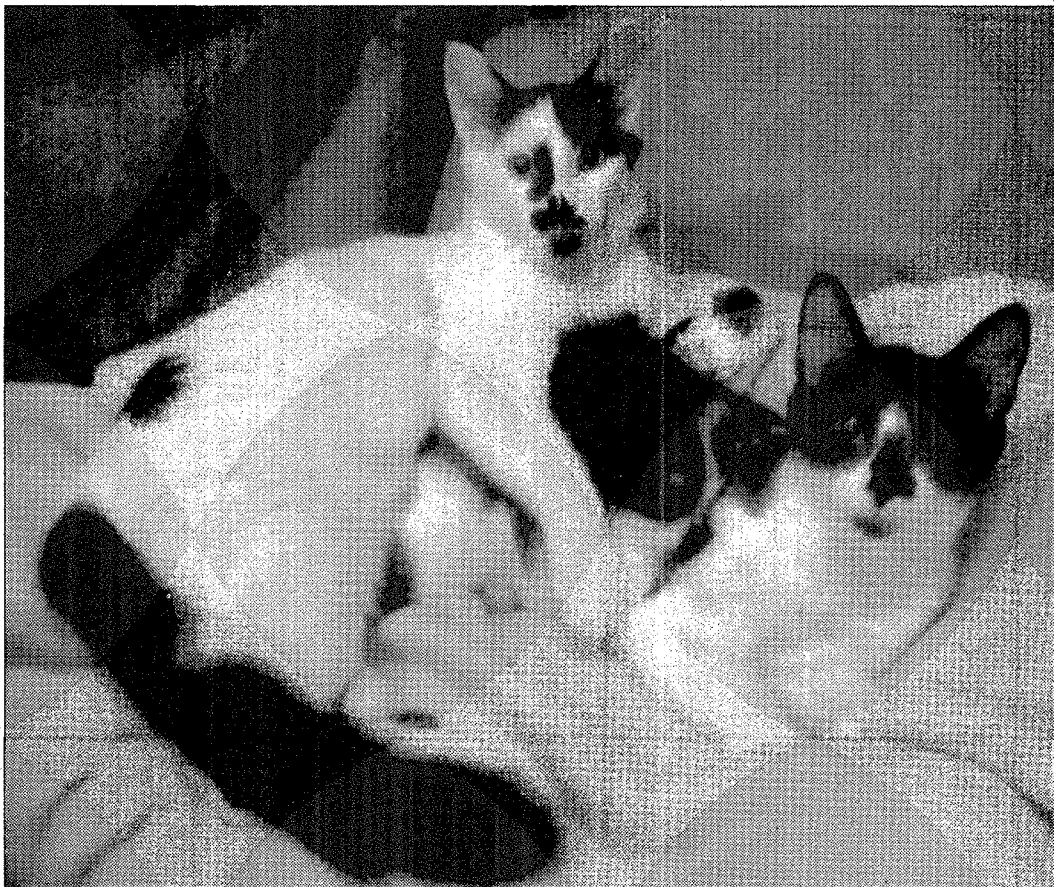
There is no adoption fee, although both must be kept together as indoor cats with claws intact. They must receive booster vaccinations in three to four weeks and be sterilized at 6 months. Their bed, blankets, toys, scratchers, litter boxes, dishes and carrier will go with them to their new home. For more adoption information, call Clement at (734) 776-2137.

PUPPY MILL AWARENESS

Sept. 18 is puppy mill awareness day and the perfect time to voice your opposition to factory-style breeders and the retail stores that keep them in business.

Puppy Mills are mass breeding facilities — sometimes with hundreds of dogs — that disregard the health and welfare of both their breeding canines and the puppies they produce. Dogs generally are kept in horrific conditions in cramped cages — often living in feces and old food waste — their entire lives. Puppies, often in ill-health, are sold through the Internet and at some pet stores.

Dozens of pet stores in Michigan have signed the Humane Society of the United States pledge to promote animal rescue and adoption in lieu of selling puppies. Locally those include Pet Supplies "Plus" in Canton; Redford Township, Livonia and Farmington Hills, Choice Aquariums in Farmington Hills, Chap's Feed Store, Pet Food and More and Discount



Ariel and Uriel are looking for a good home.

Pet & Supplies, all in Livonia, Gibdog Pet Supplies and Specialty Pet Supplies, both in Plymouth, and Something Fishy in Westland.

Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup of Southeast Michigan, based in Northville, has advocated for the pledge, regularly stages peaceful protests at stores that sell puppies and are suspected of dealing with puppy mills, and distributes awareness literature.

The group will rally at Michigan's largest puppy retailer, The Family Puppy, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18, at Genesee Valley Mall, 3341 S Linden, Flint.

Pam Sordyl, group founder, said the Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup is asking the store to stop selling animals acquired from breeders and the Internet and to transfer, sell or retail only dogs that are "rescued,"

PUPPY MILL AWARENESS

Southeast Michigan

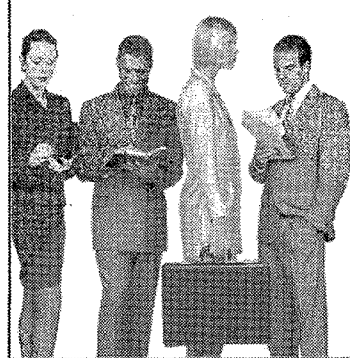
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Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup of Southeast Michigan is based in Northville and advocates for an end to puppy mills through peaceful protest, rallies, and by distributing information to both retail stores and the public.

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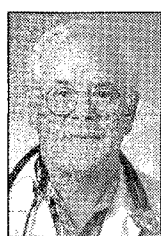
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News in the appliance world: Rebates to recalls dominate late summer happenings

In my previous column I wrote about the new Web site www.appliancerecallcheck.com and how you could find out if you had an appliance in your home that was under recall by the Product Safety Commission. I wrote that this was a free service and was I ever wrong. It will cost you \$29.95 to use this service. I



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

apologize for not reading the fine print. The Michigan Rebate program on major home appliances is still going on with some \$1.8 million readily available for consumers who want to purchase a new Energy Star-rated dishwasher, washing machine or refrigerator. You can go to www.mirebates.com to reserve your place in line for a rebate worth \$25- \$100. Speaking of available rebates are you aware that DTE Energy will give you a \$40 rebate and haul your old refrigerator away for free

General Electric also has announced a recall on 181,000 front load washing machines which were sold nationwide from December 2006 through May 2010. These washers were manufactured in China. A wire can break in the machine and make contact with a metal part on the washtub while the machine is operating, posing fire and shock hazards to consumers.

through the Your Energy Savings program? At the same time they will pick up your old room air conditioner and dehumidifier which will also qualify you for a \$20 rebate. I also have heard from a very reliable source that the State of Michigan also is giving a \$650 rebate for residents who purchase a very high efficiency furnace.

The most recent recalls have to do with 1.7 million dishwashers sold nationwide from February 2006 through April 2010. The names of said products are Maytag, Amana, Jenn-Air, Admiral, Magic Chef, Performa by Maytag and Crosley. These products may have an electrical failure in the dishwasher's heating element and pose a serious fire hazard.

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If you or anyone you may know has one of the above products please make the Consumer Product Safety Commission Recall Hotline number available at (800) 638-2772.

In the future we can expect to purchase appliances that will have electronic devices that will diagnose problems and eliminate service calls. Products that will be tied into utility rates

based on times of usage therefore saving energy costs and refrigerators that will keep produce much colder than today's refrigerator.

The clothes dryer will be designed so that it won't operate with a plugged up vent line. It will have a built-in system to extinguish a fire in the product. With 42 dryer fires occurring in this country every day it's about time something was done. The newest product available to combat plugged up dryer vent lines is sold by Clean & Green Dryer Vent Experts and can be easily installed by a homeowner. Drop me a note and I'll direct you on how to get a hold of this company. Meanwhile the fall season is around the corner and it's time to clean the vent line and make the outside flapper is working good. Remember the story of the squirrel who decided to live in the clothes dryer. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm.rr.com

See arts facility at open house Sept. 22

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will celebrate the grand opening of its new home at 37653 Five Mile from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Honorary chairpersons for the event will be Brian Meakin, a Livonia City Council member, City Clerk Terry Marecki, former Wayne County Commissioner R. William Joyner, and Livonia UPS store owner Eric Ladwig.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson and County Commissioner Laura Cox will provide the refreshments. Musicians from the Livonia Youth Symphony will be on hand to provide background music during the open house.

VAAL suggests a \$25 donation for those attending the grand opening. It can be made payable to VAAL, a 501(c)(3) organization. RSVP for the event by calling (734) 838-1204 or by e-mailing vaalart@yahoo.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

INSECT MOVIE

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will present a movie about garden insects at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$3 for nonmembers. (734) 326-0578; www.sembabutterfly.com

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

The store will focus on fall lawn care at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 18. A presentation will offer tips on keeping your lawn healthy through the winter and into next spring.

A presentation at 10 a.m., Sept. 25, will show how to use green house plants to improve air quality in the home and a program at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, will offer ideas on adding color to the fall garden.

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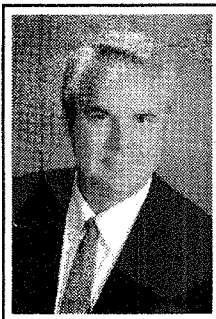
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I am not referring to a type of arthritis that affects the eyes. Rather this column discusses the problems for a physician when a patient's symptoms bring up the possibility of two diagnoses, each of which entails a treatment incompatible with the other possible diagnosis.

One example of this dilemma is a patient with joint aching that could be either Systemic Lupus Erythematosus or fibromyalgia. Lupus often requires taking a large dose of steroids every day. In fibromyalgia the doctor needs to avoid giving the patient any steroid dose.

The difficult decision for a doctor occurs as both conditions can present with widespread pain. Laboratory testing may not be helpful; the main finding in Lupus, a positive ANA, is present in many people who do not have Lupus. Furthermore as an individual ages, the chance for having an ANA test positive increases three fold or more even if the person is healthy.

What the physician depends on is observations over time. However, if the patient is in great discomfort now, the physician must respond.

Giving pain relief such as vicodin or perocet is inappropriate for fibromyalgia; the patient may become groggy but the pain remains. At the same time, giving pain relief to a patient with Lupus will accomplish little, as the need is for a dose of cortisone large enough to stop inflammation.

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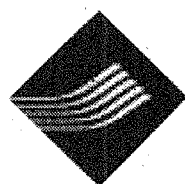
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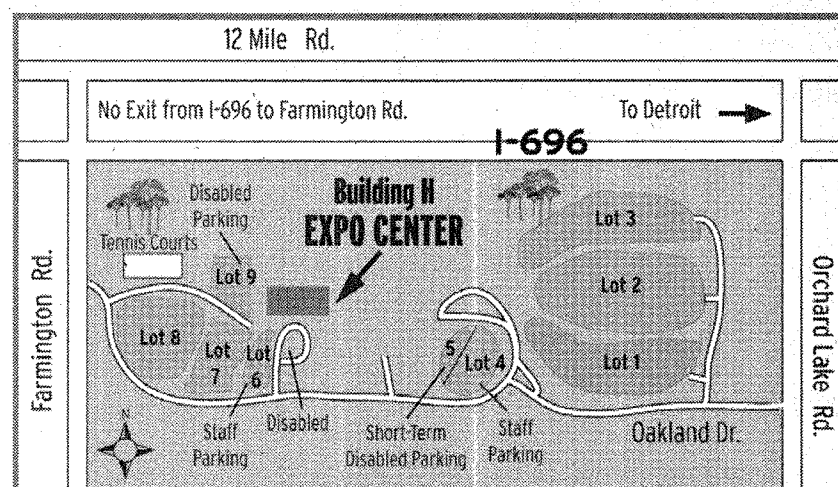
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See regal touches, elegant additions during home tour

BY MEGAN SWOYER
CORRESPONDENT

If you're looking for ways to spruce up your home this fall with new adornments, fresh colors and creative furniture arrangements, gather a houseful of ideas at The Community House's annual Birmingham Home Tour.

Eight houses — from contemporary to traditional — will open their doors for tours on Thursday, Sept. 16. Think of it as wandering through a thick, colorful home magazine, room by beautiful room, yard by heavenly yard. Only you get to see it, touch it (most of it, anyway) and savor it in person. Everything from pool cabanas and children's basketball courts to a dog's hangout spot to great Grandma's dining room furnishings awaits tour goers. Three of the stops are the homes of interior designers, while other homes feature homeowners with a knack for style who have made it their goal to create family-friendly environments. One home showcases special touches that were added specially for the tour by The Michigan Design Center.

CLEAN LINES

Interior designer Jeffrey King has instilled beauty at every turn at his 1921 jewel box of a home, located across from Barnum Park. Not only is the home a nod to unique elegance, but it also inspires tour goers on how to make the most out of every inch of space. Originally a Salt Box-style bungalow, the home was expanded from 1,400 to 2,400 square feet. Seven years ago, King added a master suite, family room and kids play room, along with

a new garage and landscaping. The kitchen and laundry room are more recent renovations.

"It's monochromatic, classic-modern," says King, who adds that the clean lines in the furnishings keep the home modern. "We used building materials that are true to the original architecture and are very classic, but transitional."

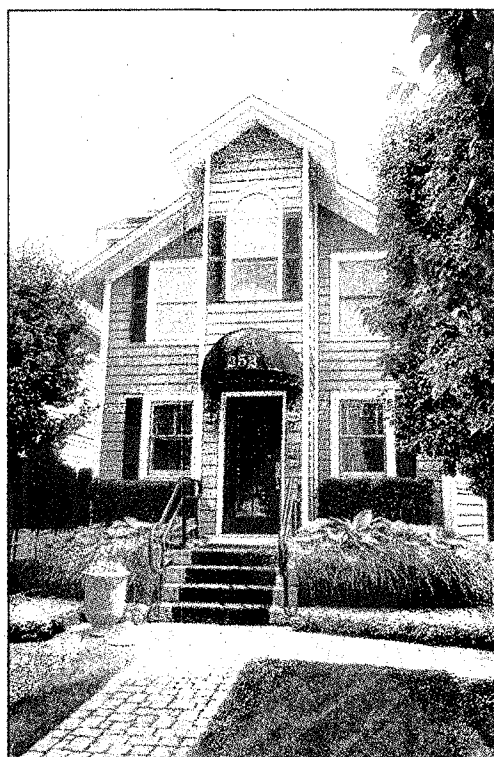
Tour goers will learn about how important patience is in obtaining just the right look. For example, King's red powder room wasn't an instant "yes!" Says the designer: "It took me four reds before I got the color right." At the top of the stairs, visitors will enter a "Good-and-Plenty" paradise of pinks, whites and blacks in one daughter's bedroom. Outdoors, crisp-white furnishings pop from simple, verdant green landscaping, including a lovely swathe of boxwood. Be sure to look for the splashing fish near the fountain.

ENTERTAINMENT AREA

Outdoor beauty also awaits at the Feiten home in Bloomfield Hills. Built in 1968, this house has undergone fabulous renovations during the five years that interior designer Paul Feiten has lived there. "People say it looks regal," he notes. The backyard pool area features custom-designed mirrors, a cabana (built in 2009) with antique lantern (found in Michigan) and foliage and hostas aplenty, all providing an inviting entertainment area. Music also can be played through outdoor speakers. The pool was original to the property but was renovated and updated with new cement, tiles and limestone wall.



Jeffrey King's 1921 Birmingham house exhibits clear, uncluttered lines and an elegant treatment of space.



Jeffrey King's 1921 Birmingham bungalow has a modern look, with the expansion of 1,000 new square feet.

Indoors, visitors will see several majestic touches — from stately mirrors and luxe silk draperies to a head-turning crystal chandelier and Crema Marfil floors. Don't miss the garage, through a door off the laundry room. The homeowners decked their car space with crown moldings, chandelier lighting

and other decorative adornments so that "the party" can move just about anywhere.

One of the more artful homes on the tour is a 1972 Minoru Yamasaki-designed home in Bloomfield Hills. Yamasaki was an American architect best known for his design of the twin towers of the World Trade Center buildings One and Two. He was one of the most prominent architects of the 20th century. Owned by interior designer Lynda Charfoos and her husband, the home features teak trim, white walls, marble floors, an indoor pool and inspiring art throughout its 6,000 square feet. Its timeless, "international style" features 14-foot curtain walls, and a flat roof. "I feel like I'm a custodian of the home," says Charfoos. "It's really a special part of Detroit's history."

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The U-M Department of Orthopaedic Surgery will present a free seminar, "My Aching Shoulder," 6:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Four Points by Sheraton, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. The presentation will offer information about prevention, rehabilitation, surgical options and exercises for shoulder pain. Dr. Asheesh

Bedi will present the seminar, which will include discussion on rotator cuff tears, prevention and overcoming shoulder injury. Light refreshments will be served. Register at www.umboneandjoint.com or by calling (734) 936-4998.

Health workshop

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will present a free health workshop from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Fridays, Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 to help individuals manage long term health conditions. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet at Royal Oak Township Recreation Department on 21272 Mendota, in Ferndale. The PATH workshop provides information and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma and depression. Workshops are run by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Facilitators explain

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a "Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR) 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, in Livonia. The class is offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. The class will teach CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. This course includes classroom-based training and coaching from a trained instructor. There is a fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

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Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail: BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Birmingham Groves High School

Class of 1975

35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on Facebook.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1970

40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

Dearborn Lowrey High School

Classes of 1949-51

A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankeesouthern@hotmail.com.

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Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkowski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734)

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Farmington High School

Class of 1970

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Garden City High School

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Livonia Bentley

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Class of 1970

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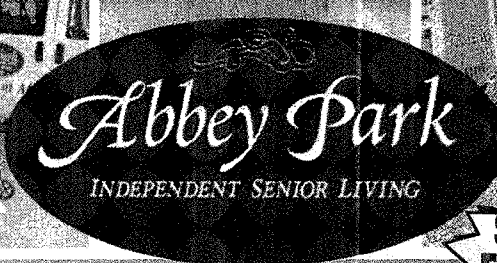



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John and Donna Thomas on their wedding day in 1960

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Terri Frank of Redford marked their 25th anniversary on Sept. 9. The couple were married in 1985 at St. Paul of the Cross Chapel.

Terri is a homemaker and Jim is employed as a furniture restorer. The couple is active in the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Their children are Jason Thomas and Michael James.

The Franks celebrated their milestone anniversary with family and friends at a local restaurant.



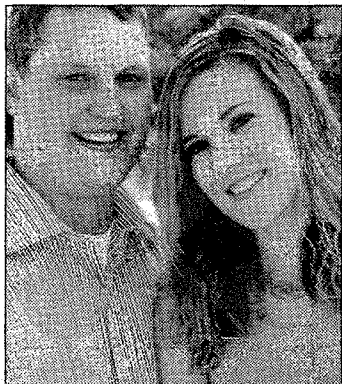
Jim and Terri Frank of Redford on their wedding day.

GUTKOWSKI-KRANTZ

Kathleen Ann Gutkowski and George Michael Krantz announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gerry and Chris Gutkowski of Canton, is a 2003 graduate of divine Child High School and a 2008 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in occupational therapy. She is employed by Children's Hospital, Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of George and Kim Krantz of Roseville, is a 2003 graduate of Roseville High School and a 2008 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in public affairs. He is employed by Adaptive Mediquip, in



Gutkowski-Krantz

Washington Township.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn.

BASORE-CARLSON

Kendall Carlson and Joseph Basore were married Aug. 13, 2010, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The Rev. Peter Smith officiated.

The bride, daughter of Kenneth and Kelly Carlson of Plymouth Township, recently graduated from Indiana University with a master's in clinical social work and currently works as a mental health practitioner at Bloomington Hospital in Indiana.

The groom, son of Randal and Pamela Basore of Kalamazoo, is finishing a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at Indiana University.

Taylor Carlson, the bride's sister, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Shannon Basore and Tiffany Basore, the groom's sisters, and Anne Racey, the bride's friend. Gianna McCue, the bride's cousin, was the flower girl.

Christopher Socha, the groom's best friend, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Thomas Nixon, Jared



Basore-Carlson

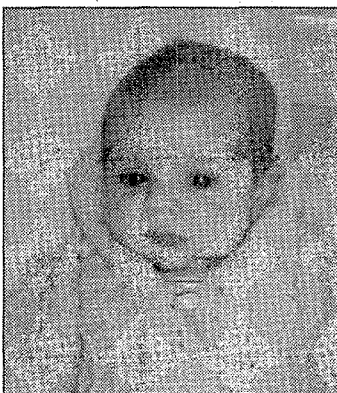
Eisenlohr, and Jeremy Burton, the groom's friends. Ushers were Erik Carlson and Gordon Carlson, the bride's brothers, and Tyler Howard, the groom's future brother-in-law.

A reception was held at Lauren Manor in Livonia. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Tulum, Mexico.

They reside in Bloomington, Ind.



Dylan Christopher Kuna



Jeffrey William Androsian Jr.

TWINS BORN

Andra and Jeff Androsian of Dearborn announce the birth of their twins, Jozlynn Faith and Jeffrey William, Jr. on June 24, 2010, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

They are the first grandchildren of Lynn and Stan Samsel of Livonia and Sandy and Bill Androsian of Brighton.

Great grandparents are Alice and Joe Schmitt of Stone Lake, Wisc., Joanne and Bill Rendon of Taylor, and Kitty Androsian of Pinckney.



Jozlynn Faith Androsian



Alderman-Zdrowski

JULY 2011 WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alderman of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. Watson Zdrowski of Canton announce the engagement of their children, Beth Alderman and Jamie Zdrowski. A July 2011 wedding is planned at the Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit.

Beth is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She earned a B.S. degree in movement science from the University of Michigan and a doctorate degree in physical therapy from Oakland University.

Jamie is a graduate of Salem High School with B.S. degree in biopsychology and cognitive science with a minor in biology from the University of Michigan and a masters degree in genetic counseling from Northwestern University.

Beth practices orthopedic physical therapy at Accelerated Rehabilitations Center in Chicago, Ill., and Jamie is employed by the University of Illinois-Chicago Medical Center in Pediatric Genetics.

DYLAN CHRISTOPHER KUNA

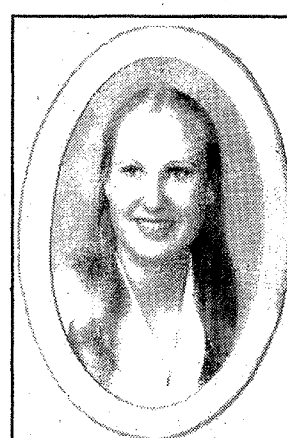
Dylan Christopher Kuna was born Dec. 27, 2009, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Proud parents are Debby and Randall Kuna of Farmington Hills. Grandparents are Barbara Schultz of Birmingham, Larry and Ronna Schultz of Commerce Township. Mary Lynn and Duane Walsh of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Ken and Kathy Kuna of Brighton.

Great-grandparents are Mary Tierney and Helen Snow.

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✓ RICHARD R. ARONSON

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away September 6, 2010. He was born July 26, 1926 in Detroit to Carl and Anna (Martenson) Aronson. On April 17, 1982 he married Sherry Ellison and they were very devoted to one another. He was a Teacher with Riverview Public Schools for 32 years and also was an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Michigan University. Richard was a member of the Wayne County Reading Assoc., the Michigan Reading Assoc., the International Reading Assoc., and the Scholarship Fund for Children. He enjoyed gardening and loved roses. He was an avid reader and would read anything. He is survived by his beloved wife Sherry; his children, Karl R. Aronson, Jane A. (Chris) Flieller, and Charlotte J. Aronson; and his brother Carl (Mary Kay) Aronson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Kris M. Aronson, his son David J. Aronson, and his sister Lenore Bly. Visitation will be held Friday, September 10 from 2-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The funeral service will be held Saturday, September 11 at 11am with visitation beginning at 10am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Contributions would be appreciated to Cooper Upper Elementary 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185 attn: Sherry Aronson or In Tandem Theatre 628 North 10th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



JULIE SPARKES CHATER

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Psalm 23. Julie Sparkes Chater left this earthly life and entered into God's loving arms on 8/29/10. Julie was born in Ft. Worth, TX on January 25, 1957. Her earliest years were spent in the Dallas, Ft. Worth area. She later moved with her family to Southern California and then on to the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan area. She graduated from Bloomfield Hills Lahser High in 1975. During her high school years, her generous spirit became obvious to all through her volunteer work at the Beverly Manor Convalescent Center. This set the stage in working with victims of Hurricane Katrina years later. During her formative years, Julie was also a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the youth choir. Shortly thereafter, Julie moved back to Texas and continued her education and graduated from the University of Texas Arlington with a degree in political science. After graduation, Julie had a long and accomplished career in the legal profession. In 1996, Randy Chater, her future husband, was blessed to marry Julie. Julie and Randy made their home in Azle Texas for 10 years, before moving to the Phoenix area. During their 14 years together, Julie and Randy shared their adventurous spirit, which took them to many new places, whether hiking the Grand Canyon, snorkeling in the Sea of Cortez, exploring the desert Southwest, or the Northern California wine country. They loved to travel together. Julie loved music, cooking, and her animals, especially Elvis, the mule she rode as a child. Julie was predeceased by her parents, Jack B. and Ellen Sparkes. Julie will be missed by her loving and devoted husband, Randy, her brother Jay Sparkes, her sister-in-law Katherine Peters and nephew Evan and niece Olivia, her sister-in-law Carol Estes and nephews Alexander and William, her canine friends Casper and Winnie, and her feline friends Buckwheat and Squiggly. Julie was the kindest, gentlest, most forgiving person, she will be missed by many, we were all blessed to have known her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Leukemia-Lymphoma Society/Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or www.leukemia-lymphoma.org. Arrangements entrusted to: Mariposa Gardens Memorial Park & Funeral Care, Mesa, AZ

✓ MARY S. (Kwik) CHMIELEWSKI

Age 91. Devoted wife of the late Edward Loving mother of Mark (JoAnn) Chmielewski, Kathleen (John) Liadis and Christine (James) Abbey. Proud grandmother of Dr. Angela and Andrea Chmielewski, Stephen and Nicholas Liadis, Eric (Ann) and Jeremy Abbey and great-grandmother of Owen and Brendan Abbey. Dear sister of Clara (Kwik) Holoday. Mary was a devout Roman Catholic and a founding parishioner of Our Lady of Loretto Church, 60 year resident of Redford Township and an exemplary wife, mother and homemaker. Her life was centered around her church, home, family and education. She loved to bake, craft and garden. Mary was recently recognized for her life time achievements by a proclamation on the floor of the US Congress on her 90th birthday. Visiting Thursday 3-8 pm Rosary 7 pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6-7 Mile). Instate Friday 9:30 am until a 10 am Mass at Our Lady of Loretto Church. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

✓ MARTIN J. EWALD

Age 78, of Traverse City, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, at Munson Medical Center. A memorial service will be held Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City, with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Condolences may be offered at: www.CovellFuneralHomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Covell Funeral Home 232 E. State Street Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 946-6515



CLARIBEL E. LUIBRAND (Chamberlin)

Age 91, of Stevensville, Montana, went to be with her lord on September 6, 2010 at Community Medical Center Missoula, Montana. She was born on June 24, 1919, in Friendship Township, Michigan, the daughter of Orin and Fannie (Benedict) Chamberlin. She graduated from Honor High School in 1937. She worked many years at Western Electric in Plymouth, Michigan. In 1988 she married Albert J. Luibrand, together they enjoyed many years of retirement together. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Albert J. Luibrand. She is survived by her children Caleb of Beulah MI, Jonathan (Marlyn) of Stevensville MT, and Nathan (Grace) of Corvallis MT, along with many grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Christian Missions in Many Lands (c/o missionaries Steven Luibrand-Serbia and Timothy Luibrand-Turkey), PO Box 13, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762-0013, or online at cmmusa.org. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM before the service. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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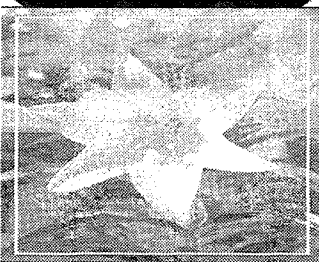
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Happy 86th Birthday Betty! Loving, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. For over 26 years, Betty volunteered almost daily at the Maplewood Senior Center in Garden City. Whenever she met a person in need, she would do her best to help them, never letting her own handicaps deter her from that mission. Although her dedication and hard work were responsible for the smooth operation of the center, she was always content to remain in the background. Betty always looked for the best in everyone and lived her belief that giving and caring from the heart is what life is all about. Her memory lives on in the hearts, thoughts and actions of her cherished family and friends and the thousands of lives she touched during her years at the center. Thank you Elizabeth for everything, including those wonderful ground bologna salad sandwiches you always made for us. We raise a glass of peach schnapps in a birthday toast to you, and sip your favorite drink while your favorite musician once again sings and plays your most requested song, "Wasted Away in Margaritaville," just for you. May you have a heavenly birthday! All our love, your family & friends. Private Services were held

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✓ MARY HARRINGTON LLOYD (Nee Engel)

Died September 4, 2010 at age 79. The beloved wife of 32 years to Ken Lloyd and daughter of Andy and Dorothy Engel of Manchester, Michigan, Mary is survived by her husband Ken, son Doug Harrington (Sue), daughter Anne Holloway (Gordon), Pam Dase (Brad), Leslie Williams, and grandchildren Tom, Liz, Andy, Lesley, Lauren, Jill, Jessie, Jonathon, Johanna, Katie, Denny and Zack. Mary was a graduate of Michigan State (BS) and Wayne State (MS) Universities and taught for over 30 years in South Redford at Thurston High School and Marshall Jr. High. Traveling to many parts of the world filled her retirement years, and she maintained an active schedule of volunteering, gardening, baking, bridge, and writing letters to friends and acquaintances. A memorial service will be held for Mary at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester, Michigan on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00am with a luncheon following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Emanuel United Church of Christ or The Salvation Army.

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Teen weight loss program offered free to 850 youths

Medical Weight Loss Clinic is offering its medically supervised "Pro-Teen Plan" at no cost to youths aged 10-17 as part of its continuing efforts to help fight childhood obesity.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 20, it will make the program available for eight weeks to the first 25 youths, 10-17, who qualify at each of its 34 locations throughout Michigan and across northern Ohio. Qualifications will be based on an age-appropriate minimum body mass index (BMI) as determined by Medical Weight Loss Clinic guidelines.

"We all know the dangers of

childhood obesity," said Alberta Lipinski, nursing supervisor of Medical Weight Loss Clinic.

"Nearly every day, the media is reporting on the dangers of this condition and how it has become an official epidemic. We want to help provide the tools and support that these young people need to learn how to lead a healthier lifestyle."

Individuals interested in this free offer can call (800) GET-SLIM to schedule an appointment at a clinic in their area and begin a personalized weight loss program. If demand exceeds available clinic resources for the day, participants

will be offered an appointment at an alternate clinic nearby until all spots are filled.

Those who successfully complete the eight-week program will receive two tickets to a Detroit Pistons game. They also will be entered for an opportunity to win a free makeover valued at \$500 for new clothing and a new hairstyle. Robard Corporation and Promedis Corporation will provide samples of nutrient supplements at no charge.

Much like its adult plans, the Medical Weight Loss Clinic Pro-Teen Plan is aimed at safe weight loss using an effective, medically

supervised approach.

"Kids and teens know that being overweight is not healthy, and a majority of them know they are not happy because of it," added Lipinski. "Our goal is to help these youths regain their self-confidence while teaching them how to make healthier food choices, the importance of portion control and the value of exercise."

Supervised by board-certified physicians, Medical Weight Loss Clinic programs use regular grocery store food and are customized based upon a patient's medical profile. Each patient receives one-on-one support from Clinic profes-

sionals with the focus of the weight loss program to help patients develop healthy and satisfying eating habits.

To show her support in helping fight childhood obesity, and at the request of Medical Weight Loss Clinic, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has officially declared the week of Sept. 20 as "Childhood Obesity Awareness Week" in the state. Leaders in other communities, where Medical Weight Loss Clinic has facilities, have followed her lead and have issued, or plan to issue local proclamations. Locally that includes Canton Township, Farmington Hills, and Plymouth.

Dialysis center offers heated chairs, advanced charting

Fresenius Medical Care North America, operator of the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, has opened an advanced dialysis clinic in Canton.

The Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners, 6064 Sheldon, features 12 dialysis treatment stations, an online charting system with touch-screen monitors at dialysis stations, an emergency back-up electrical generator, treatment stations designed for patient comfort with individual media systems and reclining, heated treatment chairs with massage features. Dialyzers are used only once, unlike other facilities that may disinfect and re-use them.

In addition to in-center daytime hemodialysis services, Fresenius Medical Care Sheldon Corners offers home dialysis. Other dialysis patient services include a kidney transplant support program, anemia management, nutrition counseling, bone disease management and social worker support. Ahmed Rehan, M.D., a nephrologist affiliated with Nephrology Associates of Michigan in Ypsilanti, is the medical director of the new facility.

For more information about the clinic, which is accepting new patients, call (734) 207-6219 or (866) 4-DIALYSIS.

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- Kids' Crafts

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