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Help available

The Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps has money available to offer client families one-time assistance paying their bills.

The corps received \$27,000 from its territorial level recently, but only about \$7,000 has been spent, said corps commander Capt. Derek Rose.

Those eligible now can receive at least \$150 per client family. Previously, that had been the maximum.

Those who have lost their jobs should contact Robin Rutledge-Clarke, to make an appointment, at (734) 722-3660, Ext. 107. She is the Salvation Army caseworker for Wayne-Westland.

"We have about \$20,000 left," Rose said.

The \$150 is no longer a maximum, but the amount will be based on needs. The one-time assistance for client families is intended for prescriptions, rent, utilities, home and vehicle repair, as well as car insurance.

Recipients must live in Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Inkster or New Boston, the service area for the local Salvation Army, which is both a church and a social service organization.

"To save gas, call and set up an appointment," Rose said.

The corps center is on Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.

Winner is ...

Twelve area residents have won family passes valued at \$107 to the African Safari Wildlife Park in Port Clinton, Ohio, in a reader promotion sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Weeklies* newspapers.

The winners are Nancy Dailide of Canton Township, Anita Evans of Beverly Hills, Linda Grimsby of Livonia, Arlene Kuron of Rochester Hills, John Maliniak of Westland, Sandy Mencer of Birmingham, Debbie Morris, Denise Penny of Livonia, Paul Scott of Westland, Helene Weissberg of Southfield, Steven Yee of Canton and Kim Zamora of Livonia.

Look for the Wild Summer Days advertisement sponsored by Oliver Home Improvement and Apartments/Rooms For Rent inside the paper every Sunday and Thursday and read about the animal park and how you can win a pass that admits up to six people at the park, just 17 miles west of Cedar Point.

Tailgate food

The college football season kicks off Sept. 5 at several Michigan universities, and for some alumni, fans and students, the games are as much about food and celebration as they are about touchdowns.

If you count yourself among the tailgating crowd, we'd like to know more about the food, drinks and fun that go into your pregame parties.

Vote could put soccer complex at Cooper

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school board will vote Monday on a controversial agreement to allow a company to lease the old Cooper School site in Westland for a soccer complex.

Under the terms of the agreement, the school district would

add a parking lot and lights. Oakland County-based Breeze Management would lease about half of the 40-acre site for 35 years, paying the school district about \$2 million over that time period. The company would manage the complex, which would include four outdoor soccer fields, a couple of training fields and a dome for indoor soccer.

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Oakland County-based Breeze Management would lease about half of the 40-acre site for 35 years, paying the school district about \$2 million over that time period. The company would manage the complex, which would include four outdoor soccer fields, a couple of training fields and a dome for indoor soccer.

If the company defaults, the school district gets to keep the dome.

If the agreement is approved, construction may begin in December or January, Supt. Randy Liepa said.

Trustees Steve King and Patrice Mang said they are concerned about using sinking fund money.

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Chess boards find place among library books

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Spencer Wooley describes himself as the feel good person. Play a game of chess against the almost 10-year-old and you'll feel good because you won.

Most people would feel down about that, but not Spencer. He smiles and moves on to another opponent and another game at Chess Night at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

"I don't win all the time, but I know the rules," said the Garden City youth. "I've been playing here since this opened and I've been getting my butt kicked a lot, too."

"He's a pretty sharp little guy," said his grandfather, Ron LeBourdais of Livonia, who watched the gamesmanship from an upholstered chair across the room. "He'll play with anyone, he just wants to play."

Every Thursday night, reference librarian Kristy Cooper sets out chess sets in the library's Faust Area for players who stop by for a game or two or three. Now in its second month, interest in Chess Night is slowly building with more and more people showing up.

"Last week, we had 15 players with all different abilities," said Cooper.

The success of the popular Wednesday evening Knitting Night at the library was the impetus for Chess Night. Like Knitting Night, the belief is that Chess Night will become self-sustaining once it gets going, Cooper said.

"It's a good community gathering, people get to know each other and want to go against the other person



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Afroz Sufi of Westland makes her move in a game of chess with Spencer Wooley of Garden City, during Chess Night at the William P. Faust Public Library. Watching are Afroz's brother and sister, Zaheer and Farha Sufi.

to see their skills," she said.

Cooper has joined in the playing. She's played a little over time and said she's easy to beat.

"But I've learned a lot more about strategy and the levels of rules," Cooper added. "Chess makes you

think, it keeps your mind engaged."

Her first few games were against Tim Heller, a medical retiree who was "looking for something to stimulate and refocus his mind. His wife saw an ad for Chess Night in the paper and suggested he try

it. "I started in third-fourth-grade, I learned from two Russian or Ukrainian brothers who went to day camp with me," he said. "It was a nice two summers I spent doing it."

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Chamber of Commerce stages annual expo at mall

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Shopping Center may be known for its variety of retailers, but Saturday the Westland Chamber of Commerce will transform the mall's East Court into a Health and Business Expo.

This is the eighth year the chamber has held the event, offering its members the opportunity to advertise their goods and services in a popular August shopping destination.

"It's an opportunity for businesses to connect with the community,"

said Brookellen Swope, chamber president and CEO. "It helps draw people to the mall and bridges the gap between the business and residential community."

Some 30 businesses will participate in the event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 22. Among those in attendance will be representatives of Garden City Hospital and Livonia St. Mary Mercy Hospital, who will do health screenings. Chiropractic doctors will do chair massages and there also will be dentists and vision specialists on hand to talk to shoppers.

On the business side, financial

institutions, cell phone companies and the Livonia Family YMCA will be among chamber members ready to talk to people about what they have to offer.

Swope estimates that attendance has more than doubled since moving the event to a Saturday. Holding it when the mall is filled with families doing back-to-school shopping also helps.

Businesses participating in the expo include Parkside Credit Union, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Westland Shopping Center, AT&T My Link, C&M Printing & Imaging, city of Westland, Comfort

Keepers, Community Dental Associates, Co-op Services Credit Union, Garden City Hospital, Henry Ford/OptimEyes, Livonia Family YMCA, Met Life, Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, Parkside Dental Team, Sharon's Heating & Air Conditioning, State Farm Insurance and Xango, as well as the Westland Jaycees and Westland Rotary.

"It's a good event that a lot of members enjoy and it's another opportunity for them to network with the community," Swope said.

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CARS makes dealers, buyers happy

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Susan Ianni sees it, Cash for Clunkers is the wrong name for the highly popular federal Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS). Aimed at increasing auto sales, the point of the program is to swap vehicles with 18 mpg or less for today's more fuel efficient models.

"They should call it Cash for Guzzlers," said Ianni, general manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City. "They're trying to get the gas guzzlers off the road, so people come in, find out if their clunker qualifies and get the rebates from the federal government and GM."

Ianni calls Gordon Chevrolet the "anchor" of an almost three-mile stretch of Ford Road in Westland and Garden City where



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An older Plymouth mini-van has become the "poster child" for the Cash for Clunkers program at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

five different auto dealerships have seen business increase because of the Cash for Clunkers program.

Since CARS started July 24, Gordon Chevrolet has sold 110

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Teen has new view of Detroit after doing home 'makeover'

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Western Wayne County has helped change the image of Detroit — at least in the eyes of Sara Willis, a high school student from the "Show-Me" State of Missouri.

Willis is one of dozens of young people who slept in the gym at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Redford while renovating the Detroit home of a single mother who recently lost her job.

"My friends wondered why I was going to Detroit," said Willis, who will be a senior high school student this fall in Marshall, Mo., about an hour's drive east of Kansas City. They were all aware of Detroit's reputation, she said, and they were convinced she'd get hurt.

She didn't get hurt, said Willis. "I really enjoyed myself," she

added.

And the experience changed the way she thought about the Motor City.

"The people are so nice," said Willis, a member of the First Baptist Church of Marshall.

Willis decided to come to Detroit — rather than an area of St. Louis or another community in her home state — because she likes to travel. She could help repair houses closer to home, she said. But she wanted an experience in a different state.

"The kids were great," said Delores Green, who with her five kids (ages 12 or younger) lives in the house Willis and the other youngsters painted and repaired doing what they call a "makeover." The youngsters did everything she asked "and they were fun to be around," said Green.

Willis and the other 16 youngsters working on the house seemed to have fun as well.



"LifeChangers encourage young people to live out the teachings of the Bible," said Wayne Vann, a Livonia resident and spokesman for the group.

They are part of LifeChangers, a co-educational, hands-on mission project of the Greater Detroit Baptist Association.

"LifeChangers encourage young people (grades seven through 12 and their college-aged mentors) to live out

the teachings of the Bible," said Wayne Vann, a Livonia resident and spokesman for the group.

Eighty-four teenagers and 14 college students were in the metro area in late July, working in teams at several houses. In conjunction with Northwest Detroit Neighborhood Development Inc., they worked to repair or demolish several houses in the Brightmoor area. In the morning they worked on homes, and in the afternoon they participated in backyard Bible clubs at elementary schools.

After that, the youngsters spent much of their time in Redford Township. They took showers at Thurston High School and slept in the Lady of Loretto gym — usually discussing the day's activities or participating in team-building exercises, said Vann. "They also have devotional

time," he said.

"Our youngsters come from all over," said Vann, and each pays \$150 to cover the week's expenses.

Ashley Noeyack, a member of the Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City and a senior at John Glenn High School in Westland this fall, said she liked working on the Green house because she enjoys helping people — particularly those in need.

Darrel Manuel of Garden City worked the midnight shift at Ford Motor Co. before joining the youngsters working on Green's house.

"I'm a crew chief," he said, "I make sure the kids know what to do, and they do it right."

Working nights and working with the youngsters makes for a long day, Manuel said.

"But it's my way of giving back to the community and to God," he said.

AROUND WESTLAND

State of City address

The Westland community is invited to attend Westland's 2009 State of the City Address at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at North Brothers Ford, 33300 Ford between Wayne and Venoy. North Brothers Ford will be hosting a preview of their 2010 lineup, starting a 5:30 p.m. with a raffle following the State of the City speech.

Both the State of the City Speech and the 2010 preview are open to the public at no charge and refreshments will be served.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and

dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rock-etwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available online at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome.

Bowling fund-raiser

The Methodist Children's Home Society will hold a bowling fund-raiser Saturday, Aug. 20 at Oak Lanes, 8450 Middlebelt, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy in Westland. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games of no-tap bowling, shoe rental and pizza. For more information, call Mia at (313) 531-7462, by e-mail at mwalk@mchsmi.org or online at www.themethodistchildrenshomesociety.com.

W-W fills two administrative positions

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two veteran educators have been hired to fill principal and assistant principal positions in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Bridget Regan, an elementary reading facilitator in the curriculum department of the Livonia Public Schools, is taking over as principal at Hamilton Elementary while Mary Wizinsky, a reading specialist with the Aldine Independent Schools in Houston, Texas, will join the administrative staff as an assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School.

Regan replaces April Quasarano who has been assigned to principal's position at Schweitzer Elementary School. She is familiar with Wayne-

Westland, having done staff development in reading and writing and provided workshops at several schools, Superintendent Greg Baracy said in recommending her appointment.

"I'm happy to recommend her, she will be a great asset," he said.

"I'm delighted to be a part of this school system," said Regan. "I was excited with what I saw when I had the opportunity to work in the district. When the opportunity to apply came about, I said this is for me."

A Livonia resident, she has a bachelor's degree in elementary education/language arts and a master of arts degree in reading instruction, both from Eastern Michigan University and an educational specialist degree in educational leadership

from Oakland University.

Her entire career has been with the Livonia Public Schools where she was a fourth-grade teacher, a language specialist working in reading recovery and as a literacy facilitator.

In addition to her work with the Aldine district, Wizinsky has worked as an English teacher and leader and as the dean of student activity with the Novi Community Schools.

The South Lyon resident thanked the board for her appointment, telling them that "I need to go out and buy a lottery ticket, I feel so lucky."

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," she said. "I found this organization so warm and inviting and I knew I wanted to make my home here. I know I'm going to have a great time at

Wayne Memorial. I can sense that."

Wizinsky received her associate of arts degree in physical education and health education from North Harris County College and a bachelor of arts in those two areas from Sam Houston State University. She also has a master of arts degree in leadership administration from Eastern Michigan University.

"Both of those schools are really good, I think you're going to like them," board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said in congratulating the two women on their appointments.

"I hope you enjoy your tenure here because we are hard working people," added Trustee Carol Middel.

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CLUNKERS

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vehicles and most likely will run out of inventory before the program ends. Currently, the dealership has about 200 vehicles on its lot that qualify for Cash for Clunkers — the Malibu, Impala, Equinox, Cobalt and Avail. However, it's already sold out of HHRs. According to Ianni, it hasn't

been this empty since the strike year of 1997 that the dealership has had so few vehicles on its lot.

"This program was the boost the dealerships needed," she said. "The feedback we're getting is that there's enough money to carry the program through Labor Day, but I encourage the federal government to continue the program forever. It's a great program."

Business also has picked up at Red Holman GM at Wayne

and Ford roads in Westland. According to Operations Manager Mark Kowalski, the dealership has seen more people coming in and an increase in business since the start of the CARS program.

"We definitely have seen an increase in our floor traffic and phone calls," he said. "A majority qualify for Cash for Clunkers, but there was a few who didn't and some that didn't qualify purchased vehicles."

Kowalski doesn't have firm sales numbers, but said the program "has been an efficient tool in getting people into the building and moving vehicles."

"It's a wonderful thing as

long as we get paid by the government," he added.

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury which anchors the eastern end of dealership row also has seen a boost in sales.

"It's working out great, and our customers love it," said Stan Pudelek, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury sales manager. "We studied the government's instructions as intensely as if we were cramming for a test, so we've been able to follow the steps and make the process as easy as possible for each of our customers."

As of last week, Metropolitan had helped 50 customers replace clunkers with new Lincoln or Mercury vehicles through the CARS

program. And by doing its homework, the dealership has already been reimbursed by the government for the first round of "clunker deals," Pudelek said.

"Yes, it creates more paperwork for the dealership, but it's definitely worthwhile for everyone involved and we're glad the program was extended," said Pudelek. "The Mercury Milan, Mercury Mariner and Lincoln MKX are selling fast so we keep bringing in more."

"With the clunker cash plus the other great incentives we're offering through Lincoln-Mercury, it's been fun to see the excitement on our customers faces when

they find what a great deal they're getting on a new car," he added.

While the CARS program has been a win-win for the dealerships, which include North Bros. Ford and Crestwood Dodge, and their customers, Ianni says people need to stop and take a look at the domestic car companies, especially considering that U.S. taxpayers are part owners.

"People have to support their local dealerships because they support their community," she said. "It's a different world out there, we need to stick together."

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"There are a lot of (other) ways we can spend \$1 million out of the sinking fund," said King, who plans to vote no. The sinking fund is used to make repairs on school buildings.

Mang, who hasn't decided how she will vote, is concerned voters won't renew the sinking

fund millage, expected to be on the November ballot, if the district uses \$1 million for a soccer complex.

"I hope this doesn't bite us," she said.

King said he thinks the agreement is lopsided.

"They have a huge advantage," he said, adding that all Breeze is responsible for is "bringing an inflatable dome."

Trustee Dan Lessard said he expects to vote yes, saying: "That place has been an eye-

sore for 15 years. We have an opportunity to do something about it."

The school, built in the 1960s, was closed in 1991 because of contamination. The district has since torn it down. A fence surrounds the site, located across from the new Cooper Upper Elementary School at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

Over the years, different developers have come up with three plans for the site, Liepa said. Those plans have included a senior center and a larger soccer complex than the one now proposed. Those plans fell through, primarily because of the economy.

The district will lose the grant money, if it doesn't have a plan by Sept. 30, when the grant expires, Liepa said.

Lessard said if the grant money goes away, "we're going to be stuck with that fence and weed pile forever. There's not a big market for contaminated property."

Liepa said the agreement will provide revenue to the district's general fund, which faces a \$7.5 million deficit.

Several terms in the agreement protect the district, Liepa said, including a limit on how much the district will spend to improve the property.

"It's not an open blank check," he said.

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CHESS

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Like Cooper, the Westland resident believes the more people who play the better Chess Night will get.

"One thing about chess, it was popular for awhile and fell out, it comes and goes," he said.

Nancy Roman of Westland was waiting for her husband and son when she saw the in-house advertisement for Chess Night. She sat down with Cal Moores of Southfield to play a few games only to discover her opponent used to play in tournaments.

"A friend taught me to play," said Moore. "I used to play in tournaments five years ago, but slowed down. I used to play all the time, now I play online against other people and usually win. I've always liked it."

Nine-year-old Afroz Sufi's grandfather taught her to play chess last year when her family went to visit him.

BOARD GAMES

What: Chess Night for everyone from beginners through master chess players

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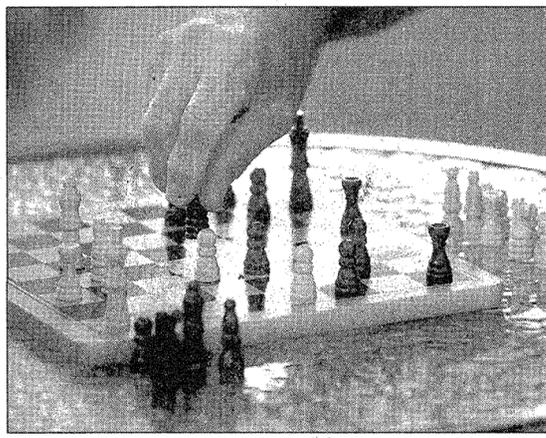
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Her mother, Mehnez, saw the advertisement for Chess Night and decided to bring her.

"I'm happy they have this, she likes to play and misses her grandfather," Mehnez said.

Afroz's first game was against Spencer and as predicted by Spencer, she won. Cooper isn't the only library staffer to stop by for Chess Night. A computer assistant, Brandon Bell was recruited to play because of his knowledge of the game.

"I played a little when I was younger, but not so much lately," said the Westland resi-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne Kaiser makes a move in a game with Brandon Bell.

dent. "I knew the moves, but I don't have the moves now, but I'm starting to notice things."

Bell's opponent was Wayne Kaiser who played chess 45 years ago when he was in the Navy. He hasn't played much since, but "it's starting to come back."

"I won the first game by chance," the Westland resi-

dent said. "He made one bad move and I got his queen and that pretty much did him in."

Across the room, Spencer was looking for another opponent.

"You know in chess age doesn't matter," he said. "It's practice."

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Garage sale benefits diabetes walk

The Fleming family of Garden City is set to hold their third annual garage sale to benefit the American Diabetes Association's Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes.

The garage sale will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23, and will feature furniture, baby clothes, adult clothes and shoes, electronics and more. The items were donated from local families committed to finding a cure for diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association's Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Detroit Zoo. The annual event attracts thousands of walkers

and raises money to provide community-based education programs, protect the rights of people with diabetes and help find a cure for people with all types of diabetes. More information on the walk can be found online at www.diabetes.org/stepout.

The Flemings participate in honor of their youngest daughter, Shawna, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 1994. They have been active with the American Diabetes Association since this time.

The garage sale will take place at 28576 Rush St. in the Warren Road-Middlebel area. The home can be found behind Menka's Kitchen on Warren Road.

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

Monday, Aug. 17

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

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Each class combines a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls and Therabands. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support is offered to those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month and is held in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. For more information, call (734) 458-4392.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central

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First Aid (ARC) at 6 p.m. This American Red Cross class teaches how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison, north of Maplewood. There is a \$25 fee. Participants will receive a three-year certification upon successful completion. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

Thursday, Aug. 20
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Each class combines a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls and Therabands. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at sma-son@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Corn-Hole Tournament

Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 is holding a Corn-Hole Tournament Saturday, Aug. 22, at the post, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. Sign-up begins at 4:30 p.m. with games starting at 5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. There will be prize money, double elimination and a cash bar. For more information, call (734) 525-9454.

The post also is hosting a Trivia Night at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Each table has four players and costs \$20 per table. There also will be Share the Wealth drawings. Door open at 6 p.m. To reserve a table call (313) 278-3784.

Ronald McDonald House Gala
The Ford Motor Company is presenting The Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at The Detroit Institute of Arts. The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association and DTE Energy will host this black-tie gala with all proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Formerly known as Aviators' Ball, the Gala is in its fifth year. The event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, an afterglow party and many surprises throughout the evening. The Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor provide a "home away from home" each year to nearly 1,600 families whose children are hospitalized nearby with serious illnesses. For Ronald McDonald House Gala tickets and sponsorship information, call (734) 316-2511 or visit the website at www.rmhgala.com.

Car show
American Legion Post 32 host a car show 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening throughout the summer at the post, 9318 Newburgh, just south of Ann Arbor Trail. The post kitchen is open and serves a variety of dinners for \$7 each and also have grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

School registration
St. Damian School is accepting students for the 3-4-year-old preschool program as well as students in kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is fully accredited by MNSAA, with certified, experienced teachers, hot lunch program and many other school programs and extracurricular activities. A licensed morning and afternoon latchkey is available. School tours are available upon request. St. Damian School is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 427-1688 for more information or visit the school's website at www.stdamian.com.

Crafters needed
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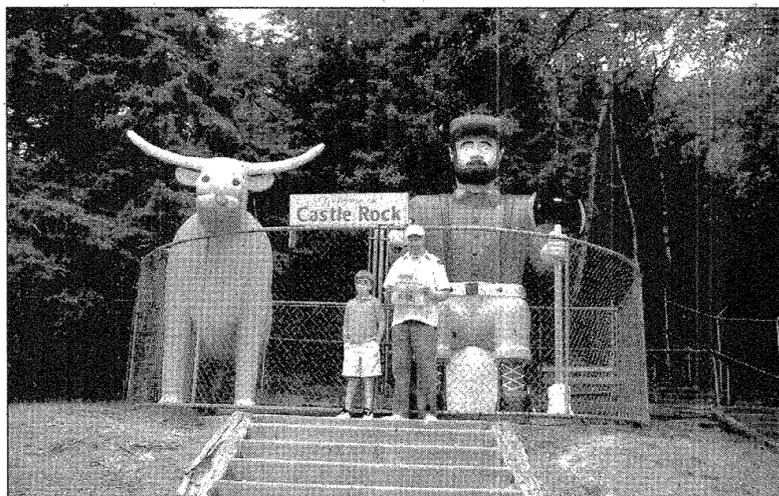
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Class reunions
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Wish You Were Here

Victor Bianchi and grandson Kyle Proffitt pose with their Garden City Observer in front of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox at Castle Rock. Bianchi and his wife Clare took their grandson on a trip to the Polynesian Water Park in the Wisconsin Dells in July and stopped at the St. Ignace attraction on their way home. Grandma Clare took the snapshot who reports that Kyle climbed all the way to the top of Castle Rock. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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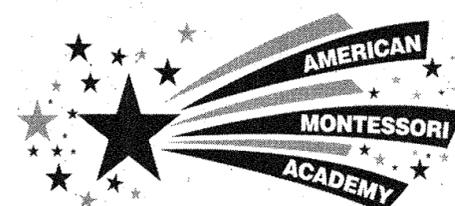
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Davenport's new president seeks input from community

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Pappas

Richard Pappas toured the Livonia campus of Davenport University on Wednesday and met with teachers and staff there, some of the first duties he's completed since taking over as Davenport's president this month.

Pappas comes to Davenport from National-Louis University in Chicago. He said he went to Davenport because it was a "perfectly fitted match" for him. "I'm glad to be back in my home state, and Davenport has a tremendous drive for excellence," Pappas said.

Pappas wanted to meet with faculty and staff in Livonia and at other Davenport campuses to develop a five-year plan. He plans to return in about a month to talk with businesses, technological firms and hospitals to find out what employer demands and needs will be over the next several years.

"Livonia is a new campus, and it is a beautiful campus," Pappas said. "We'd like to sit down with the residents and employers and have input from them."

That input and information will help develop a strategic plan that fits everyone's needs, whether it is a student seeking a career in an employable field or a company that needs educated workers, he said.

"I think (Davenport in Livonia) is a great fit with the needs of this particular area," Pappas said. "People want to make a difference in health

and academic quality," said Ken Bovee, chairman of the Davenport University Board of Trustees and member of the search committee. Bovee further noted that the board based its decision for selecting Pappas on his successful track record in strategic planning, academics, admissions, fundraising, alumni relations and community leadership.

Pappas has 35 years experience in higher education and 20 years as college and university president. Pappas holds a doctorate in higher, adult and continuing education and a master's degree in higher education and business management from the University of Michigan.

Pappas served as president of Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor and president of Harford Community College in Bel Air, Md. He will now oversee Davenport, a private, nonprofit university which has its main campus in Grand Rapids, and offers classes at 14 locations, from Alma to Warren. Enrollment is approximately 11,000.

Davenport specializes in business, technology and health professions. The university boasts that it prepares students for 17 of the top 20 careers on the Michigan Top 50 list.

Some of the specialized programs include accounting fraud investigation, biometric information management and network security.

Pappas was selected because of his "passion for students

care and in business. I think we can make a difference."

He also hopes to meet with Conway Jeffries, president of Schoolcraft College, to discuss a possible partnership. He hopes to meet with presidents and officials from every community college in the state, Pappas said. "I've known Conway for 15 years and he's a great leader," he said.

Pappas said he's heard positives about the Livonia campus and that staffers are excited about the new campus. He hopes to meet with business officials and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, too.

"Quality is a key adjective of what we do," Pappas said. "We talk a lot about our new direction."

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Oakwood seeks design for its Red Run T-shirts

Youngsters age 12 and under can put their artistic talents to the test in designing a T-shirt for a fitness run being hosted by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in October.

Dubbed the Junior October Mile, the run is part of the Red October Run that will held Saturday, Oct. 3, at the hospital, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne. The event will feature a 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk and Junior October Mile.

The artwork must be done on a 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of

white paper. Designs should include no more than three colors. Felt tip pens, crayons or color pencils can be used. Include the child's name, age (as of Oct. 3) and gender along with home address and parent's phone number and/or e-mail address. Include the information in the body of e-mailed entries or on the back of artwork sent by mail. Shirt contest entries must be received no later than Sept. 1.

Entries can be mailed to Oakwood Community Health, 23400 Michigan

Ave., Suite 606, Dearborn, MI 48124, ATTN: Red October Run. They also can be e-mailed as a PDF, JPG, GIF or TIFF attachment to Cynthia.Cook@oakwood.org.

The entries will be juried for selection by qualified professional local artists with the winning entry announced on or about Sept. 14. The winner will receive free T-shirt for child-entrant and their mother and father, as well as a special prize. All entries will be displayed in the hospital.

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Time to play ball

Although Major League Baseball may call their championship the "World Series," it is only an international event when Toronto (currently the only team not based in the United States) is in it.

Founded in 1939 by Carl Stotz as a three-team league in Williamsport, Penn., the Little League Baseball organization has grown to more than 200,000 teams in the United States and 80 countries. Local volunteers run its programs which are open to children between the ages of 5 and 18 at no cost. In 1974, Little League rules were changed to allow girls to participate. There is now also a Girl's Softball league.

Some famous Little League participants include George W. Bush, Tom Seaver, Gary Sheffield, Jason Varitek, Rudy Giuliani, Kevin Costner, Bruce Springsteen, Cal Ripken, Jr., Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jim Palmer, Tom Selleck, Nolan Ryan, Dan Quayle and Bill Bradley.

There are actually eight World Series held each year, but the best-known and publicized event is the 11-12-year-old division. Every championship game since 1963 has been televised. Divisional play in the United States began Aug. 6 with teams in eight regions all playing for a spot in the championship game at Howard J. Lamade Stadium. Likewise across the globe, teams in eight regions vie for their spot. This year's championship game will be played Aug. 30 and will be broadcast by ABC television.

If you're interested in learning more about the Little League organization, including its history and how to start a league, the official website is www.littleleague.org.

leagues.org.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has many books and videos that deal with baseball. The following are some items that you may want to check out that deal specifically with Little League: Randy Voorhees' "Making Little League Baseball More Fun for Kids," Peter Kreutzer's "Little League's Official How to Play Baseball Book, Mark Gola's "Little League Guide to Conditioning and Training" and "Play Ball! Basic Fielding" (DVD).

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and open 24/7 online at www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

Join us as we discuss Peter Carey's "My Life As a Fake." The novel is a tale of historical fiction, which revolves around the obsession of complex and mysterious characters with a manuscript. Please read the book before the meeting. Copies are available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.

20s/30s Book Club: 7 p.m. Aug. 19, Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh.

We will be reading and discussing the Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction, "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" by Michael Chabon. This brilliant epic novel set in New York and Prague introduces us to two misfit young men who make it big by creating comic-book superheroes. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

Creating a Professional Resume: 7 p.m. Aug. 19.

Let Preston Banks of Resume Solutions, LLC, answer all of your resume questions, whether you've never cre-

ated a resume before and aren't sure where to start, or you would like to improve your existing resume. A few of the key points to be discussed are your resume's appearance, do you need an e-mail address, how far back should your history go, what should you omit from your resume, and what if you don't have professional experience? Call or stop by the library to reserve your seat by calling (734) 326-6123.

Introduction to Essential Oils: 7 p.m. Aug. 24.

Ilka Handshaw, health coach and an aromatherapy consultant, will teach the healing power of plant and flower essences and help you discover the therapeutic benefits of aromatherapy. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to reserve your seat.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday.

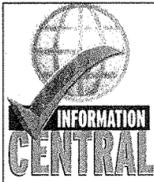
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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

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



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County DEQ holds waste collection day

The Wayne County Department of Environment is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, in Westland.

The collection will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is a chance for county residents to

rid their homes of thermometers, garden chemicals, dyes, floor wax, nail polish and other items deemed hazardous.

There is no cost, but proof of residency, such as a driver's license will be required. No materials from commercial or industrial establishments will be accepted.

Participants will receive

a free eco-friendly shopping bag filled with goodies, discount cards and coupons from Westland Shopping Center merchants while supplies last. One lucky winner will receive a \$250 Westland Center Gift Card and second- and third-place winners will receive a \$50 gift card.

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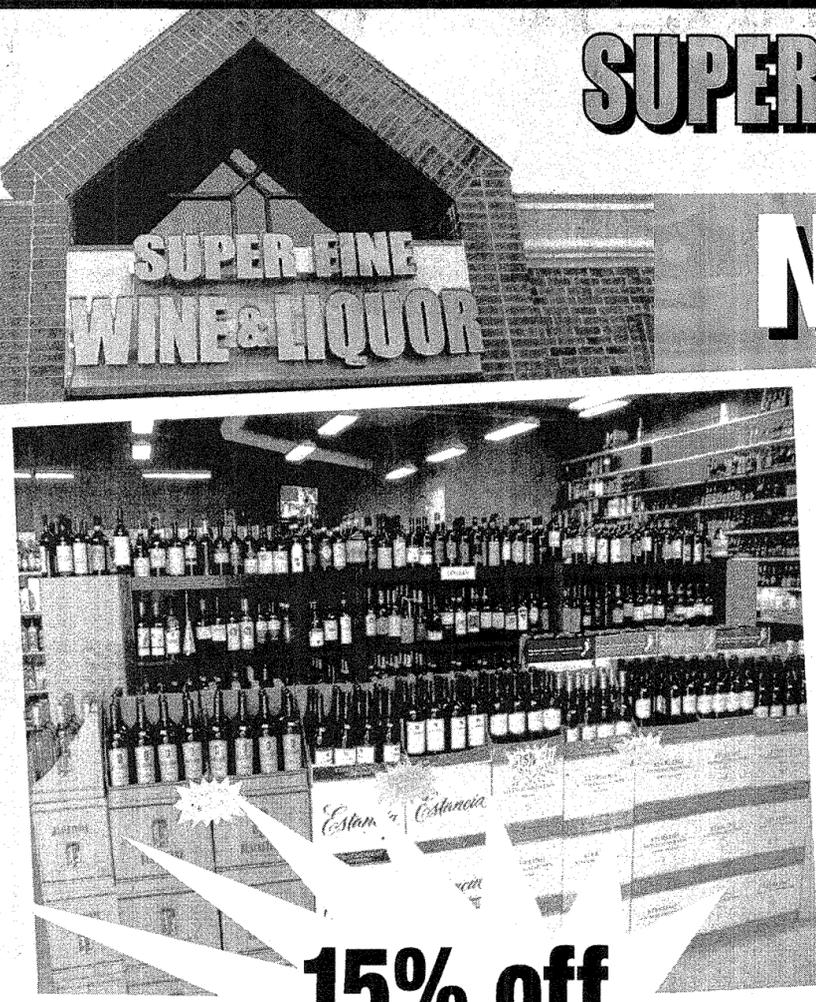
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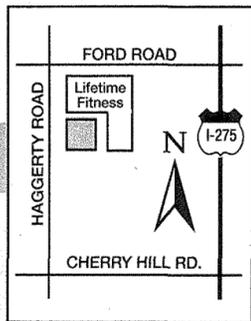
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Investors need to look forward when making decisions

The government recently released the July unemployment report and, for the first time in over a year, the unemployment rate dropped.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Although the economy still lost nearly 250,000 jobs, the number was much lower than anticipated. As a result of these better than expected numbers, investors are asking whether we have finally turned the corner and put the recession behind us.

I would love to say the recession is over. Unfortunately, I can't.

First, let's put the unemployment numbers into perspective. It is generally agreed that the U.S. economy needs to create 100,000 jobs every month just to account for new people entering the job market. In addition, one month does not create a trend. The government issues revised numbers, and although typically these are not material, they can be. Before getting excited about the job numbers, it's best to wait another month or two to get a clear picture.

In addition, what we all should hope for is an economy that creates new jobs.

As investors, we are flooded with economic data on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Whether it is the unemployment report, consumer spending, personal savings rate or personal income, there is no shortage of economic data. If investors try to analyze all the data available, they would be paralyzed and end up doing nothing. In fact, when I speak to portfolio managers who handle hundreds of millions and billions of dollars, they generally tell me they focus on a few economic numbers.

Remember, economic numbers released are in the past and as investors we need to look forward. Looking at economic numbers released is like looking in your car's rear-view mirror. In reality, the main focus should be looking forward.

LOOK FORWARD

An example of where looking in the rear-view mirror can cause problems is what recently happened in the stock market.

In March, all the economic numbers released showed the recession was deepening and the U.S. economy was faltering. In fact, after many investors received their February statements and saw the losses, they bailed out. They were looking

through their rear-view mirror. As painful as it was for the investors who continued to look forward, they have been rewarded. Since the beginning of March, the market has rallied dramatically and investors who panicked have lost a golden opportunity.

Since March, the Dow is up more than 40 percent, the S&P 500 is up nearly 50 percent and the NASDAQ market is up

more than 50 percent. Year-to-date, all three of the markets are in positive territory. As I write this column, the Dow is up 7 percent year to date, the S&P 500 is up 12 percent and the NASDAQ market is up a stunning 27 percent.

I've had a number of investors ask me since the market has had this great run over the last three or four months, will it eventually pull back? I

have no clue and neither does anyone else. I've always said it is dangerous to attempt to time the market.

My advice for people who pulled out and are sitting on cash is to consider dollar-cost averaging back into the market. Dollar-cost averaging is a strategy where you invest a certain amount of money on a regular basis, no matter what is happening in the market.

The length of investment time is based upon your comfort in the market. The key to success in investing on a regular basis.

A word of caution: Although the rest of the country may be improving, our area has significant challenges ahead. General Motors and Chrysler continue to struggle. Although Ford is doing better, it too has challenges.

I believe it will be some time

before our area truly begins to recover and we must take that into consideration when handling our personal financial affairs and managing our portfolios. Good luck!

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

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Chill at the Joe benefits First Step

First Step, is inviting families to Chill at the Joe on Sunday, Sept. 20.

This family-friendly event at Joe Louis Arena will help raise needed funds to support First Step and its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Chill at the Joe will be 3-6 p.m. and feature a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all-you-can-eat "game day fare" as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the Red Wing's locker room. Guests also can bring their skates or rent a pair of skates to take a few laps on the ice at Joe Louis Arena and participate in hockey feats of skill.

"This event is exciting! It's a time to celebrate. It's an affordable, fun-filled event for all members of the family, at the same time helping other families to overcome violence. This event will help fill in the gaps in funding created by difficult economic times," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "I hope to see at least 1,000 people at this event to send a message of hope."

"First Step is a crucial safety

net for the women and families in our community," said Deborah Dingell, honorary chair of Chill at the Joe. "This special event will bring much needed financial support to an organization that works so hard to make every dollar count towards its essential services for victims and their families."

Tickets for the event are \$30 per adult, \$20 for kids or \$100 per family. They can be purchased by calling Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or by e-mail at tbizoe@gmail.com. Net proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and ticket sales will be donated to First Step.

First Step provides safe shelter, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacy, assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families in western Wayne County and Downriver, with offices in Plymouth, Taylor and Redford.

For more information about First Step, visit its website at www.firststep-mi.org/.

Worthy of worship

Methodist church is fabric of members' lives

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the historic Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton celebrates its 175th year, lifelong member Dorothy Richards, 76, fondly remembers her childhood days going to Sunday School.

"I used to walk or ride my bike a half-mile to get here. We had excellent Sunday School teachers," she said, sitting in the fellowship hall. "I can't think of going anywhere else. It's become a good habit."

Richards, who chairs the trustees committee, remembers when sweet corn grew around the church, which stands on Ridge Road south of Cherry Hill as a proud reminder of the township's more rural past.

"I was baptized here, and I've never turned away," Richards said, smiling.

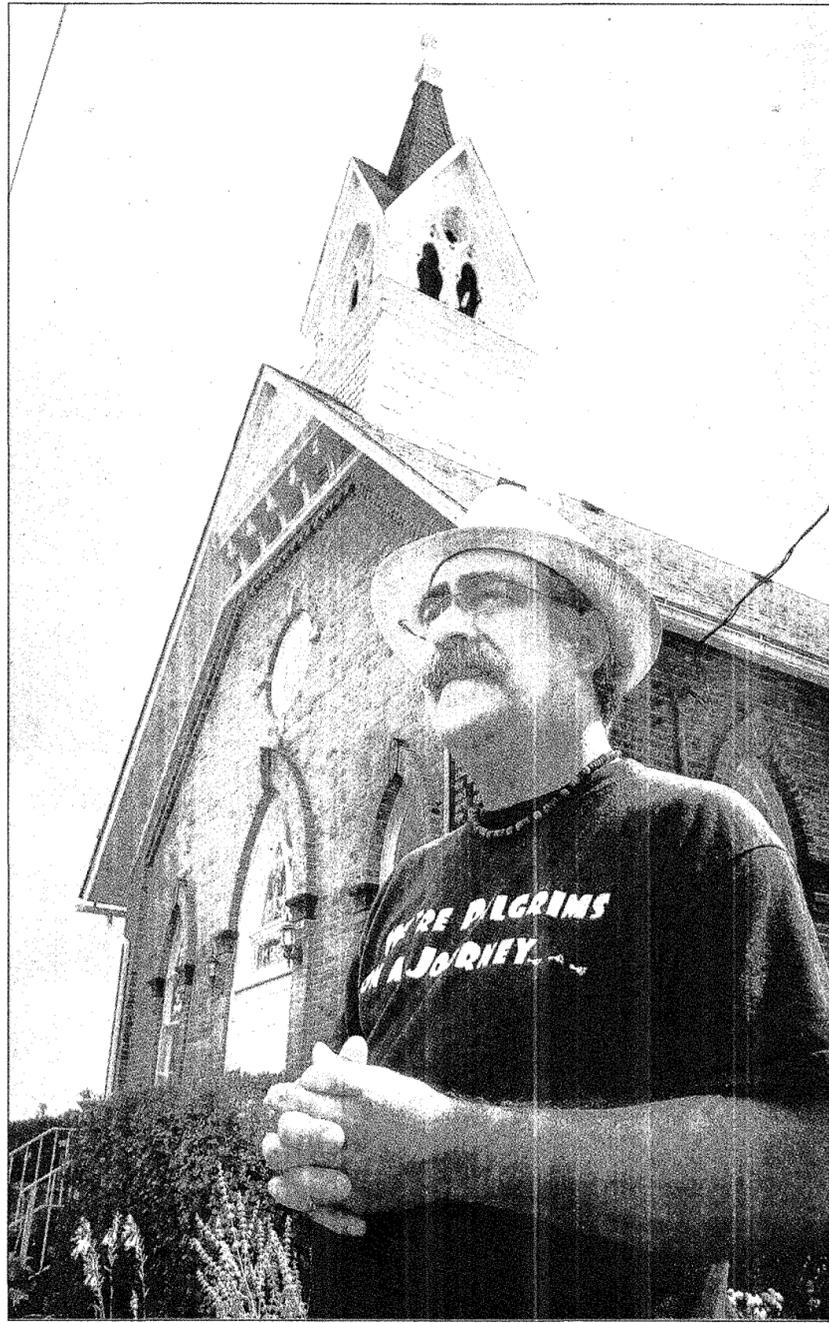
Like Richards, 59-year-old Bob Simmons of Inkster is a third-generation member of the church.

"I was raised here, so it's my family," he said. "I feel kind of an ownership."

The congregation began meeting in 1834 in local homes, and members say the first church, a clapboard building on the Ridge Road site, was erected a year later. Folklore has it the small gathering place caught fire before it was replaced in 1882 by the existing church, which boasts a red brick exterior, a white steeple and a basement where meticulously painted wall murals depict stories from the Old and New Testaments.

"We really do embrace the Methodist (teachings) of open hearts, open minds and open doors," Simmons said.

To that end, a Jewish con-



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The Rev. Merlin Pratt is the minister at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year.

gregation, Bet Chaverim, has used the church for years for meetings on one Saturday each month.

The Rev. Merlin Pratt, who this month marks his one-year anniversary with the church, can walk to the next-door house he shares with wife Kay, pastor of Faith

United Methodist Church in Belleville. He hopes to draw more people into the fold of his 52-member congregation, which comes from communities such as Canton, Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Redford, Ypsilanti, Inkster and Belleville.

Pratt said some people mis-

takenly believe the church is a historic building not being used. To be sure, it has received historic designations from the township, the state of Michigan and the National Register of Historic Places, but 80 pastors later it still is a place of worship.

Marcus Swift, one of the area's first settlers and a traveling preacher, was the first minister. Moreover, Pratt has learned that one of his ancestors, Hobart Dubois, was church pastor around 1842. Pratt was appointed pastor after he and his wife had done missionary work in Jamaica. Since then, some members of his congregation have returned to that country to take clothing to the poor. They also have assembled school supplies in backpacks for students, and they have helped Habitat for Humanity build homes for families in need.

"This is a nice place to work," Pratt said of the church, "and the people here are good folks."

The congregation has marked its 175th year in simple ways. Members had a Family Fun Fest last Saturday including food and activities, and they had a Bible School just this week.

Pratt sees his responsibilities as helping to grow the congregation in hopes the church can survive for years to come.

"We want it again to be a center of the community," Pratt said. "We want to attract new families with children." Maybe those children, like Richards, will one day look back fondly on their early days in church. Even now, she describes it as a welcoming place where people can feel comfortable.

"We try to accept everyone," she said. "People take away a happy feeling from here."

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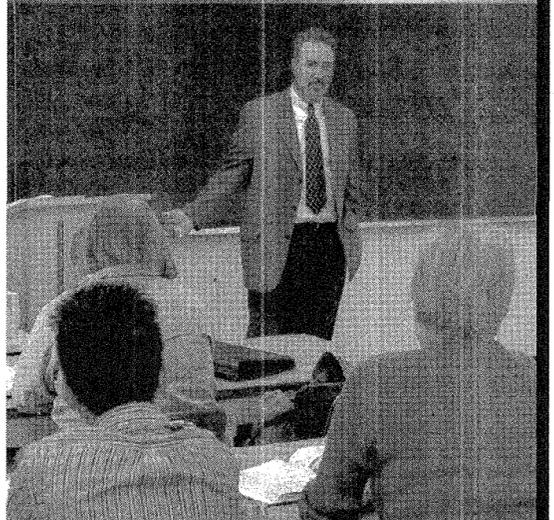
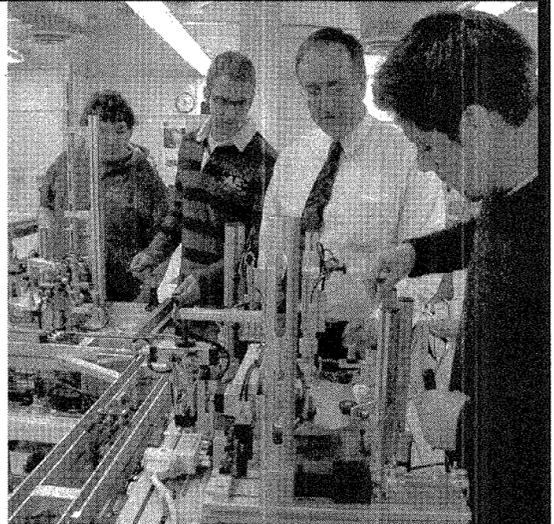
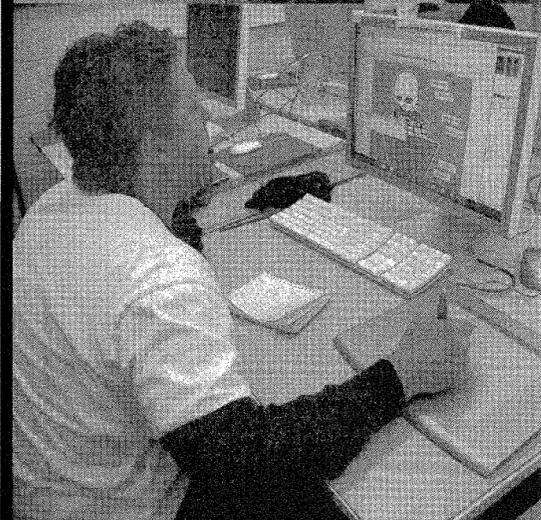
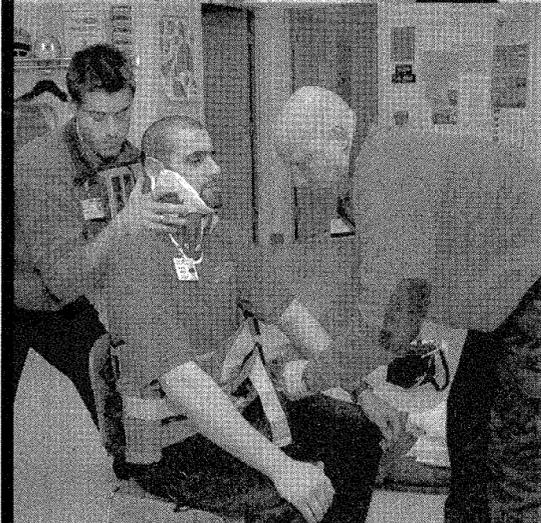
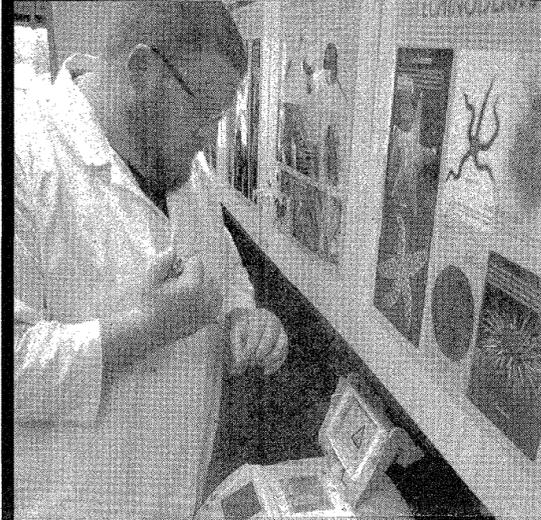
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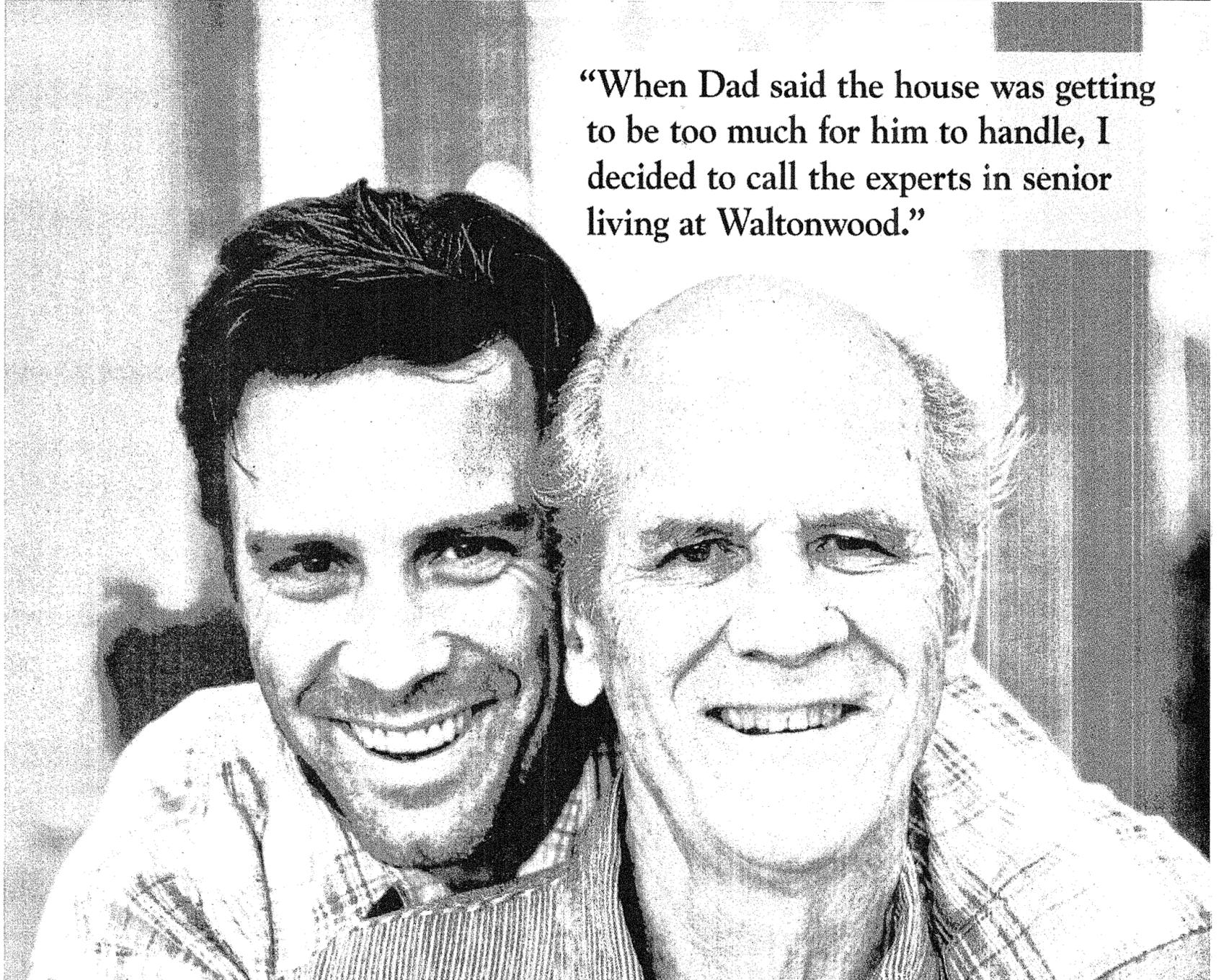
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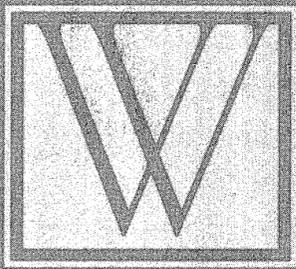


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Patriots hope to solve missing piece of puzzle

QB slot up in air

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin football coach Chris Kelbert admits he's been spoiled by his quarterback play in recent years.

The Patriots, coming off a 5-5 season, lost first-team All-Observer signal caller Mark McRobb to graduation. McRobb, who accounted for 1,889 combined passing and rushing yards. He assumed the job from another first-team All-Area pick in Jesse Carpenter.

Carpenter, meanwhile, took over the position from another first-team All-Area pick Matt McCullough, who led the Patriots to a 10-1 record in 2005.

They were three reasons why the Patriots have made the postseason three of the past four years.

There are a few questions marks for this year's 2009 Patriot squad.

That's because Kelbert returns a slew of starters led by 6-foot-3,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin coach Chris Kelbert confers with quarterback prospect Brent Marzion during Friday's preseason practice.

Please see **FRANKLIN, B3**

SIDELINES

Dube falls in 3

Livonia's Joseph Dube, who will be a junior this fall at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High, lost in both the main draw and back draw of last week's U.S. Tennis Association Boys 16 Nationals held in Kalamazoo.

Ryan Smith (Weston, Fla.) defeated Dube in three sets, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Forrest Edwards (Franklin, Tenn.) then defeated Dube in a first-round consolation match, 6-3, 6-3.

In doubles, Dube and partner Stratton Gilmore (Madison, Wis.) lost in straight sets to Smith and Dominic Coltrane (Bradenton, Fla.), 6-2, 6-3.

McCurtis saluted

Westland soccer coach LaShanna McCurtis of the Wayne Westland United Lightning has been selected Weplay.com's National Coach of the Year.

McCurtis has been coaching soccer for nine years. She and her husband developed a love for the game after their eldest daughter decided that was her sport.

The McCurtis' two younger daughters followed suit, and it has been a family affair ever since.

One of McCurtis' past squads, the MSYSA Soccer Spotlight Team, worked hard on teamwork and conditioning over the 2007 winter season and finished their spring 2008 season undefeated. The girls also attended the Kohls American Cup, where they displayed an enormous amount of selflessness and generosity by participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Kicks for Cancer program.

"Over the years, the girls I've coached have truly been an inspiration to me," McCurtis said. "Weplay has been great for this - from coordinating every day tasks during the season to staying connected with everyone all year long."

Stevenson Meet Team

Livonia Stevenson will hold its Meet the Team Night from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the high school auditorium.

Attendance for all ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes and parents, are requested for an introduction meeting at 7 p.m. Juniors and seniors should report for specific sports breakout meetings with their parents at 7:45 p.m.

For more information, call Stevenson athletics at (734) 744-2500.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill's Dylan Ochala, a junior, returns as a starter at linebacker.

Churchill plans to 'spread' the wealth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the second half of the 2008 Livonia Churchill football season is any indication, it's time to stock up on light bulbs for the home field scoreboard.

The Chargers' first-year spread offense lit up the board like Christmas tree during the final four games to the tune of 151 points, an average of 37.7 per game.

But the downside was that the Chargers were outscored 271-227 on the season, leaving them with a 3-6 overall record.

"This is the second level of instal-

lation of the spread," Churchill 13th-year coach John Filiatraut said. "We're further ahead as far as learning and I'm interested to see how it translates. Last year we really didn't pick it up until the fifth game."

Jordan Grohoski, who started three games last season as a sophomore, takes the full-time reins at quarterback in an offensive attack tailored to his capabilities.

"He had a great off-season, he's bigger and stronger physically," Filiatraut said of the 5-foot-11, 175-pound junior. "He's accurate, he's got a good arm and runs well. He's a talented kid."

Please see **CHURCHILL, B3**

Winning tradition

MU spikers primed for another strong run

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It could be a new-look Madonna University women's volleyball team this fall, but the results never get old for the Crusaders, who will be gunning for their 11th NAAIA National Tournament appearance under Hall of Fame coach Jerry Abraham.

Abraham, entering his 23rd year, must replace first-team All-America Lubovj Tihomirova, who average 4.08 kills per game, and second-team All-America Whitney Fuelling (463 kills), along with front-row specialist Stephanie Parslow - all of whom graduated.

"We lost three quality seniors - offensively who were dominant kind of players that were all tremendous leaders and volleyball athletes," said Abraham, who is coming off a 35-7 season and 12th straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title. "So our

recruiting efforts this year were to get more firepower specifically in the outside and middle hitting positions.

"Overall we're new in a lot of spots. We're returning experience in key areas, but yet we have a lot of new players that have to fit in. That's why this preseason is more important than the last few years. But I'm confident that once we mold into a team, it could be a team that is fast and athletic. The chemistry is extremely good and I'm excited about the season."

Mary McGinnis, a 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter from Fraser who ranked second behind the 6-2 Tihomirova in total kills (474) will take on the leadership role along with fourth-year starting setter Inta Grinvalds, a 5-10 senior from Portage Central.

Abraham said both are legitimate All-America candidates.

The other senior returnee is 5-8 defensive specialist Abby Long

(LaPorte, Ind.), a three-year starter who is coming off knee surgery.

"Obviously we'll count on our seniors," Abraham said. "If Abby is healthy, she'll pick up where she left off. Inta's the floor general, the leader who is able to put it antenna-to-antenna. She's a top level setter, one of the better setters in the country."

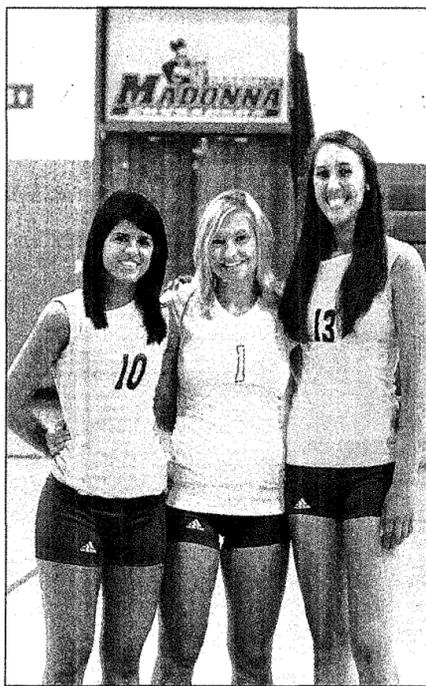
"Mary will be a captain. She had a great spring. We'll rely on her as a left-side hitter who we expect put up numbers on a consistent basis."

McGinnis, meanwhile, is ready to assume the mantle.

"Coach (Abraham) wants me to be more vocal," McGinnis said. "Usually I try to lead by example. I've been a leader, but haven't had the seniority. I'm excited to take on the role."

Grinvalds, MU's all-time leading setter, averaged 10.83 assists per game in 2008.

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MU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

The Crusaders' Observerland volleyball connection includes (from left) Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill), Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Marie Martin (Canton).

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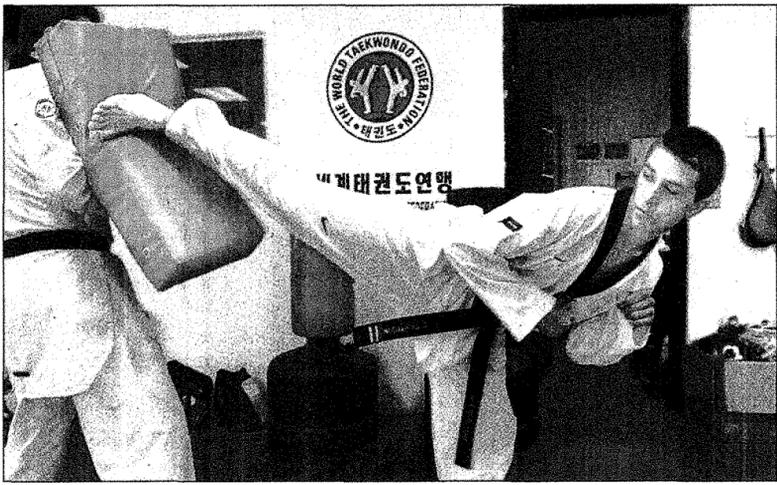


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Steven Thompson, a student at Westland John Glenn, earned a gold medal at the U.S. Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics in Austin, Tex.

Golden future

Westland's Thompson on the rise in tae kwon do

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth could be grooming a future Olympian.

Westland John Glenn's Steven Thompson certainly is on the right track toward that lofty goal, earning a gold medal at the recent USA Tae Kwon Do Junior Olympics & U.S. National Championships in Austin, Tex. and qualifying for Saturday's national team trial.

If the 16-year-old Westland native is victorious at the Colorado Springs, Col. "fight off" at welterweight (129-to-137 pounds) he will earn a berth on the USA National Junior Team.

"I think I'm surprising people," Thompson said. "A lot of people didn't think I could make it as far as I am now, like going to teams." One of his trademarks is dogged determination, so no matter what happens in Colorado, Thompson won't be deterred.

"I would just come back

here, start training more and wait around for next year," he said.

And making the USA National Junior Team is just the next of the string of ambitious goals Thompson is planning to reach.

"After making junior team, (goals are to) win internationally, travel around the world and play for USA and then go for the 2012 Olympics (in Chicago)," he said.

About the last goal in that list, he smiled and said it was do-able. "I think so. I always try to set myself at the highest I can go."

Thompson, whose parents are Lori and Daniel Thompson, said his Tae Kwon Do success (he came home from Texas with a gold medal in sparring in the 18-32 age bracket) is helping him grow as a complete person.

"It's making me concentrate more in school and it's making me more athletic to do other sports," said Thompson, who also

played varsity soccer at John Glenn. "The agility in Tae Kwon Do is like the same thing on the soccer field.

"... I've grown in school, too. I got better grades since I started tae kwon do and I've met new people during tournaments and built friendships with them."

According to one of the Masters at Midwest Tae Kwon Do, fifth-degree black belt Tanya Panizzo, there's no telling what Thompson might be able to accomplish.

One of the main reasons for Panizzo's optimism is Thompson's absolute passion for the sport, which gets it's three-pronged name from "foot," "fist" and "the way."

"It started when I was six, I always loved fighting," Thompson stressed. "It's just adrenaline and energy flowing through your body. It's like you just can't wait to get out there and fight."

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Giorgi's leadership key for Crusaders

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With two straight trips to the NAIJA Nationals under his belt, Madonna University eighth-year coach Tino Scicluna is not content.

He continues to hunger for more. "The expectation doesn't change," said Scicluna, who guided the Crusaders to a 17-3 record and a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown. "We've been knocking on the door every single year I've been here. We were knocking on the doorstep and made the nationals two years ago and last year we went one more step."

The Crusaders, who lost WHAC Player of the Year Doron Draai to graduation along with leading scorers Victor Otieno (nine goals, three assists), hope to surpass last year's national tourney run where they were knocked out in the second round of the NAIA's by Rio Grande (Ohio), 2-1.

"We have to take care of business in the conference first if we're going to have a chance," Scicluna said. "And if we get there, we want to have a little

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more success."

Only nine players return from a year ago led by senior midfielder Emilio Giorgi, a native of Windsor, Ontario.

"With Emilio we expect big things," Scicluna said. "He's a guy who has done all the dirty work in the past and he's one of the most fit players in the conference. He's matured a lot the last few years. He'll take on a leadership role whereas in the past he's led by example."

Other seniors returning include goalkeeper Steven Besk (Northville), who went 9-1 in 2008; midfielder Eric Kiebert (five goals, 10 assists), midfielder Mark Pikula (Dearborn), midfielder-defender Isaac St. John (Dearborn) and defender Dan Pichler (Livonia Stevenson).

Juniors Jacob Rosiek (Madison Heights Bishop Foley) and Daniel Amaya (Cartenga, Columbia) also return along with sophomore Cayle Lackten (Ancaster, Ontario).

"Every year we've lost good players, but every year we've been able to bring in some good ones and I feel good about this

recruiting class," Scicluna said. "It's been a balancing act of young players and veterans. This is the first freshman class where I feel I've influenced their development because I've either coached them in club soccer or seen them play. I think we'll be able to strengthen our chemistry since day one."

Two newcomers - Otieno Moses, a native of Kenya, and Nigerian native and Schoolcraft College transfer Mikey Iyoha - should have an immediate impact.

"Otieno is a playmaker, or he can put the ball in the back of the net," Scicluna said. "I expect he can do a little of everything. I expect him to be a productive player."

"Mikey is a good young talent. He's a center-midfielder who can be a playmaker or an attacking threat. At Schoolcraft he was a successful player. Transfers from that program have been a large part of our success. Then, we'll have some local talent to fill our defensive roles."

The Crusaders will open their season Friday, Aug. 21 on the road against NAIA Region nemesis Bethel (Ind.) College.

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Brand new cast bolsters Ocelots

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Generating excitement will be the least of worries this fall for Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team.

Matching the number of victories of a year ago could be a different story.

Nonetheless, Rick Larson finds himself as optimistic as ever entering his fourth season at the helm of the Ocelots program.

"We will be fun to watch as we return a lot of exciting players," said Larson as the 2009 contingent looks to follow up on a stellar '08 campaign which produced an overall record of 17-3-4 and berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament.

"My staff throughout the year did everything I asked them to do in going out and evaluating talent and recruiting the type of players we

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need to be successful."

Larson's compliments were directed towards assistant coaches Chris Grodzicki and Eric Scott, whose combined efforts lured the likes of highly-touted freshmen Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill), Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson), Dane Laird (Farmington Harrison), Nate Sergison (Stevenson), Andrew Koet (Plymouth) and Khalid Suleiman (Westland John Glenn).

Those individuals will look to follow the lead of returnees Kenny Vasquez, James Cho, Andy Adlington, Bim Ogunyemi and Yaya Toure.

Both Vasquez and Cho did a remarkable job of limiting opponents' chances last season from the back line and will look to do so again. Adlington and Ogunyemi should steady the midfield, while

Toure will seek to once again perform his magic on the front line.

Masato Morioka and Ben Lightner are two other returnees whose experience will be key for the Ocelots to earn a return trip to national tournament play.

"Team chemistry will be a big issue this season," Larson said. "You can't put a finger on chemistry, you just know it when it's there. I think the guys returning are going to pick up the characteristics I want to see and we'll be a pretty competitive team."

Following a trio of scrimmages, including Tuesday versus Davenport and next Friday against U-D Mercy, the Ocelots open regular-season action Saturday, Aug. 29, in Herkimer, New York, against Herkimer County Community College. Schoolcraft's initial home contest won't come until Saturday, Sept. 26, against Ancilla College (Ind.).

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CHURCHILL

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Grohoski will more than likely get the ball to slotback Tony Frezzell, a speedy 5-11, 170-pound senior who must replace first-team All-Observer pick Jeff Ricketts (17 touchdowns).

Juniors Mike Kutek (5-10, 175) and Dean Bokuniewicz (5-6, 135) will also touch the ball with regularity out of the backfield, while senior wideout Marshall Fry (6-2, 170) and senior tight end-punter Zack Goeglein (5-11, 230) will be prime receiving targets.

The offensive line, meanwhile, will be anchored by senior tackle Alex Danke (6-1, 240) and senior center Nick Molencupp (5-9, 250).

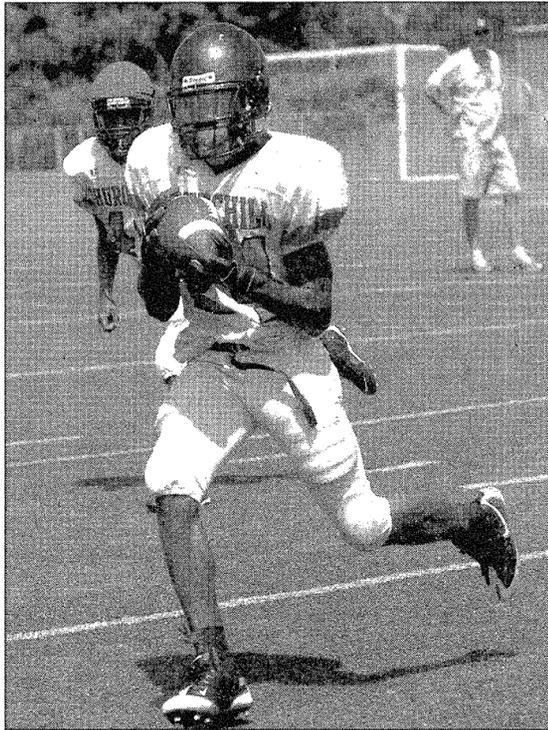
Defensively, Churchill will be in its standard 4-3 stunt scheme. The Chargers must replace their leading tackler Devin Moynihan, a first-team All-Observer pick at linebacker who graduated.

Linebacker Dylan Ochala (6-0, 230) and defensive end Jimmy Atkins (6-3, 220), a pair of juniors who return as starters joined in the secondary by seniors Kevin Pietrasinski (5-8, 170) and Grohoski.

Junior Paulin Chateau (6-3, 240) and senior Billy Bowles (5-10, 220) should also help alleviate the tackling problem backed by senior linebackers Matt Andrzejewski (5-11, 200) and Jimmy Koltunchik (5-11, 175).

"We've made a focus to be better defensively," Filiatraut said. "The second half of the season we had trouble tackling. Last year we were small, but this year we're considerably bigger up front. Last year we had all mediums and one extra-large. This year we'll be able to match up and that should help our tackling."

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Senior Tony Frezzell will move into the starting slotback position for the 2009 Chargers.

FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Churchill.
Head coach: John Filiatraut, 13th season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
2008 record: 3-6.
Notable losses to graduation: Devin Moynihan (first-team All-Area); Jeff Ricketts (first-team All-Area); Grant Morgan (second-team All-Area); Matt Kowalis (second-team All-Area); Nathan Zak, Eric Perkowski, Alex Bay.
Starters returning: Zack Goeglein, Sr. P-TE (5-11, 230); Tony Frezzell, Sr. Slotback (5-10, 170); Jordan Grohoski, Jr. QB-CB (5-11, 175); Dylan Ochala, Jr. LB (6-0, 230); Jeremy Atkins, Jr. DE (6-3, 220); Kevin Pietrasinski, Sr. DB (5-8-170).
Promising newcomers: Alex Danke, Sr. OT (6-1, 240); Nick Molencupp, Sr. C (5-9, 250); Paulin Chateau, Jr. OL-DL (6-3, 240); Mike Kutek, Jr. RB (5-10, 175); Dean Bokuniewicz, Jr. RB (5-6, 135); Matt Andrzejewski, Sr. LB (5-11, 200); Jimmy Koltunchik, Sr. LB (5-11, 175); Billy Bowles, Sr. DL (5-10, 220); Marshall Fry, Sr. WR (6-2, 170).
Coach's quote: "The kids are competing for spots and we haven't solidified things right now. We do have high expectations. We hope to play at the high level the first part of the season and not wait until the second half."
2009 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 28 (Hartland); Sept. 3 (at Waterford Kettering); Sept. 11 (at Westland John Glenn); Sept. 18 (Livonia Franklin); Sept. 25 (at Plymouth); Oct. 2 (Wayne Memorial); Oct. 9 (Canton); Oct. 16 (KLAAs crossover); Oct. 23 (at Livonia Stevenson).

FRANKLIN

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305-pound first-team All-Area tackle Nate Coleman, along with 6-1, 195-pound senior running back Mike Baumgardner, who earned second-team All-Observer honors.

But the big question mark remains quarterback as senior Mike Beasley (6-0, 168) and junior Brent Marzion (5-9, 170) are vying for the starting nod.

"Our offense will be based around the run, which always has opened up the passing game," Kelbert said. "Hopefully we can do the same this year."

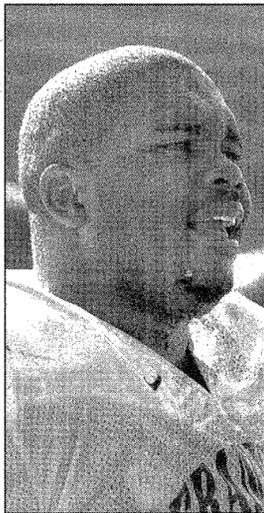
"Both are good quarterbacks, but they don't have the experience right now that you have to have to make the reads. Sometimes they look good, and sometimes not so good. But if they can make the third down throws when we need them and don't turn the ball over, it will allow us to move the ball."

Franklin's deep at running back with the return of the speedy Baumgardner along with seniors Mike Gadsby (5-11, 200) and Chris VanTuyl (5-9, 165).

"Baumgardner's a wingback who has gotten pretty strong, he's gained 10-to-15 pounds," Kelbert said. "He's got speed on the edge, but he's become more physical. He wants to put his shoulder down and become a more powerful back."

"Gadsby has decent speed and one of the most athletic on the team. He's got great hands in the open field and can make people miss."

Coleman, who has started since his sophomore year, anchors a senior-laden offensive line that will also include Sean McAuliffe (6-2, 245), Brian Nixon (6-2, 230) and Nate Robinson (6-0, 255), the latter whom missed most of last season after getting



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Franklin's Nate Coleman, a two-year starter on the offensive and defensive lines, works up a sweat during Friday's preseason workout.

injured in last year's 41-40 season-opening overtime loss to Livonia Stevenson.

"The interior line is very good, very strong," Kelbert said. "We've been saying that four of five games we lost last year were because we were physically beaten up front. As a goal, that it is one area that we have to change."

The Patriots open the 2009 season with daunting schedule which includes Division I state semifinalist Stevenson (at home) followed by Walled Lake Western (on the road).

"Our goal is to take the program another step forward," Kelbert said. "We've made the playoffs and have had some fine winning seasons, but we'd like to make a drive in our division (KLAAs South). With two games left in our division last year we were in first place, then lost our last two. We'd like to be like the '05 team where we're going for a title in our conference and make a playoff run."

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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Franklin.
Head coach: Chris Kelbert, ninth season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
2008 record: 5-5.
Notable losses to graduation: Mark McRobb (first-team All-Area); Connor Leidal (second-team All-Area); Brandon Lane, David Fortin, Don Stratz.
Starters returning: Nate Coleman, Sr. DL-OL (6-3, 305; first-team All-Area); Mike Baumgardner, Sr. RB (6-1, 195; second-team All-Area); Sean McAuliffe, Sr. OL-DL (6-2, 245); Mike Gadsby, Sr. RB-DB (5-11, 200); Robert Ringe, Sr. SE-DB (5-9, 140); Chris VanTuyl, Sr. RB (5-9, 165); Brian Nixon, Sr. C (6-2, 230); Dan Derigiotis, Sr. OL (5-10, 248); Nate Robinson, Sr. OL-DL (6-0, 255); Justin Deah, Sr. DB (5-10, 180); Dan Muller, Jr. LB (6-0, 201); Anthony Barber, Sr. DL (6-1, 228).
Promising newcomers: Blake Lukas, Jr. WR (6-1, 180); Andrew Binder, Sr. TE (6-3, 190); Bobby Andrus, Jr. TE (6-2, 195); Antoine Banks, Sr. LB (6-0, 165); David Dohr, Sr. DB (5-11, 168); Ryan Tarhanich, Sr. DB (5-10, 150); Tino Benavides, Jr. LB (5-9, 176); Mike Beasley, Sr. QB (6-0, 168); Brent Marzion, Jr. QB (5-9, 170).
Coach's quote: "We're very athletic on both sides of the ball. Our linebackers are undersized, but they can fly. Overall we're more athletic than we've been in the past. We have a good core of linebackers and defensive backs. We only have three guys - McAuliffe, Gadsby and Coleman - that will go both ways and that's going to help us in terms of late in games and not being worn out."
2009 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 28 (Livonia Stevenson); Sept. 3 (at Walled Lake Western); Sept. 11 (Wayne Memorial); Sept. 18 (at Livonia Churchill); Oct. 25 (Westland John Glenn); Oct. 2 (at Canton); Oct. 9 (at Plymouth); Oct. 16 (conference crossover); Oct. 23 (at Hartland).

Anemic bats cost Rams in AAABA

Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman can empathize with the Tigers' Jim Leyland.

The Rams' offense was anemic for the second straight day as the New Orleans (La.) Boosters eliminated the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League representative, 3-2, at the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament held Wednesday at Roxbury Park in Johnstown, Pa.

"We couldn't get the big hit to get in a run," said Berryman, whose team collected just four hits and lost a day earlier in

SANDLOT BASEBALL

the double-elimination tournament to Martella's Pharmacy of Johnstown, 2-1. "We had excellent pitching and defense. That wasn't the issue. We played flawless in the infield and the outfield, but did not hit."

Northville High's Steve Anderson (Grand Valley State), a tournament pick-up by the Rams from LCBL Blue Knights, belted a solo homer in the third inning to knot the count at 1-all.

The Rams then went ahead

2-1 in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Jake Rhodes and Kyle Vesey.

Rams starting pitcher Matt Broder (Michigan) gave up one run on three hits and two walks before being replaced by reliever Tom Whiting in the seventh.

Whiting, who was charged with the loss, then gave up the go-ahead two-run double as New Orleans remained alive in the 16-team tournament.

The Rams, the LCBL runner-up, finished their summer sandlot schedule at 24-15 overall.

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 Saturday, Aug. 22
 Oakland Christian Tournament, 8:30 p.m.
 West Bloomfield Invitational, 9 a.m.
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BOYS SOCCER
 Saturday, Aug. 22
 John Glenn at Waterford Mott, 1 p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
 Thursday, Aug. 20
 Chelsea Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Friday, Aug. 21
 Monroe-Jeff. Inv. at Raisin River, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS
 Wednesday, Aug. 19
 Franklin at Stevenson, 9 a.m.
 Wayne at Woodhaven, 10 a.m.
 Friday, Aug. 21
 Stevenson at W.L. Central, 2:30 p.m.
 Taylor Truman Invitational, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Wednesday, Aug. 19
 Madonna vs. Alumnal, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Friday, Aug. 21
 Madonna at Bethel College (Ind.), 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Friday, Aug. 14 (Exhibition)
 Schoolcraft at Saginaw Valley, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 18 (Exhibition)
 Madonna vs. Schoolcraft at Greenmead Field, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20 (Exhibition)
 Schoolcraft at Tiffin (Ohio), 5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 21 (Exhibition)
 Madonna at UD-Mercy, 4 p.m.

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GIRLS GOLF CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Paul Worley, second year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: first, KLA A South (10-0); fourth (conference); tied for fifth (Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Lexi McFarlane (first-team All-Area); Jessica Burdette (first-team All-Area); Sarah Linder.
Leading returnees: Jordyn Shepler, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Stephanie Panaretos, Sr. (captain); Shelby Longworth, Sr. (captain); Margo McClain, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Maggie McGowan, Fr.; Jackie Burdette, Fr.; Taylor Cutting, Fr.; Claire Rose, Fr.
Worley's 2009 outlook: "I'm optimistic. The girls are working hard. We have a lot of young players to match with the two seniors we got. Obviously we want to keep our winning streak in the (South) division. Both Franklin and John Glenn will be good teams, and both Canton and Plymouth will be decent this year. What Jordyn (Shepler) shoots will probably dictate whether we win or lose a match. If she shoots low 40s, we'll probably win. If she shoots 50, we probably won't. She's capable of going low."



Heidi Irvine
John Glenn
Jordyn Shepler
Churchill

dedication to improving their game by playing all summer, attending golf camps and tournaments should provide us the edge we need to win. Our conference, and especially our division, is one of the most competitive in the state and we will need to work hard to earn wins. Hopefully a couple of newcomers to the team this year, coupled with some excellent improvement in a pair of sophomores, should lead to an improved and fun season."
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Steve Pilon, sixth year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: second, KLA A South (8-2); fifth (conference); eighth (Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Courtney McKinney.
Leading returnees: Heidi Irvine, Sr. (first-team All-Area; 46.1 average); Samantha Baker, Sr.; Michelle Bishop, Soph.; Justine Woodard, Sr.
Promising newcomers: Megan Bachie, Fr.; Breanna Reid, Soph.
Pilon's 2009 outlook: "We won the inaugural Franklin Invitational last year and we look forward to defending our title on Aug. 25 at Fox Creek Golf Course."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Brian McCallister, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLA A South (4-6); ninth (conference and Division I regional).
Notable losses to graduation: Natalie Polakowski (second-team All-Area); Samantha McAttee (second-team All-Area); Samantha Nesbitt.
Leading returnees: Georgia Patrick, Sr.; Rebecca Keeler, Sr.; Jennifer Rellingner, Sr.; Lauren Beahon, Jr.; Mariah Barcus, Jr.; Mackenzie Meyers, Soph.; Alexis Smith, Soph.; Haley Szpara, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Zoe Riopelle, Jr.; Jamie Buchanzenko, Soph.; Kayla Buchanzenko, Soph.; Lucie Patrick, Fr.; Allison Karczynski, Fr.
McCallister's 2009 outlook: "We look to have a very competitive team this year. There is a lot of room to get into the varsity matches and the girls are working hard to claim those spots. Georgia Patrick has been a real leader and had a real successful summer winning some tournaments. She is looking to carry that success into the season. Alexis Smith, Mariah Barcus and Lauren Beahon have also improved and will give us a solid, experienced top of the lineup. We have set some lofty team and individual goals and will work hard to reach them."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jason Delo, fifth year.
League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLA A Central (4-6); eighth (conference).
Notable losses to graduation: Gabrielle Sabatini (second-team All-Area); Natalie Cicchelli, Shelby Plichota.
Leading returnees: Andrea Burford, Sr.; Brynn Cavanaugh, Jr.; Chelsea Phillips, Jr.
Promising newcomers: Dana Smith, Soph.; Gina Castrodale, Jr.
Delo's 2009 outlook: "We should be a better team than last year, but it may not show up in wins and losses this season. We will have some strong players leading our team as many of our players got loads of experience playing last season. Their

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"We're going to miss Lubovj, but we have some good girls coming in," said Grinvalds, who is majoring in nursing. "She was a key player, but we can make due with the girls coming in. Over the years with played the same style. But with a new assistant coach (Tera Woodruff) after three years it could be a factor as far as changing the style."

Also returning is Karie Altman, a 6-foot sophomore middle hitter from Allen Park Cabrini (175 kills); Megan Fricke, a 5-9 sophomore outside hitter from Wyandotte Roosevelt (111 kills); and Amanda Koszela, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Dearborn High.

"She (Koszela) will be our starting libero, she's a great defensive player with a lot of speed," Abraham said. "Karie (Altman) will be a go-to player, a big part of the offense. She's very strong with a whip for an arm. She attacks from the slide dominantly."

Other returnees include three players with Observerland ties - Liz Dempsey, a 5-8 junior hitter from Livonia Franklin; Marie Martin, a 6-1 middle hitter from Canton; Anna Gatt, a 5-7 defensive specialist from Livonia Churchill. "Martin has really developed," Abraham said. "It took a season for her to develop. And I thought both Dempsey and Fricke had great springs."

Grinvalds' back-up will be freshman recruit Evia Prieditis, a 5-9 setter from Milford. And adding depth to the front row is 6-1 sophomore Katie Czarnecki (LAnse Creuse North), a 6-1 sophomore transfer from Macomb Community College.

"She's a lefty who will provide a big block and a big hit," Abraham said of Czarnecki.

"Prieditis already is familiar with our system. She's played it for three years."

The trump cards, however, just arrived Sunday night from Riga, Latvia, just in time for Monday's opening day of conditioning and practice.

Abraham has added two freshmen in a pair of 6-footers named Anastasija - Baranovskaja and Sheremetjeva - both whom he hopes to follow in the footsteps of former MU All-Americans Tihomirova and Natalja Tinina.

"They're very talented kids, both high level players from the club team that Lubovj and Natalja came from - that's the connection," Abraham said. "They both come in with high honors. They can play front and back row." They can play all over the place.

Abraham has also added a new and old assistant coach with the departure of Ed Tolentino to Georgia Tech. Back in the fold is Tim DeBeliso, who spent 11 seasons on the bench, and former MU standout Tera Woodruff. They join longtime Abraham assistant Brian McClain.

"With the two new Latvian players we may be smaller and quicker," Woodruff said. "We have a good core with Mary (McGinnis) and Inta (Grinvalds). We may not necessarily have the power we've had, but we have the quickness."

The new-look Crusaders, however, plan to keep on winning for Abraham, who ranks second among NAIA coaches in total wins (881).

"When we walk out on the court we may not look as intimidating," McGinnis said. "We'll be a lot different, but we'll be really aggressive and I think we'll have a successful year."

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Contender status fuels '09 Schoolcraft spikers

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREVIEW

Entering his third season in charge of the women's volleyball program at Schoolcraft College, head coach Rich Lamb knows this year's squad will be hard-pressed to match, or better, the accomplishments of the 2008 contingent.

"We certainly had a good year," Lamb said of the last season's unit which posted a conference-leading 15-1 ledger, strung together 18 consecutive victories, and finished with a 31-9 mark overall. "It was quite rewarding."

"But we go into every season with the goal of being league champs, and continuing on in the national tournament. We started that season with a good base of sophomores and we're looking to do the same this year also."

A handful of returnees, including four starters, has Lamb believing the '09 Ocelots can be every bit as dominating both offensively and defensively. Lamb's optimism begins with Jordan Kerr (Livonia Churchill), a second-team All-MCCAA Eastern Conference selection in 2008, whose overall talents position her as the team's libero.

"She's all-everything out there for us," Lamb said. "She's our back-row specialist, but we'll position her everywhere out on the court and it will be up to the other team to find out just who she is."

Jennifer Brunink and Emily Bronkema return as powerful middle hitters and Brittany Denter, with a year of experience under her belt, should prove to be one of the league's top setters.

"It will be nice to have an experienced setter," Lamb said. "Last year she (Denter) kind of learned on the fly thinking and making decisions."

The fifth returnee is Kirstin Kirk, who was limited in her playing time last season after suffering a knee injury.

The ability of freshmen to step in and make an immediate impact is crucial to any community college in maintaining a successful program.

Katie Vellucci (Livonia Stevenson) is one such freshman and Lamb believes her contributions, along with that of outside hitters Katrina Johnson, Sam Gilbreth and Kayla Creech, will be critical in the Ocelots' attempt to defend the Eastern Conference crown in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"We lost Virginia Butler (Westland John Glenn), who was our top outside hitter and conference player of the year last year, so we're going to need somebody to step in really fast," Lamb said. "We talk all the time about going out and playing at that high level, and the great thing about this group, is they go out and really make an effort."

"They have also shown they can do some coaching among themselves. They point out to each other the things that are going on out on the court and really communicate over the mental part of the game."

The race for the top spot in the Eastern Conference promises to be a heated one as Lamb believes the off-season recruiting turned in by Oakland CC, St. Clair CC and Macomb CC makes it difficult to select a clear-cut favorite.

"I just hope we're in the mix at the end," he said.

Regular-season play for Schoolcraft begins Friday, Aug. 28, with a tri-match against visiting league foes Alpena CC and Delta College.

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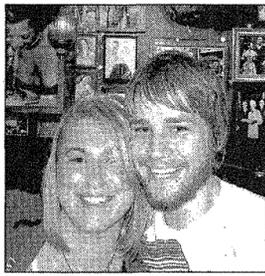
60TH ANNIVERSARY

John and Regina (Mech) Korzetz of Canton, formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family this month. The couple wed Aug. 6, 1949, at Assumption Church, Detroit.

John retired in 1987 and Regina retired in 2006. They enjoy spending time with each other and with family.

They have four children: Katherine Bliss of Clarkston, Linda Brennan of Escondido, Calif., Nancy Leib of Plymouth, and the late Elizabeth Purcell.

They also have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Krist-Landenwitch

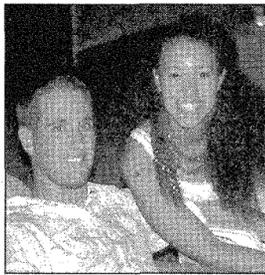
KRIST-LANDENWITCH

Sandra Krist of Westland and Jill Byars of Oviedo, Fla., announce the engagement of their children, Adam Krist and Faunia Landenwitch.

Adam and Faunia met through Faunia's cousin. Their romance blossomed soon after. Adam is a student at Macomb Community College pursuing a degree in motion graphics and film. He is looking forward to a career as a director.

Faunia works for JPMorgan Chase as a trade analyst assisting clients with Customs clearance. She plans to enroll in school and achieve her goal of becoming a nurse mid-wife.

An April 2010 wedding is planned.



Bryant-Lapham

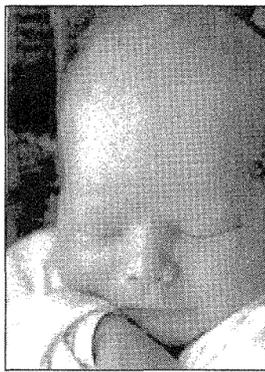
BRYANT-LAPHAM

Heather Marie Bryant and Andrew Lapham announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Wendy and Leo Ryba of Farmington, attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed by NDeX of Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Gretchen and Russ Lapham of Grand Rapids, attended Olivet and is employed by MHT Housing of Southfield.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at Victoria Wedding Chapel in Waterford, followed by a reception at Pi Banquet Hall in Southfield.



Bradley Robert Heckman

HECKMAN BABY

Bryan and Lori Heckman of Royal Oak announce the birth of Bradley Robert Heckman. He was born on July 8, 2009, at Beaumont Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and 22 inches long. His proud grandparents are Al and Nancy Leszczynski of Livonia and Rory and Michele Heckman of Beulah, Mich.

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JAMES BOSWELL

A memorial service will be held Monday, August 31, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service. Arrangements by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing.

WILLIAM J. BURTON

Age 85, August 10, 2009. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Daniel (Joanne), Richard (Marianne), Renee (Karl) Myrand, Thomas (Tracie) and Curtis (Carol). Grandfather of Jeff, Lisa, Anthony, Marie, Sarah, Jennifer and Zack Burton and Lauren Myrand. Great-grandfather of Hannah and Joey Burton. Brother of Theresa Boucher, Shirley Bower and Annette Maxwell. Visitation was held Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 1-9pm with a 7pm Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 9:30am until 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman, 2 blocks north of Ford). www.santeiufuneralhome.com

DOROTHY L. COLLINS

Age 75, of Warren, August 2, 2009. www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

CHARLES C. FLETCHER

of Lapeer passed away August 8, 2009. He was born August 8, 1918 in Cambridge Mass to Ralph and Mary-Lewis (Chenoweth) Fletcher. He served his country in China-Burma-India in WWII. In 1963 he married Mary Howting in Birmingham, MI where they lived until moving to the Lapeer area in 1988. In 1982 he retired from Ford Motor Company where he was a photo lithographer. Charles is survived by special friend, Irene Blazo of Lapeer and niece Kris (James) Whitlock of Mears, MI (formerly of Lapeer). Step-son Tom (Carol) Howting of Orlando, FL. Preceding him in death his parents, his wife Mary, and sister Barbara Reaser. A memorial service will be held August 18 at 2:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church in Lapeer. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to Growth and Opportunity of Lapeer or the First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer. Arrangements Muir Brothers, 1021 S. Main St., Lapeer, MI 48446 (810) 664-8111



NANCY E. HARRISON

Of Livonia, died August 8, 2009, age 83. Beloved wife of Leo. Dear mother of Pam (Scott) Socia, Kimberly and John. Grandmother of Nicole, Scotty, and Tommy. Dear aunt of Fay, Helen, Shirley and Dale. Cousin of Chuck Edwards, Sharon and Sue. Services were held at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt. Memorials suggested to American Lung Association. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



HELENE JANE HOBART

August 14, 2009 Age 96. Member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington since 1952. She was a 1931 graduate of Cooley High School and attended Hillsdale College. Member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Wife of the late Lawrence. Dear mother of Barbara Shope (Neil). Grandmother of Tracy Morgan Rusch and William Hobart Morgan (Kelli). Also survived by 5 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., (btwn 13-14 Mile), Monday 10a.m. until funeral service at 11a.m. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARY JOSEPHINE MARTIN

Age 93 formerly of Farmington Hills passed away August 6, 2009 in Harbor Springs, MI. She was born July 17, 1914 in Kansas. She was an artist and homemaker. Mrs. Martin is survived by her children Gregory, Jonathan, and Susan (Larry) Thurston; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Charles. A family memorial service was held Tuesday at Oak Chapel at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens cemetery in Novi, MI.



MARY MCCARTHY

Passed away peacefully at her home in Birmingham, Michigan, on Saturday afternoon, August 8, 2009. She was 80 years old and would have turned 81 later this month. Born in Chicago, Illinois on August 29, 1928, she was the oldest of four children. She graduated from Marywood High School in Evanston, Illinois, in 1946. She attended St. Mary of the Woods College in Terra Haute, Indiana for two years. In 1948, she married Raymond M. McCarthy, also of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. McCarthy worked for General Motors Acceptance Corporation, rising through the ranks to become president of GMAC in 1985. Each promotion was accompanied by a transfer, so Mary and Ray moved approximately 10 times. Over a 30 year period, this journey took them from Chicago to Montclair, New Jersey, Indianapolis, Indiana, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fairfax, Virginia, Kansas City, Kansas, back to Chicago, Illinois, Birmingham, Michigan, Westport Connecticut and back to Birmingham again. During that time they raised 8 children. As the family moved, some of the children settled in states where they spent their final high school years.

The children are Kathleen McCarthy of Santa Barbara, California, Ann (William) Jones of Spokane, Washington, Raymond McCarthy of Birmingham, Michigan, John McCarthy of Long Beach, California, Sheila (Neil) Holt of Wilton, Connecticut, Michael (Kim) McCarthy of San Juan Capistrano, California, Tim (Lisa) McCarthy of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and Kevin (Christina) McCarthy of Waterford, Michigan. Mrs. McCarthy had 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Ray McCarthy, passed away in 1989. Mrs. McCarthy is the sister of Jack Burns, Rita Olk and the late Robert Burns.

Mary was active in AA and had more than 30 years sobriety at the time of her death. She was a warm and caring person who was always there for her friends and family.

A Memorial Mass was held at Holy Name Church, Birmingham, Friday at 10am.

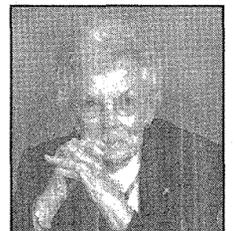
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EMMA JEAN MCDONALD

Age 88, of Fenton, formerly of Livonia, died Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at Crestmont Health Care Facility. Services will be held 1 PM Friday, August 21, 2009 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton, with Pastor James Mascoe officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McDonald was born August 21, 1920 in Detroit, the daughter of Gustaf and Edith (Peasley) Grunz. She married Charles William McDonald on July 4, 1941 and he preceded her in death on November 13, 1995. Mrs. McDonald was an avid bingo player. Surviving are: three sons, Michael McDonald of Wixom, Patrick McDonald of Livonia, Mark (Jeannie) McDonald of Fenton; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Paul) DeJon, Steven (Amanda), Billy (Holly), Cassie, Rebecca, and Jordan McDonald; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Makenna. She was also preceded in death by: her parents and daughter, Maggie McDonald; two sons, Christopher and Craig McDonald. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

ELSIE L. NYSTI

Age 81 of Farmington Hills passed away July 28, 2009. Dear wife of the late Tenho; loving mother of Margaret Zakrisson, Robert, Caroline (Paul) Riddell, Marcia (Thomas) Bozek and the late Richard. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Private funeral services were held at the Glen Eden Memorial Park Chapel; Reverend Art Ritter presided. Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375
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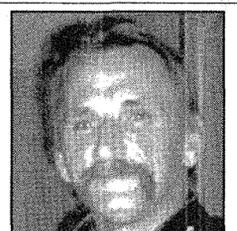


MARJORIE PATTERSON

Age 89, passed away Saturday, August 1, 2009, in a local assisted living health center. Memorial Service was held: 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (248) 474-5200. A memorial celebration will be at a later date in her son's home in Southlake. Marjorie was born June 26, 1920, in Michigan to Frank and Lydia Mertens Ohst. Marjorie made a great contribution to our country during World War II as one of the group who became known as "Rosie The Riveter" as they helped produce weapons used during the war. Marjorie was a dedicated care giver to her husband and to her son and to many others. Her gifts of service were evident in libraries, churches and as a volunteer at Maple Grove Hospital in West Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She devoted her life to helping others. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Patterson in 1987, a son, Chris Patterson and a sister, Gertrude Riching. Survivors: Marjorie is survived by sons, Mark Patterson and wife, Kathlyn, and Michael Patterson and wife, Heidi; grandchildren, Kari Reasnor and husband, Micah, and Jennifer Cannefax and husband, Cody, and Lisa Fairley and husband, Dave, and Hollie Visage and husband Britt, and Gregory Patterson and wife, Penny, and Becky Patterson and Joel Patterson; Mother of Kari and Jennifer, Diane Hobbs; loving, caring, helping nieces Margie Pierce and husband, Greg, and Karen Baker, and Donna Mahoney and husband, Bill; Nephews, Scott Riching and wife, Karen, and Tommy Riching and wife, Denise.

MARIE C. PERRAS

August 10th, 2009, age 86 of Westland. Dear mother to Dan (Karen), Jim (Lori Miles), Cathy (George) Paskauchas, and Robin (Pat) Mulroy. Sister to Robert Johnson. Loving grandmother to nine and nine Great Grandchildren. Memorial mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne, Saturday, August 15th at 11am. Cremains were buried at St. Hedwig Cemetery after Mass. Family request memorials to Right to Life or American Life League. Please view memorial and send tributes to: www.uhfh.com.



STEVEN M. RUSHTON

Age 50 of Westland passed away Aug 12, 2009. Dearest son of Eleanor and Austin Gosline, beloved brother of Cindy Rushton, Lori and Dave McCallum, deceased brother Buddy Rushton. Favorite Uncle of Sydney and Luke McCallum.

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Canton Christian Fellowship Church is ready to party — and give away school supplies at the same time.

It's registering participants for its Back-to-School Party, noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, at the church, located at 8775 Ronda Drive, off Joy between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton.

"They call us and say they want to be a part of it and we get their name, their grade, whether they're a boy or girl and their school," Adonna Wright, event coordinator, explained the registration process. "We're hoping they register by Wednesday, Aug. 26, but if people call after that time we won't turn them down."

Wright said the church, pastored by the Rev. David Washington, Jr., also runs a clothing bank.

"This is the first time we're having a back-to-school party. We'll try to accommodate everyone. And we'll have games for the kids, face painting and a little music to celebrate going back to school. The main thing is it helps those parents who are having a tough time now.

School supplies can be expensive."

RSVP at (734) 404-2480. Visit the church Web site at www.CantonCF.org.

Get crafty

Want to sell your handmade arts and crafts? The First United Methodist Church in Northville has the perfect vendor spot for you.

The church is looking for people who want to showcase their talents to hundreds of customers at the church's Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar. The event runs 0 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. The church is located at Eight Mile and Taft.

Booth rental benefits Village Banking, a global financial program that lends money to low-income entrepreneurs worldwide.

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—By Sharon Dargay

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NEIGHBORS

Dog days

Canines step out in style at Canton event

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Dinah Braun of Canton will don a handmade clown outfit next Saturday and do her best to look the cutest as she struts her stuff in a half-mile walk through Heritage Park in her community.

A lot will be at stake for the 3-year-old entrant. If she wins the "best costume" contest at the park, she'll get a year's supply of treats.

But she'll face some stiff competition from other contestants, like 4 1/2-year-old Abby Slattery of Novi who will portray "Toto" while her mom, Megan Slattery, walks the route in gingham dress and ruby slippers as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.

Win or lose, both the Braun and Slattery families say the fun — and fund-raising for the Humane Society of Huron

Valley (HSHV) — is what counts the most.

"I always tell Abby, 'It's for the cause,'" said Slattery, a big supporter of HSHV.

She and her Cairn Terrier, (full name Abby Girl Pelino Slattery) and the Braun family — Kurt and Shawn, with kids Matthew, 11, and Alyssa, 13, and Dinah, their Border Collie/Retriever mix — will be among those participating in the Paw Walk August 22 during the first annual Paws in the Park, a two-day activity-packed event for canines and their families.

"There are so many family-friendly events as well as dog events," Slattery noted. "This event is a must for dog pet people — beautiful setting, great causes and dogs dogs dogs."

Dinah-saurus Team" members, the Brauns, look forward to the variety of events, as well as the costume contest during

the Paw Walk.

Alyssa is eager to see how much money the Paw Walk raises for HSHV.

Her mom, Shawn, noted that there are "a lot of great things to do and see all for a great cause."

MONEY, AWARENESS

Actually, two organizations will benefit. Money from event ticket sales will go toward efforts to create a dog park in Canton. The Paw Walk will generate dollars for HSHV.

But Deb Kern, HSHV marketing director, and Terri O'Brien, founder of Plymouth's Green Street Fair and a Paws in the Park organizer, both say awareness is equally important.

"The Humane Society of Huron Valley is the Humane Society of choice for Plymouth and Canton. A lot of people don't know that," O'Brien said, explaining that dogs lost in those two communities are taken to the HSHV shelter, located in Ann Arbor.

Kern said HSHV serves all of Washtenaw County, in addition to Canton and Plymouth. The Michigan Humane Society, which maintains a shelter in Westland, is a separate entity.



A dog leaps off the dock during an Ultimate Air Dogs show.

"We try let people know that. If their animals get away from them they need to file a lost report with us," she said. "We have contracts with Plymouth and Canton."

"People think the Michigan Humane Society covers all of Michigan, and that's not the case."

In addition to raising money and awareness, Kern said Paws in the Park will help HSHV place pets in new homes through the adoption fair planned for both days.

The shelter cares for approximately 10,000 animals a year, including cats, dogs, rabbits,

hamsters, guinea pigs and birds and maintains a cruelty investigation team.

A new, larger facility is under construction and scheduled to open in the fall.

NO VACANCY

"We really need the space. Right now we have room for 110 cats and 70 dogs. We're full. We also have 150 foster families that work with us," Kern said.

The new building will increase cat lodging by 60 percent and the dog kennel by 20



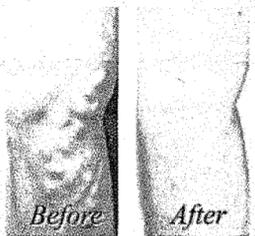
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CANINES

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percent. In the meantime, HSHV has taken a creative approach to placing cats, which tend to "overwhelm" the facility.

"We're doing adoption specials. We had our cat adoption stimulus plan — cats for canned food," Kern said. Anyone who brought in 12 cans of cat food received a free cat if they qualified for adoption. If they paid \$50 for a kitten, they'd get the second one for free.

Kern stressed that applicants must meet adoption requirements.

"We do the same screening for everyone. It takes about 45 minutes to go through the process."

She said Paws in the Park visitors who plan to adopt an animal next weekend will go through that same screening process on site.

For more on HSHV visit www.hshv.org. Or call (734) 662-4365.



See dogs like this member of the Purina Incredible Dog Team demonstrate athletic feats during Paws in the Park, in Canton.

PAWS IN THE PARK

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When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23
Where: Heritage Park, 1150 Canton Center Road; from I-275 take the Ford Road (MI-153) exit heading west. Turn left on North Canton Center Road. Turn right on Proctor Road. Heritage Park is on the left
Schedule: Purina Incredible Dog Team with athletic feats at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.; Ultimate Air Dogs dive into a 40-foot pool throughout the weekend; Rock n' Roll K9s show off tricks to music at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; animal adoptions, agility course and vendors both days; first 300 people to enter the park each day receive a swag bag of goodies for their dog.
Paw Walk: Fund-raiser for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, with registration starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. People and pets walk the half-mile course any time from 9-10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to dress up their dogs and create a "float." Best float wins a year supply of Canidae dog food. Best costume wins a year supply of treats from Three Dog Bakery. Any walker or team that raises at least \$75 will receive a free dog bandana. \$15 per dog entry fee. Sign up for the walk and receive one free admis-

sion to Paws in the Park. A portion of entry fees will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Sign up online at <http://hshv.convio.net/pawwalk>. Download a pledge form from www.pawsintheparkusa.com. Click on Paw Walk
Admission: \$4 in advance from Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460; Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-5585; Pet Supplies "Plus," 43665 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-9191 or \$5 at the park. Dogs — they must be on leash — and children 2 and under enter for free
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HOMETOWN WEEKLIES

No harm meant to humans: Here's the buzz on Killer Cicada Wasps

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sphecus speciosus is here. They're building homes right under your nose — at the edge of your lawn, near your favorite park, along your daily walking route. They're skimming the ground, flying through the air, poised to paralyze and kill. But don't worry. These winged invaders aren't intent on harming you. They've got it out for summer cicadas. "They'll fly around shrubs and

trees and lawns looking for cicada. I think 'Cicada Killer Wasp' gives them a bad name. They're not really aggressive toward humans," said Brian Wilson, Livonia superintendent of public service. Still, that's what the scary-looking insect, with its yellow-lined black body, reddish-colored head, and yellow wings is commonly called. The two-inch long wasp also has been dubbed "Sand Hornet" and "Giant Ground Hornet" or "Giant Cicada Killer." Cicadas are those beetle-like bugs that live in trees and make loud creaking sounds on summer nights.

Wilson said his department has received calls from residents wondering what to do about the sandy-looking, ant hill-like nests and big, buzzing insects. "We've been advising them that they are not aggressive and that it's not a situation like yellow jackets or hornets," Wilson said. "I did a little battle with bald-faced hornets who are extremely aggressive. If you come near their nest they'll come after you." But simply walking near Cicada Killer Wasp nests isn't likely to stir up any stinging action. The males don't sting and the females are busy

hunting for cicadas, which they sting and stockpile at home. "Now, if you decide to take a shovel to their nest, it may be a different story. They're not aggressive toward humans unless you want to make them aggressive," he said, adding "We don't typically spray for the ones we encounter on city property." He said that although there have been more inquiries about the insects this year, the bugs will be gone by the end of September. They generally appear in mid-July and live through summer, depositing eggs in August before they die.

Wilson suspects the cooler-than-usual temperatures in June and July postponed their arrival this year and likely will lengthen their stay into next month. An over-the-counter insecticide will kill them, but good lawn care may be the best method to control Killer Cicada Wasps. They generally settle in dry, sparse, sandy areas. Allowing bare spots and dry, brown areas to spread in a parched lawn is like putting out a welcome mat for these insects. "If you have more of a lush type of lawn, they're not going to pick on it," Wilson noted.

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 Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham High School Class of 1953 and 1954

55th reunion weekend, Oct. 9-10, at Centerpointe Marriott, in Pontiac. Call Denise Baldwin at (248) 540-4078 for details.

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Call Delores Calcaterra Streicher at (734) 422-8780 for complete information about a reunion on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Clarenceville High School All Class Reunion

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

Dearborn Heights Riverside Class of 1967

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 dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatri@gmail.com.

Detroit Cady Classes from 1950-1969

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. BYO and chairs. Music and memorabilia will be supplied. The "Optomystics" will sing. There will be door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs and

more. Free parking for Classic Cars. No need to register. Just show up. Classmates.com has photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

Detroit Cooley Class of 1954

55th class reunion, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering also will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott. Tickets are \$55 per person. Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott Courtyard for those who want to stay overnight. Contact Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

Detroit Redford Classes of 1954-1955

5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth; \$45 per person. See www.redfordhighschoolreunion.com for details. Class of '54 contact Doug King at dking000@ameritech.net. Class of '55 contact, Mary Morris Hunter at m.morris.rhs55@wowway.com

Detroit St. Brigid Class of 1959

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

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 Pjcrusin@wowway.com.

Detroit St. Philip Neri Class of 1937-1970

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, 26 Mile, west of Van Dyke, in the West Branch picnic area. Bring St. Philip's memorabilia for reminiscing. Hot dogs and sausages will be available for \$2 for those who don't want to bring their own food. Adults only. Any money left after expenses are covered will be donated to The Sisters of St. Joseph. All old classic cars welcome. If you have addresses or phone numbers

of St. Philip classmates, call Harold Pryor at (734) 462-5996.

Detroit St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostles, 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.

Fordson High School Classes of 1943-45

65th reunion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, at Park Place, 23400 Park Street, one block south of Michigan Avenue, west of Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Cost is \$25 per person and includes luncheon. Send a check payable to "Fordson 65th Reunion" to Tom Novacheff, 50729 Raintree Circle, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Canceled check is your receipt. For more information call Delores Dysarz Haush at (313) 278-4707.

Class of 1954

55-year reunion Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623.

Garden City High School East 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 McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan 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.MCML@yahoo.com.

Class of 1984

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info e-mail gchsclassof84@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 are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City West Class of 1979

Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Lincoln Park High School

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.

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968

at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885, 995 Starkweather, Plymouth. Tickets cost \$35 per person before Nov. 14 and \$50 per person after the date and at the door. Contact Lisa Falk at lisannefalk@comcast.net

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1969

40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol.com. Looking for missing classmates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

Redford Thurston High School Class of 1969

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@AOL.com.

Romulus High School Class of 1979

Reunion ('77-'81 invited) Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 20-23. Activities include a reception at the Best Western Gateway Hotel, The Princess Riverboat w/dinner (\$60), socializing with music and appetizers at the hotel, and a fam-

ily picnic. Discount rooms available at the hotel. For information, call Duane Moffat at (248) 426-6501 or e-mail SpectroD@aol.com.

St. Mary of Redford Class of 1969

40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@gr-lakes.com.

Southfield High School Class of 1979

30th reunion, Saturday, Sept. 5, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson, Commerce. Doors open at 7 p.m. Includes bowling, karaoke, DJ, dancing, coney, pizza, sliders, salads, sundae bar and cash bar. \$55 per person or \$100 per couple by Aug. 21; \$75 per person or \$140 per couple after Aug. 21. To buy tickets or for more information visit <http://shs79griff.myevent.com>

Visitation High School Class of 1959

50-year reunion party Sept 12. Call Charleen at (248) 652-6817.

Wayne Memorial Class of 1983

26th reunion, noon until dark, Sunday, Aug. 29, at Independence Lake Park, in Whitmore Lake. A \$5-\$10 donation per family is suggestion, but participants can contribute any amount to help cover the cost of pavilion rental. Family-friendly event. Potluck. For more information call Mary Gills Orwin at (734) 968-6368.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1969

40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact Jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at JGHS69@aol.com.



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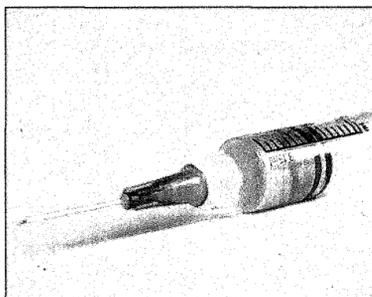
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The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan offers meningitis vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday, at its Oak Park office, located at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600.

Cost is \$115 payable by cash or check. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration is preferred. Consent forms can be downloaded at www.vna.org. To reserve your shot or for more information, call (248) 967-8755.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the meningitis vaccination for adolescents 11 years and older and college freshmen.



Health department creates Twitter page with current info

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has launched a page on the social networking site, Twitter.

The MDCH Twitter page is designed to relay up-to-the-minute health information to the public in the form of "Tweets," which are messages of up to 140 characters. The MDCH messages will include helpful links, timely updates and important information.

Anyone who is a member of Twitter can join the MDCH Twitter page as a "follower" at www.twitter.com/MIHealth. Those who do not have a Twitter account can still view the MDCH Twitter page, but need to join Twitter to interact with others on the page. Followers can send their own Tweets to the

department with questions, comments or concerns.

Tweets can be accessed through e-mail, a personal Twitter account and phones that have Internet access.

Social media and networks are the newest innovation in communication among people all over the world and no network is growing as rapidly as Twitter. With its ease of use, ability to convey a wealth of information in concise messages, and its availability to nearly every citizen, MDCH hopes to utilize all that Twitter has to offer the department and its followers.

To view or sign up for the MDCH Twitter page, visit www.twitter.com/MiHealth.

Study offers help for overweight kids

Beaumont Hospitals' Weight Control Center and the Oakland University School of Health Sciences are teaming up for a study that will help overweight children. Participants will be enrolled in the award-winning Beaumont Healthy Kids Weight Management Program at no charge.

Psychologists, dietitians and exercise physiologists will use fun educational activities to keep children motivated and offer strategies to improve their health through nutrition, exercise and behavior changes. This 12-session "Healthy Kids" program takes a family

approach to living a healthy lifestyle.

"By offering the services of medical professionals experienced in helping children manage their weight, we hope this program will demonstrate that children who are on their way to obesity can get back on track to a healthier lifestyle," stated Wendy Miller, M.D., medical director of Beaumont's Weight Control Center. "Ultimately we want them to adopt life-long habits to keep their weight in check and optimize good health."

Excess weight or obesity in children can lead to poor quality of life and chronic

disease, including type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and early heart disease.

Needed for the study are children between 8 and 12 years old who have excess weight. Interested families who want to learn more about the trial can contact research nurses Lynne Michalski, R.N., at (248) 655-5920 or Kathi Russell, R.N., at (248) 655-9645. The nurses can help determine during a phone call whether a child qualifies for the study based on his height and weight.

For more information on Healthy Kids, visit www.beaumonthospital.com/weightcontrolcenter.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUG. 17-23

Blood battle

Be a part of Canton Township's "Battle of the Badges" Red Cross Blood Drive, and choose whether you want "Fire" or "Police" to win the annual competition when you sign in. The drive runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18 in Lower Level Room B of the Public Safety Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. The Red Cross will donate \$1 per donor to the U-M Burn Center Association. Appointments are available in 15 minute increments. The last appointment is at 4:45 p.m. Call blood drive coordinator John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 to make an appointment.

AUG. 24-30

2.1-mile walk

The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan holds its "Walkin' on the Wild Side" fund-raiser, Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Detroit Zoo. Registration (with breakfast) begins at 7:45 a.m.; the 2.1 mile walk kicks off at 9 a.m. There will be entertainment, prizes, and fun for all ages. Walkers may stay and enjoy the zoo after the event. A minimum donation of \$10 is required for entry. There is no admission charge for children under 2. To form a team online or donate to a team, go to <http://www.active.com/donate/wildwalk> or contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041.

AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 6

Look good, feel better

2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Free service teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help them get well and restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups, usually consisting of six to 10 women, through practical, hands-on beauty techniques. Women learn about makeup, skincare, nail care and options related to hair loss such as wigs, turbans and scarves. Each participant receives a free kit of name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop. Reservations are required. Call (800) ACS-2345 to reserve a spot.

Screening

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 1, at 20300 Middlebelt,

Livonia. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For information or to schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

SEPT. 7-13

ALS workshop

ALS of Michigan offers a workshop for families, caregivers and health care aides on "Eye Control Communication Solutions," 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, at its offices, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield. Kelly Petri, Joel Ailchin and Karen Campbell will talk about the DynaVox Vmax Speech Generating Device and other communication solutions for individuals with ALS. RSVP or get more information from Lisa Bardach at (800) 882-5764, Ext. 227.

Canoe to Care

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital will hold its seventh Canoe to Care day of outdoor family fun from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Heavener's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a special drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support programs at the hospital's Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Cost is \$30 per canoe and includes a picnic and canoe rental for two adults or teens. Children 12 and under free. (248) 937-5077.

AUG. 14-20

Roundabouts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a free educational seminar called "The Ins and Outs of Roundabouts" 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Denis White, AARP Safe Driving Instructor will speak. (734) 655-1593

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarycancer.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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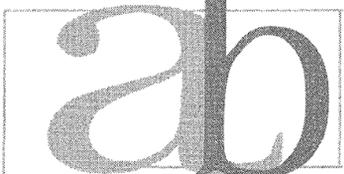
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