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## Study looks at creating 'downtown area'

BY SUE MASON  
 STAFF WRITER

The looks of the Ford Road corridor from Central City Parkway to Wayne Road could be changing.

The city's Downtown Development Authority has hired the planning firm of McKenna and Associates to do a redevelopment and design study of the city's main downtown corridor.

"We have a lot of confidence in them to develop a plan for us that will ensure the target area prospers and enhances the quality of services for shoppers, residents and visitors," said Lori Fodale, DDA board chair. "They'll look at what's there, do a market analysis and determine what we could potentially put in the area."

McKenna and Associates will evaluate existing conditions along Ford Road and do a market analysis that will include an economic development strategy.

The firm also will conduct a design charrette, a form of an open house, where it will talk about the key structures to be redeveloped as well as identify key civic spaces and architectural design components.

The charrette, according to Fodale, will be similar to what was done for Cherry Hill Village in Canton.

"They'll bring all the stakeholders to the table - the DDA, the city, Planning Department, City Council, business owners and residents - for a visioning session," said Fodale. "They'll tell us

what they see for the area, they'll tell us what will work and then we'll take the pieces and put it together."

For the Westland project, the firm will look at:

- Providing a greater variety of goods and services to shoppers and residents in the area,

- Upgrading the appearance of current and future buildings to create an inviting environment.

- Enhancing visitor confidence to facilitate money to expand existing businesses and attract new development.

"This stretch of Ford Road is in the heart of Westland and arguably our city's most traveled thoroughfare," said Mayor William Wild in announcing the contract. "This area offers

immense opportunities for redevelopment, and this plan will be the driving force in spurring economic development in downtown Westland."

He added that the intent is for the study to be "a driving force" in creating more job opportunities in the area.

According to Fodale, the DDA board is "thrilled" to have McKenna and Associates do the study. The planning firm has been involved planning midtown Taylor, downtown Ferndale and the Main Street development in Novi.

"We truly don't have a downtown area, and the dream of the DDA is to have a walkable downtown area," she said. "We have a plan in place overall, but this will be a specific plan for a specific area."



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Cathy and Dennis Flowers spend a little time spoiling their dog Hope with treats of cut-up chicken during a checkup at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animals in Westland. The Flowers adopted Hope after they had seen a story in June about the puppy found abandoned in a crate behind a Livonia business.

## And then there was Hope

Abused, and abandoned, puppy gets a new life, a new home

BY SUE MASON  
 STAFF WRITER

In June, she was the poster pooch for neglected animals with a large portion of her head and neck inflamed from a severe ear infection. Today, it's hard to believe black Labrador mixed-breed dog is the same puppy that had been left in a too-small crate behind a Blockbuster store on Middlebelt in Livonia.

The infection is gone, her wounds are healed. She has a new home and a new family.

All is well for a dog called Hope. "I think she chose the right family," said Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator for the Michigan Humane Society. "I think she knows that."

At the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland for a checkup last week, Hope nibbled



When found, the then six-month-old Hope had a severe ear infection that had spread to the left side of her head and neck.

on treats, chased balls and barked a people who walked passed the windows of the center's training room.

"Her puppiness is finally coming out," said Cathy Flowers. "She's put a lot of fun in our lives, she's a really character."



Antibiotics cleared up the ear infection that was so severe doctors thought they might have to amputate Hope's ear.

Flowers and her husband, Dennis, were among 25 people who had expressed interest in adopting Hope. They decided to call after seeing a story about her.

According to Baron, Hope's

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## Attorney requests psychiatric exam in shooting case

BY SUE MASON  
 STAFF WRITER

A distraught Shirley Susalla lashed out at the man accused of killing her daughter Tammy, calling him a murderer.

The Westland resident was in 18th District Court Thursday to hear that Timothy Joseph Catalano will undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine if he is competent to stand trial for the Aug. 27 shooting death of Tammy Susalla.

Joining her were the couple's 19-year-old daughter Jessica, friends and members of the deaf community. Tammy Susalla was deaf, as is Catalano.

"She was a great person," said Susalla, who came to court wearing a Justice for Tammy T-shirt. "She was a loving, caring person. She worked at McGrath School with the special education students."

Attorney Jeffrey Schwartz requested the forensic examination, saying that he there were concerns about Catalano's competency.

"As best we could, we explained this to him," Schwartz said in waiving his client's right to a preliminary examination within 14 days of arraignment.

Catalano through an interpreter told 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos that he had

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## O&E seeks 'SuperMoms' for Web site

Are you faster than a sprinting 2-year-old? More powerful than a schoolyard bully? Able to leap in reaction to a single 'ow'? Look, there in the minivan. How does she stay sane? ... It's SuperMom!

The *Observer & Eccentric* is joining www.MichiganMoms.com, and we're looking for SuperMoms to join our online community.

MichiganMoms.com is a brand new Web site that allows parents to connect in cyberspace over issues that hit close to home. It follows the lead of other social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook that connect people with similar interests.

The site includes articles relevant to local families, a calendar of events full of family-friendly activities and photo galleries posted by proud parents themselves.

Above all, it features Mom-to-Mom message boards that touch on topics relevant to parents from all walks of life, with children of all ages. Whether you're looking for a great pediatrician, or seeking advice on anything from potty training to

body piercings, you can jump into a discussion or start one of your own.

MichiganMoms.com is based on successful "mom" sites launched by Gannett newspapers across the country, and is already well-established in Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Livingston County, Lansing and Port Huron.

The *Observer & Eccentric* is bringing MichiganMoms to metro Detroit. We are seeking a few everyday heroes to step up as SuperMoms, offering their expertise to MichiganMoms with regular postings. If you are interested in applying, contact Wensdy Von Buskirk at (734) 953-2019 or wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Those who apply as SuperMoms must agree to post at least four new topics and respond to at least five current topics each week. Posts should be spread out over the week, not put up all in one day. SuperMoms selected will be paid a monthly stipend.

If you would simply like to dabble in the discussions, log on and register now at www.michiganmoms.com.

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### Coming Thursday in **Filter**



Comedian Artie Lange, a regular on 'The Howard Stern Show,' visits the Fox Theatre Sept. 15.

AROUND WESTLAND

Cheer tryouts

Do You Like to dance and cheer? The Westland Stars Cheerleading and dance team is holding tryouts for fifth-eighth grades.

Clinics will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 and 20, to learn the routine need to try outs for the team. Tryouts will be 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27.

Come to the clinics dressed to work out. Wear shorts or sweats, T-shirt and tennis shoes. No jeans will be allowed at the clinics or tryouts. Bring water, but no food or pop.

Information about the team will be handed out on the first night. This year the team will be cheering, stunting and learning five styles of dance - pom, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical and prop. The team also will be preparing for the Junior Olympic Games.

Practices are held in the multi-purpose room the Westland Bailey Center, 36101 Ford, behind City Hall.

Railroadiana

Buy and swap toys and trains at a fund-raiser put on by the Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the church hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

There will be more than 140 Dealer tables, and food and refreshments will be available. Tables are available at \$10 each. For table rental or more information, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

Installation dinner

The American Legion Post 251 will be holding a Installation of Officers dinner-dance on Friday, Oct. 19, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 hall at 1055 S. Wayne Road. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m. There will be dancing to the music of the Walt Liepic Band and an open bar. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available by calling (734) 326-2607. Veterans and the public welcome.

Card parties

St. Bernardine Men's Club is sponsoring Friday night euchre/pinochle card parties beginning Sept. 21. Players do not need a partner. Snacks, soft drinks, cash prizes are included in the \$5 admission. A 50/50 raffle also will be available.

The card parties are scheduled for Sept. 21 and 28, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 2, 16 and 30, Dec. 7 and 14, Jan. 4 and 18, Feb. 1, March 28, and April 14 and 18. Doors open at 7 p.m., card playing starts at 7:30 p.m.

The church is 31462 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman in Westland. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

Teachers Day Dunkin' Donuts has announced that Thursday, Sept. 13, is Teacher Appreciation Day in Michigan, part of its free coffee giveaway program for those who serve the community and keep America running.

For 24 hours, teachers can receive a free, large freshly brewed coffee or double brewed medium iced coffee, including their choice of many available flavors, at any participating Dunkin' Donuts in Michigan, simply by showing their ID cards or badges.

Coffee Hour

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday.

He will be at the Westland Big Boy 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Euchre tournament

St. Mary Church of Wayne is hosting a euchre tournament, beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday Sept. 29. It costs \$20 to play. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the door at the door and those donating food will be entered in a special raffle.

Food and beer will be for sale and there will be raffles throughout the evening. The proceeds will benefit the St. Mary Community Outreach Center, John Bolde Memorial Food Depot.

For more information, call (734) 721-8745.

Surplus food

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

The pickup for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 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 the church at (734) 729-1737 for information.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at high-rise. Contact the building manager for the day of distribution.

Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

The September distribution includes spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and grapefruit juice. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at 595-0366.

YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department is accepting registration for preschool programs. The YWCA offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2½ to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community.

Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

Historical society

The newly formed Westland Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. Business items include acceptance of bylaws and election of officers. For more information, call (734) 522-3918.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will host Harvest Thyme, a plant and seed exchange 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill.

In addition to the exchange, participants will have an opportunity to make potpourri, tour the museum, have their questions answered by master gardeners and have plants identified at the mystery plant table. Organic produce also will be for sale.

For more information, call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Kim Peterson at (734) 591-6506.

Flu shots

The Village of Westland will again offer flu shots to seniors age 65 and older 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the senior community, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman, in Westland, Call (734) 762-8926 to schedule an appointment.

Agency and friend help her turn her life around

A year ago she was stealing from friends and picking through Dumpsters looking for cans and bottles to support her full-time drinking habit.

Garden City resident Jennifer Day knows what it's like to be lonely, rejected and depressed.

"I was brought up in a bad environment with foster parents who didn't really care about me," said 23-year-old Day. "I remember one time my dad drove with a bunch of us kids in the car and he was drunk. My mom eventually kicked me out of the house."

There didn't seem to be much hope until one cold St. Patrick's Day eve when the luck of the Irish smiled upon her. "I walked into this restaurant, I was looking for food or money from someone when I met Melinda," Day said. "She could tell I was desperate and she bought me some food. We have been inseparable ever since."

Day and Melinda Harris are involved in a "live-in companionship" program offered by Community Living Services. A non-profit organization that provides supports and services to people with developmental disabilities. Day has a mild disability.

The program allows caregivers an opportunity to live with the people they support, a program that has proven its weight in gold, as far as both women are concerned.

"Jennifer was very sad and depressed when I met her," Harris said. "We have been roommates now for a year and her transformation has been remarkable. She has stopped drinking, has held down a job for almost a year, and is going to college in the fall. Jennifer is much happier now."

In the beginning, as with any new relationship, there are many things that had to be worked out, like helping Day stop drinking and showing her how to manage her money.

"Jenny is stubborn and likes to argue but with patience and compassion," Harris said. "I've helped her through numerous things, like someone stole her identity and that was a big mess but we got through it. I've



Jennifer Day shows off her collection of Clay Aiken photos. With Melinda Harris' help she was able to see the former American Idol contestant in concert.



Jennifer Day (left) found more than a meal when she met Melinda Harris a year ago. Harris became her friend and has helped Day turn her life around.

tried to teach her the value of money and why it's so important to manage your money properly.

"I saved enough money to see Clay Aiken in concert; it was the highlight of my summer. I am in love with that man," Day said.

Day has been nominated to receive a recognition award at the Friends of CLS annual fund-raiser Thursday, Sept. 13, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. She along with 12 other winners will be honored for their achievements.

"We are thrilled to recognize Jennifer," Community Living Services President and CEO James Dehem said. "This is one of the best evenings all year, with more 700 people in attendance. This recognition award truly exemplifies that people

with disabilities can and do make a difference."

Day utilizes the services and supports of Community Living Services, a non-profit organization that promotes inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities.

CLS provides supports and services to adults and children living in Wayne County and is funded through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. It is dedicated to creative thinking and helping people plan a future that is individually developed based on their strengths, interests, hopes and dreams for the future.

More information about Community Living Services is available at www.comliveserv.com.

LeBlanc: Friends of Education need books

As Michigan's families and students start the new school year to kick off, a Westland lawmaker is encouraging Westland residents to embrace the back-to-school spirit and donate extra books to the Michigan Friends of Education.

"All of Michigan's residents, young and old, should have the opportunity to open up a good book and enjoy the experience of reading," said State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "For our children, reading instills valuable skills which will help pave the way for their success. For adults, reading stimulates the imagination and is critical to exercising the mind."

"Many of Michigan's residents do not have the resources

available where they can go out and purchase a book, and the Michigan Friends of Education is a great program that puts books into people's hands."

The Michigan Friends is an affiliate of the Library of Michigan and is recognized as an important part of the state's literacy and book program. They provide books at no cost to a wide variety of social organizations that serve the needy, including disadvantaged readers, the ill, the incarcerated, senior citizens and the handicapped.

Michigan Friends of Education is a non-profit organization and acts as a central warehouse which allows publishers to make donations, while at the same time serving hundreds of worthwhile and

qualified nonprofit organizations and thousands of needy children and adults every year.

Michigan Friends of Education serve individuals in 38 counties across the state and also are involved with many programs, including special education, adult education, literacy and summer reading programs, foster care, nursing homes, shelters for the abused and homeless, Head Start, Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, family independence agencies and correctional facilities, LeBlanc added.

For more information on the Michigan Friends of Education program or to learn about distribution points to drop off books, call (800) 846-8878 or visit the Web site at www.mifriends.org/.

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## HOPE

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foster mom determined that, based on what Hope had been through, she needed to be the sole dog in the house. Of those who called, many had other pets, but not the Walled Lake couple. They had lost their dog, Kuma, who died in March from complications of kidney failure brought on by eating tainted dog food.

"They fit what we were looking for," said Baron. The first time the couple met Hope, she didn't want to be separated from her foster mom.

"She wouldn't come near us, and I thought, 'OK, what are we getting ourselves into?'" said Cathy Flowers. "But when my husband and daughter came to get her, she was like a different dog."

Hope is now firmly attached to their daughter, Amy, a second-grade teacher in the Walled Lake schools. According to Cathy Flowers, Hope cries when Amy leaves the house, but is excited when she comes home.

"She'll wake me up so I'll get Amy up to take her outside," she added. "She still has some anxiety when we leave, but now she realizes we'll be coming home."

It did take awhile for Hope to get close to Dennis Flowers. He lay on the floor in a nonthreatening position and let her come to him. Within in a couple of weeks, she was coming to him for treats and lying in his lap.

Her fear of men may be reflective of what the dog had been through before being left in the crate. According to Baron, Hope had puncture wounds on her neck and hind legs, wounds consistent with dog fighting.

"She may have been a bait dog, the bait dog has to be calm," Baron said. "She's been through a lot for the first six months of her life, but to see her now ..."

Hope has her own pillow and blanket as well as blanket in a crate that she sometimes goes in. If she doesn't get enough attention, she'll drag a shoe around the house.

She spent last weekend with the Flowers at Big



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Dennis Flowers sits on the floor to be with Hope who has had to overcome a fear of men.

Manistique Lake in the Upper Peninsula, and "had a wonderful time" swimming and playing with a German Shorthair.

"She's doing really well," said Cathy Flowers. "I know we'll do things she doesn't like and she'll do things we don't like, but we'll get along."

"It's amazing that with all she's been through, she's very gentle," added Dennis Flowers. "She's definitely not an Alpha dog."

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## Backpack donation project helps local students succeed

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Class by class, the kids at Jefferson-Barns Elementary entered the gymnasium Thursday, eager to get their hands on backpacks filled with school supplies. Westland Rotarians were the workers in a busy scene Sept. 6 that had also taken place earlier in the day at Lincoln Elementary.

"It's extremely important," Jefferson-Barns Principal Laura Beckman said of the donated backpacks. "We appreciate the donations from Westland Rotary so much. In these hard economic times, everyone appreciates the donation."

About 170 kids got the backpacks at Jefferson-Barns. Another 270 were given out at Lincoln. Each backpack was filled with 70-page note books, glue sticks, pocket folders, 24-pack crayons, rulers, pencils and baseballs. "The Rotary Club goal is to help kids have big dreams and believe dreams

come true," said club President Lou Toarmina, taking a break from asking children about their plans beyond high school.

"This is all part of the program. All the supplies were donated, some by the Rotary Club," he said.

Making donations to the project were Mayor William Wild, Attorney Mark McConnell, Wayne County Community College, District Judge Sandra Ference Ciccirelli, Councilman James Godbout, State Sen. Anderson, Toarmina's Pizza, Gary Bulson and Men on the Move, Harlow Tire, Juenemann Insurance, Metropolitan Title, C & M printing, Westland Police Department, LaSalle Home Lending, Westland Community Foundation, Dr. Joe Tseng, Rhonda Williams and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Each child had his or her name written on a backpack, to make sure they didn't get mixed up. Beckman and Jefferson-Barns teachers

helped with the spellings, although the kids did a good job with their spelling, some writing their names out to help.

Beckman said she's grateful to the service club for working with fifth-graders, "helping them plan their futures." She cited a partnership with Wayne County Community College.

"It's all about believing in themselves," Beckman said. "We believe every student can achieve."

The Rotarians were glad to cut their weekly meeting a little short to get to the second school to receive supplies. Jennifer Jones, the district governor for Rotary that includes Westland, offered words of encouragement.

Jones wrote the club: "Congratulations to you all on an outstanding community contribution! I have been reading of your planning and your efforts and I am filled with such pride! Well done — enjoy the smiles — this indeed is your payment for all of the hard work."

## SHOOTING

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been told about the request.

Bokos ordered Catalano to the Forensic Center for an evaluation and that he continue to be held without bond. He also set a date of Nov. 1 for the preliminary examination.

"If we get the information sooner, we'll bring you back sooner," Bokos told the defendant.

Catalano is charged with first-degree murder and felony firearms charges. If convicted as charged, Catalano will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Police Sgt. Steve Borisch has stated that Catalano confessed that he shot Susalla in the head with a rifle while she was in

bed at the home they shared on Gloria, near Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Borisch also stated that after the shooting, Catalano woke their daughter, Jessica, who had been sleeping in the basement. The daughter's boyfriend also was in the basement.

The 44-year-old Susalla had been Catalano's girlfriend of 24 years. Borisch has said in court that Susalla was planning to end her relationship with Catalano, and he "was very upset about that."

According to Shirley Susalla, her daughter had left Catalano once before, but he had "come after her and she went back."

"He was very possessive," she said. "You couldn't wash clothes in the washing machine without

asking his permission."

The Susallas had adopted their daughter when she was six weeks old. Her mother recalled the nurse telling her that "she had a personality all of her own."

"We would do anything for her, we were a loving family and did a lot for our daughter," she said.

She said her husband is "a basket case" about the death of his daughter.

"That was his baby," she said. "He can't handle any of this. It's horrible."

She added that her granddaughter, who also was court for the hearing, "was coping."

"Tammy was a fantastic person, a great person," she said.

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## Michigan Municipal League holds youth essay contest

If you were an elected official like a mayor or city council member, how would you improve the quality of life in your community?

That's the question being posed by the Michigan Municipal League Foundation to local high school youth, and the answer could earn them a trip to the Congress of Cities Conference in New Orleans, La.

"This is an excellent opportunity," said Westland Mayor William R. Wild. "The experience allows these students to

share their concerns with elected officials who will be taking note of what they have to say."

The winner or winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the Congress of Cities Conference hosted by the National League of Cities in New Orleans Nov 13-17. The winners must be accompanied by an adult and the scholarship fund will contribute \$500 towards the accompanied adult's expenses.

In order to be eligible, students must write an essay — 500 words maximum — about

how they would improve the quality of life in their community.

Only one essay per student is allowed and should include the student's name, municipality, grade level and address.

Applicants must also include a completed application form along with the essay. The application form is available by calling (734) 669-6370. They also are available at the Mayor's Office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford.

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# The 'diabetic rock star'

Author's rocky journey leads him to help others with diabetes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

For weeks, Christopher Thomas felt his life crashing around him and on July 7, he reached his breaking point.

Thomas, a fledgling author and publisher, was no where near close to literary success.

In fact, he had just been rejected for a job as a waiter.

On top of that, the uninsured 27-year-old had recently been diagnosed with type-one diabetes and was grappling with his blood-sugar level.

"When I was leaving that job interview at the restaurant and I looked over and saw the book I wrote, but was too broke to promote," he said. "I thought about me trying to deal with diabetes and the college degree that I had framed on the wall. I started thinking 'What did I go to school for?' I couldn't even get a job in a restaurant."

The 1998 Westland John Glenn High graduate, who dropped his last name, Polack, and goes by his first and middle, said he decided to leave Canton — and the state — as soon as possible.

"I was going west or east and east was a shorter drive," Thomas chuckled. "But really, if you want to be a writer, one place to give it a go is New York."

Two days later with "zero plans," Thomas arrived in Manhattan and began sleeping on the kitchen floor of a distant cousin's home. The two had never met.

"Everything there is go, go, go," said Thomas, who soon found a job and a roommate. "I realized how complacent I



**CHRISTOPHER THOMAS**

■ Age: 27  
 ■ Grew up in Canton and is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School (he has dropped last name of Polack)  
 ■ Author of novel, "An American Scene" Has also started a Web site, DiabeticRockstar.com, and a non-profit group, Fight It, to help provide support to people with diabetes.

had become. I had that 'I'll do it tomorrow' philosophy."

Since touching down in the big apple, Thomas said his focus has shifted from feeling helpless to believing that diabetes is one of the best things that could've happened to him.

"I have a reason to live," he said, adding that when he started blogging his health journey on MySpace, he threw out the nickname "diabetic rockstar" and gradually amassed a fan base by "mixing hard-hitting commentary, sarcasm and humor against everything society holds sacred."

He has now started his own Web site, www.DiabeticRockstar.com and is in the process of creating a non-profit agency, Fight It.

"I'm blessed to have a support system, but I've realized there are a lot of uninsured diabetics who are struggling," Thomas said. "They're working two jobs just to buy test strips."

Fight It, which has already raised its first \$100, will be centered around helping uninsured diabetics get medical care and other items, such as insulin.

Thomas, who went from 150 pounds to 115 just before he was diagnosed in May, has the support of his mother and stepfather, Rose and Michael Burns of Canton and father, Thomas Polack of Ypsilanti.

"When he first told me, I said 'OK, another kid with a Web site' but then I really thought about it," Rose Burns said. "This could be something big and not only that, it's important."

Like any mother, Burns said she worries about her son, but said he appears to be doing better and has gained some weight.

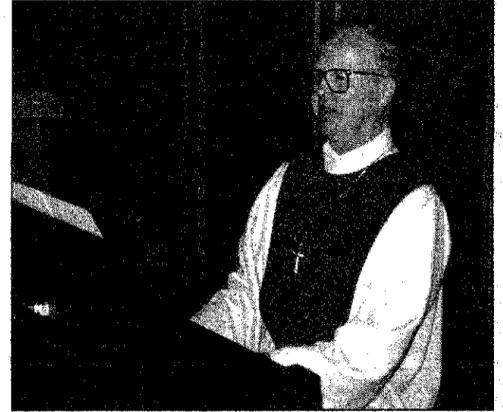
"I was nervous when he said he was going, just because I want him to take care of himself but I'm thrilled to death for him," she said. "I know he can do this."

Thomas, who authored the 210-page novel *An American Scene*, said he went to New York with the goal of nurturing his writing career, but stumbled onto something "even bigger and more important" through DiabeticRockstar.com and Fight It.

"It seemed as if my life had become worst-case scenario," he said. "But there I was complaining when thousands of people are struggling and don't have support. I realized that I've got one life here and I want to make a difference."

To learn more about Thomas, make a donation to Fight It or purchase his novel, log on to www.DiabeticRockstar.com.

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## Heavenly selections

Canton's Curtis Mathison will present a concert of organ and piano music at First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16. Mathison recently completed 31 years as organist of the church, which is located in downtown Wayne at 3 Town Square. Since 1999, his concerts have become a biennial event. The organ selections will include music by Bach, Franck, Widor and others. Piano pieces will include spirituals and hymns, as well as Debussy's "The Sunken Cathedral," Chopin's "Ballade in A-Flat" and Mendelssohn's "Serious Variations." Mathison, who holds a doctorate in music education, has given concerts in five states and has more than 30 students in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. The concert will have a freewill offering, and will be followed by light refreshments.

## Family welcomes exchange student

Glenn McCormick and Michele Whitman of Garden City will be welcoming a new member to their family — "daughter" Nicole Jasmin Blabst, a Youth for Understanding student from Germany.

Blabst will join the family and attend Garden City High School for the 2007-2008 academic year.

As a family member, she'll be involved in all activities, from vacations to doing household chores. She'll learn about the American culture while shar-

ing her culture with her host family and schoolmates.

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# Public hearings to help decide fate of controversial mine

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

For many people living in southeast Michigan, the wilderness near the Upper Peninsula town of Big Bay probably seems a million miles away. Yet, to others like Bill Serchak, an engineer with Canton Township, it is a home away from home — a wilderness paradise where his family has vacationed, fished and hunted for years.

Serchak is just one of many people opposing the proposed Eagle Mine, which would be the first sulfide mine in the state's history. Kennecott Minerals Corp. wants to mine nickel, copper and other minerals from an area called the Yellow Dog Plains, not far from Big Bay, which is northwest of Marquette. Despite the opposition, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has given preliminary approval to Kennecott's permit application to build the mine.

Critics of the project, like Serchak, are concerned because sulfide mines elsewhere have a history of polluting the areas where they have been built. The main problem with these sulfide mines, they contend, is a by-product called acid mine drainage, which occurs when a company drills into sulfide rock that is below the ground. When this sulfide rock is brought to the surface, it leaches sulfuric acid and toxic heavy metals, which can cause major damage to local waterways.

The Yellow Dog Plains, where the mine is being proposed, is home to the headwaters of the Yellow Dog and Salmon-Trout rivers.

Serchak, whose father-in-law owns a hunting cabin near the Yellow Dog River about two miles from the proposed mine site, questions why the MDEQ has approved the permit.

"I've reviewed the permit application," said Serchak, who lives in Milford. "My concerns are related to whether the DEQ is doing a good enough job evaluating the application. I don't think the DEQ is being objective."

Serchak, who is a civil engineer, said he understands the MDEQ's permitting process. He is also quite familiar with the particulars of the Eagle Mine. He says the mine will



Gene Champagne, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in the U.P. town of Big Bay, stands in front of his barn, which pretty much says what he feels about a proposed sulfide mine near town.

## SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Sept. 10, 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9:30 p.m. at Northern Michigan University's Great Lakes Room in the University Center, Marquette.
- Sept. 11 and 12, 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9:30 p.m. at the West Branch Community Center, 253-299 Avenue A, Forsyth Township (located on the old K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, just behind the MDEQ U.P. District office).
- Sept. 13, 1-4:30 p.m. at the West Branch Community Center, 253-299 Avenue A, Forsyth Township (same as above).
- Sept. 19, 1-4:30 p.m. and 6-9:30 p.m. at the Lansing Center, Rooms 203 and 204, 333 E. Michigan Avenue in Lansing.

The MDEQ will also accept written comments through Oct. 17. You can send them either through the mail to DEQ/DNR Kennecott Comments, Office of Geological Survey, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, MI 48909-7756, or via e-mail to DEQ-Kennecott-comments@michigan.gov.

only be open for 8-10 years, and he doesn't believe that is worth the risk.

"There is just too much to lose for the short term gain this mine will provide," he said. That is a sentiment shared

by many residents of the Big Bay area, including Gene Champagne, who grew up in Livonia but has lived in Big Bay for more than 30 years. He is concerned that if the area's pristine natural resources are spoiled, it will lead to a crash in the tourism that helps sustain the area.

"The remoteness of this area is the reason people from Chicago and Detroit come up here. It sustains our economy year after year after year," said Champagne, who is the spokesman for a group called Concerned Citizens of Big Bay. "I'm afraid this will put people out of business if our tourism dries up. This is not just an environmental issue — it's economic, it's also social."

For many people living in the rugged Upper Peninsula, where mining has a long history and is ingrained in the social fabric, the dangers of a sulfide mine are just too great to risk the magnificent natural resources that are also a big part of life north of the Mackinac Bridge.

Mary Takala, who grew up in Redford Township, now lives in the Keweenaw Peninsula, which is located west of the proposed mine. She said most people she knows are very opposed to the project.

"I'm against anything that is going to wreck the natural environment up here. It is what we are known for," said Takala, who is a 1970 graduate of Thurston High School. "This is God's country."

Beginning Monday, the MDEQ will hold a number of public hearings on Kennecott's mine proposal. Only one of the hearings, Sept. 19 in Lansing, is in the Lower Peninsula. The department is also accepting written comments about the mine proposal until Oct. 17.

Champagne, who is disappointed with the lack of help from elected officials, hopes the state is flooded with public opposition.

"This is one of the few wild places left in Michigan," he said. "We're selling our grandchildren's future for pennies on the dollar."



Holly Wytka accepts the keys to a new Pontiac G-6 from Uncle Ed's Oil Shoppe president, Dennis Coggins (right) and Quentin Kleber (left), Uncle Ed's district manager.

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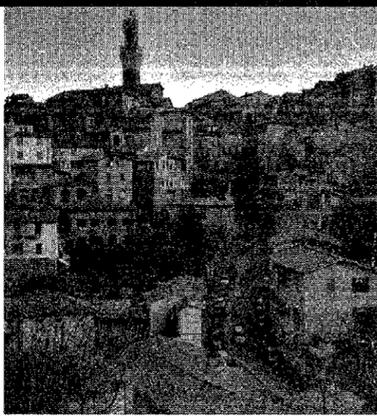
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- 3013- Jennifer Stoneberg- TV, microwave, Washer
- 3020- Help U Flip I- Totes, Tools, Boxes
- 3064- DeQuan Thomas- Mattress, Bags, TV
- 3097- Thomas Lippford- Bike, Sofa, TV
- 4008- Nicole Spiaz- Boxes, Bags, Toys
- 4014- Samuel Cuffie- Bags, Washer, Stove
- 5033- Barbara Faremouth- Bag, Totes, Boxes
- 5108- Janet Davis- Boxes, Totes, Chair
- 6025- Phyllis Lange- Boxes, Bags, Fan
- 6046- Vince Stellini- Dresser, Toys, Boxes
- 6049- Robert Hammond- Tools, Totes, Mattress
- 6071- Paul Emerson- Boxes
- 6077- Peggy Sue Swain- Mattress, Washer, Sofa
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- 6191- Janice Moffat- Tools, Toys, Bags
- 7049- Elise Vann- Bags, Boxes, Table
- 7072- Deborah Shields- Boxes
- 7086- Pamala Tucker- Totes, Bag, Scooter
- 7107- Kevin Cotton- Vacuum, Boxes, Chair
- 7119- Lisa Thompson- Boxes, Vacuum, Sofa
- 9013- Wilma Runions- Totes, Boxes, Bedframe
- 9046- Cassie Harms- Bags

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# Hospital sponsors wellness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

#### Monday, Sept. 10

**Childbirth Education** (first of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

**Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group** at 7:30 p.m. Group support is offered to cardiac patients and/or their significant other. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 11

**Smoke Free, Your Choice** at 3:30 p.m. (second of four classes). The four-week series will help

the smoker identify the triggers and addictions associated with cigarettes/nicotine. The planning process then begins by setting a quit date and putting strategies in place that will help the smoker become a non-smoker with the least amount of withdrawal. There is a \$45 fee. For more information or to register, call (734) 458-4330.

**Yoga** (first of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information or to register.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 12

**CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurers cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the

Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

**Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH)** at 7 p.m. Are you or someone you know hard of hearing? You're not alone. A free support group for people who are hard of hearing is held every third Wednesday of the month. Call (734) 458-3381 for more information.

**Alzheimer's Support** at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join this free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower level classrooms of the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building (attached to the main hos-

pital), 6255 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Call (734) 458-4330.

**Eating Disorders Support Group** at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330.

**Thursday, Sept. 13**  
**"Focus on Living" Cancer Support** at 7 p.m. A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. This meeting is free of charge. Call (734) 458-3311.

**Yoga** (second of four classes) at 7 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind. This four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information or to register.

# Solar home open houses are set

Students and recent graduates of Lawrence Technological University are rushing to complete construction on their solar-powered, energy-positive house in time for the Solar Decathlon competition on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in October.

They have designed and built a house with nearly 700 square feet of living space that will use the sun to generate all the power needed for heating, cooling, lighting and appliances - with some left over to operate a small electric vehicle.

Two open houses supported by NextEnergy, a nonprofit that promotes the development of alternative energy technology in Michigan, will be held Friday, Sept. 14, and Friday, Sept. 21, from 4:30-8 p.m. at Lawrence Tech's campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield.

Shortly thereafter, the house will be taken apart, shipped to Washington and then reassembled for the Oct. 12-20 Solar Decathlon competition sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy.

"The team at Lawrence Tech has built a quality sustainable home that is both

economical and earth-friendly.

"The thinking that went into this structure is frankly astounding," said NextEnergy President and CEO Jim Croce. "This is an amazing achievement for this internationally recognized student competition and is further evidence of Lawrence Tech's academic strength in the alternative energy sector."

Lawrence Tech's Solar Decathlon team has also received major sponsorship contributions from Denso International, Masco Corporation Foundation and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

The field of 20 Solar Decathlon competitors includes teams from MIT, Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, Germany, Spain, Canada and Puerto Rico. Lawrence Tech is the smallest university in the competition and the only one from Michigan.

The Lawrence Tech team took the name ALOeTERRA, which means to nourish the earth. More than 40 students have been involved in the project, and a core of 16 students and recent graduates put in very long hours over the summer to build the house they designed.

Faculty advisor Philip Plowright, an

assistant professor of architecture, said the students have taken advantage of construction products that are already available to the public.

"This is not the house of the future. It is the house of now," Plowright said. "We are using well-vented products and technology, and the focus has been on keeping it simple. As a team, we made a conscious decision not to go for the wow factor."

The primary source of energy for hot water and heating is an array of evacuated tubes that has a payback period of about two years. That system can store a day's worth of hot water.

All of the home's electricity will come from photovoltaic panels that cover much of the roof.

When sunlight isn't available, the home's battery system will meet all the home's energy needs, including a backup for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The other half of the self-sustainability equation is a reduction in the amount of energy required. Very few American households are taking advantage of some of the construction strategies used by the Lawrence Tech team to reduce energy consumption.

## People with Low Vision Receive Help from Michigan Eye Doctor

People with low vision enjoy daily activities once again with help from Dr. Sheldon Smith.

By Elena Lombardi

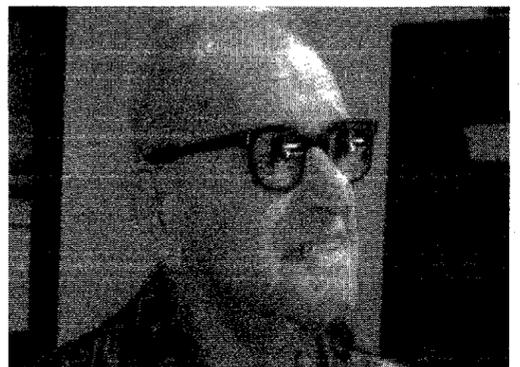
Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. Affecting 3.3 million Americans today age 40 and over, blindness or low vision can be debilitating. For many, specialized low vision care is the answer they have been seeking.

Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other types of eye disease.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

"Many of my patients find that with telescopic glasses, things look bigger, closer and much easier to see. This is like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars," Dr. Smith says. "These devices permit patients with low vision to see things they previously couldn't and do some of the things they want to."

The most common cause of low vision in seniors is macular degeneration. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a



Octavius Germany, from Dearborn Michigan, with his new Biotopic Telescopic glasses.

blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test. UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition, and aging all contribute to this condition.

Although there is no cure for the disease, there is hope. "My job is to figure out what devices enable the patient to function best," says Dr. Smith. For some this can mean maintaining independence or the ability to drive.

Octavius Germany, age 91, from Dearborn was seen in January. A retired architect and engineer, Octavius had a goal of driving again. With his new glasses he states, "Everything in the distance looks clearer...I'm impressed with my new lenses. This is what's going to win the day for me."

"There are different solutions based on each individual's vision needs. Biotopic telescopic driving glasses have the option of built in automatic sun-

glasses," says Dr. Smith. Special prismatic reading glasses are another way to help low vision. They make reading a little easier. Sun filters and nutritional supplements help stabilize and protect the macula against progressing degeneration.

There are many low vision devices for the many various kinds of activities. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500. "Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing the things they most wish to do."

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. To see if low vision care can help you or your loved one, call Dr. Smith today at Suburban Low Vision.

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# Don't let market volatility allow you to overreact

I've been reading that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates soon. Should I change my portfolio?

Investors should not react to economic reports or to what the Federal Reserve may do over the short run. To be successful, focus on the long term. Reacting to every piece of economic data would be all-consuming and eventually one would be paralyzed by analysis. A more prudent approach is to focus on the long term and your individual situation.

That being said, if the Federal Reserve does cut interest rates, a couple of things may happen. First, bonds would increase in value. When interest rates go up, the value of bonds goes down. The opposite is also true. If interest rates do go down, bond investors should be one of the beneficiaries.

Also, when the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, stocks generally perform better. However, this is not always the case. Once again, markets are affected by many factors — including what happens around the world, not just here in our country.

In February, when there was a crisis in the Chinese market, the U.S. market experienced a downturn. Even though many pundits said the downturn in China would cause a major crisis, it didn't happen. In fact,



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**I'm single and I have a significant other. We've been together over 10 years and for many reasons we will not be married. We want to make sure that if something happens to the other, the survivor is taken care of and remains in control of the other's affairs. We were told all we need to do is put each other's name on our assets and everything would be OK. What do you think?**

Putting property in joint names does not resolve your issue.

Yes, if you own property with someone as a joint tenant with full rights of survivorship, upon death that person automatically becomes the owner. However, it does not

since that time period, China's stock market has been one of the best performing in the world.

I've talked with many portfolio managers. In managing the hundreds of millions and even billions of dollars, they do not let short-term economic reports dictate investment decisions.

Don't let market volatility cause you to overreact.

resolve the issue of control.

Control over someone's affairs is different while that person is living vs. dead.

While someone is living, if they are unable to handle their affairs, and if there has been no legal documentation, then a court will appoint a custodian over that person's assets.

Typically, the court looks to family members to serve this role. In addition, some courts will appoint third parties to fulfill this role.

The way around this is to have a Durable Power of Attorney. It allows you to handle someone's affairs without court supervision. Particularly, for non-traditional types of relationships, a Durable Power of Attorney is essential in allowing a significant other to handle one's affairs.

Another problem non-traditional relationships run into is in a medical crisis. The significant other has no legal rights, and that can cause problems. A Medical Durable Power of Attorney, along with a HIPAA Release, allows a significant other to make medical decisions and speak with the medical team without problem.

The powers of attorney, both durable and medical, take care of the control aspect of non-traditional relationships. The issue of passing money upon death can be accomplished by a number of different meth-

ods.

First, wherever there is a beneficiary designation such as on a life insurance policy or retirement account, those assets can pass directly to the significant other by naming them as a beneficiary.

In addition, when you have a brokerage account, you can also name a beneficiary on those accounts.

Another alternative is to put the investments in both names as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. This will allow money to pass to the other upon death. The downside of this arrangement is if one person has legal troubles, or if the relationship ends, the money can be at risk. To avoid this, use a Living Trust and your assets will go directly to whomever you choose. The other alternative is a will naming the individual as a beneficiary.

To keep the other individual in control of the estate, he/she should be named in the will as the personal representative or in the Living Trust as the successor trustee.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com) For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

# Take precautions to prevent fire deaths

Following several particularly deadly months of fire in this country, I would like to address the many ways that we can reduce the risks we face in our homes. Sadly, most of those fire deaths were preventable.

This is the year 2007, and smoke alarm technology has virtually eliminated the downside of these life-saving devices.

There is simply no reason why every home in Livonia should not have a working smoke alarm. The fact that there are still homes without smoke alarms mystifies me, especially when they are so easy to obtain and maintain. Stop by any fire station and we will come out and install them for you for free. Having working smoke alarms in your home reduces your risk of dying in a fire by half! You cannot argue with statistics like that.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tells us that 96 percent of all U.S. homes have smoke alarms, so it becomes obvious that the majority of this country's fire deaths (approximately 3,500 per year) happen in the small percentage of homes that do not have working smoke alarms. Don't fall into that category.

Carbon monoxide alarm technology is fairly recent, but should be a part of your home safety package. Unless your alarm specifically states that it is a dual function alarm, your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm ARE NOT interchangeable. Carbon

monoxide is a byproduct of unburned natural gas, and can be detected by alarms in cases where there is a leak of gas and not a fire. Carbon monoxide leaks in the home kills several hundred citizens in our country every year.

Test all your alarms once a

month. Usually this is done by simply pressing and holding the "test" button until the alarm sounds. Change the battery at least once a year, or sooner if the manufacturer recommends it or if your alarm's batteries get weak and emit a warning "beeping"

sound. Some alarms have ten year lithium batteries, and some are hooked in to your home's electrical system. Find out what type you have and how to test and maintain them before it is too late.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.



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**WOMEN'S WORLD CUP**

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When we think of international soccer tournaments, the FIFA World Cup comes to mind. Worldwide, soccer is the most popular sport, and the men's World Cup is by far the most televised event throughout the world.

We won't see another men's World Cup until the summer of 2010, but the FIFA Women's World Cup 2007 begins in China on Sept. 10 and runs through Sept. 30. For a schedule of games, go online to [www.fifa.com/womenworldcup/matches/index.html](http://www.fifa.com/womenworldcup/matches/index.html).

The United States Women's National Soccer Team earned one of the 16 places in the event. This is nothing new for the U.S. team. They were the victors of the 1991 and 1999 games and came in third in 1995 and 2003. Not too shabby for a team that was just created in 1985 in a country that historically prefers most any other sport!

Although a number of Women's U.S.



national team players have retired recently, women's soccer brings to mind Mia Hamm, Michelle

Akers, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Kristine Lilly and more. The library has available biographies about Hamm, Foudy and Chastain.

In the U.S.A., youth soccer continues to increase in popularity. If you have a young girl (or boy) involved in the sport, you might want to read "Winning Soccer for Girls" by Crisfield, "Absolute Beginner's Guide to Coaching Youth Soccer" by Hanlon or "Soccer Rules Explained" by Lover.

Don't forget to check out the many videos and DVDs we have on soccer skills and coaching, along with the DVD, "FIFA Fever: Celebrating 100 Years of FIFA."

More soccer information can be found on the Internet. Three Web

sites that stand out are [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com), [www.usoccer.com](http://www.usoccer.com) and [www.women-soccer.com](http://www.women-soccer.com).

For more information about soccer, the World Cup or any other subject that might strike your interest, visit the library or call us at (734) 326-6123.

**Highlighted Activities**

**A Drug Free Approach to ADHD:** 7 p.m. Sept. 10.

Join us for another installment in our medical lecture series hosted by The Doctor's Speaker Bureau and featuring Dr. Brian K. Brackney. Specially designed for parents, teachers and daycare workers to learn safe, natural solutions to help improve behavior and performance. No registration is required.

**Internet 101:** 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11.

A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration or fee required. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Internet 201:** 2 p.m. Sept. 13.

An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required. Walk-ins are welcome.

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# Hearings set on bills aimed at helping military veterans



Anderson

The State Senate's Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee will begin hearing testimony Wednesday on a legislative package that would establish a sound support system for veterans during their service and upon their return home.

According to State Sen. Glenn Anderson, the package significantly addresses the emotional, mental and financial challenges that acclimation back to civilian life can bring.

"We are forever indebted to Michigan's military veterans for serving our state and our country abroad in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan," Anderson said. "They face many obstacles as they return to Michigan, resume their lives and reenter the workforce, and this package helps ease their transition and offering opportunities to build a future."

The 32-bill bipartisan plan is unprecedented in its approach to support Michigan military personnel. The package would allow returning Michigan soldiers to participate in a post-traumatic stress disorder program to aid their transi-

tion back to civilian life. It also establishes a Disabled Veterans Tuition Assistance Program that would provide disabled vets

with a tuition grant for a public university, based on the severity of their disability.

One highlight of the economic incentives in the legislative plan is to establish a "Michigan Patriot Business" designation for companies with at least 50 percent ownership by an active service member or veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts. The MEDC would promote these businesses on their Web site and the Michigan Strategic Fund would maintain a list of the qualified businesses.

The package also calls for an increased veterans' preference in state purchasing from the current 3 percent to 5 percent of total expenditures for construction, goods and services.

Other bills in the package would:

- Allow children of active

military personnel who are transferred out-of-state to retain their in-state residency status for determining college tuition.

- Permit spouses and children of an armed forces member stationed in Michigan to be considered a resident when determining college tuition.

- Require public schools to provide excused absences to students participating in an event for their parents who are departing for active duty or returning from active duty;

- Prohibit the lapse of life insurance policies for active duty military personnel.

- Safeguard the property of military personnel from sale or foreclosure while they are serving and for six months after they return from active duty.

"This package serves the needs of the children and spouses of our servicemen and women as well as our active veterans," Anderson said.

"They also face extenuating circumstances while their loved ones are away on their tour of duty, and hopefully these bills will ease the strain on the families of our veterans."

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The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Sunday, September 9th, 2007 and end Sunday, September 16th, 2007. Interested persons should:

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2. click on the "Auctions" tab
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All items are sold in "as is" condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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- 600 - Alicia Jackson- mattress, microwave, totes
- 1134 - Gerald Ouellette- bed, mattress, couch
- 101 - Mathew Jordan Relter- camero
- 617 - Nicole Rhodes- bags, boxes
- 1004 - Jessica Vernille- mattress, couch, totes
- 158 - Rachael Wesley- bed, mattress, chair
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- 104 - Hiliary Mesler- tools, box, bag
- 1121 - Joseph Swiney- refrigerator, dresser, mattress
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**OUR VIEWS**

## 9/11: Excellent time to fly flag

The question used to be where were you when you heard President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. His brutal death, captured on a grainy 8mm film, was a shock to the American psyche.

But it can't compare to Sept. 11, 2001.

That day, Americans watched in real time as a passenger plane crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. As Americans grappled with the horror of that crash and an earlier one into the North Tower, another airplane crashed into the Pentagon and another into a field in Shanksville, Pa.

It was the worst attack on the United States since the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. It was the first salvo into what has become the global War on Terror.

Tuesday marks the sixth anniversary of what has simply become known as 9/11. In New York and Pennsylvania, at the Pentagon and in communities around the country, people will come together to remember the more than 3,000 people who died and to honor those who are fighting today's War on Terror.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, is a good time to stop and reflect on the past, present and future and a time to fly the flag. In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, many of those flags have disappeared.

An e-mail campaign has been launched to get the word out to fly the flag on 9/11. It notes that we should make it our duty to display an American flag on Sept. 11, 2007, in "honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms."

We can't agree more. We urge residents to fly the American flag on 9/11. We also encourage them to keep the flag flying year-round.

As the e-mail so aptly states: "Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds."

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**Smokers' rights**

I must disagree with your Aug. 30 editorial supporting a government enforced ban on smoking in bars and restaurants. A bar or restaurant is a private place, not a public place. Forcing property owners to ban smoking in their establishment is a violation of their rights and those that choose to smoke. Just as you have the right to decide whether someone can smoke on your private property or not, the bar owner has that same right to make that decision for his property.

It is not the purpose of the government to protect your health; it is to protect your rights. Health decisions should be made by the individual. It is your decision whether to smoke or not or go into a bar that allows smoking. Just as it is you that should decide for yourself whether to eat properly and exercise, or not. The choices you make and their consequences are your responsibilities, not the government's.

The bar and restaurant owners are perfectly justified in fighting this proposed ban.

Craig Paul  
Beverly Hills

**No smoking**

I do support the banning of smoking in public places: bars and restaurants.

I travel quite a bit on business including frequent visits to California and New York. These states have instituted said ban and I can tell you it is a wonderful thing. No more worries about what toxins you are breathing or having to fumigate yourself (and wear) immediately upon arriving home. I do not see this as an individual rights issue whatsoever.

The smokers can still light up, their rights are not being infringed upon. In fact, let them smoke until the cows come home, but I should not be subjected to the effects of their vice. I am all for civil liberties, for example I should be able to drive my car without a seat belt if I so choose, or ride my motorcycle without a helmet.

These are my choices not impacting others safety on the road, however, I would rather not feel like I have smoked a box of cigarettes over dinner and a drink when in fact I had never lit up.

G. Gordie  
Canton

**Freedom the key**

I would like to respond to the weekly letters published in the *Observer* asking for the impeachment of President Bush.

President Bush has stated that one of the long-term strategies for reducing the conflict in

the Middle East that breeds terrorism is to build democratic states with greater personal freedom. This would give individuals greater control over their own destiny and reduce many of the motives for self-destructive terrorism.

It's ironic that so many "liberals" calling for an immediate pullout of all American troops from Iraq are distrusting of this strategy. Almost all Americans believe in personal freedom.

The real question is do we believe that other people can be trusted with it? Do we believe a free Iraq will make for a safer Middle East and a safer world? Do we believe the Iraqi people want a free and democratic nation? Our nation asked itself that same question in 1861. Should all people be trusted with freedom? Is it possible to change the slavery culture of the South? Why shouldn't we let the South secede from the nation? What right do we in the North have to impose our will on the South?

Look at the Plymouth Veterans Park and you may find some answers. Plymouth had a total population of 1,500 people in 1861 and 91 of those were lost in the Civil War. How many of those 1,500 Plymouth citizens were between the ages of 17 and 25?

Those veterans and the people of Plymouth had the wisdom to understand the value to themselves for providing freedom to others and courage to act on that belief. Thank God for those who have courage to understand the world has shrunk and events in Baghdad affect us as much in 2007 as events in Atlanta did in 1861, for those are the ones who make this the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Greg Pappas  
Plymouth

**Media missed target**

Among the many things that make our country great is the fact that we have a free press. However, just because the press is free and independent does not always make it right. As far as I'm concerned, the free press, broadcast and print media have missed the target in the Michael Vick story.

To listen to and read our free press, one would think that Vick was training Fido and Lassie to fight in a dog pit. I am certainly not approving of anything that Vick did; the dogs in question were not Fido and Lassie but were born and bred to fight their own breed. They would not attack humans or dogs of a different breed. Pound for pound, they are the most efficient and effective fighting machine on the planet. This type of dog should be prohibited. These dogs have no reason to be except to fight.

The way we raise calves for veal is far crueler than anything Vick did to his dogs. The surgery

that made a normal horse into a Tennessee racing horse was finally outlawed a few years ago. That surgery was crueler than anything Vick did. The NBA official who bet on games he officiated at did far more damage to the sports world than anything Vick did, but he is now yesterday's news.

I think the free press should take a hard look at the nature of the dogs involved. Thank you for your time and consideration of my views on this subject.

Gerald McNally  
Clarkston

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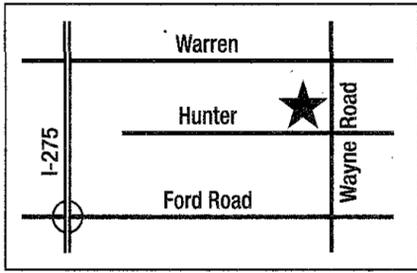
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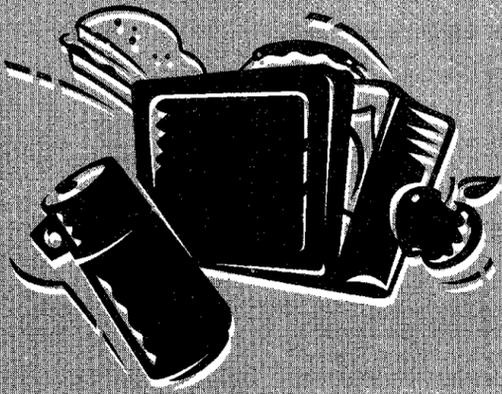


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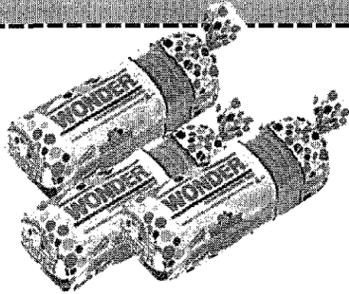
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# Churchill overhauls Vikings, heads home at 3-0

Livonia Churchill is off to a 3-0 football start and yet to play a home game.

The Chargers earned their third straight road victory Friday night with a pair of fourth-quarter scores to beat host Walled Lake Central, 28-21, in the Lakes Division opener in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill broke a 14-all deadlock with 9:10 left in the game on a Matt Kowalis 1-yard touchdown run set up by Jeff Ricketts' 45-yard halfback pass to Ryan Whittum, capping an 11-play, 80-yard drive.

The Chargers' Devin Moynihan, who led defense with 15 tackles, then recov-

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ered a fumble at the Churchill 49 to set up Kowalis' 51-yard TD run on the very next play. Whittum converted his fourth straight extra point to make it 28-14.

Central quarterback Cody Rzeznik, who figured in all three of the Vikings' scores, scored on a 24-yard run with 4:21 to go to cut the deficit to seven. But Churchill's defense stiffened on the Vikings' final possession thanks to Darius Miller-Wells' second sack of the game on third down followed by Daran

Carey pass break-up on fourth down.

Rzeznik opened the scoring with 2:50 to play in the first quarter on a 49-yard run, but Ricketts' answered right back on a 75-yard kickoff return.

Churchill led 14-7 at the half when Kowalis scored the first of his three TDs on a 3-yard run with 10:35 to play set up by Ryan Dolan's 35-yard punt return.

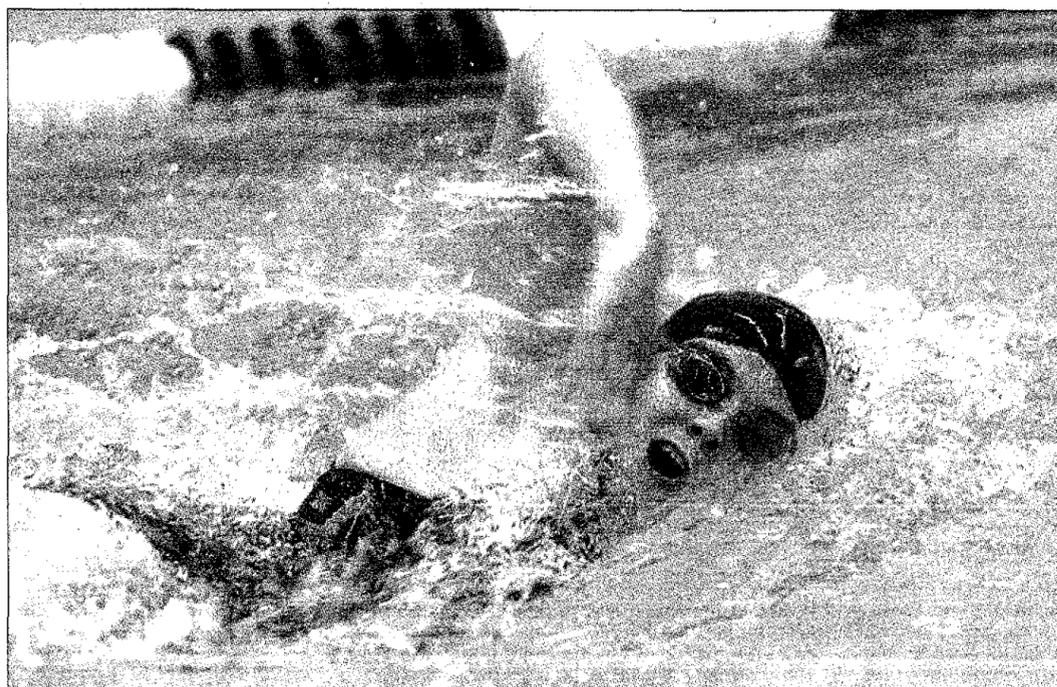
With two minutes left in the third quarter, Rzeznik scored his second TD on another 49-yard run to knot the game at 14-all. Rzeznik had 166 yards rushing on 18 attempts as the Vikings had 272 total yards. He was 1-

of-6 for 32 yards with one interception (Whittum's fourth of the year).

Churchill finished with 227 total yards, 91 on the ground in 35 attempts. Quarterback Grant Morgan was 4-of-7 for 91 yards.

Whittum had four catches for 103 yards, including three grabs inside the Central 5, two leading to scores. Central, winless in three starts, had the edge in first downs, 9-8. The Vikings lost two fumbles with the other recovered by Kevin Tabone.

Churchill will play its home opener Friday against Salem. Game time is 7 p.m.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ashley Sells earned first-team All-Area honors last year in the 100-yard butterfly.

## PREVIEW

### Talented Area swimmers will make waves

See capsule outlook of area girls swim teams, B2.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

There's plenty of big fish swimming this fall in the Western Lakes Activities Association pond.

You can start with Canton senior Allison Schmitt, a national caliber performer who came away last year with Division 1 girls state titles in the 200-yard freestyle (1:47.54) and 500 freestyle (4:50.79).

Not to be outdone is



Laura Timson Stevenson



Brynn Marecki Stevenson

Please see **SWIM, B2**

## Lady Ocelots stymie Mott in 3 straight

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

One day after tightening up their defense in practice, Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team took it to Mott Community College.

The Lady Ocelots Thursday swept the visiting Bears, 30-13, 30-12, 30-20 to improve to 7-4 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"I thought our defense picked up tremendously," said Lady Ocelots first-year head coach Richard Lamb. "That was one of the issues over the weekend and earlier during the week."

Lamb was referring to a so-so performance at the Owens Community College Tournament (Schoolcraft split six matches) and an up-down showing Tuesday at Jackson Community College, where the Lady Ocelots defeated the Alma JV before falling in three games to the host Jets.

But on Wednesday, sophomore Livonia Churchill grads Cary DeClercq, Stacy Urbats and the rest of the Lady Ocelots insisted they go to work on some of the problem areas ahead of Thursday's home contest.

"The girls came to us (coaches) and said we need to work on our defense and they really dedicated themselves yesterday at practice to start that process," Lamb said. "We worked real hard yesterday, all defense, all ball control, and we're starting to see the results even today."

"I think they responded real well to what we had to do."

Schoolcraft clinched the opening game with an exclamation point when freshman right-side hitter Virginia Butler (Canton/Westland John Glenn) spiked the ball over the net.

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B3**

## Defense shines in Wayne triumph

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Seconds after Plymouth recovered a game-opening "pooch" kick-off Friday, it appeared as if Wayne Memorial was on the way to enduring a dog-day afternoon.

However, the Zebras' defense stiffened and set the tone for what would evolve into a pivotal 18-13 victory in the opening WLAA-Western Division game for both teams.

Wayne improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the division while the Wildcats slipped to 2-1 and 0-1, respectively.

"That was huge when we stopped them after they got the ball on the opening kick," Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. "I thought our defense played fantastic the entire game. Our kicking game kept setting our defense up with horrible field position, but those guys were making

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plays all over the place. Even Plymouth's touchdown pass was well-covered; their quarterback just made a perfect pass."

For the second consecutive week, Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk pointed to his team's lack of consistency.

"We made way too many mistakes," the first-year coach lamented. "We're not improving from week to week like we should be. We had our chances - we had the ball inside the 15-yard line three times - but we came away with nothing because we missed three field goals. If we make those field goals, we win."

Plymouth's chances to jump on top early were literally blowin' in the wind - a strong, gusty one out of the southwest that pushed freshman kicker Kyle Brindza's 32-yard effort and - one series

later - senior Mike Korona's 22-yard try wide left. The second miss was set up by a dazzling 55-yard punt return by senior speedster Myron Puryear.

Wayne's second drive of the day was stymied by Wildcat defensive back Michael's Rose's interception at the Plymouth 40.

After Plymouth's offense went three-and-out, the Zebras mounted the game's first scoring drive led by senior lefty quarterback D.J. Freeman, who hooked up with junior wide receiver Antwain Calloway on a 25-yard seam-finding spiral on a fourth-and-17 play.

Two snaps later, Alan Freeman, D.J.'s younger brother by one year, plowed into the end zone from six yards out with 8:51 left in the half to stake the Zebras to a 6-0 lead. Josh Gonzalez's extra-

Please see **WAYNE, B5**

## Sergison provides lift in 2-0 Spartan victory

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson had to play methodically in its 2-0 boys soccer win Wednesday night over rival Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans got a pair of goals from junior midfielder Nate Sergison, one in each half, to down the defensive-minded Chargers in a Lakes Division matchup in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"You try not to change everything, maybe shoot from a longer distance, draw them out and make the extra pass, or go wider and find a way to get somebody open," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the division. "You try and think your way through instead of building into their numbers."

Churchill, meanwhile, falls to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in the Lakes.

"Early on we did not do a great job, we counter-attacked too much and Churchill made us play their

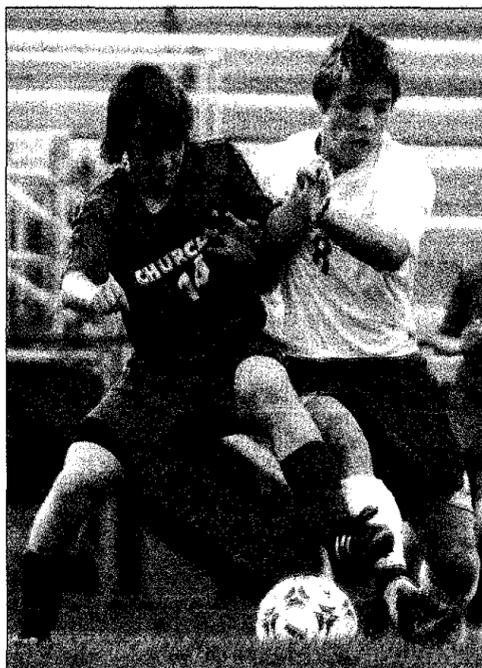
game," Richters said. "When you try and build into their end, that's difficult, because they have so many guys committed back. We got close to the goal, but couldn't get it in on goal."

Sergison scored an unassisted goal in the ninth minute, wheeling around and firing a shot from 10 yards out to beat Churchill goalkeeper Adrian Motta. Officials did not signal the goal right away, but eventually ruled it was a goal.

Sergison, a second-year varsity player, then scored with 33:10 left in the match on a header off an assist from Bob Smith.

"I haven't checked the numbers, but Nate (Sergison) may be our leading scorer," Richters said. "He's not a great, natural finisher, but he has a great work rate. He's brave at going to the goal and always makes things happen. And this year he's doing a better job at finishing his chances." The Chargers' best scoring chances came with 22 and 20

Please see **SOCCER, B2**



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Ian Guerin and Garden City's Marco Mattioli battle for the ball during Friday's non-league matchup. Churchill earned a 5-1 triumph. See a roundup of area boys soccer games on page B2.

## SideLines

### Warriors spike foe

Becca Refenes recorded 13 kills and added five solo blocks Thursday as Division 4 regional finalist Lutheran High Westland opened its 2007 girls volleyball season with a 25-15, 25-18, 25-19 triumph at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Katey Ramthun added nine kills, while setter Lauren Gieschen chipped in with 18 assist-to-kills for the victorious Warriors. Abi Gieschen also played a pivotal role with 15 service points, including five aces.

### Junior golf divots

Livonians Josh Proben and Drew Mossian earned age-group titles in the Top 50 Junior Fall Tour Zone Cup Championship Series held Aug. 30 at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford.

Proben took the 16-and-over crown with an 18-hole round of 78. Brian Bint of Livonia added an 86.

In the 15-and-under division, Mossian carded a 75 to earn the crown, while Christian DeBay of Livonia placed sixth with an 86. Brothers Ben and Nick Proben, also of Livonia, posted scores of 106 and 122, respectively.

### LJAL fastpitch

The Livonia Wild of the Livonia Junior Athletic League will be staging girls fastpitch tryouts from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Sept. 15 at Ford Field.

Those interested should contact Eric Carrier at eric.carrier@ljal.com.

### Recruiting realities

The Recruiting Realities Team will make a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Northville High School Auditorium.

The one-hour presentation will inform parents and student-athletes about the value of academics in high school and college, along with unknown financial opportunities, NCAA guidelines and standards, the 10 VIP rules for parents, along with the role of the coach and athletic director.

The event is for high school athletes in all sports.

For more information, visit [www.recruitingrealities.com](http://www.recruitingrealities.com).

# Lutheran Westland continues hot streak with 3-0 triumph

Rich Block couldn't have asked for a better start for his inexperienced Lutheran High Westland boys soccer team.

The young Warriors raised their overall record to 6-0 and 2-0 in the Metro Conference with a 3-0 triumph Friday over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

All three goals came in the second half.

Junior Josh Kruger scored the game-winner in the 42nd minute from sophomore Gage Flanery, while seniors Ryan Baglow and Adam Zehel teamed up to make it 2-0 for the Warriors eight minutes later.

Laith Francis then notched his fifth goal of the year from Zehel in the 75th minute to complete the scoring.

Goalkeeper Micah Hausch, who did not have to make a save, notched his fourth shutout of the year.

On the other side in goal for the Crusaders was Lutheran Westland transfer Andy Cave.

"We faced our old goalie," Block said. "He had his guys fired up. We didn't have the wind in the first half and we couldn't do much."

CHURCHILL 5, GARDEN CITY 1: Sophomore forward Max Washko unloaded for three goals Friday as Livonia Churchill (3-4) cruised the non-league win over the host Cougars.

Washko scored the first three goals of the match.

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"They were set plays, he (Washko) is a big target and he finishes well," Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "We played better the second half, but it was way too late."

The Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime, also got a goal and assist from junior Chris DeNapoli, along with a goal from senior Kyle Schwarz.

Andrew Sieber and Patrick Beier also drew assists in the win. Freshman Christian Adams also saw his first varsity action during the second half for the Chargers.

Marco Mattioli's goal from Kyle Smith in the second half spoiled Churchill goalkeeper Adrian Motta's shutout bid.

NORTHVILLE 7, FRANKLIN 1: Alex Marilley's hat trick carried the Mustangs (7-1, 2-1) to the WLLA-Western Division triumph Wednesday over host Livonia Franklin (1-5, 0-2).

Doug Beason also scored for Northville, which led 4-0 at halftime. Andrei Ionescu and Jeff Cheslik tallied the other goals.

Steve Trapp scored a second-half goal for the Patriots off a free kick from Travis Matthey. Franklin goalkeeper Brad Mangune made nine saves.

"The first half we got off to a slow start, more defensive and got out of control with our marks," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The second half we won 50-50 balls, switched the ball and had much better opportunities."

W.L. NORTHERN 3, JOHN GLENN 0: Cory Sheema, P.J. Tsurui and Brendan Rogers each scored goals Wednesday as Walled Lake Northern (6-1, 3-0) tripped host Westland John Glenn (1-

5-1, 0-3) in a WLLA-Lakes Division game.

"It was a well-played game, we just came up short," Glenn first-year coach Reavis Olive said.

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: In a WLLA-Western Division match Wednesday, the host Chiefs (5-0-2, 2-0) jumped out to a 6-0 halftime advantage en route to the win over Wayne Memorial (0-5-1, 0-2).

A pair of Joey's - Massel and Krizanek - paced the Chiefs' assault. Both players notched two goals and one assist each. Other goal-scorers for the winners were Logan McGraw (two), Sherif Hassanien and Eric Caron. Tim Belcher (two), Caron, Pat Nolan and Scott Zech added assists.

Nick Turnbull recorded the shut-out in net for the Chiefs, who owned a commanding 6-0 halftime advantage.

The game featured brothers on opposite sides of the bench - Wayne first-year coach Evan Baker and Canton junior midfielder Colin Baker.

"He (Colin) played a nice game, he hit the post once and put another over the (cross) bar."

LUTH. WESTLAND 5, HARPER WOODS 0: Junior Josh Kruger score twice, while Brad Larose chipped in with three assists to give Lutheran High Westland (5-0, 1-0) the Metro Conference victory Wednesday against the host Pioneers (1-1, 0-1).

Senior Aaron Derminer contributed a goal and assist for the Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime. Sophomores Gage Flanery and Ben Derminer had the other goals. Justin Palka contributed an assist.

CHAVEZ 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Detroit Cesar Chavez (1-0) opened its season Wednesday with a non-conference win at Livonia Clarenceville (1-4,

## LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Aaron Rieder, fifth year. League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division). Last year's finish: seventh (WLLA meet). Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Timson (second-team All-Area 500 freestyle), Lauren Krupsky, Nleri Avanesian, Becky Larson, Connie Klein.

Leading returnees: Lorie Avanesian, Jr. (IM-backstroke-fly); Emily Hiser, Sr. (backstroke-fly); Meghan McGowan, Sr. (breaststroke-sprint freestyle); Ashley Cabadas, Sr. (fly-freestyle); Eren Ural, Sr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Stephanie D'Annunzio, Jr. (backstroke-freestyle); Lisa Ceza, Jr. (fly-freestyle); Katina St. Pierre, Soph. (diving); Kalea Stancer, Soph. (diving); Carolyn Mustatis, Sr. (diving); Katie Mustatis, Sr. (diving).

Promising newcomers: Tamara Marek, Fr. (IM-breaststroke); Ashley Robertson, Jr. (fly-freestyle); Katie Gilhooly, Soph. (freestyle-breaststroke); Kaitlyn Gluth, Fr. (diving). Rieder's 2007 outlook: "My goal, as a coach, is to continue to build a high quality program, giving my student-athletes the best quality equipment, training and mentoring as I can. As a team, our goal is always to be competitive in the Western Lakes championships, send a contingent of girls to the state championships, and achieve a team grade-point average that exceeds the academic All-American standards."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Kevin Hafner, first year. League affiliation: WLLA (Western Division). Last year's finish: fifth (WLLA meet). Notable losses to graduation: Gina Howell, Megan Truitt, Samantha Sheddlock.

Leading returnees: Katie Kent, Sr. (50-100 freestyle); Jordan Haymour, Jr. (backstroke-IM); Rose Carpenter, Sr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Trisha Custer, Jr. (backstroke-freestyle); Marissa Birrell, Jr. (fly); Dominique Jordan, Soph. (IM); Jessica Gilbert, Soph. (backstroke). Promising newcomers: Natalie Cote, Fr. (freestyle-IM); Kayla Douglas, Fr. (backstroke-fly); Colleen Anthony, Fr. (freestyle); Catherine Studzinski, Jr. (breaststroke-freestyle). Hafner's 2007 outlook: "Franklin hopes to move into the top 10 in the league this season. The team is also hoping to be competing at the state championship meet for the first time in eight years. The year-round swimmers that we have at the beginning should make an impact this season. We should be a much improved team this year with incoming freshman Natalie (Cote) and Kayla (Douglas). Combining with Katie (Kent) and Jordan (Haymour), we should have some solid relays this season as well. Catherine (Studzinski) will add depth in the breaststroke events as well as in the 500 freestyle. Colleen (Anthony) brings a good amount of year-round

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experience to the team and will be major contributor in several events as well as the relays."

## LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Greg Phill, 23rd year. League affiliation: WLLA (Lakes Division). Last year's finish: fifth (Division 1 state meet); WLLA champions (7-2 dual meets).

Notable losses to graduation: Anna Polkowski (first-team All-Area, 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); second-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay and 100 butterfly; Stephanie Buckley (second-team All-Area 200 freestyle). Leading returnees: Brynn Marecki, Sr. captain (first-team All-Area 100 breaststroke; 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Laura Timson, Sr. captain (first-team All-Area 100 freestyle; 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Ashley Gordon, Soph. (first-team All-Area 200 IM; 200 medley relay; second-team 200 freestyle relay); Blake Holtz, Sr. captain (first-team 400 freestyle relay; second-team All-Area 100 freestyle; 200 freestyle relay); Megan Holycross, Sr. captain (fly-backstroke); Carla McNamara, Soph. (diving); Charlotte Buckley, Kristin Turbiak, Jr. (freestyle); Nadia El-Sabeh, Sr. (fly-500 freestyle); Laura Holtz, Soph. (breaststroke-IM); Kristin Turbiak, Jr. (freestyle); Allison Kellehan, Soph. (breaststroke); Emily Cauzillo, Sr. captain (200-500 freestyle); Sarah Opdyke, Soph. (fly). Promising newcomers: Kaylee Dolinski, Jr. (freestyle); Savannah Hatt, Fr. (fly-backstroke); Emily Montini, Fr. (freestyle).

Phill's 2007 outlook: "We should be as good, if not better than last year, so our goal is to win the conference and finish in the top five at state."

## WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Randy Ferguson, fifth year. League affiliation: WLLA (Lakes Division). Last year's finish: fifth (WLLA); 4-4 dual record.

Notable losses to graduation: Jill Peterson (first-team All-Area 50 freestyle; second-team 200 medley relay); Natasha Falkiewicz. Leading returnees: Ashley Sells, Jr. captain (first-team All-Area 100 butterfly; second-team 200 medley relay); Jordan Burgess, Jr. (second-team All-Area 200 medley relay); Casey Peterson, Soph. (second-team All-Area 200 medley relay); Kim Raley, Sr. captain (sprint freestyle); Danielle Gunther, Sr. captain (IM-distance freestyle); Ashley Britt, Sr. (fly-IM-freestyle); Katy Harris, Jr. (diving-breaststroke).

Promising newcomers: Khiry Sparks, Fr. (freestyle); Jessica Fielhauer, Fr. (sprint freestyle-fly); Desiree Glenney, Fr. (diving); Jennie Hurnbach, Fr. (diving-distance freestyle); Rachel Alhollina, Fr. (distance freestyle); Kate Moran, Fr. (IM); Jacquelyn Hewitt, Fr. (sprint freestyle-backstroke); Ashley Solberg, Fr. (backstroke-freestyle).

2007 outlook: "You can never replace a swimmer like Jill Peterson, but when you have a freshman class come in like the one we have this year, it makes it a little easier to handle. This is the best freshman class that I have ever coached here at Glenn. Our entire freshman class has a lot of potential. I want to see them prove their talent in the upcoming meets. This will be a lot of fun."

## WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Mike Grueber. League affiliation: WLLA (Western Division). Last year's finish: 12th (WLLA meet). Notable losses to graduation: Kathy Hansen, Brittany Bowling, Angie Szabo, Olivia LaFortune, Katie Zstoket, Samantha Cruse.

Leading returnees: Chelsea Randles, Sr. (IM-fly); Madelyn Bevil, Jr. (sprint freestyles); Amanda Hill, Sr. (freestyle-backstroke); Chelsea O'Mara, Sr. (distance freestyle); Rachel Roth-Fuller, Sr. (freestyle); Mari Farmer, Sr. (freestyle-freestyle-backstroke); Paige Bawcum, Fr. (district freestyle-backstroke); Krystle Crandall, Jr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke); Sadi Earnest, Jr. (IM-fly); Brittney Grubbs, Jr. (backstroke-fly); Kara Windsor, Jr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke); Kellie Woodard, Jr. (diving); Dominique Nestor, Soph. (freestyle-fly); Ashley Szabo, Soph. (breaststroke); Xi'an Wang, Soph. (freestyle-breaststroke); Edina Whittenberg, Soph. (freestyle); Kaylee Artman, Soph. (freestyle-backstroke); Ilii Lopez, Soph. (freestyle).

Promising newcomers: Kaitlin Durden, Fr. (IM-breaststroke); Kelly Shepar, Fr. (freestyle-fly); Kestie Honeycutt, Fr. (freestyle-backstroke). Grueber's 2007 outlook: "We'll learn a lot on our seniors (Chelsea Randles and Madelyn Bevil) and hope young kids will come around. We'll be much better in November than we are now. We're in a tough spot in our league. We look for continual improvement."

## LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Jamie Perrine, seventh year. League affiliation: Catholic League. Last year's finish: third (Catholic League meet). Notable losses to graduation: Mikayla Armbruster, Megan Hodges, Emily Rozanski, Cailey Ryckman.

Leading returnees: Kelley Hodges, Sr. (captain); Mandy Nameth, Sr.; Annemarie Brinkman, Jr.; Shannon Kelly, Jr.; Mollie Pelon, Jr.; Allison Spitzley, Jr. (diving); Brianna Wilson, Soph.; Emily Doyle, Sr.; Jessica Hadash, Jr.; Haley Jackson, Jr.; Marlee Knuth, Sr.; Sarah Leoford, Sr.; Courtney Lykawka, Sr.; Abigail Winter, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Emily Hadash, Fr.; Keri Santel, Fr.; Monica Thibodeau, Fr. 2007 outlook: The Blazers are off to a 1-0 dual-meet start.

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minutes remaining on attempts by sophomore Max Washko. Another shot grazed the crossbar.

Stevenson used two keepers, Jordan Collins (first half) and Conner Burton (second half).

"We had some success, but it's the small mistakes that will cost you," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "A guy gets in the backside and you make a poor clearance. And when you don't clear it, you pay for it. If you make mistakes against

Stevenson, you lose. They capitalize."

Friedrichs had to juggle his inexperienced varsity lineup around.

He was minus starting sophomore midfielder Adam Bedell, who was red-carded the night before in a 2-1 Lakes Division loss to Walled Lake Northern.

"We're a young team that is not communicating," Friedrichs said. "There's no leadership and it's starting to show. For as young as we are, they're a good bunch of kids. But there's no driving force on this team right now. We're good in the locker room, but I have to be the cheerleader when we go back out on

the field. We have to play more as a team and help each other out. Hopefully we've live and we'll learn as we go along."

Richters, meanwhile, was glad to get out of Churchill with the victory.

"We respect Churchill because they work hard and you're always in for a physical game," he said. "They're always dangerous on free kicks, corner kicks and throw-ins because Reid (Friedrichs) always has them prepared. They (Churchill) had a few good chances that we were fortunate to dodge."

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Livonia Stevenson's talented senior duo of Brynn Marecki and Laura Timson, who helped the Spartans to a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:50.27) and a ninth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:39.0) the D-1 state final.

Marecki was also runner-up in the 200 individual medley (2:07.08) and third in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.04), while Timson added a sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:13.27) and was 11th in the 200 IM (2:11.32).

Both have already earned state cuts after just one meet - Marecki in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke, and Timson in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

"With Laura, we'll decide what event is best for her at the state meet and she'll swim wherever we need her for the league (Western Lakes) meet," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "With Brynn we will do the same thing. We have high expectations for both of them."

The Spartans also return first-team All-Area pick Ashley Gordon (200 IM), a sophomore, and second-team All-Observer selection Blake Holtz (100 freestyle), a junior.

"I think we'll be a better state meet team than last year," said Phill, whose team finished fifth a year ago. "I believe we have five who can score this year at the state meet. Our depth is not bad."

With the MHSAA reconfiguring its state finals format to three separate divisions instead of two, the door is



Ashley Gordon Stevenson



Blake Holtz Stevenson



Jordan Burgess John Glenn



Casey Peterson John Glenn

open to earn a higher place this season.

"Ann Arbor Pioneer is still the team to beat in Division 1," Phill said. "But it should be tight second through fifth. I think we'll be there for sure. (Farmington Hills) Mercy is now in Division 2 and we won't see Holland, Jenison or Zeeland. I really don't know what to expect."

Another talented team in the Western Lakes will be Westland John Glenn, which returns junior Ashley Sells, who placed 10th in Division 1 in the 100 butterfly (clocking a 1:00.01 during the prelims). She also qualified for the state meet in the 200 IM.

Sells was also part of Glenn's school-record 200 medley relay team, which included teammate Jordan Burgess, a junior, who has already qualified for the 2007 state meet in both the 200- and 500 freestyles. Burgess helped the Rockets to a 20th-place finish at the state meet (1:54.65).

Another valuable member of that relay team, sophomore Casey Peterson, also returns. Coach Randy Ferguson features a talented freshman class.

"When I look at this year's team, I see a lot of potential,"

Ferguson said. "We just need to keep working on a great attitude and work effort each day at practice."

And speaking of freshman, Livonia Franklin could cause a ripple in the WLLA with the emergence of two talented freshmen - Natalie Cote' and Kayla Douglas.

"They (Cote' and Douglas) should be able to provide a lot of leadership and a strong work ethic in the pool as freshman," said Kevin Hafner, who takes over the coaching reins for the Patriots from his wife Christine. "Both should be aiming to qualify for the state championships. This addition should make us a stronger team at the WLLA meet in November." Junior Jordan Haymour also added a seventh at the WLLA meet in the 100 backstroke last season, while senior Katie Kent hopes to break into the top six in the league this year in the sprint freestyle events.

Meanwhile, Livonia Churchill hopes to improve on last year's seventh-place finish in the WLLA, while Wayne Memorial hopes to escape the basement.

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### CANTON 97 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 89 Sept. 6 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Kaitlyn O'Sullivan, Casey Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jessica Fielhauer), 2:02.3. 200 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 1:50.6 (state cut); 2. Jordan Burgess (WJG), 2:01.97 (state cut). 200 individual medley: 1. Sells (WJG), 2:17.41 (state cut). 50 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 26.8; 3. Fielhauer (WJG), 27.88. 1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Glenney (WJG), 1:56.85 points; 3. Katy Harris (WJG), 1:35.0. 100 butterfly: 1. Schmitt (C), 58.16 (state cut); 2. Peterson (WJG), 1:09.3; 3. Ashley Britt (WJG), 1:13.99. 100 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 58.53. 500 freestyle: 1. Burgess (WJG), 5:28.5 (state cut). 200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton, 1:048.0; 2. John Glenn, 1:50.22. 100 backstroke: 1. Sells (WJG), 1:04.1; 3. O'Sullivan (WJG), 1:13.3. 100 breaststroke: 1. Maggie Carlson (C), 1:13.4; 2. Peterson (WJG), 1:16.39. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton, 3:50.1 (state cut); 2. John Glenn 3:35.25. Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0; John Glenn, 0-1.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON 114 GROSSE POINTE NORTH 49 Sept. 6 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Savannah Hatt, Blake Holtz), 1:53.97 (state cut); 3. Stevenson (Megan Holycross, Allison Kellehan, Sarah Opdyke, Ashley Montini), 2:04.74. 200 freestyle: 1. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:03.49; 3. Emily Montini (LS), 2:10.62. 200 individual medley: 1. Marecki (LS), 2:12.61 (state cut); 2. Gordon (LS), 2:15.9 (state cut). 50 freestyle: 1. Laura Timson (LS), 25.56 (state cut); 3. Holtz (LS), 26.93. 1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 196.05 points. 100 butterfly: 1. Hatt (LS), 1:03.35; 2. Holycross (LS), 1:06.63; 3. Montini (LS), 1:09.98. 100 freestyle: 1. Timson (LS), 54.97 (state cut). 500 freestyle: 1. Dolinski (LS), 5:28.81; 3. Emily

### Cauzillo (LS), 5:58.19. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Holtz, Timson, Dolinski), 1:45.33 (state cut). 100 backstroke: 1. Gordon (LS), 1:04.05 (state cut); 2. Hatt (LS), 1:07.0. 100 breaststroke: 1. Marecki (LS), 1:07.26 (state cut); 3. Kellehan (LS), 1:18.74. 400 freestyle relay: 1. North (Jenny Rusch, Maresa Leto, Jackie Shea, Emily Turbulb), 3:56.74; 2. Stevenson (Kristin Turbiak, Dolinski, Hatt, Marecki), 4:07.99; 3. Stevenson (Catherine Moeller, Cauzillo, Montini, Nadia El-Sabeh), 4:39.37. Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 121 REDFORD UNION 64 Sept. 6 at RU

200-yard medley relay: 1. Churchill (Lorie Avanesian, Olivia O'Neil, Emily Hiser, Katie Neilson), 2:19.0; 2. RU, 2:27.0; 3. Churchill, 2:27.0. 200 freestyle: 1. Haley Fox (LC), 2:33.0; 2. Horst (RU), 2:34.0; 3. Meghan McGowan (LC), 2:37.0. 200 individual medley: 1. Samatha Reid (LC), 2:36.0; 2. Miracle (RU), 2:51.0; 3. Tamara Marek (LC), 2:54.0. 50 freestyle: 1. Ashley Cabadas (LC), 29.1; 2. Sarah Dominas (LC), 31.4; 3. Ashley Robertson (LC), 34.3. 1-meter diving: 1. Kalea Stancer (LC), no point total; 2. Katina St. Pierre (LC); 3. Abdel (RU). 100 butterfly: 1. Schmidt (RU), 1:16.0; 2. Grange (RU), 1:18.0; 3. Avanesian (LC), 1:22.0. 100 freestyle: 1. Miracle (RU), 1:08.0; 2. Nelson (LC), 1:09.1; 3. Horst (RU), 1:09.3. 500 freestyle: 1. Hiser (LC), 6:27.0; 2. Stephanie D'Annunzio (LC), 6:31.0; 3. Keyandwy (RU), 6:53.0. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Cabadas, Fox, Avanesian, Reid), 1:57.0; 2. Churchill, 2:09.0; 3. RU, 2:10.0. 100 backstroke: 1. Lisa Ceza (LC), 1:16.0; 2. Emily Parker (LC), 1:20.0; 3. Riley (RU), 1:35.0. 100 breaststroke: 1. Keyandwy (RU), 1:27.0; 2. Marissa Davis (LC), 1:37.0; 3. Hiser (LC), 1:42.0. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (D'Annunzio, Cabadas, Hiser, Reid), 4:30.0; 2. RU, 4:47.0; 3. Churchill, 5:01.0. Churchill's dual meet record: 1-2 overall.

### TRENTON 97 WAYNE MEMORIAL 76 Sept. 6 at Trenton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Trenton (Loveland, Swiwest, Briker, Kasza), 2:03.07; 2. Wayne, 3:10.3. 200 freestyle: 1. Saue (T), 2:17.73; 2. Mari Farmer (WM), 3:05.2. 200 individual medley: 1. Ritthauler (T), 2:23.87; 2. Chelsea Randles (WM), 3:28.92. 50 freestyle: 1. Racovites (T), 27.7. 1-meter diving: 1. Redmond (T), 180.41 points). 100 butterfly: 1. Weaver (T), 1:11.47; 2. Kelly Shepar (WM), 1:14.04. 100 freestyle: 1. Racovites (T), 59.78; 2. Amanda Hill (WM), 1:14.85. 500 freestyle: 1. Baker (T), 6:00.43. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Trenton (Racovites, Stackpole, Osborne, Martine), 2:22.73; 2. Wayne, 2:33.21. 100 backstroke: 1. Kaylee Artman (WM), 1:16.71; 2. Hill (WM), 1:25.82; 3. Paige Bawcum (WM), 1:35.51. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Chelsea O'Mara, Artman, Kara Windsor, FIII), 4:14.07; 2. Wayne (Kestie Honeycutt, Rachel Roth-Fuller, Bawcum, Shepar), 5:56.72. Wayne's dual meet record: 0-2 overall.

### DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 109 WAYNE MEMORIAL 72 Sept. 4 at Wayne

200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Madelynn Bevil, Kara Windsor, Chelsea Randles, Krystie Crandall), 2:16.8; 3. Wayne, 2:37.99. 200 freestyle: 1. Assenmacher (DHA), 2:17.93. 200 individual medley: 1. Randles (WM), 2:37.15; 3. Windsor, 3:09.33. 50 freestyle: 1. Bevil (WM), 28.12. 1-meter diving: 1. Reeves (DHA), 84.30 points). 100 butterfly: 1. Randles (WM), 1:11.93. 100 freestyle: 1. Bevil (WM), 1:02.96; 3. Amanda Hill (WM), 1:12.41. 500 freestyle: 1. Morgan (DHA), 6:22.18. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Annapolis, 2:01.07; 2. Wayne (Bevil, Randles, Windsor, Crandall), 2:02.16. 100 backstroke: 1. Hill (WM), 1:25.35; 3. Kestie Honeycutt (WM), 1:37.09. 100 breaststroke: 1. Fabris (DHA), 1:28.24; 2. Crandall (WM), 1:29.92; 3. Windsor (WM), 1:36.31. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Annapolis, 4:40.07; 3. Wayne (Kelly Shepar, Chelsea O'Mara, FIII, Paige Bawcum), 5:32.91.



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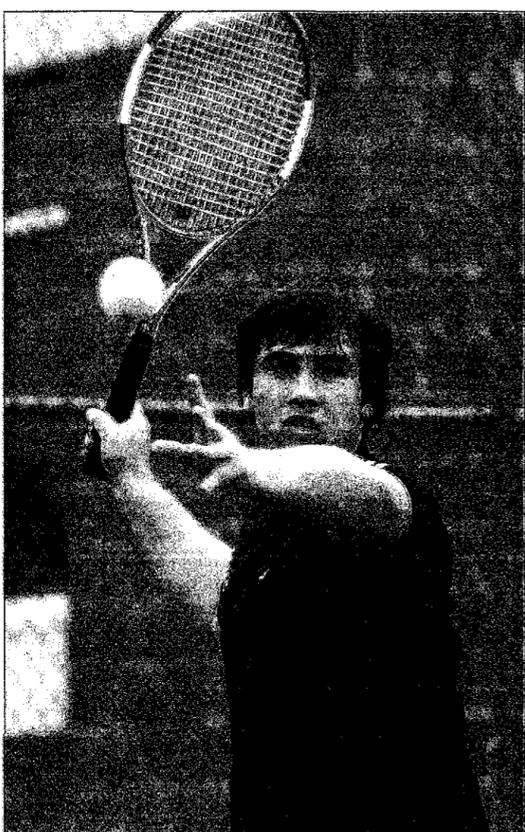
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**LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 HOWELL 0**  
**Sept. 6 at Stevenson**  
**No. 1 singles:** Gino McConathy (LS) defeated Neil Anderson, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 2:** Ian Petty (LS) def. Aaron Reed, 6-0, 6-2.  
**No. 3:** Chris Martin (LS) def. Joe Behan, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 4:** Erik Koch (LS) def. Austin Wright, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Justin Pless-Jon Nedrosick, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 2:** Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Evan Annis-Tim Yaros, 6-2, 6-3.  
**No. 3:** Ben Bagazinski-Alex Cook (LS) def. Ryan Humphries-Andrew Phillips, 6-2, 6-3.  
**No. 4:** Matt Nguyen-Giang Nguyen (LS) def. Jimmy Holton-Kyle Brasier, 6-0, 6-0.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 2-0 overall.  
**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 6 WAYNE MEMORIAL 2**  
**Sept. 5 at Wayne**  
**No. 1 singles:** Eric Hamann (WLC) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-3, 6-7, 7-5.  
**No. 2:** Mike Hicks (WM) def. Derek Mitchell, 6-3, 6-3.  
**No. 3:** Tommy Pattenau (WM) def. Ryan Hulteen, 6-3, 6-1.  
**No. 4:** Kyle Yanalunas (WLC) def. Eric Robertson, 6-1, 6-4.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Jake Pavison-Matt Mueller (WLC) def. Andrew Morton-Kanav Mahotra, 6-0, 6-2.  
**No. 2:** Karl Boedecker-Kyle Sertley (WLC) def. Josh Phillips-Jack Zimmerman, 6-2, 6-0.  
**No. 3:** Vinnie Bouchard-Mustafa Khan (WLC) def. Jesse English-Keandre Williams, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 4:** Jared Graitz-Paul Gregory (WLC) def. Austin Hassen-Brandon Harnos, 6-2, 6-3.  
**Wayne's dual meet record:** 2-1 overall, 0-1 WLA.  
**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 6 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2**  
**Sept. 5 at W.L. Western**  
**No. 1 singles:** Tim Smolen (W36) def. Michael Chou, 6-1, 6-4.  
**No. 2:** Garek Ng (WLW) def. Rob Fraser, 6-0, 6-2.  
**No. 3:** Brad Stone (WLW) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-1.  
**No. 4:** Gordie German (WJC) def. Arjun Mahahad, 5-7, 7-5, 3-0 (retired).  
**No. 1 doubles:** Blair Globberman-Lenny Kugel (WLW) def. Zach Ernat-Jeremy Proffitt, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 2:** Adam Goldman-Dan Wang (WLW) def. Zach Edwards-Shahid Hussain, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 3:** Josh Feinberg-Jeremy Gomez (WLW) def. Chris Tolentino-Nick Hubbard, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 4 doubles:** Western wins on walkover.  
**Glenn's dual meet record:** 1-2 overall, 0-1 WLA.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1**  
**Sept. 5 at Franklin**  
**No. 1 singles:** Nick Payne (LC) defeated Tony Semonick, 6-2, 6-0.  
**No. 2:** Aniket Patel (LC) def. Walt Woods, 6-2, 6-4.  
**No. 3:** Akshay Moorthey (LC) def. Dan Camilleri, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 4:** Alex Cios (LC) def. Eric Robertson, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Robert Fortney-Daniel Landstrom (LC) def. Ryan Hudie-Garrett Gumm, 6-1, 6-3.  
**No. 2:** Eric Newman-Eric Slusarski (LC) def. Ryan Henderson-Nate Spesse, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).  
**No. 3:** John Tabor-Zhwin Deng (LC) def. Joe Kosinski-Nate Warrick, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.  
**No. 4:** Skene Milne-Walt Alfonso (LF) def. Pat Moroney-Kyle Stopa, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-0-1, 1-0 WLA; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-1 WLA.  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 8 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 0**



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Stevenson's No. 1 singles player, Gino McConathy, winds up for the shot during Thursday's 8-0 dual-match triumph over non-league foe Howell. McConathy won in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, as the Spartans improved to 2-0 overall.

**Sept. 5 at Stevenson**  
**No. 1 singles:** Gino McConathy (LS) defeated David Criss, 6-0, 6-4.  
**No. 2:** Ian Petty (LS) def. Nick Magie, 6-0, 6-1.  
**No. 3:** Chris Martin (LS) def. Alex Gaucher, 6-1, 6-2.  
**No. 4:** Erik Koch (LS) def. Matt Roitcoff, 6-1, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Bob Bee-Steve Olson, 6-1, 6-1.  
**No. 2:** Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Mitch Kelley-Matt Ranuc, 6-3, 6-1.  
**No. 3:** Alex Cook-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. John Andrew-Cole Davis, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.  
**No. 4:** Grand Campbell-Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Grant Furnier-Paul King, 6-4, 6-4.  
**Stevenson's dual meet record:** 1-0 overall, 1-0 WLA.  
**DEARBORN EDEL FORD 5 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3**  
**Aug. 23 at Sheldon Park**  
**No. 1 singles:** Jesse McIntyre (DEF) defeated Steve Trapp, 6-2, 6-2.  
**No. 2:** Walt Woods (LF) def. Tyler Wyndendorf, 6-2, 6-1.  
**No. 3:** Drew Wyndendorf (DEF) def. Tony Semonick, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.  
**No. 4:** Ryan Westra (DEF) def. Dan Camilleri, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Ryan Gaura-Tom McMillan (DEF) def. Chad Dorton-Nate Warrick, 6-3, 6-3.  
**No. 2:** Renan Ludscer-Jacob Crumb (DEF) def. Ryan Henderson-Nick Wegala, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.  
**No. 3:** Eric Robertson-Garrett Gumm (LF) def. Nolan Anwar-Mich Westra, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.  
**No. 4:** Skene Milne-Walt Alfonso (LF) def. Jeff Slezakian-Crowe-Sittig, 6-1, 6-0.  
**Dual meet records:** Edel Ford, 1-0 overall; Franklin, 0-1 overall.

Franklin boys rule own invitational

Evan Sirena captured first place Wednesday as host Livonia Franklin ran away with the Franklin Early Season Invitational boys cross country title at Nankin Mills.

The Patriots scored 21 points followed by Walled Lake Northern and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day with 51 and 62, respectively.

Sirena, a senior, covered the 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 12 seconds.

Teammate Mike Krcatovich was runner-up in 18:20 followed by Dylan Taylor, fourth (18:33); Doug Cole, sixth (19:13); Jason Riffel, 10th (19:48); Austin Jones, 12th (20:05); and Alex Curry, 13th (20:16).

**Warriors split meet**

Only one point separated Lutheran High Westland and Dearborn Heights Annapolis in the boys and girls dual meets Thursday at Nankin Mills.

The Lutheran Westland girls, getting a first from junior Hannah Mielke edged the Cougars, 29-30. Mielke's time

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in the 5,000-meter race was 24:12.

Other top finishers for the Warriors included Miriam Pranscke, fifth (25:45); Danielle Voetberg, sixth (27:23); Megan Fisher, eighth (28:32); Emily Meier, ninth (28:23); Ashley Pniewski, 10th (28:36); and Amber Pniewski, 11th (28:52).

The Lutheran Westland boys, however, lost, 27-28, despite junior Spencer Lyle's first-place time of 17:56.

Other finishers for the Warriors included Josh Rice, third (19:20); Ross Pursifull, seventh (21:42); Cameron Banks, eighth (21:48); and Paul Bealafield, ninth (22:36).

**Patriot girls runner-up**

The host Patriots were runner-up with 53 points followed by Walled Lake Central and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day with 55 and 79, respectively.

Country Day's Alissa Ott

was the individual winner in 20:59.47.

Franklin finishers included: Brittany Dille, seventh (22:45.79); Mallory Church, ninth (23:23.47); Megan McPherson, 11th (23:32.16); Victoria Church, 12th (23:39.71); 14. Tiffany VanOrden, 14th (24:28.29); Kelsey Kaplan, 16th (24:41.21); and Breanna Minnick, 22nd (25:39.06).

**Rocket girls place 7th**

The Westland John Glenn girls cross country team placed seventh out of 16 teams in Tuesday's Erie Mason Relays.

The girls are paired up with the first runner going miles 1, 3 and 5, while the second runner runs miles 2, 4 and 6.

Stacey Richardson (19:24) and Megan Nikula (19:50) combined for a 14th place; Ashley Bailey (20:21) and Danielle Levy (21:02), 24th; Jaimie Medel (21:37) and Michelle Levy (22:47), 43rd.

Glenn's non-scoring runners included Evi Cenillo (24:27) and Amy Selewski (26:30).

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And that just set the tone.

In the second game, DeClercq went off on an eight-point service run to make it 9-0 and Schoolcraft never wavered. For good measure, freshman outside hitter/defensive specialist Marissa Damon served seven consecutive points to open up an 18-2 lead.

Only in the third game did the Bears (0-1 in the MCCA) provide some resistance, even holding brief leads of 6-5 and 7-6 before Schoolcraft slowly pulled away.

A nifty tip at the net by DeClercq gave Schoolcraft a 13-11 margin and she then reeled off four service points (with a spike by freshman outside hitter Sarah Button of Livonia Churchill providing one of those points).

Lamb said the play of DeClercq continues to rattle the

cage of opponents who never really know where she'll be. On Thursday, she dominated both from the outside hitter and middle blocker spots.

"We move her around as much as we can," Lamb said, "so teams can't really key on her at one position."

DeClercq concurred after Thursday's triumph about the benefits of throwing different looks at other teams.

"We've got very good hitters that can play in different spots which is really good," she said, "because a lot of times we mix it up in the front and it tricks the other team, and we do a lot of combo plays. It's been real effective so far."

DeClercq added that "Whether the person gets the ball or not, being loud and going in for that hit will confuse the block. And it just makes a difference."

**JACKSON TRI-MATCH:** The Lady Ocelots defeated the Alma JV 30-19, 30-25, 30-28 in Tuesday's first matchup.

Butler and freshman-eligible middle blocker Lauren Braun chipped in with 14 and 13 kills, respectively while Urbats had 37 assists.

On the defensive side, leading in digs was sophomore libero Amanda Ballnik, with 26.

But Schoolcraft then lost 23-30, 27-30, 20-30 to Jackson, despite 18 kills from Butler, 31 assists from Urbats and 15 digs from Ballnik.

"Jackson really came to play," Lamb said. "They are very skilled and brought a lot of energy to the court. Unfortunately, we were not able to match it."

**OWENS CC TOURNEY:** Schoolcraft alternated wins and losses over the course of the two-day tournament. Day 1 had the Lady Ocelots sandwiching a 31-29, 30-24 victory over Clark State between losses to Lansing and Parkland.

Sunday, Schoolcraft defeated Mott in two games before dropping a 2-0 match to Columbus State and getting past St. Clair (30-19, 31-29).

Butler (48 kills), Urbats (122 assists, 38 digs), DeClercq (33 kills, 31 digs), Ballnik (64 digs) and Braam (13 blocks) were top contributors for the Lady Ocelots.

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Madonna wins first 2 in Martin tournament

Madonna University's women's volleyball team came away with a pair of wins in Friday's opening day of the eighth annual Julie Martin Memorial Tournament.

The tourney host Crusaders (7-4) defeated Davenport 3-0 and followed up with a hard-fought three-game triumph over Taylor University (Ind.).

In the opener against the Panthers (5-7), Madonna won 30-20, 30-17, 30-12 and ben-

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efited from a 20-kill performance from junior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova and 44 assists from sophomore setter Inta Grinvalds.

The Crusaders were challenged by Taylor (6-1), but were able to earn a 30-24, 30-24, 30-26 victory.

Taylor took a brief 23-20 lead in the third game, but MU answered

the call and roared back thanks to kills from Tihomirova and junior outside hitter Whitney Fuelling (22 and 11 kills, respectively).

Grinvalds contributed 47 assists while senior libero and Livonia Churchill product Jacqui Gatt posted 18 defensive digs (Gatt had six against Davenport).

MU finished up the Martin tourney on Saturday scheduled to face Georgetown (Ky.) and Cedarville (Ohio).

THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 14**  
 Harper Woods at Clarencville, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Monday, Sept. 10**  
 Ferndale at Clarencville, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
 Riv. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Inter-City Baptist, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**  
 Ferndale at Wayne, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 13**  
 Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
 Stevenson Tournament, 8 a.m.  
 W.L. Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Monday, Sept. 10**  
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Clarencville at G.P.W. Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
 Hazel Park at Clarencville, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**  
 Univ.-Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 5 p.m.  
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Salem (P-CEP), 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 13**  
 Huron Valley at Ypsilanti Calvary, 4:30 p.m.  
 Lutheran Westland at Clarencville, 5 p.m.  
 Churchill at Salem (P-CEP), 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 14**  
 Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
 Troy Athens at Stevenson, 1 p.m.

**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
 Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep, H.W. Regina at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.  
 Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 13**  
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4:10 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
 Holy Invitational, 7:40 a.m.  
 DeSalle Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 N.S. Huron Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
 W.L. Western Inv. at Willis Park, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 12**  
 Wayne at Garden City, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 13**  
 Ladywood at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
**Monday, Sept. 10**  
 Stevenson vs. Canton at Hilltop, 2:45 p.m.  
 Churchill vs. Wayne at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. John Glenn at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**  
 Churchill vs. Northville at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 14**  
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Franklin at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. W.L. Northern at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Monday, Sept. 10**  
 Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m.

**W.L. Northern** at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 14**  
 Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
 Adrian Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Sept. 14**  
 A.A. Greenhills at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
 Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 13**  
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.  
 Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
 Schoolcraft at Muskegon CC, TBA.

**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
 Madonna vs. Concordia at Greenmead, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
 Kellogg CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 12**  
 Madonna vs. Concordia at Greenmead, 4 p.m.  
 Rochester College at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**  
 Madonna at Aquinas College, noon.

**COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Friday, Sept. 14**  
 Spartan Inv. at Michigan State, 2 p.m.  
 TBA - Time to be announced.

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# Glenn manhandles Knights, 46-7

Westland John Glenn used the big play early and often Friday night, breezing to a 46-7 Lakes Division football victory over visiting Walled Lake Northern.

The Rockets, who piled up 465 yards in total offense, improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Northern falls to 0-3 and 0-1.

Glenn bolted out to a 27-7 first-quarter lead, scoring on the first play from scrimmage as quarterback Keshawn Martin hit C.J. Woodford with an 86-yard touchdown pass, second longest in school history.

Woodford added a 71-yard TD run with 5:57 left in the same period and Victor Sanders converted the extra

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point to make it 13-0.

The Rockets then scored again just a minute later after Pat Jensen recovered a Northern fumble at the 30. Woodford then carried it in from 23 yards to put Glenn ahead 20-0.

The Knights scored their only TD on the ensuing possession when quarterback hit with a 76-yard pass.

Glenn answered with a seven-play, 78-yard drive to end the quarter as Martin scored on a 10-yard keeper. Sanders extra point put the Rockets up 27-7.

With 2:28 remaining in the second quarter, Glenn struck again, this time on a Ryan

Lopez 6-yard TD run to go up 33-7 at halftime.

The Rockets invoked the 35-point mercy rule and a running clock with a pair of third-period scores - Woodford on an 84-yard kickoff return to start the second half followed by Martin's 60-yard TD toss to Ivan Thomas with 2:52 remaining.

Leading rushers for the Rockets included Woodford (6-for-11), Martin (7-for-77) and Daz Bragg (6-for-52).

Martin, a senior, completed 6-of-9 passes for 204 yards and two TDs.

Glenn's defense - sparked by Kyren Boyd, Josh Reed, Lopez and Scott Brown - limited the Knights to 151 total yards, including just 61 on the ground in 24 attempts.



## Cup champions

The under-12 Novi Jaguars Green Team captured the Vardar Cup Tournament held recently in Saginaw with wins over Vardar Red (7-0), Vardar (5-3), Michigan Burn (5-4), along with a tie against WAZA East (2-2). Members of the Jaguars include (front row, from left): Joey VanHouten, Novi; Devon Cairns, Livonia; Jacob Hackman, Brighton; goalie Jimmy Hague, Commerce Township; Jacob Davis, Fenton; Mitchell Stark, South Lyon; Kevin Nimmo, Livonia; (back row, from left) coach Paul Tinnion, Nick Eastlake, Livonia; Nick Oakley, Novi; Matthew Kiura, Novi; Travis Hamers, South Lyon; Jon Rice, Novi; Derek Blunden, Northville; Griffin Wasik, Novi; and assistant coach Scott Lemay.

## WAYNE

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point attempt was blocked by Plymouth's Kyle Wallath.

The Wildcats promptly countered by moving the ball to the Wayne 11 thanks in large part to a 28-yard C.J. Gregory-to-Ronnie Goble strike. However, the threat was thwarted when Wayne junior defensive back Anthony Baskin picked off a tipped pass in the end zone.

Plymouth took advantage of some golden field position on its next drive and capitalized when senior wide receiver Mike Hanchett one-handed a 31-yard Gregory pass in the back corner of the end zone with 1:44 remaining in the first half. Korona tacked on the extra point and Plymouth led, 7-6.

Wayne didn't trail for long. Sparked by a back-to-back 15-yard pick-ups by Baskin, the Zebras grabbed a 12-7 halftime advantage when D.J. Freeman threaded a perfect 24-yard scoring pass to Calloway. The two-point conversion attempt was picked off by Plymouth's Connor Martin.

The Zebras extended their lead to 18-7 with 2:47 left in the third quarter when Alan Freeman scored from two yards out.

D.J. Freeman appeared to put the game on ice for Wayne with a dazzling 30-yard TD run early in the fourth, but the play was nullified by a holding call. The Wildcats forced a punt, which was returned 84 yards by Puryear to the Wayne 3. Plymouth running back Terrance Guthridge breezed in to the end zone on the first play from scrimmage, cutting the 'Cats' deficit to 18-13 with 9:32 to play.

Powered by its big and mobile offensive line, the Zebras possessed the ball for 17 of the game's final 21 plays to seal the win.

"I know it's early, but this is the best offensive line I've ever coached," Hnatuk said. "We have two three-year starters (Mike Davis and Zac Kyle) who can play anywhere."

Plymouth made drastic improvement from what we saw on the tape from last week's Salem game. We saw a lot of flaws on the film, but we didn't see any flaws today. They defended us very well."

D.J. Freeman completed 7-of-15 passes for 128 yards. Calloway nabbed six Freeman aeriels for 96 yards. Baskin was the Zebras' top ground-gainer, picking up 101 yards on 12 attempts.

Gregory completed 7-of-17 passes for 152 yards. Hanchett grabbed three for 91. The Zebras held Guthridge to 41 yards on 13 carries. The slick-running junior had eclipsed the 140-yard mark in his first two games. Wayne's defensive charged was led by Alex Bledsoe, Ramsay Hart and Ryan Nesbitt.

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## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 190  
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Sept. 7 at Whispering Willows  
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Franklin scorers: Georgia Patrick, 53; Paige Scopace, 57; Laura Beahon, 58; Natalie Polakowski, 61; Samantha Nesbitt, 65; Samantha McKee, 72.  
Dual match records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 0-2 WLAA.

## Western keeps Pats winless

Walled Lake Western found its way out of a hole, rallying from a 7-0 halftime deficit to post a weather-delayed 17-14 Western Division football victory at Livonia Franklin.

Franklin took a 7-0 lead in the second period when quarterback Jesse Carpenter connected with tight end Jeff McCullough on a 16-yard touchdown pass.

But the game was stopped with 7:59 left because of lightning in the area and the Warriors backed up at their own 1-yard line.

After play resumed, the Warriors clawed back in the third quarter on Matt Watko's 49-yard field goal and took the lead for good early in the fourth quarter on Sam Welch's 10-yard scoring pass to Montel Nix-Fleming.

Andy Buchanan, who rushed for 107 yards on 10 carries, gave the Warriors (2-1, 1-0) a 10-point cushion, 17-7, with six minutes left when he broke through the middle for 74 yards and a TD.

Franklin answered with its final TD when Jesse Carpenter hit Israel Woolfork on a screen pass for 47 yards with 4:30 to go.

Carpenter was 10-of-28 passing for 206 yards and one

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interception, but the Patriots could only muster 27 yards on the ground. Woolfork had six catches for 119 yards.

Franklin's defense, led by linebacker Jordan Short, held Western to a total of 199 yards. Welch was 9-of-17 for 67 yards. Buchanan rushed 11 times for 150 yards.

"We played really good defense, better than the last two weeks," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team fell to 0-3 overall. "But we just can't play without making mistakes."

## Stevenson romps, 49-0

Following the opening kickoff and the first play from scrimmage, Friday night's WLAA-Lakes Division game between host Salem and Livonia Stevenson was stopped by threatening weather for nearly two hours.

After play resumed, the Spartans rolled their third straight win without a loss. Salem, meanwhile, is winless.

Due to deadline constraints, more details will not be made available until Thursday's Observer.

## Blazer lacrosse team ties

After one week of play in the Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League, Livonia Ladywood stands 0-1-1 in Division II play.

On Thursday, the Blazers battled host Bloomfield Hills Kingswood to a 1-1 draw.

It was 1-1 at the half as Jenna Sheahan scored for the Blazers at the top of the circle, while Kingswood's Nisha Choksi tallied the game's first goal.

Ladywood sophomore goalie Sara Burnosky made 13 saves, while Jessica Sparks had nine stops for Kingswood.

Ladywood is 1-2-1 overall, while Kingswood is 4-2-2 overall and 1-2-1 in Division II.

On Tuesday, Ladywood opened suffered a 2-1 league setback at home to rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

Mercy's Egan Franks started the scoring off the initial shot of a corner, while Ladywood's Kristen Selasky answered to make it 1-1 at halftime when she took the ball all the way into the circle from the 25-yard line after beating a Marlins defender on a drive to the goal.

Maura Gregory then tallied the game-winner in the second half for the Marlins, now 1-1-1 overall and 1-0 in the division. Junior Jill Bacon made four saves for Mercy.

Burnosky had nine saves for the Blazers.

## CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA  
Zoning Board of Appeals

September 25, 2007 - 7:30 pm  
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33000 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia, MI  
(734) 466-2259

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-08-55:** David and Arlene Tarbet, south side of Fargo (31015) between Merriman and Sunset, seeking to construct an accessory building resulting in excess building area.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-60:** Michael Naimola, north side of Plymouth (32590) between Mayfield and Hubbard, seeking to maintain a wall sign on the west elevation of the building resulting in such sign not placed on the front elevation facade, which is not allowed. This increases the nonconformity of signage on this property because the existing ground sign is nonconforming due to its height of 10 ft., where only 6 ft. is allowed and the existing setback of 7 ft., where 10 ft. is required.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-62:** John and Veronica Finch, east side of Lathers (19304) between Seven Mile and North End, seeking to construct a cover over an existing porch attached onto a nonconforming dwelling resulting in deficient front yard setback. Nonconformity is based on the existing front yard setback of 45.4 feet, where 50 feet is required.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-63:** Duane Lach, north side of Bennett (31530) between Merriman and West End, seeking to convert the existing attached garage to living area and construct a detached garage with incorporated storage space resulting in excess building area.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2007-09-59 (Rescheduled from September 18, 2007):** Leo Soave, 20592 Chestnut, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to construct a single-family dwelling upon property located on the north side of Eagle (37478) between Newburgh and Richfield, resulting in excess lot coverage.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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## MU women WHAC Davenport, 4-0

A four-goal splurge in the second half Wednesday paced host Madonna University to a 4-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer victory over Davenport.

The Crusaders and Panthers played a scoreless first half at Greenmead Field in Livonia with goalkeepers Tracy Anderson of MU and Davenport's Kristen Haight duelling away.

But just 1:44 into the second half, Madonna's Kaila Moore scored off a nice pass from Rachaelle Mirto to break the ice. Moore fielded the 25-yard through ball and booted it past Haight from about six yards.

About eight minutes later, the Crusaders made it 2-0 when Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) found the back of

the Davenport goal from in front. Mirto again set up the tally.

Allie's rebound was chipped in by Kati Germane at the 20:41 mark of the second half to give MU a commanding 3-0 lead and the final goal of the day was scored in the final minute by Andrea Johnson (from Moore).

Anderson made two saves for Madonna in just over 67 minutes of play to get the victory. Finishing up over the final 22:42 was Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

With the win, the Crusaders improved to 3-1-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Davenport dropped to 1-3-0, 0-1-0.

Ocelot men 1-2 in desert

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team went 1-2 during a three-match stretch in Arizona over Labor Day weekend, dropping to 1-2-2 on the season.

The Ocelots lost 2-1 on Aug. 31 at Yavapai CC (Ariz.), despite a goal from Louie Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), who converted a feed from Plymouth product Ali Youssef.

On Sept. 1, Schoolcraft earned a 4-3 overtime win against Southern Maryland.

Goal scorers for the Ocelots were Michael Iyoha, Djokic, Nick Dordeski (Stevenson) and the OT game winner by Canton's Andy Huang.

Last Monday, Schoolcraft fell 5-1 to Phoenix College (Ariz.) as Youssef notched the Ocelots' lone goal.

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# Local standoff

## Lady Ocelots get 2 late goals to tie MU

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Women's soccer teams from Livonia's two colleges battled it out Friday afternoon at Greenmead Field, with the upstart Schoolcraft College scoring two late goals to secure a 3-3 tie with Madonna University.

But the tie kind of felt like a victory for Schoolcraft.

With the final seconds ticking off, Schoolcraft head coach Deepak Shivraman urged on his squad to play hard to the end.

"It's all about the passion now," he yelled, after his sophomore goalkeeper, Jessica Tuggle, chipped the ball out of harm's way.

The Lady Ocelots played with plenty of passion down the stretch, scoring two goals less than a minute apart with less than 10 minutes remaining in the annual scrimmage.

"We talked a lot about being passionate about playing soccer and just coming out with a lot of energy," Shivraman said later. "Madonna, what a great team to play against, being only a mile away from us. I have a lot of respect for Paul (Thomas) and Toni Deacon, their coaches."

"These are the kind of teams we need to play and these are the kind of games we need to play in to kind of get us ready for the road we have to take."

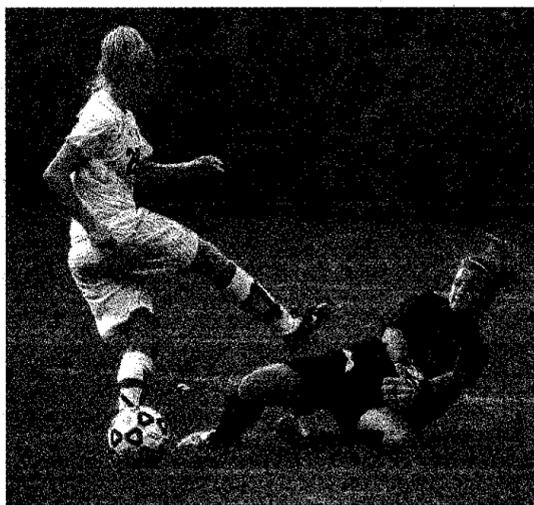
That extra energy Shivraman talked about came to the fore to bring the Lady Ocelots from behind.

First came a sharp goal by freshman forward and Plymouth grad Clare Baptist to cut MU's lead to 3-2.

Sophomore midfielder Nicole Polite sent a pinpoint crossing pass from right-to-left and Baptist finished the play with a header past MU freshman goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

"That was a beautiful goal, really pretty," Shivraman said.

But Schoolcraft wasn't done. Sophomore midfielder Allyson King (Livonia Stevenson) drilled a shot from the left side



JOHN WIRTH

Sliding out of her goal Friday to make a key stop against Madonna University sophomore forward Kati Germane (No. 22) is Schoolcraft sophomore keeper Jessica Tuggle, an alum of Livonia Ladywood. The two Livonia colleges tied 3-3 in the scrimmage staged at Greenmead Field.

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of the 18-yard box to knot the match.

The Crusaders quickly made a bid to regain the lead. But Tuggle came far out of her goal area to make a sliding save against sophomore forward Kati Germane, who was breaking in down the right side of the pitch. Madonna dominated the first half, with freshman forward Chelsea Skinner scoring twice and sophomore forward Kati Germane also finding the goal behind Tuggle.

Assisting on Skinner's first tally was Germane while junior midfielder Andrea Muscat (Stevenson) set up her second.

The Lady Ocelots also scored before intermission, when freshman defender Sally L'Esperance put a shot past MU starting keeper Traci Anderson.

The scrimmage contest is viewed as a positive by both coaches, but for different reasons.

According to Shivraman, it is almost like an audition for his players who might be interested in sticking with college soccer

after leaving Schoolcraft.

"It's a good opportunity for Paul to look at some of our girls," Shivraman said. "My ultimate goal is for our girls to continue to play soccer after two years."

Because his team gave up two late goals and lost the lead, Thomas said the draw was a disappointment.

"We've come off the field like we've lost," he said. "They've come off the field like they've won."

Still, Thomas said any time the two colleges can come together for a game it's a positive thing.

"The game helps us out, helps not only to look at their players but also to look at a few things and figure a few things out," Thomas said. "It's a good learning curve for us."

He added that it was good "to see the girls care and battle and fight. They had a little more bite in them the last 10 minutes to tie it up."

### Celebrate Life 5K

The first annual Celebrate Life St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K run-walk for cancer will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Grounds in Livonia.

Early registration (on or before Sept. 7) is \$20 (includes T-shirt). Registration (after Sept. 7 or race day) is \$25. Awards will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group.

For more information, call (734) 655-1402; or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

### Women's hockey

An adult women's beginner hockey league will begin its fall session (Oct. through Jan.) at Veterans Arena in Ann Arbor.

The registration fee is \$190 (includes jersey). Games will be schedule for 7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on Fridays.

You can register online at [macrhl.com](http://macrhl.com).

### WYAA volleyball

Registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball program for age groups 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Sept. 19 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

The fee is \$125 (due at registration). Each registrant will receive 25 raffle tickets at \$5 each that can be sold and earn money, or fill out the tickets for yourself. The grand prize is a 2008 Pontiac G6 donated by Red Holman Pontiac.

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### Learn to Skate program

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Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its six-week Learn to Skate fall program (session I) for the following age groups, beginning the week of Sept. 17 through the week of Oct. 25, at Edgar Arena, 33341 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile Road, just west of Farmington Road):

Ages 4 and up: 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. Mondays; 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. Thursdays;

Boys hockey skills: 6:15 p.m. Mondays or 5 p.m. Thursdays (no equipment need; no pucks or sticks used);

3-year-olds only: 4:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Each class is 30 minutes. There is a limited skate rental available at no charge.

The fee for residents is \$47; non-residents, \$57.

Walk-in registration is from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

### Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a girls varsity competitive cheer and girl JV competitive cheer coach for the 2007 winter sports season.

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Hours will be from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays through Oct. 28; and 4-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 30.

Daily pass rates for residents is \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-residents are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under).

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The season pass will grant the bearer unlimited use of the archery range during posted hours for the entire season.

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For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Youth baseball tryouts

A final tryout and evaluation session 2008 Beverly Hills Bobcats 13-and-under will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at Birmingham Groves High School.

Interested players must be age 13 or under on April 30, 2008.

The Bobcats, coached by Mark Sackett, will compete in the North Oakland Baseball Federation.

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## Being OK marks midlife transition

In some ways, midlife is similar to adolescence. It is a time of transition. The adolescent is no longer a child but not yet an adult. He/she is in the process of taking off their childhood and trying on their young adulthood. They are pulled in each direction. They are contemplating a great deal of the time.

Some say midlife comes when we hit our 40's or 50's. It is a time of wondering what matters and what is important. An article in a recent addition of Men's Lifestyle Magazine put it well: "The midlife stew often starts with some garden-variety boredom. If you have been hoeing the same row for 20 years, only an idiot wouldn't wonder if there aren't some more interesting rows somewhere else. On top of tedium, we often get our first bolt of serious bad news: the death of a parent, trouble in a marriage, a career setback, the transformation of the 8-year-old who thought you were God into the adolescent who thinks you are the devil. Crushing chest pain and the word "biopsy" can set a fellow to thinking about what he has done with his life."

A very introspective person I know suggested that midlife is a state of mind rather than a chronological time. He said that it occurs when one realizes one's worst fears nor fondest dreams are not going to come true: and that that will be OK. It is the "being OK" with who we are by midlife time that sets the stage for our transition beyond - into the last half of the lifecycle. We all want to age gracefully. We can all increase the odds of doing so by how we navigate through our midlife (and prior stages) of development. This is the key to building resilience.

An expert on aging is Dr. George Valliant, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He will be the featured speaker at the Michigan Psychological Association Fall Convention in Livonia this October. In an interview, Dr. Valliant has recently pointed out that positive emotion, such as altruism, work well for people. He notes that positive emotion seems to help older people adapt well. He said it helps if you live in a kind environment. Dr. Valliant's initial interest in the development of adult goes back more than 35 years.

He said he had a few patients who recovered from schizophrenia that led him to look at how people recovered and how they made a positive adaptation in life. When he followed people over the years, he could see that some things remained stable. He reports that positive emotion such as joy, compassion, and trust are very important for adults and they improve every aspect of mental

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Len McCulloch



Church tours reveal the Greek Orthodox religion as it has existed since the time of Christ. Iconography and chanting will be demonstrated and explained.

## Food, dance and music color weekend festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

### A TASTE OF GREECE FESTIVAL

**When:** 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16

**Where:** Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 420-0131 or visit www.nativitygochurch.org.

**Cost:** \$2 per person, \$5 per family (2 adults, up to 3 children). Additional fee for food, platters \$10-\$15 include rice, peas, bread, and a Greek salad. Proceeds go to reduce church mortgage.

Teena Fafalios is living proof you don't have to be Greek to love the food or join Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth. As media director, Fafalios is inviting the community to the third annual A Taste of Greece Festival Sept. 14-16, to enjoy homemade Loukoumathes (Greek doughnuts) and tour the church.

"The festival is something a lot of Greek churches tend to do. It comes from a tradition in Greece, Panayiri, a celebration of feast days for the Virgin Mary," said Fafalios, who's Italian but married to a Greek man. "There will be a cafeteria tent to purchase homemade food - spanikopita, flaming cheese saganaki, a Taverna with Greek wine and beer and ouzo, and a Greek coffee house with Frappe, an iced coffee popular in Greece right now."

Along with the food, entertainers will serve up traditional Greek dance to the music of Elias.

"We will have the Kyklos and Opa Dancers, and our own Nativity Church dancers. The children (ages 3-12) came every Tuesday all summer long to dance," said Fafalios. "There will be a Marketplace to sell Greek speciality items from jewelry to icons. One of the biggest features is Oasis Golf sponsoring the Kid's Corner inflatable fun area. It costs \$10 per child and you can play all day."

Festival chair Thekla Szlinis is hoping to attract more than the 6,000 people who attended last year even though it meant spending her recent vacation coming up with ideas and shortcuts for cutting and skewering kabobs.

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Oasis Golf is sponsoring the Kid's Corner at the Taste of Greece Festival, a fund-raiser to reduce the mortgage for Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth.



Homemade food and pastries play a big part in the Taste of Greece Festival at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth.

## Garden City girl battles rare Pearson's syndrome

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Seeing their daughter Paige's flag raised atop the crane erected to help build the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor brightened the late August day for Teara and George Doutre of Garden City.

The 2½-year old girl is battling the rare Pearson's syndrome. Her low red cell counts require Paige to not only receive blood transfusions and platelets monthly at the old children's hospital, but to drag

a cart of formula behind her 24-hours a day. For a child so young, Paige is consistent about not leaving the cart behind as she plays, but occasionally her parents have to remind her to take it along.

The three are inseparable. Paige and her parents designed the flag together during the young girl's recent hospitalization. Paige's blue and maize handprints decorate the flag flown over the area where the University of Michigan Health System is constructing the 1.1 million-square-foot facility, a new and

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Teara and George Doutre with their 2½-year-old daughter Paige



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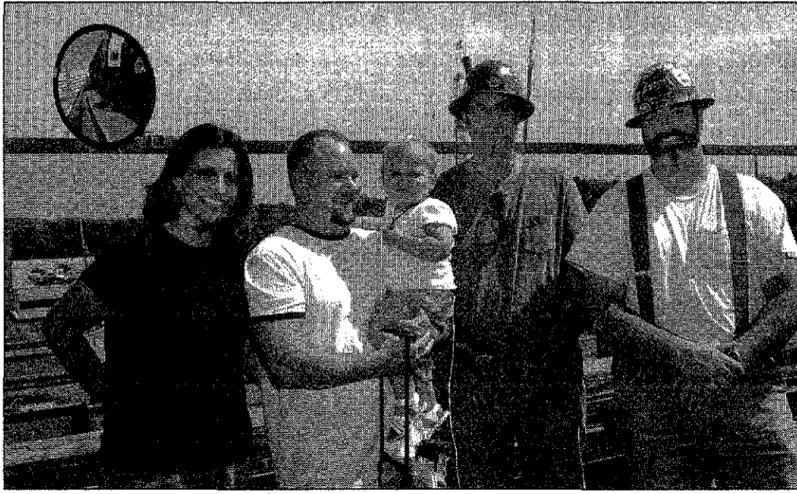
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larger home for specialized services such as the pediatric liver transplant program. "She's been in and out of the hospital since she was 9 months old and was finally diagnosed with Pearson's syndrome a month after her first birthday," said Tera (pronounced Tara) Doutré. "Pearson's is one of the mitochondrial disorders. There are just 60 cases in the world. Paige is case 61, the first in Michigan. The syndrome causes a loss of energy in your cells and affects different organs because they don't have enough energy. "The symptoms started when she ended up with a rapid heart rate and doctors found she was anemic. She started getting transfusions and was in and out of the hospital a lot. Doctors called it a failure to thrive. Then in December 2005 she began vomiting and losing weight. "This one is fatal. Life



Tera, George and Paige Doutré joined Barton Malow crane operators for the flag raising event.

expectancy is 14 with one child living to 15." An experimental drug, triacetyldurine taken every six hours, is helping Paige absorb nutrients in the formula. She's gained 12 pounds since starting the medication. "We contacted Dr. Bruce

Cohen at the Cleveland Clinic. You can only get it in Italy," said George Doutré. "Paige was absorbing none of the formula," added Tera. "Since going on an experimental medication doctors have been able to reduce the amount of electrolytes in the formula. Every six hours we must switch the bags of two different formulas." Paige goes up to the wide-screen TV saying she wants to hear the song and video created just for her by Songs of Love, a New York foundation. Before long she's at the

computer looking for the Sesame Street Web site to play games. "Hurry up," she says to the computer. Paige looks like a normal 2½ year old, but her parents know their little girl is battling a devastating disease. Luckily George's employer, SER Communications in Center Line, has given him a medical leave with full pay. His insurance plus Children's Special Services through Medicaid pays for most of the expenses. But the costs do add up,



Paige Doutré and her parents Tera and George created this flag together.

says George who stayed in a hotel for three weeks when Paige was in the Intensive Care Unit during a 153 day hospitalization from February to July. To help the couple, family and friends are holding the second annual golf outing Just for Paige Saturday, Sept. 22, at Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. Deadline for registration is Sept. 10. Call (734) 485-2683 or (734) 260-3846. Paige could care less about the golf outing, she's excited about seeing "The Mouse". Thanks to the Make-a-Wish Foundation the family is

visiting Disney World in Florida. "The social worker put a rush on it 'cause nobody knows what's going to happen," said George. "Her organs are still going to deteriorate." "We're trying to take it day by day," added Tera. "We don't know what's going to happen." "It's tough," said George. "At one time they said we're going to be coming home with hospice. She's probably beaten the odds four times. She's a strong little girl."   
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functioning. He says that what makes the positive emotion so vital for aging well is that they focus on things outside of us. He notes that people who live happier are more focused on the positive emotions (as reported in The Michigan Psychologist Newsletter, 3rd Quarter, 2007, pg.1) I would agree with Dr. Valliant's remarks and am reminded of the old bromide of the glass being half full or half empty and its applicability for the 50-year-old. Perhaps it has similar applicability for the 75-year-old by asking; is the glass 25 percent full or 75 percent empty? Or, perhaps better yet, is the glass as full as I want it to be with positive emotions no matter what my age?  
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"We have a lot of support from the Greek community in southeast Detroit, but we're looking to attract other people," said Szlinis of Canton who is chairing the event with Jacob Espinosa. "We used to do this on church property about 20 years ago but then got involved with Spree and Plymouth Fall Festival. We brought the festival back to church grounds so we could showcase more our heritage and faith. It keeps getting more popular. People enjoy coming out. They really enjoy our Greek food.

"We're also going to give lessons for anyone who wants to learn how to dance. It's just fun and nobody cares if you don't do it just right. I just love it all, seeing the people gather, watch them taste the food and loving it. I live there on the weekend."

The food reminds Szlinis of the trips she's taken to the island of Cyprus where her parents were born.

"The food is similar. The ladies that are baking some of them were born over in Greece," said Szlinis. "My husband's co-workers are always asking when is the festival so they can come and eat."

Jerry Takis says the sights and sounds found inside the Greek Orthodox church are as much a part of the Greek culture as the food and dancing. He especially looks forward to leading tours of the facility which opened its new doors in April 1994. The Rev. George Vapouris will be greeting visitors as well in the church and throughout the festival grounds. The church was originally established in 1975 in a ranch house across the parking lot.

"There's a lot to see in the Orthodox church. It's ornate but it's not just what they'll see but hear and smell. We'll explain how the sights and sounds are part of the Orthodox church and how the structure teaches about heaven and earth," said Jerry Takis of Plymouth Township. Takis has been a church member eight years. Three of his grandparents came from Greece. "We had an iconographer paint above the sanctuary and on the icon screen that separates the altar from the knave of the church. The church has been using icons from the very beginning. The service is the same practiced by the 12 apostles."

Iconography and chanting will be demonstrated and explained, said Takis.

"Orthodox is Byzantine chant, Roman Catholic is Gregorian chant and does sound a bit different. Byzantine style of chant was adapted from original chant which is basically as old as the church. The Orthodox church and Roman started in the time of Christ and split in 1054. Most people think the Orthodox and Roman Catholic are the same, but they're not — 98 percent of Greece is Orthodox, 1 percent is Muslim, the rest is other."

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August 28, 2007, age 58, of Westland. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Connie Molner and Jamie Golick. Loving grandmother of Bud Molner, Michael and Jessica Golick. Sister of Patricia (Gary) Seaman, Larry (Marie) Reeves, Tim (Donna) Reeves, and the late Dave Reeves and Jeff Reeves. Sister-in-law of Connie Reeves. Services were held Friday, August 31, 2007 at the UH Funeral Home, Westland, with the Rev. Gerard Bechard officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at: [www.uhfh.com](http://www.uhfh.com)



**LUCY E. AINSLEY Ed.D.**

65 of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Port Austin, Michigan, succumbed to cancer on September 1, 2007. Dr. Ainsley was born on June 29, 1942 in Bad Axe, Michigan, daughter of the late Kenneth and Mildred (Grekowicz) Smith. She was raised in Bad Axe and subsequently in Port Austin, by Kenneth and late stepmother Rita (Mayes) Smith. She enjoyed an illustrious career as a Michigan schoolteacher in Saginaw and Waterford and then as Coordinator of Media Services and Instructional Technology for the Birmingham, Michigan school district. She retired in 1990. Lucy was a graduate of Central Michigan University, earned a Masters Degree from Michigan State University and both a Masters degree and a Doctor of Education from Wayne State University. Dr. Ainsley was a past president of the Association for Educational Communication and Technology (AECT), the Michigan Association of Media in Education (MAME) and the Arizona chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARPS). She was actively involved in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Phoenix where she was an Ecumenical Minister, a Lector and past president of her parish Saint Vincent DePaul conference. To say that Lucy touched the lives of everyone who met her would be an understatement. She will be remembered as a vibrant, witty, fun-loving person who gave of herself to all in need. She will also be remembered as "the lady with the little black dog and the big hats." Lucy is survived by her ex-husband and best friend, Alan of Port Austin; six brothers, Ken (Rita Sampiere) Smith, Dahn (Lori) Smith, Hugh, and John Smith, all of Phoenix; Leo (Linda) Smith, of Sterling Heights; Michigan, Joe Smith of Bonita Springs, Florida; one sister, Joan (Brad) Fletcher, of Howell, Michigan, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. One sister, Mary Smith, preceded her in death. Lucy loved to travel and left very few locations on her list of places she wanted to go. She also loved to ski and had enjoyed many of North America's winter resorts at one time or another. Some of her other interests were, genealogy, nature photography, reading, knitting, socializing (Phoenix Ski Club) and philanthropy. In her final act of giving, Lucy donated her body to medical science. Memorial services are scheduled for September 29, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Phoenix and on Oct. 13, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin.



**PATRICIA WHITING FERGUSON**

September 5, 2007, age 81. Beloved wife of the late Hugh Cardwell Ferguson, Sr. Dear mother of Hugh C. "Rip", Jr., Richard W. (Michele), Peter J. and Catherine "Kitty" (William) Kindred. Loving grandmother of Amy Ferguson Karbo (Keith), Andrea Ferguson Stamps (Erik), Ryan, Molly and Hilary Ferguson and Devon and Hannah Kindred. Great-grandmother of Natalie Ryan Stamps and Stella Rose Karbo. Sister-in-law of William and Anita Ferguson. Dear friend of Susan Phillips, Katharine Parker and Myriam Vallecocchia. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Pat was the youngest of seven children of Leffingwell and Catherine Whiting. She graduated from Immaculate High School in 1943, attended the University of Detroit, and married Hugh C. Ferguson on November 22, 1947, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2006. She was an active member of the Christ Child Society, Providence Hospital Guild, and Brother Rice and Marian High Schools Mothers' Club. Services were held at Holy Name Church, Birmingham on Saturday. Memorials appreciated to Odyssey Hospice, 25925 Telegraph, Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48034. Obituary and condolences at: [lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://lynchfuneraldirectors.com)



**MARILYN BRANDT**

Of Clarkston, formerly of Davison, age 65, passed away Thursday, September 6, 2007 at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center. A Funeral Service will be held 11 AM Monday, September 10, 2007 at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Rd., Davison, Rev. James Kleintank officiating. Burial will follow in Meadowview Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 3-8 PM Sunday. A VFW Memorial Service will be held 7:30 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Marilyn was born in Flint on January 25, 1942, daughter of the late Arthur and Mary Evelyn Worvie. She was a member of the Davison VFW Auxiliary. Marilyn enjoyed playing cards, shopping and going out to eat. She loved flowers and Elvis Presley, but most importantly, spending time with her grandchildren. Marilyn is survived by her children, Laurie (Tom) VanHollebeke and Darin Brandt; grandchildren, Gabriel Paul and Jaclynn Anne; siblings, Larry Worvie, Joyce (Ken) Jackson, Dale (Carol) Worvie, Dennis (Debbie) Worvie; sister-in-law, Debbie Broecker; several nieces and nephews and best friends, Dee and Murray Magrath and Sherry Macias. Please share your thoughts with the family at: [www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com)

**PHYLLIS C. CARNOCHAN**

September 4, 2007. Age 93, longtime resident of Birmingham. Mrs. Carnochan resided for the past few years at the Baldwin House in Birmingham where she made many new friends and will be missed. She attended the Arts and Crafts Center in Detroit and had a profound interest in Fiber Weaving. Her beloved husband William preceded her in death in 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Daphne Carnochan of Medford, OR. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

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# Zonta Club plans fall fund-raisers

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is hosting several events this fall. Monies raised will help us provide financial assistance for women needing to upgrade their skills so they can return to the work force. The club has contributed over \$25,000 to Schoolcraft College and the Woman's Resource Center, thanks to continued community support. Charlotte Austin, from the Visiting Historians, will show a glimpse into the life of Annie Oakley, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at One Under Banquet Facilities, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course. Like Annie, Charlotte is a sharp shooter and has won many competitions. Annie's husband, Frank Butler, will also make an appearance. It will be a really wild west afternoon. Wear your

western gear and plan on a good time. Tickets are \$30. A wine tasting party will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Wine Styles, 17386 Haggerty, Livonia. Kathy Groman, the owner of WineStyles, does a wonderful job of explaining the qualities and characteristics of the many wines sampled. Crackers, assorted cheeses and meats are served. It's a perfect time to stock up for holiday guests, buy a few Christmas gifts or just treat yourself. Tickets are \$25. Spaces are limited so reserve early. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Sally Randall, (734) 464-3728, or Evelyn Shuput, (734) 416-9197. Zonta International is a worldwide service organization dedicated to improving the status of women.



**DiBasio-Jones**  
Kristi DiBasio of Livonia and Joshua Jones of Toledo were united in marriage on Aug. 24, 2007, by the Rev. Bob Shafer at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The bride is the daughter of Larry and Jan DiBasio of Livonia.

The groom is the son of Bill and Kathy Jones of Indian River. Kristi graduated from Livonia Stevenson, Albion College and Wayne State Law School. She is currently practicing as an attorney with The Michigan Children's Law Center in Wayne County.

Josh graduated from St. John's in Toledo, Miami of Ohio and Wayne State Law School. He is currently employed as a corporate attorney for Dow Chemical in Midland.

The bride was attended by Matrons of honor Laura (DiBasio) Cesa and Carrie (DiBasio) Hodrosky. Also attending were Junie (Jones) Gibbs, Courtney Holloway, Elise Lafrate, Jessie Jones, Jodi Jones, Carrie Kovach, Andrea Khoury and Marie Wilson. Molly Cesa was the flower girl. Attending the groom were Josh's Dad, William Jones and Matt Brandman his best friend. The other groomsmen were Ryon Burill, Steve Cappellino, Steve DiBasio, Jason Jones, Craig Major and Nguyen Vu. Luke Gibbs and Tyler Major were the ring bearers.

A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

The couple honeymooned in Traverse City.

# Jewish to observe the High Holy Days

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Observance of the Jewish New Year at the Rosh Hashana service on Wednesday evening is just the beginning of a time of reflection for Rabbi Peter Gluck and members of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton.

Ten Days of Repentance follow, ending with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement when the faithful ask forgiveness for misdeeds during the previous year. Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are the two most sacred holidays in the Jewish faith and are referred to as High Holy Days.

"Rosh Hashana officially marks the New Year on the Jewish religious calendar as prescribed from the Bible," said Rabbi Peter Gluck, leader of the congregation which practices Reform Judaism. "This New Year on the Jewish religious calendar is 5768. The way the number is derived is by adding up all the generations in the Bible dating back to the first chapter of Genesis so Rosh Hashana is not only the celebration of a new year, but since the counting of the years is based on the text that talks about the Creation of the world then Rosh Hashana is also known as the birthday of Creation.

"And since the tradition teaches that God created the world then it's a time to celebrate the creative power of the one God that created the whole world including us. Thus it is a time for us to reflect upon our lives as human beings. It's a special time to highlight in the

new year the unique human capacity to become responsible for our own personal lives and this requires reflection."

Special prayers said during the Rosh Hashana service not only call Jews to reflect, but grants forgiveness for any wrongs done during the prior year.

"It's a time to focus the community's attention to make corrections in their life to make the coming year better than the past year. You're always trying to get better," said Gluck. "The concept is you can't hang on to the past. You have to engage the present with a renewed spirit. You engage the God of creation in creating your life anew."

One very special ritual during Rosh Hashana is the Sounding of the Shofar, the ram's horn.

"We do that to awaken this spirit of renewal within the congregants," said Gluck. "To sound the Shofar is a special honor. In our congregation it's usually a youngster who has been trained. It's a non-valve instrument. There are three notes or main sounds done in a special order. It's quite a moving moment. It dates back to Biblical times. The commandant is there that you shall hear the sounding of the Shofar."

Congregation Bet Chaverim is open to all interested in learning more about and practicing Judaism, said Gluck. For more information, call (734) 480-8880 or visit [www.betchaverim.com](http://www.betchaverim.com).

Religious School begins 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

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## REUNIONS

### Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967

The Livonia Bentley High School Class of 1967 gathers for its 40th reunion on Saturday Oct. 27, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com) or visiting [ctrcinc.divincinet.com](http://ctrcinc.divincinet.com).

### Livonia Stevenson High School Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 at Stevenson High School meets for its 20th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com) or visiting [ctrcinc.divincinet.com](http://ctrcinc.divincinet.com).

### Oak Park High School Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Peking House, Royal Oak. Also a get-together 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Ginopolis in Farmington Hills. For information, call Shelley (Cherin) Wasserman at (248)626-1303.

### Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 29, 2008. Only about 50 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734)451-1048 or contact [phs40threunion@charter.net](mailto:phs40threunion@charter.net).

### Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy

Suites, Livonia.

For information, contact Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at [Admiral741@yahoo.com](mailto:Admiral741@yahoo.com) or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at [Mamia@comcast.net](mailto:Mamia@comcast.net)

### Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of first-come/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at [andshaffer@netscape.net](mailto:andshaffer@netscape.net) or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at [DanielP422@yahoo.com](mailto:DanielP422@yahoo.com). Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought.

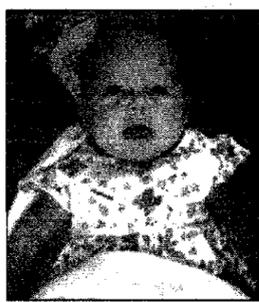
### Redford Union High School Class of 1977

The Redford Union Class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel, Laurel Park in Livonia. Alumni can update their address by calling Sharon at 734-261-3264; e-mailing to [celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com](mailto:celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com) or visiting [ctrcinc.divincinet.com](http://ctrcinc.divincinet.com).

### Inkster Roosevelt High School Class of 1957 and 1958

A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or e-mail [ymack@twml.rr.com](mailto:ymack@twml.rr.com) or Stan Pientack at (734)475-2797.

## BIRTHS



Rachel Marie Carravallah

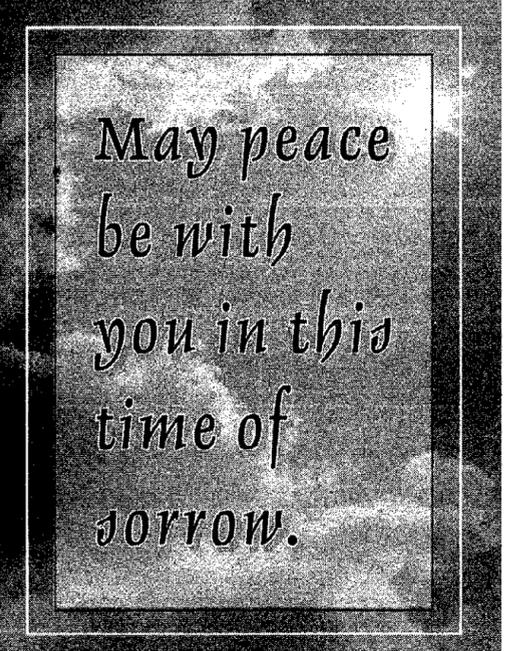


Luke David Carravallah

**Rachel and Luke Carravallah**  
Ann-Marie Carravallah and Dave Carravallah of Canton announce the birth of their daughter and son, Rachel Marie Carravallah and Luke David Carravallah on July 18, 2007, at Mott's Children's Hospital.

At birth Rachel Marie weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Luke David weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Lou Abundis of Westland and Gerry Carravallah of Livonia. A baptism will be held 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at St. Thomas A Becket Church.



# Beautiful blossoms

## Club celebrates 15 years tending gardens at Meadow Brook Hall

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

Summer unofficially ended Labor Day weekend — and autumn is just two weeks away — but the 14 gardens surrounding Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills look as good as they did in June.

"We're just proud of everything," said Nan LaRosa, president of the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. "And even though the gardens have a tendency to be in decline at the end of August-beginning of September, I think you can see that these are so well-cared for, that they look absolutely splendid."

About 40 of the club's 141 members gather every Tuesday morning at the former Matilda Dodge Wilson estate to keep bugs at bay, flowers in bloom and greenery free of weeds. They spent more than a total 4,000 hours last year planting, watering and pampering the flower beds. And if the still-blooming gardens are any indication, they'll likely log similar hours again this year.

"We have garden captains and co-captains in every garden. We garden to a plan that we develop in January," LaRosa noted. "Of course, we have to be flexible because Mother Nature doesn't always give us what we expect. We've learned to deal with that."

"We had an attack of Japanese beetles that caused some major damage. We have rabbits and we had the drought, so some of our annuals in particular have struggled, but we move plants around to fill in the void created by that and sometimes we purchase new plants. Because of the drought we had to revitalize some of our plants, but they are looking wonderful now."

### CELEBRATING

Members gave themselves a pat on the back and celebrated

the club's 15th anniversary recently with a garden tour and reception. Captains and co-captains staffed reception tables in nearly all of the gardens, offering hors d'oeuvres, desserts, salads and beverages.

Lynn Beckerman of West Bloomfield, served a pasta salad and plate of fresh, home-grown tomatoes with cheese, from her station near Tilly's Garden, which she captains and Knot Garden.

"Many of our members don't work in the gardens any more — they do other things or donate money — so this was an opportunity for everyone to walk around and see all the gardens," said Beckerman, who joined the club after attending some of its fall and winter programs. She spent Tuesday mornings weeding, dead-heading and trimming in Tilly's, and sometimes would lend a hand in other gardens.

Mary Ann Crawford of Rochester Hills is winding up her first summer as a club member. She tended the Rock Garden, but during the anniversary tour and reception, directed guests in the Orientation Garden, where annuals bloomed in shades of pink and purple.

"I just love to weed," Crawford said. When she mentioned her green thumb to a friend, the woman suggested Crawford join Meadow Brook Garden Club.

"She said, 'I have the perfect project for you,'" Crawford said, with a laugh.

### IMPROVED

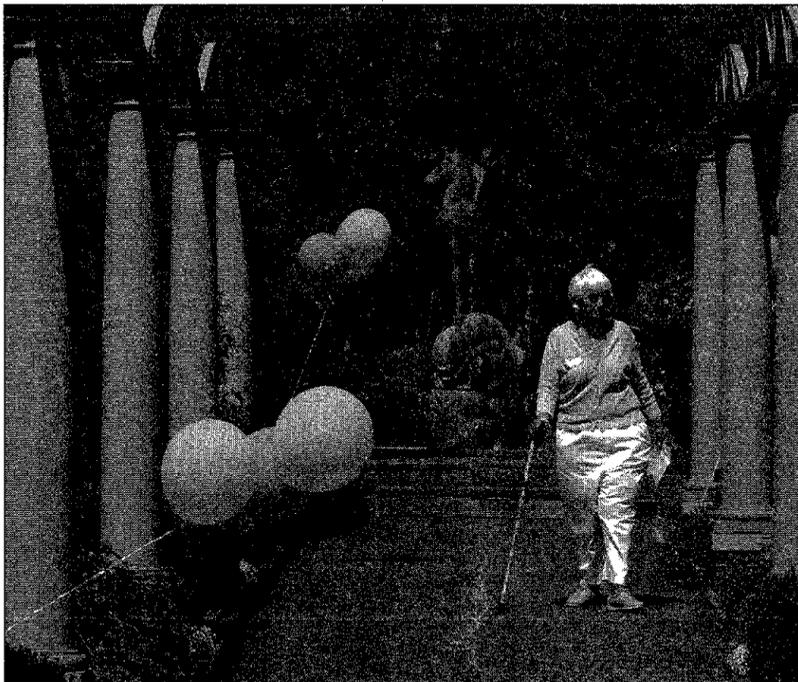
Chris Harris, of Rochester Hills, a co-captain of the Rose Garden, said the estate's gardens have come a long way the past seven years. In the Rose Garden, for example, volunteers planted new roses, new perennials and changed the soil by using natural products.

"Little by little, we redid all the beds and got them up to where they are," Harris said.



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Elle Steele, publicity chair for the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, stops to smell the Black-eyed Susans in the Rose Garden.



Marilyn Brooks of Rochester Hills strolls through Meadow Brook Hall's rose garden, which was decked out in balloons for Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club's 15th anniversary. That's the Pegasus Fountain in the background.



The Hillside Garden, topped by a gazebo, offers a shady spot to admire its mix of rock, perennials and pine trees at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

"Now it's just maintaining and fighting the elements."

And fund-raising. The club buys hundreds of plants each year and has purchased utility vehicles and mowers. Fund-

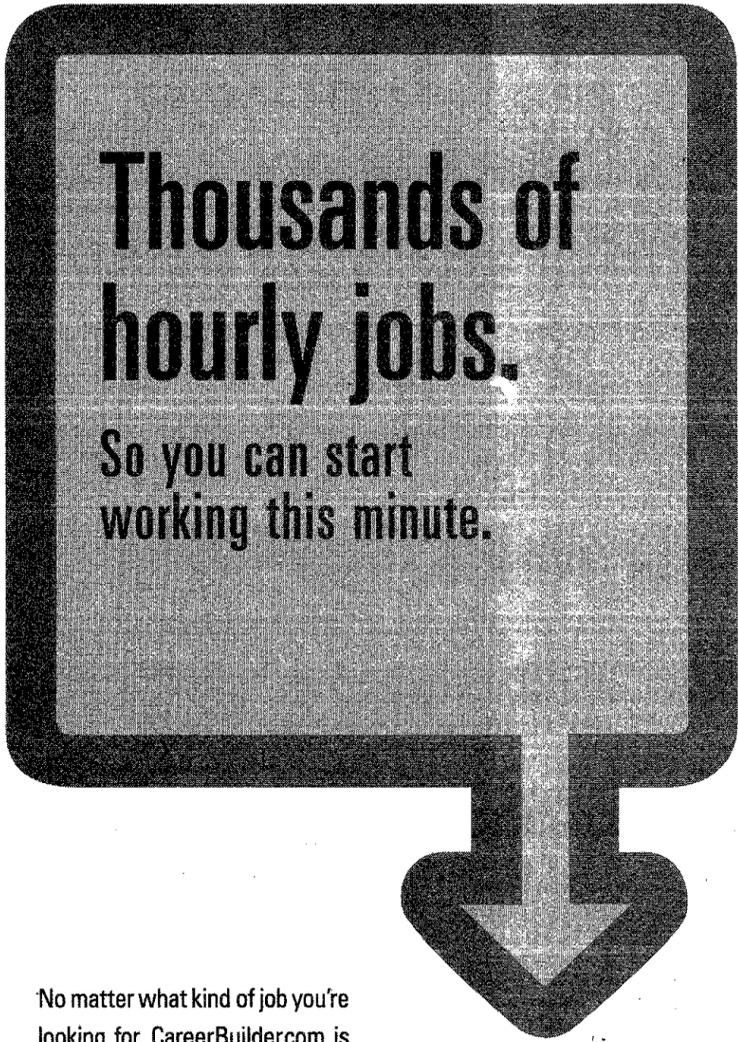
raisers like the club's annual Colossal Indoor Garage sale held every fall, help pay for improvements.

The sale this year will be held Oct. 17-19 in the Shotwell-

Gustafson Pavilion on the Oakland University campus. For more information on the sale or the club, visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org).

The gardens are open to

the public at no charge from dawn to dusk, except during a private event. Meadow Brook Hall is located on the Oakland University campus at Walton and Adams in Rochester Hills.



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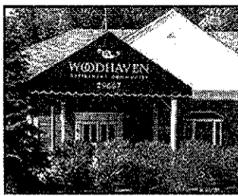
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**UNAFRAID OF A LITTLE...**  
strangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship. ☎235816

**ARE YOU SEEKING?**  
DWF, 63, 5'8", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Seeking N/S W/M 50-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. ☎308008

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest, trustworthy down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SM, 27-35, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. ☎508061

**CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE**  
SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. ☎217813

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and understanding to share all the good things life offers. ☎16287

**BUSY GIRL**  
Very cute 48-year-old SWF, could easily pass for 35, 5'11lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for someone to spice up my life. ☎230116

**IN THERE**  
SBF, 35, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy, curvy, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all it offers. I enjoys water sports, travel, fine dining, art. ☎218968

**MAYBE US?**  
SBF, 42, 5'6", pretty smile, enjoys weekend get-aways, seeking a SM, 37-48, N/S, to share interests and companionship. ☎214333

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
W/M, 68, 5'9", 140lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, cooking, traveling and movies, outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

**MAYBE US?**  
Sociable, employed SF, 63, enjoys family, friends, camping, sailing, boating, water, travel, reading, quiet times, live music and more. Looking for family-oriented gentleman with a zest for life. ☎219836

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
Energetic SBPF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk. ☎131317

**WILD AND SOPHISTICATED**  
Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. 40-50. ☎147056

**OLD SCHOOL GIRL...**  
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, 36, 5'3", N/S, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

**SEEKS NEW FRIENDS**  
Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, seeking for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. ☎198785

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. ☎201967

**A GOOD WOMAN 4 U**  
Laid-back nice SBF, 42, N/S, W/D, loves music, movies, bowling, relaxing by the water, quiet times home. Seeking like-minded lady, feminine and fun-loving, to share friendship and possibly more. ☎209055

**SINCERE ONLY**  
SBF, 36, feminine, beautiful, sexy, seeks confident, similar lady to share nights in the town, good talks and simple fun. Will it be you? Friendship first, possibly more. ☎210670

**HELLO GENTLEMAN**  
SBF, 38, 5'2", 135lbs, looking for SW/M, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? ☎213418

**LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER**  
SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, salsa, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. ☎226494

**LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE**  
Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SWF, 59, 5'8", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice personality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, football, casinos, cooking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. ☎220957

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎212526

**READ THIS AD!**  
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interests and qualities. ☎164114

**LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE**  
SBF, 56, Gemini, very feminine, sexy and cute, loves travel, cooking, movies, gardening, candle-light dinners, theater, good people. Seeking companionship with interesting, open-minded lady, who can intrigue. ☎215871

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-60, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. ☎217234

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
DWF, 54, 5'9", N/S, outgoing, enjoys comedy, theater, soft rock, dancing, dining, outdoors. ISO tall, SD/W/M, like age, good-humored, honest and spontaneous. ☎209662

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
W/M, 57, homeowner, independent, a little lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times and togetherness. Seeking a kind man to share these. ☎211330

**POSSIBLE LTR**  
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SW/M, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎393381

**DO YOU EXIST?**  
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced W/M, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200296

**BOUND LIKE YOU?**  
SF, 28, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easygoing man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. ☎207859

**CALL ME SOMETIME**  
Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casual time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. ☎209762

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-63, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

**I NEED A LOVE...**  
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 40, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

**NO DRAMA**  
SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 25-36, with like interests, to share special times. ☎172728

**HOW ARE YOU?**  
Attractive, caring SBF, 32, 5'2", likes comedy/suspense movies, dining and having fun, seeking a woman, 25-35, athletic, soft-stud, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎211919

**LET'S TALK**  
SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games. ☎190772

**GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. ☎192872

**SENT FROM HEAVEN**  
SBF, 21, loving, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. ☎201386

**THE GOOD LIFE**  
SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. ☎198964

**LET'S MEET**  
SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SM, 46-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎205287

**OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN**  
SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. ☎206771

**QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING**  
SWF, 23, searching for a SM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎208814

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, home owner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted nice to share the good things in life. ☎210482

**NURSE**  
Attractive SWF, 64, 5'11", 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. ☎211919

**TRY ME**  
SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times. ☎213013

**I'LL MAKE U SMILE**  
Loving, open-minded, spontaneous SBF, 18, D/D-free, N/S, no children, looking for SW/M, to share friendship, fun times, talks laughs a little romance and see what happens next. ☎212804

**LET'S TALK**  
SF, 31, 5'9", brown/blue, Paces, enjoys romantic dinners, movies, nice talks, quiet walks, simple fun. Looking for a nice, easygoing, simple guy to share friendship and fun. ☎215820

**FIN AND SIMPLE**  
SBF, 19, dark complexion, outgoing, easygoing, passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. ☎222583

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, Possible LTR. ☎963760

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SW/M, 45-67, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurous, manly gentleman. ☎208249

**LET'S TALK**  
Blonde hair, green eyes, 120lbs, 65-year-old SWF, N/S, I enjoy the outdoors, travel, music, dates, dining and anything fun. Seeking SW/M, 63-68, with similar interests. ☎224393

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beer, fishing, sunbathing, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks SWF, N/S, I enjoy the outdoors, travel, music, enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎209646

**ARE YOU MY LADY?**  
SBM, 54, N/S, loves 80s, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all life's simple pleasures. ☎210024

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!**  
Handsome, mature gent SW/M, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎178497

**THE REAL DEAL**  
SWM, 59, handsome, N/S, blond/blue, 5'9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, N/S, physically fit, with classy and style. ☎134098

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**  
26-year-old, marriage-minded male, seeks for nice female. Must be sweet, caring, and attractive. ☎192333

**WHAT'S UP LADIES?**  
Fun-loving, genuine SBM, 30, 5'5", brown complexion, good-looking, fun, looking for a lovely, sexy lady to kick it with. I like cooking, board games, nights out, more. Call me. ☎222957

**HI LADIES**  
SBM, 30, no kids, employed, independent, 5'7", medium complexion, outdoors, looking to meet a sweet, cool lady level-headed and real to share all the good things in life. ☎225791

**SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎92418

**ANOTHER STATE OF MIND**  
SWM, 35, enjoys action/adventure films, day trips, weekend getaways, music/punk/indie. Seeking sociable, fun-loving, creative SF, with interested in art, indie music, exploring life and new adventures. ☎223363

**MAYBE?**  
SWM, 47, 6'8", 185lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing, cool lady, slender and beautiful, who knows how to have a good time in life and knows what she wants. ☎221989

**TAKE A LOOK**  
SM, 47, muscular build, attractive, employed, outgoing, 6'2", 230lbs, dark hair/eyes, olive complexion, ISO outgoing, loving SWF, 50-62, fit, active and fun to share life and its simple pleasures. ☎221496

**VERY NICE GENT**  
SWM, 40, personable and sincere, a good listener, has a gentleman's touch and a strong shoulder to lean on. Seeking friendly, lively lady, friend/companion. ☎222811

**HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?**  
SM, 52, enjoys BBOs, time spent by the water, sunsets, jazz, cooking, travel, long walks and much more. Looking for a kind-hearted, affectionate woman to treat like a queen. ☎224287

**WORTH IT**  
SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady who's spontaneous, who enjoys the same. ☎220589

**SINGER SEEKS SINGER**  
SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for similar reasons. ☎168397

**READY FOR FUN?**  
SWM, 37, true gentleman, N/S, if you like to laugh, be silly, play around then you should get in touch with me. ☎231347

**I'M A BIG MAN**  
SBM, 43, daddy best type, can be very romantic, likes quiet times at home, movies, going out for walks, family time. Seeking similar female, for dating and more. ☎225770

**TRY THIS ONE**  
Loving, young-looking SM, 38, 5'9", 200lbs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking a nice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun. ☎219702

**ASIAN PRINCESS**  
WM, 37, enjoys travel, clubbing, walks, video games, and concerts. Seeks 18-45 AF for LTR. ☎220654

**LOOKING FOR SOME FUN**  
Hardworking, friendly, outgoing SW/M, 32, enjoys evenings of drinking, socializing, maybe more. Seeking sexually expressive lady, 18-45, with similar interests, for serious relationship. ☎236074

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. ☎220115

**250 LBS. LADY-BACK, FAMILY-ORIENTED**  
SBM, 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies, tofu. Seeking a SF, 30-45, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with similar interests. ☎221121

**CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY**  
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art, fair, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

**HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?**  
Sociable SM, 57, 5'7", gray/brown/blue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, quality conversation and romance. ISO good-hearted, creative, nice lady to share these. ☎224191

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
Active, athletic SM, 29, healthy educator, new to the area, enjoys good company, nice talks, good food and a little romance. Seeking loving, sweet lady to share the same. ☎224191

**TRY ME**  
SM, 19, 180lbs, dark complexion, 5'5", smoker, enjoys dining out, movies, good talks, good company, parks. Seeking a cool lady to chill with. ☎224377

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBM, 27, 6'1", 238lbs, brown complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, employed, independent, seeking a sexy, intelligent, sophisticated SW/F, 21+, to share a little romance. I enjoy bowling, movies, pool, dining, more. ☎225288

**SOMEONE WHO LOVES LIFE**  
SBM, 61', 250lbs, outgoing, romantic, likes movies, dining and traveling, seeking a woman, 35-45, who likes to share life and good conversations, let's talk. ☎216163

**AMERICAN MADE**  
WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

**PRINCE CHARMING**  
SBM, 41, 5'7", 195lbs, independent, cook by trade, clean-shaven, glasses, seeking a woman, 30-40, understanding, mature, honest, for romance, fun, possible LTR. ☎219557

**TALL, ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degree, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, home, camping. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**EASYGOING**  
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTR SW/F, for dating and fun times. ☎187614

**LET'S GET GOING!**  
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, sports/outdoors, working out, home, camping. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

**HOPE IT'S YOU**  
DWM, 56, father with grown children, semi-retired, car mechanic, home owner, enjoys fishing, working around the home, camping. Seeking active, happy lady with like interests for companionship, smiles, special times. ☎207555

**HI LADIES!**  
D/HM, 48, kind, hard-worker, N/S, seeks a W/F, 37-57, N/S, for sharing, mature, honest, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. ☎218527

**A WALK AND A TALK**  
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature, social concerts, I seek a nice and courtierpart for where ever it goes. ☎200890

**LOVELY & READY**  
W/M, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎660946

**SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE**  
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

# Shop till you drop at juvenile diabetes benefit at Parisian

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Jill Engel couldn't be more excited about this year's extravaganza to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) on Sunday, Sept. 16. As special events coordinator for Parisian at Laurel Park Place, Engel is working with Ford Motor Co. and Hour Detroit to host a private shopping event with discounts galore and a runway fashion show hosted by Hour Detroit magazine's fashion editor Susan Howes.

"The event this year has been combined with another event we host called Trendevous, a fashion show with complimentary refreshments and a focus on trends for the season," said Jill Engel. "It's going to be held out in the mall after hours. It's going to be just fantastic. The bonus is the 20-percent discount covers almost every vendor in the store including cosmetics and fragrances, and misses better sportswear and ladies salon designer shoes are going to be 30 percent off that night. We have some bigger and better things that we put together to raise funds for JDRF. We want to bring awareness to the public about the cause. When you talk about children it's always near and dear to the heart."

Last year three restaurants from the mall dished up complimentary treats. This year Sweet Lorraine's, Station 885, Max & Erma's, La Bistecca, PF Chang's China Bistro, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Ernesto's, Five at the Inn at St. John's, Pastry Palace, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Bar Louie, and Coffee Beanery are each donating enough food or beverages to serve 500

## TRENDEVIOUS

When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16  
Where: Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia  
Tickets: \$10, call (734) 953-7500. The entire ticket price goes to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International to find a cure for the childhood disease. For more information, visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) or [www.jdrfdetroit.org](http://www.jdrfdetroit.org).

people. Last year 275 supporters attended the event. This year Engel is planning for 500 to 1,000 people.

"It was just overwhelming that they wanted to help us. It makes me want to go because they're doing great things in the community," said Engel. "People have contacted me saying what can we do because how great is it to have something like this here in Livonia. A spa in Novi called to donate a prize for this event. Everyone's going to receive a ballot that night and be put in to register to win over 15 prizes - Marriott and Sheraton overnight packages, an Orin Jewelers certificate, Fleming's Steak House and Bravo's certificates.

"This year we increased the ticket prices from \$5 to \$10 to help raise additional funds for JDRF. A ticket like this would cost \$25. We wanted to keep it reasonable. It's something that the families could come and everyone can enjoy. It makes you feel good about where you shop, where you live, where you have dinner."

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# Young actors needed for School House Rock Live, Jr

The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre announces auditions for its Junior Theatre production of the musical, School House Rock Live! Jr, directed by Anthony Heaphy. Auditions take place 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, and 4-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24. Callbacks, if needed, are 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25. All auditions take place at A2CT's Rehearsal Studio at 322 W. Ann St. in Ann Arbor.

School House Rock Live, Jr, is a staged version of the popular children's educational TV program. Delightful songs and upbeat humor drive this fast-paced musical about a gang of kids who show a nervous, first-time teacher how to imaginatively teach grammar, science, history, and math.

School House Rock Live, Jr has roles for up to 25 young actors in grades 4-12. Those auditioning must prepare a 16 bar selection of an up-tempo musical theater song. An accompanist will be provided,

though actors are welcome to bring either a CD or tape recording of their song's accompaniment. Actors need attend only one of the two regular auditions but should be available for callbacks. No pre-registration required.

Production dates are Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Auditorium.

For more information, visit the audition page of the A2CT Web site at [www.a2ct.org](http://www.a2ct.org) or call (734) 971-2228.

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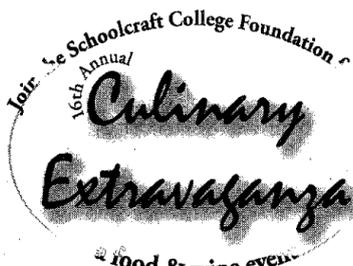
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## Cut out red meat for health

Matt from Waterford emails asking about the dangers of eating red meat. He has heard it is not good for him, but just how bad is it?

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**Peter's Principles**

Peter Nielsen

colon cancer survivors. Researchers found those who ate red meat and fatty foods are more than three times more likely to suffer a recurrence or die from colon cancer. Skip the red meat and load up on fish, and vegetables, which have been known to actually help fight cancer. Rose from Ypsilanti emails she has 10-year-old twins, one is overweight, one is not. The boy, who is overweight, seems to miss a lot of school. Is this common?

Actually Rose yes it is. A new study found obese elementary school children miss a couple more school days than their normal weight classmates. School officials found the more days of school children miss, the greater their chances for negative outcomes such as drugs and crime. Researchers believe the children may be skipping class not because of medical issues, but to avoid teasing. Our children are facing an obesity nightmare! Obesity rates have nearly quintupled among 6- to 11-year-olds and tripled among teens and children ages 2 to 5. Lack of exercise and poor nutrition are to blame.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

# Emergency response

## Flu shot clinics to test preparedness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

If this year's mass influenza immunizations are as successful as 2006, George Miller can rest a little easier knowing Oakland County is prepared for a public health emergency. As Health Officer for the Oakland County Health Division, Miller is responsible for testing Oakland's Modular Emergency Medical System to provide medications or immunizations for its 1.2 million residents in case of a pandemic, natural disaster or biological attack.

Miller is expecting more than 9,500 people to attend the fourth annual Community Flu Vaccination Clinics Saturday, Oct. 27, for ages six months and older.

"We hope people want to assist us because this is an exercise to make sure if this was a real event we can do it," said George Miller. "Over the years we learned we can expand and stretch our staff and still be effective. If there was an emergency we can meet CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) criteria, to put 1,000 an hour through vaccination clinics. If there is an emergency, the medical community will be taxed. We're blessed to have 14 hospitals but even 14 will be overloaded if there's a pandemic or if people are concerned they're infected or affected. We want to be able to assist with that. These are called dispensing sites for medicines or vaccinations whichever is available at that time."

Last year more than 9,500 people received flu shots over a period of five hours at seven sites in Oakland County. About 1/3 pre-registered online. The National Association of Counties was so impressed they recognized Oakland's system with an achievement award for the online registration program which cut waiting time to no more than five to

### MASS FLU SHOT CLINICS

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 27

Where: Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen; Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford; Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake Rd.; Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes; Lake Orion High School, 495 Scripps; James Giesler Middle School, 46720 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, and Older Person's Commission, 650 Letica Dr., Rochester (no walk-ins, pre-register only)

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eight minutes. The CDC and state of Michigan have both requested Oakland County's plan to use as a model program.

"Last year for the first time we did pre-registration that assigned people according to their ZIP codes and specific times of day. Because they followed instructions we had no bottlenecks or jam up. This year we will have two lines, preregistered and those who have to fill out the forms," said Miller. "We've been learning a lot through this process. We have a great partnership with people in the community."

Oakland County started working on the plan four years ago by offering a mass flu vaccination clinic at Summit Place Mall.

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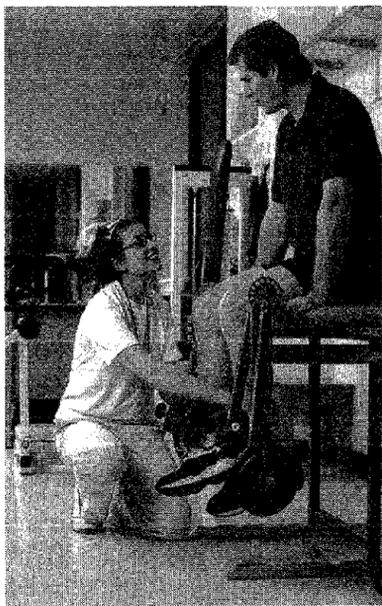


Once again this year, Oakland County residents can not only receive their flu shots quickly and inexpensively, but participate in an emergency preparedness exercise.



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Sunday, Sept. 9, at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Township. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with walk kick-off at 10 a.m. Presented by ALS of Michigan to raise funds for Michigan programs and services to benefit people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. For information and to register, call (800) 882-5764 or visit [www.alsomichigan.org](http://www.alsomichigan.org).

## Dawn Farm fund-raiser

1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Jamboree includes pony rides, moon bounce, farm animals to pet, entertainment for the family and tours of the 74-acre working farm. Live and silent auction. Admission is free. Funds raised through the auctions help Dawn Farm to provide care for recovering addicts and alcoholics who have no financial resources. For more information, call (734) 485-8725 or visit [www.dawnfarm.org](http://www.dawnfarm.org).

## CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meets Monday, Sept. 10 at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, just east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration begins at 7 p.m. with the program running 7:30-9 p.m. The Parent Group will have Janet Rosen PhD, an Educational Specialist giving Tips and Strategies for your AD/HD Child to be Successful in School. The Adult Group will have Philip Parker MD, psychiatrist, speaking on Medication Treatment for Adults with AD/HD: Back to the Future. Meetings free to members, \$5 donation per non-member family. For information visit [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527) or call (248) 988-6716.

## Fall prevention class

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, Safety City U.S.A. is offering its Senior Fall Prevention Program at 6 p.m. in Safety City U.S.A. in the Northwood Shopping Center, 30955 N. Woodward at 13 Mile. Fee for the class is \$7. It is the first in a series of four classes for seniors. The Sept. 11 program will be followed by Fire Prevention for Seniors on Oct. 9; Personal Protection, Nov. 13; and Decking the Halls Safely, Dec. 1. Each class is \$7. Special pricing is available for those interested in attending all four classes. Call (248) 551-0100 to register or for more information. Safety City U.S.A. is Michigan's first and only year-round nonprofit injury prevention center. Its programs are dedicated to instructing children, teens, adults and seniors in safety education. Safety City U.S.A. is a collaboration of Beaumont Hospital and the Royal Oak Fire and Police departments.

## Educational classes

The Alliance for the Mentally III begins the fall Families in Action 10-week series of educational classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, for family members in the tri-county area whose loved one is experiencing some form of mental illness, at St. Regis parish center in Bloomfield Hills. The cost for 10-sessions is \$20 per person, \$30 per couple, includes a workbook. Since space is limited, call (248) 348-7196 for program and registration information, or register on the AMI web site at [www.ami.oakland.org](http://www.ami.oakland.org).

## Diabetes presentation

Take care of your feet and they will last a lifetime presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital podiatrist, Peter Galea, DPM. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, however all are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members at no charge. Pre-registration not required.

## Treating thyroid disorders naturally

7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, with Dr. William Karl, D.C., at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive on south side of Five Mile, between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Seating limited. For reservation, call (734) 425-8588.

## Diabetes expo

Presented by the American Diabetes Association 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Rock Financial Showplace (Novi). The event features speakers discussing the latest diabetes treatments, healthy cooking demonstrations and exercise sessions. Free health screenings available. A special Youth Zone provides interactive games for the children. No charge. Free parking. Pre-register at [www.diabetes.org/detroitexpo](http://www.diabetes.org/detroitexpo). For more information, call 1-888-DIABETES, ext. 6697.

## Celebrate Life

A 5k run/walk Saturday, Sept. 15, to raise money St. Mary Mercy Hospital cancer patients who are uninsured or underinsured, begins at 9 a.m. (7-8:30 a.m. registration) on hospital grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Volunteers needed on race day. Call Carlos Junca at (734) 655-1402 to volunteer or for more information. Register online to participate in the race at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on Celebrate Life. Fee is \$20 on or before Sept. 7, \$25 after or on race day.

## What to do when a child is injured at school

Now that kids are back in school, where much of their exercise and play time will be restricted to physical education classes, organized sports and the playground, parents sometimes presume these are safe activities. Still, kids will be kids, and try as we might, parents can't always prevent and protect them against every potential mishap.

So, what does one do when a child is injured at school? How can one tell the difference between a simple scrape or bump on the head and something much more serious?

To help prepare for and respond to medical emergencies among school children, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is partnering with Safety4Kids, producers of public television's Emmy-award-winning SeeMore's Playhouse, to launch a campaign aimed at improving children's health and safety - at school and at home. As part of this effort, ACEP is sending educational materials to elementary schools for distribution to teachers and parents.

"More than 200,000 kids under age 14 visit the emergency department every year for playground injuries alone," said ACEP President Brian Keaton, MD. "In addition, approxi-

mately 135,000, or 65 percent, of sports-and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries treated in emergency departments each year involve youngsters ages 5 to 18. As emergency physicians who treat these injuries, we recognize how important it is to know the warning signs of serious bodily, and especially brain, injury in school settings. That's why we are making ACEP's When Your Child Has an Emergency" brochure available to schools, teachers and the public."

To help educate children and ease their fears with regard to emergency medical situations, the producers of Seemore's Playhouse plan to air an episode on the topic in the spring of 2008. The episode, "9-1-1: ER Visits," features a character from the show being taken by ambulance to the emergency room where he receives the treatment he needs from friendly, caring doctors and nurses.

According to the ACEP childhood emergency guide, the warning signs of potential traumatic brain injury or other medical emergency can include:

- Confusion, delirium, severe headache, unconsciousness or vomiting, especially following a head injury
- Strange or withdrawn behavior or

any significant change from normal behavior

- Abnormal or difficult breathing, inability to stand up or unsteady walking, decreasing responsiveness or alertness

- Excessive sleepiness, irritability, skin or lips that look purple or blue (gray for darker-skinned children)

- Uncontrolled bleeding, increasing or severe, persistent pain, severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea

If a child is exhibiting any warning signs of a medical emergency, it is important to remain calm and seek professional medical help.

Alert the school nurse, if one is available, and dial 9-1-1 if immediate help is needed. If the child has stopped breathing and you or someone nearby knows how to perform rescue breathing or CPR, start employing this medical technique immediately.

If the child needs first aid and you or another adult on the scene know the techniques involved in stopping serious bleeding, managing shock, handling fractures or performing basic choking rescue procedures, begin employing them.

In the event of a seizure, place the child on a carpeted floor with his or her

head turned sideways, and stay there until help arrives. To ensure better preparedness for emergency situations, ACEP recommends taking a first-aid class and learning CPR. Such courses are typically available through local American Red Cross and American Heart Association chapters.

For details on how to prevent and prepare for potential childhood injuries, or for a copy of ACEP's When Your Child Has an Emergency brochure, see [www.acep.org/NR/rdonlyres/5EA90578-52C3-462B-8468-72371AC7AB3B/0/brochChildHasEmerg.pdf](http://www.acep.org/NR/rdonlyres/5EA90578-52C3-462B-8468-72371AC7AB3B/0/brochChildHasEmerg.pdf). The brochure also includes the symptoms of illness in children.

However, that not all the warning indicators of a medical emergency are included, and that some children may have previous medical problems, the signs and symptoms of which may require additional monitoring.

To access a new tool kit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) titled "Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports," see [www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports](http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports). For details regarding concussions, traumatic brain injury and injuries in general, see the CDC's Injury Center Web site at [www.cdc.gov/injury](http://www.cdc.gov/injury).

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"We decided to expand capacity. With 1.2 million people you need to expand without jeopardizing quality of care," said Miller. "We're trying to demonstrate that public health is ready if something like a pandemic can occur. We don't want to practice this during the event."

In case of an anthrax or other biological attack, a Head of Household program was developed to administer medication. Originally, Oakland County was to use postal employees to deliver medication accompanied by two police officers. School districts were also considered as dispensing sites but that would reach less than half of the population.

"We would ask one to come and pick up as much medicine for family members as they need," said Miller. "It's a lot less traffic, congestion. We would put out through media we would be opening dispensing sites and a head of household would come in and collect medication because there is a large population base. With anthrax your time frame of getting medica-

tion to people is at best 48 hours before the morbidity and mortality rate begins to increase.

This is really an exercise. With anthrax you wouldn't be handing out shots, but medication."

According to Dennis Niemiec, Wayne County is preparing for an emergency by holding an exercise that's going to simulate a biological attack on an as yet to be determined day during the week of Oct. 23-27.

The CDC has selected Detroit as one of 72 major cities and metropolitan areas in the U.S. to lead a pilot program called the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) to prepare to effectively respond to a large scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to their entire population within 48 hours.

"It will be done in conjunction with the National Disaster Medical System. The public won't be aware of anything. It's a simulated exercise to prepare in case of a biological attack," said Niemiec, Wayne County spokesperson. "It's a joint effort with the health department, hospitals, local agencies such as police, and Wayne Homeland Security Department."

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## Vision problems affect students' ability to learn

As children begin the new school year, Michigan Optometric Association optometrists recommend comprehensive eye exams for all students, especially those entering preschool and kindergarten, as a vision problem may inhibit their ability to learn and negatively affect their quality-of-life.

According to a survey commissioned by the American Optometric Association (AOA), 44 percent of parents don't realize behavior problems in school can be an indication that a child's vision is impaired. Additionally, children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having a learning disorder. Because of these compelling statistics, MOA optometrists are calling for all children to get an eye exam before school starts.

"Children are especially at risk from undiagnosed vision problems because they are often unaware of what normal vision should be. The visual requirements of today's classrooms are more demanding than in past years and children who struggle to see often assume they are academically deficient in reading or writing or simply lack the ability to concentrate," said Dr. Mark Swan, MOA president. "Most of the time, the visual conditions that cause these problems are subtle or come and go throughout the course of the day. The student can overcome the condition for a short time with extra effort, however, over time, their visual system tires and they begin to struggle and become frustrated."

Children entering preschool or kindergarten benefit the most from comprehensive eye exams though they rarely receive them early enough. Currently, only 14 percent of children under age six have received a comprehensive eye exam, according to the U.S. Center for Health Statistics. Vision impairments in children of this age can be detected through an eye exam and are typically easy to correct when diagnosed early.

An eye exam will help correct common vision problems such as nearsightedness and farsightedness as well as more serious conditions such as amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye. Amblyopia affects about 5 percent of children nationwide.

The condition is completely treatable and preventable if detected within the first few years of life. The lack of early eye care has allowed amblyopia to escape detection and it remains the leading cause of blindness in Americans under 40.

"There are proven methods for eye exams on young children that can be done efficiently and effectively," said Swan. "The back-to-school season is an ideal time for parents to take their child to an optometrist for a comprehensive exam. I can't stress the importance enough especially since so much of what children learn is obtained through their eyes."

To locate a Michigan Optometric Association optometrist in your area, visit [www.themoa.org](http://www.themoa.org).

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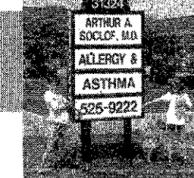
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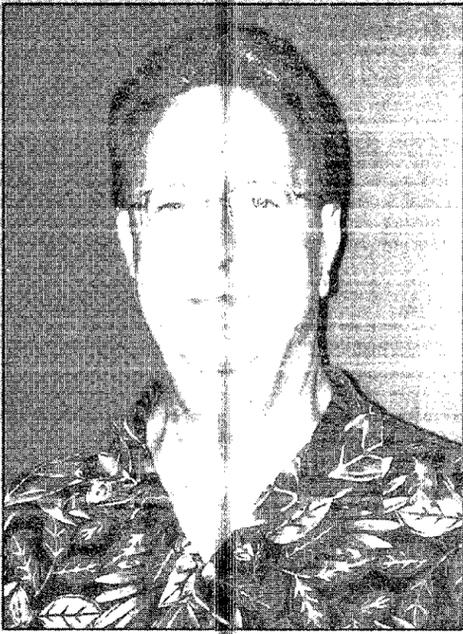
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