

# WESTLAND OBSERVER

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Women's Equality Day, B7

## AROUND TOWN

### Play ball!

The call will be to play ball, but it'll be nothing like what you'll see at Comerica Park. The third annual meeting of the Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs and the Westland Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dahs in an 1867 rules baseball game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the ball diamond at Jaycee Park, Wildwood at Hunter. The Zips are hoping to win one for the city in the game where there's no mitts, cussing or spitting. The game is sponsored by the Westland Historic Commission. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the game will benefit the preservation of Westland's history through its Historic Village Park.

### Workshop

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting a health workshop in Westland Sept. 18 through Oct. 23 to help individuals manage long-term health conditions. The Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) class will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church on 29066 Eton, east of Middlebelt and south of Michigan Avenue. The PATH workshops provide information and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma and depression. They're run by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. The PATH program is suited for both the newly diagnosed as well as those seeking more aggressive management. It has been proven in studies to reduce symptoms and physician visits, as well as increase self-management abilities and communication with doctors. Registration for the PATH workshop is required, since enrollment is limited. To register, or for more information, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (800) 482-1455.

### Trick or Trot

The Westland City Council recently approved a request by the Forum Fitness Center Cyclists to hold a 5K Trick or Trot fund-raiser Oct. 31. The fun run/walk will take place 9:30-11 a.m., with proceeds going toward the cycling team's Make A Wish 300 fund-raising goal for the 2010 ride. The fun run/walk will start at the Forum Fitness Center at Ford and Wildwood and go north on Wildwood to Hunter and east on Hunter to the entrance to Jaycee Park, where participants will make two laps on the walking path. From there, they'll walk to Farmington and take it to Ford before heading back to the fitness center. According to organizers Heather Sarkozi and Wendy Headland, the team has found its pursuit of fitness has "created a passion for helping Michigan's sick children." The team of seven riders and two volunteers raised \$300 for the 2009 Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour. The three-day bicycle ride was from Traverse City to Chelsea and raised more than \$1.5 million for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Mayor's message: City continues to grow

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild had a message for the more than 300 people who gathered Thursday evening at North Brothers Ford: At age 43, the city is continuing to grow. "Our city continues to be the leader in western Wayne County and will continue to lead in quality schools, public safety, economic development, senior resources and environmental consciousness," Wild said.

**"It is going to be a heck of a time to be a kid in the All-American City."**

WILLIAM WILD, mayor

The mayor was at the dealership to deliver his annual State of the City Address, and several bouts of light rain didn't dampen his message of the good things happening in Westland despite the state's poor economic condition. At the top of his list were:

- The opening of 105 new businesses in the city, creating 500 new jobs, and \$27 million spent on commercial construction and improvements, all since May 2008.
- The opening of two high-tech facilities, one of them Nanosec, which is a technology spinoff of Wayne State University and produces nanocomposites that improve the physical properties of plastic and rubber.
- The construction of 30,000-square-foot Play Planet in Tatten Park and the current construction of the new H2O Zone next to it, both funded by the Downtown Development Authority, as well as the Phase 1 remediation plan for Central City Park that will create new soccer fields, outdoor pavilions, walking paths, a concession stand and family-friendly restrooms.

"It is going to be a heck of a time to be a kid in the All-American City," Wild said.

- The successful rollout of curb-

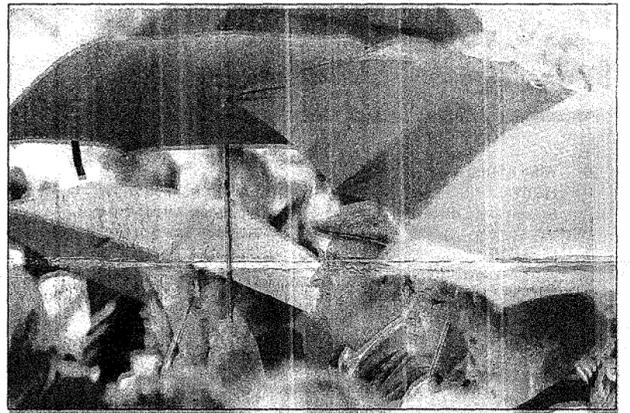


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Ford Motor Company's distinctive blue oval served as a backdrop for an upbeat State of the City address by Westland Mayor William Wild the he delivered North Brothers Ford Thursday evening.

side recycling. Calling it the city's "greatest achievement," Wild told the audience that the program has a 99-percent participation rate and that 1 million pounds of trash were recycled in the first 21 days of the program. He added that participation in RecycleBank also has the potential to pump more than \$15 million into the local economy. "We have discovered how to turn our cash into trash and have created our own economic stimulus package for Westland homes and businesses," he said. The mayor also spotlighted the "aggressive" neighborhood stabilization program planned for the Norwayne subdivision. The city will utilize more that \$2 million

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A light drizzle brought out a few umbrellas, and people stayed put to hear the mayor's annual address.

## North Brothers rolls out red carpet for city

BY SUE MASON  
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For Chuck LaPointe, it was a novel way of closing a deal. The Garden City resident snacked on hors d'oeuvres while he waited to close on a lease of a new Ford Flex. "It's kind of different," said LaPointe, who happened to be at North Brothers Ford during Westland Mayor William Wild's State of the City address. Car buyers mingled with residents who looked inside Ford's new 2010 models which were showcased as a prelude to the mayor's speech. This was the first time the mayor took his speech on the road and told the audience his visit to North

Brothers Ford was to show support for the city's two dealerships which have survived the upheaval in the auto industry that has forced dealerships to close in neighboring communities. "When he first approached us to do the event, we hadn't done something like that, but we jumped at the chance a chance to build a partnership with the city," said Doug North. "We're thrilled to do this important event for the city." The car lot to the west of the building sprouted a tent, an inflatable bouncer and a giant TV screen. Folding chairs filled the pavement where North Brothers normally shows off its selection of vehicles. According to Wild, he

selected North Brothers because of his connection with Doug North through the Westland Downtown Development Authority and brother Tom's involvement in the Westland Rotary. But the location didn't stop Wild from talking about that dealership and Red Holman, which has been a mainstay at Wayne Road and Ford for 53 years, "10 years longer than Westland has been a city." "Both dealerships are multi-million dollar establishments and both have made considerable reinvestments in their properties and our community," Wild said. "We are blessed to have two of the finest dealerships in the United States right here on Ford Road in down-

town Westland." Wild admitted that his choice of sites was unusual, but that it was "to emphasize the city's commitment to these dealerships and to encourage Westland residents to join" in supporting them now and in the future. "I had to promise them that someone here would buy one of those great looking newly redesigned 2010 Ford Mustangs, so who's it going to be?" Wild added. "We applaud the city for reaching out," North said. "We do have a lot of 2010 products, and if you'd love to take a test drive, I'm sure you'll be surprised by what you see."

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## Survey paves way for street repairs

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sometimes it pays to knock on a front door. That's what Community Development Director Joanne Inglis and Public Service Director Kevin Buford did on Matthew Street and, as a result, the neighborhood will be getting the new road residents had been wanting for sometime and it won't cost the city anything. Inglis and Buford knocked on every door on Matthew between Hanover and Dancy to find out who met income guidelines for the Community Development Block Grant, so that federal money could be used for the reconstruction of one block of the street in southwest Westland.

"Most of the people weren't recipients of federal assistance, so this was new for them, but we did document that at least 51 percent of them do qualify according to the income guidelines," Inglis said. The city had received a \$90,000 grant with the assistance of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, for reconstructing Matthew. When extra CDBG money became available, city officials looked to see where the money could be used. Matthew Street didn't fit the CDBG requirements as an eligible neighborhood, so they decided to collect income information for the area in hopes of meeting the CDBG requirements. According to Buford, several meetings were held, one with

the Southwest Homeowners Association and another at Fire Station No. 3 at Middlebelt and Annapolis. A low turnout by residents of the area led to the door-to-door campaign. "I'm amazed how receptive they were and at their friendliness and courtesy," Buford said, adding that residents Lori Wilson and Reasther Everett were "instrumental in helping through the entire process." "Many of the residents we talked to said they'd been waiting years for the street to be repaved," Inglis said. But the good news doesn't end there. The city had estimated reconstructing the street

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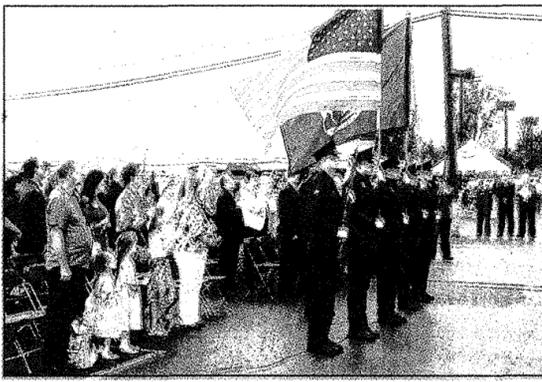
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in federal money to purchase and demolish the worst of the blighted parcels and to offer construction grants to developers and homeowners to refurbish residences. There also will be a buyer assistance program to encourage home ownership.

Wild also unveiled plans to partner with Habitat for Humanity and other nonprofits to build new homes in the area and refurbish blighted parcels.

"The city of Westland has looked the other way on this area for too long," he said. "We can and will bring safe, clean neighborhoods to the Norwayne area."

Wild stressed that the city isn't immune to the economic challenges facing the state, but assured residents that Westland is different from a lot of communities because officials understand the problem and have taken steps to weather the downturn. Twenty-eight positions have been eliminated, mostly through attrition, and the city



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Westland Police Department Honor Guard presents the colors at the ceremony. It was the unit's inaugural performance.

is working with its unions to bring employee costs in line with current revenues.

"The cities that thrive or in some cases survive in the future are the ones that understand this and work to educate their employees and make these changes now," he said.

He also had praise for the city council, calling its members dedicated professionals, and for his administrators and city workers. He also thanked

residents for the "honor, privilege and responsibility" to serve them as mayor.

"I love our city, I love having 86,000 bosses," he said. "I take this job very seriously and I love coming to work every day because we live in a city that has pride, we have tradition and we live in a city that has the ability and potential to just keep getting better."

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would cost about \$300,000. However, bids came in far less than expected, with Hartwell Cement Co. of Oak Park the low bidder at \$144,842. As a result, work will be done on

two other blocks of Matthew. According to Buford, the center block of Matthew Street, "one of the worst streets in Westland," will be totally reconstructed with new driveway approaches, curbs and gutters. Patch work will be done on the other two blocks.

While city officials like Mayor William Wild are

praising Inglis and Buford for their efforts, Inglis says it comes with the job.

"To me, it's kind of part of my job," Inglis said. "It's not that big of a deal. We're public servants, so sometimes we have to be creative. This felt better than just saying no."

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Blood drive

The Westland Jaycees and the Westland Rotary Club have partnered up to host a blood drive 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland. Donors must be at least 17 years old to donate. Those who are age 21 and older will be entered to win a 20 month lease on a 2010 Mercury Milan and donors age 17 and older will be entered to win four Cedar Pointe tickets plus a \$50 gas card. Everyone will receive a free T-shirt from the American Red Cross. To sign up for an blood donation appointment, call Mary McGaw at (734) 748-8515.

Auditions

Inspire Theatre announces auditions for its upcoming production, *KORK-TV*. Auditions will be held on 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, and Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road. For more information, call (734) 751-7057 or go online to inspire@inspiretheatre.com.

Look Good

The American Cancer Society's Metro-Detroit Area Service Center will hold a free Look Good ... Feel Better sessions for women currently going through cancer treatment during September and October at Garden City Hospital. The Look Good ... Feel Better program is a free,

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community-based service that teaches female cancer patients beauty techniques to help them get well and restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. The program is a collaborative effort of the American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association and the Personal Care Products Council Foundation.

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 high-quality, name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop.

The sessions will be 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Oct. 7, at the hospital at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

Reservations are required. Call (800) ACS-2345 to reserve your spot or for more information about the American Cancer Society.

Used Book Sale

Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get one free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the programs at the library for all ages. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Mom-to-Mom sale

Table space is available for a Mom 2 Mom sale Saturday, Sept. 12, at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Rental fees are \$20 for an 8-foot long table and \$10 for 5-foot circular table. Rack space is \$5 and large item space \$1 per item.

Admission will be \$2 for 9 a.m. early birds and \$1 after 10 a.m. Strollers will be allowed after 11 a.m. For more information, call Cheryl at (734) 425-3561 or (734) 765-8115.

Constituent hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours in several locations in September. The time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Office hours for Tuesday, Sept. 1, 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland Senior Friendship Center. The Thursday, Sept. 3, office hours are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon at the Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren September Days Senior Center.

The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.



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WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
Agenda-Regular Meeting-No. 9  
September 16, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Westland City Hall  
36601 Ford Road  
Westland, MI 48185

- Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call
- Petition #2685-Howard Buckland, 28301 Hanover**  
To consider the request of Howard Buckland for a 672 square foot detached accessory structure variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 24' x 32' (762 square foot) detached accessory structure to the rear of the existing home which comprises 762 square feet, resulting in a total of 1,434 square feet for the proposed detached structure and the existing garage (672 square feet). (Section 7.4.3(b) states that the footprint of all detached accessory structures on a lot cannot exceed the footprint of the home).
  - Petition #2686-Charles Grantham, 8425 Gray**  
To consider the request of Charles Grantham to install a four (4) foot high chain link fence and a six (6) foot high vinyl privacy fence variance from Ordinance 226-A-22 in the front yard of the home. (Section 22-304(3) states that front yards may be enclosed by a split-rail fence, (Section 22-303 (e) states that front yard split-rail fences cannot exceed three (3) feet in height (Four variances are requested).
  - Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2009.**
  - Commissioners' Comments.**
  - Adjournment.**
- Glen Osborn  
Chairman
- Publish: August 30, 2009

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CITY OF WESTLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
YEAR XXXIV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER  
(July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2009, Westland Housing Commission, September 15, 2009, 5:30 p.m., 32715 Dorsey, Westland. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Submit written comments to: Dept Housing & Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

CDBG FUNDS EXPENDED FOR YEAR XXXIV

| Project   | Status                              | Amount             |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| C.D. Administration   | Annual, Complete                    | \$222,411          |
| Rehabilitation Administration   | Annual, Complete                    | \$181,510          |
| Housing Rehabilitation  | Annual, Complete                    | \$99,065           |
| Senior Programs   | Annual, Complete                    | \$165,000          |
| Hegira Programs   | Annual, Complete                    | \$2,040            |
| First Step  | Annual, Complete                    | \$4,000            |
| Youth Assistance Program  | Annual, Complete                    | \$30,000           |
| City Projects (Friendship Center Renovation; Acquisition-Greenbelt; Dorsey Center HVAC) | Greenbelt complete, Others Underway | \$16,625           |
| Fire Station Section 108 Loan   | Annual, Complete                    | \$77,565           |
| Community Resource Officer  | Annual, Complete                    | \$114,000          |
| Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer  | Annual, Complete                    | \$95,000           |
| Samuel B. Ware Community Center   | Annual, Complete                    | \$14,940           |
| Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center   | Project Complete                    | \$2,953            |
| <b>TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES</b>  |                                     | <b>\$1,216,834</b> |

HOME FUNDS EXPENDED FOR YEAR XXXIV

| Project                                  | Status                | Amount           |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| HOME Administration                      | Annual, Complete      | \$37,478         |
| Peoples' Community Hope For Homes (CHDO) | Ongoing               | \$92,164         |
| Rental Rehabilitation Program            | Program Year Complete | \$115,252        |
| Home buyer Program                       | Program Year Complete | \$40,000         |
| \$1 HUD Foreclosure Program              | Program Year Complete | \$19,467         |
| <b>TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES</b>           |                       | <b>\$304,361</b> |

CDBG program income & prior year adjustments are \$49,025. HOME program income & prior year adjustment are \$17,605. Financial data is subject to reconciliation and audit adjustments.

The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 29, 2009. Draft CAPER available for comment September 15-29, 2009 at Dept. of Housing & Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Comments will be forwarded to HUD.

William R. Wild, Mayor

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## Drugs, alcohol not a factor in wreck

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although police found some substances they suspect is marijuana with the victims, police say neither drugs nor alcohol played a role in the accident that claimed five young lives July 9 involving an Amtrak train and a 2006 Ford Fusion in Canton.

Details of the report filed by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team, released Thursday afternoon by Canton Police, also showed the warning devices — the signals, gates and bells at the Hannan Road railroad crossing — were working when the Fusion, driven by Daniel Broughton of Woodhaven, tried to beat the train across the tracks just north of Van Born Road.

Broughton, 19; Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; brothers Sean Harris, 19, of Taylor and Terrence Harris, 21, of Stafford, Va.; and Eddie Gross, 17 of Taylor, all died instantly in the crash and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The Wayne County medical examiner performed autopsies on all five victims

and said the cause of death was "consistent with injuries received during such a traumatic crash." Autopsies showed no sign of alcohol in any of the victims, though Broughton had traces of nicotine and diphenhydramine, a common ingredient in medications like Benadryl, police said.

The investigation, which included interviews with witnesses, information from the Fusion's "black box" and video footage from the security cameras of a local business and the video recorder on the front of the train, show Broughton was driving at nearly 70 mph north on Hannan, slowed to about 30 mph and pulled around an SUV already stopped at the railroad crossing, swerved into the other lane and attempted to cut around the gates.

The video camera from the train shows the car pulling into its path. The impact is then heard, and shards of glass can be seen flying in front of the lens. It took the driver some 40 seconds to stop the train, which came to rest near Lotz.

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## Westland to go pink for breast cancer fund-raiser

BY SUE MASON  
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You've heard about painting the town red, well, in Westland the color is pink at least for the month of October.

Jim Kollar's imaboobist.com is partnering with former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy in a monthlong city-wide fund-raiser to benefit the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

"We're really excited about this, it'll have a positive effect on the city," said Kollar, who created the .com as a fund-raiser for breast cancer awareness.

"We're seeing a tremendous number of local businesses willing to help," said Baracy, who made breast cancer awareness her platform for Miss Michigan and her bid for Miss America because of mother Janet's battle with the disease. She has been cancer-free for six years.

"We're seeing a tremendous number of local businesses willing to help," she said. "We see this as a boost for the local economy."

The idea is simple: "Paint the Town Pink" is partnering with local restaurants to designate dates when each one will



Kollar Baracy

donate a portion of the day's profits to the Race for the Cure. Baracy and Kollar already have Buffalo Wild Wings sign up to donate 20 percent of the sales 11 a.m. to closing Oct. 5, and are working with several other restaurants. Kollar's hope is to have two restaurants each week participate this year.

There's also other activities planned like a free concert at the Performance Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library 1-5:30 p.m. Oct. 24, and businesses and groups also are getting involved. Garden City Hospital has signed on as a sponsor, providing \$2,500. The Flagstar Bank on Joy Road plans to donate \$25 for every new account opened during the month of October. Westland Rotary is donating \$500 as well as the proceeds from a luncheon. "A lot of people are grabbing a

hold of this," Kollar said.

Kollar's Alleycat Designs, home of official imaboobist merchandise, will be selling T-shirts with the Westland's Painting the Town Pink logo, and businesses will have pink paper ribbons that customers can fill out hang in the store for a donation.

They plan to have a calendar printed that will provide a day-by-day listing of activities that will be posted on the imaboobist Web site and available at locations around the city like at city hall.

They recently received the approval of the Westland City Council to decorate the city hall grounds with pink ribbons for the event. The huge pink ribbons are from the Detroit Race for the Cure and are decorated by local kids, Baracy said.

Kollar was bouncing around an idea about getting businesses involved in a cancer fund-raiser with Westland Chamber President Brookellen Swope when a similar idea popped in his head. He immediately

thought of Baracy and called her only to hear she was kicking around a similar idea after seeing Ludington's Pink Christmas fund-raiser for a breast imaging center.

Baracy and Kollar picked the Detroit Race for the Cure as the beneficiary because "75 percent of the proceeds stay in metro Detroit and support breast cancer screening, education and special treatment programs locally."

In a letter to the City Council, they pointed out that "every three minutes a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer."

"We believe this is an important choice for our community to heighten awareness and funds to find a cure for a disease that touches so many lives," they stated. "Our goal is to have this be an annual fund-raiser every October for our city and see it grow larger every year and potentially become a model for other cities."

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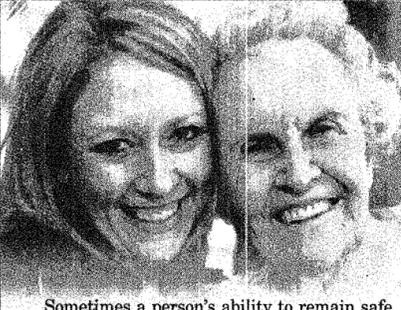


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# American House honors 3 WWII vets

Three World War II veterans from American House Livonia were among other members of the "Greatest Generation" honored for their military service Aug. 18 by American House Senior Living Residences. Bernie Nerzwicki, 87, U.S. Navy petty officer first class; Aldo Moretti, 83, U.S. Army private first class, and Donald Waszak, 81, private, U.S. Army, attended the dinner event at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham along with 33 other veterans.

"These brave retired veterans, in my opinion, are all national treasures," said J. Robert Gillette, founder of American House. "They deserve recognition for their sacrifices and their ranks are

dwindling every day." The event featured the unveiling of a photograph of 720 World War II veterans taken May 28 at the Yankee Air Museum in Ypsilanti. The veterans posed with a restored B-17 Bomber, The Yankee Lady. The picture is "the most significant photograph of Detroit-area WWII veterans ever taken," according to Keith Famie of Wixom's Visionalist Entertainment Productions.

Famie is executive producer of *Detroit: Our Greatest Generation*, a documentary film featuring WWII vets. It will be aired on WDIV-TV during the 2009 holiday season.

Each dinner participant received an 8x10 copy of the photograph. Plans are to



Aldo Moretti, 83, arrives at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham for dinner and the unveiling of the photo of 720 WWII vets. Moretti, who lives at American House Livonia, is a former U.S. Army PFC.

deliver a 4x6-foot version to President Barack Obama as a testimonial to Detroit's Arsenal of Democracy and the sacrifices of the area's WWII vets. A similar event to unveil the photograph of 720 vets was held by Famie the previous night at Andiamo Italia in Warren.

American House also will honor 60 WWII veterans at a Detroit Tigers home game Sept. 16 on the Dew Deck at Comerica Park. Famie plans to stage and film a special tribute to The Greatest Generation at the game. Information is available at [www.detroitgreatest-generation.com](http://www.detroitgreatest-generation.com).

# Pay attention to tax issues when cashing bonds

**Q: Dear Rick: When I was born my grandparents bought for me a number of Series E, U.S. Savings Bonds. The bonds have sat in a safety deposit box for over 40 years. I have never collected any interest and I know they're worth quite a bit of money. In order to avoid getting hurt on taxes, I've decided to cash the bonds out equally over the next seven years. Is this a good strategy? The face value of the bonds is over \$50,000. They were all purchased in 1960.**



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

**A:** There are a couple issues that need to be discussed in your situation.

First is the tax consequence of cashing out U.S. Savings Bonds. When you cash out bonds you are not taxed on the original investment but the income earned. For example, it appears that a \$100 bond purchased in 1960 would be worth approximately \$700 today. The amount subject to tax is \$700 less the original purchase price of the bond. The money is taxed at your ordinary income bracket — which is the highest bracket. When you cash the bonds there will be tax consequences to consider.

The other issue is that after this year, Series E Bonds will no longer pay interest. Therefore, if you choose to follow your plan and cash the bonds out over seven years, you will lose interest on those bonds. In other words, there is a lost-opportunity cost. I recommend cashing out some of the bonds this year and the remainder at the beginning of 2010. That way you won't lose any interest and you spread the tax consequences out over two years.

There is an art to cashing in U.S. Savings Bonds. Typically, interest is credited to a savings bond every six months. If you cash the bond out in month five you lose five months of interest. Therefore, it is important to have a strategy when choosing what bonds you cash out and when to do it. To determine when interest is credited to your account visit [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov). In addition, many banks and credit unions will also help with this.

According to the U.S. Treasury Department Bureau of Debt there are more than \$16 billion matured U.S. Savings Bonds that have not been redeemed. Many individuals received U.S. Savings Bonds in the past and for whatever reason, have never cashed out. In fact, many people have lost track of those bonds. If this applies to you, there is no reason to give up on those bonds. There may be a way to reclaim them. On the Treasury Department's web site, [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov) you can do a search that could help you to reclaim your old U.S. Savings Bonds.

One last note regarding U.S. Savings Bonds. Keep in mind that not all U.S. Savings Bonds are the same. The interest rate is determined by the series of the savings bond and when it was issued. In many U.S. Savings Bonds, the interest rate is variable while in others it is fixed. Therefore, if you have U.S. Savings Bonds, whether they have matured or not, it's a good idea to do a little homework on them so you know exactly what interest rate you're being paid and whether it makes sense to continue to hold on to them or not. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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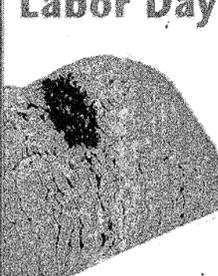
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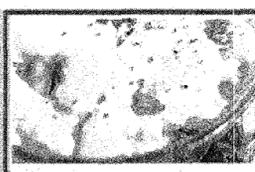
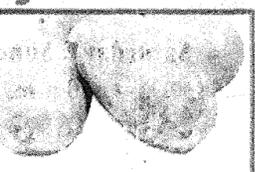
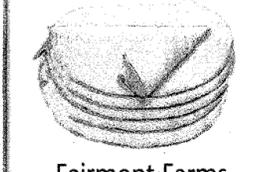
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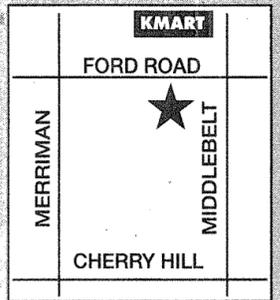
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# MDOT ready to ride on bike trail project

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dave Duffield has waited some seven years for the Michigan Department of Transportation to do something about the deteriorating bicycle path that runs along I-275 from Michigan Avenue to Hines Drive.

Now he's excited that he'll only have to wait another year or so.

Duffield was one of dozens of people who ran through MDOT's open house-style meeting at Fellows Creek in Canton to get a glimpse at improvements MDOT will make along the route, which runs through both Canton and Plymouth Township. Duffield, an avowed and enthusiastic bicyclist from Northville, uses the portion of the I-275 path that's farther north, from Six Mile to north of 12 Mile, to get to work. And he's happy with the plan.

"I've been beating this drum for seven years now," said Duffield, an at-large board member of the League of Michigan Bicyclists, a group whose charter is to fight for bicyclists' rights. "Needless to say, I'm ecstatic."

MDOT is in the process of advertising for a contractor

for the \$4 million project and, according to MDOT project manager Gorette Yung, expects to have one chosen by October. She said work is expected to begin in the spring and by complete by fall 2010.

She said work will be done in a design/build mode, meaning as the design work is complete, the building will be done. She said the speed this model provides was essential to funding for the project.

"We need to capture the federal stimulus money," Yung said. "(Design/build) speeds things up and allows us to allocate money within the time frame required."

The project calls for some 7.5 miles of the trail to be rebuilt. Work entails reconstruction of the trail, rehabbing of the pedestrian bridge over the Lower Rouge River, and replacement of bridges over Tonquish Creek, Smith Drain, Fellows Creek and Wiles Drain.

Traffic signals will be installed at various intersections, ramps required by the Americans with Disabilities Act will be revamped and trail-blazing signs will be installed.

When it's completed, some res-

idents believe the trail will actually help Canton's business climate, because bicycling groups who've avoided it in the past will use the trail now, bringing them into contact with Canton businesses.

"Organized rides would start using it, and it would bring people into the businesses," said Canton resident Theresa Beaver. "And it won't just be bikers. You've got Rollerbladers and walkers who use the trail, too."

The MDOT project will reconstruct a trail used not only for recreational bicycling, but also for people — like Duffield — who use it to get to and from work. And for residents like Diane Bancroft, who lives in the farthest northeast corner of Canton Township and who rode with Beaver to Thursday's meeting, the trail provides a more emotional boost.

"It would be great to see it come back again," said Bancroft, who said the trail has been deteriorating for years. "As a resident who feels disconnected, this will connect me to my township again. I'm very excited about that."

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 1**

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 (fourth 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. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested in the Garden City Hospital Lobby from noon to 2 p.m. No registration necessary. Call (734) 458-4330. 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. Fee is \$30 per month. Call (734) 458-3242.

**Wednesday, Sept. 2**

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. at the

## HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330.

Diabetes Support Group at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Hear guest speakers and get involved with open discussions on new diabetes information by attending this group. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment needed. Call (734) 458-3330.

CPR - Infant/Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, the class provides hands-on CPR training to those who care for children. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center, 6701

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Many digital cameras are extremely user friendly, but there are still plenty of ways in which you can improve your shots beyond simply reading the manufacturer's manual. Tom Ang's "Digital Photographer's Handbook" is a great resource for those interested in a broad overview of the art of digital photography.

A wide range of topics is discussed, ranging from which camera suits you best to particular shots and camera settings to assist you in taking the best possible photographs. There are also plenty of subject specific books in the collection, if you are interested in improving in a particular area in photography. If you have lighting concerns for example, "The Complete Guide to Light and Lighting in Digital Photography," by Michael Freeman, may be a more appropriate book to read.

The library also has resources for those who prefer to work classically with a film camera as opposed to digital. Polish your darkroom skills with Eastland's "Essential Darkroom Techniques", or create a home studio with "Build Your Own Home Darkroom" by Duren and MacDonald. For a regular, current look at all aspects of the art, be sure to take note of our photography magazines, "American Photo," "Popular Photography and Imaging" and "Petersen's Photographic," in addition to the books and DVDs.

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# HOMETOWN LIFE

## Patriots pounce on Stevenson in opener

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin opened the curtain on its 2009 football season Friday night and the Patriots didn't disappoint the home audience.

The Patriots' were impressive in their first act, holding Livonia Stevenson All-State running back Austin White, who has committed to Michigan, to a mere 64 yards on 14 carries en route to a 21-7 triumph.

Franklin, beating the Spartans for the first time since 2005, played solid defense and controlled the line of scrimmage.

"The defense played awesome and stepped up," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We've got speed on our defense. He (White) loves to bounce it out. In the past we did not have guys to get to him. But when we did miss, we gang-tackled. We missed some tackles, but overall we team-tackled well."

Mike Baumgardner, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior running back, took the lead role for the Patriots offensively with 129 yards on 17 carries. He also returned a punt 58 yards in the third period.

"Mike's got talent and he's got the speed," Kelbert said. "But this year's he's running physical. He's putting the shoulder down."

Junior quarterback Brent Marzion also was effective in his first start. Despite just 5-of-9 passing for 25 yards, Marzion tossed a pair of first-half touchdowns in the red zone.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin senior running back Mike Baumgardner (2) gets loose with Stevenson tackler Bryan Koessler (22) in pursuit during Friday's season opener.

## SIDELINES

### MU spikers 2-0

The Madonna University women's volleyball team, ranked No. 12 in the NAIA National preseason poll, went two-for-two Friday in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Invitational.

The Crusaders, getting 19 kills from Mary McGinnis and 16 kills from Livonia Franklin's Liz Dempsey, downed Notre Dame College (Ohio) in four games, 26-28, 25-22, 25-19 and 25-27.

Katie Altman added 11 kills, while setter Inta Grinvalds finished with 56 assist-to-kills. Amanda Koszela and Dempsey added 26 and 19 digs, respectively.

McGinnis led the way with 12 kills and Grinvalds had 28 assists in a 27-25, 25-3, 25-15 win over Bethel College (Ind.).

Koszela and Dempsey chipped in with 17 and 12 digs, respectively.

Both Bethel and Notre Dame fall to 1-1 on the year.

### Prep volleyball

■ It took the full five games and some heart-stopping moments down the stretch, but Livonia Clarenceville managed to stay unbeaten on the young season with a 25-20, 21-25, 25-10, 17-25, 15-10 triumph victory Thursday over visiting Wayne Memorial.

"It was crazy out there the whole day," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman, whose squad stands 2-0 on the year.

Senior Kat Hall led the charge with 11 kills and five aces. She also picked up seven digs.

Senior Ashley Devon contributed six kills and four digs, while classmate Paige Davis added seven kills and four blocks.

Junior Brittany Tallman chipped in with six aces.

### MU women 0-2

The No. 25-ranked Madonna University women's soccer team closed out its trip to the Golden State on Thursday night with a 2-1 setback to No. 10-ranked Cal State San Marcos.

MU (0-2) took a lead in the first half as with 12:06 remaining in the opening half when senior midfielder Jaclyn Ventimiglia tapped in a loose ball in front of the net for a 1-0 lead.

The game remained 1-0 in favor of the Crusaders until the 79th minute when Taylor Ziencina send in a shot that bounced over the head of MU goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth) to tie the game at 1-1.

San Marcos took the lead with just under five minutes left in the contest when Kristen Poggiolio controlled a loose ball in a crowd and On Wednesday, host Point Loma Nazarene's Lindsay Bollar tallied a goal in the 74th minute to beat the Crusaders, 1-0, in San Diego.

The Crusaders (0-1) were held to just two shots on goal, both by senior forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin).

Warner made a total of 12 saves in the two setbacks.

## Speedy Chargers lead the pack

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to running with the state's elite girls cross country programs, Livonia Churchill has become a model of consistency.

The Chargers have recorded five straight top ten state meet finishes under coach Sue Tatro, who enters her 14th season with another promising group of harriers led by All-State and first-team All-Observer performers Sara Kroll and Amanda Southwell, both seniors.

### PREVIEW

Kroll set a school record at the state finals with a time of 17 minutes, 53.5 seconds with a seventh-place showing in the 5-kilometer Division 1 race. She was also the regional and KLAAs Kensington Conference champion.

Southwell, meanwhile, finished 14th in Division 1 with a personal best 18:24.1.

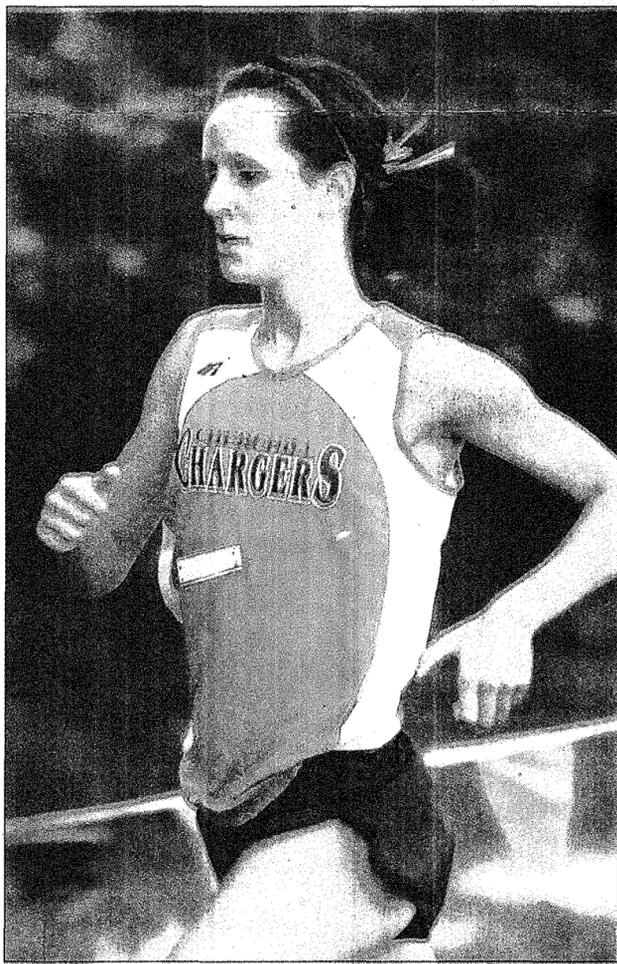
Churchill also returns second-team All-Area selections Bethany Pilat, a sophomore who ran 19:45.8, and Kayla Szado, a junior who clocked a 20:03.9.

And with the infusion with some talented freshmen, led by Kerrigan Riley and Sydney Anderson, the Chargers could surpass last year's eighth-place state meet finish.

"We have set some lofty goals for the season and look forward to the many challenges," Tatro said. "The main goal, of course, is to keep them healthy. The senior leadership has been phenomenal so far, which definitely helps with the team chemistry."

One team on the rise is Livonia

Please see **PREVIEW, B3**



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Churchill senior Sara Kroll hopes to improve on her school record time of 17:53.5 in the 5-kilometer run after finishing seventh overall in the 2008 Division 1 state finals.

## In Nick of time

### Wayne QB Mills stars in dramatic win

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Christmas came early for the Wayne Memorial football team Thursday night in the form of good, old St. Nick.

Senior quarterback Nick Mills wasn't dressed as Santa, but he delivered the ultimate present.

The 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior completed 12-of-24 passes on the night for 243 yards and engineered the game-winning touchdown drive as the host Zebras stunned Waterford Kettering, 34-29, in the season opener for both teams.

Sean Ogle's 1-yard TD run with only nine seconds left proved to be the difference for Wayne, which is coming off a 1-8 season in 2008.

### PREP FOOTBALL

The winning score was set up by four clutch plays during the final five minutes by Mills, including a 22-yard pass to Dan Ross on fourth-and-17 that put the ball at the Captains' 1-yard line with only 38 seconds remaining.

That toss came after Mills drilled a ball over the middle near the goal line on another pinpoint throw that missed the outstretched hands of James Jackson.

"I was thinking end zone. I have faith in my guys," said Mills, who drove the Zebras 68 yards in 15 plays.

After Billy Shillingburg was stopped 1 yard short of the goal line, Wayne second-year coach Kevin Weber used his third and final timeout with 18 seconds left to set up the proper play.

"We were going to run power football. We work on goal line — we really believed and we pushed it in," Mills said. "We've have

Please see **WAYNE, B4**

Senior Jeremy Langford rushed for 124 yards and a pair of first-half touchdowns to help John Glenn to a season-opening 19-5 win Thursday night over host Waterford Mott.



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## Rocket defense turns Mott into sauce, 19-5

The stingiest defense in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association picked up Thursday night in its football opener where it left off in 2008.

Westland John Glenn launched its 2009 season by holding host Waterford Mott to 134 yards total offense and five first downs en route to a 19-5 win.

The Rockets got a pair of first-half touchdowns from tailback Jeremy Langford, who rushed for a game-high 124 yards on 26 carries.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior returned a kickoff 21 yards and capped a 60-yard, five-play TD drive on a 28-yard run with 9:09

left in the first quarter. (The extra point attempt failed.)

With 11:16 to go in the second quarter, Glenn went up 12-0 with a 10-play, 60-yard drive resulting in Langford's 3-yard TD run. (The two-point conversion try failed.)

Following a missed 28-yard field goal attempt after driving to the Glenn 10 with 6:07 left in the third quarter, Mott got on the board with 3:16 remaining.

The Corsairs scored on a two-point safety when the snap from center sailed over the head of Glenn quarterback-punter Steve Kulikowski, who alertly kicked the ball out of the end zone. Kettering then cut the deficit to

12-5 with a 8:58 left on a 25-yard field goal, but Glenn's defense responded when Caleb Clenney recovered a Mott fumble at the Corsairs' 28 late in the final quarter.

Four plays later, Steven Murphy scored on a 4-yard run and Clenney converted the PAT with only 1:27 remaining to put the game out of reach.

The Rockets had 211 yards total and eight first downs with Kulikowski hitting 5-of-8 passes for 78 yards.

Mott QB JaJuan Marks, a transfer from Glenn, was 3-of-9 passing for 40 yards. The Corsairs had only 94 yards on the ground.

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# Hat trick complete

## Churchill caps off big week; stops Dexter, Salem

There was no letdown for the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

On the heels of their first win earlier in the week over rival Livonia Stevenson for the first time in 19 years, the Chargers earned another 1-0 victory Wednesday night by cooling off Salem followed by a 3-1 triumph Thursday at home over Dexter.

Churchill improved to 3-0 overall as senior midfielder Tim Devine recorded a hat trick in the victory over the Dreadnaughts, three-time defending Division 2 state finalists.

Junior outside-midfielder Joe Mancewicz came off the bench to contribute two assists, including a cross to Devine to tie it all 1-1 after Dexter (1-2-1) scored at the 10-minute mark of the first half. Max Washko also earned an assist in the second half.

"The first 25 minutes we played flat, we were dry and it was saddening," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs. "But after that we picked it up."

On Wednesday, senior Adam Bedell, who had the game-winning penalty kick against Stevenson, also tallied the game-winner on a free kick with seven minutes left in the first half to beat Salem.

The 6-foot-6 Bedell buried the game-winning shot just outside the box and into the upper corner of the net after being fouled.

"It's nice to see us get two shutouts against two good teams," Friedrichs said. "It was a good win and I'm extremely proud of the guys, especially

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coming after an emotional win."

The Rocks, coming off a 3-0-1 start last weekend in their own Balconi Invitational, applied pressure much of the second half, but couldn't get the ball past Churchill goalkeeper Christian Adams.

"I have to credit our back four guys back there who really stepped up again - Bedell and (Erik) Bird - also Jacob Kobylarz, who we cut last year, and Nick Wood, who didn't get a lot of playing time," Friedrichs said.

**STEVENSON 4, FRANKLIN 0:** Alex Vrzvowski collected a goal and two assists Thursday as Livonia Stevenson (1-1-1) earned its first victory of the season against host Livonia Franklin (0-2).

Chris Sergison also tallied a goal and assist for the Spartans. Camden Iwasko and Zach Cooney had the other goals, while Pat Smith contributed an assist.

"It was good to see a few goals go in for the first time," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We hope to build on that for Tuesday against (Warren) DeLaSalle, which is a another tough matchup."

Stevenson goalkeepers Conner Burton (first half) and Donald Grandahl (second) combined on the shutout.

Meanwhile, Franklin sophomore goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made 13 saves his first start.

"It was Ryan's first full game and he did not seem nervous at all - he had an outstanding game," said Franklin coach Victor Rodopoulos, whose team trailed 2-0 at intermission. "It was not a 4-0 game where you hold your head down. I thought our defense played well - Brad Tatro, Sean Clark, Jordan McKindles,

Adam Tweedy and Dylan Debeliso - and our midfield had a great game. They came back and hustled."

**W.L. WESTERN 5, JOHN GLENN 0:** Adam Wright scored twice Wednesday as Walled Lake Western (2-0) exploded for five first-half goals to down host Westland John Glenn (1-2).

Kyle Alsheskie, Nick Lewin and Raul Garcia also tallied goals for the Warriors, who scored three times in the first five minutes.

Blake Hunter earned the shutout in goal for Western.

"We had a bad first half - we're putting this game behind us," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "The second half we played much better and had them squeezed inside the 18-yard box."

The Rockets, however, couldn't cash in as Alex Isavevski hit the post twice and Nelson Kenne was also stopped on a save by Hunter.

**STEVENSON 0, SALINE 0:** Senior goalkeeper Conner Burton stood out Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (0-1-1) battled to a scoreless draw with the visiting Hornets (2-1-1).

"Conner had another good game in goal and I thought our defender Adam Dabkowski had a good game as well," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was a pretty hard-fought game. We had a stronger effort and a better work ethic than our first game. But I thought Saline matched that in the second half."

**CLARENCEVILLE 3, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0:** Goals by Garett Hintzman, Armit Dushkaj and Jon James carried Livonia Clarenceville (1-0-1) to a non-conference win Thursday over host Southfield Christian.

**LUTHERAN N'WEST 3, HURON VALLEY 0:** On Tuesday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1, 0-1) dropped its season opener to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest as senior Eric Austin scored twice in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division matchup.

Junior Michael Miller had the other goal for the Crusaders.

### GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

#### FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Aug. 27 at Hudson Mills

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Grosse Pointe South, 344 strokes; 2. Davison, 351; 3. Saline, 261; 4. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 369; 5. Milford, 372; 6. Lapeer West, 386; 7. West Bloomfield, 397; 8. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 399; 10. Farmington Hills Mercy, 402; 11. Dearborn, 410; 12. Auburn Hills Avondale, 414; 13. Livonia Churchill, 414; 14. Birmingham Seaholm, 414; 15. Royal Oak, 415; 16. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 416; 17. Livonia Franklin, 420; 18. Birmingham Groves, 422; 19. North Farmington-Harrison, 492; 20. Farmington, 500.

**Co-individual medalists:** Carly Farley (G.P. South) and Ella Pandy (G.P. South), 77 each. Churchill scorers: 33. Jordyn Shepler, 97;

49. Stephanie Panaretos and Jackie Burdette, 103 each; 72. Shelby Longworth, 111; 100. Margo McClain, 154.

**Franklin scorers:** 38. Georgia Partick, 98; 58. Lauren Beahon, 105; 66. Alexis Smith, 108; 68. Mariah Barcus, 109; 89. Rebecca Keeler, 127.

#### LIVONIA FRANKLIN INVITATIONAL GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Aug. 25 at Fox Creek G.C.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth, 390 strokes; 2. South Lyon East, 412; 3. Dearborn (A), 425; 4. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 437; 5. Canton, 442; 6. Westland John Glenn, 443; 7. Livonia Franklin, 448; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 459; 9. Walled Lake Western, 475; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 479; 11. Dearborn (B), 489; 12. Gibraltar Carlson, 549.

**Individual medalist:** Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth), 80.

#### AREA TEAM SCORERS

**Plymouth:** 1. Kelsey Murphy, 80; 7. (tie) Lindsay Dean and Sarah Thompson, 102 each; 12. Chloe Marentic, 106; 37. Mandy Kirsch, 120.

**Canton:** 17. Paige Osler, 108; 19. Mary Winther, 109; 24. Erin Lixie, 111; 29. Megan Baumgart, 114; 45. Ariel Alber, 127.

**John Glenn:** 3. Heidi Irvine, 96; 15. Michelle Bishop, 107; 25. Justine Woodard, 112; 47. Samie Baker, 128; 52. Megan Bache, 138.

**Franklin:** 2. Georgia Patrick, 94; 9. Alexis Smith, 103; 31. Mariah Barcus, 116; 51. Lucie Patrick, 135; 52. Zoe Riopelle, 138.

**Stevenson:** 19. Dana Smith, 109; 23. Brynn Cavanaugh, 110; 34. Andrea Burford, 117; 41. Chelsea Phillips, 123; 59. Sarah King, no score available.

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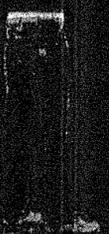
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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
**Head coach:** Sue Tatro, 14th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLA A Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** first (KLA A South Division, Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional); eighth (state finals).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Alyssa Mira (first-team All-Area); Emily Clairmont, Hannah Otto, Lindsay McMullen.  
**Leading returnees:** Sara Kroll, Sr. (first-team All-Area); Amanda Southwell, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Bethany Pilat, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Kayla Szado, Jr. (second-team All-Area); Katie Rash, Jr.; Sarah Bauman, Jr.; Jenna Szuba, Sr.; Alexandra Zoski, Jr.; Tiffany Raisanen, Sr.; Lisa McMullen, Soph.  
**Promising newcomers:** Kerrigan Riley, Fr.; Sydney Anderson, Fr.; Rachel Tomassi, Fr.; Vivien Okechukwa, Fr.; Alexis Hickson, Jr.; Megan McDonald, Jr.; Jessica Raisanen, Jr.  
**Tatro's 2009 outlook:** "The team is looking strong despite losing some talent to graduation. Kerrigan (Riley) and Sydney (Anderson) should make an immediate impact and will play a great role at the varsity level. Sara (Kroll) and Bethany (Pilat) have logged a lot of miles this summer and should both step it up from last season."  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
**Head coach:** Dave Bjorklund, ninth year.  
**League affiliation:** KLA A Kensington (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** third (KLA A South); seventh (Kensington Conference); eighth (Division 1 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Brittany Rouse.  
**Leading returnees:** Megan McPherson, Jr. (first-team All-Area); Tiffany Lambie, Soph. (second-team All-Area); Brittany Dilley, Sr.; Mallory Church, Jr.; Megan Wickens, Jr.; Ashley Davidson, Jr.; Tiffany VanOrden, Sr.; Kelly Walblay, Jr.; Victoria Church, Sr.  
**Promising newcomers:** Jane Modes, Fr.; Leslie Gomez, Soph.  
**Bjorklund's 2009 outlook:** "We return nearly our entire varsity lineup from last year and once again have nearly 30 girls out. The team worked hard all summer and is ready to start competing. McPherson is in great shape and has high aspirations after just missing All State last season. Right now, Lambie, Dilley, Wickens and (Mallory) Church round out our top five, and if they stick together we should score well as a team. We



Southwell McPherson

also have some other runners who may make some noise in the varsity as the season progresses including Davidson, VanOrden, Walblay, Modes, and (Victoria) Church."  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
**Head coach:** Keith Hearn, first year.  
**League affiliation:** KLA A Kensington (Central Division).  
**Last year's finish:** fourth (KLA A Central); sixth (Kensington Conference); seventh (Division 1 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Courtney Calka (first-team All-Area); Karli Kuchka (second-team All-Area).  
**Leading returnees:** Julia Capeneka, Soph.; Victoria Saferian, Sr.; Katie Vidler, Jr.; Katie Capeneka, Jr.; Michelle Krawczyk, Jr.; Tasi Newton, Sr.  
**Promising newcomers:** Kelly Glynn, Fr.; Brooke Hitchcock, Fr.; Brooke Kuchka, Fr.  
**Hearn's 2009 outlook:** "My expectations are probably higher than they should be because it's my first year, but I think we can do well pretty well. We don't have that number one kid like a Courtney Calka or a Sara Kroll, but we have some kids that can run hopefully in the 19:00s. We want to have those girls that can hopefully take the third, fourth and fifth places. That's what we're counting on."  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
**Head coach:** James Fitzgerald, first year.  
**League affiliation:** KLA A Kensington (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** fifth (KLA A South); 11th (Kensington Conference); 11th (Division 1 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Megan Nikula, Jaimie Medel, Amy Seiwski, Molly Robinett.  
**Leading returnees:** Ashley Bailey, Sr.; Evi Cenilli, Sr.; Michelle Levy, Sr.; Audra Flores,

Jr.; Bisi Ajetanmobi, Jr.; Ranequa Kelly, Jr.  
**Promising newcomers:** Cassie Sanders Sr.; Kirsten Smith, Fr.; Abbey Wright, Soph.; Courtney MacQuarrie, Fr.; Mary Dreher, Fr.; Alyssa Long, Sr.; La'che Walton, Sr.; Megan King, Fr.; Miranda Hunter-Quilllette, Soph.  
**Fitzgerald's 2009 outlook:** "We have a lot of talented newcomers that have put in a good summer of conditioning. This will complement our strong core of returning 11th and 12th graders. The girls are excited and ready to compete at a high level. We look forward to a successful 2009 season."  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**Head coach:** Kevin Miller, seventh year.  
**League affiliation:** KLA A Kensington (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** sixth (KLA A South); 12th (Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Chelsea Gilbert.  
**Leading returnees:** Holland Boertje, Soph.; Jennifer McCaffrey, Soph.  
**Promising newcomers:** Sydney Ball, Fr.; Alana Cyrus, Fr.  
**Miller's 2009 outlook:** "We've been recruiting at our registration. It's been hard getting girls out for some reason. Right now we're small, only four girls. We're trying to build up to a varsity lineup. Hopefully we'll have a fifth runner to fill lineup."  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD**  
**Head coach:** Alice Ahearn, first year.  
**League affiliation:** Catholic League (Central Division).  
**Last year's finish:** second (Central); Division); third (Catholic League); seventh (Division 2 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Julia Kenney (second-team All-Area).  
**Leading returnees:** Cathy Wojtanowski, Sr.; Shannon Scarlett, Sr. (captain); Meredith Houska, Sr. (captain); Becky Babon, Jr.; Lauren Karwan, Sr.; Mercedes Black, Jr.; Siobhan Aldridge, Jr.; Alexandra Darr, Soph.; Sarah Wickman, Soph.  
**Promising newcomers:** Erica Mucci, Fr.; Megan Talty, Fr.; De'ana Walker, Fr.; Carlee Faber, Fr.; Brenna Wright, Fr.; Meghan Reithmiller, Soph.; Lauren Micallef, Jr.  
**Ahearn's 2009 outlook:** "I'm looking forward to a great season. This is a cohesive group. The girls are working hard and putting in some solid effort. As a first-year coach, I feel very fortunate to have such

a dedicated group of young women on my team. I believe the girls will see their hard work payoff as the season progresses. It is a disappointment that Megan Yanik (injured) will not be competing with us this year, but there are many girls ready and willing to step up and take on the challenge her void will create."  
**LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND**  
**Head coach:** Alissa Hall, first year.  
**League affiliation:** Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.  
**Last year's finish:** third (Metro Conference); fourth (Division 4 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Miriam Pranschke, Danielle Voetberg.  
**Leading returnees:** Sarah Maynard, Jr. (state qualifier); Amber Pniewski, Sr.; Ashley Pniewski, Sr.; Brittany Maynard, Sr.; Erin Lyle, Soph.; Jessica Rice, Soph.; Kelsey Kruger, Soph.  
**Promising newcomers:** Carly Girolamo, Sr.; Lindsay Smith, Soph.; Angela Sillanpaa, Fr.  
**Hall's 2009 outlook:** "I am very excited for my first season as the head coach. In the first few weeks of practice, the girls have been working very hard to build a solid base for the rest of the season. I am excited to see how they progress as we continue to build their mileage and start to sharpen their speed throughout the season. The girls are getting stronger each day, and I am hoping to see many personal records this year."  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**  
**Head coach:** Vince Marsico, first year.  
**League affiliation:** Metro Conference.  
**Last year's finish:** seventh (Division 3 regional).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Elizabeth Murphy.  
**Leading returnees:** Shelby Dermyre, Sr.; Ava Dark, Sr.; Tara Hernes, Jr.; Amber Cummins, Sr.  
**Promising newcomers:** Yaritza Miranda, Fr.; Michelle Martinez, Fr.; Rana Haddad, Soph.  
**Marsico's 2009 outlook:** "Our expectations as a team is to be competitive. We have a long way to go. It like to have more depth and get more kids out for the team. Once school starts I want to get word out. We're looking to work hard and get overall improvement. We want the girls to get their times under 25 minutes and finish races."

THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Clarencville at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
 Howell at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Pinckney at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
 Clarencville at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
 Crestwood at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Luth. N'west at Clarencville, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 4**  
 Ladywood at Bedford Tourney, 8:30 a.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Monday, Aug. 31**  
 Clarencville at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Northville at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Ultimate Soccer Arena (Pontiac), 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
 Wayne at Belleville, 4 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 Clarencville at Hazel Park, 5 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
 John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Monday, Aug. 31**  
 Clarencville at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
 John Glenn at Erie-Mason, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland Time Trials, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Ladywood vs. R.O. Shrine at Ferndale H.S., 6 p.m.  
 G.P. North at Stevenson, 6 p.m.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
 Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
 Garden City at John Glenn, 10 a.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
**Monday, Aug. 31**  
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. John Glenn at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Novi at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
 Churchill vs. Franklin at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Canton at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Ladywood at Warren Regina, 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. New Boston Huron at Hilltop, 3 p.m.  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
 Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 5:45 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
 Schoolcraft at Marygrove, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 4**  
 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.  
**(Embry-Riddle, Fla. Labor Day Tourney)**  
 Madonna vs. N'western Ohio, 11 a.m.  
 Madonna vs. Faulkner (Ala.) Univ., 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.  
**Embry-Riddle, Fla. Labor Day Tourney)**  
 Madonna vs. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 3 p.m.  
 Madonna vs. Embry Riddle (Fla.), 7 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Sunday, Aug. 30**  
 Schoolcraft vs. Jamestown CC (N.Y.) at Herkimer CC (N.Y.), 2:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 1**  
 Schoolcraft at Albion College, 5 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2**  
 Madonna at Davenport, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
 Jackson CC at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.  
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, noon.  
 TBA - time to be announced.

PREVIEW

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Franklin, which hopes to improve upon its seventh-place finish in the Kensington Conference and eighth-place showing in the regional.

Coach Dave Bjorklund returns his entire lineup led by first-team All-Observer pick Megan McPherson, a junior who just missed earning All-State honors after placing 32nd (18:49.8) in Division 1.

Second-team All-Area pick Tiffany Lambie, a sophomore, also returns along with senior Brittany Dilley.

"As a team, we hope to move up the ranks in the KLA A (South) division and

conference, as well as at the regional," said Bjorklund, who is entering his eighth season. "If all goes well we should be a very formidable team as the season progresses."

Keith Hearn, a former standout 800-meter runner and basketball player at Livonia Stevenson, returns to his alma mater to coach. He replaces Nancy Gavoro.

The Spartans will certainly miss All-State and four-time All-Observer selection Courtney Calka, who finished eighth in Division 1 with a time of 17:55.1. She has taken her talents to Eastern Michigan University.

Freshman Kelly Glynn shows promise along with returnees Julia Capeneka and Victoria Saferian for the

Spartans.

Westland John Glenn also has a new coach in James Fitzgerald, while Wayne Memorial hopes to add a fifth runner before its first meet on Monday at home against Livonia Clarenceville.

Livonia Ladywood also has a new coach in Alice Ahearn, who replaces Rick Brauer. The Blazers will miss top runner Julia Kenney, a second-team All-Area pick (now at St. Mary's, Ind.).

Track standout Megan Yanik, a Division 2 state placer in the hurdles last spring as a junior, will miss the season with a nagging hip injury.

"It's a very notable loss," Ahearn said. "Megan plans to stay connected by assisting with athlete timing and moti-

vation."

Another new coach in the area is Lutheran High Westland's Alissa Hall. She takes over for Jeremy Fabris, who will concentrate on coaching the boys squad.

The Warriors do return Division 4 state qualifier Sarah Maynard, a junior, who placed 102nd in 21:31.3.

Livonia Clarenceville, in only its second year of a girls cross country program, launched its season Thursday at Lola Valley Park losing to host Redford Union, 18-43.

The Trojans' top returnee is senior Shelby Dermyre, who finished third.

See capsule outlook of area teams.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2**  
**Aug. 27 at W.L. Central**  
**No. 1 singles:** Matt Cezal (LC) defeated Glenn Miller, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 2:** Ryan Hultheen (WLC) def. Ziwon Deng, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Matt Saperstein (WLC) def. Mike Houghan, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Dave Arnold, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Karl Bodecker-Mike Kinoyan (WLC) def. Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 2:** Jake LaPointe-Matt Davis (WLC) def. Fred Beshara-Ryan McPherson, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 3:** Brett Joseph-David Yang (WLC) def. Eric Stromberg, Kyle Appel, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Josh Pad-Joe Kozz (WLC) def. Tejas Soni-Mayuresh Iyer, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 5:** Blake Bodecker-Ian Farquhar (WLC) def. Mike Inglis-Tony Zuccarini, 6-2, 6-0.  
**Churchill's dual match record:** 0-2 overall.

**GARDEN CITY 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1**  
**Aug. 27 at Wayne**  
**No. 1 singles:** Ken Shernpunas (GC) defeated Brandon Harnos, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 2:** Shane Mitchell (GC) def. Michael Gabriel, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Kirk Barkino (GC) def. Zach Williamson, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Matt Wright (GC) def. Zach Lankton, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 6-3.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Brandon Kennedy-Nate

Kalwowski (GC) def. Stephen Gush-Jeremy Powell, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Drew Bonello-Eric Moms (GC) def. C.J. Kulas-Abhishek Roy, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2; **No. 3:** Conner Biers-Chris Castenada (GC) def. Stephen McNamara-Michael Battaglia, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 4:** Micheil Hood-Michael Toms (WM) def. Roger Raylean-Nabil Safa, 6-2, 7-5.  
**Dual match records:** Garden City, 1-0 overall; Wayne, 0-1 overall.

**FARMINGTON 9 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0**  
**Aug. 27 at Farmington**  
**No. 1 singles:** Brent Roberts (F) defeated Zach Ernat, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Pra Visuanathan (F) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 3:** Koushik Vadati (F) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Tae Kang (F) def. Nick Stone, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Lokesh Pagadala-Joe Zimmer (F) def. Khari Stargell-Mitch Dean, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Akhil Gutta-Ashish Kumar (F) def. Shane Wiechert-Connor Monroe, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Subhad Edupuganti-Akilesh Sivalevar (F) def. Andrew McGrath-Wayne Woodard, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 4:** Alex Greig-Rohit Bolleneri (F) def. Mav Longuski-Kyle Wagner, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Kaushik-Kanumusi-Rohit Bhandange (F) def. Joey Wakeford-Ion Villaraman, 6-1, 6-0.  
**Glenn's dual match record:** 0-2 overall.

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## WAYNE

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been working for this a long time. We, especially the seniors, never gave up."

The first half was a blur, with the Zebras jumping out to a 28-20 halftime lead.

Wayne scored on four of its five possessions.

The Zebras put three first-quarter scores on the board, including a 1-yard run by junior Keith Agee, who led all rushers with 137 yards on eight carries; a 4-yard keeper by Mills; and a 65-yard pass from Mills to Jackson.

Kettering countered in the first quarter when Paul Fry took a kickoff and raced 78 yards for a score.

Trailing 20-7, Kettering countered with a 1-yard TD run by quarterback Ryan Dingman with 9:52 in the half.

Agee then responded with a 70-yard TD jaunt, followed

by Shillingburg's two-point conversion run, just 1:21 later to make it 28-14.

Dingman, however, scored on a 38-yard keeper with 7:32 left in the same period to cut the deficit to 28-20.

Wayne gained 275 of its 422 yards in first half, but its offense crashed to grinding halt, particularly after Agee went down with leg cramps in the third period.

"We went with the same (offensive) stuff, but we'd shoot ourselves with offsides and fumbles, even though we recovered them," Weber said. "We pride ourselves in playing mistake-free football. We did that the first half, but not in the second half until the final five minutes."

Kettering pulled to within two, 28-26, on Dingman's 21-yard TD toss to Dequante Humphrey, but the Captains' QB was stopped just short of the pylon on the two-point attempt with 6:36 remaining

in the third.

Things looked bleak with 4:56 left in the game when Kettering's Josh Blowers booted a 27-yard field goal to put the Captains ahead, 29-28.

Mills, however, went to work, converting third-and-long completions to Ross (25 yards) and Jaimel Strickland (12 yards), along with a 4-yard keeper for another first down to keep the 68-yard, 15-play drive going.

"Nick's put in a tremendous amount of work and I've demanded a lot of him, both in the classroom and in the weight room," Weber said. "Nick responded and it was visible today. He went out there and executed. He made smart decisions. It's been a long road with him, but I'm proud of him because he's put in the time."

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## Giveaways cost Trojans in OT

It certainly wasn't the kind of start Livonia Clarenceville was looking for and the result many weren't expecting.

Detroit University Prep, a team coming off a 3-6 showing in 2008, looked more like the playoff team of last year than the Trojans did. Touchdowns in each of the final two periods forced overtime, and two crucial plays in the extra session — one on offense and another on defense — paved the way for a surprising 18-12 triumph chalked up by the Panthers on their home turf.

The Trojans have no one to blame but themselves. Three of the first four plays from scrimmage by coach Ryan Irish's squad resulted in giveaways. Fortunately, the defense was able to rise to the occasion.

In fact, it was the Trojans defense that produced the first points of the game when Moses Hobson scooped up a loose football in the second quarter and scooted 93 yards into the end zone for six.

Clarenceville grabbed a 12-0 lead early in the third period as senior Levonte Brooks scampered 22 yards on a fourth-and-10 play. The Trojans botched the extra point attempt for a second consecutive time.

The Panthers cut the deficit in half with a rushing touchdown in the third quarter and drew even with three minutes to go when they punched in another score on the ground.

In OT, University Prep went on offense first and, in just three plays scored on an off-tackle play which proved to be

the game-winner.

The Trojans' first offensive possession came to an abrupt end when they fumbled and coughed up any chance of playing on.

"It was a very frustrating game for our side," Irish said. "They did a real good job of taking us out of our game by playing fast and physical, and we just gave the ball up too many times."

Clarenceville finished with 147 total yards — all coming on the ground. Brooks led the way with 100 yards on 11 carries.

Prep was held to 128 total yards.

"This was a real ugly night, but all is not lost," Irish said. "We did do some things well. We just have to execute better in the future."

## PATRIOTS

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"We needed the kid to move the ball and move the chains," Kelbert said. "We're not going to throw 60-to-70 passes, just keep the offense moving. I thought for his first start he did very well."

Marzion rolled out and hit Antoine Banks II on an 8-yard TD with 2:16 left in the first quarter to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead (following Travis Matthey's extra point). The score was set up when the Spartans muffed a punt at their own 27 (recovered by Zach Leuenberger).

Stevenson, however, answered with its only TD of the night with 1:25 to play in the same period on White's shifty 17-yard run to knot the count at 7-all.

Franklin then fumbled the ball away on the ensuing series (recovered by Erick Melton) at its own 32 and Stevenson marched down to

the 2-yard line, only to be stopped on fourth-and-goal when White was thrown for a loss by Robert Ringe and Blake Lukas with 9:05 left in the opening half.

Franklin then marched 95 yards in eight plays — the big run a 61-yard burst by Baumgardner — followed by Marzion's clutch 1-yard pass on fourth-and-goal to a wide-open Lukas with 5:09 to go in the second quarter for a 14-7 advantage.

The Patriots provided themselves with a 14-point cushion as Mike Gadsby, who finished with 86 yards rushing on only four carries, got loose for a 47-yard TD run with 9:35 remaining in the third period.

Franklin's defense then went to work holding the Spartans to only three first downs the rest of the way.

The Patriots outgained Stevenson in total offense, 282-191. Each team had 10 first downs.

"The story of the game

was that they (Franklin) outplayed us, especially up front," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "With Austin (White) they were determined to take away our outside plays. We made some good adjustments the first half, but in the second half we shot ourselves. But don't take anything away from them. They beat us on both sides of the ball."

Franklin has another tough opponent this Thursday in Walled Lake Western, while Stevenson hosts Howell.

"We've got to get ready in six days," Gabel said. "I feel our quarterback (Brandon O'Hara) got better and better as the game went on. There were some drops, but overall I feel positive about him and I feel positive about a number of things. I not happy losing, but they (Franklin) are good. And we knew coming in that they were good."

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## Hartland stymies Chargers, 31-7

Hartland showed Livonia Churchill no love in Friday's 2009 season football opener.

The visiting Eagles controlled play from start-to-finish on its way to a convincing 31-7 triumph over the host Chargers.

Hartland jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead and cruised to the win.

Quarterback Dan Richmond, who was 8-of-14 for 113 yards, tossed a 20-yard TD pass to Matt Poches with 7:01 left in the first quarter. The score was set up by a Churchill fumble.

The Eagles then scored twice in the second period — Richmond on a 1-yard run with 11:57 left; followed by Matt Kenwell's 13-yard TD run with 4:35 remaining to cap a 73-yard, 10-play drive.

Kenwell rushed for a game-high 108 yards on 21 carries.

In the third period, Hartland marched 76 yards on nine plays as Matt Nystrand picked up

a 30-yard TD run.

Hartland completed its scoring with 4:19 left in the game on Steve Schiller's 27-yard field goal. The Hartland kicker also converted all four extra point attempts.

Churchill, outgained 353-188 in total offense, averted the shutout with only 2:54 remaining as Terence Barnes ran six yards for a TD to complete a six-play, 72-yard drive. (Justin Choma converted the PAT.)

Mike Kutek was Churchill's top rusher with 48 yards on six carries. The Chargers were out-gained on the ground, 240-83. Hartland also had the decided edge in first downs, 17-10.

Churchill quarterback Jordan Grohoski was 4-of-10 passing for 24 yards and an interception.

Junior linebacker Dylan Ochala was the Chargers' top tackler with 12. Mike Harper also blocked a Hartland punt in the second period.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering its seven-week fall learn to skate program (Session I) from Sept. 14 through Oct. 29 at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Classes are grouped by age and ability. Openings for each time slot for the following are subject to

availability for the following:

Youth classes (ages 4-and-up) — 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. Mondays or Thursdays;  
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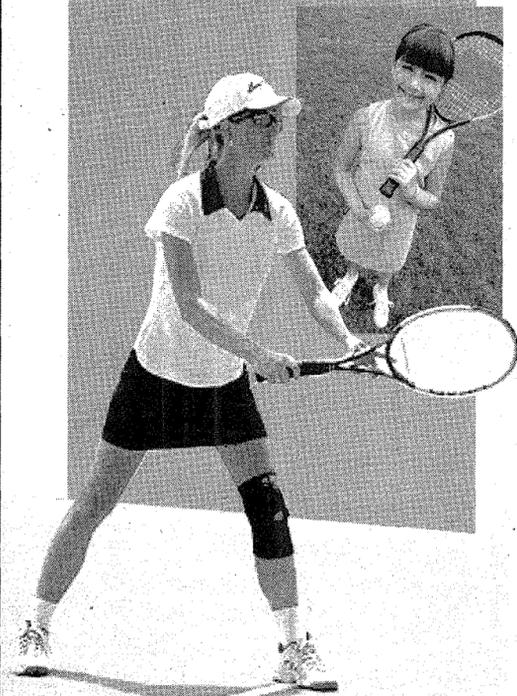
Walk-in registration only will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center,

located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). Make-up classes are not available. All instructors are I.S.I. certified. Private lessons are available for all ages and you must be registered in a group lesson or two hours of private lessons.

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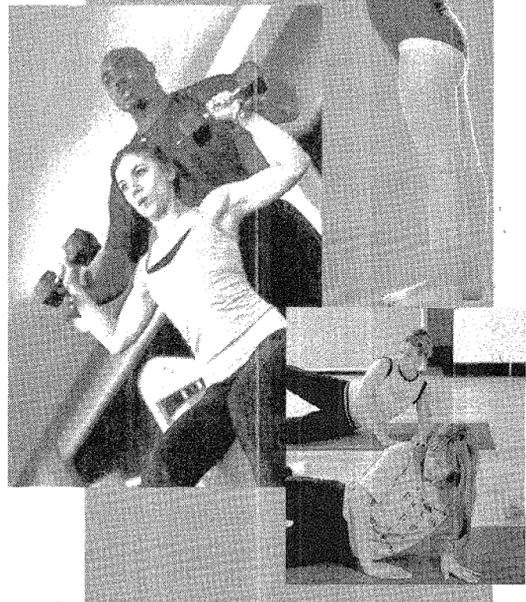
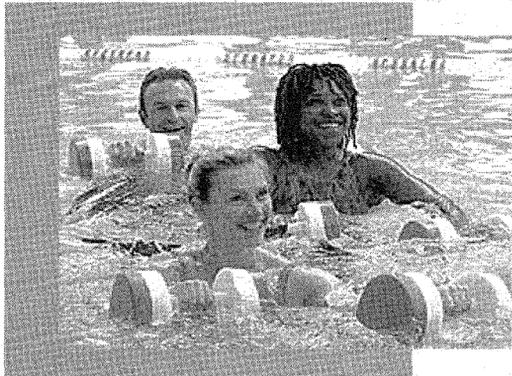
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# Animals find new homes through adoption events

If you've ever wondered whether pet adoption activities at festivals and other entertainment events are worthwhile, just ask Brice.

The Staffordshire mix was among many animals available for adoption at the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise earlier this month. Brice, who was temporarily living at Almost Home Animal Haven in Southfield, went home with a new family on Dream Cruise Day, Aug. 15.

Almost Home, Greyheart Greyhound Rescue, Greyhound Expressions and Home Fur-ever, the four animal rescues on site, also collected nearly \$500 from passers-by that day.

Almost Home raised money by taking photos of visitors with a rescue dog. Home Fur-ever sold water and pop, with the proceeds going to their animals. Steve Cole, one of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel trusted advisers, helped out throughout the day.

"This year has been especially hard on animals, said Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO



CHERYL MELAMED

Two dogs say 'hello' during an adoption event held during the annual Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise.

of Weir Manuel. "Many pets have been abandoned by their owners due to tough economic times. It is not just people who suffer when a home goes into foreclosure. Rescues are doing a tremendous job but the situation now is overwhelming. Pets arrive at shelters by the thousands every month."

For more about Almost Home Animal Rescue League, visit [www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org](http://www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org); for Greyheart Greyhound Rescue visit [www.greyheart.org](http://www.greyheart.org); for Greyhound Expressions, see [www.greyhoundexpressions.org](http://www.greyhoundexpressions.org); and for Home Fur-ever, [www.homeforever.com](http://www.homeforever.com).

## BOXER BASH

You don't have to bring a Boxer to attend the Mid Michigan Boxer Rescue's 7th annual Boxer Bash, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Island Lake Recreation Park in Brighton. But if you do, your dog might end up reigning over the affair as King or Queen Boxer. Choosing the two top "royal" canines is among several contests and activities offered at the free event, which is open to the general public and dogs. Other contests include canine "pie" eating and egg race.

The family-friendly festival also will feature demonstrations, kid's entertainment, vendors, and games for individuals and their dogs. A veterinary mini-clinic offering low cost heartworm testing, vaccines, exams and microchips will be staffed by a licensed veterinarian. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A silent and live auction will feature local sports team memorabilia and themed baskets. All proceeds raised will



benefit Mid-Michigan Boxer Rescue. MMBR is a non-profit animal rescue organization that depends on adoption fees, donations and fund-raisers to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home the dogs in our care. Since its inception in December 1999 MMBR has rescued over 500 dogs. Boxer Bash is its largest fund-raiser of the year. For more information, visit [www.midmichiganboxer-rescue.org](http://www.midmichiganboxer-rescue.org) or contact Tonya Whitehead at (517) 712-8166 or [events@midmichiganboxer-rescue.org](mailto:events@midmichiganboxer-rescue.org)

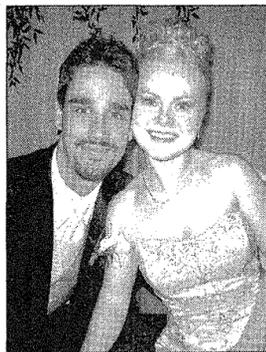
## 90TH BIRTHDAY

Longtime Novi resident Margaret (Peg) Deming celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Livonia home of her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sue Deming.

Friends and family members gathered from around the country to convey birthday greetings. Those attending included her three children, eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Co-organizer of the event Irene Deming Rochette, Peg's daughter, said many memories were shared between the four generations of family, friends from Peg's old Detroit neighborhood and others. She noted that everyone who knows her mother wanted to be a part of the celebration.

## MILESTONES



Flores-Ellsworth

### FLORES-ELLSWORTH

Atticus Flores and Kimberly Ellsworth were married June 6, 2009, at Zion Lutheran in Ann Arbor.

The bride, daughter of James and Gloria Ellsworth of Northville, graduated from Detroit Country Day High School in 1998 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. She's employed as a graphic designer at the University of Michigan Law School.

The groom, son of Frank and Mary Ann Flores of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1997 and from the University of Michigan in 2002. He is employed as a data transfer engineer at L & W Engineering in Belleville.

The Rev. Michael Walters and the Rev. Dennis Bux officiated at the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Veena Thyagarajan. Bridesmaids were Kristin Godfrey, Alyson Lobert, Sarah Glauser, and Rachell Seedott. Flower Girl was Katie Carothers.

The best man was Demian Flores. Groomsmen were Jason Lieser, Jim Neal, Gordon Totty, and Patrick Marsac. Ring Bearer was Anthony Woodward.

A reception was held at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor.

The couple took a honeymoon to Disneyland and Hawaii. They've made their home in Canton.



Irvine and Arlene Touchie of Canton

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Irvine and Arlene Touchie of Canton and Lakeland, Fla., will celebrate their Golden Anniversary Sept. 12. The couple were married in 1959 in Detroit.

They have two children, Rick and Renee, and a grandson, Matthew.

The Touchies raised their family in Dearborn Heights, and spent many summers at their cabin in Grayling.

Irv retired from GM — where he and Arlene met — after 35 years and also served proudly in the United States Army. Irv is an avid golfer. Arlene loves to spend the day in the sunshine reading a good book and is an active volunteer through church. They're active members of Dunning Park Bible Chapel in Redford.

A celebration will be held in their honor on their anniversary.



The Touchies of Canton on their wedding day

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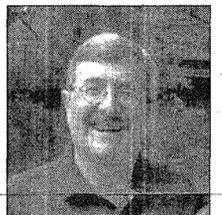
### DONNA MAE GRATER

Passed away August 23, 2009 at age 82. Loving mother of Ken (Donna) Grater and Kathy (Jerry) Meik. Proud grandmother of Brett (Mary Jane) Meik, Hayley (Eric) Messing, David (Courtney) and Dan (Tiffany) Grater and loving great-grandmother to seven lovely children. Preceded in death by her loving husband James C. Grater and her beloved parents Howard and Edith Walker. She was born in Detroit November 1, 1926 and resided in Plymouth most of her life where she had many friends and acquaintances. Her quick wit and sense of humor brought smiles from whomever she met. She will be deeply missed. There will be a memorial to her life on Tues., Sept 8, 2009 from 3:00 - 7:30 PM at Schraeder Howell Funeral Home at 280 S. Main in Plymouth MI. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI.



### ANDREW M. KRITZMAN

Of Topsham, Maine died suddenly at the age of 50 from a suspected aneurysm on 21 Apr 2009. Andy was born 23 Aug 1958 in a Catholic family in Redford, MI. His father, Francis, died at the age of 49 in 1971. His mother, Mary, died in 1980, also at the age of 49. Andy attended Our Lady of Loreto, and graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976. He married Linda Rusinowski. They had 2 children. He served in the U.S. Navy 1977-1983. Andy remarried in 1982 to Darlene. They had 3 children. He worked at Bath Iron Works in Maine for the last 10 years. He was a faithful husband, great dad, and a good Samaritan. He is survived by his wife of 26 years: Darlene Kritzman, and their children: Emily, Franklin and Gregory. He is also survived by his first wife: Linda Rusinowski Miller, and their two children: Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Kritzman with their 3 children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Van de Burg with their 3 children. He leaves six siblings: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kritzman of Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Molloy of Dearborn Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meredith of Evansville, WI, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kritzman of Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schoening of Redford, and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Murley of Bartlett, TN. Andy was interred at St. Agatha, Maine.



### JAMES LAWRENCE ("Jim") KROFF

Died on Monday, August 23rd at his home in San Francisco, California. He was born in Canton, Ohio, on September 7th, 1944, the third of four children of Richard and Margaret (Lawrence) Kroff. The family moved to Plymouth in 1949, where Jim attended Plymouth High School, serving as High School Mayor before graduating in 1962. He received a degree in economics in 1966 from The University of Michigan where he was President of the Student Union in 1965/66. After receiving an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1968, Jim spent several years working for Monsanto in St. Louis before moving to San Francisco where he remained, working for several venture capital and investment firms until his retirement in 2008. A vacation home on the beach near Grand Haven, Michigan helped him to maintain connections with his extended family and friends. Mr. Kroff is survived by his wife of 41 years, Martha (Wetzel), children Elizabeth (Craig) Sparks of San Francisco, Emily (David) Shannon of Portland, Oregon, Jonathan of Washington DC and grandchildren Page and James Sparks and Lucia and Kyla Shannon. Mr. Kroff is also survived by his three siblings, Cathy Cooper of Plymouth, Nancy Kosch of Bloomfield Hills and Jack Kroff of Vista, California. Plans for memorial services have not been completed. The family has requested memorial contributions to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan 1345 Monroe Ave, NW Suite 324, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 in lieu of flowers.



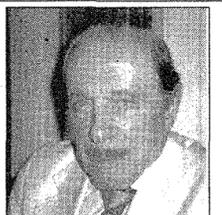
### HAROLD L. GROVE

Age 77. August 27, 2009. Loving husband of Ann for 51 years. Dear father of Roger (Tamara) & Marlene (David) Butkiewicz. Grandfather of Andrea & Ashley. Brother of Robert (Angie). Memorial gathering Tuesday 4-8 PM at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-1800. Donations may be made to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH 44193. Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

### ALYCE MCCLARAN

Died on August 21, 2009, at Life Care of Red Bank in Chattanooga, TN. Alyce grew up in Chicago, IL, and spent most of her adult life in Detroit and West Bloomfield, MI. Later she moved to the Jacksonville Beach area. Preceding her in death were her parents, Lucy and Avedis Mourad and her beloved husband, Jesse W. McClaran. Survivors are children and spouses, Lucinda and Peter Metcalfe of Hixson, Michael and Terri McClaran of Aurora, CO, and daughter, Tamara McClaran of Neptune Beach, granddaughter and spouse Michael and Darin Fitzpatrick and great-grandsons, Colin and Evan of Fort Mill, SC, and grandchildren, Alyson and Adam McClaran of Aurora. She will be missed and cherished by all. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, TN.



### RICHARD W. TUCKER

August 22, 2009, age 87, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Barbara of 57 years. Father of Pamela Blakley (K. Girard). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward, (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday, 10a.m. until prayer service at 12:00a.m. Memorial tributes to the National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson St., Baltimore, MD 21230. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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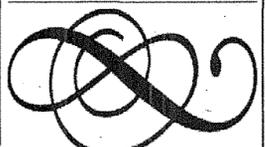
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## Library boon to jobless

A good resource for those out of work is the local public library. Libraries offer Internet access, help with job searches and aid in filing for unemployment compensation.

Director Cheryl Napsha of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is seeing a lot of out of work people. Her library has on its Web site ([www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org)) under home page/Internet Guide (across top) a page of links including career guides, job postings, resumes and cover letters, and a direct link for filing for unemployment.

"It does give you a structure," Napsha said of library visits. "It gives you a reason to get up and get out of the house. You come to the library to work. It puts you in that frame of mind."

Westland's library has a job search lab three times a week, with no residency requirements. You'll get three hours to work with a reference librarian to do your resume, apply online, "use resources to find jobs." That's a walk-in program, she said, adding Westland also has many computer classes for those who need to develop those skills.

# NEIGHBORS

## Experts: Lifestyle key in job loss aftermath

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

John Fitzsimmons is approaching his 20th anniversary as a career counselor for Southfield-based JVS. He acknowledges times are particularly tough now for job hunters, but basic advice applies.

"We are seeing individuals single and married who have extended unemployment," said Fitzsimmons, a licensed professional counselor with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wayne State University and a master's in counseling from Eastern Michigan University. "Their emotions run the gamut."

Some are angry, others despairing. "Some people are isolating themselves, which you don't want to do," Fitzsimmons said. He recommends taking back control of the jobless situation. "Make sure you are connecting with people, networking. It's important to stay connected and access the resources that are out there." That means contacting former clients and co-workers, as well as considering other industries for employment.

"When you're out of work, people will sometimes sleep in," he said. You need to get on a schedule, with Internet time for job searching, as well as phone calls and identifying prospective employers.

### WORKOUTS GOOD

"Some mornings it's going to be tough to get up," Fitzsimmons said. He said you need to incorporate social and recreational activities into your day, such as reading, walking or even a game of volleyball.

"It's a way of working off the stress as well as doing something physical." Exercise has positive effects on physical well-being, said Fitzsimmons.

"Be careful about eating," whether it's too much or the wrong foods. You've got to have balance in your job search," Fitzsimmons said.

JVS (Jewish Vocational Service), a United Way-supported agency, has a library and resource



work again. He urged those who lose jobs not to keep the loss a secret from family members.

Some need professional help, which starts with an assessment. A therapist or other professional may recommend a self-help group for some.

### HEALTHY HABITS

Pollack adds it's important not to abuse alcohol or drugs. "Sometimes people do turn to those," he said.

Lisa Schirmer, a licensed psychologist in the Department of Behavioral Medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, agreed that anecdotally there's more evidence of job-loss stress. Hospital staffers see that as well in mental health and chemical dependency services as a factor.

Those who lose a job often go through grief similar to loss of a loved one, said Schirmer, who earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Michigan State University, a master's in education and counseling psychology from McGill University and a B.A. in psychology from MSU.

Some people find writing in a journal helpful, as well as talking to others. "Meditation can be helpful or exercise such as yoga," she said, especially if you find your mind racing.

If a loved one talks about suicide, take him or her to the closest emergency room immediately, she said. Schirmer agreed children can be involved in age-appropriate discussions of job loss, and teens may need to limit their extracurriculars or visits to movies. "Family meetings can be helpful with older children," she said, emphasizing "that you will all get through it together." Children should be involved but not unduly burdened.

Schirmer recommends using your network of friends and acquaintances for support. "Even bad stress has the potential to motivate us," she said, noting we can get in touch with hopes and dreams for the future.

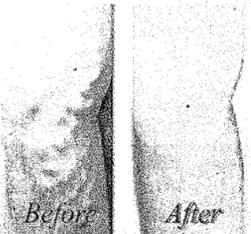
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# Women's Equality Day: Progress, work to do

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Laura Callow of Livonia, a retired teacher, didn't hesitate when asked why a Women's Equality Day is needed in 2009. "The Equal Rights Amendment is an economic issue," Callow told some 80 women Aug. 22 at the luncheon at One Under banquet facility in Livonia.

Callow, speaking to mark the 89th anniversary of the 19th Amendment for women's voting, noted it's also the 86th anniversary of the Equal Rights Amendment being introduced by suffragist Alice Paul.

"It was a very hard fight," she said of the vote. Callow's a member of Michigan ERAmerica, the Livonia branch of the American Association of University Women, and the local League of Women Voters.

"Gaining the right to vote was only ending one form of discrimination," said Callow, who taught elementary art and adult ceramics. She likes to pursue earlier women's dream of full equality.

Callow got interested in the 1970s in equal credit opportunities, worried about what would happen if her husband died. Those laws changed at the state and national levels. "That's when I found out about the Equal Rights Amendment."

Mickey Edell of Canton was also glad to celebrate women's gains. The annual day "to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment, which of course gave women the right to vote" is worth noting, said the Plymouth-Canton schools speech and language pathologist.

Edell, past state president of the American Association of University Women, said women and girls now need equality. "They are certainly exposed to that encouragement," she said of Plymouth-Canton female students. Science, technology, engineering and math are pushed more for young women.



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Laura Callow (left) and Debbie Macon visit at the Women's Equality Day luncheon.



Mickey Edell of Canton (left) and Pat Jennings at the Equality Day luncheon.

"Certainly teachers are dedicated to that," Edell said. "We still have work to be done."

### TEAM EFFORT

The luncheon was sponsored by the American Association of University Women/Michigan, Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies and Michigan ERAmerica. Co-sponsoring were the Business and Professional

Women/Michigan, Coalition of Labor Union Women, League of Women Voters/Michigan, Michigan National Organization for Women, Michigan Women's Commission, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom/Metro Detroit, and Zonta International.

The day was declared in 1971 at the behest of U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y. In Livonia Aug.

22, state Sen. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, was among the speakers.

"We have made great strides in the workforce," Jacobs said. That's less true in pay equity, although President Barack Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act as his first piece of legislation.

More women hold bachelor's degrees, own businesses and work as managers and professionals, Jacobs said. She added pay equity won't be reached at the current rate until 2057.

"I don't know about you, I don't plan about being around in 2057. We've got a lot of work to do," the state senator said. She drew laughs in noting she'd done something right; her daughter's recent wedding vows cited being equal about a half dozen times.

Mary Kerwin, a Troy City Council member, represented the Women Officials Network, which encourages women to run for office and get involved in public policy. Kerwin said many appointed opportunities, like planning

commissions, exist locally. There are also county and state appointed opportunities.

"Change happens when women come to the table," Kerwin told the appreciative audience. "It's time to come to the table and have an impact." Oakland County, although wealthy, has higher infant mortality than parts of the Third World do, she said. Women also can work on school funding and other vital issues.

### ERA UPDATE

Callow gave an update on the ERA, approved by Congress in 1972 and sent to states for ratification. There was an extension of time for ratification, and the ERA has been reintroduced annually in Congress since the early 1980s.

Women who earn less or are charged more for insurance suffer, Callow said. "The opposition to suffrage was also economic." Liquor interests and others worked against women's suffrage.

For the ERA, eight of 15 unrati-fied states have efforts going full force. (Michigan has ratified it.) Callow told of Arkansas where clergy preached against the

amendment and it was voted down. In Louisiana, it was sent to another committee where support was weaker and it was voted down.

"The suffragists did not give up," said Callow, who believes the ERA should be passed to give women the same rights of no discrimination on race, national origin or religion.

Also speaking was Margaret O'Rourke Kelly of Canton, on the faculty of Spring Arbor University. She wrote *Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story*, on the first woman elected to statewide office in Michigan.

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# Local health systems recognized as tops in the nation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

The results of a Thomson Reuters study confirm the high level of care patients receive at local hospitals.

On Aug. 10, Trinity Health and the Henry Ford Health System were recognized as two of the top 10 health systems in the United States when statistics revealed a 25 percent lower mortality rate, 19 percent fewer medical complications and 13 percent fewer patient safety incidents.

Researchers used five measures including average length of stay and adherence to clinical standards of care (evidence-based core measures) as published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A total of 252 U.S. health systems were evaluated.

Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System, believes the Thomson Reuters study simply confirms the effectiveness of their practices.

Henry Ford has consistently

## How Thomson Reuters measures

Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals program began rating the performance of individual hospitals in 1993. The Health System Quality/Efficiency Study was the first of its kind for health care systems. A total of 252 U.S. health systems with two or more short term, general, non-federal hospitals were assessed using 2006 and 2007 Medicare Provider Analysis and Review and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Compare data.

Researchers reviewed a number of criteria.

- Mortality rates
- Complications
- Patient safety
- Average length of stay
- Adherence to clinical standards of care (evidence-based core measures published by the CMS)

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been ranked among the best in the nation including *U.S. News & World Report's* top 50 hospitals in a variety of specialties.

"Thomson Reuters acknowledges what we've been working for years," said Schlichting of Bloomfield Hills.

"We're focused on quality,

patient safety and service, and the opportunity for developing our people so the right outcomes can happen."

"Having our focus on the right thing is so important, utilizing the strength to make sure they perform at the highest level. It starts with the staff. It

takes a lot of teamwork. We're very proud. We have been a national leader for many years. We're always innovating."

Paul Conlon is especially proud that Trinity Health ranked among the nation's best health care providers. Conlon is senior vice president for clinical quality and patient safety for the system of 45 acute-care hospitals in seven states including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Trinity is the fourth largest Catholic health system in the U.S.

"It is great to receive recognition for work done on quality and safety," said Conlon, who lives in Plymouth and works at Trinity headquarters in Novi.

"We have a board committee on quality and safety with councils from across the system - physicians, nurses, pharmacological staff. We've worked very hard to capitalize on the intellectual power that exists across all of Trinity," said Conlon.

Trinity isn't resting on the recognition though. Plans call

for all system members to use its Electronic Health System of computerized patient records. So far, 22 of the hospitals participate including St. Mary Mercy which introduced the system last year and St. Joe's in Ann Arbor which acquires the newer version in October.

"It's a very powerful tool intended to make care much safer for patients," said Conlon. "It speeds up communication and reduces errors. Before, a physician wrote an order and used a tube system to the lab or pharmacy. With the Electronic Health System they hit the send button and those departments instantly receive information and eliminate all of the hand writing problems."

David Spivey, CEO and president of St. Mary Mercy, credits the hospital's cardiovascular center as one of the reasons the institution placed high in the national rankings.

St. Mary Mercy has been among Thomson's top 100 rankings for large community hospitals for the last three years.

A quality and patient safety committee of physicians and management meet monthly to ensure the highest standard of care. "We focus on quality and performance improvement," said Spivey. "One example is a performance improvement team in place to improve efficiency of the emergency angioplasty team, how quickly a patient gets through ER and onto the table in cardiology. Our team is focused on a patient receiving care in less than 90 minutes 100 percent of the time."

It's Dr. Lakshmi Halasyamani's job as vice president for quality and systems improvement, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, to optimize patient care on a daily basis as well. The system consists of hospitals in Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston and Oakland counties, and Port Huron.

"We have in place systems to review the indicators on a regular basis. It's an ongoing process," said Halasyamani.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### 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, skin care, 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. To schedule an appointment, call (877) 237-1287 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.

### SEPT. 7-13

#### Foot screening

The American Diabetes Association will offer free foot exams 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Botsford Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Ave., Novi. The organization recommends that people with diabetes inspect their feet daily for problems like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene or even amputation. (248) 433-3830, Ext. 6697.

#### 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 Heavner's Canoe Rental in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road in Commerce. This annual event includes canoeing, a picnic supper, and a drawing for a free canoe or kayak. Proceeds will be used for cancer support 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.

### 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](mailto:jeanieweaver@charter.net).

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