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The city of Westland is continuing to expand its curbside recycling program and has a free second 96-gallon container available to residents, delivered to their homes by calling the Westland Department of Public Service at (734) 728-1770.

They are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one extra per household. The containers must be used for recycling only.

Homeowners also will need to provide their name and address when calling to be put on a list. The container should be delivered within two business days.

Coat drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Detroit will collect new and gently used coats and other pieces of outerwear during its "Bundle Up Michigan" coat drive from Monday, Oct. 17, through Friday, Dec. 30.

The drive will benefit local citizens in need of warm winter wear. Items, which can include adult- and children-sized coats, snow pants, hats, boots and gloves or mittens, can be dropped off in bins at the Westland St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop at 6613 N. Wayne Road.

Surplus food

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

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

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

For the month of October, apple cranberry juice, corn, egg noodles, peas, peaches, tomato sauce and possible additional items will be distributed.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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Council awaits TIFA report on city hall alternatives

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Having allowed some time to digest the bad news about poor conditions at Westland City Hall, council members are expected to review alternatives at a study session.

"(Council President) Jim Godbou has been out of town. I expect we'll go over some business items," Westland Mayor Wild Williams said. "We have to figure out where to go from here."

The 48-year-old city hall has long-standing flooding issues,

largely caused by the basement being constructed below the high water table on the site.

The recent report to council by city engineers OHM looked at the current condition of the building, along with past engineering reviews and efforts to address the problems. Comprehensive testing to try to pinpoint the problem were estimated to have a \$400,000 price tag. Air-quality testing for mold and asbestos was conducted.

Council is expected to review a study commissioned about a year

ago by the Tax Increment Financing Authority looking at vacant buildings within the TIFA district which might be suitable for use as a city hall. The TIFA district includes areas around Westland Shopping Center.

"The finished report went to the TIFA board. We'll go through their findings. We're addressing issues from those reports (about city hall), then we'll look at what the TIFA report says," Wild said.

The flooding and resulting problems have been a long-standing issue at city hall, with some remediation efforts and periodic

investigations that resulted in no permanent solution.

"It appears we have folks on council who are ready to address it one way or the other," Wild said. "Central City Park (contamination remediation) had been the biggest issue. We're getting finished with that, so we can look at other issues."

Remediation at Central City Park, including installation of the geotextile membrane and about a foot of topsoil, has been completed with hydroseeding.

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Elections: Livonia school board



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The four school board candidates are Lee Yesh, Dianne Laura, Eileen McDonnell and incumbent Lynda Scheel. They are competing for two seats on the board.

Candidates debate schools of choice, transparency

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The four candidates running for two seats on the Livonia school board Nov. 8 responded Thursday night to questions about schools of choice, transparency, the cost of consultants, the superintendent's raise and other topics during a forum at Livonia City Hall

sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

Eileen McDonnell, one of the three challengers, opposes schools of choice. "I think people come to a community for a reason," she said, adding that people move to a city like Livonia for the quality of its schools and they want a sense of community.

Incumbent board President Lynda Scheel, who has served on the board for eight years, said she supported limited schools of choice for Livonia's gifted and International Baccalaureate programs. She said she would need more information as the state explores the issue before forming

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Police continue probe of fatal accident

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Police are continuing to investigate the accident that left a Westland man dead after he was struck by two vehicles as he tried to cross Merriman early Wednesday morning.

The 27-year-old man was crossing Merriman eastbound from Grand Traverse, where there is no light or crosswalk, said Westland Officer Kevin Yudt of the Traffic Bureau.

"He stepped in front of a car driving southbound in the through lane on Merriman. He was struck and flipped into the northbound lanes," Yudt said. "He was hit by a vehicle northbound. After he was hit the first time, he was

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Schoof: Serve city in professional manner

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland's first elected city clerk, Eileen DeHart Schoof is running for a third four-year term Nov. 8 and has no challenger on the ballot — she received 85 percent of the vote in 2008.

"I enjoy this job. It's the hardest job I've ever had, but it's the one I enjoy the most," said Schoof. "I think I enjoy the people most. I'm kind of a facts person — I

like to be precise. This job requires that."

Despite having no opposition, Schoof has campaigned signs out and participated in a recent candidate forum noting the public should be able to hear from all candidates. As an accomplishment

in her most recent term, Schoof cites the move to new electronic voting equipment or as she puts it, moving to 21st century voting methods.

"We have electronic poll books — the election worker types in the last name, it pops up and they issue the ballot on the computer," said Schoof. "It keeps the list and the number of the ballot. The first election was difficult but the

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EILEEN DEHART SCHOOF

Age: 63
Family: Married, seven adult children and stepchildren; 16 grandchildren with one on the way.
Employment: Westland city clerk since 2003; Served in the Michigan House of Representatives 1994 to 2001.

Education: Certified Municipal Clerk, in the process of earning a Master Municipal Clerk certification.
Other: Former president, vice president and secretary of the Wayne County Clerks Association; board member, Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; board member, International Association of Municipal Clerks.

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SAFE plan won't impact Westland elections

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland voters shouldn't expect to see much local impact from the Secure and Fair Elections Initiative recently announced by Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

"I think elections in Michigan are safe to begin with but any time you try to make a good thing better, it's a good thing," said Westland Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof.

Under SAFE, Johnson plans to target a wide range of election-related issues including dead and other ineligible voters remaining registered, prosecuting campaign finance reporting violators, fighting ACORN-style voter registration drives and

shedding light on stealth political efforts, for example the fake Tea Party.

"There is nothing more important to democracy, to our republic, than the principle of one citizen equals one vote," said Johnson in announcing the program. "Our goals under the SAFE Initiative are tougher campaign finance laws, cleaner voter rolls and safeguarding the elections system, from start to finish."

Locally, Schoof said there hasn't been an issue with keeping the city's voter registration cleared of deceased residents.

"Whenever someone dies in Westland, we handle the death certificate. We go into the computer and change the registration," she said. "We get (death) notices from Wayne County and

the state, too, and go into the computer."

When it comes to campaign finance enforcement — which Johnson describes as going after candidates who flagrantly violate campaign finance reporting requirements — Schoof said the system is pretty open thanks to online filing for state candidates.

"There are a lot of checks and balances; Wayne County sends you a letter, if you miss a deadline," Schoof said. "Next year, all campaign finance reports for local and county candidates will be available electronically, too."

Another of Johnson's goals is to "expand photo identification requirements to fill loopholes."

The current photo identification requirements are that vot-

ers must show a government photo ID at the polls or sign an affidavit indicating they didn't have their identification with them.

"That procedure has worked well. It's a safeguard but it doesn't prevent anyone from voting," said Schoof.

Westland currently has just more than 61,000 registered voters which Schoof said is close to everyone who is eligible to be registered. That's due to new checks and balances, she said, that notify the local clerks of a change in voter registrations when someone changes the address on their driver's license.

"They no longer use voter registration for jury duty, so people who register don't have to

serve. I'd say we have close to 100 percent registration (of eligible voters)," said Schoof. "We do have an abnormal number of apartments. Some apartment dwellers don't stay a long time. There are some people registered who don't live in Westland anymore (and haven't updated their driver's license). We get notified when they change their driver's license."

Johnson, who reports her department is working with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and U.S. Rep. Candice Miller among other, also has launched an Election Crimes Unit that includes an election day-response team and hotline.

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election workers have got it now and they run with it."

One of Schoof's goals during her next term would be completing her master municipal clerk certification.

"The more education someone has, the better they can serve the people," she said.

During the candidate forum, Schoof commented that as city clerk she was a mushroom sort of kept out of the loop by administration and the council.

"I wasn't cutting down

the mayor or council, the appointed clerk was more part of administration," said Schoof. "The mayor (William Wild) doesn't treat me as staff and I appreciate that. They do a great job. It's not that anyone is doing anything wrong. I'm kind of in my own department. I'm an employee of the citizens, not the mayor."

Going forward, Schoof said that she wants to continue serving the city in the same professional manner despite a 40 percent reduction in staff.

"We still provide 150 percent service," she said.

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likely unconscious when he got hit the second time."

The southbound vehicle was driven by a Westland man, the northbound vehicle was driven by an Allen Park man. Alcohol was not a factor in the 7 a.m. accident and criminal charges are not expected, Yudt said.

"It was dark out there, there is no crosswalk or a light there. He was walk-

ing to Kroger (where he was employed). With the hill, it's a bad area," Yudt said, adding the man lived nearby in Norwayne.

Both drivers stopped at the scene, Yudt said, along with a third motorist who stopped to use his vehicle to shield the man as he lay on the pavement.

"Another car going 45 miles per hour plowed into the back of him," Yudt said.

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Trunk-or-Treat

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is inviting the community to celebrate Halloween at its Trunk-N-Treat and Other Halloween Fun 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. Activities include a Cupcake Walk, Paint a Pumpkin and trunk-N-treating. Come with or without a costume.

The church is at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-1088.

'60s Mingle

St. Damian Parish is holding its Fall Family '60s Mingle 6-9 p.m. - Friday, Nov. 4, at the church, 30055 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Westland.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. Catered by Halina's, it'll feature city chicken, pork chops, mostaccoli, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, butter, lemonade, coffee, or tea and dessert. There also will be a cash bar and 50/50 raffle.

The Show and Family Fun will be 7-9 p.m., with the Whatabouts, a '60s girl group that sings, dances and entertains with the big girl group songs of the '60s. The also will be a Hola Hoop contest, and there will prizes for the best '60s styles (encouraged but not required!).

Advance tickets are required. They cost \$15 for adults and \$6 for children age 11 and under. They're available at the available at the Parish Office weekdays and after all Mass-

es until sold out. Call (734) 421-6130 for ticket information.

Art Show

The Westland Rotary Club and Three Cities Art Club hosting Art in the Mall today at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Warren. The show is free and has something for everyone, from budding artists to senior citizens. There will be fine art paintings, drawings, graphics, demonstrations, a Paint Off and much more.

Friendly Monsters

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor the Annual Friendly Monster on Saturday, Oct. 22, at their Crypt of Carnage haunted house at 1645 Wayne Road, Westland.

The Friendly Monster will be 4-6 p.m. The first 100 children will receive a free pumpkin. There is a free event for children age 12 and under. The Jaycees are asking that participants bring a canned good item to be donated to the Salvation Army.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service. For more information on the Westland Jaycees, call (734) 837-8320 or visit their website at www.westlandjaycees.org.

Medicare enrollment

Seniors can bring their

Medicare cards and prescriptions to the Westland Friendship Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, for the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Changes event, sponsored by the Senior

Alliance and the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program.

MMAP counselors will be available to enroll attendees in the Medicare Part D plan, apply for Medicare Savings Program for Medicare Part B, apply for Extra Help Program for Medicare Part D and answer all Medicare questions. The event will also feature a flu clinic, thanks to collaboration with CVS Pharmacy.

For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocchio and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocchio is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Harvest Dinner

First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold its Harvest Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the church, 3 Towne Square, across from Wayne Post Office Wayne. The cost will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children for a complete turkey dinner, including beverage and dessert. Carrrots are available.

There also will be crafts, Rada cutlery, silent auction for quilt, bake sale and more. For more information, call (734) 734-721-4801.

Farmers Market

Westland Farmer's Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road, through Oct. 25. Stop by and enjoy a wide array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, jams, flowers, crafts and many other

great items.

For more information, call Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

Social Media seminar

Social Media is quickly becoming a powerful business tool and is immediately usable for value-added initiatives in marketing, branding and improving customer service.

More than three-quarters of Americans and two-thirds of internet users are using social media. The Social Media and Your Business seminar will assist business owners in developing a comprehensive understanding of social media and how to use it for your marketing, advertising, and increasing higher sales volume.

Hosted by the 5 Star Business Group, the seminar will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff, Garden City. The featured speaker will be Jay Johnson of Partner WorldLink Communications. Registration and continental breakfast is at 7:30 a.m., with the seminar taking place 8:15-10 a.m.

Limited seating is available. Register by Oct. 20.

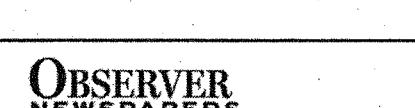
The cost is \$20 for pre-registered chamber members and \$25 non-members and walk-ins, space permitting. Call the Westland City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222 to reserve a seat.

Craft show

St. Theodore Parish will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland. Admission is free.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.



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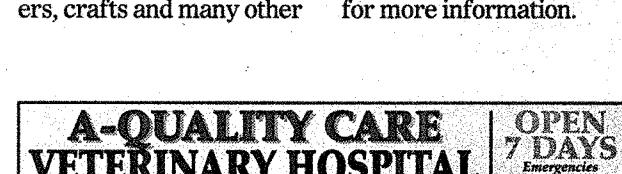
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It took ten adults to hold up this python brought to the Bailey Recreation Center by Nelson's Wildlife Safari. A porcupine and an alligator were among other animals visiting as part of Turn Off the Violence.

Record crowd turns out for Turn Off Violence

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The Bailey Recreation Center was the place to be Thursday as a big crowd turned out for Westland's annual Turn Off the Violence event.

"There had to be more than 2,000 people coming through. It's the busiest we've ever been," Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said. "It was so crowded."

Turn Off the Violence is an evening of family festivities, including exotic animals from Nelson's Wildlife Safari, a petting zoo and bouncers inside the Bailey Center gym.

"Nelson's brought a python, a porcupine and an alligator, and we had about 700 people in the gym," Kosowski said. "We had 10 bouncers — the big ones."

There was also a performance by Cirque Amon-gus and the rescheduled outdoor showing of the film *Yogi Bear*, which had to be cancelled due to weather problems earlier in the summer.

The circus and a program on being green were partially funded by grants from the Michigan Council of the Arts and Humanities.

The Wayne Masonic Lodge



Eugene Clark (in Hawaiian shirt) got help from audience members presenting a program on thinking green as part of Turn Off the Violence.

offered free children identification kits and processed about 75 youngsters.

"They were busy all night and that was about as many as they could handle," Kosowski said.

All of the activities, which included pumpkins for decorating, were offered free of charge. Food concessions were offered for sale.

"We had over 100 volunteers helping out. There was no way we could do this without them," Kosowski said.

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Goats and other animals at a petting zoo were popular with youngsters attending Turn Off the Violence at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Senators host annual free movie for veterans

Area veterans can take in a movie to celebrate Veterans Day compliments of two local legislators.

State Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, are hosting the fourth annual Free Veterans Day Movie Event 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Hagerty north of Seven Mile. This year the film *Defiance* starring Daniel Craig will be shown.

Tickets are limited for the event and an reservations are required. Contact Anderson's office by calling toll-free at (866) 262-7306 or via e-mail at mmakarewicz@senate.mi.gov to reserve tickets. Due to limited availability, there is a maximum of two tickets per veteran. Tickets will be picked up at the door.

Concessions and admissions are provided free of charge courtesy of the Livonia AMC 20. Local JROTC members will be available to escort the veterans and offer assistance they require. Prior to the beginning of the movie, there will also be a presentation of the American flag and a featured guest will sing for the honored attendees.

Anderson's 6th Senate District includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township while Hopgood's 8th District includes the communities of Allen Park, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Wayne and Wyandotte.

Veterans living in any of those communities are invited to reserve spots for the film.

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an opinion about expanding schools of choice.

Challenger Dianne Laura said opening a district up to schools of choice to increase enrollment and funding involves so many variables she can't say whether she supports the idea with a simple yes or no answer.

Challenger Lee Yesh said he supports schools of choice, and it is worthy of the board's time to review its policy and find out where there may be benefits and where there may be pitfalls.

Transparency

McDonnell said the school board needs to improve in the area of transparency. Information on the district website is sometimes difficult to find, she said.

Scheel said the board puts all the information required by the state and more on the district website, publishes a regular community newsletter, sends out eblasts when there's a hot topic and said that each school also has its own website.

Yesh said the information is out there and there's no question the website is a "great asset." But, he said, "Are people actually looking at the information?" He thinks the district should send out concise overviews, perhaps weekly by e-mail, that can be a quick reference for people on what's going on.

Laura said the district is using technology to disseminate information to the public, yet "some citizens complain about a lack of communication." She said improving communication is something that the district should meet with citizens about.

Consultants

McDonnell said the dis-



Lynda Scheel



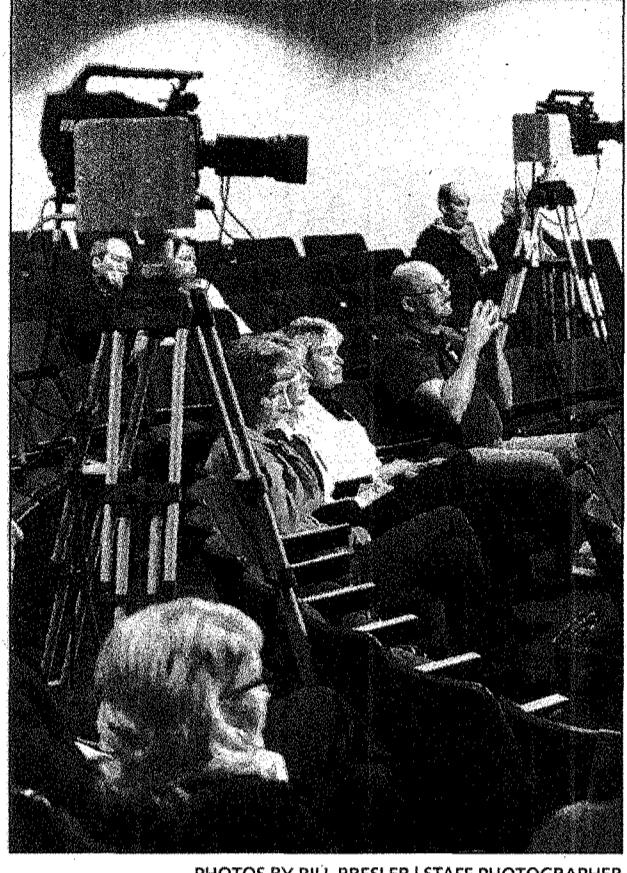
Lee Yesh



Eileen McDonnell



Dianne Laura



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There were fewer than 20 people in the live audience.

trict uses too many consultants, citing as an example the consultant hired to review the superintendent's salary.

Scheel said the money spent on consultants is necessary to ensure the board makes the best decisions possible. She said the money for the consultant who reviewed the superintendent's salary came out of the Board of Education fund and that architectural and

building consultants were hired to do a 10-year facilities plan. "That's to help us prepare for the future," she said, and keep the district strong.

Yesh said he does not know the specifics behind the consultants hired by the district, but that the use of consultants "tends to be very cost-efficient and very effective."

Laura said consultants are necessary and in the long run, the research

they do saves the district money.

Superintendent's raise

McDonnell said she was the only candidate who spoke out publicly last October against the board's decision to give Superintendent Randy Liepa a \$50,000 raise at a time when the district was cutting programs and services. She said she understood the school board was concerned about Liepa possibly leaving, but the timing of the raise was all wrong, especially given that employee contracts still needed to be negotiated.

Scheel said exterior factors, including a demand for several highly qualified superintendent candidates in the area, the increasing challenges of running a successful and efficient district and rising compensation packages for superintendents, drove the need for the raise. She said Liepa was getting less than other superintendents in the area, that he is a known and respected leader and the district saved money by retaining him, including about \$30,000 on the cost of a search firm.

Yesh said he wasn't opposed to or in favor of the raise because he didn't have the information at the time. He said he would have looked at whether the super-

intendent was meeting or exceeding goals and that increasing someone's compensation simply because others in similar jobs are paid more is not a good use of taxpayer money.

Laura said she can't say whether the superintendent's raise was warranted because she wasn't sitting on the board at the time and didn't have the ability to evaluate it, but the timing was poor. She believes once concessions are asked of the employees, they should be across the district, from the top down.

Liepa recently gave back a portion of the raise.

Strengths

McDonnell, a contract bid administrator for PVS Chemicals who has a background in finance, said she will work to eliminate excessive spending and increase the district's revenues, create and maintain quality programs for all children and extend an open invitation for dialogue with all people and create a partnership with the community. She said as a mother with a daughter in high school, she has a vested interest in making sure Livonia schools stay strong and healthy in these economic times.

Scheel, executive assistant to the superintendent for Redford Union Schools whose oldest

grandchild started kindergarten in Livonia this fall, said she would continue to make decisions that will provide continuous improvement in students' test scores, including making sure the staff has the tools and the professional development they need to offer the strongest educational programs.

She said she will always be fiscally responsible. "I have made the tough but necessary decisions to keep Livonia Public Schools a quality school system in a struggling economy when we are all forced to do more with less," she said.

Laura, a retired teacher and principal for Crestwood school district and a former Livonia school board member, said her career and past school board experiences enable her to make a meaningful contribution to the board. She said she will work with other board members to seek nontraditional funding sources while maintaining quality programs. She said the board must seek community and parent involvement by strengthening positive lines of communication with families, homeowners and businesses.

Yesh, an accounting advisor for Dell, said he has no experience in local politics and therefore, no preconceived notions. He said he will judge every decision based on whether it's good for students and a responsible use of taxpayer dollars. He has a 4-year-old daughter who may start kindergarten next fall.

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Western Wayne synagogue to close doors after 53 years

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Congregation Beit Kodesh, a community of now mostly older Jewish believers who have made Livonia their home for 53 years, will disband at the end of this month because the lease on their building is ending and their membership is dwindling.

Phyllis Lewkowicz of Livonia, a founding member and past president of the synagogue, said the 45 member families have been forced to leave and join other synagogues. It has been the only synagogue in Livonia for all 53 years.

"We chose not to sign the lease as they presented it," she said. "We found we couldn't live up to it because we're getting older."

She said the congregation also could not afford to purchase the building, owned by another Jewish organization that she declined to identify.

"We don't want to bring in the owner of the building as part of the story," Lewkowicz said, adding the real story is the history of the synagogue.

The building is up for sale.

Final services

The synagogue's last official day is Oct. 29. Final Sabbath services will be held Oct. 28-29.

The congregation has been meeting in the building on West Seven Mile Road just west of Merriman for 40 years.

Some of the families will be joining Congregation B'nai Moshe in West Bloomfield, Lewkowicz said, because it is small and close-knit like Congregation Beit Kodesh. However, some of the members, such as those in their 90s, may find it difficult to drive that far for services, she said.



FILE PHOTO

The synagogue celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009. Members at that time included Samuel Reick, Norma Gandolfi, Phyllis Scherman, Sally Stein, David Scherman and Phyllis Lewkowicz.



The Congregation Beit Kodesh synagogue is for sale. The building is owned by United Jewish Charities of Detroit, according to city records.

The congregation has blazed a few trails in its 53-year history. It was the first conservative congregation in the metro area to elect a woman president.

It is the only conservative synagogue in western Wayne County, and has no paid staff. Volunteers and learned members of the congregation lead services — mostly all in Hebrew on Saturday morn-

ings and more modern on Friday.

Like family

The congregation prided itself on its close family atmosphere and spirit of volunteerism.

Jeff Kirsch of Farmington Hills, a longtime member and past president, said if the congregation had more young families to sustain it and take over the leadership responsibilities from the aging members, it probably would have looked for another building. "It wouldn't make sense without families to continue it," he said.

Kirsch said it is sad to see the demise of the synagogue, of which his parents and grandparents were a part of and where he had his bar mitzvah. "I've never gone elsewhere; this has been kind of my home," he said.

Kirsch said the members

treat each other like family: "Everyone in the synagogue knows everybody and because of that people are ready to step up and help out when they can."

He said the synagogue also reached out to the community, raking leaves and completing fall home improvement projects every fall for seniors in Livonia, Southfield and Farmington Hills through a program run by the Jewish Community Center in Oak Park.

Kirsch and Lewkowicz are hopeful about the future, however.

Kirsch said members will still see each other and meet new friends at Congregation B'nai Moshe, where they will begin a new chapter.

Said Lewkowicz, "There must be a silver lining somewhere."

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Schoolcraft thespians stage 'Dracula'

Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department is presenting dinner theatre performances of *Dracula* Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5, and theatre performances on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12.

The dinner theatre performances begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner served in the VisTaTech Center, followed by the performance at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

As in Bram Stoker's novel by the same name, playwrights Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston have adapted the story of a famous vampire. In *Dracula*, a mysterious presence appears at Dr. Seward's (played by Nathan Shaw of Livonia) sanatorium near London. The lives of a beautiful young woman (played by Rebecca Himm of Northville) and her idealistic fiance' (played by Jake Edward Beitzel of Livonia) are challenged.

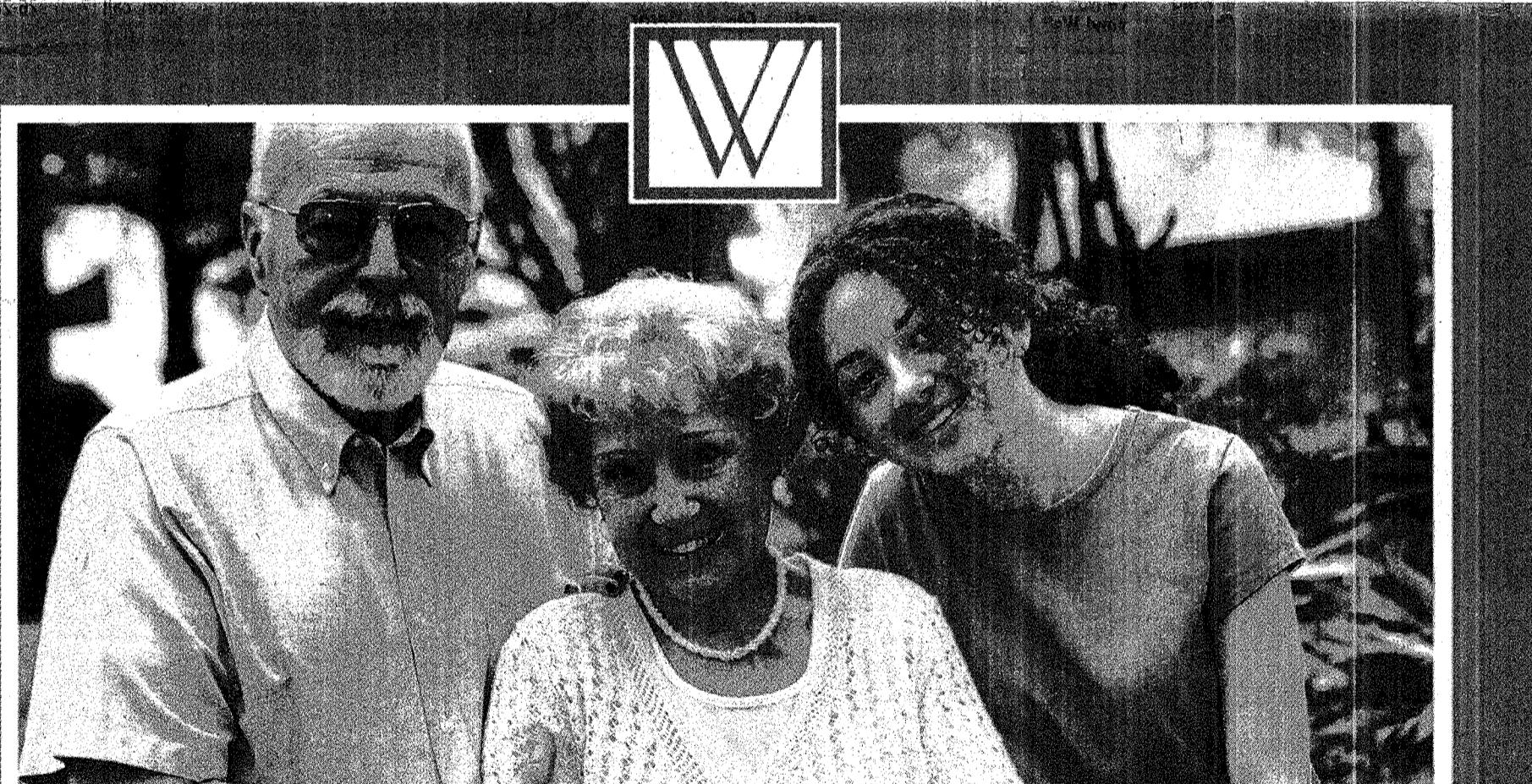
In the light of a full, ripe moon, creeping shadows, crying patients, howling dogs and flying bats, the stage becomes filled with the irresistible charm of evil as three men struggle against the satanic genius of Dracula (played by Scott Dreaver of Canton).

Other members of the cast include Michelle Danaj of Livonia, Dalibor Atanaskoski of Dearborn Heights, Aaron Ruettiger of Fenton, Benjamin Gresko of Howell, Thomas Peck of Garden City, Kevin Meloche of Westland, and Kristen Campbell of Canton.

The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department performs under the direction of Dr. James Hartman.

Tickets for the Dinner Theatre performances are \$24 per person. Tickets for the theatre performances on Nov. 11-12 are \$12 per person. Those shows begin at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets are available in person at the college bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596.

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Third-grade teacher Jeanie Beatty

What a day

Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah (photo at left, from left), Principal Johnnie Somerville and representatives of Office Max, recognize Susan England, a first-grade teacher at Elliott Elementary School as the recipient of the office supplies retailer's "Day Made Better" Award. Jeanie Beatty, a third-grade teacher at P.D. Graham Elementary School also received the award. The two teachers won a new desk chair and more than \$1,000 in classroom supplies. Office Max also donated 20 boxes of school supplies to each school.

Exchanges that Columbus' visit created

On Oct. 10 of this year, we observed Columbus Day, celebrating Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas. The arrival of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria in the Bahamas launched an era of widespread transfer between the "Old World" and the "New World," of plants, animals, culture, and even disease, referred to as the "Columbian Exchange."

Many of the foods we associate with regional cuisines did not actually exist in that area before the initiation of trade across the Atlantic Ocean. Connections between the Old World and the New World brought coffee to Colombia, paprika to Hungary and oranges to Florida. It brought cattle to Texas, chocolate to Switzerland and chili peppers to Thailand. While horses originated in the Americas, they had gone extinct, and were reintroduced by Spanish explorers, providing new hunting methods for many indigenous Americans.

Not all exchanges in the Age of Exploration were beneficial. Most notably, indigenous American populations were decimated by exposure to a variety of new



diseases brought by Europeans and Africans to which they had no immunity, including influenza, cholera, yellow fever and smallpox. In addition to revolutionizing regional cuisines in the centuries that followed, entire ecosystems were altered by the introduction of foreign plant and animal species.

Want to learn more about the effect of Columbus' voyage on modern-day agriculture and ecology, among other topics? Check out Charles C. Mann's new book *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*, a follow-up to his 2005 book on the Americas before Columbus' arrival (*1491: New Revelations on the Americas before Columbus*).

The library is open seven days a week so stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Oct. 18, In John Hart's *The Last Child*, 13-

year-old Johnny Merrimon's twin, Alyssa, disappeared last year. The local police force never found any leads. Johnny loves his sister and continues to believe that she is alive so he takes it upon himself to continue the investigation. Copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. Oct. 18, age 16 and up

Do you have a piece of writing that you need help with? The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

Documentary Movie Night:

Catfish, 7 p.m. Oct. 19 Who are your Facebook friends? Can you really know someone over the Internet? These questions arise when Nev Shulman, a New York photographer, begins a penpal exchange with a young artist named Abby, which quickly evolves into an entire world of online relationships. As curious details begin to arise, Nev and his team make a surprise visit to rural Michigan to finally

meet Abby. What they find when they get there is shocking, sad ... and fascinating. Refreshments available.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class: 9:30 a.m. Oct. 21

Adults Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run through Nov. 4. Students with children are welcome!

Friday Night Dinner and a Movie: 7 p.m. Oct. 21, Adults

Friday night movies just got better. Tonight's Dinner and a Movie theme is starters. We'll have an assortment of appetizers from area restaurants sure to fill you up. Tonight's movie is *X-Men: First Class* about a school for humans with superhuman abilities. Among them are students who become future enemies in a fight for humanity. This movie is rated PG-13. This movie is open to non-dinner attendees. Doors for dinner open at 6 p.m. Doors for non-dinner attendees open at 7 p.m. Dinner and a movie cost is \$10 and must be prepaid for at the library no later than Thursday, Oct. 20.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

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ting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer Classes are offered all year long. The library offers one-on-one computer classes. Contact the library to find out more. Call (734) 326-6123.

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Each year, thousands of water-damaged cars and trucks affected by storms and harsh weather like much of the East Coast has experienced make their way back onto the roads. According to www.carfax.com, most water-damaged vehicles are moved to adjacent states or other areas of the country where they are sold at discounted prices to unsuspecting consumers.

"Most vehicles with severe water damage are sent to a scrap yard," said Terri Miller, director of H.E.A.T. "But, some are cosmetically restored and placed into the auto market where they'll be bought by unsuspecting buyers who think they're getting a great deal."

According to www.About.com, water leaves lasting damage, ranging from electrical and mechanical malfunctions to traces of mold and mildew. In Michigan, it is required by law that water damage is disclosed. Here are some signs to look for when purchasing your next vehicle:

- Moisture — Look for beads of water trapped within the interior lights. Open the glove compartment, console and trunk and inspect them for any sign of dampness or dirt that's left over from a flood. Look under the hood for signs of rust. Also be sure to slide your hand under the seats and lift carpeting in the trunk to check for signs of moisture.

- Mildew — Smell the inside of the car for the scent of mildew. Soaked seats and carpeting are difficult to dry quickly, making it easy for mold and mildew to grow.

- Matching Interior Components — Parts of the vehicle that don't match-up

might have been changed in a hurry. Be sure that the carpeting and seat covers match and that they don't look too new for the vehicle.

- Vehicle History Report — Enter the vehicle's VIN number to get a history report on vehicle history information websites such as Carfax.com. Remember to use caution if the car has recently been titled in multiple states. Some dishonest owners will shuffle their vehicle into a state where damage disclosure doesn't exist. This is a clue that the owners are attempting to clean up a negative notation on the title.

- Go for a Drive — Turn the car on and check every electrical system possible, including the exterior and interior lights, the gauges, the clock and the audio system and the dash lights that display air bag and seat belt information. While driving, test electrical components again to make sure they work correctly.

- Visit Your Mechanic — Take the vehicle to a trusted technician for a thorough examination. Experienced auto technicians know what to look for. If the vehicle still has a new car warranty, the warranty is void if your dealer finds evidence of flood damage—even if the damage is not listed on the title. Always get vehicles checked before handing over any money.

Remember to take caution when buying a used car. If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

For more advice and information on protecting yourself year-round from auto theft-related crimes, visit www.1800242HEAT.com. Also, if you have any information on auto theft-related activities, report it to H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 toll-free tip line at 1-800-242-HEAT or to the H.E.A.T. website. You may be eligible for rewards up to \$10,000 for your information.

Cash and collectibles taken from GC home

Drunken man

A Plymouth man was arrested Oct. 8 after callers notified police that the man appeared to be passed out on the grounds of Garden City High School at about 1:20 p.m.

Officers arrived and found the man was highly intoxicated and also had an open container of alcohol. Officers administered a preliminary breath test and found the suspect had a blood alcohol content of .20 percent. He was issued violations and held for an appearance before the court.

Vandalism

A resident in the 32600 block of Pierce heard a loud noise during the night of Oct. 9 but when he investigated, he didn't notice anything unusual. In the morning, the homeowner discovered tire tracks leading off the roadway and approximately \$1,000 in damage done to his fence.

Police recovered a car part left behind and believe the involved vehicle may be a 2002 Impala.

Stolen property

A homeowner in the 29100 block of Kathryn reported someone entered his home between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 10 and

removed a large quantity of cash and collectibles. There were no signs of forced entry, but an unsecured window was suspected as the point of entry.

Stolen vehicle

A 2002 Ford Focus was taken from the area of 29100 Rosslyn Oct. 11. Officers responded after a witness had observed four young males loitering in the area and one male appeared to get into the car and drive off.

The vehicle owner told police she still had the keys. A short time later, a Garden City officer spotted the vehicle pulling into a gas station at Middlebelt and Avondale and Inkster Road. The vehicle's driver fled and a short pursuit with Garden City and Inkster officers followed.

The stolen car was finally stopped and the driver, a 15-year-old from Inkster, was taken into custody. The keys were recovered with the vehicle.

Stolen property

A generator valued at \$1000 was stolen Oct. 11 from the back yard of a residence in the 31900 block of Barton.

The homeowner said the generator was concealed

by several other items that had to be moved in order to gain access. The resident's tool box in his truck bed was also ransacked but nothing was taken.

Larceny from a vehicle

Residents in the 28900 block of Florence and 29000 block of John Hauk on Oct. 11 reported items taken from parked vehicles overnight. Taken were primarily electronic items. The vehicle on Florence was locked and officers could not determine how entry was gained. The victim on John Hauk had accidentally left the vehicle unlocked.

Fraud

Mysterious bank transactions appeared on the statements of two Garden City residents.

In the first incident, the victim reported to police that approximately \$128 in unauthorized charges had appeared on a Chase account. The charges, for food and a car wash, were made in Georgia. The second victim reported over \$2,000 had disappeared from his account after his ATM card had been lost or misplaced.

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Churchill comes up short



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South Lyon ball carrier Brian Birckelbaw (28) tries to fend off Churchill tackler Charlie Yost during Friday's KLAA football crossover.

COLLEGE SOCCER

No. 1-ranked Ocelots secure MCCAAC crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was a big day in more ways than one for the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team.

The Ocelots moved up to No. 1 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll and clinched its 18th Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship with a hard-fought 2-1 victory Wednesday at Jackson CC.

Schoolcraft, which improved to 16-0 overall and 6-0 in the MCCAAC, scored the game-winning goal on a volley from 12 yards out off the foot of Juan Garcia with only eight minutes remaining.

Adrian Tash set up the game-winner with his second assist of the day.

The Ocelots took a 1-0

lead midway through the first half when Tom Nevill notched his 12th goal of the season. A long clearance from Tash got behind the Jackson backline and Nevill was able to one-time the ball past Jackson goalkeeper.

The Jets' Sadik Balarabe answered quickly when the Schoolcraft defenders were unable to correct a turnover inside their own half. Balarabe's goal took the teams deadlocked into halftime.

Tom Duquette made three saves for the Ocelots, who improved to 12-0 in NJCAA Region XII and gave coach Rick Larson his sixth straight state title.

The loss drops Jackson to 8-5-1 overall, 7-5 in Region XII and 3-3 in the state title.

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Slide tackle



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Westland John Glenn's Tyler Simpson goes for broke trying to sweep the ball away from Garden City's Ryan Barcakman during Friday's regular season finale. The host Rockets came away with a 4-2 win over Garden City to finish the regular season at 9-10-1 overall. See the boys soccer roundup on page B3.

Altman's return bolsters MU spikers



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior All-America middle hitter Karie Altman returned to the lineup after a six-match absence and recorded 18 kills in Madonna University's 3-2 WHAC volleyball win Wednesday night over visiting Northwestern Ohio.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's volleyball team welcomed back the injured Karie Altman to the starting lineup Wednesday night with open arms, and the 6-foot senior middle hitter didn't miss a beat.

The Wyandotte native and Allen Park Cabrini High grad finished with a match-high 18 kills as the host Crusaders rallied for a crucial 25-19, 21-25, 20-25, 25-13, 15-6 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over Northwest Ohio.

Altman, who missed six straight matches due to an ankle injury, hit at an impressive .455 clip (18-for-33 with only two errors) as the

23rd ranked Crusaders improved to 19-5 overall and 4-1 in the WHAC.

"I've been so ready to get back," Altman said. "I've been ready since my injury happened. It was all adrenaline. I felt good out there. I've been with the training staff constantly — before class, after class, before practice, after practice — all the time."

Nastija Baranovska, a 6-foot junior outside hitter from Riga, Latvia, added 17 kills, while 5-9 senior outside hitter Megan Fricke contributed 12 kills and 13 digs for MU.

But it wasn't easy as the Crusaders struggled in sets two and three and found themselves in a lit-

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Fefles thanks well-wishers

Former Livonia Bentley High School basketball coach, athletic director and faculty member George Fefles (1956-1976) is recovering in Chicago, Ill., after undergoing open heart surgery.

Fefles, under care from wife Elaine and children, told *The Observer* he would like to thank all his friends and former players who shared their prayers and concerns after a Maze procedure was performed to replace his aortic valve.

Those wishing to contact Fefles can e-mail him at gfeffles@sbcglobal.net.

Blazers draw 2-2 vs. Huron

Livonia Ladywood tuned up for the state playoffs by earning a 2-2 tie Thursday with visiting Ann Arbor Huron.

The Blazers got a goal and assist from senior Kylie Birney, while junior Jackie Snyder added the other goal.

Senior Erin Cronyn also had an assist as the Blazers improved to 12-2-3 overall and 4-2-3 in the division.

Huron (11-0-1, 7-0-1) got goals from Kelsey Gradwohl and Katie Yeatts.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme made three saves, while Megan Wesner and Tori Westhead combined for two saves for the River Rats.

"It was a great game where we scored first each time with Huron tying the score," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team led 2-1 at half. "It was like a state playoff game and my players were up to the challenge."

Lady Ocelots boot Delta

On Wednesday, the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team improved to 12-1-1 overall and clinched the Michigan Community College Athletic Association crown with a 3-1 victory a Delta College.

The Ocelots, who improved to 6-0 in the MCCAAC, also qualified for the NJCAA Region XII tournament.

The loss drops Delta to 3-3-1 overall and 0-3-1 in the MCCAAC.

Harbowy top athlete

Georgetown College (Ky.) junior Alexandria Harbowy (Livonia Stevenson) earned the Hockenberry Student-Athlete of the Week honors after two goals in a 2-0 Mid-South Conference women's soccer win over Campbellsville (Ky.).

Harbowy has four goals and two assists in 12 games as Georgetown is 8-4-2 overall and 4-1 in the Mid-South.

Schoolcraft spikers roll

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team improved to 25-9 overall and 8-3 in the MCCAAC's Eastern Conference with a 25-4, 27-25, 25-14 win Thursday over visiting Henry Ford CC.

The loss drops the Hawks to 7-17 and 2-10.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Stevenson spikers harness Mustangs

Livonia Stevenson avenged a pair of weekend setbacks at the Northville Invitational girls volleyball tournament with a 25-14, 25-23, 25-18 win Thursday night over the host Mustangs.

Senior Kelly Vellucci led the Spartans with 16 kills, 11 digs and 12 assist-to-kills as the Spartans improved to 28-8-2 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA Central Division.

Also getting into the act for the victorious Spartans included Katie Tomasic (nine kills, 11 digs); Jorden York (12 digs, 15-of-16 serving); Allie Koester (17 assists); Morgan Copperstone (five kills) and Abby Whitehead (four blocks).

The loss dropped Northville to 29-5-10 overall and 6-4 in the Central.

Churchill wins

Livonia Churchill got back on the winning track Thursday with a 25-10, 25-14, 25-19 KLAA South Division victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Top performers for the Chargers (23-14-2, 7-3) included Erin Menard, 10 kills and four blocks, Emily Ehr, 26 assists; Krystyn Niescier, 12 digs and three aces; and Olivia Hiser, seven digs.

Franklin (11-24-4, 0-10) got 16 digs and three service aces from libero

Nicole Williamson, while junior Kelly O'Brien had eight kills.

Sophomore Bailey Goldberg, a call-up from the JV squad, added nine assists.

"Bailey did a fantastic job," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, who was missing two setters due to a funeral out of town and an injury.

Rockets fall

Westland John Glenn turned in a sterling defensive effort Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as host Plymouth earned a 25-10, 25-15, 25-20 KLAA Central Division victory.

Brooklyn Holbrook paced Glenn (13-17-5, 2-7) with eight kills, 13 digs and one solo block, while setter Claire Truskowski added 14 assists, 12 digs and one ace.

Sarah Headrick finished with 15 digs and a 2.33 passing average, while freshman Valerie Ernat came up with four kills and 13 digs.

"I saw some of the best defense from my girls last night since we last had a whole, healthy team," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "There were some really amazing, long rallies. What a joy to see. Brooklyn and Val were all over the floor picking up balls. Claire was smart and aggressive all night."

"We work on that," Thomas said of the poach kicks. "We have different kinds of kicks and we just decided, personnel-wise, who we're playing and what we do with that. It's hit-and-miss. We call it from the sidelines."

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Churchill's Jaylin Freeman (2), hauled by South Lyon defenders Trevor Hilden (23) and Brian Birckelbaw, can't hold on to this pass, but hauled in three touchdowns in a 24-20 loss to the Lions.

CHURCHILL

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didn't play like we needed to play."

The Lions got stopped in the red zone (Churchill's 16) on their first drive, but took a 3-0 advantage with 2:07 left in the first quarter on Trevor Hilden's 23-yard field goal.

After Churchill went three-and-out with 7:03 left in the second, South Lyon took advantage of good field position to score in just four plays capped by Derek Talaga's 20-yard scoring strike to Joel Shekell for a 10-0 lead.

The Lions then recovered the ensuing poach kick at the Churchill 23 and the Talaga-to-Shekell combination struck again for a 23-yard TD pass with 5:36 left in the opening half to make it 17-0 (following Hilden's PAT).

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Churchill had mustered only 65 total yards.

"I'm not sure we ever got our offense going," Filiatraut said. "They (South Lyon) were beating us at the point of attack. They were beating us one-on-one. They had us out-schemed and they out-played us. That in my mind was a thorough whipping with five minutes of flurry at the end of it."

South Lyon owned the third quarter and increased its lead to 24-7 on Jake Sexton's 4-yard TD run with 1:29 remaining.

Sexton, a senior, was a workhorse for the Lions rushing for a game-high 133 yards on 27 carries.

"That was the thing we made a commitment to our linemen that you have to play together to win this game, and help us a lot," Thomas said. "They did a great job."

Churchill began its comeback with 8:38 left in the final quarter marching 81 yards in 13 plays capped by Suida's 11-yard scoring toss to Freeman with 3:42 to go to slice the deficit to 24-14.

Churchill tried unsuccessfully to recover the onside kick, but got the ball back when Jon Newman fumbled the ball way at the Chargers' 15 after breaking free for a 25-yard run.

Suida then hooked up with Robert Foster, Jr. on a 47-yard pass followed by a 38-yard scoring pass to

Freeman with 2:19 left.

But the Chargers missed the point-after to trail 24-20, but got the ball back with only 47 seconds remaining when they stopped the Lions on fourth-and-one at the Churchill 41.

Churchill, out of timeouts, got inside the 50, but turned it over with 15 seconds left when Tyler Nelson picked off Suida's pass.

"We knew he (Freeman) was a player, there's no doubt," Thomas said. "And the quarterback (Suida) is good and that 13 (Romello Brown) is a load, holy cow."

"We had the breaks at the beginning, and towards the end the breaks started going their way. I said, 'Ought, oh.' There was a lot of adversity and we came through it real well."

South Lyon had 336 total yards to Churchill's 295.

Talaga was 12-of-18 for 112 yards, while Suida was 15-of-29 for 214.

While South Lyon prepares for Brighton and playoffs, Churchill has to wait to qualify for the post-season.

"We need to focus up and get ready for (Livonia) Stevenson and get ready to play," Filiatraut said. "We're certainly not going to take Stevenson for granted. We're going to prepare hard and we're going put in the best game plan we can and try to get number six."

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Patriots McRobb runs wild in win; Rockets fend off Stevenson, 13-9

Livonia Franklin's Joe McRobb had quite a night running the football – and then some.

The speedy 5-foot-9, 172-pound junior ran for a school-record 273 yards on 23 carries and three touchdowns Friday as the host Patriots crushed Salem, 54-7, in a Kensington Conference crossover.

"McRobb had a day and that made a difference," said Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team also racked up a school-record 502 yards rushing. "Our offensive line for the first time all year made the correct blocks. They made some nice downfield blocks that sprung him."

"And our defense played really, really well."

Franklin (4-4) led 27-0 at halftime as McRobb, who broke D.J. Tracy's school mark of 240 set in 2005, scored on TD runs of 47, 1 and 97 yards.

Cameron Pogorel added a 10-yard TD run in the second period.

In the third quarter, Justin Forrestall connected on a 2-yard TD pass to Max Shamus after the two hooked up on a 28-yard strike.

Franklin added another TD in the third on Brian Johnson's 5-yard run and Ronald Brown added a 22-yard scoring run to start the fourth to make it 48-0.

Salem averted the shutout on Gu'woin Ingram's 6-yard TD run, but Franklin's Austin Simmons scored a 25-yard interception. Senior David Tharpe, a defensive end, paced Stevenson's defense.

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return to complete the scoring.

Franklin had a total of 534 total yards with Jesse McCall adding 104 yards on 10 carries.

Salem (3-5) finished with 198 total yards on the night as quarterback Jacob Deprez was 7-of-28 for 91 yards.

Franklin had a total of 29 first downs to Salem's 12.

JOHN GLENN 13, STEVENSON 9: In a defensive struggle Friday, host Westland John Glenn (4-4) came away with the victory over Livonia Stevenson (2-6).

The Rockets took the opening drive 80 yards in nine plays, capped by quarterback Duron Govantes' 6-yard touchdown run followed by Alex Isaevski's extra point to make it 7-0 with 7:05 left in the first period.

Stevenson got on the board with 3:41 left in the second quarter when Joe Murray tackled Govantes in the end zone for a two-point safety.

The Spartans then took the lead, 9-7, going 50 yards in seven plays capped by Devin Kelly's 24-yard run followed by Tyler Szerlag's extra point.

Glenn's James Williams answered on the ensuing kickoff on a 58-yard return and six plays later Govantes carried in on a 1-yard game-winning sneak to regain the lead at 13-9. (The point-after was blocked.)

Glenn outgained the Spartans in total yards (238-145) and in first downs (13-10).

Glenn was the game's leading rusher with 101 yards on 22 carries, while Tyler Clemons added 71 on 11 attempts.

Stevenson had 130 yards on the ground with junior Joe Mims leading with 47 yards on nine carries. He was 5-of-21 for 15 yards.

Senior David Tharpe, a defensive end, paced Stevenson's defense.

"He had some big hits, played his best game of the year," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder

said. "It was one of our better games. I'm happy with the kids. They came to play. We moved the ball the second half and we punched one (TD) in, but we couldn't get another."

Glenn is a pretty good team and they did a good job of taking away what we wanted to do offensively in the first half."

S.L. EAST 35, WAYNE 28 (OT): With the score tied at 28-all at the end of regulation Friday, South Lyon East (2-6) won the coin flip in overtime and scored the game-winning touchdown on the third play thanks to an Alex Spratke 3-yard run to beat host Wayne Memorial (0-8).

The Zebras then fumbled away their first handoff to end the game.

Wayne jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first half on a 1-yard TD runs by quarterback Dean Caldwell followed by Michael Cooper's 75-yard punt return for a score.

East answered on 14-yard TD pass from Cam Thomas to Steve Dewitt followed by Matt Lindman's 11-yard scoring run with 11:34 until intermission to make it 28-20.

In the third quarter, Spratke scored on a 20-yard run with 5:44 left, but Cooper answered again with a 50-yard TD jaunt.

But the Zebras still trailed 21-20 with 12 seconds left in the third after missing the point-after. With 4:11 remaining in the fourth, Lindman scored on a 9-yard run to make it 28-20.

The Zebras sent the game into OT on Stefon Perkins' 58-yard run with 6:23 to go in regulation, followed by Caldwell's two-point conversion run.

East had 351 total yards as Lindman had a game-high 141 yards on 31 carries. Thomas hit 16-of-33 passes for 113 yards.

Wayne had a total of 267 yards with 260 coming on the ground led by Cooper (5-for-7) and Perkins (4-for-7). Caldwell was only 2-of-13 for seven yards.

Cooper also had a great night defensively with three interceptions and seven solo tackles.

Cameron Kucharski was also in six tackles.

THE WEEK

AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 21

Luth. W'sld at Star Int., 5 p.m.
Clarenceville at Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Wayne, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS

DIVISION 1

LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host)
Monday, Oct. 17: (A) Dearborn Fordson at (B) Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; (C) Detroit Cass Tech at (D) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; (E) Detroit Western International at (F) University of Detroit Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; Grosse Pointe South vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21: Championship final, 5 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Saline vs. Saline district champion.)

FARMINGTON HARRISON (Host)

Tuesday, Oct. 18: (A) Farmington at (B) Birmingham Groves, 6:30 p.m.

(C) Berkley at (D) Livonia Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.; (F) Warren Mott at (E) Royal Oak, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Farmington Harrison vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22: Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Sterling Heights Stevenson vs. Utica district champion.)

DEARBORN EDSEL FORD (Host)

Monday, Oct. 17: (A) Southgate Anderson vs. (B) Taylor Truman, 5 p.m. at Dearborn High; (C) Lincoln Park at (D) Dearborn, 7 p.m.; (E) Westland John Glenn vs. (F) Wayne Memorial, 5 p.m. at Edsel Ford; (G) Garden City at (H) Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m. at Edsel Ford; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m. at Edsel Ford.

Saturday, Oct. 22: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Saline vs. Novi district champion.)

DIVISION 3



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Westland John Glenn players donned pink socks in Friday's season finale at home against Garden City. The Rockets won the match, 4-2.

Pretty in pink Rockets soar past GC, raise awareness

Bobby Mason and Madalin Pop each tallied a pair of goals Friday as host Westland John Glenn closed out the regular season with a 4-2 boys soccer victory over Garden City.

Glenn enters district play with a 9-10-1 overall record.

"Tonight was a great way to play our last home game of the season," Glenn coach Brian Tomlinson said. "The forwards all played unselfishly and made quick, purposeful passes. Our whole team looked really creative moving the ball around Garden City's box."

Goalkeeper Austin Valentine also stood out for the Rockets with 15 saves, while junior sweeper Tyler Simpson anchored the defense.

"Not only did he clean up our back line and individually turn the ball, but he generated most of our attack with his clever sends," Tomlinson said of Simpson. "He is a very smart player, and doesn't get nearly enough credit for how much he gives on the field."

Brian Kalinowski and Josh Selinski scored for the Cougars (13-5-1).

The Rockets, who wore pink socks, also raised money for breast cancer awareness.

"No matter what would have happened during the game our entire program were winners tonight because our hearts were in the right place," Tomlinson said.

"As a coach it is gratifying to see young people step back and start to see the bigger picture."

STEVENSON 6, HOWELL 0: Livonia Stevenson (11-6-1) finished the regular season with a convincing triumph over the host Highlanders in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover.

Jeff Thomas led the way with a goal and three assists, while Howie Krupsky chipped in with a goal and assist.

Other Stevenson goal scorers included John D'Agostino, Chris Liepa, Alex Vrzovski and Christian Gajor.

Zack Atwood and Dominic Sabatini also collected two assists each.

Goalkeepers John Boudreau (first half) and Zach Verant (second half) combined for the shutout.

DEARBORN 2, CHURCHILL 0: High-scoring Ali Jawad tallied a pair of second-half goals Thursday as the Pioneers (16-3-1) downed host Livonia Churchill (9-6-3) in a non-conference encounter.

"We did not play well enough defensively and did not cover each other much," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "It was not a good way to end the (regular) season."

CHURCHILL 5, PINCKNEY 0:

It was no contest Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (9-5-3) rolled to a KLA crossover victory over the host Pirates.

Luke Otto paced the Chargers' attack with a goal and assist.

Other Churchill goal scorers included Ryan Kobylarz, Chad Evans, Vincent Allen and Derek Ralls.

Sophomore goalkeeper Colton Robison earned the shutout.

LAKELAND 2, FRANKLIN 1: On Wednesday, host White Lake Lakeland (8-5-4) rallied for a pair of second-half goals to beat Livonia Franklin (6-10-2) in a KLA crossover.

Gabe Edwards' goal from Craig Beebe at 13:08 of the first half staked the Patriots to a 1-0 lead, but the Eagles countered with second-half goals from Troy Baertson and Dan Smallegan.

Nick Rende went all the way in goal for Franklin.

"The first half we played well, but felt we could a little better," Franklin coach Vic Rodopulos said. "The second half we came out and beat ourselves."

KETTERING 4, JOHN GLENN 3: Alex Isaevski scored twice, but it wasn't enough Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (8-10-1) fell to host Waterford Kettering (4-13-1) in a KLA crossover.

Tyler Simpson added the other goal for the Rockets, who led 3-2 at halftime.

Glenn goalkeeper Austin Valentine made 13 saves.

T.J. Schantz led the Captains with a pair of goals, while Forrest Johnson and Drake Morgan also tallied goals.

MILFORD 6, WAYNE 1: In a KLA crossover Wednesday, the host Mavericks (3-10-3) came away with the victory over Wayne Memorial (3-15). Martin Ballah scored the lone goal for the Zebras.

ST. MARY 5, C'VILLE 0:

Sophomore goalkeeper Evan Gregg made eight saves Thursday as Livonia Clarenceville (4-14) dropped its regular season finale to host Orchard Lake St. Mary.

BOYS TENNIS

Franklin netter Payne earns quartfinal berth

Livonia Franklin's No. 1 singles player Stephen Payne wants to make his final season a special one.

The unseeded senior, with over 100 career wins, was the area's sole survivor Friday as he moved into the MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinals following a 6-3, 6-4 first-round victory over Justin Betrus of Port Huron Northern followed by a 6-2, 6-2 win over Alex Swanson of Grand Blanc.

Payne was scheduled meet No. 2 seed Andrew Chan of West Bloomfield in the Final Eight on Saturday morning at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Also at No. 1 singles, Livonia Churchill's Matt Cezat and Livonia Stevenson's Chad Northey were first-round casualties.

Northey fell to Kyle Harper of Holland West Ottawa in three sets, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, while Cezat lost to Richard Zhang of Troy Athens, 6-2, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, regional champion Jonathan Martin

of Churchill fell to Lucas Dreisenga of West Ottawa, 6-4, 7-5, while Stevenson's Marcus McCathen was blanked in straight sets by Gunnar Peery of Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 3 singles, Churchill's Joe Mulka fell to fifth-seed Andre Liu of Novi, 6-2, 6-3, while Stevenson's Sam Tabor lost in three sets to Ben Greenman of Traverse City West, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

At No. 4 singles, Stevenson's Jason Wysocki and Chase Tinham were defeated by Pioneer's Aaron Baum and Danny Luan, 6-1, 6-2, while Churchill's Riley Prince and Steven VanWormer lost to Tyler Harris and Ben Phillips of Traverse City West, 7-5, 6-2.

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Kaemen Holman Rayos and Jeff Frederick fell in the first round to Adam Novakovsky and Connor Lushin of Grand Blanc, 6-3, 6-4.

Churchill's Brian Baumgartner and Mark Denstaedt were also eliminated, 6-2, 6-1, by Juhun Lee and Stephen Wang of Rochester Adams.

At No. 2 doubles, Churchill's Tejas Soni and Mayuresh Iyer lost to Jerry Yang and Jason Tisdale of West Bloomfield, 6-2, 6-0.

Stevenson's Nick Marsh and Doug Giroux got an opening round bye before falling to Tim Wu and Zhibin Deng of Rochester Adams, 7-5, 6-3.

At No. 3 doubles, Stevenson's Jason Wysocki and Chase Tinham were defeated by Pioneer's Aaron Baum and Danny Luan, 6-1, 6-2, while Churchill's Riley Prince and Steven VanWormer lost to Tyler Harris and Ben Phillips of Traverse City West, 7-5, 6-2.

Stevenson's No. 4 doubles team of Neal Adam and Aaron Dziobak got a first-round bye, but fell against Cary Welsh and Alan Zhou of Pioneer, 6-2, 6-1.

Churchill's Braden Swantick and Ian Clemens also received a bye before falling to Matt and Scott Lillie of Adams, 7-5, 6-0.

Richter carries LW closer to playoffs

Lutheran High Westland moved closer to its first-ever state football playoff berth with a 12-0 victory Friday at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

The Warriors, who improved to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, got a sterling effort from junior Jacob Richter, who scored a pair of first-quarter touchdowns on runs of 11 and 1 yard.

The 5-foot-9, 160-pound

Richter rushed for a game-high 184 yards on 28 carries.

It was Lutheran Westland's second shutout in three games.

"We've been playing well defensively and just doing enough offensively," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "When you hold somebody to 44 yards rushing, you're doing something right defensively as a team."

The Warriors now need to win 5 p.m. Friday at Detroit Star International to sew up a postseason playoff spot.

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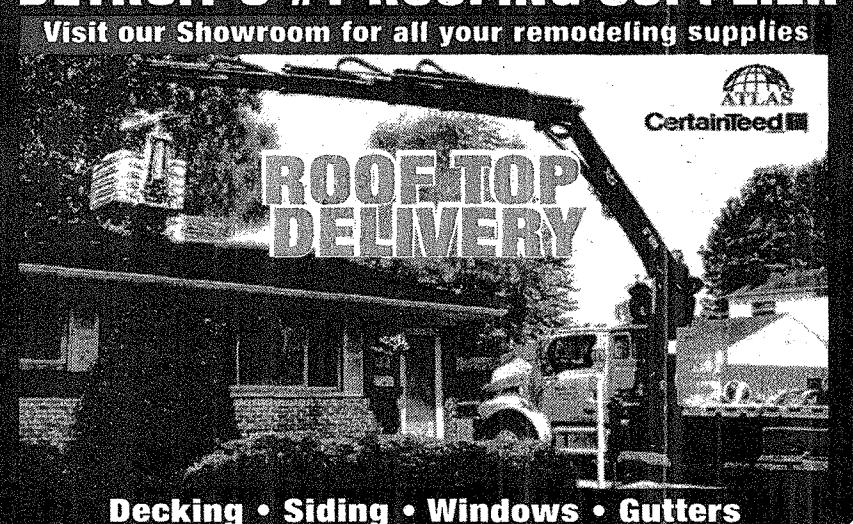
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Oct. 13 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Maddy Kipke, Sarah Lohman, Shannon Lohman, Briana Schoenek), 1:54.1; 2. Stevenson (Emily Roque, Teresa Loria, Sara Stemen, Briana Schoenek), 1:58.78.

200 freestyle: 1. Lisa Nagata (N), 2:00.65; 2. Sarah Cauzillo (L.S.), 2:00.96.

200 individual medley: 1. Catherine Cui (N), 2:16.4; 3. Shaelyn Dolinski (L.S.), 2:22.14.

50 freestyle: 1. Schoenek (N), 25.39; 2. Brenna Gabrielson (L.S.), 25.96.

1-meter diving: 1. Mattison (N), 239.55 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Shannon Lohman (N), 59.39.

100 freestyle: 1. Schoenek (N), 56.13; 2. Cauzillo

(L.S.) 56.39.

500 freestyle: 1. Evelyn Stein (L.S.), 5:29.78; 2. Kelly Laporte (L.S.), 5:31.63.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Nagata, Shannon Lohman, Emily Butler, Cui), 1:45.76; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Aidan O'Dowd, Laporte, Stein), 1:48.35; 3. Stevenson (Stemen, Julia Hurley, Alicia Stark, Merrill Froney), 1:50.64.

100 backstroke: 1. Kipke (N), 1:02.77; 3. Gabrielson (L.S.), 1:04.45.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cui (N), 1:09.46; 3. Hurley (L.S.), 1:14.18.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Schoenek, Kipke, Nagata, Cui), 3:46.94.

Dual meet records: Northville, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-4 overall, 1-3 KLA Central.

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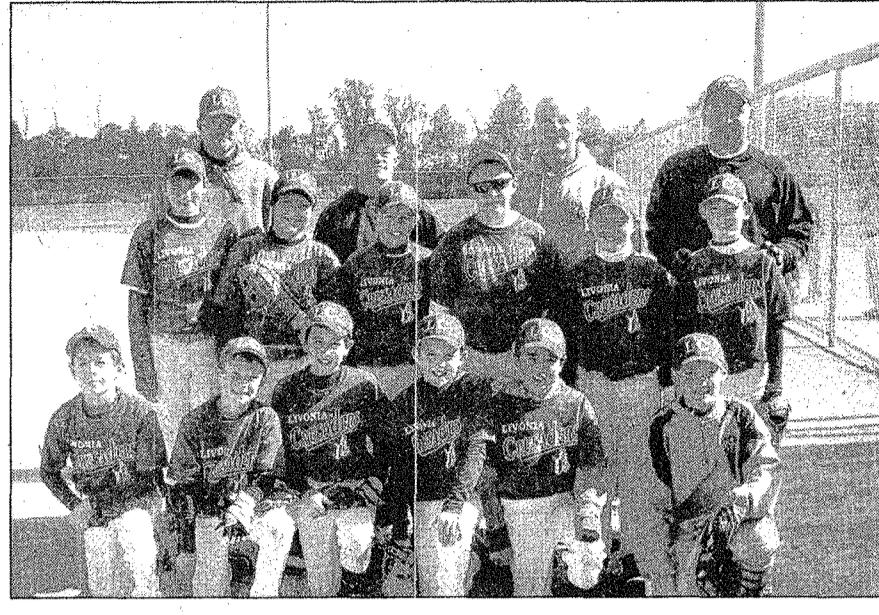
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Crusaders champ

On Oct. 1, the 12-and-under Livonia Crusaders capped a 13-0 season by winning the Michigan USSSA Fall Baseball championship. Team members include (bottom row, from left): Brian Wendt, Cole Bushart, Tim Ohtake, Cade Bunton, Mike Ohtake, Matt Smith; (middle row, from left) Connor Beck, Evan Good, Craig Jakacki, Dylan Champagne, Connor Jakacki, Jack Bushart; (back row, from left) coaches Dennis Bushart, Joe Jakacki, Jim Good, Brian Bunton.

ALTMAN

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tle bit of a hole. "We were playing so tense," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "We were playing like we were afraid to play. I don't know why, but we were. I think the kids just stepped up and got loose. We started to hit with a little more authority. We weren't attacking in set two and three. And we finally went back to an attack style of play."

MU redshirt sophomore setter Evia Prieditis finished with 56 assists to go along with 13 digs.

Senior libero Amanda Koszela paced the defense with a team-high 19 digs before going down with a knee injury after colliding with a teammate.

So what changed MU's fortunes in the fourth set?

"I think we just got a little fire in our bellies and were ready to go," Altman said. "We weren't about to allow that to happen in that house."

Abraham knows the Crusaders are a different team with Altman in the lineup.

"She's an All-American," the MU coach said. "She's our best player. Nastija (Baranovska) had a heck of a match, too. And I think the complement each other. But Altman is a go-to player and we need her."

Miranda Sechler and Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) added eight and six kills, respectively, while the Crusaders also got a lift off the bench from 5-8 junior Taylor Dzwiet (four kills), a left-handed outside hitter.

"I've been putting these kids in throughout the year, so they have some experience," said Abraham, who used 11 different players. "But that was a critical time in a league game and she (Dzwiet) stepped in and performed at not only a competitive level, but she played with confidence and poise. She was a junior college standout from St. Clair Community College, and this was a

standout game for her."

Northwestern Ohio (17-11, 3-2) got 17 kills from Sabrina Lemmink and 11 from Meagan EnYart.

Meanwhile, the win keeps MU in second place — one match behind nationally-ranked WHAC leaders Cornerstone and Indiana Tech.

"It's going to come down to the last (WHAC) match, I think," Abraham said, "because they (Northwestern Ohio) were missing their star today, too (Heather Garmire). She's a powerful outside hitter, and nobody stops her. They had a girl fill-in for her tonight that did a pretty good job, but she wasn't 6-2."

MU has four more matches left in conference play, so every win is critical.

"The season has really taken a turn," Altman said. "We're going to play a lot of tough teams, so we just have to be ready, stay together and take care of business."

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Fall Bash champs

The Livonia Spartans, comprised of players from Stevenson High School, captured the Total Baseball Fall Bash Tournament title Sunday with an 8-7 win over the Canton Cardinals thanks to Jake Semak's walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh. The Spartans rallied twice from three-run deficits to win the title. They also downed the South Oakland A's, 3-2, and Canton, 9-0, en route to the crown. Members of the Spartans, coached by Mark Tuttle and Mark Bodtke, include: Mike Kanitra, Jake Semak, Josh DeYonker, Brandon Jurgczyn, Connor Hayes, Cody Cole, Jason Rakowicz, Justin Small, Rodney Bies, Austin Stevens, Nick Lagerstrom and Mike Vomastek.

Lady Ocelots romp in tune-up for OCC

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team tuned up for next Tuesday's big match at No. 2-ranked Oakland CC with a 25-4, 26-24, 25-14 win Thursday at home over Henry Ford CC.

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 25-9 overall and 8-3 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference, got 11 kills from Sarah Suppes (Livonia Churchill) and eight apiece from Amber Aldrich and Lauren Meadows.

Chrissy Maleske (Churchill) and Kayla Boose dished out 16 and 13 assist-to-kills, respectively, while Jessica Macari and Taylor Kerr each finished with 10 digs.

Lauren Meadows added four ace serves.

Schoolcraft takes on

an OCC team that is 24-1 overall and 11-0 in the conference.

"Our injured players are recovering and should be game-ready," Schoolcraft coach Rod Brumfield said. "The team is ready for some payback after losing the match to OCC even with two convincing set wins

(the first and second sets), then sadly losing the third, fourth and fifth. Our real challenge is to maintain focus and play 'our' game like we know how."

Game time is 7 p.m. at OCC.

Crusaders fall

Taking part in the GLVC and GLIAC Challenge, Madonna University had its two-match winning

streak snapped at the hands of NCAA Division II member Quincy (Ill.) in five sets on Friday, 25-15, 13-25, 25-15, 10-25, 15-11, at the Great Lakes Center in Aurora, Ill.

Senior Karie Altman led MU (19-6) with 12 kills and was the only Crusader to reach double figures.

Fellow senior Megan Fricke posted nine kills to go along with 11 digs, while sophomore setter Evia Prieditis posted her seventh double-double of the season with 34 assists and a team-leading 12 digs.

Freshman Amanda Obrycki made her starting debut at libero and posted nine digs.

Quincy (9-9) got 18 kills from Brian Joslin.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Hospital supporters get dance lessons from pros

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

A little bit of Hollywood waltzed its way to Livonia last weekend.

Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo, professional dancers with the popular television show, *Dancing with the Stars*, performed for an audience of more than 600 guests at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th Annual Gala on Friday, Oct. 7. They also asked the crowd to join them on the dance floor at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center to learn a few dance moves.

"What was so exciting was for everyone to get to see the real dancers up close. And they were so personable and energetic," said Dan Murphy, who chaired the event. The gala's "Dancing like the Stars" theme, a twist on the television title's program, was Murphy's idea. He and his wife, Clare, take ballroom dance lessons and have competed.

"We love dancing and we also love the *Dancing with the Stars* show. My thought was that it would make it an event that everyone would be interested in attending."

Murphy was awarded a disco ball trophy, similar to the kind won by dancers on the television show, for chairing the event.

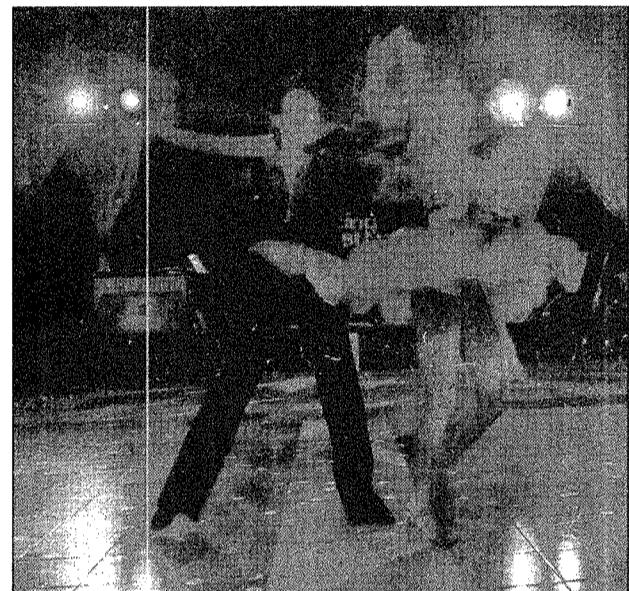
"It was his vision for the *Dancing with the Stars* theme. It was only appropriate to present him with a mirror ball trophy," said Sara Stauffer, director of development. "It was a unique way to celebrate the theme."

Stauffer said the event raised more than



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Rob and Kristin Casalou of Novi have fun on the dance floor.



Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo of "Dancing with the Stars" take a spin across the ballroom floor at the Gala fundraiser for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

\$230,000 for the Generations Together Campaign that is funding the hospital's new South Pavilion. The \$89 million construction project began

earlier this year and is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete. When it's finished, the new 154,000 square foot addition will include



Tamara and Mark Lark of Novi look at jewelry offered by Sal Scotto Divetta of Orin Jewelers during St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 19th annual Gala.



Gala committee members and volunteers include Patrizia Trupiano and Josie Norcia, both of Northville, Monique Marks of Detroit, Suxy Crossley of Northville, Mandy Buch of Novi, and Lynn Tokoph of Northville.



Dancers from The Dynamic Dancers Performing Company entertain.



The crowd gets excited as "Dancing with the Stars" couple Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo enter the ballroom.

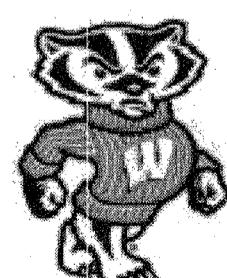
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Patriotic celebration



Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, observes Constitution Month with members of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Plymouth District Library. Members rang the bells of freedom and recited parts of the U.S. Constitution. The Sarah Cochrane Chapter of the DAR was founded in 1926 and consists of nearly 60 members from Plymouth and Northville. They meet monthly from September-June. For more information, call Marie Pleuss at (248) 437-1954 or e-mail to t-mpleuss@att.net.

Local author signs new book for kids

Colleen Murray Fisher, a fourth-grade teacher at Hayes Elementary School in Livonia, will sign her latest award-winning children's book, *Miss Martin is a Martian*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22, at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 17111 Haggerty at Six Mile, in Northville.

Miss Martin is a Martian is about a boy who believes that his new teacher is a Martian. He

makes it his mission to stop her before she takes over the planet. After undertaking a thorough investigation, complete with scientific tests of his theory and a detailed journal, he realizes the "truth" and along the way discovers just how amazing her "teacher powers" really are.

The book won the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association's (MEMSPA)



Colleen Fisher will sign copies of her new book at Barnes & Noble in Northville.

Children's Picture Book Award.

Fisher also wrote and illustrated *The One and Only Bernadette P. McMullen*, a USA News Best Book Award finalist, and she illustrated *Oh No! Ah Yes!* which won



Fisher

a Silver Medal Mom's Choice Award and *I Can Dance, Too!* which won a Gold Medal Mom's Choice Award.

For more information about the book signing, call the store at (248) 348-0696.

Milestone: Schoolcraft College marks anniversary with displays, tours

Schoolcraft College kicks off its 50th anniversary year with a variety of events and activities this month. The college was founded Oct. 24, 1961.

The public can attend a free discussion of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff in Garden City. Schoolcraft was the wife of the college's namesake, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. A member of the Ojibwa tribe, she is credited as the first known Native American literary writer and poet.

The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble Choral Union and Synthesizer Ensembles will perform

a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at the Radcliff Center. One of the featured selections on the program will be the college's official song, *Look Ever Upward*, in tribute and recognition of the 50th anniversary.

The Golden Gala on Saturday, Oct. 22, will include tours from 4:15-5:45 p.m., a historical exhibit from 6 p.m.-midnight, reception from 6-6:45 p.m., a time capsule ceremony with school hymn performance from 7-7:45 p.m., strolling dinner from 8-10 p.m., including entertainment by 50 Amp Fuse and the Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble, and a lighting of the Bell Tower. The gala will

take place in the VisTaTech Center on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Tickets are limited and must be ordered in advance by calling (734) 462-4490 or by e-mailing to development@schoolcraft.edu.

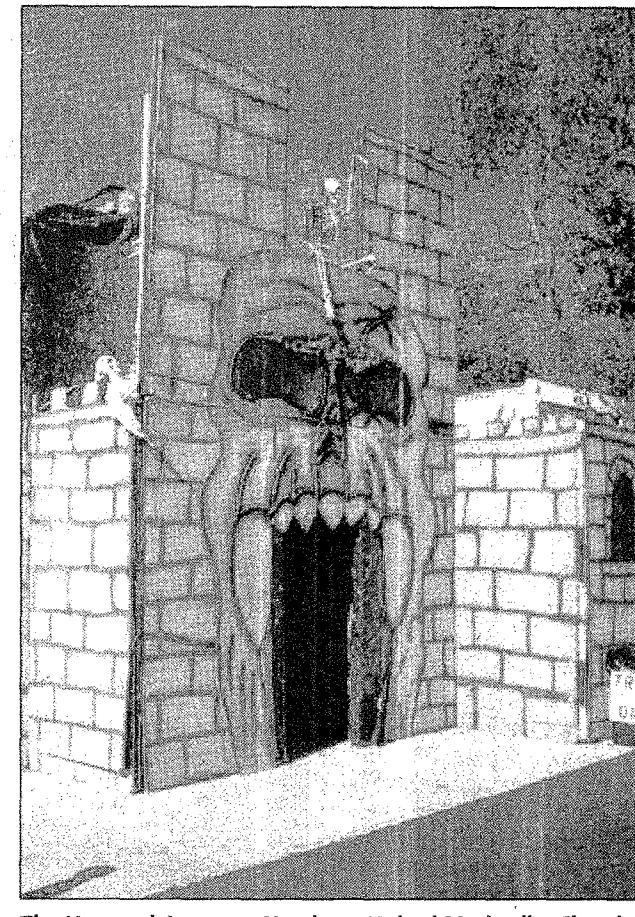
A historical display showing the development of various departments and areas of study throughout the college's 50 years, will run 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 on the main campus. It's free and open to the public.

Cake will be served to students and their guests from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Henry's Food Court on

the main campus. Students also will run a mini Relay for Life, 6-11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, to raise community awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society. To register to participate or support a team call (734) 462-4422.

Throughout the year the college will host special tours highlighting different areas of interest and emphasis. Tours can be scheduled at <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/recruit/tours.aspx>.

For more information about Schoolcraft's 50th anniversary activities, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/edu/50.



The Haunted Annex at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia raises money for missions. The walk-through attraction won't open this Halloween season because of fire hazards.

Fire hazards close church spook house

Fire code violations are likely to prevent Newburg United Methodist Church from operating its Haunted Annex attraction this Halloween season.

The church was set to open the spooky venue, housed in a storage building, Friday, Oct. 14, as a fundraiser for local and global missions. But Livonia Fire Marshal Earl Fesler said fire hazards were discovered during an on-site inspection this week.

"There are quite a few things involved," Fesler said. "This was really overwhelming with combustible material, including the structure itself. It can't be made of combustible material."

"We cut a piece out and went into the parking lot and lit it and it held fire all the way through."

He said the display also included a vehicle, which is not permitted, and that emergency lights were set to turn on only if the power went out. Fesler said that in some fires, power stays on.

"We feel terrible. If we had just known a few weeks ago, we could have helped them. They just didn't know."

He said drywall would have been a better choice for the walk-through display.

Sara Nadeau, youth and young adult ministry coordinator for the church, said Friday that members were looking into potential remedies, but that it appeared unlikely the structure would reopen this Halloween season.

"To construct new walls would be much too expensive," she said in an e-mail. "I think that's too much to reconstruct within a short time. While we are disappointed that this happened we're thankful that we are going about things correctly, striving to meet code — and preventing possible injury and avoiding fire hazard."

She said members would be on hand this weekend to let visitors know the attraction won't open this month.

— By Sharon Dargay

Walk raises funds for food allergy network

The Sixth Annual FAAN Walk for Food Allergy and Food Allergy Friendly Halloween Event will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

The walk will benefit the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) in its efforts to raise funds to provide education and advocacy, and to advance research on food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Participants may attend in costume and trick or treat for food allergy-friendly goodies and prizes. There will be games and activities for the entire family.

Honorary chair, Shannon Murphy from the Mojo in the Morning Show, will be on hand, along with honorary medical chairs and top allergists, Dr. Devang Doshi of Allergy, Asthma & Pulmonary Center of Royal Oak and Dr. Benjamin Song of Allergy and Immunology Associates of Ann Arbor, and honorary local teenage ambassador Jazmen Nelson.

The walk is free. Register at www.foodallergywalk.org

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The problems of using these drugs are at least threefold. First, flares of fibromyalgia tend to be sudden. When a flare occurs, it may be necessary for a person to use a combination of pain medications, but what combination? No two flares are alike, and what worked in the past may not do so, and what failed previously well could be appropriate for this surge in pain.

Second, patients with fibromyalgia are sensitive to medications. Even small doses of Vicodin may result in the patient feeling in a fog because of sensitivity to the drug and at the same time still remain in pain because the amount of Vicodin taken is insufficient to stop the discomfort.

Third, pain medications set up a response of tolerance when taken over time. Physicians know that patients with fibromyalgia have a condition that will last years, possibly a lifetime. Over time the body will adjust to doses of pain medication ordered now. Going higher on pain medication eventually leads to a need to go even higher.

The only way for a physician to stop that cycle is to not go higher, or not begin with narcotics at all. At present, the only alternative is exercise. It remains the best medication the medical community can offer for fibromyalgia.

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Steve and Camille Shy of Plymouth have fun on the dance floor after learning a few moves from Edyta Sliwinska and Alec Mazo of "Dancing with the Stars." That's Kristin Casalou (right) of Novi applauding.

DANCE

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The second and third floors of the addition will house 80 private inpatient rooms with full bathrooms.

The construction project also includes renovation of 90 existing semi-private rooms on the third-fifth floors of the hospital. They'll be turned into private rooms.

Sponsors of the 19th Annual Gala were William and Bridget Phillips and family of Phillips Service Industries, Inc., Dan Murphy of Great Lakes Investment Group-Wells Fargo Advisors, Emergency Physicians Medical Group, PC, and Hearts of Livonia.

WXYZ-Channel 7 News anchor JoAnne Purtan emceed the evening. Mel Ball and Colours Band provided the music and Dynamic Dance Group of Walled Lake performed.

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SEMPA

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMPA) will present a program "Seed Collecting, Saving and Planting," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Participants will

learn how to collect seed from butterfly plants, store them during the winter and how to plant them in the spring. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sempa-butterfly.com.

Hosta

Members of the Metro Detroit Hosta Society will see a photo recap of the 2011 National Hosta Convention at their next meet-

ing, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Jan Everson will present the program. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome. For more information e-mail to Hgold2843@comcast.net.

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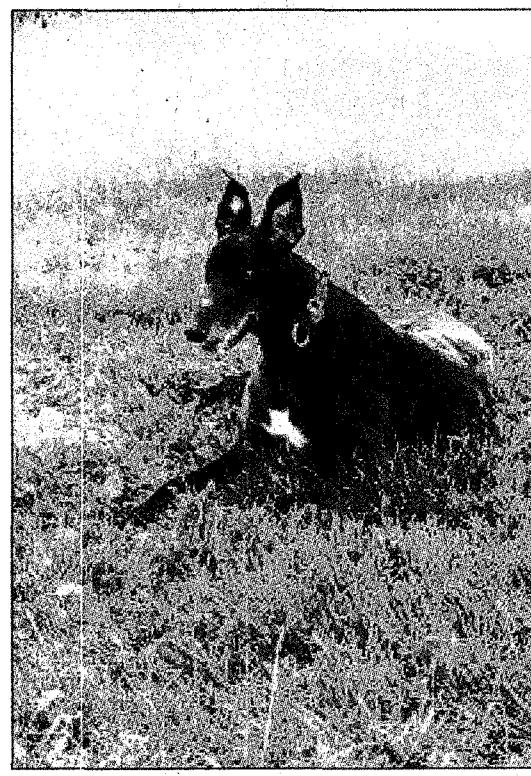
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Tribute to the military



Staff Sgt. Phil Bessen, (left) an Air Force recruiter, and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey help celebrate the new Blue Star Memorial marker at Larry Nehasli Park. Approximately 125 persons attended the dedication ceremony to hear remarks by Kirksey and Bessen. The Churchill/Stevenson ROTC and Churchill Choralion also attended the event. The Livonia Garden Club donated the marker that honors service men and women.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Oct. 16-19

COAT DRIVE

Time/Date: Through Oct. 16

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting winter coats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, boots and other winter gear. A drop box is available 24 hours a day for clothing donations. It's located under the canopy at the main entrance

Contact: (248) 476-8222

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Free violin and organ recital by Tapani Yrjola and David Troniano

Contact: (248) 478-6520

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Oct. 19 and 26

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope," a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one will offer practical guidance, fellowship with other grievers and time for private reflection and prayer. Speakers will include The Rev. John Riccardo from the parish, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Series began Oct. 5

Contact: www.goodmourningministry.net

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Time/Date: Following 10 a.m. worship service on Oct. 16

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Led by acting minister Eric Stenson

Contact: Call Stenson at (248) 277-6197 or leave a message at the church at (734) 427-2290

PANCAKE, FRENCH TOAST

Time/Date: 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage; scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

PARISH MISSION

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 17-19

Location: St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Passionist priest, the Rev. Jack Connor, presents "Holiness? Who Me?—Yes, You: Our Universal Call to Holiness." His style will reach teens through adults

Contact: (734) 981-1333

Oct. 20-26

CLOTHING

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank will give free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

SEMINAR

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Oct. 23

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Paul L. Maier, author, historian and fifth vice president of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, will present "How We Got the Bible."

The seminar considers the vast assemblage of documents forming the 66 books of the Bible. Topics include "The World's Most Important Book," "Can We Be Confident in the Bible?" "Silencing

the Old Testament Critics," "Did the Church Make Jesus Divine?" and "The High Price of an English Bible." Admission is free

Contact: (734) 522-6830; www.christoursavior.org

Oct. 27-Nov. 2

COAT EXCHANGE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: The coat exchange will take place during the Fall Fun Festival. Participants who need a coat can take one. Coat donations will be accepted in the church office during business hours

Contact: (734) 422-1470

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m., Oct. 29

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Family-oriented event with games, face painting, henna tattoos, bounces, bake sale, and free cider and doughnuts. Participants may wear their costumes. Rain or shine

Contact: Pastor R. Wright at (313) 682-7491

FUN FEST, BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: Fall Fun Festival for children through 6th grade. There will be games, treats, fall activities and more.

Church members will be in the parking lot to pass out treats as the children "Trunk or Treat" from car to car. The church encourages youngsters wear costumes for the event. Parents or guardians must accompany all children

Also happening: A barbecue from 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 29 will include North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and beverages. Proceeds will go to the church's "Feed

the Hungry" ministries. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children while supplies last.

Contact: (734) 422-1470

HARVEST SUPPER

Time/Date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. dinner, 5-7 p.m. bake sale, Thursday, Nov. 3

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Adult admission is \$8. Grade school children pay \$3.50, pre-schoolers pay \$1.50. Tickets may be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. Carryouts must be ordered by Nov. 2

Contact: (313) 421-8036 or (313) 581-2525

Nov. 3-9

LUNCHEON, FASHIONS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 West Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The Ladies of Sacred Heart holds its annual Ladies' Luncheon and Fashion Show. Reservations are accepted for tables of eight. Teens and adults only. Gourmet luncheon is catered by Thomas's Catering of Livonia and fashions are provided by The Clothing Cove of Milford. Doors open at noon for basket and auction preview. Tickets are \$30

Contact: (734) 522-3166, or www.shbyzantine.com/events

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits of the past.

Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in

grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13

Location: Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Discussion-based study from the Gospel of Luke; preschool child care provided

Contact: (734) 427-8743

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

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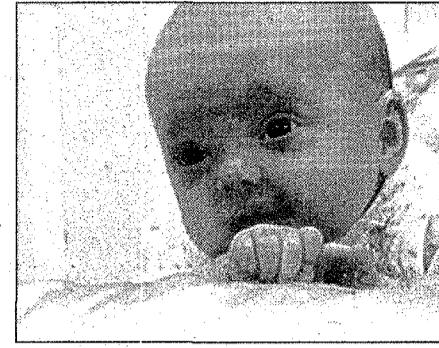
Milestones

Meadow September Likerick

Meadow September Likerick was born Feb. 22, 2011.

She joined her parents, Michelle and Joshua Likerick, and sisters, Mikaylah Rain, 10, and Heidi Nita, 6, at home in Homer, Ill.

Her parents both are



graduates of Garden City

High School.
Grandparents are Debbie and JB Likerick of Garden City; Roseanne Marsden and Rodney Knoop of Illinois and Dave Marsden of North Car-

METROPARK CALENDAR

General: 2011 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$5.

Kensington

Note: For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

NATURE CENTER

Animal Myths, Legends & Superstitions: Saturday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m. Learn about wolves, bats, snakes, spiders and other under-appreciated creatures. Sort out what's true and not true during this one hour program of photos and discussion. Fee: \$3 per person. For ages six years and older. Preregistration required.

Feeding Birds in the Winter: Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Learn the habits of birds that stay through the winter, and how to attract these over-wintering avian friends to your backyard. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Leave No Trace Camping for Scouts: Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m. Learn how to camp without scarring the landscape. Dress for the weather. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required. For ages 10 and older.

Webelos - Forester: Sunday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

Survival Saturday - Shelter Building: Saturday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m. Discover the basics of building a good shelter for those unexpected overnight stays in the wilderness. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 10 and older.

Nature's Nutcases: Sunday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m. Nuts come in all shapes and sizes, come see why the animals love them so. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 6 and older.

Webelos - Geologist: Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

Animal Tracks on T-shirts: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Bring a white T-shirt or sweatshirt and track it up, while learning about the animals that left the tracks behind. Fee: \$4 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 6 and older.

Animals Preparing for Winter: Saturday, Nov. 19, 1 p.m. As the days get shorter, many animals prepare for the long winter ahead. Some leave and some hibernate, while others gather and find homes for the winter. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 6 and older.

Ducks on the Move: Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. Catch a glimpse of some migrating waterfowl as they pass through Kensington. Bring binoculars. Spotting scopes will be available for closer viewing. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required. For ages 10 and older.

Chickadee Chow-Down: Friday, Nov. 25, 1 p.m. In winter, a variety of songbirds will actually take sunflower seeds from your hands. Bird seed will be provided for this short walk along the nature trails. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Live Birds of Prey: Saturday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m. Meet a live hawk and a great horned owl. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

FARM CENTER

Fun on the Farm - Halloween Party: Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy games, treats, story time, a craft, an activity, a hayride and even a parade. Fee: \$5 per person.

Farmer for a Day: Friday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This program is offered to children interested in working on a farm. Kids, ages 7 to 15 years, will work alongside our farmers cleaning stalls, feeding animals and working on other daily or seasonal chores. This program is designed to be educational and fun. Children will leave with a greater appreciation of farm life. Fee: \$30 per child and preregistration is required.

Indian Springs

Note: For more information for registration, call Indian Springs at (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192. The golf course number is (248) 625-7870. Discovery Center number is (248) 625-6640. Summer park hours are 7 a.m.-10 p.m. A metropark vehicle entry permit is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER

Boy Scouts: Wilderness Survival Merit Badge: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23, 10 a.m. What would you do if you were lost in the woods? Learn about the priorities for survival in a variety of backcountry settings during this merit badge workshop. Scouts will learn some basic first aid, how to identify and circumvent outdoor hazards, create an emergency shelter, make fire with and without matches, and how to safely find water sources and treat questionable water. All of the requirements for the badge will be met in this program led by a certified merit badge counselor. Fee \$16 per scout, adults free. Preregistration required.

Beastly Bones and Sinister Skulls: Saturday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m. Celebrate Halloween the biology way by learning how to identify skulls and pelts of Michigan mammals. We'll also make realistic mammal masks to wear. Open to children in the first grade and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Owl Prowl: Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. Enjoy an exciting night hike in search of owls, where you make hear or see a barred owl, an eastern screech owl or even a great horned owl. Head out with an interpreter into the park with recorded owl calls to bring some of these magnificent birds in close so they can be viewed. Then, examine owl folklore and learn some interesting facts about the owls in the park. Make sure to dress for the weather. Most of this program will take place outside. Ages 10 and up. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Creepy Crawlies Under the Scope: Sunday, Oct. 30, 1 p.m. Think of your favorite (or least favorite) six- or eight-legged friends. Want to see them closer than ever before? View some "spooky" Halloween insects in the microscope lab, and then take digital photos of the creatures that can be emailed home. Ages 6 and older. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

Intro to GPS: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Families, scouts and individuals can sign up to learn how a GPS unit works. Participants will practice their new skills finding geocaches hidden in the park. Please dress for the weather. Learn about navigation by signing up for Basic Orienteering on the same day. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Fee \$3 per person, or a special rate of \$5 per person if you sign up for Basic Orienteering and GPS together. Preregistration required.

Basic Orienteering: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Can't find your way out of a paper bag? Then this program is for you! Individuals, families or scouts will learn basic map and compass skills, then navigate an outdoor course. Please dress for field conditions. Open to children in 4th grade and up. Fee \$3 per person, or a special rate of \$5 per person if you sign up for Basic Orienteering and GPS together. Preregistration required.

Tot Time - Feathered Friends: Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. Look up! We will discover the art of flight and see what makes birds fly. Children will also see which birds stay for the winter and those that escape the cold! Ages 2-5. Fee \$3 per child. Preregistration required.

Brownies: Science Wonders: Saturday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. Scouts will perform experiments that are both educational and fun as they learn about their surroundings during the Science Wonders badge program. The program includes crystal growing, a magnet hunt, invisible ink and more! Fee \$4 per scout, adults no charge. Preregistration required.

Magnificent Moon: Saturday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. Hold the howls - at least until we're done with this program! Learn about our Earth's companion through activities & legends. We will construct a moon finder and a star clock, and each person will receive their own moon map. Please bring flashlights and binoculars if you have them. Open to children in third grade and older. Fee \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

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50th wedding anniversary

James Reilly and Frances Rogowski were married on Oct. 21, 1961, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Detroit.

They have lived in Redford Township for 38 years and have three children: James (Karen) Reilly of Saline, Lisa (David) Hayes of Bradenton, Fla., and Robert (Laura) Reilly of Windermere, Fla.

Their six granddaughters are Grace, Emma, Kayla, Lily, Delaney and Payton.

James worked for Detroit Diesel until his retirement in 1996. Frances worked for Family Service Inc. and retired in 2005.

Many celebrations will take place to mark the couple's upcoming 50th anniversary.



James and Frances Reilly of Redford Township.



James and Frances Reilly on their wedding day in 1961

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BERRY, WALLACE MALCOLM

Age 50, Wally was born on November 3, 1960 in Dearborn and died at his home in Plymouth on October 7, 2011. He is survived by his father Tom, brothers and sisters Eileen, Phyllis (Zana Easton), Gordon (Dianne), Sandra (Mark LaPointe), Ron, Marcia Coll, Stuart, and his twin Craig (Laura); nieces and nephews Dan Easton (Kari), Kerry Iaconelli, Brent Iaconelli, Sharlyn Keller, Jill Danbert, Leah Coll, Gina Coll and George Berry. He was predeceased by his mother Jean, brother Bruce, and his grandparents, including grandfather Y.G.T Rehner with whom Wally had a very special relationship. The family wants to thank the many caregivers at Plymouth and Redford Opportunity Houses for all the love and care they gave Wally. Wally was a gentle and loving soul, and the world was a better place because of him. Memorial contributions can be made to the Community Opportunity Center in Livonia, MI.

GLASS, SHIRLEY ANN (Griswold)

Of Hillsdale, formerly of Plymouth and Salem; went to be with the Lord on October 12, 2011. In 1952 she married the love of her life, Robert Allen Glass Sr. Her Husband preceded her in death in 1974 and she never remarried. She is survived by her son Robert Allen Glass Jr. (Kim Dokomo) of Hillsdale, Daughter Janet Lee Glass of Arkansas, Grandson Robert Allen Glass III (Millie), Great-Granddaughter Jacquelyn Ann Glass, and Great-Grandson Garrett Michael Glass, all of Hillsdale, MI. She is also survived by her three sisters, Lucy Shaw, Nancy Corwin (Bill), and Bertha Houk. A funeral service was held Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville, Ms. Glass was laid to rest at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Hospice of Hillsdale County, 124 S. Howell St, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

JAHN, JAMES (Jim) ALEXANDER

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away October 7, 2011. Beloved husband of Theresa. Loving father of sons, Michael & Paul and daughters, Patrice Schumacher, Ann Jahn (deceased), Peggy Bellaire, Susan Jahn and Gail Foguth. Grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of five. Jim was a decorated WWII veteran, serving in Okinawa. Jim enjoyed many years of retirement from Ford Motor Co. He loved to fly his Cessna and recently learned piano. Jim will be truly missed and will remain in our hearts & memories forever. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Colette, Livonia, MI.

SACKETT, RONALD PAUL

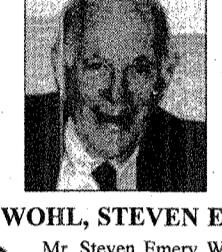
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X SLOAN, TIMOTHY J.

Age 47 of Toledo, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2011 in Perrysburg OH. He was born in Dearborn and died at his home in Plymouth on October 9, 1964 to John Jr. and Christine (Manning) Sloan. Tim was most recently a bartender and server at the Elephant Bar in Toledo, and had been employed in the Food Service Industry in Southeastern Michigan and Northern Ohio for more than 25 years. Tim's wonderful sense of humor brightened his family's and many friends' days. He loved geo-caching, power boating and water sports, and was an avid fan of Detroit's professional sports teams and the University of Michigan. He is survived by his parents John Jr. and Christine of Livonia; his wife Stacey (Lucas) of Toledo; his children Patrick (Foley) of Spokane Washington and Shaun of Toledo; his brother John III of Birmingham, Alabama; and his sister Kathleen (Kietur) of Westland, Michigan. A memorial service for Tim will be held Saturday, October 15th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 East River Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551. Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home



WOHL, STEVEN E.

Mr. Steven Emery Wohl, 99, passed away September 14, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born May 10, 1912 in Budapest Hungary, and graduated from the University of Budapest with a degree in Pharmacy. He came to the United States in 1939 and entered the United States Army in 1942. After proudly serving his country, Mr. Wohl began a retail pharmacy career in Detroit, Michigan and went on to build Sherman Drugs, a successful retail drug store chain in metropolitan Detroit until retiring. Survivors include his loving wife, Janet of 55 years along with his two sons, Greg and Brian and his daughter-in-law, Cate and granddaughter, Adeline. A memorial service will be held on October 22, 2011 at 2:00pm at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery 621 W. Long Lake Road Troy, Michigan 48098. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at: http://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=fund&fr_id=1060&pxid=31671



STACHURA, LAURA

Age 97, Birmingham, Michigan & Pittsburgh, PA on Thursday, September 29th, we lost a great lady, whose love of life and sense of humor we will forever miss... and Halloween will never be the same without her. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Loving mother of Eleanore (Richard) Gabrys and Dolores (Thomas) Markle. Proud grandmother of Michael (Anne) Gabrys, Steven (Jennifer) Gabrys, Allison Gabrys, Jim and Jason Stachura, Justin Markle, Lauren (Edward) Hess and Bethany (Kenneth) Martin. Great-grandmother to Mariella, Nicholas, Stella, Pierce and Evan Gabrys, Ricky and Alexandra Martin. Visitation is at 10:30 am followed by mass at 11:00 am, will be held at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Tuesday, October 18th.

A mom is one of life's best gifts. Someone to treasure all life through, She's caring and loving, Thoughtful and true, Someone who is always a special part of your life, Someone who holds a prime place in your heart, She's a mentor, a confidant and also a friend, Someone on whose love you can depend. A mom always has your best interests at heart, She's someone so dear and so good, She's a blessing, She's a gift, She's a treasure like no other, She's someone that is truly wonderful. Wherever you go, and whatever you do, A mom's love will always see you through, A mom is truly invaluable, Indispensable and unforgettable. We wouldn't want anyone but you, And that's why we are so grateful, that life picked you for us. —Anonymous



ZIEMER, AUDREY A.

82, of Westminster, CO died Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, CO. A Celebration of Audrey's Life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2200 Broadway, Boulder, CO on Monday Oct. 17, 2011 at 6 p.m. A reception will follow at the church. Private family burial will take place at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. Audrey was born March 26, 1929 to Jacob and Catherine (Reinders) Manthey in Milwaukee, WI. She went to Shorewood High School in Shorewood, WI and attended Milwaukee Business College in Milwaukee. Audrey married Donald A. Ziener in 1951. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder, CO and enjoyed traveling, reading, needlepoint and crosswords. Her greatest joy and source of pride was her family. Survivors: husband, Donald Ziener, Westminster, CO; three daughters

Hoop it up for fun and fitness

By Sharon Dargay
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Jan Henry seamlessly passed a revolving hoop from her waist to just above her head. It hovered like an oversized halo, and then headed back down her body to its starting point.

Henry, a Farmington Hills resident, stepped her way across the studio floor Wednesday night at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington, swaying her hips forward and back to keep the hoop in motion.

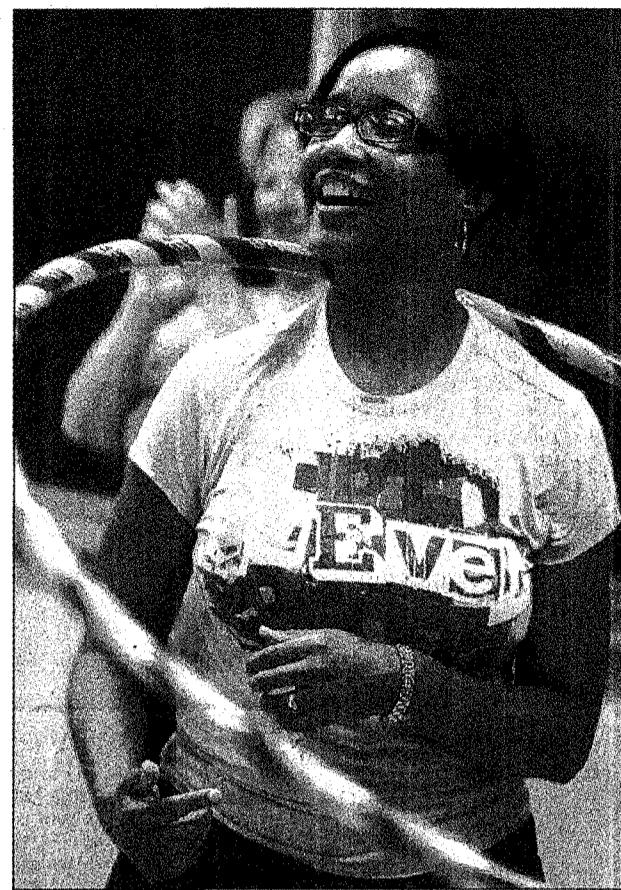
"You want one foot in front, one in back," she coached potential clients during her free introductory class to Hoopnotica, an exercise program that mixes hoop skills and dance moves.

"Upper body stays over the hips. You want to avoid leaning forward — the hoop will fall. The other thing, keep that tummy tucked in."

As a personal trainer, Henry also employs more traditional fitness methods, such as weight lifting, cardiovascular movement, walking, hiking and running. She added Hoopnotica to her resume a year after noticing a hoop on display in a local active wear shop. The staff moved clothing racks aside and allowed Henry to try spinning the hoop.

"A few revolutions and yeah, I thought, I can do this. It just hit me. I didn't know a whole hooping community existed," she said.

She studied with a Hoopnotica instructor,



Ermon Sims of Westland tries a few neck moves with her exercise hoop during a free trial Hoopnotica class at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington.

starting with basic hip and waist hooping and then moving on to creating hoop routines set to music. She received her certification in the program late last year.

Bigger hoops

Hoopnotica developed out of a single class in 2004 in Los Angeles, Calif. Today it offers the hoop and movement curriculum, instructor certification, training DVDs and hoops.

The fitness hoops are larger and heavier than the child-sized Hula Hoop made by Wham-O in the 1950s or found in toy stores today. The bigger diameter

and larger-sized tubing helps to slow the hoop down, making it easier to keep off the ground. Tape around the tubing helps create friction that keeps the hoop close to the body.

The Hoopnotica Web site says the hooping workout can burn up to 600 calories an hour.

"This is total body,

so it's cardiovascular,"

Henry said. "It's core

because we're working

our waist. When peo-

ple get real comfort-

able with these I put

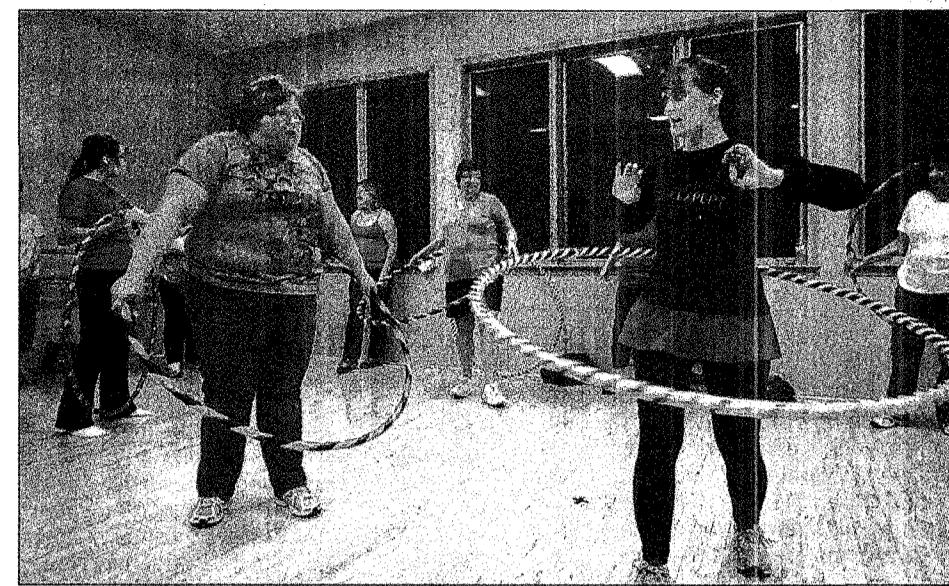
them down into a squat

and into lunges. When

you're first working

with waist hooping, you

do feel it in your quads



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Instructor Jan Henry (right) shows Jenny Arntz how to keep a hoop in motion. Arntz and her mother-in-law, Pam, drove from Stockbridge, west of Pinckney, to the exercise class in Farmington.

and you feel it in your abs the next day."

Learning basics

Students in her trial class concentrated on keeping the hoop revolving around their waists.

Marlene Masterson of Farmington easily picked up the movement and began walking while hooping.

"I remembered how to do it. It came back to me," said Masterson, recalling Hula Hoops from her childhood. "These are actually easier to work with than the smaller hoops."

Roger Miller of Canton stretched his arms outward to help with his balance as he kept the revolving hoop off the floor.

"I thought if I could learn to do this it would be helpful in dancing. I like to dance," he said.

"The other thing, too, is



Carrie Minich of Livonia exercises amid a sea of hoops.

that they have these 50 dances and they always have Hula Hoop contests."

Henry is organizing classes for beginners. She hopes to start them this week, but class

times and days will depend on the responses she receives. To join a class, e-mail Henry at hoop-trainer@henry-web.net. Visit her information site at www.ideafit.com/profile/jan-henry.

"You've got to learn the skills and then the goal is that within a couple weeks or months to develop routines to music and then we can really get into it. We can have flash mobs and all that great stuff," she said.

"I was at the market in Farmington and they had a Zumba class and I swear there were 30 women all in formation. That's what I want. That's what I'm trying to build here."

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