

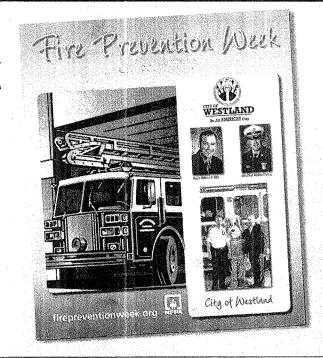
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Help needed

Pastor Michael Enerson of Westland's Full Gospel Temple is philosophical about an accident Thursday that totaled the church's cargo van, which is used to pick up food donations for its soup kitchen and food pantry.

"Into each life, some rain must fall and it's drizzling here," he

The driver was injured and faces surgery after the van was hit by a drunken driver on Palmer about a mile from the church. Enerson is hoping, and praying, that someone will donate a van so the volunteers can continue to pick up the food.

"We don't have a decent vehicle to pick up the donations. This has seriously impacted our ability to help people," he said. "Members of the congregation are using their vehicles to pick up some of the donations. Some restaurants we pick up soup in the evening, others make soup for us. But there are some things that if they aren't done, they'll look elsewhere and we'll lose that contact.

The food is used to feed 65-75 people who come to the soup kitchen each day for a meal. The food pantry provides food baskets to 100-200 people each week. It also operates a warming shelter for the homeless from Jan. 1 through March 31 with the help of area churches.

The church isn't looking for a brand new vehicle, just one that it can use to continue to pick up the food. People interested in neibing out the church, can call (734) 326-3333 and ask for Enerson.

Naid in Michigan

The Petticoat Ladies will present their program Maid in Michigan at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind City Hall on Ford west of Central City Parkway. The Westland Historical Society is presenting the program.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door, . although advance tickets are suggested. Get tickets at the Bailey Center or call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Georgia Becker at (734) 729-1605.

Pumpkin sale

The Westland Historic Commission is selling pumpkins, at the Westland Historic Village Park at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Sale hours are 1-4 p.m. today (Oct. 3), 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 4, and 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7. Proceeds will benefit the Westland Historic Village Park.

Scholarship

Wavne Memorial High School graduate and University of Michigan student Ilsi Lopez has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association.

Lopez is one of 18 McDonald's employees in southeast Michigan to be awarded a scholarship by local McDonald's owner/operators in 2010. An employee at a McDonald's location in Romulus, Lopez was chosen to receive the scholarship because she demonstrated a strong commitment to both her work at McDonald's and her performance in the classroom.

County beefs up nature preserve rules



Cut-up wood is all that remains of one of three bridges on an illegal mountain bike trail that was built in the Holliday Park Nature Preserve in Westland.

BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Some people apparently are unclear on the concept of a nature preserve.

Wayne County Parks staff recently cut up three bridges, part of a 2,500-foot illegal mountain bike trail that had been built across the Holliday Nature Preserve. Mountain bikes are prohibited from the 500-acre preserve of wetlands and forests due to the damage caused to the vegetation and habitats.

"When there is one mountain bike doing something in the preserve, there is not much to do. We had a crisis over the summer," said Bill Craig of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. "They were not content with the existing trail system. They weren't supposed to be there. They made a long cut through the wood where there never was a trail. It was very disappointing when I saw this."

Whoever did the damage — Craig calls them rouge mountain bikers - spent a lot of time building their trail, including three illegal bridges, one 23 feet long.

"This wasn't kids. These are adult men who want to ride mountain bikes through the nature preserve," said Craig. "I'm sure they were proud of what they did."

The illegal bridges were well-built using boards and the trail was marked with the initials MBT and an arrow sprayed on trees. The illegal trail was constructed near the Central City Parkway entrance to the pre-

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There are 38 members of the Michigan Senate who can serve only two four-year terms. Their salaries and those of their colleagues in the House of Representatives is set by the State Officers Compensation Commission which meets every two years. Currently lawmakers make \$79,650 per year in addition to receiving a \$12,000 annual expense allowance. However, beginning in January their salaries will decrease to \$71,685 and the expense allowance will be reduced to \$10,000.

both sides gets job done government accountable

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When his opponent criticizes the low number of bills

adopted carrying his name, state Sen. Glenn Anderson responds that he doesn't worry much about who gets the credit Anderson as long as the

job gets done. "The election of one person certainly is not going to make a difference — even the governor and that's about the closest you get to one person making the difference," said the Westland Democrat, who is seeking a second term representing the 6th District. "Collectively, you can help

make a difference."

To help with the economy, Anderson has sponsored a Michigan First bill to require any company doing business with the state or getting tax incentives to hire Michigan

Anderson: Working with Pastor: Tries to make

residents first. "I've also proposed legislation that penalizes employers for hiring illegal aliens. They should be penalized, if they hire illegals intentionally," said Anderson. "I want to send the message that we will not tolerate Michigan jobs going to illegals. If we can get a handle on immigration, it will

help the economy." While supportive of tax credits to help promote business development, Anderson said it's also important that those credits be monitored.

"We shouldn't just write a

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BY LEANNE ROGERS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

John Pastor, Republican candidate for the 6th District

state Senate seat, thinks voters will have a clear. choice between himself and Democratic

incumbent Glenn Anderson.

"One reason to elect me is if you believe we will have a Republican governor, he needs a team behind him," said Pastor, a Livonia resident. "Will my opponent vote for (Republican gubernatorial candidate) Rick Snyder's policies. I know he won't. If you believe in Democratic policies, vote for him (Anderson) by all

means — I'm not the person for you."

A former state representative and Livonia councilman, Pastor described himself as a proud conservative.

"I'm pro-life and I say it. I'm pro-gun. You could not have a clearer choice all the way down the aisle," he said. "I'm a lightning rod in Lansing. I was called Tea Party before there was a Tea Party. I was called the godfather of the Tea Party."

During his time as a state representative, Pastor said that he had good working relationships with even the most liberal Democrats, something that is necessary in the legislature.

"If you can't work across party lines, you can't succeed," said Pastor, who cites

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Federal jobs money restores school funding cuts

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

School districts around the state have been on the receiving end of good news and bad news from Lansing.

The good news: Lawmakers have agreed to a plan to distribute the federal government's Educational Jobs Act money to restore the remainder of a 2009-10 cut in per student school aid.

The bad news: The state has put school districts on notice that it will increase the percentage of payroll they pay for employees' retirement from 19.1 percent to 20.66 percent effective Nov. 1.

"We were elated to hear about the additional \$2.4 million from the Educational Jobs Fund, but also shocked to hear that the state is raising the retirement rate," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "That increase will cost a minimum of \$800,000 and now that \$2.4 million dwindles to \$1.6 million."

The state Senate last Wednesday afternoon passed HB 5872 (S-5), which will restore the remaining \$154 of last year's \$165 per student cut in state school aid as well as the \$4.5 million of the \$16 million cut in funding for intermediate school districts. It also will provide between \$23 and \$46 per student as a 2X

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CORRECTIONS

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Information about a Westland Community Foundation Octoberfest at the Westland Historical Museum was incorrect and actually referenced an event that took place in 2009. The foundation isn't sponsoring a similar outing this year.

■ The telephone number for people to volunteer as mentors for the Westland Youth Assistance Program that was published in Thursday's issue of the Westland Observer should have been (734) 467-7904.





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Once they were alerted to the illegal trail, Craig said he was pleased with the response from Wayne County Parks, which quickly cut up the bridges, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which has ticketed at least one mountain

biker for being in the preserve. Mounted officers are patrolling the park in an effort to catch the mountain bikers.

"We have new signs. We had revised, updated rules adopted by the Wayne County Commission that we put up on Earth Day," said Craig. "That had been a weak link — people would say they didn't know it was illegal."

The association also

received support from the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. An e-mail from Dave Thompson, a member of the MBA state board of directors, stated that "the MMBA does not condone this type of activity and is concerned for the reputation of mountain bikers as a whole that can suffer at the hands of a few who, through either ignorance

rules."

Due to cutbacks at Wayne County, Craig said enforcement in the park has been difficult.

"It's hard to get the police in there," said Craig. "People will say that they heard guys with chainsaws but people don't get involved or they thought it was something we were doing."

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addition for districts receiving the minimum foundation grant.

Wayne-Westland would receive \$1.9 million with the \$154 per pupil increase and another \$490,000 for a 2X addition based on \$38 per student.

"We must support our schools to help prepare our kids for the jobs of future, and this funding formula will ensure our local schools have the most money to do that," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who supported the legislation. "The Education Jobs Fund provides an opportunity for us to leverage federal funding to hire new teachers and protect current teaching positions."

Baracy said that while

school officials don't have all of the criteria, the understanding is that "it must be spent to preserve programs and that's what we will use it for." The 19.1 percent retirement

The 19.1 percent retirement took effect Friday, Oct. 1, and was the amount that districts used in planning their 2010-11 budget. It also looks like there

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GREG BARACY, Wayne-Westland superintendent

is the possibility of yet another increase to 23 percent as soon as January, Baracy said. If that happens, he estimates that "that the money (\$2.4 million) may be used up before we get it."

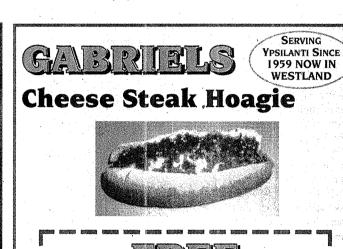
"We heard at a workshop that the retirement rate could go up to 26 percent next year," he added. The Jobs money is one time only funding. It will disappear next year just as federal stimulus money runs out. Baracy estimates that at that time school districts in the state could face a per pupil loss of \$500-\$700.

"We're on course to mass destruction, if something isn't done," he said. "This is a wonderful Band-Aid approach and we need every penny we get, but every school district is facing a huge budget cliff at the end of 2011-2012. We can't sustain what we have, we have to fix it."

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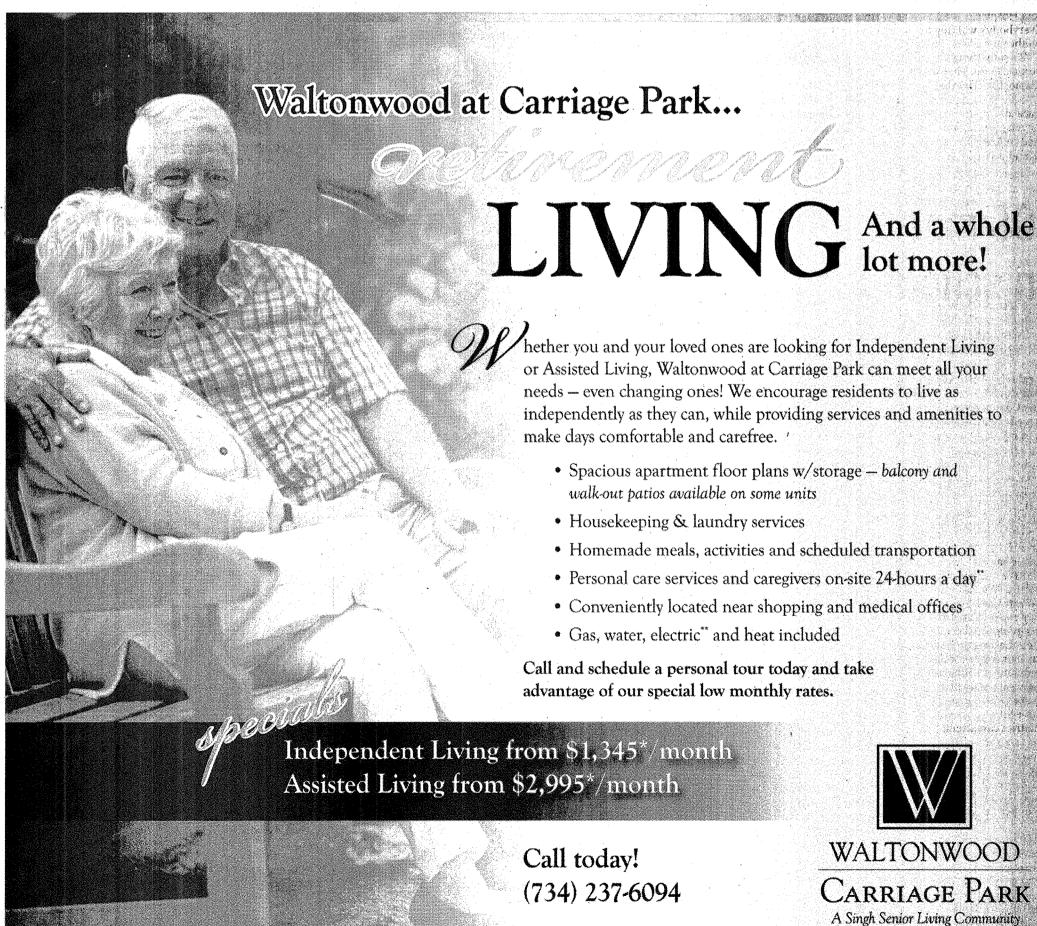
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Angela Hospice walkers remember loved ones

both of whom walked.

"They did a lot to help them through this grieving process,"

Tinsley said of Angela Hospice.

Canton's Sheila Wofford was

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Sheila Wofford of Canton normally gets up early weekdays for her school bus driver job. Sunday's church, leaving Saturday for sleeping in.

She made an important exception Sept. 25 for the Angela Hospice Walk of Remembrance, held on the Felician Sisters grounds in

Wofford, husband Gary and others from their family were walking in memory of her mom, Betty Monteith, who died a year ago August.

"She had a wonderful life," Sheila Wofford said. "She had nine children. Very outgoing, always had something to say. Apples don't fall too far from the tree."

Their family used Angela Hospice services, and agreed the Walk of Remembrance was a great way to give back.

'I think it's absolutely wonderful," Wofford said. "When people do good things for you, it's always nice to give back."

Her mom lived with them for six years when healthy. They'd planned to use hospice for home care, and used it in the hospital.

The family was wearing Betty's picture, with a number of other walkers wearing photos of their loved one as well as name ribbons. Michael Gluth of Westland, a Livonia Franklin High sophomore, was walking for "my grandma, Ruth Gluth." She died three years ago.

Gluth, 15, was joined by his mom, brother, grandfather, aunt and uncle walking Saturday.

"I like it," the teen said of the Walk of Remembrance. "It's good there's a way to remember. She was really nice."

It was busy Saturday for Barb Iovan of Livonia, events coordinator for Angela Hospice.

"We have over 500 already preregistered," she said. "We'll be over 600, which is wonder-

This year's event, the third annual, included something new, about 17 fund-raising teams which got together in August and raised money for Angela Hospice.

"Everybody's walking to remember someone," Iovan said. "It's something virtually everyone can do. They had a son."

Proceeds are used for bereavement programs, not limited to Angela Hospice users and offered free. There's



Walkers pass through the grotto on the Angela Hospice grounds.

one for loss of a spouse, Heartstrings for those who lose a child under age 25, suicide loss, and programs for children and teens.

Marion Wisniewski of Livonia walked for the first time this year, in memory of her sister, Carol Keith.

"She passed away seven years ago," Wisniewski said. "She was the most wonderful person. Giving. She was very young when she died. She had just turned 51."

Volunteer Molly Rahmel of Livonia brought Wisniewski and five others to the event.

"Now I'm going over to work," Rahmel said, adding that the walks are "great because they bring an aware-

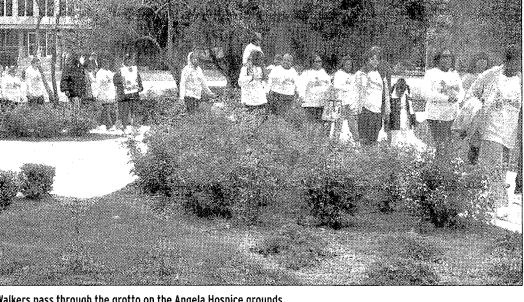
Some 70 volunteers were at the event Saturday, with registration beginning at Madonna University. Syndie Best of Westland, hospice volunteer coordinator, said volunteers handled parking, registration, shuttles for older walkers, course marshal duties, and refreshments and rock painting at the conclusion.

"And then of course the cleanup crew," Best said. "There's lots to do. "We could not do this event without the volunteers. I believe time is more valuable than money these days. We are so busy and time is such a precious commodity. To give of their time is

really meaningful." Rhonda Tinsley of Belleville was walking for her nephew, Jason Glenn, who died as a newborn. He died "last year

today, Sept. 25," his aunt said. There were about 50 from Jason's family walking.

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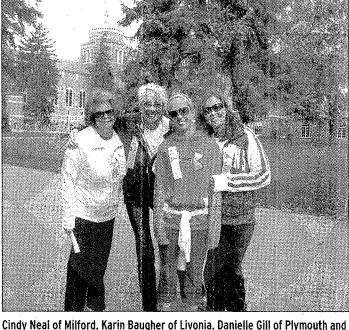
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Britney Fischer of Shelby Township pause during the Walk of Remembrance Saturday. They're with the Mimi's Marcher's team and were passing by the Felician Sisters Central Convent.

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"It was nice just to concen-

trate on her," Wofford said. "We got to concentrate on being with her."



SOS meeting focus on school funding

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local school officials are putting out an SOS call to Wayne County residents to get informed about school financing at a informational presentation Thursday, Oct. 14.

SOS - Save Our Students, Schools and State will have its chair Tom White and Mary DeYoung-Smith, president of the Michigan PTSA, as the speakers at the program, planned for 7-8:30 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

"Parents need to go there so they can understand what's going on and what needs to be done to fix this crisis," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We are supporting this so everyone of our parents, employees and stakeholders in the district can attend."

The program will look at the results of a Citizens Research Council of Michigan report on the issues the state is facing and at education's funding mechanism set under Proposal

The primary goals of SOS are to create a grassroots network of school personnel and community members to promote change through legislative action, assist schools to operate more efficiently and effectively and create a reformed system for funding K-12 education that smason@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6751

yields equitable, adequate and predictable funding.

According to SOS. "Michigan's school funding system is failing. It needs to be reformed. In the 15 years since the inception of Proposal A school funding system our economy has changed, our students have changed and our world has changed. Our school funding system needs to change as well. The needs are immediate as evidenced by the record number of school districts in deficit (bankruptcy) and the many more that are at the edge of a financial cliff. Both short- and long-term strategies are urgently needed to address the challenges faced by Michigan's schools.

According to Baracy, the meeting "is extremely important."

"It will contain information some of us may have forgotten or are not aware of because we weren't old enough to vote when Proposal A was passed,' said Baracy. "I truly believe this will be an eye-opener for folks and will certainly give people a better understanding of how schools are funded, when the funding mechanism and formula changed and why we have a 40-year-old antiquated tax system to support education.

For more information about SOS, visit its website at www. sosmichigan.org.



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said Anderson, adding he is

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Battery in Livonia and rede-

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man and state representative,

Anderson said he made a point

of building good relationships

on both sides of the party line.

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state forward," said Anderson,

noting his good relationship

with state Rep. John Walsh,

part of the 6th District. "I

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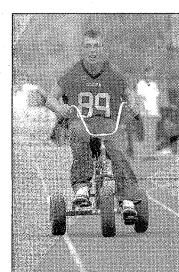
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A former Westland council-

John Glenn celebrates Homecoming in style **ANDERSON**

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Sophomore Josh Koehler peddles to the finish line in a tricycle race held at the pep assembly.

t wasn't quite the outcome John Glenn High School football fans were looking for at the annual Homecoming game, but the loss wasn't enough to dampen their enthusiasm for their

The freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors spent a part of the afternoon seeing who was the best in games like the tug-of-war and being fired up by the cheerleaders and high school step team at the annual pep assembly before stepping out in a parade down Marquette to the high school football field.

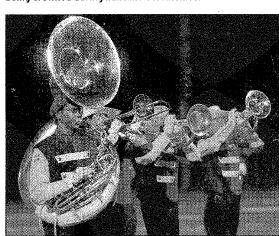
Crowned as Homecoming king and queen during halftime ceremonies were Aubrie Scott and King Cody Buege. They bested Brooke Graham, Jake Zadorski, Sarah Nellas, Edwin Silva, Allie Murphy, Kory Kalnasy, Rachel Kaz and Jared Coleman for the honor in a vote by the student body.

But even their royal standing wasn't enough to spur the Rockets on to a Homecoming victory. The Chiefs claimed the win with a 48-21 score.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Homecoming Queen Aubrie Scott and King Cody Buege are all smiles after being crowned during halftime ceremonies.



John Glenn Marching **Band takes** the field to perform for the Homecomina crowd.

14 bills he got passed while a minority member in the state House compared to three bills Anderson has gotten adopted as a majority member. "Glenn didn't do it in the State Senate or as a representative. Show me what you've done -Iworked closely with people and produced."

Like most Republicans, Pastor said his first goal to improve Michigan's economy is elimination of the Michigan Business Tax and surcharge.

"We are perceived as having the worst tax rate (in Michigan). No one understands it. The Single Business Tax was supposed to be gone in 2009," said Pastor. "I thought it would cripple business and it has. Government is supposed to help business people not put up wall after wall and all the red tape."

A sales tax would be fair, he said, with wealthier people paying more based on higher spending. If people were at or below the poverty line, Pastor said he would support refunding sales tax payments. Additionally, he said he would support extending the sales tax to services but only because other taxes would have been eliminated.

"I think that when the economy returns, this would generate more revenue," said Pastor.

JOHN PASTOR

the party line."

GLENN ANDERSON

City: Westland

Age: 56

Who: Incumbent Democratic can-

didate for the 6th state Senate

Family: Married, with two adult

children and two grandchildren

Education: Wayne State

University, University of

Community Involvement:

Goodfellows, Rotary, Kiwanis,

former Jaycee, former planning

commissioner, state representa-

tive 2001-06, city councilman

was one of the best decisions made in the city and I'm proud

Anderson is proud of the

positive impact resulting from

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legislature.

Who: Republican candidate in the state Senate's 6th District City: Livonia Age: 48

Employment: President of George H. Pastor & Sons Construction

Family: Married, with two children

Education: Ferris State University

Community Involvement: Currently, serving as a member of the Livonia City Council, served as state representative in the 19th District for three consecutive two-year terms, having been first elected in November of 2002, served on the Livonia Planning Commission, Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals, Livonia Traffic Commission, member of the Livonia Jaycees, volunteer for The Children's Miracle Network, member of the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia and member of the

"We need to look at tax credits businesses came when they got them. We'll suffer for the short term. It takes time for businesses to come here."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce

Voting against the MBT was cited by Pastor as one of his most important decisions in politics along with voting to approve Advanced Life

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Republican predecessor Laura Toy, Anderson also cites his perfect attendance in the Senate. "I believe if you run for a job,

then you should be there," he

said he had voted against

the Michigan Business Tax

and surcharge. Unlike his

A reform that Anderson has been working on is to get the state back on a fiscal year beginning July 1 like school districts and local government. The state has been on an Oct. 1 fiscal year for years — a move engineered to help the state deal with a financial shortfall.

"We still have school districts having to borrow money - why should they be paying that interest?" said Anderson.

To help the state deal with its budget shortfall, Anderson said the state needs to do what Ford Motor Company did with its suppliers and ask for a 5 or 10 percent cut in expenses from contractors who are paid \$17 billion in a fiscal year.

"The 10 percent reduction would solve our budget crisis," he said. "We need to make up the shortfall or continue cutting. Corrections is our biggest expense — people don't want criminals released. If we create a large hole in the budget, we have to at least partially fill it."

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Support emergency medical services while serving on the Livonia council.

"All my votes for budgets have been for the rate of inflation or below. I try to make government accountable," he said.

Pastor supports looking into the Canadian-style education system that requires an additional year of high school.

"A lot of times teachers teach to a test and they're not teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. I really would do away with standardized testing, it doesn't help kids," he said. "We need to get rid of the bad teachers. I don't have a problem paying teachers more, if they perform. They should be held accountable, it's no different in the private or public sectors."

Confident Michigan's next governor will be a Republican, Pastor said voters need to send people to Lansing who will support that agenda. Pastor uestioned how effectiv Anderson would be working as a minority member of the Senate.

"I've been able to do that. I'm for accountability. Glenn will only service the people who agree with him," said Pastor. "We need more people like Snyder with real life experience. Glenn (Anderson) has never been in the business world. I've had to worry about keeping the lights on."

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Theater troupe tries hand at improv

Ten members of Inspire Theater are pushing the creative envelope with their zany all Improv production that promises family-friendly laughs when it opens in Westland Friday, Oct. 22, at 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Uncle Fuzzy's Serendipitous Café was inspired by similar productions across the country. Artistic Director Len Fisher has been longing to bring such cutting edge, creative theatre to western Wayne County.

Fisher and his company refrain from the typical triplefare cocktail of drugs-sexprofanity usually served up in similar shows.

"We keep it clean which is not always easy," Fisher said.

use to having an innuendo or an expletive as part of their entertainment. It's more difficult to write and perform

Fisher

with those doses of reality based humor. We are proving, however, that it can be done. The whole family will enjoy Uncle Fuzzy.'

With less than a month away, the company still does not have a complete working script. Fisher admits it's unnerving if not a daring move, creating something from nothing.

"It's a work in progress. It's not for the faint of heart or the comedically challenged," he

"Audiences are said. "I give the troupe/company a premise, they brainstorm, and I put the ideas together. It's total collaboration and totally brilliant. And it's a blast!"

> The idea for an improvbased show came after Inspire Theatre hosted an informal improv night. The results were stellar, Fisher said. A full length production from those first sessions was developed and produced as KORK-TV, last year's big hit for Inspire Theater.

"Uncle Fuzzy is more of a sketch comedy show along the lines of television's Saturday Night Live with elements borrowed from The Carol Burnett Show and Laugh-in," he said.

Tickets for the show are \$10. They as well as more information are available by calling

Troup brings 'Titanic' to life in show

BY SUE BUCK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Get a boarding pass and find out if you survived a trip on the Titanic's maiden voyage.

The Petticoat Ladies and a Few Good Men are giving a special performance of *Titanic* at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, at The Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford, Garden City.

Gail Smalley, the narrator, said that this is a repeat performance.

"We did the same performance in November." Smalley said. "People loved it."

It will be a night to remember. After the show is over, each audience member can look in a book of names to see if he or she survived the fateful voyage.

Ninety-eight years after the Titanic sank, the Garden City community can hear the sto-

ries of the survivors. There will be wine, sparkling cider, finger sandwiches and assorted desserts.

On April 10, 1912, the Titanic, largest ship afloat, left Southampton, England, on her maiden voyage to New York City. The White Star Line had touted the boat as the safest ship ever built, so safe that it carried only 20 lifeboats - enough to provide accommodation for only half of the

The discrepancy rested on the belief that since the ship's construction made her

2,200 passengers and crew.

"unsinkable," her lifeboats were necessary only to rescue survivors of other sinking ships. And, lifeboats took up valuable deck space, the planners said.

However, four days into her journey, at 11:40 p.m. April 14, the ship struck an iceberg and sank. There were only 705 survivors; the remaining 1,522 passengers and crew member perished.

Tickets for the show are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum is open noon-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, call (734) 838-0650.

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Friends of Rouge hold annual dinner

Steven Chester, former director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, will be the keynote speaker at a Friends of the Rouge membership meeting fund-raising dinner planned for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

The dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and will feature Chester and presentation of the Best Friend of the Rouge Award.

All current Friends members are invited to attend the complimentary portion of the even, beginning at 7:30 p.m., which includes the FOTR **Annual Report Presentation** and Board of Directors election. Sponsorships are avail-

able; contact Karen Hanna at (313) 792-9900.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to help members stay informed and in touch with FOTR's programs and to honor the distinguished Best Friend of the Rouge awardees.

"It's important to meet each year to examine how our organization sustains itself and will continue to be a strong, enduring organization for years to come," said Karen Hanna, operations director. "We will illustrate how Friends of the Rouge remains a guiding force in the education and public involvement of all citizens of the Rouge River watershed and shed light on organizational changes and incentives for the coming year."

A critical element of the annual meeting is the Board of Directors election.

"Board membership is invaluable to our organization. Board members are a source of leadership ensuring sound fund-raising and administrative management, advancing corporate support, and developing and directing strategic initiatives," added Hanna.

Glen Oaks is at 30500 13 Mile in Farmington Hills. For tickets, contact Randi Fires, at repastmgr@therouge.org. People interested in running for the Board of Directors, can send an e-mail to Karen Hanna at opdir@therouge. org. For more information on the FOTR, visit their website at www.therouge.org.

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Open house

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host an open house 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week.

The Friends of the Westland Library was established in 1996 and continue to raise money for the library. There are currently more than 250 members.

The Friends hold 4 large book sales a year, with profits used to support library programs, such as "Book in a Bag" and the Summer Reading Programs.

Officers of the organization include are Meriem Kadi, president; Dorothy Smiley, vice-president; Inge Singleman, treasurer; Lynne Hagmann, secretary, and trustees Marie DiDomizio, Marie Promo and Ramona Shaney.

For more information about the group or to become a member, call the library at (734) 326-6123 or stop by the open house.

Surplus food

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations for residents to obtain surplus federal food for the month of October.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-

1737 for more information. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at their complex.

For the month of October, apple juice, mixed vegetables. peaches, peanut butter, canned pork, frozen blueberries, vegetable soup and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distributions sites and dates of distribution are determined by that

Health discussions

Preventative Health Discussion Groups will be held at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The topics are Avoiding or Correcting Heart and Artery Problems and Dental Effect on Your Health Oct. 5, Cancer - Avoiding or Curing Oct. 12, **Human Growth Hormone for** Older People - Energy and Strength, Weight Loss Oct. 19, Cancer - Avoiding or Curing Body PH - Helps to avoid all diseases, Diabetes - curing method Oct. 26, General good health at 50 plus years, Muscle testing or dowser Nov. 2, Angstrom Silver and Minerals Nov. 9 and Your Body Electric and a New Type of Health Care Nov. 16.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-

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.

Comedy fund-raiser

McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding a Comedy Night Fund-Raiser at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland

Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and snacks, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. The professional troupe, PROJECT 2 IMPROV, will be performing

Tickets are \$10 each for those 18 years and older. For tickets, contact Allison Thiede (734) 308-7348 or by e-mail allimath@yahoo.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.

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If an under-privileged or disadvantaged group exists, then there must be a privileged or advantaged group that also exists. As part of the Michigan Roundtable's public education effort, Wise will discuss how structures and institutions have been put in place and reinforced by people of privilege in order to marginalize the other. The message is quite clear: Acknowledge your privilege and take responsibility to eradicate it.

Admission is free to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is available online at www.miroundtable.org or by contacting Tanaya Parker by phone at (313) 870-1500.

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

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Spaghetti dinner

Good Hope Lutheran Church will hold a spaghetti dinner fund-raise 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City, MI 48135.

The cost is \$7 for Adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3-11, and children under age 3 eat free. Advance tickets are available at the church or at the door the day of the event.

For more information, call (734) 427-3660.

Preschool openings

Garden City Preschool housed in Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center is opening a four-yearold Tuesday and Thursday afternoon class and a three-year-old Monday and Wednesday morning class.

For information or to sign up, call Jeannine at (734) 762-8550 immediately.

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

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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.

Office hours

Need to talk with Garden City Mayor Randy Walker? You'll find him Tuesdays at Garden City Hall. Walker will hold office hours 4:30-6 p.m. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling Administrative Assistant Margo Ciecierski at (734) 793-

Double your donation

It's not often that an organization can offer double the bang for a buck. The good news is that the Straight Farmhouse has secured a grant that will match donations up to the first \$10,000. The program known only as "Matching Grant," is made possible by some generous donors who wish to remain anonymous.

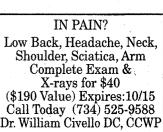
To make a donation, or for more information, contact the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City, MI 48135. Or call (734) 838-0650. The e-mail address is straight. farmhouse@yahoo.com.

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

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

The bricks are \$50 for the 4inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

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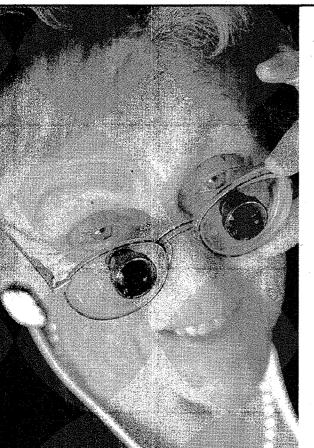
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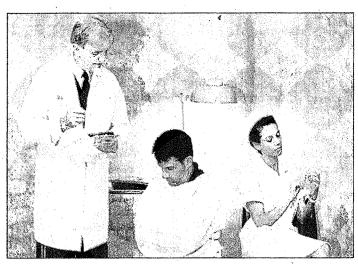
Barefoot opens 5th year with thriller

Barefoot Productions opens its fifth season Oct. 8 with the psychological thriller. "Mindgame," by Anthony Horowitz and Plymouth's only production company celebrates the opening with a special, complementary opening night reception for its patrons.

Horowitz, a well-known British author, crafted this suspense-driven play, which places the audience in the room with an escaped, cannibalistic serial killer. Perverse, with scenes of graphic violence, "Mindgame" twists subjective reality into unimaginable suspense.

"Barefoot patrons have come to love our mysteries," explained Craig A. Hane. Barefoot's artistic director and founder. "This year, we wanted to continue that tradition, yet offer a more contemporary storyline with a darker edge. It still echoes the secondguessing of a more typical mystery, but its subject matter is more grim and graphic. And it arrives just in time for Halloween when everyone loves a little suspense and fright."

"Mindgame" unravels the tale of a true crime writer eager to interview an infamous serial killer who is locked away in an isolated mental institution. From the writer's arrival to the play's conclusion, the story plays with patrons' perspectives of what is real and what isn't. Keeping in the cat-and-mouse genre of such mysteries as "Deathtrap" and "Sleuth," "Mindgame" is not just a "who done it?" because it



Barefoot Productions opens "Mindgame" next month with a cast that includes David Alexander of Redford, David D. Fedewa of Northville and Denene Pollock of Ypsilanti.

OPENING NIGHT

What: Barefoot Productions' presents "Mindgame"

When: Performances Oct. 8, 9, • 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees Oct. 17 and Oct. 24. Opening night patrons will enjoy a complementary reception, featuring hot mulled cider, desserts from Plymouth's The Cupcake Station (which opens its doors this month) and more.

Where: All performances in the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main in Plymouth (the former Walker-Buzenberg Building).

Tickets: \$16 for general admis-

also taps into people's psyches and fears, according to Hane, who directs "Mindgame."

"I love a good mystery!" said Hane. "And 'Mindgame' is no exception. It's a superb thriller, but it bumps up the fear factor with its ominous themes and shocks. I was overwhelmed by the tightly-written script that treats its audience as intelligent, questioning adults. People will literally be on the edge of their seats trying to anticipate what's ahead and will walk away talking about this show the entire way home."

Coinciding with Halloween and true to the style to which Barefoot has become known, Hane has added his own "fear factor," to "Mindgame" by moving the audience closer to the stage than any other previous

sion; \$14 for students and seniors, and \$14 for groups of 10 or more. Season tickets are available at \$42 per person for the three main stage shows (excluding A Christmas Carol). Individual tickets can be purchased online at www. justgobarefoot.com by clicking on the Ticketleap link. Individual and group tickets can also be purchased by calling Barefoot Productions' box office at (734) 560-1493. The box office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

production - in some cases, within four feet of the performance – to evoke the feeling that the audience is in the same room with a serial killer looking for his next victim.

"We performed last season's 'Rope' in real-time, drawing audience members into the plot and dissolving the lines between a production and reality," said Hane. "People really enjoyed that aspect and this play lends itself to the same ideology. But this time, the realism will be off the charts."

The cast includes David Alexander of Redford, David D. Fedewa of Northville and Denene Pollock of Ypsilanti. Patrons are cautioned that certain scenes of graphic violence may be disturbing for younger audience members and sensitive adults.

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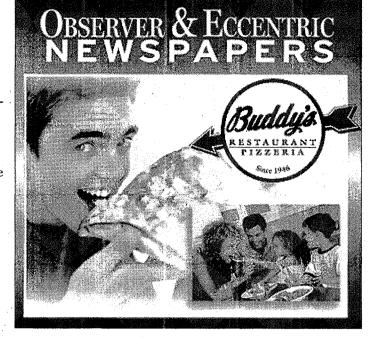
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Treasurer offers second online property auction

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz will hold a second round of online bidding in October to auction off remaining tax-foreclosed properties following a successfully sale in September.

Starting Oct. 22, bidding for the remaining properties will begin at just \$500 per parcel. The online preview of the properties is available on www.bid4assets.com/wayne. Online bidding will take place Oct. 22-28 for those individuals who register with Bid4Assets. com and submit a bid deposit by Oct. 15.

Due to the record number of tax foreclosed properties being auctioned to the public, the Office of the Wayne County Treasurer conducted its first Internet auction through Bid4Assets.com, a leading provider of online real estate auctions. The September online auction generated more than \$4.1 million in tax revenue for the county, an increase of more than 600 percent over revenue raised from last year's live onsite auction.

The decision to use the online ister with Bid4Assets.com auction service was a result of the sheer number of properties to be auctioned this year, the demands placed on the Treasurer's Office staff during this time, the need to provide other essential services to the public and the opportunity to maximize revenue from the sales that will be dispersed to the county's taxing municipali-

"We are very pleased with the results of our first Internet auction," said Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz. "Bid4Assets.com's technology, experienced team and ultimately, the results far surpassed our expectations."

"Approximately 300 people participated in the Wayne County tax sale," said Matt Baker, CEO of Bid4Assets, Inc. "Although the majority of the buyers came from Michigan, we were able to attract participants from all over the world, including Hong Kong and Canada."

To participate in the October

auction, all bidders must regand submit a \$1,000 deposit and \$25 processing fee in the form of a cashier's check or bank wire in U.S. funds to Bid4Assets Inc. by Oct. 15. Information on the deposit instructions can be found on the Bid4Assets.com website. Potential auction bidders without a computer can contact Bid4Assets at (877) 4-ASSETS for more information on how to register and bid. Special procedures are in place to accommodate these bidders and will require completion of an Offline Bid Form.

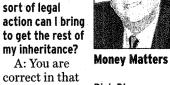
No auction activities will take place at the office of the Wayne County Treasurer.

For additional information on the auction and to view the. properties, visit: www.bid4assets.com/wayne. The Term and Conditions of Sale and a list of the properties offered are available online at the Wayne County Treasurer's website: www.treasurer.waynecounty.

Confusing estate tax laws may be changing soon

Q: Dear Rick: Earlier this year my cousin passed away. He had a rather sizeable estate and he was single without children at his death. He had a living trust and therefore there no probate was needed. I recently received a check for my inheritance and there was a note attached that said that the trustee of his trust was withholding money for potential, estate taxes. I know there are no estate taxes this year, so I called the trustee. He said the estate still could be subject

to estate taxes. Do you think the trustee is right and, if not, what sort of legal action can I bring to get the rest of my inheritance?



Rick Bloom at the present time there are no estate taxes

in 2010. However, and this is where it gets confusing, there is no guarantee that we won't have the return of the estate tax this year and, furthermore, there is no guarantee that the estate tax won't be retroactive to the beginning of the year.

This doesn't seem fair and it's not right, however, equity and fairness generally have nothing to do with taxes. Therefore, because your cousin's estate was a large estate, it is possible that Congress could pass a new estate tax law which could impact your cousin's estate.

I believe it was responsible of the trustee to withhold money for potential estate taxes. After all, if the law changes and the estate was subject to taxes, the

trustee could potentially have personal liability if the money was already distributed.

I know many people who are reading this would say you can't have a tax law passed at the end of the year that is retroactive to the beginning of the year. Although it does seem unfair and un-American, it has happened before. When it has been challenged in courts, the courts have allowed these retroactive tax laws. In fact, when President Bill Clinton took office, he signed a tax law that was actually retroactive to before he even took office. Once again, the courts determined that it was legal.

This (2010) is an unusual year when it comes to estate taxes. Since the advent of the estate tax decades ago, there has never been a year where the tax has been non-existent and yet, that is exactly what we have this year.

I have no doubt that Congress anticipated that when the current estate tax law passed, it would be amended by now. It wasn't and that is why the confusion. Congress has tried a number of times throughout the years to correct the situation, however, politics gets in the way. It is still possible that after the elections (in the lame-duck session), a new law will get passed. That is why I believe the trustee is being prudent by withholding money for the potential tax liability.

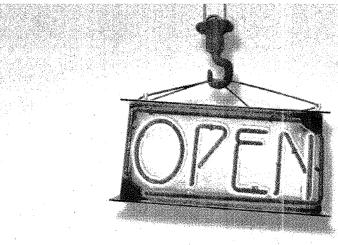
There is always much confusion regarding estate taxes. The great majority of Americans will not have to worry about estate taxes, however, if the present law is not

amended, more Americans will be subject to the tax. Nevertheless, whether you are potentially subject to the estate tax or not, it is still important for everyone, no matter what your means, to do some sort of estate planning. Whether it is a living trust, a will, a durable power of attorney or a medical durable power of attorney, every adult needs some sort of estate plan. Reducing or eliminating taxes is important, however, what is even more important is protecting your

The relatively straightforward needs of simple wills such as the Michigan Statutory Will can be sufficient for many people. To download a free copy, go to www.bloomassetmanagement.com and click on the Legal Forms tab. Also available under the Legal Forms tab on my website is a Medical **Durable Power of Attorney** form, something that I recommend all adults 18 years of age or older complete. After all, when it comes to health care decisions, we want someone who loves us making those decisions. That is what a medical durable power of attorney accomplishes.

When it comes to estate taxes, laws are going to change. What the new law will be and when it takes effect, no one knows at this point in time. Good luck!

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Mosher: Stimulus plan is working

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Natalie Mosher supports the stimulus plan passed by Congress and believes governmental spending in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can help turn the economy around.

"I think we can bring it close to home, by investing in alternative energy," Mosher said. "Right in our own backyard in Livonia, we had the A123 plant that just opened up. It's North America's largest lithium ion auto battery plant."

Currently 300 employees



Mosher

Mosher said 3,000 will eventually be employed there. "These are

are employed.

really goodpaying jobs; they certainly can sustain a

family, I think it gets us off the dependence on oil that we do need to get off of," Mosher said. "So I do support the recovery act money and I'm really happy to see it come back.

"Unfortunately, my opponent has voted against this time and

again in terms of alternative energy and in favor of big oil."

BUSINESSES NEED CREDIT

Mosher believes businesses need to be able to obtain loans. "We have to provide credit to small business," Mosher said. "Small businesses are the economic engine of our country; they do create the jobs. We do need to work in partnership.'

One of the most pressing issues facing small businesses in southeast Michigan is the loss of capital and credit, Mosher said.

"I've been knocking on doors. If someone will open up and

share with me that they own a small business, they are not able to get any credit. If they could get credit, they certainly would be able to hire people and expand their business.

"We need to work in concert, government with business. It's a true partnership.

Mosher believes the financial system needs "some serious" reform. "We need to end the predatory lending practices of the banking industry, regulate the high-risk behavior of hedge fund managers on Wall Street, close corporate tax loopholes, encourage companies to keep jobs in Michigan rather than

outsourcing them overseas and keep lobbyists away from lawmakers," Mosher said. Smart government policies will help small businesses create jobs.

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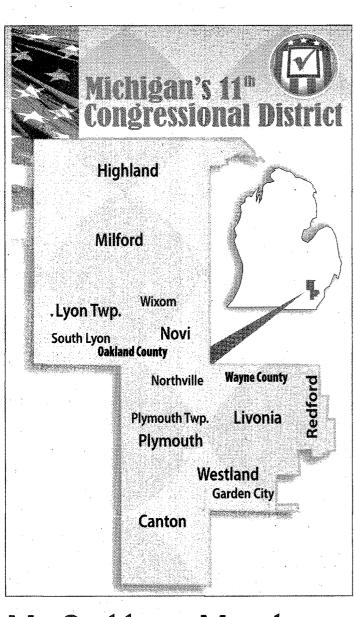
Mosher would like to use congressional oversight of the Federal Reserve to ensure that the U.S. monetary policy supports the interests of small businesses and entrepreneurs and "not just those of big corporations.'

Mosher proposes tax incentives for small businesses who hire new employees and for businesses that hire in high unemployment areas like southeast Michigan.

Mosher also supports tax cuts for middle-class families. "Middle-class families are paying too much in payroll taxes," Mosher said. She promised to work to reform the tax code "so that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share," she said.

"There's nothing wrong with making money," Mosher said. 'We just need to ensure some basic fairness in our tax policy."

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McCotter, Mosher vie for Congress

Republican Thaddeus McCotter and Democrat Natalie Mosher are running for a two-year term for the 11th Congressional District of Michigan, which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland County communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford Township, South Lyon and Westland, as well as other com-

munities. A Livonia resident, McCotter was elected in 2002 to Congress. He was elected by his colleagues in November 2006 to serve as chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee. McCotter is also a member of the House Financial Services Committee, where he serves on the Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Housing and

Community Opportunity subcommittees.

elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the Wavne Senate.

Catholic Central High School. the University of Detroit and the University of Detroit Law School.

Mosher of Canton is a former school teacher. She served on the Erie (Ohio) County Commission, is a former director of her county's American Cancer Society organization, former chief development officer of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and director of the National Retiree Volunteer Coalition. Mosher received her bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University.

Members of Congress receive an annual salary of \$174,000.

McCotter, an attorney, also was County Commission and the state

McCotter is a graduate of

McCotter: Tax relief means more jobs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Thaddeus McCotter believes the stimulus plan is not working, and thinks tax relief is necessary so families can weather the economic

"The stimulus has not even lived up

to what its proponents have said," McCotter said. The stimu-



McCotter

but with interest, it put the country a \$1 trillion further in the hole, McCotter said. Stimulus plan supporters, including U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, now realize there isn't much left to that plan to get the economy going, McCotter said.

"As we've see with the \$26 billion attempt to bail out states and others, there's not going to be a simple spending solution to this," McCotter said. "In fact, what the spending will continue to do, and we've already seen this, it will continue to deepen the recession and prolong it because the fiscal situation of the United States is unten-

"What you have to have, and again this is not a novel approach, but you have to have tax relief that allows people, especially families and small businesses, to weather the storm and regain their confidence," McCotter said. "For small business to be hiring again, you have to make sure the larger investors put their money into investment and creation of jobs, rather than hold it back, or rather than feel that there is no utility to it because the profit incentive has been marginalized or minimized to the point that they don't want to do it."

TOXIC ASSETS REMAIN

McCotter, who opposed the Wall Street bailout, said that bailout was unacceptable and problems remain with the banking industry because the "zombie banks are floating around."

"The Wall Street bailout did nothing to clean those toxic assets out of the system," McCotter said. "It did nothing to decentralize the banking system in the United States by taking the large failed companies that had put us in this position and break them up and wall them

Instead the smaller community banks have had regulations tightened up when they weren't the problem, McCotter said.

The bipartisan banking reform through the Troubled Asset Relief Program was a failure. "It will continue to be the one largest drag on this economy," McCotter said.

To address the problem, the failed banks should be walled off and broken up. "We're still talking about AIG at this point," McCotter said. Much of the debt and toxic assets

remained parked at AIG even after AIG's and TARP bailouts, McCotter said.

McCotter believes banks will continue to carry the toxic assets and not free up capital for the public. Without that infused capital and cleanup of the toxic assets, there won't be a solution. McCotter said.

MANUFACTURERS NEED CAPITAL

"States like Michigan which are capital intensive in the manufacturing sector are going to continue to suffer," McCotter said. "What's worse is federal regulators are coming into our community banks and forcing them to write down their books and telling them to recapitalize outside. They weren't the people who caused the problem. These are things that were not addressed.

McCotter hopes that Congress will recognize that TARP failed.

On tax relief, McCotter said about 40-50 Democrats have signed on to let the tax cuts continue. He believes the tax cuts have enough votes in the House, but he doesn't know about the Senate.

You have to do it because if you don't do it, you will have the people with the greatest ability to invest and create jobs not going to do it," McCotter said. "They will sit on the sidelines because their rate of return on investment will be diminished,

"Right now, that probably is the worst place you want to start especially with the banks being frozen. You want to get private equity investment from outside of these financial institutions to start to come back in, to start to reinvest in the economy.

"If you tell them they aren't welcome or tell them that they've somehow done something wrong where they merit special disparate treatment under the tax laws, then they're not going to do it."

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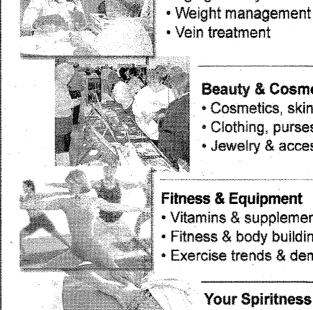
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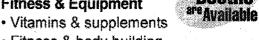




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Livonia school board to review pay of superintendent

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school board is reviewing its superintendent's pay, which according to a consultant is almost \$50,000, or 25 percent, below the going rate for area school chiefs.

The board will meet Monday to discuss if and when it should increase its compensation package or leave it as is, board president Lynda Scheel said.

Scheel said the state's early retirement incentives in

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May created superintendent vacancies across Michigan. Other districts have already contacted Livonia Supt. Randy Liepa, who is considered one of the top superintendents in the state.

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She said the board needs to analyze its executive compensation package to make sure it's competitive with other districts.

"As a premier school district and one of the largest in the state, we would like to retain Dr. Liepa," she said. "He is highly respected, experienced

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and effective. However, if Dr. Liepa decides to pursue a career elsewhere in the future, we will then need to be in the position to recruit a new superintendent."

Consultant Jeff Rahmberg of Rahmberg Stover and Associates in Birmingham said Liepa's wage of \$148,919 is \$47,725 below the average wage of 13 area districts with student populations of 10,000 or more and two smaller neighboring districts, Northville and Novi. Livonia has about 17,000 students.

Liepa's total compensation, including FICA and retirement, at \$203,637 is \$58,071 less than the going rate.

"I think it's cause for concern, a situation that warrants your attention," Rahmberg said. "I understand that's a lot of money and these are difficult times."

Two school board trustees, Gregory Oke and Patrice Mang, said this school year isn't the right time for increasing the superintendent's pay.

The board recently negotiated concessionary contracts with all of its employee groups and also cut transportation services and increased class sizes and sports fees to help balance its \$146.1 million budget for this school year.

"I'm not willing to talk about it (an increase) for this year," Mang said, adding that she's not aware that Liepa has asked for a raise or of any

Dr. Randy Liepa became superintendent for Livonia Public Schools in July 2003. He was promoted from his previous position as the district's assistant superintendent for finance.

efforts to give back to other employees.

Resident Loyd Romick called the board's consideration of a raise in the superintendent's pay shameful, given that it just approved a contract Sept. 20 cutting the pay

of the district's lowest paid workers — its bus drivers, food service employees and custodians — by 3 percent.

Romick's comments
prompted applause from a
handful of people sitting in
the audience, members of the
AFSCME unit representing
its bus drivers, food service
workers and custodians.

However, board Vice President Colleen Burton said that although the timing is poor for an increase, the district risks losing its superintendent, "It's a fact of the market today."

Board secretary Rob Freeman said it's a choice between paying Liepa what he's worth or finding someone else and paying him or her the same amount of money.

Consultant Gary Faber from the Michigan Leadership Institute told the board it would cost \$17,000 to \$20,000 and take 12 to 14 weeks to conduct a national search for a new superintendent. He said 80 of the state's 500 school districts have new superintendents, and his firm is currently assisting in six searches.

"To be bluntly honest, we're in unchartered water," he said, adding it will be difficult to find enough talented leaders to go around.

"You have a good leader," he said of Liepa. "You want to keep him."

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Share your Halloween photos and win

Share a photo of your favorite Halloween decoration - your home, your pumpkin, your costume - with readers at hometown-life.com (see the Reader Submitted Photo Gallery on the homepage) and you could win a prize!

Post your photo there, then we will ask hometownlife.com visitors to vote.

The top three vote-getters will win a prize. First prize is two tickets (in a suite) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington. Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages Nov. 9 at the Fisher Theatre, featuring Constantine Maroulis - the



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Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers.

AROUND WESTLAND

Dinner show

Take step a back to the 1950s at a Fabulous '50s Variety dinner show, featuring celebrity impersonators Johnny Mathis, Pasty Cline and Dean Martin, Friday, Oct. 15, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post at 3323 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Extended hours

additional cost

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and include a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., open bar 5:30-11:30 p.m. and entertainment an dancing starting at 8 p.m.; '50s attire encouraged. For tickets or more information, call the VFW at (734) 721-9876 or Larry Mosier at (734) 728-7643.

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, 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

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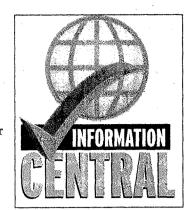
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Yoga can lead to better living

Yoga is a popular exercise program that started thousands of years ago in India. If you know anyone who practices yoga, you may have heard them rave about all the different benefits they receive. There is a reason why this form of exercise has existed for so long. A regular yoga practice can allow you to decrease your blood pressure, increase cardiovascular endurance, make your immune system stronger and aid digestion.

Yoga also detoxifies, improves one's posture, gives you energy and balance and increases your core strength. Additionally, yoga practitioners report many different emotional benefits. Yoga teaches you to stay calm decreasing your stress and anxiety. It improves your concentration, self-control and



self-acceptance.

There are many different schools of yoga. There are Vinyasa, Iyengar, Anusara, Ashtanga and Bikram just to name a few. Each one takes a different approach, but all do great things for your body. Feel free to try more than one to find the practice that works for you. Many yoga studios offer

beginner classes and classes for people who are recovering from injuries or have inhibited mobility as well.

If you want to find out more about yoga, the Westland public library is a great place to start. We have several books to start you out, including "The Yoga Handbook" by Sumukhi Finney, "Starting Yoga" by Doriel Hall, "Yoga Anatomy" by Leslie Kaminoff, "Read Men Do Yoga: 21 Star Athletes Reveal Their Secrets for Strength, Flexibility and Peak Performance" by John Capouya and "Big Yoga: A Simple Guide for Bigger Bodies" by Meera Patricia Kerr.

We also have dozens of yoga DVDs that cover many different types of yoga postures and styles from prenatal yoga to chair yoga to yoga just for backs.

For more information, visit the Public Library of Westland or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search the online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Advanced PowerPoint for Students: 7 p.m. Oct. 4

This class is specially designed class for high school and college students who already know how to create a basic PowerPoint presentation but want to know more. This class will teach you how to spice up your presentation with tricks like adding sound, cool transitions, motion and video.

Friday Night Movie: "Youth in Revolt," 7 p.m. Oct. 8 Stop by the library every

Stop by the library every Friday evening for a screening of a recently released movie. This week's movie is, "Youth in Revolt," rated R. No registration is required. This is an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8

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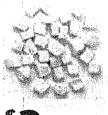
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WRITER LOOKS AT 3



Spartans no match for N'ville

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You don't have to be a math major to figure out the formula for success for this year's Northville football

The unbeaten Mustangs rolled up 463 yards in total offense and earned a state

PREP FOOTBALL playoff berth

Friday

night with their sixth victory in a 50-6 homecoming victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Although Northville has scored 398 points now in six contests, the Mustangs' have been just as stingy defensively allowing just 37.

"We played well defensively," said Northville coach Matt Ladach, whose team held Stevenson to 93 yards on the ground in 36 attempts. "Our defense has done a good job for us all season and they did again tonight."

It was a defensive play that got the Northville jumpstarted as senior Levi Berry picked off a pass and raced 65 yards for a score with 5:05 left in the first quarter.

"We were well prepared for this team," Ladach said. "Our defensive staff does a great job. We've done a great job all season stopping the run and I think Stevenson knew they had to come at us with balanced attack to move the

Before the quarter had

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Stevenson's Savannah Hatt captured the 200-yard individual medley in 2:14.75 in Thursday's dual meet against Northville.

Mustang tankers motor by Spartans

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

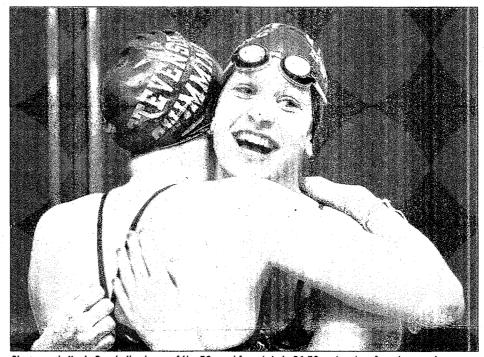
Two teams expected to duke it out for the KLAA Kensington Conference girls swimming and diving title did not disappoint in a dual meet held Thursday night.

With Shannon Lohman and Faith Miller leading the way, it was Northville who emerged with a 99-87 Central Division victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

"Great meet," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, whose team is 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA Central. "We know every time coming into Stevenson is going to be a battle. They gave us everything they had and we were fortunate to come out on top. All the girls swam hard, and both teams gave their best effort, and we were fortunate to win."

The quartet of Shannon Lohman, Sarah Lohman, Miller and Sarah

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Stevenson's Kayla Perchall, winner of the 50-yard freestyle in 26.58, gets a hug from teammate Savannah Hatt during Thursday's dual meet against Northville.

Warriors boot short-handed C'ville

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So much for game plans. On Thursday, Lutheran High Westland coach Rich Block was geared to stop one of the state's premier goal

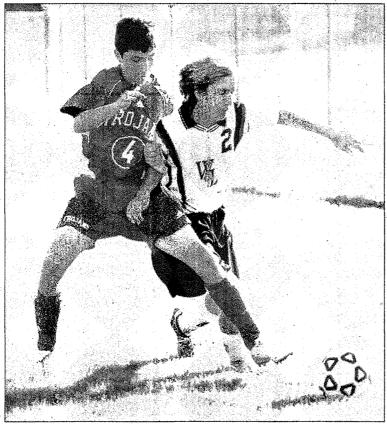
But when Livonia Clarenceville arrived off the bus, the Trojans were minus senior Ardit Dushkaj, who has 29 goals on the season, along with senior captain Carlito Robles. So the outcome was predictable as the host Warriors scored four times in the first half en route to a 4-1 victory.

Lutheran Westland, which snapped a three-game losing skid, got a pair of goals and an assist from senior Kent Kryzyske, to improve to 5-7-1 overall.

The loss dropped Clarenceville to 7-6.

"We were going to man mark him," Block said of Dushkaj. "The guy we were going to put on him, who I'm

Please see SOCCER, B2



Clarenceville's Ian Bunker (left) and Lutheran High Westland's Kent Krzyske battle for possession of the ball during Thursday's non-conference clash.

No magic this time for Glenn

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This time, there was no end-of-game craziness or foot-

age that might wind up on ESPN.

Yes, Plymouth and Westland John Glenn renewed acquaintances Friday night. But unlike the 2009 game, this year's was a flat-out whipping as the host Wildcats won

Plymouth now one win from clinching a state playoff berth, scored 28 points in the second

pened. We just came out and played well."

PREP FOOTBALL

quarter — all on touchdown passes from junior quarterback Shaun Austin — to make the team's homecoming game a festive

one at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. That pretty much told the tale of the KLAA South contest, which finished with a running clock after Plymouth

made it 35-0 early in the third quarter. "I don't know if it's payback," said Wildcats coach Mike Sawchuk, about whether his team had extra incentive to get back at the Rockets for last season's strange loss. "You try to learn from those mistakes and learn from what hap-

Glenn coach Tim Hardin said what transpired last year had no bearing on Friday's game, "none whatsoever."

Hardin said his defense simply couldn't stop Plymouth's aerial attack, which accounted for 323 yards and five TDs from Austin.

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SIDELINES

All-WHAC golfer

Madonna University golfer Michelle Hall is headed to the 2011 NAIA National Championship next May after claiming individual medalist honors by a single stroke in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The sophomore from Flushing also earned All-WHAC first-team honors for the second straight year after averaging 79 in four WHAC jamboree 18-hole tourneys this fall.

Senior Sara Simnitch (Swartz Creek) and junior Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) were named honorable mention All-WHAC.

Simnitch was also named to the Academic All-WHAC team along with senior Caitlin Steele (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child).

MU spikers romp

Senior Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) led the way with 16 kills Thursday as the Madonna University women's volleyball team rolled to a 25-18, 25-16, 25-17 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph over host Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, who won their 10th match in their last 11 outings, improved to 13-6 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

Amanda Koszela sparked the MU defense with 16 kills, while senior Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill) added 12 and Megan Fricke 11.

Setter Evia Prieditis chipped in with 29 assist-to-kills. Kayla Vandermolen had 14 assists and Courtney DePriest 17 digs for the Panthers (13-7,

Blazers too Mercy

5-2).

Junior Erin Cronyn scored a pair of first-half goals to propel Livonia Ladywood to a 3-0 Catholic League and Division II girls field hockey win Friday at Farmington Hills Mercy.

Junior Kylie Birney assisted on one of Cronyn's goals, while junior Emma Ellswood added a second-half goal off a rebound in front of Mercy goalie Charlie Jansen (four saves). Ladywood junior goalie

Mackenzie Holm made six saves as the Blazers improved to 6-1-2 overall. 3-1-1 in the league and 4-0-1 in Division.

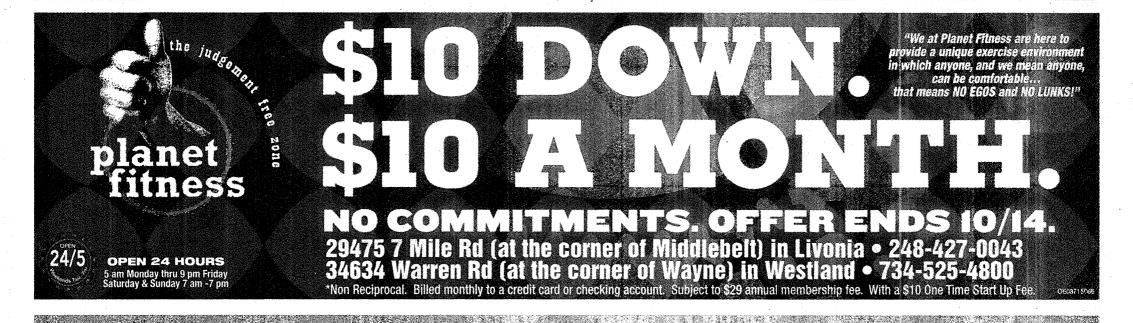
Mercy is 4-3 overall, 3-2 in the league and 1-2 in the divi-

"This was a great game for us," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "The girls came out strong from the first whistle and played with intensity the entire 60 minutes. It was a good team win for us."

Lady Ocelots fall

In an MCCAA Eastern Conference women's volleyball match Thursday, host Macomb Community College defeated Schoolcraft College in four sets, 25-15, 25-22, 19-25, 25-13.

The loss drops the Lady Ocelots to 11-7 overall and 3-3 in the conference, while Macomb improves to 13-10 and 5-1.



PREP CROSS COUNTRY

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE Sept. 29 at Bicentennial Park TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regin 34 points: 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 66: 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 86; 4. Birmingham Marian, 89; 5. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 125; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 142 (won tiebreaker); 7

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 142.

Ladywood finishers: 17. Emma McCrory 20:59; 21. Deyana Walker, 21:36; 30. Alexandra Barr, 22:14; 36. Becky Babon, 22:37; 38. Katherine Taylor, 22:44; 43. Sinead Cox, 23:37.

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY JAMBOREE MEET Sept. 28 at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Southfield

Christian, 48 points; 2. Lutheran High Westland 81: 3 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 107; 4. Plymouth Christian, 117; 5 Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 118 6. Birmingham Roeper, 136; 7. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 141; 8. Newport Lutheran South 150; 9. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 172; 10. (tie) Taylor Baptist Park and Novi Franklin Road Christian, no team score.

Individual winner: Victor Allen (Southfield Christian), 15 minutes, 57 seconds (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers: 6. Jacob Fairbairn, 18:09; 8. Eric Smith, 18:19; 9. Cam Santangelo, 18:41; 14. Caleb Kempf, 19:03; 27. Daniel Bunge, 20:05; 28. Joshua Kirk, 20:07;

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 33 points; 2. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 63; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 78; 4. Southfield Christian 79; 5. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 132; 6. Taylor Baptist Park, 145; 7. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 153; 7. (tie) Novi Franklin Road Christian and Birmingham Roeper, no team

Individual winner: Rachel TerMarsh (Oakland Christian), 20:24 (5,000 meters). Lutheran Westland finishers: 2. Erin Lyle, 21:07; 3. Erin Hardin, 21:18; 4. Jess Rice, 21:28; 6. Sarah Maynard, 21:37; 20. Angela Morrison, 23:08; 23. Elizabeth Mathews, 23:23; 26. Kelsey Kruger, 24:14

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS Sept. 30 at St. John's G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regina, 380 strokes; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 381; 3.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 396; 4. South Lyon 404; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 405; 6. Livonia

Ladywood, 409; 7. Dearborn Divine Child, 410; 8. Hartland, 440.

Individual medalist: Natalie Didio (Warren

Other finishers: 2. Amy Murdock (Lutheran North), 87; 3. Becca Bubenheimer (Stevenson),

89; 4. (tie) Sarah King (Stevenson) and Natalie Blazo (Divine Child), 92 each; 6. (tie) Amanda

Andrysiak (Divine Child) and Lexie Cipa (N.D. Prep), 93 each; 8. Elly Pascoe (Lutheran North)

94; 9. Corrine Walney (Lutheran North), 95; 10.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 229

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 262 Sept. 29 at Fellows Creek (South)

Churchill scorers: Nicole Kruse, 52; Jackie Burdett, 54; Maggie McGowan, 55; Lauren Pickworth and Katie Shereda, 68 each; Claire

John Glenn scorers: Michelle Bishop, 47 (medalist); Megan Bache, 63; Shaina Jones, 70; Laura Darnell, 82.

8-2 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 2-8 overall, 2-8 KLAA South.

Dual match records: Churchill, 8-2 overall,

Sara Evan (Ladywood), 96.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

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going to use tomorrow against (Caleb) Stanko (of Auburn Hills Oakland Christian), was a good warmup for him. Now he didn't get that warmup today. We would have like to have played him."

Trevor Sultana also collected a goal and assist for the victorious Warriors. Mitchell Boehm had the other Lutheran Westland goal while Nick Natsik and Ernie Babon chipped in with assists.

"Krzyske's a workhorse, always around the ball doing good things for us," Block said. "Mitchell (Boehm) always plays good in the middle. We went to a three-back system when we found they were only running one guy up top. I thought our three backs - Walter (Gembarski). Seth (Whitehouse) and Micah (Reum) — played well. It was a good effort. We needed this win after dropping the last three."

Needless to say, Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson was disappointed

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 8 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m. River Rouge at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 5 Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.

Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7 Churchill at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi. 6:30 p.m.

Canton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 9
East Kentwood Invitational, 8 a.m.

KLAA Challenge at Northville, 8:30 a.m. Andover Invitational, 9 a.m. BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Oct. 4
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 Roeper at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Macomb Christ., 4:30 p.m.

Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7 Luth. Westland at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.

Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m

with his team's first-half showing despite the key absences.

"Wake up and play the game you know how to play," Johnson implored his team at halftime. "That's all I could ask of them. We were shorthanded today. I told they had to come out and give a great effort, and they did not do that the first half. Second half they played harder, but that still wasn't our best performance in the second half. We still had more to give. Guys need to step up - that's all."

Jimmy Moody broke Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Marc Rosin's shutout bid with a goal during the second half. Masambou Jatta added the assist.

'It hurts the leadership on the field - less communication, less effective passing, less offense," Johnson said of the missing combo. "It definitely hurts. But I thought my other captain, senior Jimmy Moody, played really well. I've been able to watch him play for four years. Today, I felt, he played very well in a tough game. They (Lutheran Westland) came out very well-prepared. They're a

strong team, better than their record."

On Tuesday, Lutheran Westland was coming off a 3-2 MIAC Blue Division setback at home against Southfield Christian.

Babon (from Evan Shirkey) and Jake Andrzejewski (from Boehm) scored for the Warriors (4-7-1, 4-5), while Brook Vosler, Ryan Hanson and Christian Bryant countered with goals for the Eagles (5-5, 3-5).

Four days earlier (Sept. 24), Lutheran Westland ventured west to play the Howell Athletic Association of Christian Home Educators and lost 3-1.

Paul Florczak tallied all three goals for the winners, who improved to 7-1-1 overall. Nick Natsik notched the lone

Warrior goal from Shirkey. "We're still learning to play together and we're still putting pieces together, but it's coming," Block said. "It's going a little slower than I thought it would, but we have three or four weeks to get ready for districts. That's what we're shooting for."

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Chargers pay back Patriots with win

The old expression "turnabout was fair play" applied Wednesday night as Livonia Churchill avenged a loss earlier this season to Livonia Franklin with a 5-1 boys soccer victory.

Churchill, stung by a 2-1 setback on Sept. 14 - Franklin's first over the Chargers in 14 years - jumped out to a 3-1 halftime lead over the host Patriots and never looked back.

The Chargers, now 7-6-2 overall and $\bar{5}$ -2-1 in the KLAA's South Division, got on the board three times during the opening half as Mike Murphy got the ball rolling with a header off a throw-in from Stephen Foster.

Evan Schweizer then scored the first of his two goals off an assist from Foster and Jeff Thomas added a third tally from Allen Woodruff.

Jordan McGuire countered for the Patriots (8-5, 4-4) off an assist from Craig Beebe.

Churchill added two more goals during the second half Schweizer from recent JV call-up Matt Koepke and Chad Evans (unassisted).

Bryan Bartig and freshman Colton Robison split the goalkeeping duties for the Chargers.

Ryan Tikey made 10 saves for the Patriots.

"Churchill came out strong and we have to work through out inconsistencies," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "But I was proud of our guys. The score was not indicative of the effort. I proud of my guys because they worked hard and played hard throughout the entire 80 minutes.'

CHURCHILL 2, SOUTH LYON 1: In a KLAA crossover Friday, host Livonia Churchill (8-6-2) downed the Lions

Andrew Mira's goal from Mike Murphy gave the Chargers a 1-0 halftime lead. Evan Schweizer made it 2-0 in the second half from Austin

South Lyon spoiled the shutout bid with a goal in the final five minutes. Bryan Bartig and Colton Robison

BOYS SOCCER

split time in goal for Churchill. Coach Reid Friedrichs singled out the play of Stephen Foster, Alex Jones, Matt Koepke and Murphy.

FRANKLIÑ 5, THURSTON O: Gabe Edwards collected three assists Friday as Livonia Franklin (9-5) got untracked in the second half by scoring all five goals to beat Redford Thurston.

Jordan McGuire, Zach Miller, Ben Iacoban, Andrew Crechiolo and Collin Elliott each scored a goal.

Goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made three saves to post the shutout.

NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 2: Fatai

Alashe tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner with only six minutes remaining Thursday off a free kick to give the host Mustangs (8-5-3, 6-1-1) a KLAA Central Division win over Livonia Stevenson (7-4-2, 4-3-1).

Brian Alumbaugh also had a goal for the Mustangs, who led 1-0 at halftime.

Camden Iwasko notch both goals for Stevenson, including penalty kick to make it 1-all. His second knotted the count at 2-2 with less than 15 minute to go.

Alashe's first goal, meanwhile, came on a penalty kick.

"He's a good player and made a big play when the game had to be determined," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said of the Northville forward. "After our play in the first half it forced me for the first time to question our pride and commitment to the program, but I was encouraged by the response in the second half by our

John Boudreau went all the way in goal for the Spartans, who dropped their fourth straight.

Matt Van Houten was in goal for

the Mustangs.
CANTON 5, JOHN GLENN 0: Sophomore Daniel Ovesea scored twice Thursday as the host Chiefs (12-2-2, 6-1-1) blanked Westland John Glenn (6-7-1, 2-6) in a KLAA South Division match. Other Canton goal scores included

Sean Balnaves, Bobby Budlong and Tyler Winningham. Budlong added two assists, while Phil Baciak and Winningham contrib-

uted one each. Senior goalkeepers Brandon Laabs

and Garren Carr combined on the shutout.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 Clarenceville at Clawson, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Tuesday, Oct. 5 Churchill vs. John Glenn

Stevenson vs. S.L. Fast at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m. Franklin vs. Wavne at Nankin Mills, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Lathrup, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9

Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Tuesday, Oct. 5 W.L. Central at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Redford Union at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Royal Oak Shrine at Ferndale H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7 Ladywood vs. Grosse lle at Gibraltar Carlson, 6 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. **GIRLS GOLF**

Tuesday, Oct. 5 Catholic League Tournament at St. John's G.C., 8:30 a.m. Kensington Conference Tourney at Pheasant Run G.C., 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 (MHSAA Regional Tournaments) Division 2 at Willow Metropark, 8 a.m.

Division I at Washtenaw C.C., TBA. Division I at Tanglewood G.C., TBA. BOYS TENNIS Friday, Oct. 8 Division I Regional at Woodhaven, TBA.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Wednesday, Oct. 6 Country Day at Ladywood, 4:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 Ladywood at A.A. Greenhills, 4:15 p.m WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Oct. 5 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m. Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Delta College, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Oct. 6
Deita College at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 9
Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech Sunday, Oct. 10 Schoolcraft at Cincinnati St., 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 6

Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m. Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Madonna vs. Indiana Tech
at Stevenson H.S., noon.
Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 3:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced

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Anyone who has ever swung a baseball bat, or thrown a football, has probably dreamt of the day they would be showcasing those skills on a national stage.

More often than not, however, those dreams quickly become dashed through the reality of either not being strong enough, fast enough, or athletic enough to perform on an elite level.

So what does one do? If you're Tom Fitzsimmons you do the next best thing and that's become an arbitrator for

those who do. Fitzsimmons, who resides in Livonia, decided a long time ago the best way for him to remain involved with the sport he enjoyed so much competing in as a youngster — baseball - was to become an umpire.

That decision, as it turns out, was a justifiable one. After more than 40 years of calling balls and strikes, Fitzsimmons will be honored for his dedication and determination to always perform in a professional manner Tuesday evening when he joins five other inductees into this year's class of the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of

"I'm quite honored to become part of that group, said Fitzsimmons, who will become only the 11th umpire to be inducted into the hall. "It is a very elite group of umpires in there and I'm honored to now be included in that select group."

Fitzsimmons, 67, grew up on the outskirts of Kalamazoo in the tiny town of Mattawan where, shortly after graduating high school, he traveled south to Florida to attend Bill Kinnamon's Baseball School instructing individuals in the art of umpiring. Upon comple-

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 1
Sept. 29 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Akshay Moorthy (LC)
defeated Krishna Mahajan, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2:
Matt Cezat (LC) def. Andrew Garcia, 6-1, 6-2;
No. 3: Jalen Woods (LC) def. Josh Speriing,

No. 1 doubles: Mike Houghan-Joe Mulka

(LC) def. Sager Sadasivan-Ajay Gokhale, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Abe Alhabeil-Alex Zuccarini (LC)

def. Matt Hart-Andy Carlson, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3:

Josh Bez-Ross Hallaron, 7-6, 7-5; **No. 4:** Kyle Appel-Mikey Inglis (LC) def. Mark Zuschlag-Tiago Zielske, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5; **No. 5:** Brian Baumgartner-Kenny Denstaedt (LC) def.

Daisuke Takahaski-Nick Kraynak, 6-1, 6-0. Dual match records: Churchill, 9-5

HOWELL 4 Sept. 29 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Kevin Francisco (LS) defeated Austin Wright, 7-5, 6-3; No. 2: Josh Rochette (LS) def. Ryan Garrison, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Tyler

Petersen, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Mason Wenzel (H) def. Marcus McCathney, 6-3, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina

(LS) def. Nick Barnowski-Connor Kurtz, 6-2,

Lachowicz, 6²2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Henry Palmer-Ryan Muliett (H) def. Simjae Holman Rayos-

Jacob Ratliff, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Nate Robinson

Parrinello, 7-5, 6-2; No. 5: Nick Grifka-Matt

Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-3.

Seifert (H) def. Kenny Nikkila-Sam Tabor,

overall; Howell, 4-4 overall.

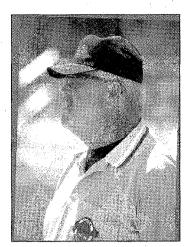
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6-2; **No. 2:** Kaemen Holman Rayos-Chad Northey (LS) def. Austin Schippers-Jake

Tim Langford (H) def. Nick Marsh-Alex

overall; Western, 4-5 overall. LIVONIA STEVENSON 5

Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC) d



Livonian Tom Fitzsimmons will join five other inductees Tuesday into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

tion, Fitzsimmons spent two seasons working Minor League games that had him packing bags and traveling a couple hundred miles nightly throughout the country.

After completing three years of military service with the United States Army, Fitzsimmons trekked to metro Detroit where he made friendships with umpires affiliated with the Garden City Officials Association and working slow pitch games in the area.

It was there Fitzsimmons said he found his niche and he hasn't looked back since.

"It started out as a hobby to give me something to do,' recalled Fitzsimmons, who will be inducted into the hall's 19th class along with Bob Green, Carol Hutchins, Mike McDowell, Evelyn Micol and Dennis Troshak. "I wanted to be involved in the game and I knew I wasn't good enough to play the game any further than I did. I was the guy who could hit the ball to the fence, but not over it. I just wasn't big enough or fast enough, but I knew I had the love for the game."

Fitzsimmons' involvement has resulted in opportunities that may not have occurred otherwise. He has pretty much seen all there is to see on a talent level in women's fastpitch and men's slowpitch softball, as well as the high school football, wrestling and volleyball circuits. In addition, he has been selected four times to travel to Europe to umpire games at the prestigious International World Cup Indoor Softball Tournament, working games behind the plate on three of those occasions.

"I have been very fortunate because this has taken me all over the world," Fitzsimmons said. "I have made a lot of friends through it all. I could call up somebody in pretty much any area and say 'let's get together and go have a beer.' It really is special."

Fitzsimmons has been a registered umpire since 1975 and member of the Metro Detroit umpire staff since 1998. He participated in three National Umpire schools, worked five ASA national tournaments and serves as a member of the **National Indicator Fraternity** and a Gold Level member of the ASA Medals Program.

In 1980 he organized the Independent Officials Association which had nearly 200 umpires working recreation baseball and softball games throughout Garden City, Redford and Westland.

After more than four decades of dusting off plates and listening to players, coaches and fans offering their own personal instructions, Fitzsimmons continues to don the blue shirts and gray slacks and apply the rules of the game in a fair and professional manner.

"I know I'm close to hanging it up, but I'm still doing it because I can," he said. "I don't want to be out there too long, though, hearing people say 'I remember when he was a good umpire.' I'll know when it's time.'

Norscia's 21 kills spark Chargers

Emily Norscia came of age Thursday night as Livonia Churchill took over sole possession of first place in the KLAA's South Division with a 25-22, 25-21, 25-14 girls volleyball victory at Canton.

The Chargers, who improved to 24-6-2 overall and 4-0 in the division, got a game-high 21 kills and four ace serves from the 6-foot sophomore middle hitter.

"Emily really grew up tonight," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "Canton is a really athletic team and we played great team defense with outstanding ball con-

"I also thought (Marissa) Pomaville, (Erin) Menard and Emily controlled play at the net."

Menard, a 6-1 junior, fin-

ished with seven kills and three blocks, while senior setter Cory Urbats had 37 assist-to-kills.

The Kempinski sisters, Kara and Nicole, paced the defense with 18 and 14 digs, respectively. Megan Miller added nine.

The loss drops Canton to 3-1 in the KLAA South.

KLAA VOLLEYBALL

Glenn downs Zebras

Halie Baker recorded 20 kills and three blocks, while Brooke Zywick finished with 20 digs and seven aces Thursday as host Westland John Glenn needed five sets to beat rival Wavne Memorial, 25-19, 21-25, 25-16, 17-25, 15-7.

Zwick passed at a 2.42 average and senior outside hitter Lauren Green gave the Rockets (8-7-5, 2-2) a spark. Setters Sarah Headrick

and Claire Truskowski combined for 39 assists, while Jenn Drum added 19 digs for

"Wayne really played some great defense and fought for every single point," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "Our girls had fun playing for a large home crowd.

"We were able to try a few new things and it was a nice opportunity to get some time on the court. I'm proud of the girls for sticking together the way they did."

Rocks outlast Stevenson

In a KLAA Central Division encounter Thursday, Salem needed five games to beat host Livonia Stevenson, 24-26, 25-9, 25-16, 23-25, 15-8.

Monika Rudis led Stevenson (10-11-2, 1-3) with 16 kills and seven blocks, while teammate Reina Tyl added 15 kills and 14 digs.

Jorden York led the defense with 17 digs, while setters Allie Koestering and Sammy Caves combined for 24 assistto-kills.

Salem is 3-1 in the KLAA Central.

Plymouth stops Franklin In a KLAA South Division match Thursday, host Plymouth won in three straight sets over Livonia Franklin, 25-10, 25-22, 25-5.

The Patriots (5-15-2, 0-4) got 18 kills and seven digs from senior Chelsea Williams. Libero Nicole Williamson had a team-best 16 digs, while Raquel Garza added seven.

Plymouth is 11-4-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South.

PCA spikers bottle up Warriors

Middle hitter Kristen Malcolm, recorded 10 kills Thursday as Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division leader Plymouth Christian Academy downed visiting Lutheran High Westland in three sets, 25-18, 25-23, 25-

PCA improves its girls volleyball record to 13-3 overall and 3-0 in the MIAC Blue, while the Warriors fall to 7-14-2 and 1-3.

"We played very well at times tonight but ultimately we made too many mistakes that PCA was able to capitalize on that cost us a chance to win the match," Lutheran

Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We did a very good job at the net and got touches on a lot of attacks, but our hitting and serving errors were just too much to overcome.'

Leaders for the Warriors included Leah Refenes (six kills, two solo, six blockassists); Amanda Terranella (five kills, two solo, six blockassists, eight digs); Marisa Hahn (12 digs); Alyssa Shirkey (nine digs, 15-for-15 serving, 10 points four aces); Erica Killian (11 assists); and Taylor Wiemer (eight digs).

Trojans fall in 5 Senior setter Kellie Ankiel had 30 assist-to-kills and was 25-of-26 serving with six aces, but it was Allen Park Inter-City Baptist that emerged with a 25-14, 15-25, 25-22, 28-30, 16-14 win Thursday at Livonia Clarenceville.

Other contributions for the Trojans (6-10-3) included freshman Ayanna Buckley (11 kills, three blocks); sophomore Ashley Murphy (10 kills, five blocks, 15 digs); and sophomores Tonya Vernier (seven kills) and Jodi Ankiel (two

"We just started playing too late," Clarenceville coach Wendy Mershman said. 'Our underclassmen are really stepping up to the challenge. We just need to learn how to fin-

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3

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Sept. 29 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Alex Gaucher (WLN)'
defeated Brandon Kozyn, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Joe
Romain (WLN) def. Tim Crouson, 6-1, 6-2; No.
3: Joe Fox (WLN) def. Aaron Rogers, 6-0, 6-0;
No. 4: Tyler Able (WLN) def. Michael Pietron,
6-0, 6-3

es: Austin Rommarito-Adam No. 1 doubles: Austin Bommarito-Adam Ranck (WLN) def. Jacob Liberati-Chase Semonick, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Joe Bastas-Chris Sitarski (LF) def. Shlomo Honig-Danny O'Toole, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2; No. 3: Tyler (aldobsky-John Vetula (LF) def. I Ferro-Noah Sable, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Adam Romain-Nick Ferro, 6-0, 6-3; No. 5; Garret Kumishke-Nathan Vader (WLN) def. Connor Benson-Jake Turchan, 6-3, 6-4; Dual match records: Northern, 3-6

overall, Franklin, 4-8 overall. WAYNE MEMORIAL 8 WATERFORD KETTERING 1

Sept. 29 at Wayne No. 1 singles: Mike Mosakoski (WK) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Zach Williamson (WM) def. Zheko Slavov, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Zach Lankton (WM) def. Jake Laponse, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Stephen Gush (WM) won by default.

No. 1 doubles: Abhishek Roy-Michael Battaglia (WM) def. Jordan Clark-Stan Reid, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Jarret Williamson-Sebastian Torres Campos (WM) def. James Seeterfin-Tommy Frederico, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Michael Toms-Corey Robbins (WM) def. Colin Smith Adam Smith, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Shane Schooley-Cody Huffaker (WM) def. Trever Acker-Brooks Wilcox, 6-2, 6-2; No. 5: Sam Herber-Daniel Selvia (WM) won by default. Dual match records: Wayne, 2-7 overall;

Kettering, 0-8.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 9

Sept. 23 at W.L. Northern No. 1 singles: Kevin Francisco (LS) defeated Alex Gaucher, 7-6, 6-3; No. 2: Josh Rochette (LS) def. Joe Fox, 6-0, 6-0, No. 3: Vince Sabatini (LS) def. Tyler Able, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Marcus McCathney (LS) def. Andrew

No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Kaemen Holman Rayos-Chad Northey (LS) def. Danny O'Toole-Marcus Romain, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Simjae Holman Rayos-Jacob Ratliff (LS) def. Ryan Ferro-Noah Sable, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 4:** Kenny Nikkila-Sam-Tabor (LS) def. Nick Ferro-Shlomo Honig 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; No. 5: Alex Parrinello-Nick ·Marsh (LS) def. Garret Kamichke-Nathan

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 5-3 overall; W.L. Northern, 2-6 overall. PINCKNEY 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 2

Sept. 23 at Wayne No. 1 singles: Rye Dononhue (P) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-3, 7-6, No. 2: Kyle Jurczek (P) def. Zach Williamson, 7-5, 7-5; **No. 3:** Trevor Hutchins (P) def. Zach Lankton, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Stephen Gush (WM) def. Jeff

No. 1 doubles: Tyler Gore-Drew Henderson (P) def. Abhishek Roy-Michael Battaglia, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; No. 2: Jarret Williamson-Sebastian Torres Campos (WM) def. Ryan Fuller-Andrew Graves, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 No. 3: Cameron Hein-Jordan Jones (P) del Michael Toms-Corey Robbins, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: August Bangert-Scott Hecou (P) def. Shane Schooley-Cody Huffaker, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 5:** Matt Vasher-Wayne Sweitzer (P) def. Sam Herber-Antonio Heberling, 6-1, 6-0. Dual match records: Pinckney, 2-5

overall; Wayne, 1-7 overall.

Kelly's late goal saves Ocelots, 1-0

the season in the 88th minute off an assist from Mark Djokaj proved to be the difference Wednesday as host Schoolcraft Churchill), who completed the College held off Jackson Community College, 1-0, in an MCCAA and NJCAA Region XII men's soccer match.

Schoolcraft, now 9-1-1 overall, has moved up to the No. 2 spot in the NJCAA Division I rankings only behind last year's defending national champion Tyler CC (Tex.).

The Ocelots are 7-0-1 in Region XI and 5-0-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Against Jackson, Schoolcraft starting goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins made three saves during the opening half before giving way to NJCAA Player of the Week Adrian Motta (Livonia

shutout with five second-half

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stops. Motta earned Player of the Week honors after posting three shutouts.

The loss drops Jackson to 3-5-1 overall, 2-2 in the MCCAA and 2-5 in Region XII.

MADONNA 2, CONCORDIA 1: A goal in each half from freshman striker Mustapha Olorunnimbe propelled the Madonna University (5-2) to a non-conference win over visiting. Concordia University (3-5-1) at

Canton's Independence Park. Olorunnimbe opened the scoring in the 19th minute when he took a cross from freshman Max Washko (Livonia Churchill) just inside the 6-yard box and beat Concordia

goalkeeper Mikey Erickson. Concordia evened the match at advantage of a Madonna miscue as keeper Parker Laabs (Canton). allowed Mohammad Hoteit's slow rolling shot to go through his hands and tie the match at 1-1 heading into halftime.

The match remained at 1-1 early in the second half despite the Crusaders peppering Erickson with five shots in the first 16 minutes of

MU finally broke through with another score from Olorunnimbe in the 62nd minute for a 2-1 lead.

Laabs had to make just one save in the 90 minutes to pick up. his fifth win of the season, while Erickson stopped five Madonna shots in taking the loss.

"We looked like a team that had not played in a week-and-a- half today," MU first-year coach Eric Scott said. "We got into our style a little bit more in the second half. Mustapha ran hard and he took his chances well. Concordia played hard and took advantage of our mistake."

Garrity got the Mustangs off on the right foot with a win in the 200-yard medley relay (1:56.97). Northville also picked an additional four points as Maddy Kipke, Catherine Cui, Brianna Schoenek and Susan Morris took second (1:58.8) to outscore Stevenson 12-2 in the first event of the meet.

Shannon Lohman also took individual firsts in the 100 butterfly (1:00.34) and 100 backstroke (1:03.93), while Miller earned wins in the 200 freestyle (1:58.55) and 100 freestyle (56.40).

Cui contributed a first in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.09) and the Mustangs outscored Stevenson 11-5 in the 1-meter diving event led by Jennifer Jones' 205.05 points.

"The (200) medley relay right off the bat really set the tone for the meet," Bennetts said. "We got first and second place in that. And that puts you up 10 points in that and gives you a

lot of breathing room the rest of the way. I think that kind of hit them (Stevenson) a little hard right off the bat. But they battled back and gave us a good one. 'We talked about it (200 med-

ley relay) all week, so we were hoping for that."

Stevenson individual firstplace finishers included Savannah Hatt, 200 IM (2:14.75) and 100 butterfly (1:00.34); Kayla Perchall, 50 freestyle (26.58); and Kaylee Dolinski, 500 freestyle (5:20.71).

Hatt, Perchall, Dolinski and Aidan O'Dowd combined for a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.68), while and the 400 freestyle relay quartet of Hatt, Dolinski, Perchall and Sarah Cauzillo touched the wall first (3:46.11).

But it wasn't enough to stop the Spartans from falling to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in the KLAA Central.

We swam pretty good and they beat us," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "I mean, they're better than we are. The first two events hurt us bad, but it was a great meet and we had some really

good swims. Unfortunately, it is what it is."

Phill, however, is optimistic his team can challenge later on this year for the Kensington Conference title.

he said. "We're going to battle to win the conference meet with Northville, Novi and South Lyon. "It's part of the learning experi-

"I think we're in good shape,"

ence and the girls swam tough, but they just got beat. It happens." Last year Stevenson finished

ninth in the Division 1 state finals with 104 points, while Northville tied for 33rd with just

"Physically we're about the same," Bennetts said. "The big difference that I've seen so far this year is the mental toughness that we've been able to bring to the table that I think is going to show at the state meet. The girls were pretty disappointed last year with their state meet finish and we're looking to go there and score a lot more points this year."

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

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Sept. 30 at Stevenson 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Shannon Lohman, Sarah Lohman, Faith Miller, Sarah Garrity), 1:56.97; 2. Northville, 1:58.8; 3. Stevenson, 1:59.43. **200 freestyle:** 1. Miller (N), 1:58.55; 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 1:59.43; 3. Evelyn Stein (LS), 2:04.94.

200 individual medley: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 2:14.75; 2: Catherine Cui (N), 2:19.55; 3. Sarah Lohman (N), 2:24.24. **50 freestyle:** 1. Kayla Perchall (LS), 26.58; 2. Garrity (N), 26.62; 3. Susan Morris (N), 26.87.

1-meter diving: 1. Jennifer Jones (N), 205.05; 2. Andrea Meister (N), 165.23; 3. Cassie Morford (LS), 160.95. 100 butterfly: 1. (tie) Shannon Lohman (N) and Hatt (LS), 1:00.34 each; 3. Lia Nagata (N), 1:03.63.

100 freestyle: 1. Miller (N), 56.4; 2. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 34; 3. Perchall (LS), 57.77. 500 freestyle: 1. K. Dolinski (LS), 5:20.31; 2. Stein (LS).

300 Freestyle: 1. K. Dolinski (LS), 5:20.31; 2. Stein (LS), 5:27.64; 3. Kelly Laporte (LS), 5:35.3. **200 Freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Hatt, Perchall, Aidan O'Dowd, K. Dolinski), 1:44.68; 2. Northville, 1:46.48; 3. Northville, 1:50.20. 100 backstroke: 1. Shannon Lohman (N), 1:03.93; 2. Maddy Kipke (N), 1:04.65; 3. Garrity (N), 1:05.07. 100 breaststroke: 1. Cui (N), 1:12.09; 2. Sarah Lohman

(N), 1:12,49; 3, Cauzillo (N), 1:12,93, 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt. K. Dolinski, Perchall, Cauzillo), 3;46.11; 2. Northville, 3:54.8; 3. Stevenson

Dual meet records: Northville, 5-9 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 4-3 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 103.5 Sept. 30 at Churchill 200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Amanda Washko,

Rebecca Van Gorp, Tamara Marek, Allison Mayer), 2:09.73; 2. Wayne, 2:23.78; 3. Churchill, 2:27.65. 200 freestyle: 1. Megan Lancaster (LC), 2:18.73; 2. Kristen Gilley (LC), 2:28.45; 3. Alexa Girouard (WM), 2:30.37. 200 individual medley: 1. Madison Ytterock (LC), 2:45.66; 2. Emily Luke (WM), 2:48.52; 3. Emma Goonis (LC),

50 freestyle: 1. Mayer (LC), 27.02; 2. Brittany Gates (LC),

27.99; 3. Christina Fox (LC), 28.46. **1-meter diving:** 1. Kaitlyn Gluth (LC), 154.35 points; 2. Yumi Nozawa (LC), 1:33.65; 3. Katie Holt (LC), 81.95.

100 freestyle: 1. Fox (LC), 1:03.74; 2. Luke (WM), 1:05.35; 3. Ytterock (LC), 1:07.76. **500 freestyle:** 1. Marek (LC), 6:23.84; 2. Gilley (LC), 6:44.99; 3. Amber Frost (WM), 6:47.61. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Girouard, Katie Carpenter, Lopez, Kaycee Coffman), 2:08.3; 2. Wayne, 2:15.39; 3. Wayne, 2:37.74.

100 butterfly: 1. Mayer (LC), 1:07.61; 2. Gema Lopez (WM), 1:24.85; 3. Kellie Spehar (WM), 1:27.16.

100 backstroke: 1. MacKenzie Reid (LC), 1:17.58; 2. (tie) Janelle Schwartz (WM) and Goonis (LC), 1:25.05 each. 100 breaststroke: 1. Emma O'Connell (WM), 1:30.71; 2.

Allyson Rutter (WM), 1:36,93; 3, Samantha Roe (LC), 1:37,13, 400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Girouard, Bailey Hart, Frost, Luke), 4:37.31; 2. Wayne, 5:12.16; 3. Wayne, 5:42.06.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Wavne, 2-4 overall, 0-4 KLAA South CANTON 121 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 55

Sept. 30 at Franklin 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Kelly Bedro, Delaney Adams, Maddy McLean), 2:04.08. 200 freestyle: 1. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 2:06.53; 2. Kaitlyn gas (C), 2:12.87. **200 individual medley:** 1, Orr (C), 2:24.49.

50 freestyle: 1. Kayla Douglas (LF), 26.32 1-meter diving: 1. Robyn Piwowar (C), 190.35 points 100 butterfly: 1. Adams (C), 1:04.93; 3. Kozyn (F), 1:07.76. 100 freestyle: 1. Douglas (LF), 57.57. 500 freestyle: 1. Krebs (C), 5:45.40; 3. Jenna

Michniewicz (F), 6:04.99. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Colleen Anthony, Douglas, Kozyn, Clarissa Roberts), 1:53.31. 100 backstroke: 1. Destinee Barmore-Hicks (C), 1:09.67; Anthony (LF), 1:15.10;

100 breaststroke: 1. Abby Madison (C), 1:18.28. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Krebs, Eyster, Orr, Barmore-Hicks), 4:02.57; 2. Franklin (Anthony, Kozyn,

Catharine Studzinski, Douglas), 4:07.66. Dual meet records: Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 1-4 overall, 1-2 KLAA South.

Livonia Franklin snapped a

two-game losing skid Friday with

a 42-12 football victory at Wayne

The Patriots, now 4-2 overall

halftime, 14-6, against the winless

"We had three turnovers the

better the second half - especially

our offensive line," Franklin coach

Ryan Parkin's 57-yard intercep-

tion return during the first quarter

Marzion, who was 10-of-14 on the

night for 229 yards, then hit senior

wideout Mike Sharp on a 54-yard

But Wayne answered before the

Senior fullback Dan Muller, who

had a team-best 59 yards on 11 car-

ries, then scored twice in the third

period on runs on 9 and 3 yards. Dimitrius Renfroe gave Wayne

life with a 1-yard TD run early

in the fourth quarter to cut the

deficit to 28-12, but the Patriots

put it away with two more TDs

half when Chris Tolentino picked

up a Patriot fumble and raced 38

touchdown toss in the second

staked the Patriots to a 7-0 lead.

Senior quarterback Brent

first half, but played a whole lot

Memorial, spoiling the Zebras'

and 2-2 in the KLAA's South

homecoming.

Zebras (0-6, 0-4).

Chris Kelbert said.

yards for a TD.

ended, Jonathan Alandt ripped around end for a 77-yard touchdown run to make it 14-0.

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In the second period, Victor Bodrie, who boomed his kickoff regularly into the end zone, booted a pair of 26-yard field goals.

Junior quarterback Jefrey Gertley, who was 10of-21 on the night for 146 yards, also hit Anthony Peraino for a 49-yard TD pass as the Mustangs took a 29-0 lead into the dressing room.

Stevenson took the opening drive of the third quarter and marched 80 yards in 12 plays capped by sophomore quarterback Joe Mims' 20-yard TD toss to Adam Duncan.

Northville's Brandon Love answered with a 65-yard TD run, breaking three tackles. Jzordon Lawrence also contributed a 1-yard plunge to put the Mustangs on top 43-6 after three quarters.

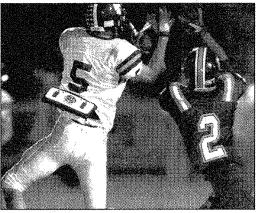
With a playoff berth already in the bag, Peraino, the back-up QB, ran for a 51-yard score during a running fourth-quarter clock.

'It's nice," Ladach said of the playoff berth. "Our biggest focus right now is Novi next week. All offseason we've been talking about winning a division championship. And that's all that's on our minds right now. The playoffs will come when they come. We just want to beat Novi next week."

The Novi at Northville battle (Oct. 8) will determine the KLAA Central Division champion.

Meanwhile, it's back to the drawing board for the Spartans, who fell to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the KLAA Central.

"We're going to keep doing what we've been



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Stevenson wide receiver Adam Duncan (5) contests for the pass with Northville's Adam Duncan during Friday's KLAA Central Division clash.

preaching all year," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "We're going to watch film on Monday with the kids. We're going to get ready to work hard and keep improving."

Stevenson had 250 yards in total offense with Mims going 15-of-30 for 157 yards, but he was picked off twice (by Berry).

"The biggest thing is us," Gabel said. "We're going to work really hard next week. We're going to keep improving, every position, every team. We're making progress in some areas. So that's really our goal. It's mostly about us trying to improve. Next week (home vs. Salem) — that's really what we're going to keep selling on kids on. It's late in the year obviously, but we still see some things that we're improving on and that's going to be our approach."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Patriots pull away in 2nd half

to top Wayne Memorial, 42-12

- Marzion to Sharp on a 70-yard pass followed by Jacob Tennant's 3-yard run.

Franklin outgained Wayne in total yardage, 393-95, and in first Division, led by only eight points at downs, 15-10.

Sophomore Jimmy Mazaris added 57 yards on five carries for the Patriots.

Keith Agee was Wayne's top rusher with 52 yards on 10 attempts. He also recorded four solo tackles along with teammate Devin Korzetki.

Billy Shillingburg also recovered a fumble for the Zebras.

Chiefs rout Churchill

Davion Stackhouse ran wild Friday night as host Canton cruised to a 48-7 KLAA South Division football victory over Livonia Churchill.

The state-ranked Chiefs, who wrapped up another state playoff berth under coach Tim Baechler, improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the division.

Canton had 399 yards on total offense led by Stackhouse, a 6-foot, 205-pound senior who finished with 172 yards rushing on 10 carries. He scored Canton's first two touchdowns during the opening

quarter on runs of 68 and 30 vards.

Kevin Buford added a 5-yard TD run before the period had ended thanks to a long punt return to make it 21-0 (following Connor

Shennan's extra point). In the second quarter, Buford scored on a 60-yard TD run to make it 28-0, but Churchill's Chad Lipinski returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a score and Dean Bokuniewicz converted the

PAT to cut the deficit to 28-7. Canton, however, was far from finished as Zac Merillat added a 17-yard TD run and Ryan Powell returned a Churchill punt 55 yards for another scored and a com-

manding 41-7 halftime lead. Stackhouse then scored his third TD of the night on a 19-yard run.

The Chiefs rushed for 372 yards, while holding Churchill to a total of 137.

Canton lost two fumbles with Jake Staff and Matt Windle making the recoveries for Churchill. Sean Servalish, playing the secondary, led the Chargers' defense with 12 tackles

Romello Brown was Churchill's leading rushing with 47 yards on 13 carries. Quarterback Jordan Grohoski was 5-of-10 for 147 yards as Churchill falls to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the KLAA South.

"I don't think it was an effort thing, it was an execution thing," Hardin noted. "They threw the ball on us like crazy, but they didn't pound us, they didn't outplay us physically.

Last October, Plymouth players thought they won the game against the Rockets and started running off the field. But officials didn't whistle the play dead and place holder Tony Wilton scored a 33-yard TD for the victory.

Sawchuk didn't think there was an emotional carryover, but senior running back Jerel Jenkins did.

"That was the only thing on our minds," said Jenkins, who had 47 yards on nine carries and one TD. "Just thinking about what they did to us last year and how that hap-

Jenkins also said the team's seniors "knew it was homecoming and we just had the feeling" things

would work out this time. It did take awhile, with the teams scoreless after one quarter.

But with 9:09 to go in the half, Austin fired the ball over the middle to wide-open junior Donte Fox and he did the rest racing for a 76-yard TD.

Plymouth senior Philip Emminger then intercepted Rockets quarterback Jeff Kuhary (11-for-20, 74 yards) inside the Glenn 40-yard line.

That led to a 23-vard strike from Austin to senior wide-out Brennen Beyer. That combo struck again for a 14-yarder, with 1:08 remaining in the half.

Plymouth made it 28-0 with just five seconds left when Austin and senior Adedamola Adebiyi teamed up for a 45-vard score.

In the first minute of the third quarter, Austin and Beyer worked their magic for the third time, expanding the margin to 35

Beyer (three catches, 128 yards, 3 TDs) caught the pass at his own 45 and raced down the right sideline for a 91-yard six-pointer.

Notre Dame Prep pounds Trojans

Not much went right Friday night for Livonia Clarenceville.

Penalties, turnovers and a host of mental mistakes proved to be a disastrous combination as the Trojans fell for the third time in six starts with this pasting handed down by host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep,

"We definitely took a giant five tries, jumped out to an step backwards tonight," said Clarenceville coach Ken Fry, whose team falls to 3-3 overall. "We started out by fumbling the ball at the 2-yard line and it didn't get much better from there.

Notre Dame Prep, which entered the game winless in 18-0 advantage at halftime.

The Fighting Irish added two more scores in the third quarter to build the margin to 33-0 after three and tacked on one more sixpointer in the fourth quarter for the final margin of vic-

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A tombstone in Redford Cemetery marks the spot of a 19-year-old who died in 1887.

BONEYARDS

Writer looks at 3 centuries of death in Detroit area

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Richard Bak wouldn't mind going to his grave seated and with a cup of coffee in hand.

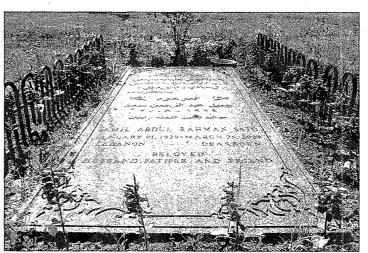
"I like that idea. My wife threatens to do that to me. I haven't decided what cemetery, probably St. Hedwig.'

Bak, 56, a prolific Detroitarea author and free-lance writer, lives near three potential final resting places and has written about dozens more in his new book, Boneyards: Detroit Underground, (\$34.95) published last month by Wayne State University Press and released in book stores last week. Its more than 200 pages of text and images take readers on a historical journey from early Native American burial mounds to contemporary street shrines, through cemeteries — including some in western Wayne County — into funeral homes and memorial services.

Bak accumulated photos and researched cemeteries for a documentary he had hoped to

"About that time my father passed away, too. You start facing your own mortality and I said, well, maybe I should do a book. I found that no one had done a book like this in Detroit.'

The more he researched the topic, he realized the book would encompass more than just cemeteries. It would show the evolution of funerals in homes to funeral home busi-



Islamic Memorial Gardens in Westland is the state's first cemetery for Muslims.



William Ganog Cemetery in Westland is a favorite site for ghost hunters.

nesses, talk about the changes in burial practices, and spotlight both the famous and unclaimed in metro Detroit cemeteries.

"I thought it was an opportu-

nity to show three centuries of death in Detroit.'

He worked on the book off and on for three years, making an attempt to visit as many cemeteries as he could. With

hundreds of burial grounds statewide, he knew he had to narrow the focus to mostly metro Detroit. He mentions 60 cemeteries in the book. If he couldn't visit a particular site, he found a photograph. Many photographers donated their work for Boneyards and some images also came from historical collections. The art drives the text on the page in some cases. In others, Bak unearthed interesting stories and found an image to match.

IN GOOD TASTE

"I told my editor at Wayne State that I wanted to do a certain kind of book, not to be gross or disrespectful. There are some really creepy ones," he said, referring to photos of the deceased in their caskets. "I tried to keep it in as good taste as possible."

Photographing a late loved one became a part of the funeral ritual for many families from the mid-19th century through World War ll. Before the widespread use of personal cameras, "memento mori" or mourning photos often were the only images a family had of the deceased.

Home funerals also were the norm during the 1800s and into the first few decades of the 20th century. In Boneyards, Bak describes the home viewing as generally including trays of ice beneath the casket to keep the body cool, a black wreath on

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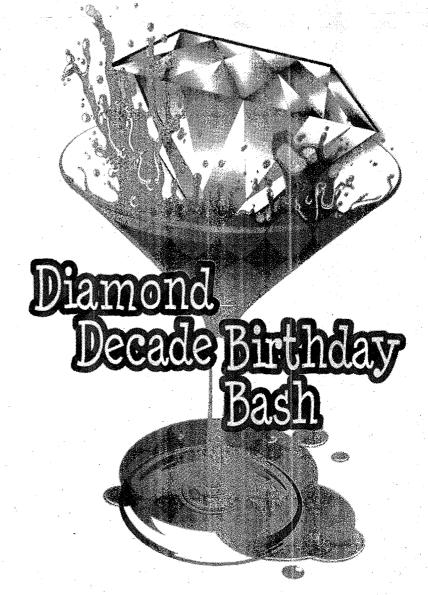
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Comedy extravaganza supports rescue

O&E STAFF WRITER

A \$5,000 veterinarian bill is no joke.

But Guardian Angels Animal Rescue hopes supporters will have a good laugh while fund-raising that sum, which will pay for surgery on a dog that was stabbed in the

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Guardian Angels Animal Rescue, with approximately 30 members, regularly takes on the dogs and cats with special needs and places them in foster care until it finds a permanent home, said co-founder Sandra Mezza of Westland.

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Jeffrey H. Miller, MD

Over the summer it worked with Livingston County Animal Control, pulling cats, that would otherwise have been euthanized, from its shelter.

"We had a lot of people emailing us, desperate because they were killing so many. It was a ridiculous amount, like 25 a day. I stepped in to help and found out we were the only group helping," Mezza said. "Now we're hoping other groups step in because Detroit really needs us.'

Guardian Angels works with a family in Detroit that helps it find strays in abandoned buildings and rescue abused or injured pets.

'It's sad. We just pulled a cat out of an abandoned house and someone had taken off its tail. She was declawed, so she was a pet at one time."

NO KILL

Mezza created the organization after a stint with another rescue that claimed it was no kill, like Guardian Angels, but interpreted the concept differ-

"My version is no kill. If you get an animal that needs care, you don't put it down. It shouldn't be about the money," she said. Or about space avail-

'Working in Detroit, we've had a lot of messed up dogs and cats. A lot of groups pick and choose who they take. We're the opposite. We tend to



Ettinger

no one wants.' When Mezza found a senior dog that had lived nearly its entire life in a kennel, she rescued it and had it groomed.

"The first time I showed

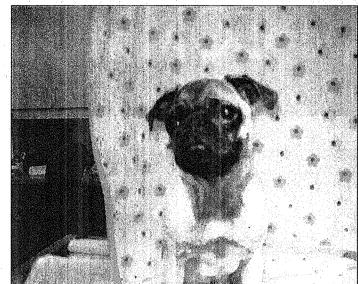
him I placed him (in a home).

When she heard about Metro, the Detroit dog with the injured eye, she arranged for a vet appointment. The dog was tested and treated for heartworm, vaccinated, defleased and wormed. The vet called the condition of Metro's eye life-threatening and in need of surgery.

That's when Franklin comedian Connie Ettinger stepped in to help raise money for the operation. She'll emcee the show on Oct. 5, that features comedians Bob Phillips, Dave Bell, Julie Lyons, Terri Stearn, Dean Mink, Russ Brown and Mike Bobbitt.

ANIMAL LOVERS

"I have four cats, aged 19, 18, 6 and 3. I think the last two were left behind after Detroit's economic crisis hit and someone in foreclosure simply decided they had too much to handle," Ettinger said. "And, apparently, I have the word "sucker" tattooed on my forehead in ink only cats can



Guardian Angels Animal Rescue found this puppy, Summer, in an abandoned building in Detroit.

read. But there are simply toomany unwanted animals out there and if I could take them all in, I would. But, since I can't, God bless the people at GAAR."

She said all of the performers are animal lovers. Bobbitt has four cats, for example. Landau owns two dogs.

"Comedians are generous with their time if there is a good cause behind it and I think the sheer number of comedians performing, plus the talent level of this show

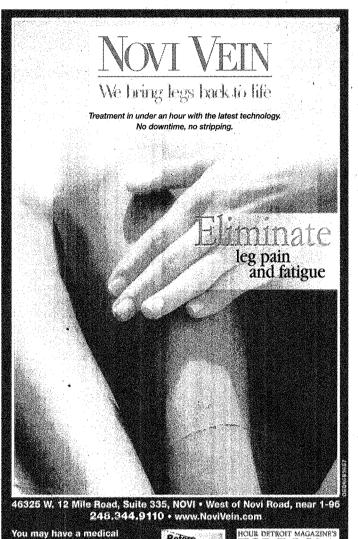
— which is extraordinary — is a testament to their recognition of what Gandhi said: 'The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'

"We just hope we can make some other animal lovers smile



and raise some funds for a terrific organization that is really feeling the economic crunch.

For more about Guardian Angels Animal Rescue visit www.gaarmichigan.org. The organization shows its adoptable pets from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at Petsmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.



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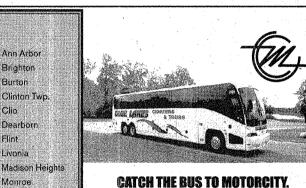
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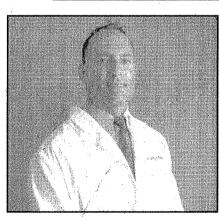
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Lots of love: Preschool marks 60 years with open house

BY SHARON DARGAY
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While cleaning toys at Livonia Co-op Nursery School, Rebecca Kritzman heard a useful parenting idea.

Another member suggested she allow her daughter to have a "half" sleep over, allowing friends to visit in their pajamas, but go home by 8:30 p.m.

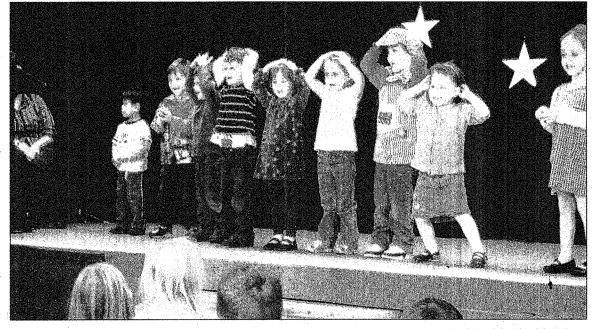
"They felt like they'd had a sleep over, but without the sleeping," said Kritzman, who was reluctant to allow her four-year-old to stay the night elsewhere. "I got that idea all because I was there cleaning toys. Little things like that you get when you sit and talk to other parents."

It's one of the perks of membership in a co-op preschool according to Kritzman, co-president of Livonia Nursery, Inc., the parent organization of Livonia Co-op Nursery School.

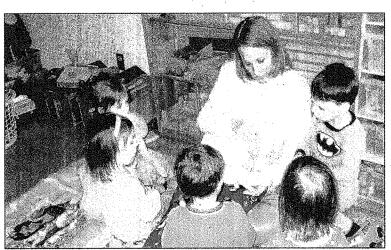
Talking with other parents and sharing ideas is unavoidable because parents volunteer for hands-on work in the classroom. They pitch in with chores after school, such as monthly toy cleaning, and with organizational tasks, hiring and curriculum.

"I think with co-op you end up with a good community of other kids for your children to play with and to be around. It gives them a good start to school and it gives you a good network of parents to support you. You learn a lot about how your kids grow and function and what they need to learn. You learn how your children learn while you're helping them. It's a cool place to be."

Livonia Co-op Nursery School, 9601 Hubbard, will be the nostalgic place to be, 2-4 p.m. Saturday,



Children at Livonia Co-op Nursery School show off their talent at an annual show. The co-op preschool is celebrating its 60th anniversary.



Reading time is extra comfy on Pajama Day at Livonia Co-op Nursery School. Members will hold an open house and celebrate the school's 60th anniversary on Oct. 10

Oct. 10, as it celebrates 60 years. Cake will be served at the open house. Enrollment is open for the school's classes for age 3 and 4.

There's also a combined class for both ages.

Kritzman isn't certain how the school was started 60 years ago. About 30 years ago it absorbed another preschool.

"I don't know of any other co-op that has been around that long. The concept has been around for a long time. I went to a co-op when I was a child. It was a co-op I eventually taught in."

Kritzman said co-op nursery schools teach parents how to "get involved" and she finds that many from the Livonia school have gone on to volunteer for PTA and serve on PTA boards.

"During my year off I couldn't believe how much I missed it," said Kritzman, who has children age 4, 7, and 8. "It can be a very fun experience. You really do make friends."

BONEYARDS

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the door and a floral arrangement with a clock set to the time of death.

"It was hard to pin down the switch from home funerals to funeral homes, but basically by the early 1950s, more people were being laid out in funeral homes. My grandfather was laid out at home. I remember my brother saying he couldn't sleep for two nights. People still are laid out at home. I talked to a couple of funeral directors who said it's rare, but they still get requests."

CREEPED OUT

Bak said most of the stories he encountered were more interesting than creepy, but there were a few spine-tingling tales.

He was fascinated by the "pervasive fear" of being buried alive during the 19th century, and he recounts stories in the book about individuals who were mistakenly declared dead and readied for burial.

"I think probably one of the creepiest things is the unknowable number of empty graves because the bodies have been stolen in the middle of the night by 'resurrectionists,'" Bak said. The grave robbers trafficked in corpses for medical schools and dug up the newly-buried in the middle of the night.

"The graveyard shift is where we get the term from. Families would assign a member to look over the grave at night."

Ganong Cemetery in Westland, which legend says is haunted, didn't even rattle the author, although a photographer was stung by wasps during a visit.

Bak said he accumulated enough images and stories for a second book about burial grounds statewide. Meanwhile he's also juggling magazine articles and two other books on Detroit history.

He said the graveyard project "makes you realize life is short and it doesn't matter if you are president of General Motors or some guy who is a normal joe."

"We all wind up in the same place. You can't take your money and your fancy cars with you."

He'll speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms and at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 Eleven Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Detroit Zoo Boo brings some less scary Halloween fun to town

The Detroit Zoo's annual "merry-not-scary" Zoo Boo celebration returns this Halloween season, featuring a festively decorated half-mile trick-or-treat trail through the front of the Zoo. Presented by Meijer, Zoo Boo will be held on the evenings of Oct. 15-17; 22-24 and 29-31, 2010, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine.

Elaborate pumpkin displays will line the treat trail, where greeters will pass out goodies to costume-clad children at treat stations along the route. A trail of eerie fog and mysterious sounds will lead through a spooky graveyard to the Haunted Reptile House, where friendly witches, vampires and other monsters have taken up residence for the Halloween season.

The Ghouly Games Tent, sponsored by Blue Care Network of Michigan, will feature Halloween-themed games, prizes, arts and crafts and a hay maze. The popular live minimusical "Zoo Boo Revue" will be performed in the Main Picnic Grove

New to Zoo Boo is the Zombie Zone, sponsored by Tim Hortons, featuring ghastly games, spooky activities and pumpkin-carving demonstrations. Costumed kiddies can enter the Tim Hortons costume contest and have their photo taken and posted on the

Advance tickets for Zoo Boo can be purchased at Booth One at the front of the Detroit Zoo or online at www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets are \$7 per person ages 2 and up. Time slots for Zoo Boo are 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. If a date and time slot is not sold out, a limited number of tickets may be available at the gate that day after 5 p.m. for \$10.

zoo's website. The community will vote and a zoo-themed prize will be awarded for the best costume. Also new this year is the limited-release movie "The Curse of Skull Rock" at the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater in the Ford Education Center. The 3-D pirate adventure enhanced with 4-D special effects will have guests jumping out of their seats. Tickets for the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater are an additional \$3 per person; children under 2 are free.

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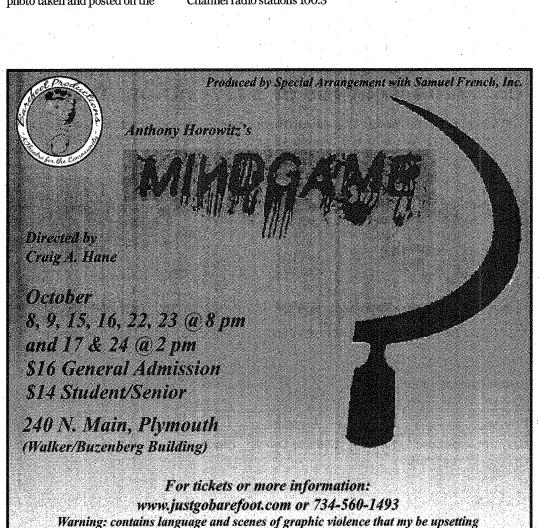
An expert from the Horticulture Department at English Gardens will speak at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. The club welcomes visitors.

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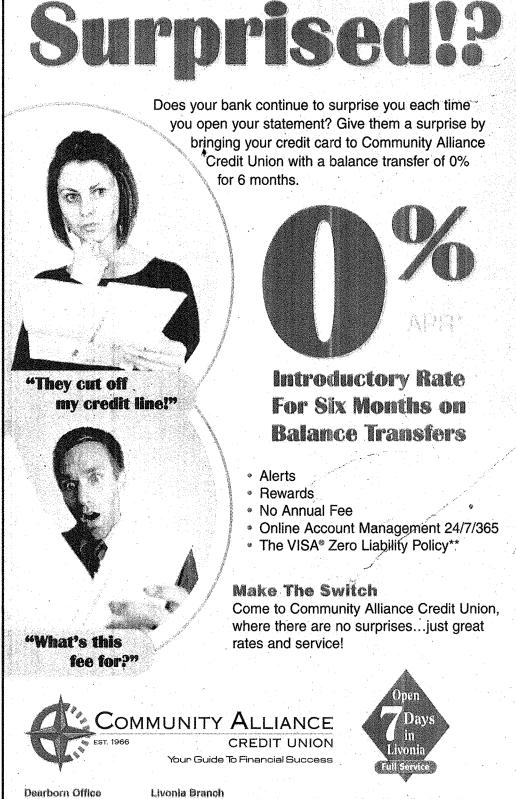
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Send information about your upcoming craft show to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Remember to include a telephone number readers can

call for more information.

LIVONIA

Frost Middle School Craft Show is set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, 14041 Stark, west of Farmington Road, north of

I-96. Admission is \$2. No strollers. (734) 744-2670

PLYMOUTH

Delta Kappa Gamma presents its 26th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 16, at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Dee Winterhalter, a watercolor artist with works in private and corporate collections worldwide, will exhibit at the show for the first time. In addition to her watercolors, the show will feature jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, soaps, candles, seasonal decorations, clothing, accessories for dogs and much more.

Admission is \$2. For additional information call (734) 495.9327 or e-mail to jbstone716@comcast.net. All profits will support scholarships for Plymouth Canton Community Schools district students.

WESTLAND

St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S Wayne Road, will offer handcrafted items by local artists, as well as products from Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Avon, PartyLite, Beijo Bags, Mary Kay, Longaberger, and Tastefully Simple to name just a few.

The show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church. (734) 721-5023.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2713-D. Green, 35909 Fernwood

Request for a 10' detached accessory structure separation variance and an 18' side yard setback variance from Ord.248 as a result of the re-construction of a shed in the rear yard of the home that was constructed even with the rear building line of the home and 2' from the street side lot line; whereas Sec.7:4.3(c) states that a detached accessory structure must be a minimum of 10' from the rear of the principal structure, Sec.7:4.3(a) states that an accessory structure that is located less than 10' from the main building must meet the setback requirements of the main structure and Sec.7:4.2 requires a minimum street side yard setback of 20'.

Petition #2714-D. Green, 35909 Fernwood

Request for a 1'6" side yard fence height variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances as a result of the replacement of a 6' high privacy fence in the east street side yard of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in height.

Petition #2715-H. Mount, 1759 Imperial Hwy.

Request for a 7' front yard setback variance from Ord. 248 to construct a 7' x 17' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 18' from the front lot line; whereas Sec.7:4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25'.

Petition #2716-J. Thomas, 8598 Sanford

Request for a 1'6" side yard fence height variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to replace an existing 6' high privacy fence in the north street side yard of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in height.

Petition #2717-R. Detherage, 8315 Sanford

Request for a 7.2' street side yard setback variance from Sec. 7:4.2 of Ord. 248 to construct an 8' x 16'covered porch addition to the street side yard of the home; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum street side yard setback of 25' as the street side yard constitutes the front yard of the home to the west.

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REUNION CALENDAR

CRAFT CORNER

Belleville High School 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.

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-

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington

High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send email to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livona Bentley Class of 1961

Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Livonia Churchill

Class of 1980 30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking

classmates and contact informa-

tion. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at churchillclassof80@yahoo.com.

Redford Thurston Class of 1970

40th reunion, 6 p.m., with dinner buffet starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Radisson Hotel, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. \$30 per person. E-mail to Robin Dascenzo Sindici at treasuresoldandnew@ sbcglobal.net if interested in attending. Booked rooms also are available at \$79 per night; suites for \$149. Anyone interested in a room reservation must call (734) 464-1300 by Sept. 22 and identify themselves as a member of the . Thurston High School 40th reunion group.

Redford Union Class of 1975

Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26. at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; ticket deadline is Oct. 1. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion @gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.

Rosary High School Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High Class of January 1950

6 p.m., Oct. 16, at Red Run Golf Club, 2036 Rochester Road, north of 12 Mile, Royal Oak. \$50.00 per person. \$50 per person; choice of entree. Make checks payable to Class of January 1950 Reunion and mail to Margaret (Hobbs) Monroe, 3045 Helen Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Monroe at (248) 435-3306 or Roy Leet at (248) 737-2845. Guests welcome; deadline for tickets is

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1968

Sept. 30.

6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner, cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ ameritech.net, or Bill Ziemba at (248) 689-6216, billziembā1968@ aol.com.

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1985

25-year class reunion, Saturday Oct. 9, at the Livonia Marriott; contact Steve Johnson at (734) 635-0369 or Tanya (Ibrahim) Williams at (734) 223-5558.

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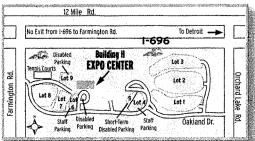
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OCT. 3-6

Discussion series

Time/Date: 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, beginning Oct. 4 **Location**: Convent Meeting Room at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: DVD series, "the Teaching of Jesus Christ: Reflections by Fr. John Corapi," will be shown. A facilitator will lead the discussion based on the series. Aimed at those interested in going step-by-step through the teachings and theology of the Church

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Lecture

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Oct. 6 **Location**: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Melvin I. Urofsky, Professor of Law, Professor Emeritus of History at Virginia Commonwealth University will discuss Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis' life, career and enduring contributions to the American legal system. No charge, but reservations are required

Contact: (248) 865-0628

Life chain

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Oct. 3 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Right-to-Life-LIFESPAN sponsors a demonstration of quiet witness and prayer to show their opposition to abortion. Signs will be provided. Participants will stand outside the church, along Plymouth Road

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Time/Date: Oct. 3-6

Mission

Location: St. John Bosco, 12100 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Mass at 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday; mission talk at 7 p.m., Sunday; 8 a.m. Mass and 7 p.m. mission talk Monday-Wednesday Contact: (313) 937-9690

Senior lunch

Time/Date: Noon, Wednesday, Oct.

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

Details: 24th Annual Inter-Congregational Seniors Luncheon, co-sponsored by Beth Ahm Seniors, the Beth Elders, ChaZaKah, Emes, Pace Setters, Shaarey Zedek Seniors, and Temple Israel Treasures. The event will feature entertainment by former Miss Michigan Stacey Mason. \$20 for members of the sponsoring seniors groups, \$22 for others. Open seating. RSVP by Oct. 3 Contact: Charlotte Jonap at (248)

OCT 7-13

766-9516

Angels program Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, October 7

Location: St. Aidan Parish, Bixman Hall, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A. theology, investigates the reality of angels. Discover how angels operate and are distinctly different from human beings, reflecting the diversity of God's creative work **Contact**: RSVP to (734) 425-5950

Baseball story

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11 Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road, **Bloomfield Hills**

Details: Former Detroit Tiger player, Frank Tanana, and his wife, Cathy, will present "Riches Beyond the Diamond," the story of their journey through baseball life. A dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Advance dinner and program reservations are \$10; \$12 at the door.

Contact: (248) 646-5041 or e-mail imcmichael@bslcmi.org for more information or to reserve for dinner and the program

Book study

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday through Nov. 13

Location: Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Details: Living Peace Church presents a study of Harvey Cox' book, The Future of Faith. The church meets for fellowship and worship at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton

Contact: (734) 233-1466 or e-mail to info@livingpeacechurch.org

Cantor honored

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 **Location**: Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Two programs honor Cantor Penny Steyer for her 20 years service to the temple. Saturday event includes hors d'ouvres and desserts, along with a musical tribute by seven performers and two choirs; Sunday event is a concert by Opus Two, a duo, playing music by Leonard Bernstein. Student admission on Sunday is \$10; adult admission each day, \$36

Contact: (248) 737-8700 Revival

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 11-13

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Rev. Jimmy Mitchell, chaplain of the West Virginia State Police, is the guest speaker. He spoke at the memorial service for miners who died in the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion in Montcoal, W.V. He also attended many of their

Contact: (734) 721-9040

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday; bake sale Contact: (248) 553-3380

Seminar

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Location: Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 6 Mile, Livonia Details: Find out how to manage stress and practice self-care at LifeCare's Change Your Life Seminar; admission is \$15 for one, \$25 for two

Contact: www.lifecarechristian-

OCT. 14-20

Concert

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17 Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills **Details**: The Birmingham Concert Band performs a program called "Music for Symphonic Band." The concert features Danielle Mukami, Birmingham Concert Band scholarship awardee, and a special segment of Irish music; free

Contact: (248) 474-0584

Divorce support

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Mondays, for seven weeks beginning Oct. 18 Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details**: Group for parents and their children (through 8th grade), "Rainbows," offered by National Council of Jewish Women, SPACE for Changing Families. \$10 registration fee; must pre-register

Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail space@ncjwgds.org

Mass of Anointing

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Aimed at Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition. Register by calling the church

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

Multimedia performance

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 **Location**: Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Actor Brad Sherrill performs "Prophets," a multimedia piece that is based on Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophetic texts. Tickets are \$8 per person, \$5

per student for advance reservations and \$10 at the door Contact: (248) 626-2515.

Pumpkin patch

Time/Date: Noon-6 p.m., Oct. 17, 24 and 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 16, 18-23; and 10 a.m. to dark, Oct. 25-30 **Location**: Holy Trinity Lutheran, '39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Pumpkin Patch sales will benefit Forgotten Harvest, a non-profit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food for emergency food providers Contact: (734) 464-0211

Rummage Sale

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 16

Location: Fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. Details: \$2 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: (734) 464-0211

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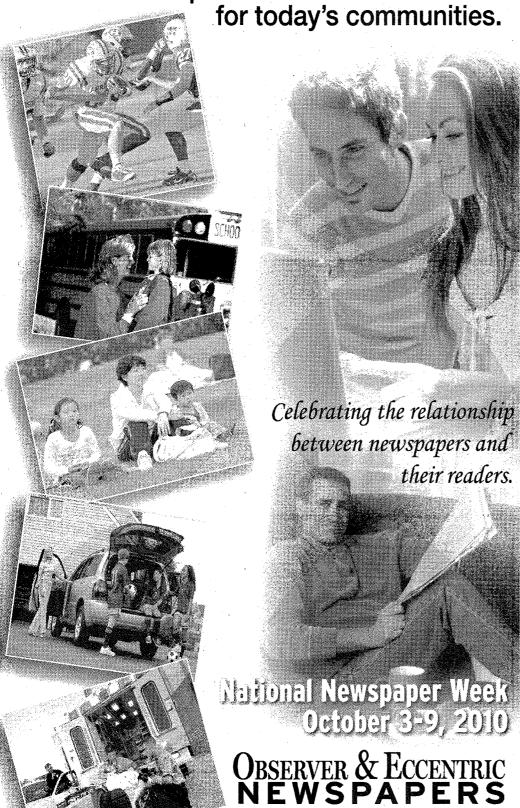
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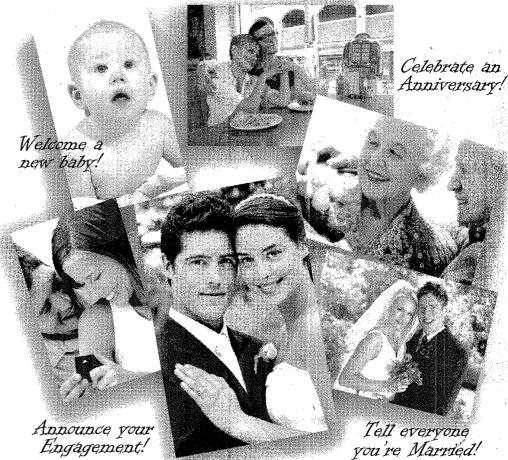
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Philip Sr. and Helen (Elliott) Kane of Farmington Hills and Greenbush, cel-

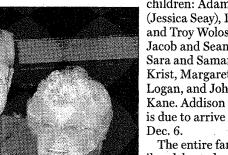
ebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week. They were married Oct. 1, 1960 at St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Redford.

The couple has six children: Catherine (Henry) of Bluffton, S.C., Vert of Livonia, Jr. (Lauren) of

Christine (Rick) Anne (William) Krist and Philip

Farmington Hills, Colleen (John) Logan

Sterling Heights.



Philip Sr. and Helen (Elliott) Kane of Farmington Hills

They are grandparents of nine grand-

children: Adam (Jessica Seay), Derek and Troy Woloszyk, Jacob and Sean Vert, Sara and Samantha Krist, Margaret Logan, and John Kane. Addison Kane is due to arrive on

The entire family celebrated with a surprise dinner and a Detroit Tiger baseball game. Included in the celebration were Helen's mother, Virginia (Harbert) Elliott, 99, and her

sister, Patricia (Ron) McKay, of Sterling

MILESTONES

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BEACH WEDDING

Jackie Phelps and Mike McGue were married Aug. 28, 2010 on the beach at Mission Point Lighthouse, Traverse City. The Rev. Karen Marrs officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed as a Paralegal at Ford Motor Credit.

Her husband also graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed at Infrasource Underground Construction.

The couple resides in



Phelps-McGue

Livonia.

FAITH NICOLE KOZAK

Faith Nicole Kozak was born Aug. 10, 2010 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

She joins parents, April and Chaim Kozak, and siblings, Jason, 7, and Jordan, 2, at home in Westland.

Proud grandparentrs are

James Jablonicky of Westland. Pamela Jablonicky of Garden City, and Bongchae and Tom Kozak of Westland.

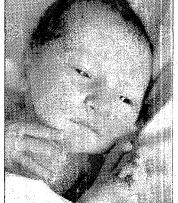
Great-grandparents are Shirley Daly and Ki Suk Chon, both of Westland.



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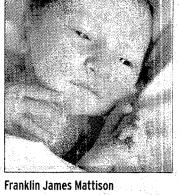
Mattison of Northville.



weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 1/2 inches when he was born Sept. 18, 2010 at

Proud parents are Jordan and Jena (Lerash) Mattison of Chicago, Ill.

Carol Mattison of Livonia and Tom and Debbie Lerash of Bad



Franklin James Mattison

Prentice Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Grandparents are Jason and

Great-grandma is Frances



Carly Ann Hanner and Christopher John Oldani were married June 12, 2010 at St. James Presbyterian Church, Redford.

The bride, daughter of Patricia Manns of Livonia, is a 2006 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 2007 graduate of L'Esprit Academy. She is a cosmetologist at Trimmers in Westland.

The groom, son of John and Karen Oldani of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Clarenceville High School and a 2006 graduate of Lincoln Tech, in Indianapolis, Ind. He is an auto mechanic at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

Laura Prieskorn, friend of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Oldani, sister of the groom and the brides friends, Malina James, Lauren Hash and Angela Waldowski. Flower Girl was Emily Waldowski.

John Clarey, friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Tyler Manns, brother of the bride, Michael Horn, cousin of the



Oldani-Hanner

groom and friends of the groom, Michael McWhinnie and Ryan Nickerson. Ushers were friends of the groom, Jason Prieskorn, Joseph Mihela and Casey Sillanpaa.

A reception was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They reside in Livonia.

BUCHANAN-BALKO

Dawn Marie Balko and Adam Buchanan were married Oct. 2, 2010 at Connection Church.

The bride, daughter of Denise Balko of Westland, is a graduate of Kettering University and works for Terumo Cardiovascular.

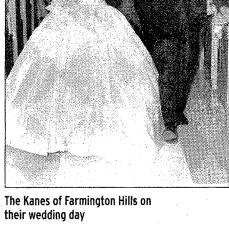
The groom, son of Rena Buchanan of Bryan, Ohio, is a graduate of the University of Toledo. He works for TRW Automotive.

The couple lives in Belleville.



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BARBARA ANN DOWELL

Age 63 died Sept. 27, 2010 at Providence Hospital after a brave 17 month battle with cancer. Preceded in death by husband Larry and parents Ralph Wineman and Margaret Cowley. Barbara retired from Farmington Public Schools, where she worked for 27 years. Born in Yonkers, NY April 27, 1947 but moved to Michigan as a young child where she resided in Detroit all her life. Survived by son Brian (Carmen) Boyd of Livonia, Mark Dowell of Novi, grandchildren Jordan and Matthew, Jackie & Christopher, Sister Carole Layne of Livonia, special nieces Colleen (Jason), Lauren & Ashley Brasgalla of Secaucus, N.J., nephew Timmy Ray of Novi, Uncle Tom Stankey of Indianapolis, IN and many other family and friends who will greatly miss her, especially Linda Hogan who was dear lifelong caring friend.

Visitation Thursday 3-8pm, service b Friday at 11:30am at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, between 6 & 7 Mile Rds.

BARBARA "JUNE" PALME Kalamazoo, formerly of Birmingham. Passed away on September 27, 2010 at Friendship Village in Kalamazoo. Born June 28, 1928 in Elizabeth, NJ. Loving wife, mother, community and church volunteer and former member Birmingham First United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by son Scott, husband, Josef, and is survived by two children: Craig (Dolores) Palme of Chesterfield Twp. MI and Gayle (Roger) Finder of Portage, MI; three grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Oct 16 at Friendship Village, Kalamazoo. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of SW Michigan or the Friendship Village Employee



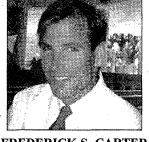
EUNICE SYLVIA IRENE MADDOCK 08/24/1924 - 09/23/2010

Eunice Maddock, age 86, a resident of the Mt. Victory Community in Pulaski County, KY, passed away at her home after a lengthy illness on Thursday, September 23, 2010. She was born August 24, 1924 at Plymouth, MI, the daughter of the late Harvey Thomas & Elta Burden Thomas. Eunice was united in marriage to Doyle G. Maddock & he preceded her in death. Eunice was also preceded in death by one son, Johnny L. Maddock; & four brothers, Leland, Clarence, Morris & Sidney Thomas. Survivors include two daughters, Marvel Parent, Westland, MI. & Ilene Maddock, Brookport, IL; eleven grandchildren, Corena Brock, Annette Robbins, Sheila Adams, Judy Lewis, Lynn Lee, Rhonda McAfee, Gary Maddock, Justin Maddock, Michael Parent, Michelle Rohde & Kenneth Parent; many great & greatgrandchildren; daughter-in-law, eanetta Maddock, Brookport, Illinois. Funeral details will be announced at a later date. Online condolences at:

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FREDERICK S. CARTER

September 25 2010 Age 54. Husband of Martha for 14 years. Father of seven beautiful children, Frederick S. "Spencer", Charles, Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine, Caroline and the late Jack. Also survived by his two brothers, John Carter and Paul Carter. Services were held Friday at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to "The Fred Carter Family Memorial Fund" (for Fred and Martha's children's education accounts), c/o 32515 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at:

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com DESMOND SONS



GEORGE ROMEO HAMEL Age 91, September 22, 2010 Loving husband of Margaret (Haggerty) Hamel of 64

brother of Leo (Wanda) Hamel (age 98) & his current 22 direct descendents: His five children Patricia (Robert) Nakoneczny, Larry (Lynette) Hamel, Diane (Dave) Wallen, Kenneth (Deborah) Hamel & Colleen (George) Siroonian; his 15 grandchildren Carrie (Jason), Matt (Danae), Dan, Greg, Nick, Brian, Christopher, Jeff, Megan, Kellie, Michael, Brett, Griffin, Katie & David; and was "Grandpa George" to his great granddaughters Madeline & Natalie. He was "Uncle George" to the children of his best friend Jim Feeny and Margaret's twin sister Marion: Jim (Kathy) Feeny, their children Jennifer. Molly, James & Katie; Kathleen (Steve) Goch, their children Alex & Anneliese; Nancy (Rick) Gorton, their children Michelle, Nick & Colleen; Daniel (Teri) Feeny, their children Maureen, Bridget, Colleen & Tim; Bob (Maribeth) Feeny, their children Brian, Patrick & Kevin. George R. Hamel was youngest of 17 children born to Azarie & Emma Hamel in Port Arthur, Canada on November 22nd 1918. Since then the number 22 has followed him throughout the years: born on November 22nd, became a U.S. Citizen on May 22nd, inducted into the Army on September 22nd, wounded in the Battle of the River Roer on February 22nd and received the Purple Heart, discharged on January 22nd, on June 22nd married his sweetheart Margaret (born March 22nd), retired on December 22nd and on September 22nd with a chuckle, he left to watch over his 22 descendents, extended family and friends who dearly loved him. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, just north of 10 Mile Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Autism

JACQUELINE A. "JACKY **JOHNSON**

Society, 4340 East West Hwy., Suite

350, Bethesda, MD 20814 or online at:

www.autism-society.org

Formerly of Garden City, Sept. 29, 2010. Visitations Sun., Oct. 3, 12 noon funeral 4pm. Palmer Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Home, Holt Chapel.

Hewelt, Bonnie Palombit & Scott Hewelt. Arrangements by: Simple Funerals 586-777-0555 www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

JULIE ANN YOUNG

Madison Heights, MI, August 23, 2010, age 67. Dear aunt of Karen



KAZANOWSKI

Of Orchard Lake, Michigan, died suddenly September 24, 2010, at the age of 68. Beloved husband of Cara (nee Benson). Devoted father of Kristin and John. Dear son of Charlotte and the late John. Loving oldest brother of Robert (Diane), Roger and John (Cindy). Dearest son-in-law of Mariorie and William Benson, Jr. and brother-in-law of Chris Rushworth and William A. Benson III. He also leaves behind nine nieces and nephews and many other family and friends. A 1959 graduate of Dearborn High School, Larry graduated with honors from both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with an SBEE degree in 1963, and from Stanford University with an MBA in 1965. Larry had a successful, satisfying career in his 34 years at Ford Motor Company (1965-1999). He joined Ford in 1965 as a product planner and in 1968 was sent to Turin, Italy, as program manager for the Pantera. Among his many other assignments he was Director of Product and Business Planning at Ford Brazil, General Manager of Plastic and Trim Operations, and Vice President of Business Strategy and Development at the Visteon group within Ford. After his retirement from Ford, he served as President and CEO of Cambridge Industries. Before and after retirement, Larry also immersed himself in nurturing his family, competitive sailing out of the Detroit Yacht Club and Bayview yacht clubs, and golf at Orchard Lake Country Club. To satisfy his livelong love of strategy and learning he studied quantum physics and string theory. The Funeral Mass was Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Shrine Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated for Gleaners Community Food Bank, P.O. Box 1380, Troy MI

RAYMOND LESTER JUNK

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or a charity of one's choice.

Passed away on August 24, 2010 at the age of 89. Before moving to Franklin, Tennessee, Ray lived in Livonia, Michigan for over 50 years, where he was employed by the Wayne County Road Commission for more than 27 years. Preceded in death by his wife Bonnie, his grandson Ryan Bowers, granddaughter, Terry Lynn Adamson and brother, Robert Junk, Mr. Junk is survived by sons David Junk, Gary (Darlene) Junk and Dale Junk; daughters Karen (Dave) Rogge, Debbie (Steve) Ball, and Pam Bowers; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and brother, Don Junk. To honor both Ray and Bonnie, a memorial service will be held at Moose 538, 29137 Ford Road, Garden City, Michigan on Friday, October 8th at 1 p.m. Inurnment will be held at Tillsonburg Cemetery in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada on Saturday, October 9th at 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 Attn: Gift Processing.



RUTH IRENE (Watson) ANDREWS

Age 85, retired Hickory Grove elementary school teacher, drama program advisor, and former long time Birmingham resident died September 2010 in Lansing, MI. Please visit: www.holihanatkin.com

for more information & to make online condolences



RICHARD GEORGE

Of Rochester passed away September

27, 2010, with his family at his side,

at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was 69 years old.

Richard was born September 25,

1941, in Detroit, to Nedra and Oscar

beloved wife, Dianna and daughters,

Bonnie (Patrick) Foley and Catherine (Eugene, Jr.) Boyle. He is also sur-

ived by his grandchildren, Patrick

Ryan, Meghan Katherine, Kathleen

Mairin and Jack Ryan Foley, and

Charles Richard and Catherine

Dianna Boyle, sisters, Genese (Nick)

Bouchard and Lorraine (Brian) Tidd,

and many cherished nieces and

nephews. Mr. Metry is preceded in

death by his sister, Arlane (the late

James) Shier and his parents, Oscar and Nedra Metry. Funeral Services

have taken place. Interment in

Guardian Angel Cemetery, Oakland

Iwp. Condolences at:
lynchfuneraldirectors.com

Richard is survived by his

RONALD F. WILLIAMS

September 21, 2010. Age 88 of Beverly Hills. Proud veteran of the US Army Air Corps., WWII. Longtime stockbroker for First of Michigan/ Oppenheimer. Husband of the late Marjorie A. Dearest father of Nancy L. Bruning (Robert) and the late Ronald A., Robert P., Randall S. and Carol Royle. Grandfather of Debra, Shelley, Erin, Ryan and Eric. Great grandfather of Samantha, Devin, Anthony and Ava. Brother of Jon D. Also survived by his dog Abby Committal services with military honors will be held privately at Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society.
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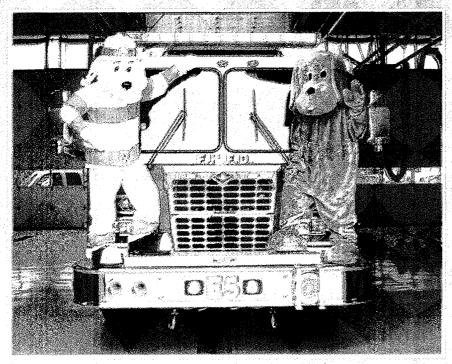
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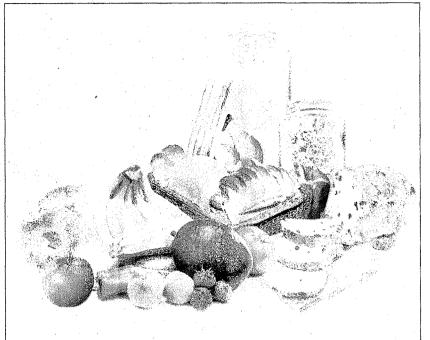
Skip processed foods when adding fiber to your diet, experts urge

For years, any weight-loss aficionado could easily tell you the best sources of dietary fiber: whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables. But grocery store shelves are crowded with traditionally low-fiber foods that are now packed with fiber, like candy, ice cream, and artificial sweeteners.

According to TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, these "new fiber" foods may not yield the same health benefits as their traditional high-fiber food counterparts.

Dietary fiber – also called roughage – is defined by the Institute of Medicine as the edible, nondigestible component of carbohydrate and lignin found naturally in plant food. Fiber is not digested or absorbed in the small intestine, and it does not contribute calories; rather, bacteria in the stomach metabolize the fibrous parts of food. When you eat a food that contains a natural source of dietary fiber, you are eating intact fiber.

Added fiber consists of isolated, nondigestible carbohydrates that have beneficial physiological effects in humans. These fibers can be synthetically manufactured or derived from other plant or animal sources. An example of an added fiber is pectin extracted from citrus peel and used as a gel in making jam or jelly. Generally, added fiber is referred to



as isolated or functional fiber.

Total fiber is the sum of dietary intact fiber along with added isolated fiber.

Nutrition facts on food packaging can be confusing because they include all sources of fiber, whether they are from intact or isolated sources. It's why you might see upwards of 10 grams of dietary fiber listed for a fiber-fortified flour tortilla that tra-

ditionally would have only one or two grams.

Fiber can help lower cholesterol, regulate blood sugar, and promote a feeling of fullness.

According to The Institute of Medicine, women ages 50 and younger should consume 25 grams of fiber per day. Women ages 51 and older should aim for 21 grams per day. Males, 50 and under, need 38 grams per day. Men ages 51 and older should consume 30 grams of fiber per day.

ISOLATED VS. INTACT FIBER

According to Katie Clark, assistant clinical professor of nutrition at the University of California–San Francisco and nutrition expert for TOPS, the health benefits of intact fiber are widely accepted among health professionals.

Researchers who study the effects of fiber have focused on dietary fiber that occurs naturally in high-fiber foods. But do the health benefits of dietary fiber extend to synthetically manufactured or extracted fibers added to traditionally low-fiber foods? The American Dietetic Association (ADA) maintains that, "Whether isolated, functional fibers provide protection against cardiovascular disease remains controversial."

"Because we don't know to what degree the health benefits of dietary fiber are attributable to intact fibers, most dietitians and nutrition professionals are recommending that consumers focus on eating foods that are naturally high in fiber." Clark says

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Whole foods such as whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables are not only high in fiber, but low in salt, devoid of added sugar, and tend to be lower in calories than processed and packaged foods. Many of the isolated fiber foods on the market are highly

processed and are high in salt, added sugars, and extra calories.

"Much like the notion that 'organic junk food is still junk food,' keep in mind that a 'high-fiber cookie is still a cookie!" notes Clark.

LABEL SLEUTHING

To determine whether the fiber in a food product comes from an intact or isolated source, you should search the ingredients list on food packaging.

The most common isolated fibers that manufacturers use to bulk-up traditionally low-fiber foods are maltodextrin, inulin (chicory root), polydextrose, oat fiber, resistant start, pectin and gum.

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By increasing the amount of whole grains and legumes in your diet and making sure to eat five to seven servings of fruits per day, it's possible to meet your dietary fiber needs without eating fiber-fortified or isolated fiber

foods.

"Fiber can be an important tool in weight loss, diabetes management, and reducing the risk for other chronic diseases," says Clark. "When selecting high-fiber foods, look for whole fiber foods over fake fiber foods to maximize your health potential."

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

Participants sought for fibroid study

A clinical research study is under way by obstetrician and gynecologist, Jay Berman, of Wayne State University Physician Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in effort to identify an alternative treatment for uterine fibroids.

The typical treatment is a hysterectomy, the second most common surgery among women in the United States.

Berman is the only surgeon in Michigan who performs this technique and was chosen for his expertise during laparoscopic procedures.

This clinical research study, evaluation of the "Halt System in Laparoscopic Treatment of Symptomatic Uterine Fibroids with Radiofrequency Ablation," aims to preserve the uterus rather than remove it through a traditional hysterectomy. This procedure is an alternative to a myomectomy as well as a traditional hysterectomy.

It is estimated that as many as 70 percent of women develop uterine fibroids at some point in their lives. Most women do not experience symptoms and will never be aware that they have or had a fibroid. However, about one-third of women, predominantly African American, experience pain in the lower abdomen, back and pelvis, heavy bleeding during menstrual periods and severe bloating. Some fibroids can grow to be the size of a basketball in or outside the uterus.

The Halt study, sponsored by Halt Medical, seeks to enroll up to 30 local women and 150 women nationally who are premenopausal and 25 years of age or older, have a history of menorrhagia (heavy bleeding) and have completed child bearing. To date, very little information is known about what causes fibroids, and this procedure is an alternative to more invasive surgery. Eligible participants will undergo an outpatient laparoscopic procedure using an investigational device called the Halt Fibroid System. This system is designed specifically for uterine fibroids and consists of a radiofrequency (RF) generator and a RF probe with deployable needle electrodes. An intra-abdominal ultrasound is then used to locate and visualize the fibroids. Participants return home the same day and are usually able to work within a week.

Screening for this study is being performed at Wayne State University Physician Group, 26400

W. 12 Mile, Suite 140, Southfield. For more information about the study or to participate, call Julie McQueeney, research coordinator, at (248) 263-3571.



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