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OUR VIEWS

Our endorsements

On Tuesday, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Westland portion of the Livonia Public Schools will go to the polls to positions on their respective boards of education.

School board trustees are elected by residents and represent their interests and those of students in overseeing the school districts.

Wayne-Westland

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 10 people are campaigning for two four-year terms and the remaining year of a four-year term. We believe residents should re-elect Ed Turner and Shawna Walker to the two four-year terms and John Goci to the one-year term.

Turner is completing his 12th year of service and continues to follow the priorities he set forth the first time he ran — students first, parents second and teachers and administrators third. He is well-versed in the district and has the experience needed to guide Wayne-Westland through these troubled times.

Walker was appointed to board last August and has proven to be a quick study. She brings diversity to the school board and is committed to doing what's best for the students and the district. We also applaud her effort to get her Michigan Association of School Boards certification in just eight months.

We endorse Goci for the one-year term. We believe he can be a link between the district and business community and he has many ideas to help raise money for the district. While he sees the one-year term as an opportunity to make a difference, we hope he will commit to a full term next year and not use the seat as a stepping stone to city government.

Livonia Public Schools

Two four-year terms will be filled in Tuesday's election in the Livonia Public Schools. In looking at the three candidates, we believe newcomers Colleen Burton and Roger Spence can offer a fresh perspective and are what's needed in these challenging times.

Both Burton and Spence aren't afraid questioning board decisions and have done so in the past. They also have creative ideas for how to solve some of the school district's problems.

They are creative in their thinking, something that can help the district navigate these difficult times. Burton has ideas to solve problems like the feeling of social isolation reported by children moving from the district's K-4 schools to its larger 5-6 buildings. Spence suggests having students brainstorm ways the district can save on energy costs as part of a class project before spending money on an outside company to do an energy audit of the district.

While we believe Burton and Spence will have a learning curve if elected to the board, we also believe it won't take long for them to get up to speed, if elected to the school board.

We also urge people to take the time to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 5. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City launches Norwayne rehab project

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An ambitious, new plan to spruce up the Norwayne subdivision is expected to start showing results this summer as city officials move ahead with a first-phase, rental-rehabilitation effort.

Westland will begin spending \$515,000 of a larger, \$2.1 million federal grant to provide matching dollars for select developers that invest in the Norwayne area, roughly bounded by Palmer,

Glenwood, Wildwood and Merriman.

The first phase is expected to result in 25 to 30 rental units — either foreclosed, vacant or blighted — being fixed up and readied for low-income families, said Joanne Inglis, city housing and community development director.

"If a developer fixes up an apartment, duplex or house, we believe that will encourage other developers to work on the same street," Inglis said.

The city plans to commit the \$515,000 within 18 months, and potential developers are urged to attend an informational meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, located in the heart of Norwayne.

Developers who can't make the meeting still may submit project proposals, and informational packets are available at the Dorsey Center, on Dorsey east of Venoy, or by calling (734) 595-0288, Ext. 221.

Mayor William Wild said the rental-rehabilitation program marks a continuation of other efforts to spruce up Norwayne, a long-struggling, World War II-era neighborhood hard hit by foreclosures and abandoned properties.

"It's a continuation of our plans to try to revitalize this neighborhood," he said.

The program is a winning situation for all involved, officials said. City and developers split the

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Volunteers find purpose in helping others

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Closing in on her 84th birthday in June, Westland resident Eleanor Walsh has learned it's never too late to teach her daughter a thing or two.

Walsh and her 66-year-old daughter, Eleanor Addison, share more than the first seven letters of their first name. They share a love of volunteering their time at Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center, and they also help distribute food to low-income people at the city's Dorsey Community Center and the Salvation Army.

"It gets me out, and it's something I want to do," Walsh said.

Like mother, like daughter. "I feel a lot better about myself because I really feel like I'm helping somebody," Addison said.

They were among 160 seniors who gathered Wednesday for a volunteer recognition luncheon inside the Friendship Center,



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Eleanor Addison (left) and many other senior citizen volunteers arrive for a luncheon in their honor Wednesday at the city's Friendship Center. Greeting Addison is senior Director Barbara Schimmel Marcum.

Detroit man pleads guilty to drug thefts

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man is facing more than six years in prison for brandishing a pistol and robbing a Westland pharmacy of more than 7,000 doses of prescription drugs.

Michael Henry Guerin, 53, is scheduled for a May 13 sentencing in Wayne County Circuit Court after he pleaded guilty Tuesday to armed robbery, felony firearm and three felony drug charges.

Guerin seized thousands of doses of OxyContin, Ritalin and morphine from the Rite Aid pharmacy at Ford and Wayne roads

shortly after 10:30 p.m. Oct. 16, police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said. No shots were fired.

Under the terms of a plea agreement, Guerin is to receive 51 months in prison for the robbery and drug charges, plus an additional two years for the felony firearm count. His formal sentencing has been set for May 13 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Deborah Thomas.

"We're happy with the case being solved, we're happy with a conviction, and we're happy that he's going to prison," said police Lt. Dan Karrick, who is in charge of the Westland detective bureau.

Moreover, Karrick commended

an investigation, spearheaded by Borisch, that led to an arrest in a case that nearly went unsolved.

"It was through his tenacity that the case got solved," Karrick said. "It was a good job by him."

Guerin was charged in January, three months after the robbery occurred. Police obtained and released a suspect photo to the media and received a tip. Borisch's subsequent investigation helped lead the multi-agency Metro Street Enforcement Team to Guerin's home, where a search warrant was executed.

Police seized some of the prescription drugs, while others already had been sold, Borisch

said.

Guerin had been ordered in January to stand trial during a preliminary hearing in front of Westland 18th District Judge Mark McConnell, who at that time continued a \$5 million cash bond that had been set earlier by now-retired Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Bokos had set a high bond, saying he considered Guerin a threat to the community because of the drugs he was accused of seizing during the Rite Aid robbery. Guerin also was considered a habitual offender.

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Westland man faces trial on theft charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland man will face trial on charges he seized money from two local businesses before he was captured by police officers who accused him of fleeing from a third, vacant store.

Michael Scott Herndon, 47, is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Mark McConnell — a move that averted pretrial testimony.

Herndon is accused of robbing an ACO Hardware store, grabbing money from a Dunkin' Donuts cash register and breaking into a now-closed Dollar Palace — all on the city's south side.

Herndon, charged as a

fourth-degree habitual offender, remains jailed with a \$1 million cash bond as he now awaits the outcome of his case in circuit court.

Westland police Sgt. Todd Adams has said that an investigation led to charges against Herndon for three incidents.

The first occurred around 7:30 p.m. April 9 at the ACO Hardware store at Wayne and Glenwood. Herndon is accused of bringing candy to the cash register, shoving a worker when the drawer was opened and taking money from the drawer. He is charged with unarmed robbery for that incident.

The second incident happened about 3 a.m. April 13 at the Dunkin' Donuts on Wayne north of Palmer. Herndon is accused of a felony larceny charge amid allegations he

demanded money from an employee, learned across the counter and seized money from the cash register, Adams has said.

The last incident happened around 2:10 a.m. April 20 at the former Dollar Palace on Wayne near Glenwood. A witness called police about a break-in, and Herndon is accused of being caught by officers as he was trying to climb over a brick wall behind the building, Adams said.

The most serious charge against Herndon is unarmed robbery, which carries penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison. However, he could face a lengthier sentence, if convicted, because he has been charged as a habitual offender.

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Being American is 'best thing' in his life

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Umid Ali remembers the day Saddam Hussein attacked his home city in Iraq.

"March 16, 1998, he attacked my city," said Dearborn resident Ali, who owns the Toarmina's pizza franchise operations in Romulus and Taylor.

Ali, who is married with one daughter, came to the U.S. in 1996. A Kurd from northern Iraq originally,

he recently spoke to the Westland Rotary.

"I am very, very happy I'm an American citizen," he said, kissing the American flag to prove his point. "That's the best thing in my life."

He had material comforts in Iraq, being from a comfortable family, but is glad to be an American.

"The day I came to this country I got freedom," said Ali, describing the hard work his business has demanded. He trained as a physical edu-

cation teacher and taught in his homeland.

Ali showed Rotarians and guests his map of Iraq, with Iran to the east and Turkey to the north. Northern Iraq residents are heavily Kurdish, he said, and mostly Muslim.

"I never asked anyone what's your religion?" said Ali, who counts a Chaldean Christian among his good friends.

The Sunni people in the middle of Iraq were removed from their jobs in 2003, he

said, with men becoming vulnerable to terrorist offers.

"You can't stay at home in case you don't have food," he said.

He appreciates the U.S. role in his country.

"All my life I don't forget that. Not just me, every single Iraqi. President Bush, he do right decision," he said.

Ali said his city was attacked by chemicals under Saddam Hussein's orders, with 5,000 people killed and many injured.

"I see my family after one year," said Ali, who was single at the time. He's now able to call his mother in the Middle East daily.

He noted Kurdish soldiers now fight side by side with U.S. troops, and added that Islam does not equate killing as part of the Koran's teachings. Ali appreciates the U.S. role in removing Saddam Hussein, saying he had nuclear and chemical weapons.

Ali was invited to speak by his boss Lou Toarmina of

Westland, past president of the club.

"He has as much integrity, and one of the best values, family values and principles," Toarmina said. "And he's a hard worker."

Toarmina told of a competitor of Ali's who removed his pizza fliers, hurting his business from Metro Airport hotels. Ali's response was "I believe in God and God will take care of things. That's a good guy," Toarmina said. "He has so much faith."

AROUND WESTLAND

Poppy sales

Members of the Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland will hold its poppy sales Friday through Sunday, May 8-10. Money raised from the sale will benefit veterans in need.

The post, located at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, also has several events planned for May. Up first is a old a Corn hole Tournament at 8 p.m. Friday, May 15 (sign-up will be 7:30-7:55 p.m.), and a trivia tournament at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).

And it will hold its last Military Breakfast until fall 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 17. The cost \$5 for adults. The breakfast is open to the public. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454 or visit its Web site at www.vfw6896.com.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will sponsor a plant exchange and garden item sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. The public is invited.

For more information, call Maureen Davidson at (734) 728-1232 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

Garage sale

The Westland Community

Garage Sale is back. Browse

an eclectic mix of items including clothing, books, knickknacks, and more 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the parking lot west of Westland City Hall on Ford. The event is sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland Youth Assistance Program. For more information, call the recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

Open House

McKinley Co-op Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday May 16, in Good Shepherd Church, 6500 Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. The preschool is now enrolling 2-5 year-olds for fall 2009-2010 school year. McKinley Co-op offers morning and afternoon sessions in a fun and comfortable learning environment, affordable tuition and a teacher with more than 25 years experience. For more information, go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org or call (734) 729-7222.

Golf outing

Join Mayor William Wild and his Wild's Walkers as they tee up to support the American Cancer Society on Saturday, May 16. The Wild's Walkers are holding a golf outing at the Westland Municipal Golf Course. The

event is \$30 and includes lunch and golf. Tee times begin at 10 a.m., and golfers may schedule a tee time of their choice by calling (734) 721-6660. The Westland Municipal Golf Course is at 500 Merriman, just south of Cherry Hill.

Food pickup

Westland residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their surplus food commodities on 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 11, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call the church at (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers can collect their food at Taylor Towers and must contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

The May distribution will include a frozen 4-ounce can of orange juice, UHT shelf milk (if available), rice cereal, green beans, sliced potatoes, vegetable soup, and possible additional items.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services which determines food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution. For more information, the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Relay fund-raiser

Jazzercise of Wayne is holding a Boot Camp 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The event will be held at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. The specialty class is for all fitness levels and is open to the public. There will be multiple stations with personal trainers to assist participants through a variety of workouts to train the whole body. Workouts will include strength training using hand-held weights, resistance bands and resistance balls. Everything needed for class will be provided. The cost is a \$10 donation and all proceeds will benefit American Cancer Society. For more information, call Kim Parrish, certified Jazzercise instructor, at (734) 904-4181 or send an e-mail at waynejazz@yahoo.com.

Golf outing

The Westland Rotary will hold its annual golf outing Thursday, May 21, at the Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The four-person scramble will have an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Registration is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army summer camp and Westland Rotary charities.

Cost is \$125 for an individual golfer, \$450 for a foursome and \$500 for The "Eagle" which includes a foursome and birdie hole spon-

sorship. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and beverages at the turn, beer and pop on the course for \$1 each, balls, tees and other goodies, door prizes, dinner and dessert with open bar. There also will be a skins game, closest to the pin, longest drive for men and women, hole in one contest and other tests for skill and fun.

For more information, call Mary Yellardita or Dick Isham at (734) 729-5401 or Joseph Tseng at (734) 525-7636.

Preschool signups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Prison families

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at hope4healing@rocketmail.com. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and

a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones.

Caregiver Support meetings offer valuable information and assistance to individuals caring for a loved one. They're held from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland.

Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options are available. The morning group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of the month, while the evening group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

For more information on dates and times, or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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costs of fixing up rental units, the companies make money from rental revenues, and low-income families get new homes they can afford.

The project, made possible by federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant dollars, will include later phases of buying and demolishing buildings that can't be fixed and then redeveloping the land, Inglis said. City leaders will have to work closely with state historical officials because Norwayne, built for World War II factory workers and returning soldiers, is considered historically significant, Inglis said.

As the first phase begins, she said, developers will submit project proposals, and city employees will inspect each unit for asbestos and lead-paint removal, as well as rehabilitation requirements.

Each project will have to be approved by the Westland Rehabilitation Review Board, and every unit that benefits from the rental program will have to be rented to low-income families for at least five years. Moreover, rental rates cannot exceed the fair market rent limitations.

Wild said the city already has made some strides to spruce up Norwayne homes, and the city also has been organizing neighborhood cleanup efforts once a year to haul out debris and items that residents want to toss from their residences.

"We've already had some success stories," he said.

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Motorcyclist injured in collision

A 61-year-old Westland man was airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital after his motorcycle collided with a pickup truck Friday afternoon on Newburgh south of Joy, police said.

The motorcyclist was traveling south on Newburgh when a northbound pickup truck, driven by a 53-year-old Garden City resident, apparently turned in front of him, Westland Deputy Police Chief Mark Engstrom said.

The pickup driver was making a left turn into Fountain Park Circle Apartments when the truck and the motorcycle collided about 12:30 p.m., Engstrom said.

The investigation was continuing Friday afternoon.

VOLUNTEERS

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on Newburgh north of Marquette.

Senior Resources Director Barbara Schimmel Marcum said that, in all, she has nearly 200 volunteers who help her and her employees. Some deliver meals to seniors who can't leave their homes. Others crochet blankets and clothing for premature babies in hospitals. Some clip money-saving coupons and send them to military families. Still others assist with Friendship Center social activities like monthly pancake breakfasts and card games.

"I couldn't do my job without them," Schimmel Marcum said. "As far as I'm concerned, volunteers are the backbone of the Friendship Center, the community and the entire country."

Walsh and Addison help with the pancake breakfasts. Walsh also serves as treasurer of the senior advisory council, and Addison



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Senior volunteer Eleanore Walsh, who volunteers as she approaches age 84, came to a special luncheon with her daughter Eleanor, who also helps out at the city's senior center.

takes notes and compiles reports about the council's activities.

Walsh has been a community volunteer for 17 years. She brought her daughter into the fold a decade ago.

Lisa Mitchell helps coordinate senior volunteers for activities like the pancake

breakfasts, the American Cancer Society's local Relay for Life events, and the Friendship Center's annual picnic and holiday banquets.

"Volunteers are special people," Mitchell said. "It has come from the heart."

It's good for their health, too. Schimmel Marcum said

studies show that volunteering can reduce anxiety, boost self-esteem, improve mental and physical health, and even speed up recovery from surgeries and other medical

procedures.

The Friendship Center offers a wide array of programs, and it houses amenities like an exercise room, a computer lab, a billiards room and a small conference room. It's a place where many seniors have gone for years to meet up with friends and make new ones.

By becoming volunteers, many seniors also have found that they share a special bond.

"I get to know the volunteers personally, and I get a beautiful feeling from it," Mitchell said. "It gets them out of the house, and it makes them feel useful. The volunteers are wonderful people."

For more information about the Friendship Center and the programs it offers, call (734) 722-7632 or visit the city's Web site at www.cityofwestland.com and click on the Senior Resources link.

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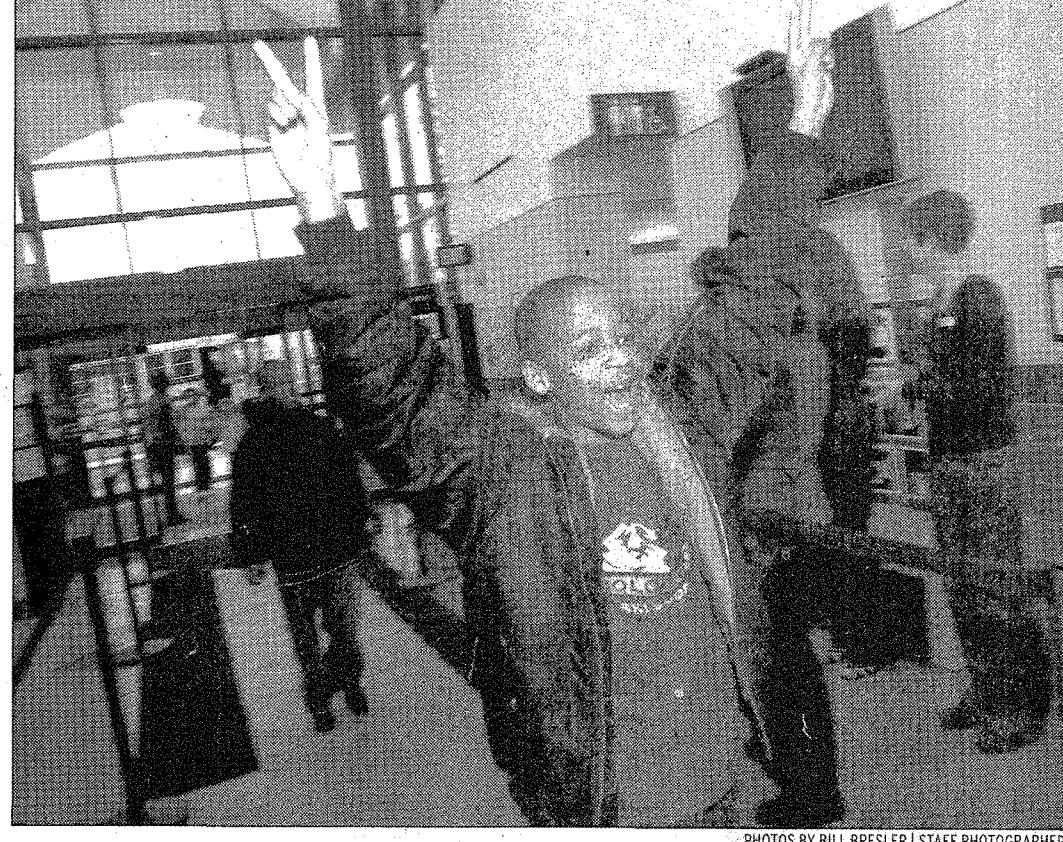
Their limousine was a yellow school bus and their red carpet paper, but that didn't matter to Westland's latest "rock stars" who rubbed elbows with their fans at a CD release party at the William P. Faust Public Library early Thursday evening.

Angelo Zeigler raised his arms in the air and broke into a big smile at the sound of applause that greeted the Lincoln Elementary School students and their families who were ferried to the library to celebrate the release of a benefit CD, *Animals Need Respect*, featuring songs written and performed by them.

"It was kind of hard, I've never done anything like this before," said Catera Wilson, who helped write the title track, *Animals Need Respect*. "It made me think that I might like to be a singer some day."

The youngsters are participants in the Bright Futures Afterschool Program at Lincoln that helps students develop new skills, explore the arts and technology and improve in reading, writing and math. The program is a partnership with Eastern Michigan University and is funded through a \$750,000 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant from the Michigan Department of Education. It's available at three schools in Wayne-Westland - Adams Middle School, Jefferson Barnes Elementary and Lincoln.

Working with the Community Records Foundation in 10-week sessions, seven groups of students picked a social justice cause and wrote the words to a song. They also came up with the music, using different loops and beats, said Jesse



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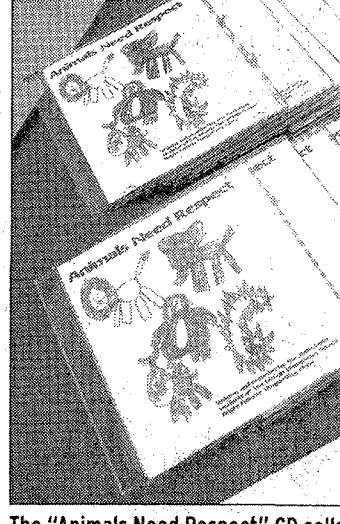
Angelo Zeigler acts like a rock star as he walks down the red carpet to the "Animals Need Respect" CD release party at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Morgan, Community Records Foundation executive director.

"I'm really proud of what these kids have done," Morgan said. "When we started this foundation we wanted to connect kids with charities through music and they did it with this."

CRF has produced 250 CDs that are selling for \$6 each on its Web site, www.crfoundation.net. All of the proceeds will go to the Belleville-based Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, a no-kill animal shelter.

The party was held after hours at the library and featured activities in different areas of the building. In one room, youngsters could hold some of the puppies and kit-



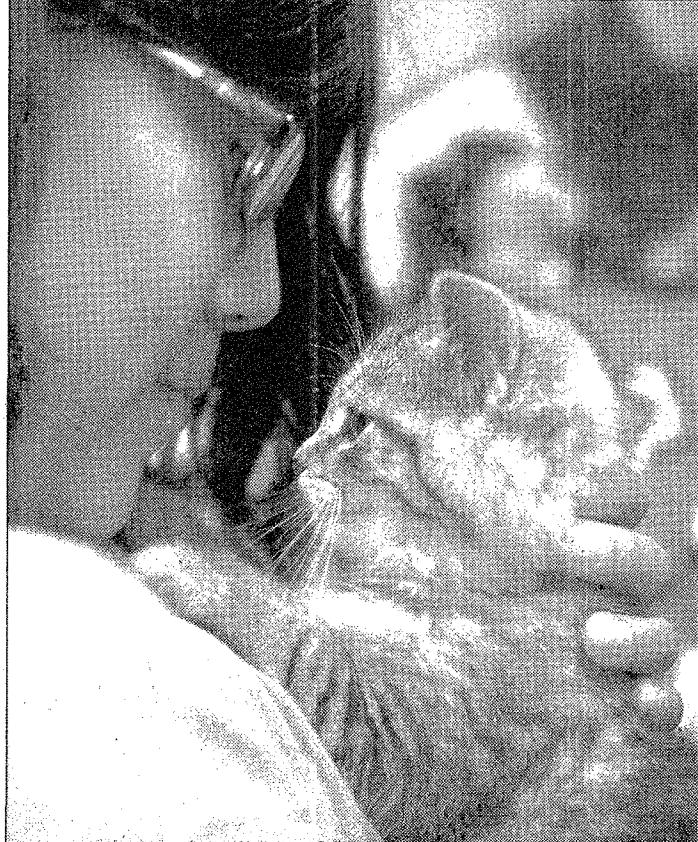
The "Animals Need Respect" CD sells for \$5 each.

tens that FMAR has rescued. In another area they worked on posters to promote sale of the CDs to classmates at Lincoln and make picture frames for family photos that were being taken in the Faust area.

Sara Bliss, Bright Futures sight coordinator at Lincoln, had praise for Library director's Cheryl Napsa's staff in helping with the event.

"The amazing library staff help put this together," she said. "And the students made the most rockin' CD."

Kimberly Hendrickson, worked on the CD as a fifth-grader at Lincoln. Now a sixth-grader at Adams Middle School, she admitted that it feels good



Naomi Tevino, 10, holds one of the kittens that Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue brought to the CD release party.

to be "famous." She worked on the song, *I Look Out My Window*.

"It's about a girl who looks out her window and sees a boy," she said. "I played the drums in the song. We recorded it in 2008."

Her father Lee Asher hears it all the time.

"He's got it as the ring tone on his phone," said her mother Deborah Curn. "I liked it when I first heard it. He did too."

Phinikquar Holland worked on the song, *Flowers and Rainbows*. The group effort was kind of easy, she said.

"We had the group write different parts of the lyrics and put them together," she said. Then we had someone say the lines

while we listened to music to see what it sounded like."

In the library's lobby, a table was set up where students took turns signing CDs for eager fans. The CD goes on sale tomorrow on the Community Record Foundation Web site.

Morgan said there's plans to present "one of those big checks" to FMAR when the sale is over.

"It warms our hearts to see our next generation so passionate about animal welfare," said Marcy LaFramboise, vice-president and co-owner of FMAR. "We hope this is the beginning of something wonderful for both our kids and our animals."

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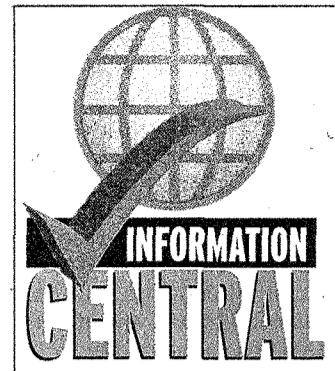
Tutoring and the library

As the school year enters its stretch run, many students are being overwhelmed with their class assignments. As a result, many parents also become overwhelmed with trying to help their children not only get good grades but understanding the subject matter themselves. Since many parents just aren't versed in every grade-level subject matter, they may want to turn to someone who may be more familiar with the material - tutors.

The first stop should always be with the student's school personnel. Teachers, principals and counselors should be able to guide parents to possible tutors familiar with the school's curriculum.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can also help frustrated parents and students. The library now has two reference databases that can help with studying. Learning Express Library offers practice test and skill improvement exercises for elementary, middle and high school students as well as college prep and college-level courses.

The newest addition to the



library's database collection is Live Homework Help, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com. Students from kindergarten to 12th-grade, introductory-level college courses and adult learners can get on-demand, free help from qualified tutors.

All a student needs to do is click on the Live Homework Help link and enter the grade level and subject they need help in. In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-to-one help in math, science,

social studies and English. Students can ask for help for specific homework questions as well as help understanding subject-specific concepts. All tutors have been certified by Tutor.com and have completed specific company standards and background checks. New this summer will be a special feature for job skills, such as interviewing techniques and resume writing.

All databases can be accessed from either the library or home. All you need is a library card. If you need any assistance, call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the Reference Desk.

The library also has books for people who are looking for information on tutoring. Jeanne S. Schumm's "Reading Tutor's Handbook," Mary Kay Linge's "Reading Tutor," James Mendelsohn's "A Parent's Guide to Tutors and Tutoring" and Edward B. Fry's "How to Teach Reading for Teachers, Parents, and Tutors" are all titles you might want to check out.

The William P. Faust Public Library

of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Author Visit: Charles Avison at 7 p.m. May 6

Meet Charles Avison, author of "Detroit City of Champions." A Detroit-area native, he will discuss his book, a chronicle documenting Detroit sports history during the year 1935 when all three Detroit pro sports teams won their championships. Books will be available for purchase, and a book signing will follow. Sign up at the Reference Desk to reserve your seat.

District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. May

11, Faust Area

Join State Sen. Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for monthly district coffee hour. The library opens an hour early on these days for you to ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

Fireside Chat:

6 p.m. May 11

Join State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for an informal "Fireside Chat." They invite all Westland residents to join them in the Faust Area where you can express your concerns about issues that matter most to you. They will update you with news from the state and the county.

ReferenceUSA Job Searching: 7 p.m. May 11

ReferenceUSA representative Dan Greco will explain the basics of utilizing this resource as a job searching tool. After the presentation, he will be available to answer questions about making your job search as painless as possible.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Information Central was compiled by Susan Hanson, reference librarian. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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Roth IRAs offer substantial advantages

Q: Dear Rick: I have some money sitting in a retirement account from my old job. I now have new employment and the company offers a matching 401(k) plan. Should I contribute to my employer's 401(k) plan and also roll over the other money into a Roth IRA or a regular IRA? If so, which investment company do you suggest using for the rollover? I have a wife and one child. Please help me get on the right track.

A: Congratulations on your new job. It is great that your



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

new company offers a 401(k) plan and even better it offers a matching program. Take advantage of this opportunity. After all, the company match is like "found" money.

In addition, despite what has happened over the last year or so, the 401(k) plan is still a very good investment vehicle to save for retirement.

One opportunity you should explore with regards to your 401(k) plan is a Roth option. Many 401(k) plans allow you to invest post-tax money into a Roth 401(k) plan. The advantages of a Roth are substantial. The growth in a Roth is not tax-deferred. It is tax-free. When you withdraw money from your Roth, there will be no income tax due on the money. All the income from the investment and the money invested is tax-free.

On the other hand, when you withdraw money from your traditional 401(k) plan, all money withdrawn is subject to ordinary income taxes.

In addition, the Roth 401(k) is not subject to required minimum distributions as is the traditional 401(k) plan is. The benefit of this is at age 70½ you are not required to begin taking any distributions from your Roth 401(k). In fact, you are never required to withdraw money from your Roth 401(k). Although the benefits of a Roth are substantial, there is one downside. In a traditional

401(k) you invest pre-taxed money while in a Roth 401(k) you invest post-tax money. The result is you pay more short-term taxes while receiving substantial long-term tax savings.

I recommend you transfer the money in your previous employer's 401(k) plan into an IRA. There are many good investment companies including Vanguard, Charles Schwab & Co., and Fidelity Investments. These are three of the larger custodians that offer a variety of assistance and the opportunity to invest commission-free.

If you decide to use an investment adviser, make sure you use an adviser vs. a salesperson. Too many in the financial world are only concerned with selling products where they can make substantial fees, such as in variable annuities. If you use a professional investment adviser, I recommend a fee-only one who charges for their services, but has no financial incentive in the products you invest.

I believe when there are com-

missions, there are conflicts of interest and those can lead to sub-par investments.

As to using a Roth IRA or a traditional IRA, the first issue is whether you meet the requirements by law. In order to do a Roth conversion in 2009, your adjusted gross income for 2009 has to be less than \$100,000. If you are over the \$100,000 mark, you are not eligible this year. However, you should be eligible in 2010 when the tax law changes.

If your income is less than \$100,000 then my general rules for conversion are as follows:

1. You must have other cash available, without touching the money being converted, to pay the income tax liability. When you convert money into a Roth IRA, you must pay taxes on the money that you are converting. This money is always subject to tax. However, by converting the money you are paying the tax ahead of time.

2. You can invest the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

3. By converting the money

it will not throw you into a higher tax bracket. If so, convert just a portion of the money. With the market so low, it is an excellent opportunity for people to consider converting into a Roth IRA. After all, you are paying taxes on a smaller amount of money. As the market recovers, which it will, all your gains will be in your Roth IRA, totally income-tax free.

In the great majority of cases I recommend taking your money with you when you leave a company. By directly transferring the money into an IRA you are not subject to changes within the company's plan and are therefore in total control of your money.

As far as I am concerned, an investor should always be in control of his or her money.

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gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

In addition to her weekend role, Centofanti is also the Fox

2 Health Works editor. She joined WJBK FOX 2 in April 1997.

Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005.

Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year.

"I love my time with my TV family Deena and Justin

(Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with his daughter, 6.

When not working weekends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jay & Bill show.

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"I know I speak on behalf of all of our staff and those we serve when I say how grateful I am for the volunteers who give their time and talents to Angela Hospice," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "I am always amazed when the hours are tallied up, to realize how much they give to our mission. Some volunteers have been with us more than 20 years."

The hospice took the opportunity to say "Thank You" during National Volunteer Week. The Hawthorne

Valley Country Club in Westland hosted a dinner and awards ceremony for Angela Hospice's volunteers April 21, where awards were presented to volunteers who had reached milestones for each five years or 500 hours of service. Ninety-one volunteers received pins for these achievements. Westland residents who were recognized included Joanne Harshman, 1,500 hours; Jim Keller, five years; Carol Knoblock, 1,000 hours; Jane Neu, 4,000 hours; Gena Wasko, 500 hours, and Shirley Wells, five years.

"The loving kindness, care and generosity demonstrated by our volunteers is profound," said Donna Kolodick, volunteer and spiritual care manager for Angela Hospice. "I am truly privileged to work with this fine group of individuals."

In total, volunteers contribute 35,000 hours each year to the programs of Angela Hospice. For more information or to apply as a volunteer at Angela Hospice, visit its Web site at www.angelahospice.org, or contact Donna Kolodick at (734) 953-6024.



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Jane Neu (second from left) was honored for 4,000 hours of service as an Angela Hospice volunteer. She is pictured with hospice executive director Mary Beth Moning, volunteer coordinator Lisa Delgado, fellow volunteer Marie Beagan of Plymouth, and volunteer coordinator Syndie Best.

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Elite dance studio

At the recent KAR Dance Competition in Walled Lake, Canton's planetdance received the most points and earned the "Top Elite Studio" award. Hundred of dancers from across the area attended the event. The studio was also awarded several overall achievements as well as Junior Miss KAR and Teen Mr. KAR. The studio has students from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City and Wayne. "I'm so very proud of each and everyone of our dancers

McCotter: Rushed process led to Chrysler bankruptcy

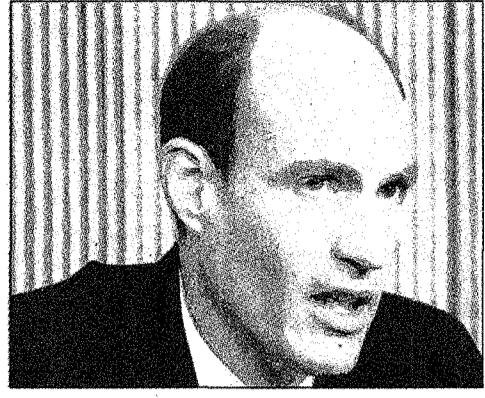
BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Friday that the process that led Chrysler to file for bankruptcy Thursday didn't give the company enough time or support to work out the details.

Chrysler was given 30 days by the Obama Administration Auto Task Force to win concessions from the United Auto Workers, arrange for a merger with Italian automaker Fiat and get bondholders to take reduced payments on their obligations.

"As they worked their way through it, there was no time left," McCotter said. "There wasn't a sufficient plan laid out for what this would look like."

McCotter and others were especially critical of hedge funds that refused the



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R-Livonia

Chrysler offer of reduced payments after the company's major bondholders had agreed.

On Thursday, McCotter released a press statement. "Our entire community's thoughts, hearts, hands and prayers go out to the Chrysler workers and retirees who now face more cruel uncertainty regarding their futures. Chrysler, the UAW and our entire community

have toiled, sacrificed and suffered to comply with President Obama's Auto Task Force's demands and deadlines to avoid bankruptcy. These noble, Herculean efforts by workers, retirees and management have now been frustrated by hedge funds. The fate of Chrysler now rests in court proceedings of an unpredictable duration and ultimate determination."

McCotter said Friday that given more time, Chrysler may

have been able to leverage more influence on the hedge funds.

Obama said that Thursday he expected the bankruptcy Chapter 11 reorganization to move quickly, 30 to 60 days, and make Chrysler a stronger company.

"I hope he's right, we all do," McCotter said.

He said bankruptcy proceedings are unpredictable, especially with a company as complicated as Chrysler, or General Motors, which faces its own deadline in a month.

Under the current plan, the United Auto Workers would be the majority owner of Chrysler, with Fiat as a minority owner, providing design and management expertise. McCotter said this arrangement evolved only after the Auto Task Force told Chrysler to work out an arrangement with Fiat.

"We don't know if this is

how it will look. I don't know of anything existing with this structure," McCotter said.

General Motors will work to meet the goals set by the task force, McCotter said. He has expressed concern about AIG-backed bondholders profiting off a forced GM bankruptcy. On April 1, McCotter sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner "demanding" to know if any GM bondholders have credit default swaps contracts with AIG, if

so who and in what amount and how much would GM's bondholders gain from their credit default swaps should GM be forced into bankruptcy.

He said he still hasn't received an answer. McCotter has been critical of both the Bush and Obama administrations for the demands placed on the auto companies in comparison to the comparatively restriction-free bailout of the bank industry.



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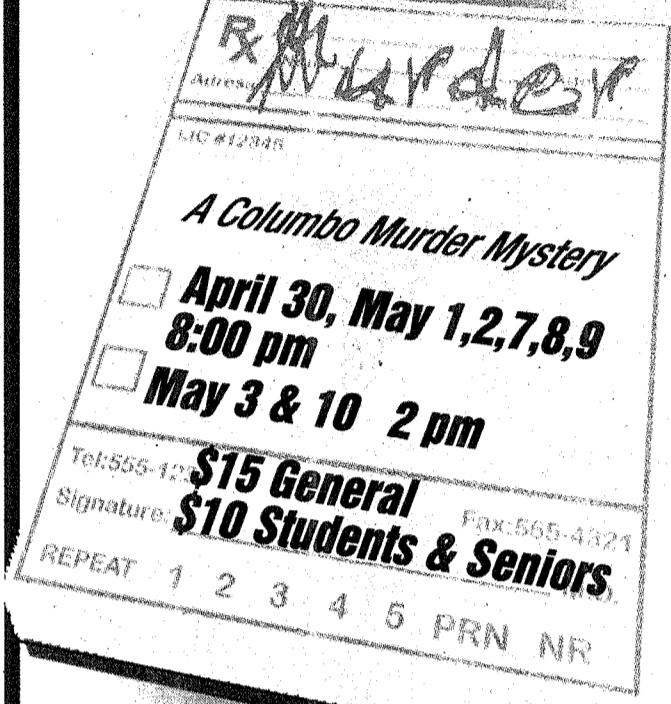
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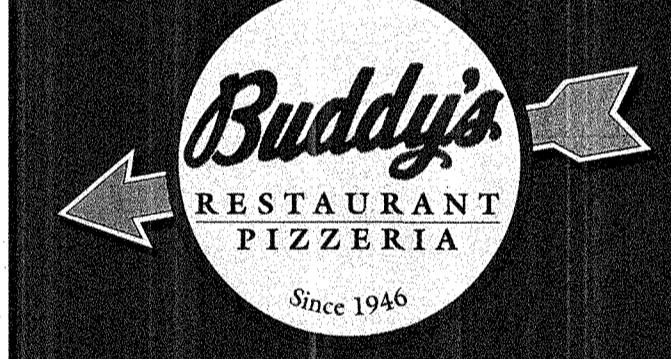


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HOMETOWN LIFE

Cards upset MU in WHAC in tournament opener

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Regular season baseball champion Madonna University finds itself behind the eight-ball after losing its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff opener Friday to upstart Concordia, 13-6, at Ilitch Ballpark.

The top-seeded and 16th-

ranked Crusaders, who slipped to 35-9 overall, were scheduled to face Siena Heights (19-31) in Saturday's loser's bracket at 10 a.m. while Concordia (25-28) took on Indiana Tech (27-24) in the winner's bracket.

Nationally-ranked MU committed six errors and ace WHAC Pitcher of the Year Jeff Sonnenberg was tagged for 11 runs on 11 hits in eight innings

COLLEGE BASEBALL

to fall into the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tourney.

"Early on Jeff got the ball up and he didn't pitch with his best philosophy," MU coach Greg Haeger said. "Once he got out of the third inning, I thought he pitched pretty well, but we just did not field. Six

errors in the field isn't going to win you a lot of games."

MU senior third baseman Aaron Hacias, a transfer from Concordia, booted the ball three times, while Ryan Morrow, Mike Gansser and Sonnenberg each had one. (Concordia also made six errors.)

Meanwhile, it was so much for pitch counts as Concordia

junior left-hander Brent McNeil proved to have a bionic arm for the Cardinals, who tied for last place with Siena Heights during the WHAC regular season schedule.

The Springboro, Ohio, native threw a total of 167 pitches, including 96 for strikes, while scattering nine hits and six

Please see BASEBALL, B3

GAME WRAPS

Prep girls soccer

CHURCHILL 5, FARMINGTON 1

Shari Zakalowski scored twice and figured in two other goals as Livonia Churchill (8-1) earned the non-league win Friday over the host Falcons (7-3-1).

Bailey Brandon and Alyssa Mira also added a goal and assist for the Chargers, who led 2-1 at intermission.

Callie Mack had the other Churchill goal, while Kayla Johnston finished with two assists.

"They (Farmington) scored first, they're a good team with two good forward and a good center-midfielder," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We did a good job adjusting once we got down. We started clicking and I was happy with the response and effort."

"I thought Zakalowski was instrumental in four goals she ran into the box. She was unselfish, outstanding both offensively and defensively along with Brandon."

STEVENSON 3, SOUTH LYON 1:

On Thursday, Goals by Krista Kane, Shannon Merritt and Ashley Welch propelled Livonia Stevenson (5-5, 4-2) to a KLAA Central Division win over the Lions (2-8-2, 1-4).

Assists went to Joelle Williamson, Alex Harbowy and Dayna Stevens as the Spartans scored twice in the second half to break a 1-all halftime deadlock.

"The second half we immediately pressured and made it difficult for South Lyon to get out of their end," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Franklin is 9-2 overall and leads the KLAA's South Division at 6-0, while Churchill falls to 9-4 and 4-4.

Franklin's senior Taylor twins, Brianna and Brittany, combined for a 7-for-9 showing at the plate.

Brianna, the Patriots' shortstop, went 4-for-4 with three RBI and three runs scored. Her screaming line drive over the left field fence was described as "still rolling toward Newburgh

Please see SOFTBALL, B3 .

The Chargers, who led 6-1 at halftime, also got goals from Julie Greco, Tessa Allen, Callie Mack and Nicole Marlow.

Senior Alyssa Mira contributed three assists.

Alyssa Escobar tallied the Zebras' lone goal.

CANTON 8, FRANKLIN 0:

In a KLAA South Division game Thursday, the host Chiefs (5-1, 5-0) rolled to a mercy-rule victory over Livonia Franklin (1-8-1, 1-5).

The game ended with five minutes to play.

"We worked hard in our defending and perhaps frustrated them a bit," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We pressured their backs, even late in the game, but couldn't get through to get one."

KINGSWOOD 3, CLARENCEVILLE 0:

Ariel Roddy had a goal and assist Thursday as Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (5-2-1) earned the Metro Conference victory over host Livonia Clarenceville (1-7-1).

Evan Hiedingsfelder and Rosalie Pembroke also scored goals for the Cranes.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 2, LUTH. WESTLAND 1:

Wading in standing water from a pouring rain Thursday, host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (2-2) downed Lutheran High Westland (2-3-1, 2-3) in a Metro Conference encounter.

Allison Yankee scored from Lauren Switzer for the Warriors' lone goal.

GABRIEL RICHARD 1, LADYWOOD 0:

Veronica Livingstone scored at the 20-minute mark in the first half, a rebound off her own shot, to give host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (8-4-1, 4-3) the Catholic League sectional win Wednesday over Livonia Ladywood (5-4-2, 3-4-1).

Goalkeeper Anna Zekany made five saves and recorded her third shutout in a row and her fifth overall for the Fighting Irish, who were led defensively by Caitlin Brown.

Michele King had seven saves for the Blazers.

LIGGETT 2, CLARENCEVILLE 0:

On Wednesday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-6-1) fell to Metro Conference foe Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Morgan Stinson and Mariah Passiacaqua scored for the Knights.

Meanwhile, Clarenceville goalkeeper Kristen Jolly made 22 saves.



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It's a dirty job

Westland John Glenn's Steve Wakeford (left) tags out Salem's Alex King during Friday's Kensington Conference crossover game. The host Rockets lost both ends of a doubleheader Friday to Salem, 2-0 and 10-2. See KLAA baseball roundup on page B2.

Irwin no-hitter lifts Crusaders

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After sailing through the first two rounds of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's softball playoffs, Madonna University coach Al White didn't want Friday to end.

The Crusaders moved into the winner's bracket final of the double-elimination tournament held in Battle Creek with a 12-0 win over Davenport University after downing Siena Heights University, 10-1, earlier in the day.

MU, 49-9 overall, will face University of Michigan-Dearborn beginning at 10 a.m. Monday in Battle Creek.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL Six teams remained as

of Friday in the WHAC playoffs.

"I would love to have kept playing because they were really hitting today," said White, who guided MU to the WHAC regular season title.

In the win over Davenport, sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin (29-7) threw her fifth no-hitter of the season and sixth of her career. The Monroe native struck out nine and had her perfect game bid broken up with one-out in the fifth inning after an MU infield error.

Tedi Johnston's 3-run double sparked a 9-run Crusader uprising in the third inning.

Other offensive contributions came from Livonia Churchill's Cat Sidor (2-for-3; four RBI); Canton's Brittney Scero (2-for-4; two runs); and Kelly Lesko (2-for-2; two RBI, two runs).

The loss dropped Davenport to 31-22 overall.

The 10-1 victory over Siena Heights was suspended from Thursday because of rain in the bottom of the third inning.

MU scored four in the first and added four more in the third.

Sidor and Tara LaMilza each contributed two hits and two RBI, while Scero went 2-for-4.

Irwin allowed just two hits, fanned nine and walked four against the Saints (12-45).

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WMU netter lays it all on line

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't quite the storybook season Ashley Moccia had dreamed of, but the senior captain for the Western Michigan University's women's tennis team can walk away with her head held high.

The Broncos fell one match short of earning a trip to the NCAAs when they fell 4-0 to Miami of Ohio in the finals of the Mid-American Conference Tournament held April 26 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

On Thursday, the Livonia Stevenson High grad received some consolation when she was named WMU's 2009 Most Valuable Player. She was recipient of the Amy Yeast Award, which is voted on annually by team members and presented to the player who shows the most dedication, hard work, sportsmanship and team work.

Moccia had a stellar senior campaign to lead the Broncos (21-8) to the most wins in the MAC, the fourth 20-win season in the last five seasons and the seventh in school history, along with a fifth-straight appearance in the MAC tournament championship match.

Moccia finished 27-10 in singles, a career high, including 20-6 in dual matches. She also tied her career-high in doubles wins with a 23-16 record, including 17-11 mark in duals.

"She has been one of the hardest workers and true fighters at Western Michigan," coach Betsy Kuhle said. "She has been a great ambassador for our program on-and-off the court and she is going to be difficult to replace."

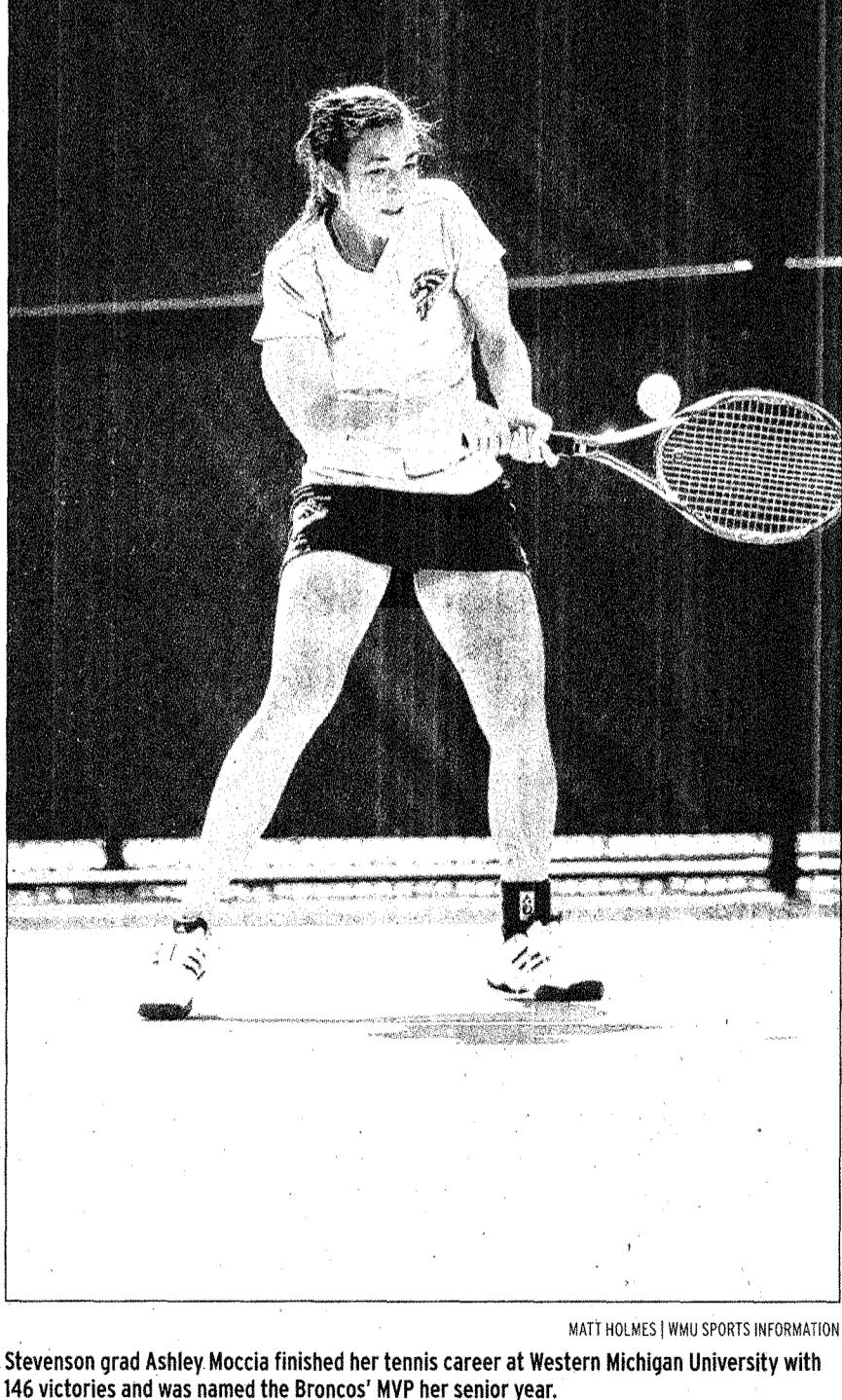
Moccia's dedication to the program was on full display during the MAC Tournament, when after a grueling match against Buffalo in the semifinals, she was in the hospital until 2 a.m. but still came back to compete the next day against league champ Miami.

"My game is to stay out there, play long matches, get every ball back," Moccia said. "My opponent played the same style. I didn't feel well. My heart was racing and my pulse was up."

In the MAC finals, Moccia roared back from a 4-0 deficit at No. 3 singles

to win the first set, 7-5, before the match was abandoned after Miami picked up the tournament clinching point.

"It was tough," she said. "I was in the hospital (at Livonia's St. Mary Mercy) until 2 in the morning. I had trouble breathing. My heart came back normal, but at first it was out of whack. I fought my butt off. I tried to put it all



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Stevenson grad Ashley Moccia finished her tennis career at Western Michigan University with 146 victories and was named the Broncos' MVP her senior year.

out there. It was mind over matter. It was my last college match."

Moccia finished her career with 146 career victories to rank 25th all-time. She was also awarded the MAC's 2009 Leann Grimes Davidge Sportsmanship Award.

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"I'll miss it, but it is what is," Moccia said. "It's done and now I have all time in the world now to do whatever. It's weird being done. I'll miss team aspect, the traveling, competing and practice. I'm kind of sad about that."

"This season had its ups and downs. We had good times, not so good times. But there was happiness along the way. Miami is good team. I wouldn't take anything away from them, but I wanted to win MAC and go to NCAAs — that was the goal. It kind of hurts."

Moccia was a preferred walk-on when she arrived in Kalamazoo. She had to earn her scholarship.

"I've matured so much by doing this," Moccia said. "And with the help of our coaches, I wanted to put it all out there in

the end."

Moccia's younger sister Amanda, who just completed her sophomore year with the Broncos, finished 18-15 in singles and teamed up with WMU's No. 1 player, German Kerstin Pahl, for a team-best 17-1 record in doubles.

And now it's Amanda's turn to carry the Moccia torch.

"My advice is you've just got to go out and do it every day, and have fun because it goes so fast," Ashley Moccia said. "Every day it starts in practice. You have to work hard in practice every day, even if you're not feeling good. This year there wasn't one day where I didn't give a good effort. I put my heart into it."

Moccia carries a 3.56 grade-point average in Special Education and will travel abroad this fall to do a teaching internship in Heidelberg, Germany, on a U.S. military base.

"I'll teach in classroom with children who have special

needs, it will be younger kids at the lower level," Moccia said. "There will be five others from Western going. It's part of school — 14 credits. I'll also do an internship in Kalamazoo, then I'll graduate next May."

Moccia said that even though her college eligibility is over, she plans to stay around the game. She can always walk out her back door of the Moccia household in Livonia to the family court to hit with her dad Victor, mother Michelle, and her two sisters, including middle schooler Aimee Rose (perhaps the next Bronco).

"This summer I'm going to teach it, hit with juniors, travel to some tournaments with them — I love the coaching aspect," Ashley said. "I might coach a high school team. It's something I might look into if I get job as teacher. Tennis is something that will stay with me the rest of my life."

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Road" when it finally came to a stop.

Meanwhile, Brittany Taylor, Franklin's catcher, went 3-for-5 including a triple.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn improved to 7-0 by limiting the Chargers to three hits. She struck out four and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Sanborn also helped herself by going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

"You may not see two players like that in a career," Churchill coach Lou Kuratko said of the Taylor twins. "And she (Sanborn) is a good pitcher. She throws harder than last year."

Sanborn was 20-6 with an 1.82 earned run average a year ago, but has lowered her ERA below 1.00 in her nine starts.

"Her confidence is better," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said of her ace. "She's learned to be more competitive and she's tougher mentally. She's more confident at challenging the hitters. She's doing a nice job."

While collecting 11 hits, Franklin also was sharp in the field. The Patriots did not commit an error.

"The defense has been really good," Jimenez said. "They're now able to make varsity plays. They're getting the advancing runners, just making more experienced plays. It's better decision making because it's a team full of experience."

The Patriots also have speed to make things happen on bases led by third baseman Nicole Emery, second baseman Chelsea Williams and of course, the Taylor twins.

"Now what we've got to do is get the bottom of the order to make contact," Jimenez said.

Franklin, meanwhile, will be tested with a pair of key upcoming home dates in the KLAA South — Monday vs. Canton followed by double-header Wednesday with Plymouth.

"By next week we'll know how we're standing," Jimenez said.

Churchill, meanwhile, is still searching for a No. 1 pitcher.

Freshman Melissa Sidor, who took the loss against the Patriots, has divided time on the mound with another freshman, Abigail Jewell, along with sophomore left Natalie Hiser, who played first base against Franklin and went 2-for-3.

"We've rotated them equitably the first half of the season," Kurtako said. "But by next week I'll make a coaching decision on who it is as far as number one at that position."

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"He battled through and was able to pound the strike zone," Kling said. "Any other pitcher would have melted. We've relied on him through the whole thing. He just threw Tuesday two innings against Central Michigan and gave up just one hit and a run."

Jeff Bultnick went 4-for-5 and scored three runs to lead Concordia, while junior shortstop Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) knocked in three runs.

"Pounders has been the best defensive shortstop in the conference three years in row," Kling said. "He started out as a .220 hitter, but he's almost a

.400 hitter now and he's come up with some big hits and has been a leader on the team."

Designated hitter Zach Flavin went 4-for-4 with a solo homer and two RBI for MU, which now needs four straight WHAC playoff wins to advance to the NAIA Nationals.

"We really haven't had our backs to the wall, we got off to a good start this year and things kind of came easy for us," Haeger said. "We'll find a lot about this team. We'll have to buckle down and come to win. And I think we're capable."

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walks in going all nine innings.

"We threw a freshman the first game," said Concordia coach Karl Kling, whose team pulled out a 10-9, 11-inning victory over Davenport University earlier in the day. "Brent's a bulldog and we knew if we were going to beat Madonna we had to come with our best guy."

McNeil, who improved to 7-3, earlier this spring threw a season-high 174 pitches against Shawnee State (Ohio).

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KLAA SOFTBALL

Doud, who gave up seven hits, walked one and struck out eight, took the loss.

Mariel Wilson went 3-for-3.

In the second game, the Patriots racked up 15 hits to improve to 11-2 overall.

Offensive leaders included

Williams (3-for-4; 2-run Homer); Briana Taylor, 3-for-4; triple; two RBI); Brittany Taylor (3-for-5); and Sanborn (double and triple).

Franklin senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn (9-0) scattered six hits, did not allow a walk and struck out five in the opener to improve to 7-0 in the KLAA's South Division.

Nicole Emery went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Jessica Emery and Mariah Barcus each added RBI singles.

Brittany and Briana Taylor, along with Chelsea Williams, all singled and scored a run.

"Today we advanced base runners, made contact and got timely hitting and as a result scored four runs on six singles," Jimenez said.

Northville starter Samantha

Losing pitcher Abby Jewell allowed 10 hits, walked five and struck out four.

In the second game, Novi scored three times in the sixth inning to break a 3-all deadlock en route to the victory.

Winning pitcher Katie Enright limited the Chargers to six hits, while losing pitcher Natalie Hiser allowed five hits and struck out four.

Katie Stodulski collected two hits for Churchill.

SALEM 10, JOHN GLENN 0-0: On Friday, the visiting Rocks (10-5, 6-2) swept Westland John Glenn (0-10, 0-7) in a Kensington Conference crossover twinbill.

Mary Cox and Mary Johnson each collected three hits as Salem took the opener, 15-0, in three innings. The Rocks scored 14 times in the first inning.

Winning pitcher Briana Lee fanned five and did not allow a hit.

Allie Murphy took the loss for the Rockets.

In the second game, winning pitcher Heidi Schmidt had six strikeouts and allowed four hits in five innings en route to a 10-0 Salem victory.

Cox doubled twice, while Meade and Schmidt also had two hits piece.

Brandi Holbrook was the losing pitcher.

Amanda Caudill, Emily Porter, Brandi and Brooklyn Holbrook each singled for Glenn.

In the second game, winning pitcher Jennifer Buckingham took the loss.

NOVI 6-4, CHURCHILL 0-3: In a Kensington Conference crossover Friday, the Wildcats (4-8, 4-4) swept a double-header from host Livonia Churchill (9-6, 4-5).

In the opener, Novi pitcher Rebecca Richter tossed a five-hit shutout to gain the victory.

Search on for 2 new C'ville hoop coaches

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Corey McKendry's life the past 13 years has pretty much revolved around Livonia Clarenceville basketball, including four years as a player and the past nine in various coaching positions.

But despite back-to-back Metro Conference titles and 33 victories over the past two seasons, McKendry opted to resign after three years at the varsity coaching helm.

Also stepping down after an eight-year run is varsity girls basketball coach Julie Patterson, for family reasons. Neither coach could be reached for comment.

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy said Thursday night he and

McKendry mutually agreed to go in a different direction, but emphasized the coach was not dismissed and he merely wants to test the waters with a Class A school.

"Corey did a good job of continuing to build the program," said Murphy, who had McKendry as his varsity assistant from 2003-04 through 2005-06. "He gave his heart-and-soul to Clarenceville basketball the last 13 years.

"I'm sure it was a tough decision to make and I thank him for everything he's given Clarenceville, he gave it a lot."

Patterson, meanwhile, stepped down for personal reasons, primarily to spend more time with her young daughter.

"Julie told me at the beginning of the year she wouldn't be coming back," Murphy said.

"... I knew that was coming. She did just a phenomenal job, the program was in shambles when she took over eight years ago."

Patterson also was instrumental in getting a JV girls program up and running.

Murphy said he is accepting applications from interested coaches for the boys and girls positions until Friday, May 8, with the hopes of filling the slots by the end of the month.

Interested applicants must send their resume, cover letter and references to Murphy via e-mail, kmurphy@clarencenville.k12.mi.us. They may also mail the information to him at 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48152.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 4 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m. Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Milford at Franklin, 11 a.m. Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 12:30 p.m. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 3 p.m. Luth. Westland at Homer (1), 8 p.m.	Friday, May 8 Churchill at Northville (2), 4 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Clarenceville at John Glenn, 5 p.m. W.L. Western at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. A.A. Pioneer at Stevenson, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5 A.A. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.	Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m. Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 9 (all double-headers, unless noted) Farmington Invitational, 8 a.m. Gibraltar Carlson Invitational, 9 a.m. Annapolis at Clarenceville, 10 a.m. Reidford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m. N. Farmington Invitational, TBA. Fred Peiper Tournament, TBA.	Clarenceville at John Glenn, 5 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Lutheran North, Lutheran South at Luther Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6 Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m. A.A. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.	Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Star Academy at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 6 Ladywood at Mercy, 5:30 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.	Churchill at Canton, 3:45 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 7 Wayne at Salem (2), 4 p.m. Inkster at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.	Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Univ. Liggett, 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, May 7 Redford Union at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne at Salem (2), 4 p.m. Cabri at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at S.F. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Star Academy at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Clarenceville at Redford Union, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 8 Churchill at Northville (2), 4 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. John Glenn at Novi (2), 4 p.m.	Churchill at Northville (2), 4 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.	Friday, May 8 Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 5 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.	Churchill at Northville (2), 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 3:45 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 9 (all double-headers unless noted) Annapolis at Clarenceville, 10 a.m. Luth. Westland at Ypsi Calvary (1), 11 a.m. Churchill at Redford Union, 11 a.m.	Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m. Star Academy at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.	Saturday, May 9 Kensington Conference Meet at South Lyon East, 9 a.m. A.A. Huron River Rat Inv., 9:30 a.m. Warrior Inv. at Luth. Westland, 9:30 a.m.	Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

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April 28 at Prestwick Village

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 306 strokes; 2. Pinckney, 313; 3. Milford (A), 318; 4. (the) Hartland, Birmingham Brother Rice and University of Detroit Jesuit, 319 each; 7. Canton, 320; 8. White Lake Lakeland (A), 321; 9. Flint Kearny, 322; 10. (the) Livonia Stevenson and Warren DeLaSalle, 329 each; 12. Livonia Churchill, 330; 15. (the) Plymouth and South Lyon, 333 each (24 schools).

Medalist: Bryan Palmer (Pinckney), 74.
Stevenson scorers: 27, Drew Moosman, 80; 52, (tie) Tom Cullum, Tim Misk, Dan Dufour, 83 each; 78, Adam Giordano, 85; 107, Christian Debay, 89.

Churchill scorers: 34, (the) Kevin Robinson and Dan Bostick, 81 each; 66, (the) Adam Varber and Greg VanGorp, 84 each; 78, Erik Newman, 85, 88, Matt Charnley, 86.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4

May 1 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Kathryn Foster (LC) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Priya Joshi (P) def. Nicole Kruse, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Gina Matar (P) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Radhika Patel (P) def. Kristi Fata, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Kristi Walker-Val Rose (LC) def. Katie Binger, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Jessica McClain-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Lauren Jeong-Alison Santor, 6-2, 6-4. **No. 3:** Annie Mackenzie-Clair Marchesano (P) def. Allison Gale-Caitlin Griffith, 6-3, 6-6; **No. 4:** Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffith (P) def. Maria Paul-Allison Linder, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 5:** Lauren Patia-Shreya Handa (LC) def. Lauren Prochazka-Molly Hudkins, 6-4, 6-0.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 43 overall, 43 KLA South Division; Churchill, 71 overall, 6-1 KLA South.

Plymouth scorers: James Bryans, 40 (medalist); Trevor Biawell, 41; Ryan Bauer, 43; Andrew Overmyer and Josh Heinz, 45; Ethan Bauer, 50.

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson and Ryan Cloch, 39; Erik Newman, 45; Dan Bostick, 47; Greg VanGorp and Matt Charnley, 49 each.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 31 overall, 31 KLA South Division; Churchill, 32 overall, 32 KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 166

WAYNE MEMORIAL 194

April 29 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 36 (medalist); Jake Wrigau, 42; Jon Holmes, 43; Drake Hermann, 45; Brandon Kozy, 49; Jimmy Johnson, withdrew.

Wayne Memorial scorers: Kristi Walker-Val Rose (LC) def. Katie Binger, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Hale Baker (WJG) def. Nicole Kruse, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Louisa Villaroman (WJG) def. Kelly Houghan, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Jamantha Johnson (WJG) def. Kristi Fata, 7-5, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Val Rose-Kristi Walker (LC) def. Sabrina Lawrence-Shannon McFadden, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Hale Baker (WJG) def. Nicole Kruse, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Louisa Villaroman (WJG) def. Brooke Zywic, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Allison Gale-Caitlin Griffith (LC) def. Brittany Harris-Misha Martinez, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 5:** Maria Paul-Allison Linder (LC) def. Nhem Bernard-Kathy Harris, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 6:** Shreya Handa-Lauren Patia (LC) def. Chelsea Ouellette-Rachel Alholina, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Churchill, 7-0 overall, 6-0 KLA South; John Glenn, 15 overall, 1-4 KLA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 153

SOUTH LYON EAST 179

April 29 at Fox Creek G.C.

Stevenson's dual match record: 4-5 overall, 3-4 KLA Central Division.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 174

May 1 at Fox Hills G.C. (Ladies)

Plymouth scorers: James Bryans, 40 (medalist); Trevor Biawell, 41; Ryan Bauer, 43; Andrew Overmyer and Josh Heinz, 45; Ethan Bauer, 50.

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson and Ryan Cloch, 39; Erik Newman, 45; Dan Bostick, 47; Greg VanGorp and Matt Charnley, 49 each.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 31 overall, 31 KLA South Division; Churchill, 32 overall, 32 KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 166

WAYNE MEMORIAL 194

April 29 at Whispering Willow G.C.

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson, 37 (medalist); Ryan Cloch and Erik Newman, 39 each; Dan Bostick, 41; Adam Yarber and Ryan Carpenter, 44 each.

John Glenn scorers: Andy Myers and Josh DuPrie, 41 each; Tim Boes, 47; Alex Rochette and Mitchell Dean, 54 each; Travis Jozefczak, 55.

Dual match records: Churchill, 31 overall, 31 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 24 overall, 0-4 KLA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 153

SOUTH LYON EAST 179

April 29 at Fox Creek G.C.

Stevenson's dual match record: 4-5 overall, 3-4 KLA Central Division.

CANTON 163

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 166

April 24 at Idyl Wyld G.C.

Canton scorers: Andrew Rickerman, 39; Brenden Mui and Jeremy Lindblad, 41 each; Dominic Bonell and Zach Conrad, 42 each; Tony Brown, 55.

Franklin scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 38 (medalist); Jon Holmes, 42; Jimmy Johnson and Tyler Miller, 43 each; Drake Hermann, 47; Zach DeFee, 50.

Dual match records: Canton, 2 overall, 2-0 KLA South Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA South.

Stevenson scorers: Tom Cullum and Christian Dehay, 37 each (co-medalists); Dan Dufour, 39; Drew Mossian, 40; Adam Giordano, 42; Tim Misk, 46.

S.L. East scorers: Bryan Hawkins, 39; Zack Sturos, 44; Jackson Seedot and Alex Sturos, 46 each; Ryan Grath, 55; Jack Haddad, 57.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLA Central Division; S.L. East, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLA Central.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 156

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 183

April 29 at Whispering Willow G.C.

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson, 37 (medalist); Ryan Cloch and Erik Newman, 39 each; Dan Bostick, 41; Adam Yarber and Ryan Carpenter, 44 each.

John Glenn scorers: Andy Myers and Josh DuPrie, 41 each; Tim Boes, 47; Alex Rochette and Mitchell Dean, 54 each; Travis Jozefczak, 55.

Dual match records: Churchill, 31 overall, 31 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 24 overall, 0-4 KLA South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 9

SOUTH LYON EAST 0

April 29 at S.L. East

No. 1 singles: Paige McNamara (LS) def. Lindsay Heikkinen, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 2:** Carl Marschner (LS) def. Jessica Gush, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Angela Tomassini (LF) def. Nancy Watson, 7-6, 6-1; **No. 4:** Xiyan Wang (WM) def. Angie Browning, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Shannon Dwight-Ashley Bervenutti (LS) def. Sarah Marquardt-Kayla Evans, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Nikki Fata-Jessica McClain (LC) def. Desiree Cleary-Brooke Zywic, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Allison Gale-Caitlin Griffith (LC) def. Brittany Harris-Misha Martinez, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 4:** Maria Paul-Allison Linder (LC) def. Nhem Bernard-Kathy Harris, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 5:** Shreya Handa-Lauren Patia (

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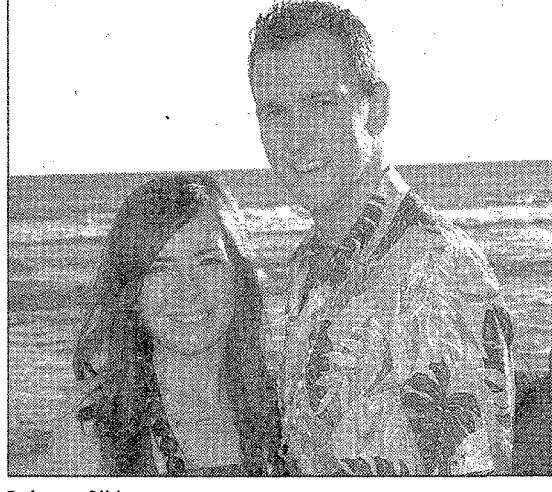
DELANEY-GIBBONS

Diane Delaney of Plymouth and Patrick Delaney of Grass Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna, to Sean Gibbons, son of Mary and Dennis Gibbons of Flushing.

Jenna is a graduate of Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is currently an ESL teacher in Nashville, Tenn.

Sean is a graduate of Flushing High School, a graduate of Western Michigan University, and also holds a master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He is a behavior analyst in Nashville, Tenn.

The couple plans a June 2010 wedding in Michigan.



Delaney-Gibbons



Laurie Ramroth of Livonia volunteers in the Earthworks Urban Garden of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. A few weeks ago she was transplanting broccoli to larger containers.

Volunteer to create a greener community

Volunteering always makes me feel good whether it's working with the disabled children and adults at our annual VSA arts of Michigan festival or sitting on the board of the Schoolcraft College Friday Evening Music Recital Committee.

Laurie Ramroth is no different when it comes to lending a helping hand. After returning to Livonia from Colorado last fall she began looking for opportunities. The 27-year-old likes the idea of giving back to the community. Every Wednesday and Thursday you can find her spending time in the Growing

Healthy Kids and Earthworks Urban Garden programs at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. The children's project sprang from Earthworks which grows and harvests produce from four urban gardens.

"I started researching urban farms online and found the Earthworks Web site," said Ramroth, a graduate of Stevenson High School. "Because of growing up in Livonia I always felt like I was given a lot of opportunity that other kids don't necessarily have. I feel I'm making a positive contribution to Detroit. It's well organized and the people are pretty passionate about what they do."

Earlier in the season Ramroth cleaned out beehives. A few weeks ago she transferred seedlings like lettuce and broccoli to larger containers. Thursdays are reserved for the Growing Healthy Kids program designed for ages 5-11 who live within a two mile radius of the kitchen.

"We teach them about healthy eating and bring them closer to the land," said Ramroth. "We've been working on several projects involving the garden. We made trellises from old bike tires for peas to climb on, stepping stones for the garden out of cement and broken tiles, old bits of glass and marbles. We had an international food night and helped the kids make the food and sample it. It's been such a positive experience for me."

Ramroth is into greening the earth any way possible. She focused on alternative energy technology while earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Wayne State University. Since graduating in December 2006, she's worked with experimental fuel cells at Energy Conversion Devices in Rochester Hills and served an internship and fellowship at Rocky Mountain Institute in Colorado where she worked on the vehicle team to promote energy efficiency in cars and trucks. She's presently looking for a position in the clean tech field and would eventually like to help develop hybrid vehicles. She's also thinking about going back to school for a master's degree.

"I first got interested in gardening because my mom did it all the time when I was growing up," said Ramroth. "In Colorado I got into community supported agriculture where you receive a box of vegetables and crops from local farmers and volunteered at a local farm. It's a way to strengthen the link between community and land whether helping kids or making use of the abandoned land, and just having different people together. It's a diverse climate and the different influences you can have on people that's what's been amazing for me."

Detroit is very different when it comes to food availability. That's one of the reasons the Capuchins started the garden program now in its seventh season. It's difficult for people who come to the soup kitchen to find vegetables and fruits let alone afford the cost. Molly



Laurie Ramroth of Livonia volunteers in the Earthworks Urban Garden of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

McCullagh learned firsthand about the program two years ago when she signed up for a year as a Cap Corps volunteer, which is similar to the Peace Corps and run by the Capuchins. At the end of the program she was hired as education coordinator for Earthworks where she facilitates Growing Healthy Kids and the Youth Farm Stand for teens. She has a bachelor degree in environmental studies from the University of Michigan.

"Detroit is known as a food desert. It's easy to get to a convenience store for junk food, but there are not many good food outlets in the city where they can have access to fresh produce," said McCullagh. "We train people to grow their own food. We have a mobile food market. We go to the Detroit produce terminal in southwest Detroit to pick up stuff and buy by the case load and then take it into the neighborhood every Thursday. On Earth Day we had a potluck for about 50 people to change our behaviors to reduce our impact on the environment. We ate grain salads."

McCullagh is always looking for volunteers to help with Earthworks programs and activities. For information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 204.

"We have four garden sites in the neighborhood. One is a large site partnered with Gleaners (food bank)," said McCullagh. "We grow veggies and fruits, have a bee apiary, and compost scraps from the soup kitchen, Gleaners and businesses. We have a greenhouse production to grow transplants for people living in Detroit. We always take volunteers but also want to encourage people to get involved in their communities growing their own garden for themselves, hosting potlucks with neighbors, taking extra produce to local soup kitchens so produce is getting into people's hands. It's important not to just volunteer for an hour but to make a lasting impact by being involved with your own community and issues like hunger and poverty, to look for what we can do in our own lives and community."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969

40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 575-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclas-s-of1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramoto Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Clarencenville High School

All Class Reunion

Sunday, August 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, please feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns too. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter E. Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952

Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene Kutchick Yamron hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek Metropark. A reunion is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.class-report.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@wowway.com.

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

North Farmington

Garden City High School East

Class of 1959

Celebrate its 30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail nfhs1979@gmail.com

Garden City High School

Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K of C, 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim Kendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowen at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

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

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Lincoln Park High School

Class of 1959

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12; Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69; mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net.

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FRANCIS J. BAKER

Age 93, of Perryville, OH. Passed away 4-29-09 after a brief illness.

ROBERT M. BOOKMYER, MD

Age 85, of Pinehurst. Passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, N.C. Born on June 24, 1923 in Detroit, MI to the late Ralph H. Bookmyer and Marion Larkin Bookmyer. He was a veteran of his country and served in the United States Navy. Dr. Bookmyer was a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, MI with a degree as a Pediatric Specialist. He was a past president of Oakland County Medical Society in Michigan, a past director of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan, and the Chief Medical Advisor for Head Start Oakland County. He retired in 1986 and relocated to Pinehurst, N.C.. He enjoyed golf, tennis and traveling, and then later in life, enjoyed painting. Bookie had a great sense of humor that he shared with his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy Joos Bookmyer of Pinehurst, NC. Five sons: Michael Bookmyer, wife Allison of Boulder, CO; Peter Bookmyer of Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia; Brad Bookmyer, wife Becky of White Salmon, WA; Thadeus Bookmyer of Wishram, WA; Robert Bookmyer of Portland, OR. Two daughters: Kelly Salfee, husband John of Snowmass Village, CO; Julie Murphy, husband Dan of Los Angeles, CA. Nine grandchildren: Sarah, Peter, Snow, Cappy, Gracen, Colette, Claire, Patrick and Mary and one great-granddaughter, Maia. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Chris Bookmyer, many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Ted and Tom, sister Mary and one grandchild, Husdy. The family requests that memorial services be held privately. Online condolences may be made at www.bolesfuneral-home.com. Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is serving the family.

LOUIS D. HAITZ

Age 82, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 16, 2009, of Parkinson's Disease.

Beloved husband of Sue Rose-Haitz. Predeceased by first wife, Gloriam. Loving father of Craig (Mary), David (Marianne), Bruce, and Timothy (Kristen), step-father of Steven Rose (Maureen). Also survived by six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two step-grandchildren, brother Merle (Shirley), sister Faye Hunt (Dennis). Born in Sioux City, IA; BA from Morningside College in Sioux City. He served in the US Army and was an Executive with Sears. He will be sadly missed by all. Memorial services were held April 18th at Faith Covenant Church. Memorial tributes may be made to the church at 35415 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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Age 88. Life-time area resident. Private services 4-28-09. Memorial gifts to Kidney Foundation for St. James Episcopal Church.

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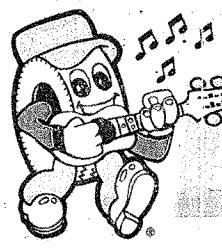
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JOHN MORIARTY

Age 91. Born in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland. Beloved husband of Kathleen (Finn). Dearest father of Maureen (Norman) Root, Robert (Nancy), Kathleen (Jim) Waldo, Eileen (Ken) Meier, John (Mary Ann), Diana (Robert) Rousseau, Thomas (Kathleen) and the late Patricia. Proud grandfather of Christy, Amy, Colleen, Sean, Lori, Johnny, Jimmy, Mike, Katie, Kenny, Patrick, Megan, Kerry, Dylan, Tommy, Amanda, Jenny and the late Bobby. Loving great-grandfather of George, Grace, Maeve, and Robbie. Member of the 1938 Cty. Kerry All Ireland Championship Gaelic Football Team. Chrysler Amplex retiree.

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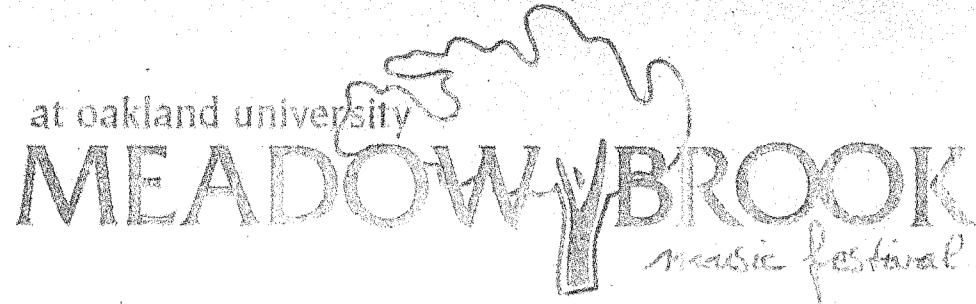
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THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
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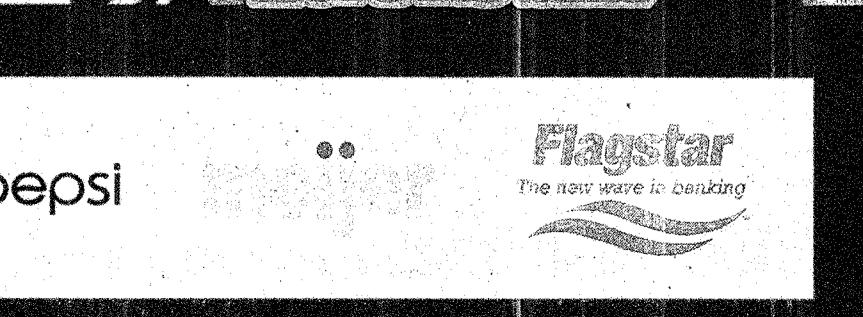
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Living with fibromyalgia is a vicious circle of pain and depression but Lucy Rowley and Ruthann Bruce found respite from the suffering as well as friendship by attending support group meetings. They now lead the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group to help themselves as well as others with the disorder. On Thursday, May 7, they'll celebrate National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day with a luncheon at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City.

Yes, celebrate. Everyone is invited to share their fibro survival story in recognition of the day on May 12. For too long their plight went unrecognized by the majority of the medical community. Until recently fibromyalgia patients frequently visited physician after physician in search of answers to explain their symptoms. Some still do. That's why the two women work tirelessly as a team to provide educational speakers and support at meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the church in addition to offering a support line by phone and e-mail.

Bruce, a Canton resident, is president of the group which today has 235 members ranging in age

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Lucy Rowley of Livonia (front) and Ruthann Bruce of Canton lead the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

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Lucy Rowley and Ruthann Bruce lead a support group for fibromyalgia sufferers.

FRIENDS

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from their 20s to 70s. They live in communities across the area including Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Westland, Allen Park, Taylor, and Idia.

Rowley diagnosed herself after reading an article in 1998 then saw a rheumatologist who confirmed her suspicions. She was managing an internal medicine office at the time, but had to retire in 2000 due to the disorder.

Many fibro patients also suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) as well as gastrointestinal diseases. Bruce and Rowley are always looking for speakers to address topics surrounding the disorder and complications. One of their meetings was featured in a new documentary, *Fibromyalgia: Fitting the Pieces Together*. Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center, spoke to members in one of the segments included in the film presented by the non-profit educational organization H.O.P.E. Clauw is an advisory board member of the support group which regularly takes part in studies at U of M, Henry Ford Hospital and Wayne State University to further knowledge about fibromyalgia.

"I could not stand up to get out of bed and couldn't straighten up when I did," said Rowley. The 68-year old Livonia woman is secretary/treasurer of the metro area support group. "Today they know what fibro is but back then there was little information. In 2001 I called the Arthritis Foundation about finding a support group. Without a support group I think I would have given up. It keeps me going. Living with pain 24/7 makes you depressed."

The agonizing aches in 18 tender points on the body send sufferers on a journey in search of relief. Rowley went to a pain clinic for 10 months but finds the natural alternative of acupuncture helps her more. In the beginning she was taking a dozen medications but is down to two. There is still no cure and researchers still don't know the cause of fibromyalgia.

"I live with my son and daughter-in-law now," said Rowley. "It took my job, my home, my life."

Ruthann Bruce can't remember the last time she slept through the night. She's been in pain since 1999 and suffers as many patients do with fibro fog which causes memory problems. She was diagnosed by a rheumatologist in 2004 and joined the support group in 2005. A letter carrier by trade, she was forced to retire as well.

"I don't know what caused it but I had 13 surgeries since 1995 for nerve damage in both arms from repetitive motion as a letter carrier," said Bruce, 52. "In spite of the surgeries I was



Lucy Rowley of Livonia (front) talks about her experience with fibromyalgia as friend Ruthann Bruce of Canton listens. The two women lead a support group for sufferers of the disorder.

still hurting so they sent me to a rheumatologist. I found myself very depressed. I didn't want to do anything because I hurt. Today I take medication to help with flare-ups and I'm active with the support group. Members need that one on one. They need help. We'd like to start a night group for people who work."

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group holds their 8th annual luncheon 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 7. There is no charge. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768, Ruthann Bruce at (734) 981-2519 or visit www.metrofibrogroup.com.

The group was founded 8 years ago with a different name. There are no dues but donations are taken at meetings. We're hopefully going to get good feedback from the studies. It's going to benefit us," said Rowley. "We're getting more young people and men in the group. We tell them you don't want fibro to control you. We want to let people know we're here to help."

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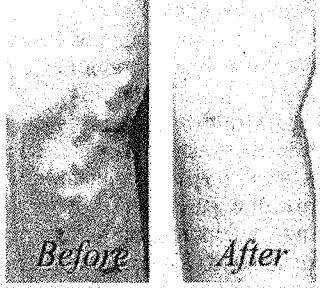
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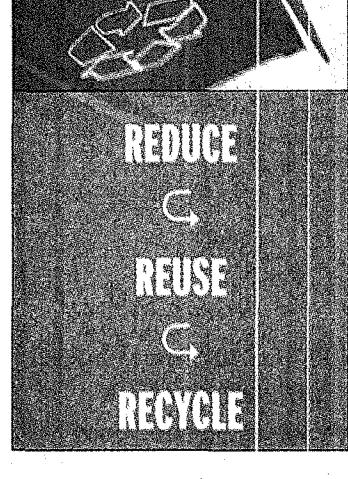
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Physicians urge public not to panic but take precautions

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Don't panic. At least that's the advice of local medical professionals when it comes to swine flu.

Symptoms like coughing, fever, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea should sound an alarm but instead of walking into the ER experts recommend the sufferer pick up the phone and call their primary care physician.

Dr. Phillip Rodgers is alert to patients who come into his office with flu-like symptoms based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for the H1N1 virus, but not concerned there's a threat to public health in this area. The University of Michigan Health System physician is one of several local medical professionals preparing for an outbreak of swine flu but taking a wait and see attitude. He is watching closely for patients with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, cough or sore throat who have traveled to a community with one or more patients infected by the virus.

"I'm not worried," said Rodgers, who practices at Briarwood Family Medicine Clinic in Ann Arbor. "We've not yet seen evidence of any kind of widespread

penetration in our region or the U.S. and we've learned lessons in prior pandemics in the 20th century in 1958, '68 and 1918."

The CDC has done a good job of watching the situation closely. At the university level several years ago we formed a group to prepare for pandemic in the wake of SARS and avian flu. We're screening those potentially at risk by using a test for any influenza where we swab the nose and back of throat and if we suspect patients to be infected it's then sent to the state health department after the university system. We make no diagnosis. The information comes from the state."

In the meantime area hospitals are following CDC recommendations. Some ERs have already seen an increase in patients coming in concerned about symptoms similar to swine flu. Dr. Jedd Roe is trying to allay their fears.

"People get frightened when they hear about swine flu and start thinking about the fictional books they've read or a movie they've seen," said Roe, emergency medicine department chairman at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "If we have someone that presents with symptoms due to swine flu we put a mask on them. We're taking precautions to ask

appropriate questions to whether we have a possible case or not. If I had a family member come back from Mexico (where the first cases were detected) and coughing I'd encourage them to wear a mask and call their primary care physician. It's spread the same way other virus is spread through micro droplets so don't touch your mouth and nose and keep potentially infected surfaces cleaned."

Like Roe Dr. Martin Harris has seen patients concerned that they may have swine flu.

"We have people coming in saying check me," said Harris, chairman of emergency medicine at Providence Hospital in Southfield. "If anybody comes into the ER with a runny nose or respiratory issue we put a mask on them and may or may not do a flu test. If you have flu we give you Tamiflu or Relenza. Nearly everyone in the U.S. confirmed is fine. Most susceptible are infants and senior citizens or people with existing medical conditions like cancer."

In addition to wearing a mask, patients with flu-like symptoms are screened in a separate area of the ER in several area hospitals.

"We've done education with staff on exposure," said Harris. "We're concerned about people who have succumbed to respiration control.

tory arrest, have pneumonia and suffer arrest. Staff wear masks for intubation. We educate them on how to put a mask on and off. Hand washing is the single most important thing to do to prevent transmission. We're asking people to stay home and not contaminate their co-workers if they're having symptoms and sneeze into the elbow instead of hand. Everybody's doing their best to be vigilant."

Botsford Hospital staff is in contact several times a day with the CDC, Michigan Department of Community Health, and Region 2 South Medical Bio-Defense Network which assists in hospital preparedness by developing plans for a coordinated health care response to disasters in the region.

"We're preparing by assessing supplies needed, distributing hand sanitizer," said Nancy Dumas, spokeswoman for Botsford Hospital in Farmington. "We're waiting, watching and being prepared to move forward if necessary." Henry Ford Hospital has emergency preparedness plans for all hospitals in its system including the newly opened West Bloomfield location where Dr. Laura Johnson is director of infection control.

"We're activating plans, educating

staff, updating information to make sure everyone knows what to do," said Johnson. "If a patient is admitted for flu-like symptoms we take precautions of wearing gowns and masks when in contact with patients. We're making sure we have enough supplies like gloves, gowns and masks but it's hard to know what we need because things are changing every day but we're not panicking. There's not a reason to panic. We just want people to be aware. Call if you have a primary care doctor for advice. If they have mild symptoms they may do okay at home."

Hygiene is one of the ways of avoiding any strain of influenza according to Sharon McMahon, infection prevention specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia where the emergency management committee met Thursday. "We're not putting a mask on patients. It's not airborne. It's contact with respiratory secretions or droplets that transmits the virus," said McMahon, an R.N. working in infection control for the last 21 years. "We're not worrying about swine flu yet. We will when we start seeing some cases. I just got off the phone with Trinity (the hospital's health system) about what's happening at all the sites. If someone is having trouble

getting masks or medication we can facilitate that in case someone needs help."

The public needs to take precautions as well. The same advice applies to swine flu as seasonal influenza which kills an estimated 36,000 Americans a year. McMahon is asking visitors if they're ill and don't need to be at the hospital to stay home.

"Use a tissue if you cough or sneeze then discard it," said McMahon. "Don't leave it around. We're placing hand sanitizer and tissues at each door. Hand hygiene was recognized in the late 1800s as a good tool in preventing the spread of infection. Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis was recognized as a pioneer after his death for preliminary work for hand hygiene. Today that means not just hand washing but incorporating hand sanitizer.

The latest CDC recommendations promote waterless alcohol sanitizer over soap and water because it kills more germs faster and costs the same for health care workers. Every so often I like to take staff and have them place their hand in a petri dish and then let the germs grow. You can see the difference before and after hand washing. Hand hygiene save lives. It actually works."

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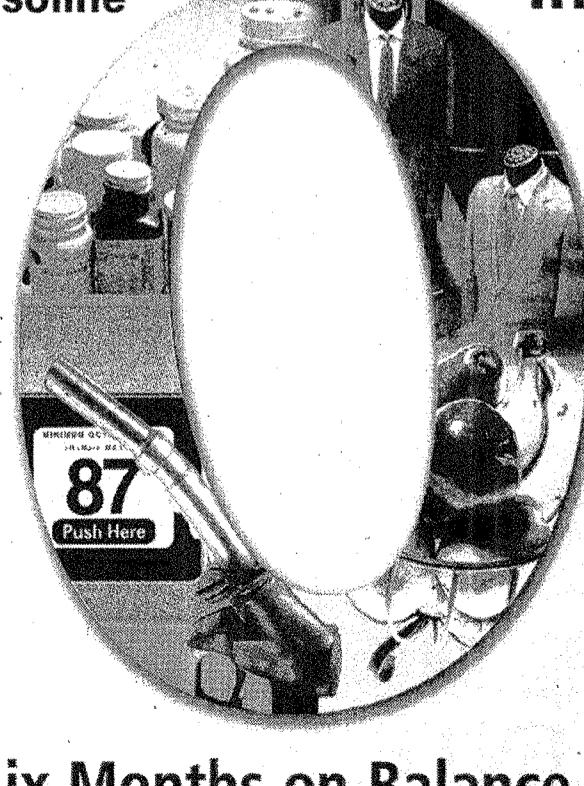
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