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Movie nights

Westland Mayor William Wild is inviting residents to join him at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, for a Community Gathering and Park-It Family Fun Night at Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter.

This free night includes live music, bounce houses, kids' activities and free giveaways, followed by a family movie under the stars. *Madagascar 2* will be showing on the big screen beginning at 8:30 p.m. Free popcorn will be provided by Wild and additional concessions will be available for purchase.

Wild and his staff also will be on hand to speak with residents and answer questions or help with community concerns prior to the movie.

"The purpose of a community gathering is to get the residents of our city together for fun the whole family can enjoy," Wild said. "A family night out can be quite expensive and I am pleased to have the opportunity to show my appreciation to our residents by providing this free event."

In addition to this event, the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department will be showing *Rango* on the big screen Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. The George Brothers Band will perform beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 8:30 p.m.

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Five file for two seats in W-W school election

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will choose between five candidates to fill two seats on the school board in the November school election.

Appointed school board member Frederick Weaver will be joined by former board member Jeffrey Hayton and newcomers Chandra Cozart, Paul Futch and Sally Madison in the election. Two terms, held by Weaver and board Secretary Cindy Schofield, will be filled in election. Schofield has chosen to step down after serving more than 12 years on

the school board.

Weaver was appointed to the school board last August to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel. This is his second stint on the school board. He was first elected to the board in 2001 and served until 2008 when he resigned after taking a ministerial position in Midland. He returned to the district and his home in Westland last year.

In announcing his intention to seek election to a full term, Weaver said he planned "to stay in and fight for the district."

"My love is for education and I will work dili-

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Clawson resigns from W-W board

While voters will select two new trustees in November, the Wayne-Westland school board will have the task of filling a vacancy with the resignation of Trustee Andrea Clawson Aug. 14.

Specifics on how the vacant position will be filled should be available through the superintendent's office on Monday, Aug. 20.

In a short three-sentence letter to board President Carol Middle, Clawson indicated that her resignation was "due to a personal decision that will affect my



Clawson

eligibility required to serve as a trustee."

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position," she wrote.

Clawson, who did not respond to a request to be interviewed, was elected to the school board in May 2011. A Westland resident, she was elected board treasurer during an organizational meeting last July. She held the position until Dec. 12, 2011, when

the school board accepted her resignation and selected Trustee Shawna Walker to replace her as treasurer.

The board has 30 days after being notified of the vacancy to fill it. If it can't reach a consensus, the decision is made by the Wayne RESA board. That happened last year when the board could not agree on a replacement for William Gabriel. The decision went to the RESA board which selected former board member Frederick Weaver.

By Sue Mason



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Kendall Hart of Garden City hopes he's one of the two chosen from the crowd to be on the "Price Is Right." If he makes it, he guarantees he'll be within \$1,500 on the value of the showcase.

Fans make pitch to be on popular game show

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Kendall Hart let them know at the registration table that he was a winner.

The Garden City resident was among hundreds of people who turned out at the MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 in Westland to audition for one of two spots on CBS's popular *Price Is Right* game show.

"I'll be with \$1,500 on the showcase, I guarantee this one," said Hart who has always wanted to be on that show since age three. "I'd watch it with my great-grandma. I knew how to say come on

down." *Price Is Right* hopefuls were given 30 seconds to introduce themselves and tell producers why they should be one of two individuals selected to fly out to Los Angeles for the show. One person is guaranteed a place on contestants' row.

This was one of five auditions being held for the show in the U.S., and contestant wanna-bes came from near and far.

"We've checked in people from New York and Ohio already," said Melissa Rowe, sales marketing manager for CBS 62

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Rhonda Gates of Westland, makes sure her ID number is secure. At left, Maria Benjamin of Northville, working for CBS Channel 62, directs contestants to the audition rooms.

Changes improve police services in Westland

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Westland residents in need of a copy of a police report or gun permit, can now get them five days a week.

As of Aug. 1, the police department's Support Services/Records Bureau is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The bureau had been closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for several years to allow the staff to handle state reporting for crime statistics, but with more of that being done on computer and staff realignment, Police Chief Greg Angelosanto has been able to return it to a five-day-a-week operation.

"The reporting was very time consuming, but now it's more computerized and by reorganizing the records office, we're now able to add more services," said Angelosanto. "The bureau offers a wide variety of services. Making these services more available to residents is part of our commitment to the community."

The bureau is responsible for the process-

ing of report copies and record and background checks as well as notary fees for gun permits, gun registrations and safety inspections for guns, animal traps with a DNR permit.

According to Mayor William Wild, the expanded services didn't require hiring new staff.

"It's important that all city offices are accessible to the residents who utilize their services and the extended hours benefit people who come to do business in our city," he said.

The new Records Bureau hours dovetail with a new program that is putting more police officers on the street. On Aug. 1, the police department launched Police Service Aide, a new program designed to help in the area of prisoner care and management.

With the addition of the PSA program, four police officers have been reassigned to road patrol duties. The new program also increases the amount of time the officers are on the road patrolling because pris-

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Westland Stars now are Stars Cheer, Dance Studios

The Westland Stars have moved and become the Stars Cheer and Dance Studio.

Students ages 10-14 or fifth to eighth grades in the Livonia and Westland

area can try out for the Westland Stars. The group has moved to the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and will be practicing at the Livonia Community Center.

There will be opportunities for students to learn dance and cheer and be a part of the team.

Cheer and Dance Studio classes include:
• Jazz and Lyrical class

5:30-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays (seven weeks), starting Sept. 12th.

• Cheers and Chant Class 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays (seven weeks), starting Sept. 12th.

• The Stars Team (pom-pom/cheer) 9-11 a.m. Saturdays (seven weeks), starting Sept. 15.

Participants do not have to be from Livonia to be on the team. The team is

open to anyone from the area.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900, visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us, or send an email to the coach at iluv16n19@aol.com.

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in Detroit. "We did auditions here for *Survivor* in December and had 400 show up. We've had close to 200 register in the first hour, so I think 500 will be a good number for this."

The "Outlaw Grandmas," Jane Pisarski of Hazel Park and Nancy Kinney of Madison Heights, were among hopefuls waiting in a theater for their chance to audition.

"My husband and I watched it, our day never got started until we watched *Price Is Right*," said Pisarski. "No day started right without it."

"I watch it faithfully," added Kinney. "I raised a big family and took care of a lot of people, and everyone has told me it's my time to be on the show."

Terry Viegas of Detroit

came armed with a video of when her mother appeared on *Price Is Right* 27 years ago.

"I hope the hook will be the show tape," she said. "It was in 1985, Bob Barker had dark hair. I think her daughter should be on it."

Rhonda Gates of Westland believed the stars were in alignment for her chance to make it on the game show. She had put the audition on her bucket list two months ago after seeing announcement in the newspaper, and because son Jacob had had his wisdom teeth out, she had the day off.

"My heart's jumping out of my chest," she said as she waited to go in and do her 30-second pitch.

Officially No. 15 among the contestants, she had written out her speech which highlighted the she was a veteran — she served in the U.S. Army — she loved to have fun, and she was there to win



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Arlene Zazula and Jerome Weingarden, both of Westland wait for their turn in the audition room.

prizes. And for good measure, she tossed in that all of her pets are spayed and neutered.

"They're big about responsible pet ownership," she said, adding that "it's all come together for me. It's my opportunity to win."

Son Jacob was also there, claiming "my mom made me come." His spiel was that it was his 21st birthday "and picking me

would be a great birthday present."

This isn't the first time Jerome Weingarden of Westland has auditioned for a game show. He made it to the stage in auditions for *Wheel of Fortune* in 2007 and would have made it on the show had he solved the puzzle. He also had a spot on the *Dan Miller Show* in 2009.

"I watch it every day, I've been watching it



Paige Sharrow of Westland, auditions before the camera for the "Price Is Right."

since 1972," he said. "If I get on the show, I'm going to win."

The auditions are for the fall taping season and the people who auditioned should find out how well they did as soon as Sept. 7.

"How can this not be

exciting?" said Arlene Zazula of Westland. "It's the best show, it has the best prizes. I like Drew (Carey), he makes me laugh, and besides, I've never been to L.A."

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oner processing duties are handled by the police service aides.

The PSA program is being staffed by 15 part-time civilian employees 24 hours a day. Their duties include preparing reports, processing those taken into custody, processing complaints, fingerprinting, vehicle impoundments, inventories, monitoring broadcasts and answering telephone calls.

The department looked for individuals who are pursuing law enforcement careers and who

had successfully passed the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards pre-enrollment written and physical agility tests within the preceding 12 months.

"This is the first phase, if this is successful, we may see about doing this in other areas," said Wild.

The program is a collaboration of the city administration, the Westland City Council, the Westland Police Department and the police unions.

"It shows that innovative solutions can lead to better efficiencies," Wild said.

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BOARD

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gently to move the school district ahead for the benefit of the students. I will do whatever I can that's within my power to defend what's been accomplished in this district," Weaver said.

A Westland resident, Hayton also is a familiar face in the district. He was appointed to the school board in February 2011 to fill the remainder of Martha Pitsenbarger's term and served until July. Hayton called the experience "intense but rewarding."

He is employed by the State of Michigan, performing quality analysis and systems development work for the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. He has his bachelor's and mas-

ter's degrees in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and is in the process of earning a second master's degree in public administration.

His decision to seek a term on the school board is because he's "concerned about the direction that the district is headed financially and academically."

"I want to do what I can make sure that our students graduate with the education and motivation needed to be happy and successful in life," he said. "I know I can provide insight and ideas for changes that are needed to really bring the school district into the 21st century."

Also a Westland resident, Cozart is an attorney, employed with a local nonprofit organization that provides support to more than 3,000 adults

and children with developmental disabilities. She also has a practice that focuses on the welfare of children and adults. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

"If elected school board trustee, I hope to draw on my experience to ensure our community's resources are effectively used to keep our school district competitive, given the current economic climate and the forecast of declining enrollment," she said. "As a stakeholder, I have a vested interest in ensuring the best opportunities will be at the fingertips of current and future students, like my daughter."

Madison, who has lived in the Westland area for more than 30 years, is attending Schoolcraft College where she is studying in the medical field and plans to complete her studies by the spring of 2013. She has been associated with PTA, volunteered in classroom, and have served as treasurer for her former homeowners' association.

"I feel that I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge that will help me in being a board member," she said. "I feel the most important position of a board member is being an advocate

for students. As a board member, I look forward to helping implement the common core standards to increase student achievement."

Futch lives in Wayne and is the pastor of True Love Christian Fellowship Church in Romulus. He received his bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Arkansas and his master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University. Futch is a chaplain at the Juvenile Detention Center in Detroit and does tutoring at his church for students who need assistance with test-taking skills.

He is running for the school board because he would like to "a voice for the students as well as the families."

"In order for the students to achieve, they must strong support from their families," he said. "I want to be a part of the process that brings about solutions to the issues that we may face as a school district. I have a passion for the success of every student that I will serve."

The top two vote-getters in the Nov. 6 election will receive six-year terms on the school board.

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Late Registrants Accepted



Last year more than 20,000 classic cars and hot rods cruised Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn for the inaugural Cruisin' Hines event. Even more are expected for the second installment on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Cruisers take over Hines Drive for 2nd annual ride

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Don Nicholson has a prediction about the second annual car cruise being held on Hines Drive next Sunday: It will be bigger in terms of the number of classic cars than the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"They advertise 30,000-40,000 cars, but that includes minivans," the Westland resident said. "We had more than 24,000 classic cars for our first year and we expect even more this year."

Hines Drive will be closed to regular traffic from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn to allow classic cars — those at least 25 years old — and hot rods — vehicles altered in some way after they left the

dealership — for 7 1/2 miles of unadulterated cruising.

Nicholson, who has organized car shows and cruises around western Wayne County for years, said there will be plenty of parking in the park for spectators. They will be able to enter Hines Park and park in the Warren-dale area at Telegraph Road, at Merriman Road in Westland and at Nankin Mills at Ann Arbor Trail to see the vehicles.

Nicholson plans to have 25,000 goodie bags for cruisers that will contain prizes like a weekend at the Dearborn Doubletree Suites and Fairfield Inn in Canton and gifts like detailing products from Mother's Wax and Visa and MasterCard gift cards.

"There also will be giveaways from local museums ... things are still coming in," Nichol-

son said. "No two bags will be alike."

Nicholson has dropped two things from this year's cruise. One is registering. Last year cruisers had to sign up the day of the event, but the overwhelming response has led him to discontinue that this year. He also has axed musical entertainment. His official cruise band, the Six Foot Poles, had performed last year, but "no one was watching."

"They were too busy looking at the cars," he said. "To me the cars are the entertainment and I want people to come on down and enjoy that entertainment. Last year we had Model Ts and a Roll Royce. If you like cars, I don't think you could come down and not find something to enjoy."

There will be food vendors throughout the park and at the spectator

areas, and even a mobile ATM at the Nankin Mills area, provided by the Public Service Credit Union, for those who didn't bring enough cash. The Motor City National Heritage Area also will be on hand to interview and talk to people.

Even the Friends of Nankin Mills will be there, selling water to help raise money for the mill, and they will show off the Model T they bought and plan to restore to use as part of an interactive display in the mill's museum.

Nicholson's expectation of an even bigger cruise than in 2011 is based on the number of emails and phone calls he's receiving daily. He has a lot of information posted on the Cruisin' Hines Facebook page as well as its website, www.Cruisin-Hines.com.

"Last year, I had at

least 150 emails and letters thanking me for putting on the best cruise of the year," he said. "This is the last big cruise of the season. It's the end of the season event."

He added that there are a few rules for the cruise. Cars can park on the grass, but not on the paved shoulder or bike path, and there is "zero tolerance" for burnouts and drunken driving by himself and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, which will have a presence in the park throughout the day.

"Wayne County Parks and the sheriff's department have been so supportive of this," Nicholson said. "They're happy to have us here and as long as we keep it a fun and safe family event, we'll keep coming."

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Health Dept. holds Fun Fest

The Wayne County Department of Public Health is holding its popular annual back-to-school free Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health at 33030 Van Born, at Venoy, in Wayne.

The event will provide Wayne County families with health services, screenings and resource materials, such as immunizations, dental hygiene, nutritional education and information about health topics and Wayne County programs/services.

Free book bags filled with school supplies and some with special giveaways will be given to the first 300 school-aged children. The event also features an array of vendors, a bicycle and bike helmet giveaway, farmer's market, food and refreshments, face painting, entertainment and lots of healthy, family fun.

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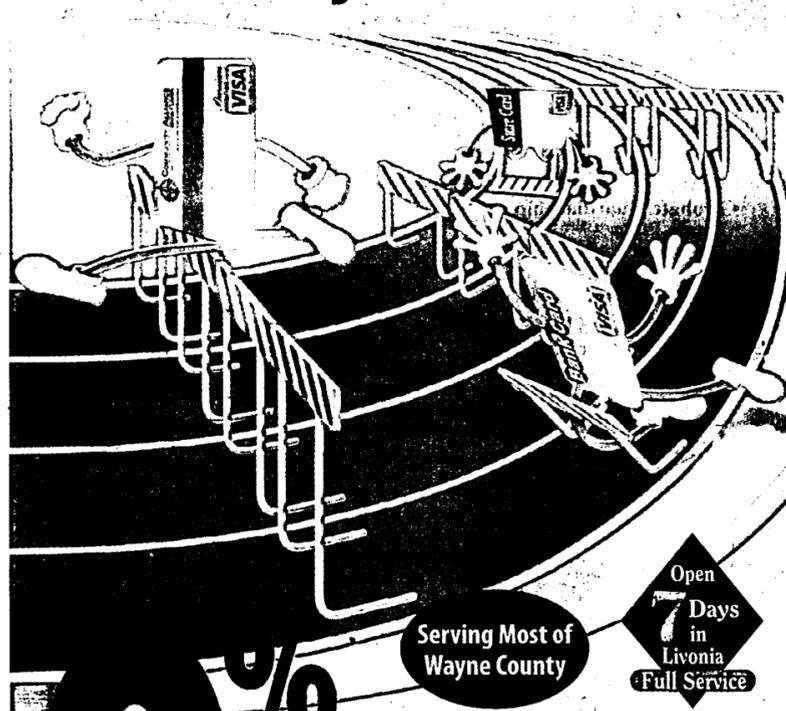
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Passage of school retirement reform bill 'will help' W-W

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The financial relief school districts had hoped for when it comes to employee retirement is a pen stroke away from becoming a reality after lawmakers reached agreement Wednesday on Senate Bill 1040.

The bill, which is awaiting Gov. Rick Snyder's signature, will reform the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System and shrink the more than \$15 billion in unfunded liabilities facing the system.

"Even though it might not be what school communities wanted, it will help," Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "This will save us \$1.8 million this year and \$4.2 million over the next few years."

"This will help us dodge the bullet," said Scott Johnson, chief financial officer with the Garden City Public Schools. "It's

a significant savings. We won't have to add that cost to our general fund."

Schools officials have been pressing for relief from the growing percentage of payroll that must be paid to MPERS to cover employee retirement costs. The rate would have jumped from 24.46 percent to 27.37 percent in 2013, with projections of 35 percent by 2016, double what it was in 2002.

MPERS collects and compiles employee wage, contribution and service information from 551 school districts, 70 public school academies, seven universities, 28 community colleges, 57 intermediate school districts and 11 libraries. As of Sept. 30, 2011, the system served 444,185 members.

The bill makes several changes to the MPERS Act, including increasing employee contributions, as well as prefunding retiree health care beginning in fiscal 2012-

13. According to a statement from Snyder's office, the prefunding is critical because the state will now be setting aside money to meet the debt when it comes due in the future, meaning that the cost of the benefit will be paid for at the time it is accrued, putting stability back in the system.

Snyder has labeled the bill as "among the most critical pieces of legislation" he will sign this year.

"These reforms ensure that schools can keep critical and much-needed resources in our classrooms," Snyder said. "The administration, legislature and stakeholders worked together to advance a plan that is fair and affordable to teachers and other school employees as well as taxpayers."

Baracy said the reform measures are going to be significant, although they don't solve the problem completely for Wayne-

Westland. The district is reeling under the loss of its Wayne-Westland language which provided an additional \$6 million in school aid to address tax millage not used in calculating its per-pupil funding under Proposal A.

The district lost \$3 million last year and the remainder this year, despite efforts by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, to get it in the new School Aid Act. The reform measure means the district's revenue shortfall will be about \$6 million this year and \$11 million next year.

"We have a number of cost containment measures in place and we're not filling some administrative positions. We're whittling away at it so we don't go into deficit," Baracy said. "We'd like to make it through 2013-14 without going into a full blown deficit, but that's going to be a struggle. We would have been fine, if we hadn't

lost our Wayne-Westland language. We would have been fine this year and would have made it through 2013-14."

Garden City has managed to hang one to a \$3 million fund equity and not having to spend \$675,000 more on retirement is a blessing.

"We're thankful that the legislators acted early on in our fiscal year, school districts have been in limbo waiting for this," he said. "The retirement rate is pivotal to the budget. This will help us, but we still have other challenges that we face."

Under the legislation, new hires will receive \$2,000 that will be deposited into a health reimbursement account once eligibility criteria have been met, as well as receive up to 2-percent matching contribution into a 401(k) account for savings to be used toward the purchase of retiree health care, or for

any other purpose. That will replace fully subsidized retiree health care premiums.

It also allows existing members to opt out of retiree health care coverage, if they choose. The 3-percent retiree health contributions they've made to date would be credited to their 401(k) account.

According to the governor's office, the financial relief to school districts is substantial, capping the employer contribution rate at 20.96 percent of payroll and requiring an appropriation from the School Aid Fund to pay for any excess liabilities above that amount.

"This is a win for our children and their education, as well as a win for our school employees who need to know that benefits are secured and on solid footing for the future," Snyder said.

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Still nifty at 50, Franklin High is planning a party

Livonia Franklin High School will celebrate 50 years of teaching, leading and learning this fall.

Several events are being planned for the school's golden anniversary including an Alumni Reception, building tours and a Homecoming football game halftime tribute. The Alumni Reception and football game will take place on Friday, Sept. 28, at Franklin.

Principal Daniel Willenborg and Franklin's 'Still Nifty at Fifty Festival' event coordinator,

Alicia Douglas (Class of 1987), are requesting the community's help in collecting stories for a booklet with 50 of Franklin's greatest personal narratives. Those stories might describe how a teacher influenced a student's life or it may be a description of a dramatic athletic victory or it may just be a particularly humorous event.

"Franklin has a proud history with many fascinating stories," Willenborg said. "We don't want to lose those threads of

our identity, and we need people to record some of their memories." Alumni and staff who would like to contribute and are willing to share a story in approximately 200-400 words are requested to submit them in hard copy to the Main Office at Franklin or to send them electronically to dwillenb@livoniapublicschools.org.

Another effort is directed at producing a distinguished alumni list. As Douglas explained, "We are developing a list of

'Fifty Fabulous Grads' to demonstrate and share the reach of the Patriot link in the community and throughout the country." Those submissions can also be sent electronically to Willenborg or to Douglas at aliciadoug@aol.com. More information regarding the planned events of the Still Nifty at Fifty Festival will soon be posted on the Franklin High School website.

Franklin's history reaches back into the Baby Boomer Generation and proceeds through Generation X, Generation Y and the Facebook Generation. In the fall of 1962 after five years of planning and construction, Franklin's first principal, David

Amerman, officially opened the doors of Livonia's newest school. Prior to that time, there was a burgeoning student population, and Bentley High School could not accommodate the excessive number of students.

During the 1961-62 school year, Bentley students and the newly identified Franklin students attended classes at Bentley High School and shared the facilities at the Bentley campus. Bentley students attended classes in the morning, and Franklin students attended classes in the afternoon. The Franklin administrative offices were temporarily set up at Five Mile and Hubbard and were affectionately known as the 'A & W Stand.'

In September of 1962, sophomore- and junior-level students entered the new building on Joy Road and in June of 1964, Franklin celebrated its first graduating class. Since that time, Livonia Public Schools has opened two additional high

schools (Stevenson in 1965 and Churchill in 1969) and Bentley was closed in 1985. Now, 50 years later, more than 23,000 graduates have raised high the banner of red and blue and proudly proclaim themselves as Franklin alumni.

The Alumni Reception will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the school auditorium and will feature a speaker's forum to share historical anecdotes. Yearbooks will be on display and building tours will be provided for alumni who want another stroll down the hallways. During half-time of that evening's football game, there will be a special program with Patriot memories and music. An alumni tent will be set up near the football field and it will serve as a connection center.

According to Willenborg and Douglas, Franklin High School has been filled with many high-flying personalities and many electrifying moments. "Benjamin would be proud!" they said.

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Alleged petition fraud may extend back to previous McCotter campaigns

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

It appears Thaddeus McCotter's campaign fell short of signatures to nominate him in previous congressional campaigns, indicating the alleged signature fraud may extend prior to this year's congressional race.

Four staffers — Don Yowchuang, Paul Seewald, Mary M. Turnbull and Lorianne O'Brady — were charged with a total of 13 felonies and 21 misdemeanors in connection with petition signature fraud this year.

Attorney General Bill Schuette indicated at a press conference on Aug. 9 in which he announced

the charges that the staffers likely did the same thing in 2008, using 2006 signatures. Schuette did not issue charges for 2008, he said, because the statute of limitations ran out.

At least two media organizations have analyzed the nominating petitions provided by Practical Political Consulting of East Lansing and reported that McCotter fell short of the 1,000 required validated signatures to run in 2010. One of them, the *Detroit Free Press*, found that McCotter's campaign did not obtain the minimum signatures in 2008.

Practical Political Consulting, which provides

voter lists for candidates, had in its possession McCotter's nominating petitions between 2002 and 2010, which were obtained by several news outlets, including the *Observer*. The petitions exceed 800 pages in length.

Jim Daggy, a data archivist with Practical Political Consultants, said he completed a "cursory flip-through" of the documents, but had not completed a formal analysis of the documents. He found white spots near dates where it appeared that White out had been used at the election year at the top of the petition.

The *Free Press* found that 2002 and 2004 peti-

tions had few duplicates, but in 2008, at least 67 of the 177 petition pages submitted were either copies or had been doctored by cutting and pasting dates from other documents onto the petitions. In 2010, at least 73 of the 167 pages turned in were duplicates, which would have invalidated more than 1,000 of the signatures. In 2012, both the cut-and-paste and duplicate tricks were used.

Daggy was surprised at what he called the "progressive brazenness" from 2006 to 2008. "I can spot visual red flags and there were white spots or White out and some records never had any background color," Dag-

gy said, indicating that those were photocopies.

A message was left with former McCotter spokesman Randall Thompson. Repeated attempts to contact McCotter have been unsuccessful since his resignation on July 6. In a statement after the charges were announced on Aug. 9, McCotter thanked the attorney general and his office "for their earnest, thorough work on this investigation."

Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Schuette's office, said the office had obtained the electronic copies of the petitions. Yearout said the office wasn't anticipating additional fraud charges from the new information as

the statute of limitations has passed.

"We are reviewing the information, and we could present this information in court to present a pattern of behavior," Yearout said.

Yearout said the investigation continues and that more interviews are being conducted. "If we find other laws were broken, we could file additional charges later," Yearout said.

McCotter was not charged. On Aug. 9, Schuette said his office "did not have specific, direct evidence" of his involvement.

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Court dates set in petition fraud case for former McCotter staffers

By Ken Abramczyk
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A preliminary examination was set for Sept. 27 for one of Thaddeus McCotter's former staffers accused in the signature fraud involving the Congressman's nominating petitions.

Mary Melissa Turnbull, 58, of Howell appeared for a pre-exam conference Thursday in front of Judge Dennis Drury in 52-4 District Court in Troy. The court set Sept. 27 as the preliminary examination date at the request of Turnbull's defense attorney, Robert Kostin.

Turnbull, a district representative, faces two charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia was charged Wednesday in 16th District Court in Livonia with five counts of falsely



Turnbull



O'Brady



Seewald



Yowchuang

signing a nominating petition as circulator. Each count is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

O'Brady stood mute before Magistrate Dennis Epler and a plea of not guilty was entered on her behalf. O'Brady was

released on a \$1,000 personal bond.

Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills faces 17 charges: 10 counts of election law forgery, a five-year felony; one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor

or punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Paul Seewald, 47 of Livonia faces 10 charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Pleas of not guilty were entered for

Seewald and Yowchuang at their arraignments on Aug. 10.

O'Brady, Yowchuang and Seewald are each scheduled for a pre-exam on Sept. 18 and a preliminary exam on Sept. 20 in 16th District Court.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette alleges that these four members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a

deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot. Schuette revealed examples of petitions that were allegedly manufactured electronically by transposing signatures collected in previous election years onto 2012 nominating petitions.

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Fair is back as Great Lakes State Fair

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The return of a state fair to Michigan, now known as the Great Lakes State Fair, received another boost last week when Bright House Networks announced it will be backing the event as the presenting sponsor.

"With a new name and a new venue, the Great Lakes State Fair is preparing to reclaim its historical importance as the nation's oldest fair. Our presenting sponsorship symbolizes our commitment to help make it a great experience for everyone who attends," said Bob McCann, president of Bright House Networks, the sixth largest owner and operator of cable systems in the U.S. It serves more than 2.5 million customers who subscribe to one or more of its video, high-speed data and voice services.

The four day-event will be held from Friday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 3, at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue in Novi. The exposition, convention and conference center is owned and managed by Blair M. Bowman and offers approximately 320,000 square feet of space.

"We are thrilled to have Bright House join us in the effort to revive Michigan's State Fair tradition," said Bowman. "Bright House brings with it a vast amount of cross-promotional capabilities and resources that will help to make the event successful and enjoyable for those who

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The following is the complete schedule of day and evening entertainment events for the Great Lakes State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi Aug. 31 through Sept. 3.

Friday: 11 a.m. Kidz Klez (traditional Eastern European); 1:30 p.m. Stray Saints (alternative rock); 3 p.m. Gratitude Steel Band (inspirational); 4:30 p.m. KayLyn Pace and the KayLyn Pace Band (country); 7 p.m. Annabelle Road

Saturday: 11 a.m. Six Foot Poles (classic rock); 12:30 p.m. Michael Stefaniak (multi-instrumentalist); 1:45 p.m. Detroit Soul Men (Blues Brothers tribute band); 2:45 p.m. Paige Bolen (soul, rock, jazz and pop); 4 p.m. Tim Reeves (saxophonist); 7 p.m. Jill Jack

Sunday: 11 a.m. Gratitude Steel Band; 12:30 p.m. The Last; 2 p.m. Jeff Taylor Band; 3:05 p.m. Men of Grace; 4:15 p.m. Azusa Street Band; 7 p.m. David Shelby

Monday: 11 a.m. Jennifer Lawson (guitarist); 12:15 p.m. Saline Fiddlers (youth show band); 1:45 p.m. Marvin Thompson Jr. and Friends (jazz and soul); 3 p.m. Lyin' Dogs Band (moonlighting medical professionals); 4:15 p.m. John Phillips (country)

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In addition to the announcement of Bright House's sponsorship, GLSF also unveiled the full schedule of live music, including three of Michigan's best-known Americana-style acts — Annabelle Road, Jill Jack, and David Shelby — to perform during three nights of evening entertainment from 7-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, through Sunday, Sept. 2. "Our entertainment lineup includes some of the most distinct local performers providing energizing performances that will appeal to attendees of all ages throughout the entire fair," said Kent Roberts, vice chairman of the Great Lakes State Fair Board.

2 Stones Events handled the booking of the headliners.

Led by front woman Amanda Bailey, Annabelle Road will kick off the evening entertainment on Friday night with a sound that uniquely combines the styles of Carrie Underwood, Johnny Cash and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The following night

will feature the winner of 33 Detroit Music Awards, singer/songwriter Jill Jack and her band. Since the late '90s, in addition to performing with her own band, she has served as the opening act for a long list of prominent performers including Bob Seger, Emmylou Harris, Marshall Crenshaw, Chris Isaak, and Loretta Lynn.

On Sunday evening, David Shelby (www.davidshelbymusic.com) will perform songs that reflect his love for Nashville, the history of country music, and his gritty "Rock On!" sensibilities which are pure Detroit.

In addition to the evening acts, daytime performers have been booked by Studio B to provide musical entertainment throughout the four days of the fair, including a Sunday Gospel festival.

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Mosque meal aims for understanding

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Delivering an embracing Ramadan message inside the Canton Mosque, Mohammed Tayssir Safi, the Muslim chaplain for the University of Michigan, said the Islamic religion is often wrongly perceived as excluding certain people.

"It doesn't matter what race or ethnicity — it accepts everyone," he said.

Safi's message of tolerance came Thursday evening as the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs marked the waning days of Ramadan, the holiest month of Islam, by inviting people of all faiths to share a sunset meal that ended a day of fasting for Muslims.

Canton-based Muslims sought to promote understanding and tolerance by teaching that Ramadan is a time to strengthen ties to God, partly by fasting and avoiding sex from dawn to sunset so



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Mohammed Tayssir Safi talks about Islam and its relationship with other religions. He is the Muslim Chaplain and teacher of the Arabic language at the University of Michigan.

that attention can be given to their faith.

"It's that traversing a path toward God," said Safi, who teaches Arabic at U-M and who was formerly the Canton Mosque's youth coordinator.

The mosque's latest community-outreach effort followed earlier events such as a 9/11 observance last September and clothing drives to help area families in need. The gathering came as Muslims across America continue to face discrimination and violence

in places such as Murfreesboro, Tenn., where a mosque finally was set to open this week after years of opposition and court challenges, and in Joplin, Mo., where a second fire deemed suspicious destroyed a mosque.

Muslims misunderstood

Even though Muslims believe in God, often called Allah, Safi said they have become increasingly misunderstood in recent years.

Yet, he said Muslims want to worship God, help their communities and raise their families. "They're like everyone."

Local Muslims hope to promote understanding by hosting community gatherings. Thursday's meal drew an estimated 45 people, and Muslims are trying to figure out how they can draw larger crowds.

Canton mother of two Sarah Mohiuddin said Ramadan signals a time to remember God and bring together the community and families.



Sarah Mohiuddin says she is teaching her children the need to help others.

"It's a time of year when we do a lot more prayer and a lot more remembering of God," she said. "It's a time to help the poor and to give to the people you love."

Mohiuddin sought to instill a sense of giving to her children Hamza Syed, 6, and Sumayya, 3, by working with them to make baskets of brownies, cupcakes and dates to give to others. Dates are significant because they are typically the first food to break the Ramadan fast.

Forgiving others

Canton resident Khaled Almadhoun, 20, said Ramadan is a time to fast and "purify your life" because "when you're fasting, you become more peaceful and more forgiving" of others.

Another Canton resident, 27-year-old Muhi Khwaja, summed up his thoughts on Ramadan by calling it "a time to inter-

nally reflect on how we can be better in every way."

As Safi gave his address, images of Ramadan prayers and celebrations from around the world flashed on a screen. Upstairs in the Canton Mosque, scores of Muslims bowed on a carpeted floor and prayed to God.

Safi said many Americans mistakenly believe that Muslims only recently came to the United States. He said it is believed that 15-20 percent of slaves who were brought here were, in fact, Muslim.

"It's a revisionist history to think that we're new here," Safi said, though the next wave of Muslims only occurred after the civil rights era of the 1960s.

Safi said the word Islam means to submit to God, and he said it contains three foundations: outward worship, a belief in God, and spirituality that involves purification of one's self.

"Muslims are called to be good citizens," he said.

To that end, local Muslims have vowed to continue to reach out with good deeds from the Canton Mosque to the larger community. They hope their efforts can lead to better understanding not just during Ramadan, but year-round.

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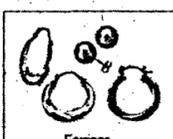
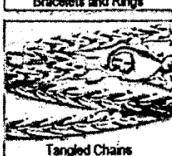
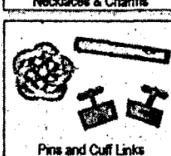
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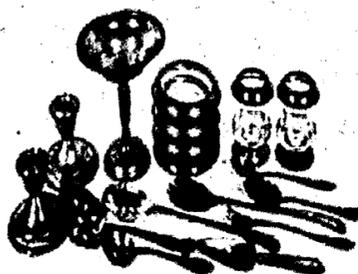
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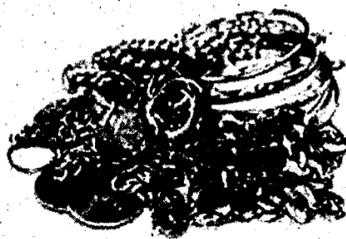
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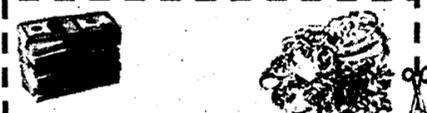
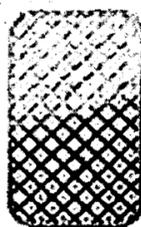
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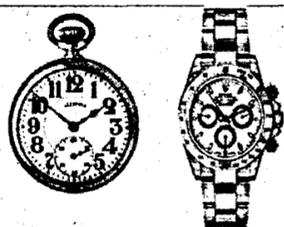
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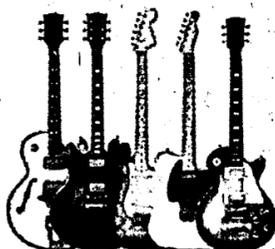
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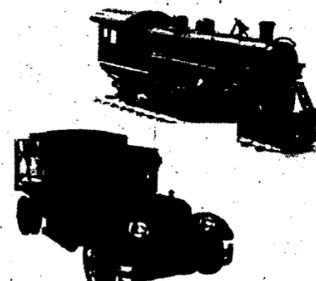
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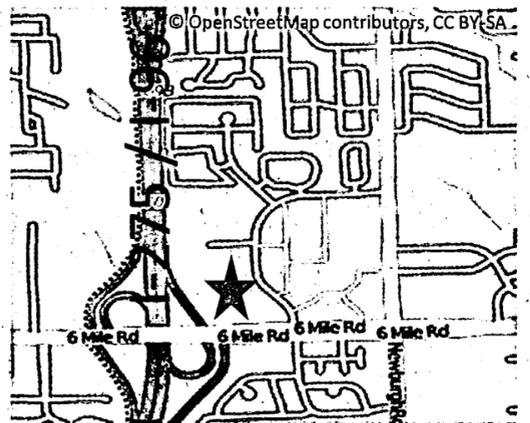
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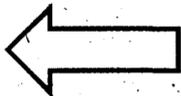
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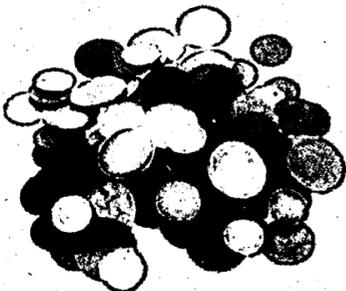
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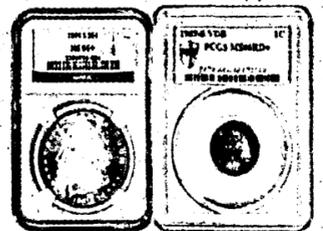
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Piano forum benefits teachers, students

This is the time of year when many parents begin searching for a piano teacher for their child who has expressed an interest in learning to play. The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum is a great resource for individuals looking for the right piano teacher and an invaluable organization for piano teachers.

Founded in 1970, the LAPTf members are

teachers from all over the metro Detroit area who have a variety of backgrounds and experience. The LAPTf meets monthly from September to May.

Every meeting features well-respected guest speakers who share their expertise. Some of this year's features include Shortcuts to Effective Teaching, presented by Helen Kerwin, LAPTf member, a Masterclass

with Flavio Varani, Steinway Artist and Brazilian concert pianist, and the year concludes with a recital by several of the member's students who have received awards for piano performance excellence.

Meetings are held at different locations, including the Steinway Gallery in Commerce Township, Evola Music Center in Canton, Schoolcraft Col-

lege and Madonna University in Livonia.

The LAPTf is a dynamic group of men and women who share an interest in piano and music education.

LAPTf President Margarete Thomsen said "without hesitation, I can say that the biggest benefit of being part of a group such as LAPTf is the support of the members and exchange of ideas among

local independent piano instructors. Our students, in turn, benefit from this constant growth."

Teachers interested in joining the LAPTf or visiting a meeting, are encouraged to contact membership chairpersons Amy Bonser at Amy@ExceptionalMusicLessons.com or Shannon Maclellan at Shannon.Maclellan@hotmail.com.

Students of LAPTf

members have the opportunity to participate in community outreach recitals, judged performance events for students at all levels, collaborative concerts and testing events. Visit www.laptf.org for more information on these and other opportunities. Individuals interested in finding a piano teacher should contact Amy Bonser for a list of referrals.

AROUND WESTLAND

Dine and donate

Inspire Theatre will be holding "The Show Must Go On" fundraiser Monday, Aug. 27, at Buffalo Wild Wings, at 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Twenty percent of all food purchases, accompanied by a certificate, will be donated to the theatre between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Actors also will be on hand between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. for autographs and to pose for pictures.

A link to the coupon can be found on Twitter at twitter.com/InspireTheatre/.

Inspire theatre also will hold auditions Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 20-21, for its upcoming production of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*.

Auditions will be 7-9 p.m. Needed are five men and three women, ages 18-80. There will be cold readings. Actors should bring schedule conflicts, arrive before 7 p.m. and plan on staying the entire two hours.

Inspire Theatre is housed in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

Movie premiere

Join writer Mark A. Knudsen and director Daniel Knudsen for a spe-

cial Michigan premiere of the film, *Creed of Gold*, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Warren Road Life and Light Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

The film follows three college students as they investigate this shadowy secret group of individuals who influence national economies for personal advantage. For centuries, this group has manipulated finances around the world and is now using the Federal Reserve to undermine the U.S. economic situation.

Tickets cost \$8. Seating is limited, and after Aug. 27, tickets will cost \$10. For tickets or more information, email Gerry at the box office at forsalegw@gmail.com.

No coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will not be hosting his monthly coffee hours in the month of August. Coffee hours will resume in September.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306, or email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

529 Plan offers great flexibility for college expenses

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I have a 529 Plan for my grandchild, who will start graduate school in the fall. He didn't need the money for undergrad, but needs it for graduate school. Do I assume there is no problem using this money for graduate school? In order to withdraw the money, what type of paperwork and supporting documents will I need to provide the 529 company? I'm not sure it matters, but I don't have the Michigan plan.

A: There is no problem using the proceeds from the 529 for graduate school. That is one of the great benefits of the 529 Plan; you have flexibility as to when you can use the money.

In that regard, there is no one right answer when to use the money because it depends upon a number of factors. These include potential scholarships, availability of

loans, tax credits (such as the American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning) and other tax issues.

As to the paperwork, you need to provide the 529 carrier. Generally, it is relatively simple and straightforward. Most 529 companies do not require you to provide any backup documentation. However, they do require that you complete a form and indicate whether the money is for a qualified education expense.

Documentation

The great majority of 529 companies do not require any backup documentation. That, however, does not mean that you do not have to have the documentation. In the unlikely event that you are audited, it is possible that the IRS will ask for documentation of any withdrawal from the 529 Plan. As long as the money withdrawn is for a qualified education expense such as room and board, tuition, books and required fees, there should be no problem. These expenses are known as qualified expenses and so upon

withdrawal of the money there are no tax consequences.

If money is withdrawn for non-qualified expenses, then there would be some tax issues.

Bottom line is you don't need to have any documentation, however, you want it in case you are audited.

Talking about taxes on 529 Plans, when you do withdraw money, whether it's a qualified or non-qualified expense, you will generally receive a 1099Q. This is an informational document and it is up to you to determine if there are any tax consequences. Remember, if it's for a qualified expense, there would be no tax issues.

Great way to save

Investing in a 529 Plan is a great way to help your child or grandchild pay for their post high school education. However, keep in mind that not all 529 Plans are the same. Like any type of investment, I like low-cost and commission-free. 529 Plans like the Michigan Education Savings Plan or plans through Fidelity

and Vanguard are also commission-free and have very low expenses. Unfortunately, many of the plans that are now sold by financial salespeople contain high commissions and high ongoing fees. Avoid those plans. After all, the goal is to help a loved one with their college education, not to make a financial salesperson rich. Therefore, before you invest in a 529 Plan, make sure that you review it for all fees charged.

It is also important to recognize that some 529 Plans restrict where the money can be used. The plans I recommend allow you to use it for any public or private institution in the country. I believe in giving people more flexibility, not less. When you shop 529 Plans, primarily focus on the performance of the investment. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



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Life Remodeled recipients: 'It's more than just a home'

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

The Goodwins will never forget the first time they pulled into their driveway.

Escorted to their new home in a slick, black SUV, the Goodwins were greeted by a crowd of about 100 smiling faces. The crowd had cameras in hand and sent cheers ringing through the summer air, to welcome Brad, Ann and Maeli, 6, to their new home.

The Goodwins were selected to receive the 1,200-square-foot, 2-bedroom ranch from the Life Remodeled, a Westland-based non-profit group that led the six-day building project at 21337 Rensselaer in the Old Towne area of Farmington Hills.

Volunteers worked around the clock from Monday, Aug. 6, through Saturday, Aug. 12, to complete the house. It's the fourth home built in the metro Detroit area by Life Remodeled. A fifth will start Monday, Aug. 20, in Redford Township.

Deserving family

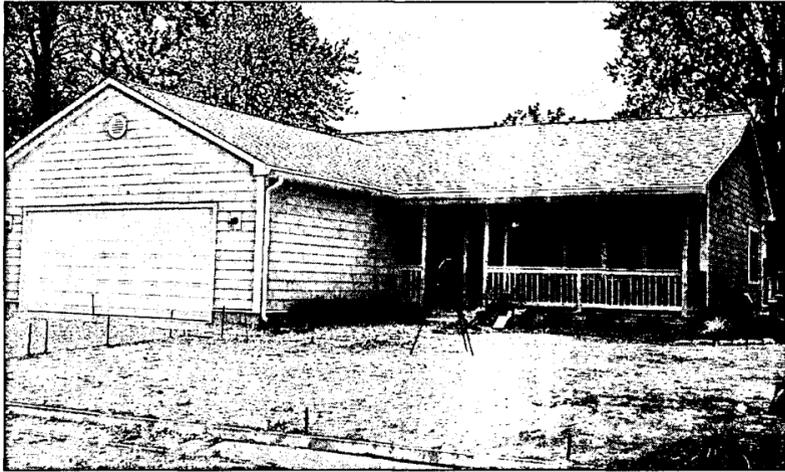
The Goodwins have struggled since Brad was severely injured in a construction accident four years ago. They lost their business and their home in Texas and decided to move back to Michigan. Ann is able to work full time at a dental office, but Brad, due to his back injury, cannot work or do many of the things he would normally do.

"We have been going through really hard times," said a tearful and thankful Ann, on Sunday, as the family was given the paperwork and keys to their house. "There really are no words to



PHOTOS BY STACY JENKINS

Ann, Brad and Maeli, 6, were escorted to their new house in a black SUV, which arrived to a crowd of cheering supporters.



This 1,200-square-foot ranch was built in six days by a large crew of volunteers in the Life Remodeled group.

describe what's happened to us. It's more than just a home for us, there's more that comes with this."

Life Remodeled is offering the family psychological counseling, financial counseling and spiritual support. After three years, if the Goodwins maintain the home, pay the taxes and insurance, the deed is signed

over to them for \$1. "You're giving us this priceless gift," said Brad. "All of the people we've met have just been the most stellar people you could ever meet. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have a home that we'll always have."

Shannon Hamill, of Redford, works with Ann and she's known her for

about 10 years. She said the Life Remodeled news came at just the right time for the Goodwins, especially Ann, whom she said was feeling

"emotionally and physically drained" lately. "I think she's just truly, truly amazing," said Hamill. "I'm just so happy for them. It's going to take so much pressure off of Ann."

A community

Labor, materials and furnishings were donated to the Life Remodeled project, which was supported by four local churches: Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills, The Crossing in Farmington, Oak Pointe in Novi and Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills. It's the fourth build for the Westland-based Life Remodeled, led by Chris Lambert, pastor of Eklesia Church in Westland.

"This build has been different from other builds, in the way that we focused on the neighborhood," said John Miller, co-lead, and member of Faith Covenant Church.

Two hundred volunteers worked on home and yard projects at 34 homes throughout the neighborhood, plus the Salvation Army, for three weeks prior to the house being built.

"People in the neighborhood are taking care of each other," said Sharon Manning, co-lead in charge of beautification.

Farmington Hills Mayor Barry Brickner said city leaders never imagined that the Life Remodeled project would spread throughout the neighborhood like it did. He personally helped out for six hours on Saturday.

On Sunday, he turned over the temporary certificate of occupancy to the Goodwins.

"A home is where you live... a home is where you love," said Brickner. "It's also a place of community. There was a lot of community in building this house."

"Welcome to your new home."

Lambert said God's presence was there, throughout the week.

"If there weren't miracles, this wouldn't be here," he said.

Miller agreed, saying God was "at the helm" of the project and they quickly learned that the best plans they could make were consistently changed for the better, by God.

"Our mantra throughout this project was 'pray,'" he said, noting prayers are needed for the Goodwins, for the neighborhood, the nearby Salvation Army, the supporters, workers and churches.

The Goodwins weren't the only ones who were deeply touched by the project.

"This week, I learned it doesn't matter where you go to church — I am part of one church that believes in one God and I have a big church family now," said Becky Wilson, of Farmington, who was the hospitality coordinator for the project. "Life Remodeled has remodeled me. It changed my life and I will never be the same."

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Housed in Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road, the preschool offers a toddler program, 3-year-old class, and a 4-year-old class.

Parents can stop by the open house with their child for a chance to meet the teacher and discover what the preschool has to offer. More information is available by calling (734) 261-2838 or online at www.gardencitycooppreschool.org.

Community free days

Stop by the Garden City Civic Arena in Garden City Park Monday, Aug. 20 and 27, for the Community Free Days.

The arena will be offering a free Learn to Skate program 5:30-6:30 p.m. with free skate rental, and information on fall programs. There also will be a Learn to Play Hockey

program 6:30-8 p.m. Hockey sticks and free equipment will be available to use, and the Garden City Squirt team will play a half-ice game.

Public skating will be available 8-9:30 p.m., with free skate and free admission. The concession stand will be open and at 9 p.m. the lights will be turned off and the glow lights turned on.

For more information, contact the garden city ice arena at (734) 793-1882 or visit the arena website at www.gardencitymi.org/civicaena.

East reunion

The Garden City East High School reunion of the classes of 1968 through 1973 will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Tickets cost \$60 per person and include appetizers, dinner buffet, open bar, DJ and dancing, pizza and coffee bar at 11 p.m. and memory book. Only 450 tickets will be sold. The deadline to purchase

tickets is Aug. 25. People who reserve tickets will receive a confirmation of payment within 10 days, which will serve as entry to the reunion.

A link to the reunion information and reservation sheet can be found on the Garden City (East) High School reunion page on Facebook. Checks should be made payable to Class Reunion 68-73 GC East.

Graduates from 1968 and 1971 can send their reservations to Pat Lyon Kubert, 6907 Kings Mill Drive, Canton, MI 48187.

Graduates from 1972 and 1973 can send their checks to Sue Cook Tasselmyer, 11901 Algonquin Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169.

Graduates from 1969 and 1970 can save a spot through Debi Cassidy Haller, 2108 Copley Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

No coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will not be hosting his monthly coffee hours in the month of August. Coffee hours

will resume in September.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306, or email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Fall Kick-Off

Save the date: Saturday, Aug. 25.

That's when Garden City High School will host a Community Fall Kick-off, showcasing its activities, clubs and sports in a spirited fun family atmosphere. Aspiring athletes will have a chance to meet the high school athletic teams and coaches and find out about the Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, DECA, PTSA, band and JROTC.

The kick-off will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the high school parking lot at 6400 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road.

Challenge Grant

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received finan-

cial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the City of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Outdoor Flea Market

An outdoor flea market is being held the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Saturday of the month

through September at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road.

The cost is \$15 for a 10-by-10-foot space, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations are accepted. The flea market is held outside at the Straight Farm House and is cancelled during inclement weather. Upcoming market dates are Aug. 11 and 18 and Sept. 8 and 15.

Call Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999 for more information.

Farmers Market

Come out and support the new Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 31 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Town Center Plaza. Also visit its new Facebook page at <http://gardencityfarmersmarketmichigan>.

Interested vendors can call (775) 303-1169 or (734) 422-4448 or send an email to gcfmm@gmail.com.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
August 27, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, August 27, 2012 at 6:58 p.m.** regarding the proposed ordinance amending §91.65 of the Code of Ordinances.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY

ORDINANCE NO: _____

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 91.65 OF CHAPTER 91 OF TITLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITED FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR POSSESSION BY MINORS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL AND ZONING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR IMMINENT DANGERS; PROVIDING FOR SEIZURE OF FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. FIREWORKS ORDINANCE
§91.65.

(A) **Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except when context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Act means the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Act 256 of 2011, and any amendments to the Act which may, from time to time, be adopted.

APA standard 87-1 means 2001 APA standard for construction and approval for transportation of fireworks, novelties, and theatrical pyrotechnics, published by the American pyrotechnics association of Bethesda, Maryland.

Articles pyrotechnic means pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction but not intended for consumer use, that meet the weight limits for consumer fireworks but are not labeled as such, and that are classified as UN0431 or UN0432 under 49 CFR 172.101.

Consumer fireworks means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks does not include low-impact fireworks.

Display fireworks means large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designated to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1.

Fireworks means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consists of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

Low-impact fireworks means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

Minor means an individual who is less than seventeen (17) years of age.

National holiday means the following legal public holidays:

- (1) New Year's Day, January 1.
- (2) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the third Monday in January.
- (3) Washington's Birthday, the third Monday of February.
- (4) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.
- (5) Independence Day, July 4.
- (6) Labor Day, the first Monday in September.
- (7) Columbus Day, the second Monday in October.
- (8) Veteran's Day, November 11.
- (9) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.

(10) Christmas Day, December 25.

Novelties means that term as defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all the following:

- (i) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.
- (ii) Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come into contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.
- (iii) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.
- (iv) Toy snakes not containing mercury, it packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

Person means any individual, agent, legal representative, association, charitable organization, church, non-profit organization, unincorporated organization, labor organization, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or any other entity or organization. An individual shall include a minor as defined in this article.

Public property means property dedicated and appropriated to the public use.

Public use when used with reference to land reserved for that purpose, means and relates to uses for the general benefit of the public, such as schools, libraries, public institutions, government buildings, government parking lots, parks, boulevards, playgrounds, streets, roads, highways, alleys, sidewalks, bike paths, trailways, easements and sewers, public lighting, water, gas, or other similar utility installations, structures and grounds.

Special effects means a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture, radio, television, theatrical, or opera production or live entertainment.

Visibly intoxicated means exhibiting impairment due to the voluntary ingestion of alcoholic liquor of ones mental and/or physical faculties, which impairment is apparent to the reasonably observant person.

(B) Fireworks: Prohibitions.

(1) **Consumer fireworks.** A person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday, provided that a person shall not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in violation of the Act and/or this article.

(2) **Low Impact and Novelty Fireworks.** A person shall not use, ignite or discharge low impact or novelty fireworks between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(3) **Illegal fireworks.** A person shall not use, possess, or discharge fireworks in violation of the Act.

(C) Minors.

(a) A minor shall not possess, use, discharge or ignite any consumer fireworks, at any time, nor on any day, including national holidays, and the day before and day after a national holiday.

(b) A minor shall not use, discharge, or ignite any low impact fireworks or novelty fireworks, unless under the supervision of a parent or guardian, and the use, discharge and/or ignition is within permitted hours, and does not violate the provisions of this article and/or the Act.

(D) General Restrictions.

(1) Unless specifically authorized, no person shall use, discharge or ignite fireworks, including consumer fireworks on public property.

(2) No person shall use, discharge or ignite any fireworks within twenty (20) feet of an open flame, a burner, gasoline, ignited gas or electric grill, or in any enclosed structure, garage, tent, or shed, or under any canopy, or overhanging cover, of any nature.

(3) No person being visibly intoxicated due to the voluntary consumption of alcoholic liquor as that term is defined under the State of Michigan Motor Vehicle Code shall use, discharge or ignite fireworks, anything by this ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

(4) No person shall either individually or in concert with another person, cause damage to any private or public property by the use, discharge or ignition of any fireworks.

(5) No person shall use, discharge or ignite consumer fireworks within two hundred (200) feet of a residential structure.

(6) No person shall create litter by using, igniting or discharging fireworks.

(E) Applicability of General Ordinances.

Nothing in this article or in the Act shall preclude the enforcement of ordinances prohibiting conduct that is secondary or incidental to the use, discharge, or ignition of fireworks.

(F) Zoning Ordinances.

Any person selling, distributing or transporting fireworks shall otherwise comply with the Act, and is required to comply with the zoning ordinances of the City, including obtaining necessary approvals thereunder. Failure to obtain necessary zoning approvals is subject to penalty as provided in the code of zoning ordinances of the City.

(G) Imminent Dangers.

Notwithstanding the Act, no person shall use, discharge or ignite fireworks thereby creating or causing an imminent danger or threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, as reasonably deemed by the Fire Marshall, and such fireworks being used, ignited or discharged may be immediately seized.

(H) Seizure.

All fireworks used, discharged, and/or ignited in violation of the Act and/or this article are subject to seizure. Any costs incurred by the City to seize and store the fireworks shall be paid by the responsible party.

SECTION II. PENALTY.

(A) A violation of this article is a civil infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, plus the costs of prosecution.

(B) Following final disposition of a finding of responsibility for violating this article, the City may dispose of or destroy any fireworks retained as evidence in that prosecution.

(C) In addition to any other penalty, a person that is found responsible for a violation of this article shall be required to reimburse the city for the costs or storing, disposing of, or destroying consumer fireworks that were confiscated by the City in accordance with this article.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Schuette crime bill passes House Judiciary

Attorney General Bill Schuette's central crime legislation, known as Violent Offense-Fourth Felony or VO-4, has passed from the Michigan House Judiciary Committee. The VO-4 plan allows prosecutors to require a minimum 25-year sentence for certain repeat criminals who have committed four felonies while progressing to more violent crimes.

Schuette's team, led by Director of Public Affairs Rusty Hills, testified at Wednesday's hearing and was joined by Linda Nehasil, widow of Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil, Detroit Police Officer Arthur Matthews, Saginaw County Prosecutor Mike Thomas and Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz. The committee report-



FILE PHOTO

Terry Bowling, under Attorney General Schuette's proposal, would have faced a possible minimum of 25 years in prison after his fourth conviction for armed robbery in 1999, which occurred more than 10 years before Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil was killed in the line of duty. Bowling was convicted of second-degree murder in the Nehasil case.

ed a house version of the bill by a vote of 11-

1, with three members abstaining. The legislation now heads to the House floor for consideration.

"Today the House Judiciary Committee advanced legislation drafted to target the worst of the worst: repeat violent offenders," said Schuette. "This legislation will break the cycle of violent crime by removing the most dangerous offenders from our streets."

"Public safety is the first priority of government, and VO-4 moves the needle in a positive direction, toward safer communities."

Senate Bill 1109, introduced by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge), would implement the VO-4 sentenc-

ing reform by strengthening Michigan's Habitualization Law. The legislation targets the worst repeat violent offenders by establishing a prison sentence of at least 25 years for a select group of repeat violent criminals convicted of a serious violent crime after being convicted of three prior felonies, at least one of which was a violent assaultive crime.

During his testimony, Hills gave examples of convicted murderers with long rap sheets who would have been behind bars and been unable to commit murders had the tougher VO-4 sentencing provision been in place at the time of their fourth felony conviction. Hills highlighted the case of Terry Bowl-

ing, 49, who was recently convicted of second-degree murder and other crimes for his role in a home invasion that resulted in Officer Nehasil being killed in the line of duty last year. Prior to facing the second-degree murder charge, Bowling had six felony convictions and nine misdemeanors. Under Attorney General Schuette's proposal, Bowling would have faced a possible minimum of 25 years in prison after his fourth conviction for armed robbery in 1999, which occurred more than 10 years before the death of Officer Nehasil.

Schuette has repeatedly pointed out that the cost of crime — physical, mental and monetary to victims, fam-

ilies and communities — is immense. A study published online by the National Institutes of Health estimates that just one murder creates approximately \$8.9 million in victim costs. Using their methodology, conservative estimates suggest that Michigan faced approximately \$710 million in victim costs for its 556 reported murders in 2010 alone.

VO-4 is endorsed by Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Police Officers Association of Michigan and Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, among others.

Detroit Zoo offers free senior day

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo on Senior Day, Wednesday, Sept. 5.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., seniors age 62 and older and a caregiver will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad.

Senior Day will feature live music, tractor train tours, bingo and a senior resource area. The day's activities will also include zookeeper talks highlighting some of the zoo's

senior animal residents.

The fall Senior Day is one of two free days for tri-county seniors held annually at the Detroit Zoo in appreciation for voter approval in 2008 of a ballot proposal to fund the Zoo.

The Detroit Zoo is at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. It's open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day (with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day

after Labor Day through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is \$14 for adults age 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens age 62 and older, and \$9 for children age 2-14. Children under age 2 are free.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday April through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. Admission is free.

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A father's fight

Man says son wrongly accused of murder

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Bernie Pyne's life used to be like that of the typical Huron Valley resident.

Weekdays spent on the job to provide for his wife and kids. Family dinners at home each night. Church on Sunday. Simple, ordinary, pleasant.

Problems were managed, troubles kept under control — including the mental illness which had plagued his wife, Ruth, for several years.

In early 2009, life changed.

Ruth's illness began spiraling out of control as she went through extended periods refusing to take the medication that had kept it at bay.

Over and over and over again, as Ruth's behavior ranged from bizarre to aggressive, Pyne resorted to calling police for help. Ruth would end up hospitalized, forced to take her medication, then sent back home.

Until the next time.

It was an extremely stressful and difficult period, Pyne said, as mental illness dug in its claws and robbed the family of normalcy.

Yet it couldn't touch the love that held them together, he said. That was rock solid, impenetrable.

Then, May 27, 2011, Pyne's world came crashing down in a most violent, grisly way. Ruth — his wife of 32 years and mother to his son Jeffrey and daughter Julia — was found murdered in the garage of their Highland Township home.

Gone was the woman who had helped him build a family, a home, a life.

Gone was the woman who had caught his eye in high school, captured his heart soon after and never let it go.

When Ruth's life ended, so did life as he knew it.

Adding to his heartbreak was knowing she had died in a most brutal way — at the hands of someone else.

As Pyne grieves the loss of his wife — and as he recalls words she spoke to him early in their relationship — he's haunted by feelings of shame and embarrassment, and the sense that he let her down.

"Ruth had said to me once, 'I will always make you laugh, and I will always be safe with you,'" Pyne said, his eyes welling with tears. "As

a man, this is the most emasculating thing — to have your wife murdered. It's a torment."

"I still can't believe this happened — it's unimaginable," he added. "Whoever did this to Ruth destroyed the entire family."

'A tender heart'

Detectives with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office say they know who killed Ruth Pyne. They blame Jeffrey, the couple's first-born.

An indictment from Oakland County's citizens grand jury last October led to the arrest of the then-21-year-old college student. Charged with first-degree murder, he's been jailed since, awaiting a Sept. 10 trial date.

The allegation is the most gravest of errors, Pyne said.

"This was an overzealous rush to judgment, right away," he said. "It's very easy to jump to the conclusion that the police are right. But my son is not capable of this. He would never do this."

Jeffrey, he said, "is a tender heart," who never showed any aggression to his mother. They were extremely close, he said, and "did not argue or fight."

Ruth was arrested for "violent incidents" involving Jeffrey in 2009 and 2010 — a slap across the face and grabbing him around the throat, Pyne said. Yet too much has been made of this, he said.

"I hate it that Ruth has been portrayed as a monster," he said, noting Jeffrey wasn't harmed in either case and never struck back.

"If anything, he felt bad for his mom because of her illness," Pyne said.

Diagnosed in her late 30s as bipolar with psychotic features, Ruth generally kept the condition under control with medication, Pyne said. But periodically, she'd decide she didn't need the drugs and not take them. Within weeks, signs of the illness would surface, such as laughing for no reason, talking under her breath, not sleeping for days and paranoia. Pyne said he was especially scared for Ruth when she started to believe someone had implanted a tracking device in Julia.

Those were times when he sought help from police — not because she had hurt anyone or



Charged with first-degree murder, Jeffrey Pyne has been jailed since last October, awaiting a Sept. 10 trial date.

there was an imminent threat that she would, but because she needed intervention to force her to take her medication, he explained. In one instance, police put Ruth in jail rather than have her taken to the hospital like they had for pre-



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Bernie Pyne insists his son Jeff is falsely accused of murder. He said his family was devastated by the death of his wife Ruth and the subsequent arrest of Jeff.

vious calls to the home. She did, however, end up hospitalized in that case, due to a subsequent court order.

Widespread support

Pyne said there is a strong faction of people — neighbors, co-workers, friends and members of both his and Ruth's fam-

ilies — who stand alongside him proclaiming his son's innocence.

"I've never had anybody come up and insinuate that they think Jeff did this," he said.

Pyne said he lives "every day wanting to know who did this. And it's not comforting at all to know the police went

in the wrong direction. Until you are in the system, you can't comprehend what it's like," he said.

Yet for those who conclude this is simply a case of a parent refusing to believe his child could commit such a he-

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Labor Day: Is it nearly here?

Where did the summer go? Although seen by many people as the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of the new school year, Labor Day was created to be a celebration of the American worker.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in New York City in 1882. In 1894, Congress passed an act naming the first Monday in September a legal holiday. There was to be a street parade to show the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community. Then there would be a festival for the workers and families. Although the methods may have changed, the message has always been the same—to celebrate the backbone of the country, the American worker.

The labor market has taken hard hits the last few years with the cur-



rent unemployment rate at 8.3 percent. Michigan has been one of the hardest hit states—it now ranks 12th in unemployment rate (8.6 percent).

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has resources to help you make smart choices when entering or re-entering the job market. Some titles you might want to look at include R. William Holland's *Cracking the New Job Market*; Dennis V. Damp's *Health Care Job Explosion*; Laurence Shatkin's *150 Best Jobs*

for *Your Skills and Top 100 Careers Without a Four-Year Degree*; and Richard Nelson Bolle's *Job-Hunter's Survival Guide*.

Bolle's *What Color is Your Parachute* is the quintessential guide to finding what career best suits you. The library also owns a wide variety of resume and cover letter books to fit almost any job situation.

If you need help looking for a job, filling out applications or working on your resume, the library's Job Seeker Lab is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday. A librarian will be there to assist you.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, noon-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Rescheduled - Writers BBQ: 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22

The Writers Groups at the Westland Public Library invite all group members and interested writers to join us for a BBQ at Merriman's Hollow on Hines Drive (Hawthorn Park Drive and Merriman). The library will provide BBQ chicken, chips, and soft drinks. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to pass. To RSVP a spot, email Andy at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org

Pop-up History Movie: 6 p.m. Aug. 22

Join us for a trip to one of the more scandalous events in professional baseball's history, as we view *Eight Men Out* about the 1919 White Sox players who took bribes to throw that year's World Series. Hear about the implications on the game and view some pop-up history (courtesy of historian, Jeff

Koslowski) while watching the movie. A questions and answer session will follow. Everyone welcome.

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. Aug. 22

This month we will be discussing Dan Chaon's *Await Your Reply*. Miles Cheshire is searching for his twin brother, Hayden, who has been missing for a decade. He disappeared after a house fire killed their mother and Miles suspects that his brother may be responsible for her death. Lucy Lattimore, an 18-year-old who has lost her entire family, skips town with her high school teacher and is soon involved in a dangerous scheme. Ryan Schuyler, whom is thought to be dead, leaves his college life behind to start over. He soon becomes a master at stealing identities, a trick he learned from his own father, a man who he thought was his uncle. Lim-

ited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk. Everyone welcome.

Fantasy Football Draft: 6:45-8:30 p.m. Aug. 23

Fantasy Football is back! Join the Westland Library's head-to-head league for a chance at monthly, mid-season, and season-ending prizes. Our fantasy league draft occurs tonight from 7-8:30 p.m. (the starting time is prompt, so make sure you're on time). We'll have pizza, pop, and party favors for all participating teams. If you're interested, sign up in advance at the Reference Desk or send an email to: andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org. Space is limited. Team managers are welcome to review Fantasy Football magazines at the Reference Desk up to and after the draft. Just bring your library card or picture ID.

Writers Club: 7 p.m. Aug. 23

PYNE

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nous act, Pyne insists that the killer has yet to be caught.

He references a sighting of a hoodie-wearing stranger walking through his backyard and other yards in the neighborhood four days before Ruth's murder. A woman who lives nearby saw the young man and called police.

"She said he was sinister-looking, and scared her," Pyne said.

Oakland County Under-sheriff Mike McCabe, however, said Jeff's arrest followed a "complete and thorough investigation."

"There's no doubt in my mind that Jeff is the responsible party in this. The judge and jury will decide where it goes from here," McCabe said. "It's sad and tragic. But there's no doubt in my mind that we have the right person in custody."

Facing challenges

Along with mourning his wife and his unrelenting determination to "get Jeff home," Pyne must also deal with the day-to-day aspects of running a household. Until the tragedy, his was the more traditional male role in the family—the main breadwinner working as an automotive engineer, while Ruth was a stay-at-home mom, handling the cooking and cleaning and most of the other house-

hold chores.

Now, Pyne has taken all of it on—admitting that he doesn't even attempt to rival Ruth's talents. He keeps up the house the best he can, and if a meal is "adequate and nutritious," it's good enough for their table.

Following Ruth's death, plenty of people pitched in to help with "the transition," he said. "Now, Julia and I are basically doing it on our own."

Once a deeply religious man, Pyne admits his faith has been compromised by the course his life—and his family's life—has taken. He's also faced with a "financial burden beyond comprehension" to pay for Jeff's defense.

And then there is the challenge of helping 11-

year-old Julia cope with the loss of her mother and—at least for now—the loss of a brother. The two siblings were very close, he said, and never had disagreements.

For the most part, Pyne said he hides his pain from Julia. "I try to keep it to myself, to not show it to her. Other times, I do let her see what it has done to me," he said.

Julia has attended the only one of Jeff's court appearances, deciding not to return after seeing her brother in custody. "It tore her up to see her brother like that. She just broke down," Pyne said.

For now, Julia is "doing OK," he added. "We do talk about it, about what happened. But we don't understand it."

Jeffrey shares a jail

cell with nine others, and spends his days reading and exercising, Pyne said.

"His (attitude) has been pretty good through this," he said. "Jeff knows he didn't do anything and that justice is going to prevail."

Pyne visits Jeffrey at the Oakland County Jail every chance he gets—usually once a week. He struggles with the thought that his son, who he said has never been anything but gentle and caring and never had a fight in his life, now lives amongst "hardened criminals."

"I miss him tremendously," he said.

With just weeks before the trial is set to begin, Pyne said he is "going to trust the Lord will

have the truth come out" and that Jeffrey will be acquitted. "Otherwise, none of this makes any sense," he said.

"(Before this), I was just a family man. While (other men) were out enjoying golf, I was traveling to Jeff's basketball games or other activities. We did everything together as a family. And my family has been destroyed."

"I lost my wife, who was just a wonderful beautiful woman, a great mom and a great wife. But the focus now is to get Jeff home," he said. "We're getting on with life the best we can, picking up the pieces and trying to get Jeff home."

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In what was a case of overstatement, a bus proclaims Woodward as its destination at Nine Mile in Ferndale. But for the driver of the classic car in front, and others who lined the artery that is as vintage as the vehicles it carried Thursday night, there was no mistaking where they were.



Bringing beverages and lawn chairs, a bevy of people took to the public areas, and not-so-public areas, along Woodward to watch cars and cruisers.

By Sandra Armbruster
Staff Writer

There was nary a frown among the crowds who lined Woodward from Pontiac to Ferndale last week as they basked in the pleasant weather and warm memories built on the cars that defined their coming of age.

While Dream Cruise was officially on Saturday, the ribbon cutting and the Berkley Cruise-Fest were Friday night. But the truth is that Dream Cruise draws people from throughout the world to what arguably can best be described as the ultimate show-and-tell event.

A classic car show at the Royal Oak Historical Society and a special program at the Berkley Library last week cel-



For the ultimate show and tell experience, Phil Hatzos of Berkley brought his 1976 Chevette to display on Woodward. He has had since high school.

brated the history of Woodward and the cars that cruised to places like Ted's on a Friday or Saturday night.

And cruise again they did all of last week, as cars lined up in any vacant spot that could accommodate them,

with their owners grinning with pride and eager to share where their cars came from, and how they have been rebuilt and maintained.

They remembered the fins on rear bumpers that boys, bored with the day's lessons,



Tim Marshall checks out a 1956 Dodge Coronet.

would draw in class. They remembered the Love Bugs, as VWs were known, with a flower vase, flower upholstery and the four bolts that held the engine in place.

And they remembered the Ford Falcon that carried them to finals in a snow storm, the Maver-

ick that rusted and the Plymouth Volare that lasted for 127,000 miles.

It was a week to recall their shared experiences, and a week to share in the camaraderie and cars that make the Dream Cruise an attraction.

A week is but a

moment in time, but once again, just for that moment, metro Detroit was again the automotive capitol of the world. We had the cars to show it, and we would tell anyone who would listen.

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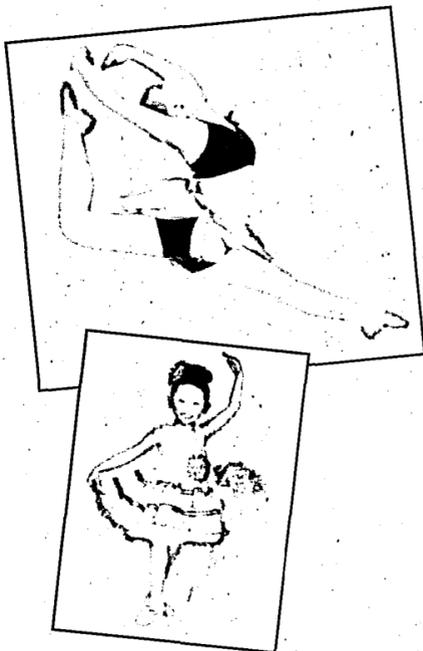
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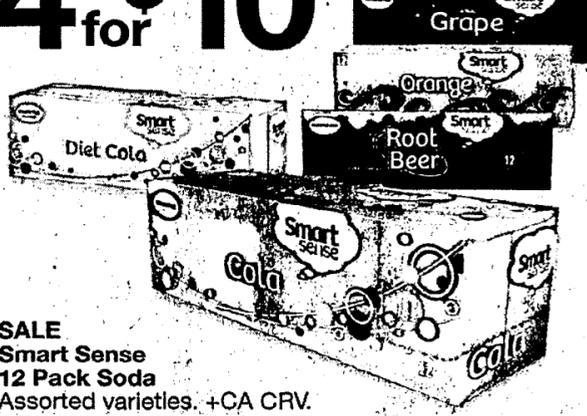
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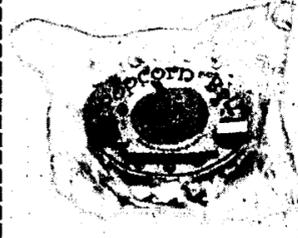
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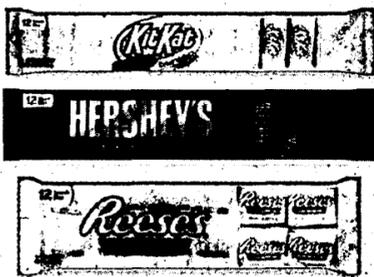
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SPORTS

New soccer coaches face off in opener

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

"Under new management" is the new buzzword with the 2012 boys soccer season fast approaching.

When Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson tangle in Monday night's season opener, both benches will feature new varsity coaches.

After 14 years at Stevenson, Lars Richters stepped down to coach the Under-16 Crew Soccer Academy Wolves full time.

His replacement is Ken Shingledecker, who has enjoyed success in the girls ranks coaching the past five seasons at Livonia Ladywood.

Stevenson finished 14-7-1 last fall and captured its



Grodzicki Shingledecker

ninth district championship under Richters, who compiled an impressive 232-46-23 overall record, including Division 1 state runner-up finishes in 2006 and 2008, along with two other Final Four appearances.

Shingledecker, however, lost his best returning player to the Crew Soccer Academy in senior forward Zach Atwood, now listed as a team

manager. Atwood, headed to the University of Detroit in 2013, scored 17 goals and added 10 assists while earning honorable mention All-State, team MVP and All-Observer honors.

Stevenson's top returnee is senior forward John D'Agostino, a second-team All-Observer pick.

Meanwhile, former Stevenson player Matt Grodzicki takes over for Reid Friedrichs at Churchill, which is coming off an 11-7-3 season.

Friedrichs coached the Chargers for 12 years (151-85-29 career record) before bolting in June for the Warren DeLaSalle job.

Grodzicki, who served as Friedrichs' longtime assistant, scored the game-win-

ning goal for Stevenson in the 1991 state Class A championship final.

He'll bring a defensive-minded approach to the Chargers' attack this fall as he returns second-team All-Observer senior forward Mike Murphy.

And for the first time in 21 years, Lutheran High Westland will have a new coach in Bob Regan, who takes over for Rich Block.

Regan served as Block's assistant and inherits a team that finished 7-12 a year ago.

Block compiled a 228-148-34 record, including a trip to the Division 4 state finals in 2004.

Wayne Memorial also has a

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Register for O&E tourneys

Registration continues for the annual Observer & Eccentric Hometown Media golf tournaments starting with women's event, which is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 26, at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

The 36-hole medal play men's event follows Sunday, Sept. 2, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Monday, Sept. 3, at Whispering Willows golf courses.

The final signup day for the women's 18-hole medal play event is Sunday, Aug. 19. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart) and you must have a U.S. Golf Association handicap index.

Entries for the men's tourney, limited to the first 120 golfers, close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27. The entry fee is \$95 (does not include cart). To participate you must have a USGA index handicap (maximum of 20).

The men's event also includes a 17-and-under boys junior division. The entry fee is \$49.

You can register in person at Whispering Willows, located at 20500 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com; or call (248) 476-4493.

Girls golfers open season

The 2012 prep girls golf season opened Thursday with Birmingham Seaholm scoring 322 team total to capture the Highest Invitational held at Huron Meadows in Milford.

Rounding out the top 10 in the 24-school field was Farmington Hills Mercy, 340; Novi (Green), 342; South Lyon, 343; Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 345; Northville, 365; Davison, 354; Canton, 365; Grand Blanc, 369; and Grosse Ile, 373.

Livonia Stevenson placed 15th with a 387.

Mary Peltz took 38th overall with a 91 followed by Kelsey Duntley, 95 (48th); Laura Shureb, 63rd (98); Jessica Crachiola, 79th (103); and Alyssa Blaszkiewicz, 95th (111).

Churchill took 21st with a 426 total led by Maggie McGowan's 46th-place finish with a 94.

Other Churchill scorers included Jackie Burdette, 48th (95); Maddie Spooner, 100th (115); Claire Rose, 109th (122); and Katie Shereda, 110th (125). Canton's Kelsey McDougall took individual medalist honors with a 75.

Thirst 5K run

The Thirst For Life 5-kilometer walk-run will be Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, Livonia.

The 5K walk-run will benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. followed the race at 9 a.m.

For more information and obtain a registration form, visit www.ThirstForLife5k.org.

Spartans ready for turn-about

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Uncharacteristically, Livonia Stevenson's football program has recently taken its fair share of lumps.

The Spartans are coming off back-to-back losing seasons (3-6 and 2-7) for the first time since 1991 and 1992. But second-year coach Matt Fielder is confident that the Spartans can turn their fortunes around in 2012.

It starts with a new mindset.

"We've had a couple of down years," Fielder said. "Can our kids believe and get us back to where we should be as far as playing Stevenson football? That's the question. Can we rise above the last couple of years where we've been down?"

Stevenson may have been down, but they're not out.

Joe Mims begins his third year as the starting quarterback and Fielder believes the 6-foot-1, 175-pound senior can regain the form of his sophomore season.

Why is Mims better?

"It's his decision-making," the Stevenson coach said. "Just mechanically as far as his reads and progression, and how to react in a bad situation. We've really tried to work on that."

Devin Kelly (5-11, 180) got valuable experience last year in the backfield as a sophomore and has the potential to thrive this fall.

"We've got experience coming back — three starters on the offense who were sophomores, who are now juniors who have improved and developed," Fielder said. "We have some help skill-wise from the JV team coming up this year, too."

Kelly, along with senior offensive linemen Matt Rodey (6-2, 276) and Giovanni D'Agostino (6-0, 205) give the Spartans renewed hope that they can exceed their 16-point per game output of a year ago.

"All three of those guys have been there," Fielder said. "Last year we didn't have a lot of game experience, but these guys know what to expect and I think that's going to have an

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Stevenson will rely on the leadership this season from senior captains (clockwise, from top left) Joe Mims, Matt Rodey, Devin Kelly and Cody Coleman.

Speed demons

Clarenceville quick on both sides of ball

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

After losing three close games in the closing minutes a year ago, Livonia Clarenceville's 2011 football team could have easily been 6-3 rather than 3-6.

The Trojans, who will play this season once again as an independent, have only one singular goal as they embark on the 2012 season — get six wins and make the postseason playoffs.

Coach Ken Fry's 32-member varsity squad could be up to the task if everything falls into place. And there's one thing the Trojans won't be lacking in.

"What we've noticed is that we have good speed," said the third-year coach. "That's probably our overall strength. Even our linemen are quicker than they've ever been since I've been here."

Fry has two capable quarterbacks to depend on in seniors Zach Kubiak and Austin Douglass.

"We're going to spread it out and try and capitalize on our speed a little bit more," Fry said. "We've had Zach Kubiak



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Senior Zach Kubiak returns as Clarenceville's quarterback. The Trojans, independent, are coming off a 3-6 season in 2011.

as our quarterback the last two years, so hopefully he's more comfortable, but he's feeling a little more pressure from Austin Douglass. We're going to try and throw the ball a little bit more and see how that happens."

If one starts, the other will be some place else in the offensive scheme of things.

"We may use both in the

backfield, you never know," Fry said. "It could be a little Denard (Robinson) and (Devin) Gardner type thing going because they're both really good and they're both really quick."

Expected to carry much of the offensive load this season is 5-foot-11, 185-pound tail-

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Lady Ocelots retool roster, eye nationals

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Everything went according to plan for last year's Schoolcraft College women's soccer with one exception.

The Lady Ocelots went 15-0-2 in their first 17 games, only to be denied by host Delta College in the NJCAA Region XII championship game, 5-3, on penalty kicks after the two teams played to a scoreless draw through the first 120 minutes.

That loss kept the Lady Ocelots from going to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in Brevard, Fla.

Eight players remain from that 2011 squad, which captured the first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association title with a 6-0 record.

Returning sophomore starters include forward Lauren Badalamente (Woodhaven), midfielder Emily Behnke (Warren Cousino), defender Rachael Eklund (Utica Eisenhower), midfielder Kayla Szado (Livonia Churchill) and

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 23
 Wat. Mott at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
 L. W'sld at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.
 Bradford at C'ville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. North., 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Monday, Aug. 20
 Wayne at RU, 5:30 p.m.
 N.B. Huron at C'ville, 6 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 21
 Luth. W'sld at L. N'west, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 C'ville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 S. Lyon at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
 Ypsi Lincoln at Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 L. W'sld at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
 RU at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
 Steve. at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 21
 Thurston at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 Mercy Inv. at Wixom, 8 a.m.
 Franklin at N'ville Quad, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
 Greenhills Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
 Portage Northern Inv., 8 a.m.
 Ladywood Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
 Mich. Luth. Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
 W.L. Central Inv., 8:30 a.m.
 Airport Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 25
 South Lyon Invitational at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 25
 Mercy Invitational at Livonia Rec. Center, noon.
GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Aug. 23
 Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday, Aug. 21
 Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 City Quad at Stevenson, 9 a.m.
 RU at Wayne, noon.
 John Glenn at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
 RU at Franklin, 10 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
 RU at John Glenn, 10 a.m.
 Churchill at Howell Quad, TBA.
Saturday, Aug. 25
 Stevenson Quad, TBA.
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Monday, Aug. 20
 Ladywood at Saline, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 Ladywood at Regina, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
 S. Heart at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 21
 St. Francis (Ill.) at MU, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 Spring Arbor at MU, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
 (UM-Dearborn Early Bird) MU vs. Georgetown, 3 p.m.
 MU vs. Daemon, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
 (UM-Dearborn Early Bird) MU vs. St. Xavier, 10:30 a.m.
 MU vs. Point Park, 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 S'craft at Northwood, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
 MU at W. Ontario, 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
 MU at Fanshawe, 1 p.m.
 S'craft at Sag. Valley, 5 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

Kick-started

Revamped Crusaders seeking success

By Brad Emons
 Observer Staff Writer

When it comes to the Jeff Hodgson era, this is the year the Madonna University women's soccer team is expected to turn the corner.

Coming off 6-9-1 and 3-6-7 seasons, the third-year MU coach believes his 2012 squad has all the ingredients to put together a winning formula.

"Of the three years I've been here this is obviously the strongest group yet that we have had," Hodgson said. "The first two years were kinda look-and-see approach and now this year we need to have some success."

Despite losing eight players to graduation, including assist leader Diana Brda (13) and starting goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (1.84 goals and .727 save percentage), Hodgson is confident the Crusaders can challenge near the top of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and improve upon their 1-4-1 mark.

First-team All-WHAC selection Ashley Parent, a sophomore forward from Amherstburg, Ontario, tallied a team-high eight goals a year ago.

She'll form a potent one-two punch up top along sophomore Katelyn Krysiak (Madison Heights Lamphere), who finished with 17 points.

"Ashley is coming into camp pretty determined," Hodgson said. "I can probably see her getting more goals and more opportunities. And there's a girl next to her, Katelyn Krysiak, who had seven goals last year. Those two are a pretty dynamic combination for the WHAC."

Junior Amanda Ferrick (Warren Cousino), a second-team All-WHAC selection, will anchor the midfield.

"She probably didn't have her best year last year, but played great as a freshman," Hodgson said. "She came in in really good shape this year and the few scrimmages we've had she's done extremely well."

Senior Lauryn Dostilio (Sterling Heights) will once again lead the defensive corps.

"She knows the team is pretty good this year,"



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MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore forward Ashley Parent led the Madonna University women's soccer team last year in goal scoring with eight.

Hodgson said. "If she has a good year, and keeps our back in line, which is probably our strength, we'll have a good year."

Other returnees include junior midfielder Amanda Jenaway (Livonia Stevenson), who had four goals and four assists; junior forward Liliana Serratos (Dearborn), who added 11 points; senior defender Chelsea Budlong (Novi); junior midfielder Kristin Black

(Dearborn Heights Crestwood); senior forward Jackie Vaquera (Brighton); and sophomore midfielder Mo DeGrandis (LaSalle, Ontario).

Three incoming freshmen should also contribute immediately including defender Dayna Meloche (Amherstburg, Ontario), midfielder Jennifer Jurczak (Utica Eisenhower) and goalkeeper Blaire Schmalenberg (Cousino).

"Dayna is strong and athletic," Hodgson said. "She'll be on the backline. Jen is a crafty, little, fast midfielder that will play outside-midfield for us."

"All three will start, so all three will have an impact for us right away."

Hodgson also added Lindsay McMullen (Livonia Churchill), a junior defender from Schoolcraft College; junior midfielder Kelsey Littman, a transfer from Rochester

College; and sophomore Morgan Himanek (Warren Regina), a transfer from Wayne State.

"I'm sure we'll probably be up there, but obviously it depends on how the girls jell," said Hodgson, whose team opens its season Aug. 23 at Western Ontario. "That's a big factor on the women's team, how they get along on-and-off the field."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Glenn mat outing

The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Cheer clinic

The Livonia Franklin varsity cheerleaders will host a pair of skills clinics for ages 4-13 from 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, in the school's cheer room.

The fee is \$30 and includes a T-shirt, pizza party and game performance.

Participants will cheer at the home football game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Registration will be 5:30-6 p.m. Aug. 27.

For more information,

send an e-mail to bzybyzyb@yahoo.com.

LJAL girls hoops

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 23, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2).

Tryouts are open to anyone who reside in the Livonia Public School district.

For more information, contact coach Jennifer Sopko at jennifer_sopko@hotmail.com; or call (248) 854-4207; or coach Doug Freed at um24osu12@hotmail.com; or call (734) 634-5134.

Churchill softball

The Livonia Churchill girls softball program will stage a benefit golf outing Sunday, Sept. 30 at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Check-in for the four-person scramble is 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$75 (includes

golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Dinner only is \$20. Also included are longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, 50-50 raffle, door prizes and silent auction.

For more information, call George Salloum at (734) 558-1150; or email gsal2112@yahoo.com.

You can also call Roger Garvin at (248) 890-4506; or email raragar@aol.com.

Run, bike, golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealbert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization

Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

Archery range

Registration to obtain a pass for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range is under way at the Parks and Recreation desk, located at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

The range will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (through October); 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays (through October); 4 p.m. until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursday, September-October.

Resident season pass rates are \$25 (individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more members).

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new man at the helm in Jason Dean, who took over in early August after David Daigneau stepped down.

Dean, who helped elevate Garden City's boys and girls programs the past two seasons, also teaches at Wayne.

"It's going to take a couple of years, but the good thing is that we're pretty young," Dean said.

That leaves Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's Jim Ott (12th season), Livonia Franklin's Vic Rodopoulos (11th season), Livonia Clarenceville's Trevor Johnson (sixth season) and Westland John Glenn's Brian Tomlinson (third season) with the most experience among area boys coaches.

Franklin (7-11-2), with only six returnees led by senior midfielder Nick O'Brien, is rebuilding, while Glenn (9-11-1) could thrive if the backline and goalkeeping can support a talented cast of offensive threats led by midfielders Tyler Simpson and Carlos Santiago, along with forward Bobby Mason.

Clarenceville (4-15), led by speedy senior forward Ma Sambou Jatta, will remain an independent, while Huron Valley Lutheran (2-15) will vie again in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Matt Grodzicki, first year.
League affiliation: Kensington Lakes Activities Association Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 11-7-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Alex Jones (first-team All-Area); Austin Henson (second-team All-Area); Bryan Barnum, Tyler Reetz, Derek Ralls.
Leading returnees: Mike Murphy, Sr. F (second-team All-Area); Ryan Kobylarz, Sr. F; Colton Robison, Jr. GK; T.J. DeYoung, Jr. MF; Luke Otto, Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Patrick Adegbite-Martins, Jr. MF; Tyler Piotrowski, Jr. MF; Daniel Jones, Soph. MF.
Grodzicki's 2012 outlook: "The team has worked really hard in the off-season and my seniors have done a nice job leading the way so far. I think once the boys get used to my coaching style, and if we can play team defense, then I like our chances against anybody. We are not a team that is built to score four and five goals a game. We need to grind it out for 80 minutes and out-work other teams."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Vic Rodopoulos, 11th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-11-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Andrew Crechiolo (second-team All-Area); Craig Beebe, Gabe Edwards, Ryan Tikely.
Leading returnees: Nick O'Brien, Sr. MF; Ethan Fogle, Sr. Def.; Matt Freed, Jr. MF; Hayden Steinman, Jr. Def.; Jordan Bickham, Sr. F; Jerome Schlaff, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Hunter Farren, Sr. GK; Faris El-Kidani, Jr. F; Eric Beith, Jr. Def.; Daniel Koponen, Jr. MF; copper Kean, Jr. MF; Sean Hiles, Jr. MF-F; Stephen Barczuk, Jr. MF-F; Spencer Lewandowski, Jr. GK; Greg Bo, Jr. Def.; Zach Brokaw, Soph. Def.; Nick Curtis, Soph. Def.; Jeremy Sheppard, Soph. Def.; Robert Jiga, Soph. MF.
Rodopoulos' 2012 outlook: "With only six returning players, we are certainly a new squad. With that being said, each one of our players brings something positive. We have been working hard all summer and have developed good chemistry. Though we are young, we will certainly be competitive."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Ken Shingledecker, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 14-7-1.
Titles won last year: Division 1 district champs.
Notable losses to graduation: Jeff Thomas (first-team All-Area); Darren Sacks (second-team All-Area); Zack Zukowski, Alex Vrzovski, Chris Liepa.
Leading returnees: John D'Agostino, Sr. F (second-team All-Area); Dominic Sabatini, Sr. MF; Beh Stromberg, Sr. MF; Tom O'Brien, Sr. Def.; Zack Verant, Sr. GK; Brian Smith, Sr. Def.; Billy Werthman, Jr. Def.; Ryan Schifano, Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Austin Rynicki, Soph. Def.; Jesse Culp, Jr. MF; Gino Dorazio, Jr. MF; Andres Fermin, Sr. F; Danny Irish, Sr. Def.; Josh Fryzlewicz, Jr. MF; Anthony Gilmore, Jr. MF; Tyler Gregory, Jr. MF; Joey DeMarco, Sr. F; Mike Bolin, Jr. GK; Aiden Huerta, Jr. Def.; Clayton Greenwood, Jr. F; Rob Newman, Jr. F; Kevin Puninske, Sr. F.
Shingledecker's 2012 outlook: "There are only eight returning players from last year's varsity team, so we're dealing with a little bit of inexperience issues right out of the gate. The returning players have done a nice job of making the transition to a

new coach a smooth process. Early on it looks like we will be strong defensively and in the middle of the field. We will lean on John (D'Agostino) and Ryan (Schifano) up top to provide a good majority of our goal scoring. We are working towards being a contender in the KLAAs this year and a factor come state tournament time."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Brian Tomlinson, third year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 9-11-1.
Titles won last year: Ypsilanti Lincoln Tournament.
Notable losses to graduation: Austin Valentine (second-team All-Area); Justin Bean (second-team All-Area); Caleb Samborski.
Leading returnees: Tyler Simpson, Sr. MF; Bobby Mason, Sr. F; C. Alex Isaevski, Sr. MF; Eric Cheek, Jr. Def.; Madalin Pop, Sr. Def.; Jimmy Merdani, Sr. F; Austin Hartford, Jr. Def.; Frank Kenne, Sr. Def.; David Issacs, Sr. Def.; Akshay Kommana, Jr. F; Dan Savor, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Carlos Santiago, Soph. MF; Derek Mershman, Soph. Def.; Justin Sanders, Jr. F; Ryan McCarthey, Sr. Def.; Andrew Doyle, Jr. MF; Jeff Luke, Sr. GK; Adam Valentine, Soph. GK; Jacob Damien, Soph. Def.
Tomlinson's 2012 outlook: "We're looking to attack. We changed up our system this year a little bit. We have so many talented attackers that we think we can get some points this year and that's very important for us. We have some skilled guys and some veterans, but we have a lot of new guys on the defensive side of the ball. With our goalie I'm looking for consistency and looking for somebody that can start of the attack."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Jason Dean, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 4-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Sean Kunde (second-team All-Area); Kevin Diehl, Jacob Charron, Zack Huffman.
Leading returnees: Noah Karson, Soph. F; Sheldon Crumme, Sr. Def.-GK; Xhesjan Zaimi, Sr. MF; Martin Ballah, Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Nam Nguyen, Soph. F; James Herdon, Soph. MF.
Dean's 2012 outlook: "We're working on possessing the ball better throughout the field instead of kicking which ever way. We're trying to change the culture from when you get into those type of situations—they've just been so used to just kicking the ball throughout the whole entire field where they played very little possession. So our emphasis is keeping control of the ball and really improving the first pass of each of the players, so in order to play the possession, you have to make sure to keep the ball at your feet. Hopefully that will transition into better overall team chemistry. I love to get a couple of wins, and from there we can continue to build."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Trevor Johnson, sixth year.
League affiliation: Independent.
Last year's overall record: 4-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Alan Zhen.
Leading returnees: Ma Sambou Jatta, Sr. Sweeper-MF; Matthias Hoffmann, Sr. MF; Alec Jones, Sr. MF-

Stopper; Ian Bunker, Sr. MF; Dave Vandekerckhove, Jr. MF-F; Evan Gregg, Jr. GK.
Promising newcomers: Austin Alford, Fr.; Elijah Spens, Fr.; Joshua Nimmo, Jr.; Jake Immonen, Sr.
Johnson's 2012 outlook: "The outlook for this season is positive. After a rough 2011 season, we have plenty of potential this season. With a plenty of hard work, aggression, and commitment, and with the leadership of my nine seniors, this season can be a success. These guys remember how hard last season was. Their work ethic and desire to win will dictate how far we will go in the post-season."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Bob Regan, first year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: 7-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Mitch Boehm (first-team All-Area); Seth Whitehouse, Taurrek Fikes, Matt Sankey.
Leading returnees: Ernie Babon, Sr. MF; Brandon Wyman, Sr. Def.; Walter Gembarski, Jr. MF; Nick Flanery, Jr. Def.; Daniel Roberts, Jr. F; Noah Huffman, Soph. Def.
Promising newcomers: Andrew Galindez, Soph. Def.; Aaron Wentzel, Soph. MF; Mitchell Meyer, Soph. GK; Bobby Sprague, Fr. MF; Jordan Williams, Fr. GK.

Regan's 2012 outlook: "With the return of (Grosse Pointe Woods) University-Liggett, the MIAC Blue division now has nine teams and might be the strongest league in Division 4, anchored by defending state champion (Allen Park) Inter-City Baptist. We're expecting some important help when our four international students arrive; hopefully in time to be available for our third match. Until then, some underclassmen will have to play some big minutes for us. We'll be using a new player at the keeper position for the fourth straight year, but the good news is we don't have to convert a field player as we have in the past. When our full team is eventually in place, would should be able to compete with anyone on our schedule. We have a great leader on the field this year in senior Ernie Babon."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Jim Ott, 12th year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 2-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Thomas Gutierrez, Nate Kemppainen.
Leading returnees: Justin Howell, Sr. F; Brian Blackwood, Sr. F; Adam Hodgson, Soph. GK; Enit Olojo, Soph. MF; Jake Kemppainen, Soph. Def.; Kyle Schaffer, Sr. MF; Brett Skywalker, Sr. MF; James Brown, Jr. Def.; Sam Evans, Soph. Def.; Eric LeClerc, Soph. Def.; Emily Barnum, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Zach Wheeler, Fr. F; Nick Smith, Jr. MF; Jeremiah Stockdale, Fr. F.
Ott's 2012 outlook: "We want to try and compete in our division, but we're pretty young and pretty small. It's going to be interesting to see how Justin (Howell) and (Zach) Wheeler play together. Both have scoring capabilities along Blackwood. The defense is an area of concern. We lost both Thomas (Gutierrez) and Nate (Kemppainen), so we're going to have some people switch roles. Our goalkeeper (Adam Hodgson) is good, pretty quick and not afraid of anybody. He's a tough hockey kid."

COLLEGE

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defender Anthoula Papaioannou (Riverview).

They are joined by holdovers Megan McDonald, a sophomore defender from Churchill; Alejandra Mesa, a midfielder from Livonia Franklin; and Kelly Twigg, a sophomore forward-midfielder from Churchill.

"We definitely want to defend the league championship, and play at the high standard that Schoolcraft is known for," said Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman, now in his eighth season. "We have a great balance of veteran, savvy players with a fresh group of highly skilled and enthusiastic freshmen."

Shivraman has added 14 freshman including local products Rachel Blackney (Churchill), a center-midfielder; Lisa McMullen (Churchill), midfielder-defender; Danielle Schendel (Canton), goalkeeper; Alexis Smith (Franklin), goalkeeper; and Shannon Merritt (Livonia Stevenson), outside-midfielder.

They hope to make up for the loss of Sam Zirelli (Texas A&M); Ashley Welch (University of Detroit Mercy); Lindsay McMullen (Madonna Univer-

sity) and Renee Boudreau, the latter three whom earned All-Region 12 and All-MCCAA honors.

Rounding out the squad are first-year players Taylor Bunyak (Anchor Bay), forward; Tara Gessler (Brighton), goalkeeper; Samantha Jarrett (Northville), midfielder; Hunter Jarrecki (Grosse Ile), defender; Madison Kobylak (Lapeer East), forward-midfielder; Erin McKay (home schooled), midfielder; Chelsea Meador (Warren Mott), defender; Sydney Popiel (Dearborn Divine Child), center-midfielder; and Alexes Walker (White Lake Lake-land), center-midfielder.

"It's a luxury to have three keepers," Shivraman said of Gessler, Smith and Schendel. "Each brings something special to the table."

The Lady Ocelots launch their season at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Northwood University.

"It's matter of how quick our new players can assimilate to our Schoolcraft soccer culture and learn and be able to operate within our systems of play and performance," Shivraman said.

"With women's soccer, one of the key things is to establish strong team chemistry and we are striving to do that on a daily basis."

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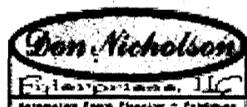
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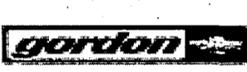
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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Clarenceville.
Head coach: Ken Fry (third year).
League affiliation: Independent.
2011 record: 3-6.
Notable losses to graduation: Romel Wright (second-team All-Area), Shawn Cummings, Kassius Kelly, DeJuan Smith.
Returning starters: Jalen Bryant, Jr. TB (5-11, 185); Austin Douglass, Sr. QB-LB (5-11, 185); Zach Kubiak, Sr. QB-DB (6-0, 185); DeAnthony Price, Sr. OG-LB (5-11, 180); Drake Taylor, Jr. OL-DL (5-10, 270); Kimani Dooley, Jr. WR-DB (6-3, 170).
Promising newcomers: Brandon Beverly, Sr. OL-DL (6-3, 235); Brad Davis, Jr. TE-DL (6-5, 191); Brandon Uren, Jr. LB-FB (6-0, 200); Ma Sambou Jatta, Sr. K/P (6-3, 160).
Fry says: "(Depth) is a major concern even though we have a lot of front line players. This year we have more linemen than anything else. We have about 15 overall. But the depth is a major concern - because if the injuries start to happen, which it always is."
2012 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 23 (Southfield Bradford Academy); Aug. 30 (at Redford Union); Sept. 7 (at Macomb Lutheran North); Sept. 14 (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest); Sept. 21 (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Sept. 28 (at Riverview Gabriel Richard); Oct. 5 (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook); Oct. 12 (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep); Oct. 19 (Dearborn Heights Annapolis).

TROJANS

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back Jalen Bryant, who takes over for the graduated Romel Wright, who averaged 5.5 yards per carry.

"We're going to try and get the ball to Jalen as much as we can," Fry said. "He's just got tremendous speed and is a really good kid. We have some good wideouts we feel that can help us, too, with Kimani Doolley and even Austin (Douglass), even Zach (Kubiak) himself. We plan to spread it out quite a bit."

Senior DeAnthony Price (5-11, 180) will help solidify the offensive line along with junior Drake Taylor (5-10, 270).

Price, the team's top returning leading tackler with 50 solo and 60 assists. He will get help from Farmington Hills Harrison transfer Brandon Beverly, a 6-3, 235-pound senior tackle who can play both ways, along with junior defensive lineman Brad Davis (6-5, 191) and junior linebacker Brandon Uren (6-0, 200), a standout from the JV squad.

"The defense, as always, is always ahead of the offense,"

said Fry, whose team yielded 21 points per game last season. "We'll be very quick, a lot of good guys. I think we're going to be stronger defensively this year than we were last year."

Clarenceville's schedule is divided into three different segments with three opponents from the old Metro Conference, three from the Catholic League and two from the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. The Trojans open 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 at home against charter school Southfield Bradford Academy.

"It really hurts our kids as far as awards at the end of the year through all-league and everything," Fry said of his team's independent status. "We're almost in the Catholic League it seems like. It would be nice to get into the lower half of the C-D (Division) of the Catholic League. A lot of the schools we've played before in the Metro (Conference) being back with Lutheran Northwest, Cranbrook and Lutheran North. And we should have a good rivalry with Redford Union because a lot of our kids know their kids, too."

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Clarenceville will look to (standing, from left) DeAnthony Price, Austin Douglass and Zach Kubiak, along with (kneeling) Jalen Bryant this season.

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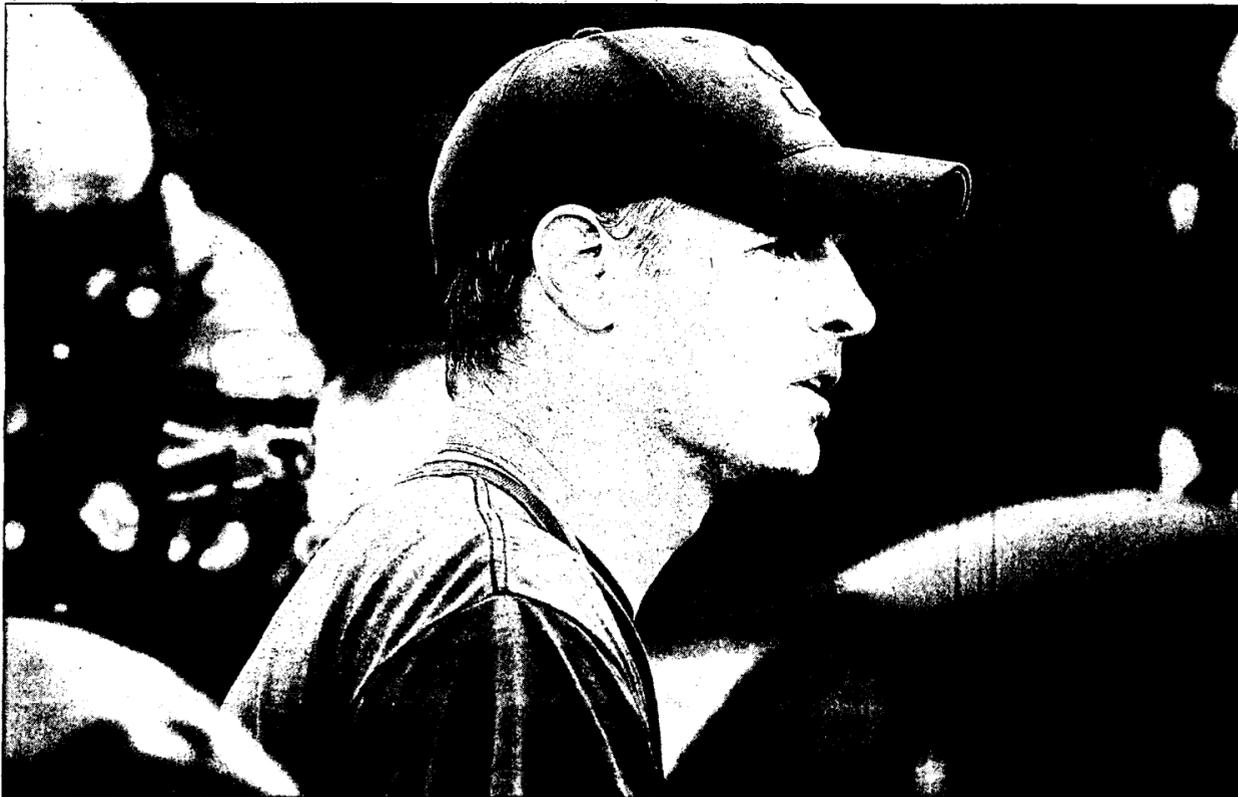


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Stevenson second-year coach Matt Fielder feels a lot more comfortable entering the 2012 season.

SPARTANS

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impact on our offense. Just the general overall leadership is stronger. We have four or five guys there that have been there and done it. "I think we can have good balance. I think we'll have a good complement to our passing game and I think we can have a pretty strong run

game." While Stevenson's offense sputtered throughout 2011, the defense also struggled giving up a total of 270 points in nine games (30 per game). The Spartans' secondary is solid paced by defensive backs Cody Coleman (5-9, 160), Rodey and Kelly, the latter whom moves over from line-backer. "It's a strength," said Fielder, whose team opens the sea-

son Friday, Aug. 24, against Livonia Franklin. "You have communication, you have guys with game experience. A lot of guys were seeing time both ways. Those core guys are the leadership on both sides of the ball." But it's been a learning curve for the defense as well, Fielder cautions. "We've had time to learn the system and learn the scheme," he said. "That's made a big dif-

ference. "We have a group of kids that want to get to the ball and flying around. We had a lot of young guys last year playing defense, too, and now they're returning and they understand the system. They've been playing in the system for a year. We're ahead of where we were last year."

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FAST FACTS

School: Livonia Stevenson.
Head coach: Matt Fielder (second year).
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
2011 record: 2-7.
Notable losses to graduation: Kevin D'Arcy (first-team All-Area); Tony Wilson (second-team All-Area); Kenning Brichford, Joe Scott, Josh Damesworth.
Returning starters: Devin Kelly, Sr. RB-DB (5-11, 180); Joe Mims, Sr. QB (6-1, 175); Tommy Orlich, Sr. RB-DB (5-6, 160); Cody Coleman, Jr. SE-DB (5-9, 160); Giovanni D'Agostino, Sr. DL-OL (6-0, 205); Matt Miller, Sr. LB (5-11, 190); Dom Ferrara, Jr. LB-RB (5-11, 190); Mitch Deacon, Jr. DB-SE (6-1, 170); Matt Rodey, Sr. OL-DT (6-2, 275); Jake Kelley, Sr. LB (5-11, 175); Adam Wheeler, Sr. TE-DB (6-3, 207).
Promising newcomers: Danny Pocalujka, Jr. TE-DL (6-0, 214); Ryan Edding, Jr. OL-DL (6-0, 270); Billy Bonanno, Jr. WR-DB (5-9, 150).
Fielder says: "We've had a very good start here, even in the offseason we've been very committed. The guys are doing everything I ask of them to get prepared. I feel pretty good of where we're at."
2012 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 24 (Livonia Franklin); Aug. 30 (at Walled Lake Central); Sept. 7 (South Lyon East); Sept. 14 (at South Lyon); Sept. 21 (at Northville); Sept. 28 (Novi); Oct. 5 (Salem); Oct. 12 (KLAAs crossover); Oct. 19 (at Livonia Churchill).

Custom fitted Lions team dentist donates to Churchill

Dr. Chester J. Regula, Jr., official team dentist for the Detroit Lions, is donating custom Class 5 mouth guards - the same as he creates for the NFL team to the Livonia's Churchill high football teams. The custom made, pressure laminated mouth guards are designed to help prevent a variety of costly injuries to players. "Safety of any child participating in sports is a major concern of mine and a driving force behind his donation and our practice," Regula said. "Students have shown these custom made guards to be the treatment of choice for any athlete." Regula feels so strongly about safety in sports that he provides his patients with a free Class 5 mouth guard each year. "Listen, I have two sons of my own who are heavily involved in hockey and I know they are getting the best mouth guard protection available on the market today," added Regula. "I want my patients to have that same advantage." Regula indicated that according to the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), almost one-third of all dental injuries are due to sports-related accidents. "When you look at the rehabilitation costs for a

knocked-out tooth, which over a lifetime, according to the AGD, can exceed \$15,000, it makes sense to get the best mouth guard protection for your child," Regula said. The American Dental Association states that the average athlete faces a one in 10 chance of sustaining a facial or mouth injury while playing sports. Any force applied to the lower jaw is transmitted directly to the base of the skull and the brain through the TM (jaw) joint, resulting in possible injuries to the jaw or even causing a concussion. Mouth guards blunt the force of impact caused by falls or contacts that occur during sports. Therefore, they are essential in helping prevent injury to the teeth, mouth, lips, gums, tongue, jaw joint and brain. They also help reduce or prevent the incidence of concussion by acting as a "shock absorber" for the brain. Preferred Dental Group hopes that programs like theirs will help parents and student athletes recognize the importance of using a custom made mouth guard. For more information on getting custom mouth guards, call Preferred Dental Group at (734) 591-3636.

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Making a difference

Former Livonia resident finishes first year in 'domestic Peace Corps'

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Katerina Sartori knew exactly what she wanted in her first job after college — and it wasn't big pay and benefits. "My main focus was to work with poverty and education. Those are my two big passions," said the Mercy High School graduate. "I applied to places all over the country ... Habitat for Humanity, domestic violence shelters, soup kitchens."

She found the job that she hoped would make a difference in kids' lives on the north side of St. Louis, Mo. One day after her graduation last year from Saginaw Valley State University, Sartori accepted an assignment tutoring first graders in reading. She packed her bags, said good-bye to her family in Livonia and began serving in AmeriCorps St. Louis.

"It's kind of like the domestic Peace Corps. There are multiple programs across the country. Our program in St. Louis is unique. We have an education team, which I serve on, and an emergency response team, which deals with tornado and fire." A third component,



Katerina Sartori, a former Livonia resident, says she enjoys tutoring youngsters in St. Louis, Mo. The Mercy High School graduate says she has always enjoyed helping others.

City-Wide Service Team, works out of the mayor's office. The education team works with students in kindergarten through ninth grade in nine St. Louis schools.

"It's referred to as devoting a year of my life to serving the community," said Sartori, in a phone interview from her home in St. Louis. "I'm never in anything for the money. I understand we need it to survive and I've learned to live very frugally. I work hard for the money I do earn and I don't throw it away on things that don't mean something to me."

Funded by grants

AmeriCorps members earn a monthly living stipend rather than a weekly paycheck during their 10-month assignments. They also receive a \$5,350 educational award when they leave the program. Sartori, who has a degree in communications, plans to return to school for a teaching degree in the future. In the meantime, she hopes the St. Louis school district will match a federal grant needed to bring the AmeriCorps team to Clay Elementary for another school year.

"It would be a shame to not have an opportunity to



Katerina Sartori helps youngsters improve their reading skills through her tutoring assignment with AmeriCorps.

be there. I had an opportunity to tutor one-on-one eight students below grade level for reading 90 minutes a week. I did my own personalized lesson plans and targeted skills for each of the kids," said Sartori, who also served as a teaching assistant in class. "Some of my students, when I started, were at preschool level. They didn't know the alphabet."

Sartori won't forget the day her students first wrote their own names. Or the girl who said if she were granted three wishes, she'd complete high school, college and find a nursing job to help her family.

"That was something that surprised me because I wouldn't expect someone in first grade to say something like that. A lot of kids don't think about continuing their education. No one expects them to continue their education," she said. "We were a

big presence in their lives, always encouraging them and believing in them."

Giving back

After school ended in June, Sartori worked in an AmeriCorps summer program that aids families in crisis. She also has volunteered on weekends at an animal shelter, where she adopted a terrier mix last spring.

Sartori can't recall a time when she didn't volunteer.

"When I was growing up, I always liked doing extra projects. I'd donate clothes, go to soup kitchens, things like that. In high school I started doing Relay for Life and any other volunteer options available."

While on winter and spring breaks in college, she volunteered at nonprofit organizations around the country, including a shelter in Washington D.C. and a group home for sexually

abused girls in South Carolina.

"I love it. I feel I was given a lot growing up and it's my way to give back," said Sartori, 24, the second eldest of four daughters. She credits her parents, Anthony and Margaret, for teaching her to help others through volunteering.

"Everyone has a passion in life and they have a lot of skills and talents and can use that to benefit others. If you're good with sports, help with a kids team. If you're good with cooking, you can donate to a soup kitchen. With animals, there are tons of shelters that could use extra hands. There's always something you can do. It's something you can continue in life. You can build from it and see where it takes you. My volunteering took me pretty far."

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September

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Dawn Farm's annual event celebrates recovery from chemical dependency. This 39th annual gathering, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, will include entertainment for the entire family, live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, silent and live auctions, a children's tent and midway, food, beverages and farm animals. The Dawn Farm gift shop also will be open. Admission and activities are free. Dawn Farm is located at 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. For more information call (734) 485-8725.

PROSTATE CANCER SYMPOSIUM

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University School of Medicine and The Prostate Net will present the second annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Keynote presenter will be sexual health expert Jeffrey Albaugh, Ph.D. The symposium is free and will offer two educational tracks—one for

patients, families and advocates; and one for medical professionals, including social workers. The program is free. Pre-event registration is required because space is limited. Call (800) KARMANOS.

WELLNESS FAIR

The free program is aimed at adults, 50 and over, and will run 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. It will include healthy cooking and tai chi demonstrations; product and service exhibits; blood pressure, BMI and bone density screenings. A free lunch will be served at 1 p.m. to participants, age 60 and older. The event includes a chance to win a day trip through Bianco Tours. Questions? Call (248) 473-1830.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday,

at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-

14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina at (734) 837-7700 with questions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUPS

•St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.
•Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue, Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thurs-

day of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

DIABETES SUPPORT

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. There is no charge to attend. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. Call Vining at (734) 454-0859.

Run for the river, animals

River trail

Take a scenic 5K run or walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, along the lower branch of the Rouge River in Canton.

The third annual Run for the Rouge will be timed and follow a trail that shows off the unique features of the river. There may be a little mud and uneven surfaces. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Connection Church, 3855 South Sheldon, Canton. Prizes will be awarded to the top female and male finishers for each age category.

Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day. Proceeds benefit the public education programs coordinated by Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.

Run Wild

Support veterinary care for the Detroit Zoo's animals by running in 5K or 10K races or walking in a 1.5-mile fun run, Sunday, Sept. 16. Runners will race along the streets of nearby Huntington Woods and walkers follow a course in the zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive), at Woodward in Royal Oak. The 5K will start at 8

a.m., followed by the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the fun run at 9 a.m.

Registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt and may attend a party after the race with food, beverages, children's activities and live entertainment. They'll also get free admission to the Detroit Zoo. Medals will be presented to the top two male and female finishers in each age category.

Registration by Aug. 31 is \$20 for the walk, \$25 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K. After Aug. 31 add \$5 to each race category. For more information or to register, visit www.detroitzoo.org/runwild



until Sept. 12. Registration also will be available Sept. 14-16 at the zoo.

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ARTHRITIS AT 70

It is not unusual for a doctor to see patients in their seventies or eighties who have their rheumatoid arthritis for forty or more years. Treating these patients presents several problems. First is being sure that the joint pain the patient experiences comes from inflammation rather than from the strain.

The second problem is to determine if medications will give more help than harm. The risks for older people are considerably more than for members of the younger generation. For instance: a side effect of anti-TNF medications, highly effective in treating rheumatoid arthritis, is that the medication makes a patient susceptible to tuberculosis. The risk becomes greater in people who have past or latent tuberculosis now. Therefore the popular drugs such as Enbrel, Remicade, Humira, Simponi and Cimzia are contraindicated for their care.

Another problem for the elderly is cancer. Advancing age brings decreasing ability of the body to identify and eliminate abnormal cells. Medications used to treat rheumatoid arthritis work by impairing the body's ability to mount the response the body needs to destroy abnormal cells. Thus, anti-arthritis medications increase the risk of cancer in the elderly.

Nor can patients with rheumatoid arthritis use non steroidal medications such as ibuprofen safely as they cause both stomach irritation and kidney impairment.

In sum, at present the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis in the patient over age 70 is both difficult and unsatisfactory.

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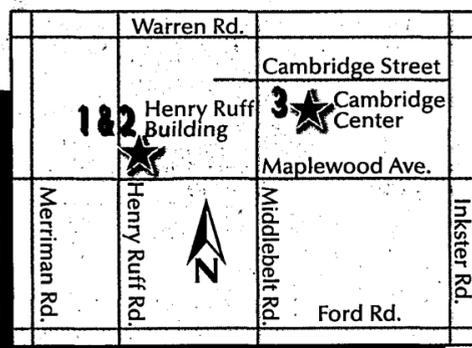
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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August

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, just north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: 11th annual show includes door prizes and DJ. Food and drinks will be available. The entry fee for showing a car is \$15 and entry forms are available at www.livoniachurch.net. Spectators are admitted for free. All makes of cars, trucks, motorcycles welcome. Class trophies and Best of Show trophy will be awarded. Goodie bags for the first 100 entrants. All proceeds benefit Angela Hospice

Contact: (734) 427-8743; www.LivoniaChurch.net

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, Canton

Details: Free clothing available to anyone in need

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Musical groups from St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, will present selections of contemporary worship music

Contact: (734) 459-3333

FAMILY FAIR

Time/Date: 2-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: AlphaFest Family Fun Fair will include a jumbo slide, dunk tank, face painting, balloon animals, caricatures, live

entertainment, and games for children of all ages. Refreshments are free to the public and will include hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream. Attendees 18 years and older will be eligible to enter a free drawing to win a TV or other prizes

Contact: (734) 421-6300 or www.alphabaptistlivonia.com

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, 201 Elm, Northville

Details: Open house for interested prospective students and parents. St. Paul's offers three- and five-day preschool program, half- and full-day kindergarten options and Christ-centered instruction for grades 1-8. The school is small, Christ-centered, open to all faiths, with a family atmosphere

Contact: St. Paul's School office at (248) 349-3146 or Kristen Gulyas, admissions counselor, at (734) 883-6048

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6

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

Details: An 8- by 10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community

Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsint2436@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: "Rocky Point Lighthouse" is designed for children, 5-11 or in K-5th grade. It will include stories about Jesus, crafts,

music, games, snacks, lunch and more. \$5 donation per child. Sponsorships are available to families in need

Contact: Register at (734) 427-3660

September

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Admission to this Bethany Together Dance is \$13

Contact: Loretta at (586) 264-0282

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 13

Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: W.O.W. Ladies Bible Study focuses on the Book of Proverbs in these interdenominational sessions. Fee is \$15. Free children's program for children, 5 and under

Contact: (248) 348-7600

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial, Plymouth

Details: New Beginnings, a support group for divorced Catholics, meets. The Rev. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will talk, followed by a Q&A session that gives attendees the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration recommended. No admission charge for the event

Contact: newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Time/Date: Rosh Hashanah services, 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16 and 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 17; Yom Kippur services include Kol Nidre service, 7 p.m., Tues-

day, Sept. 25 and Neilah service and breakfast, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26

Location: Congregation Bet Chaverim, 321 Ridge Road, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Canton

Details: No tickets are required. Donations accepted

Contact: (734) 480-8880; BetChaverim@yahoo.com; BetChaverim.com

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

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 Shulenberg-er 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 Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The

sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship

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

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext

details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Contact: (313) 563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

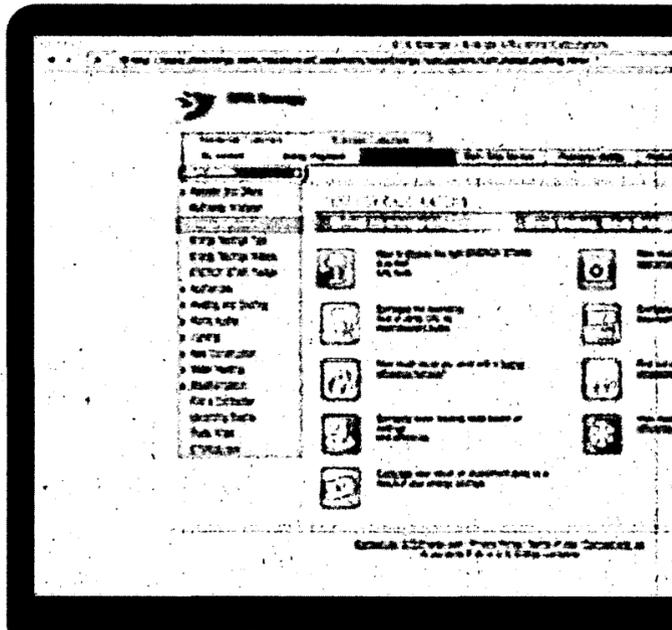
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REUNIONS

BELLEVILLE

CLASS OF 1957

55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donna-gotts@aol for more details.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASSES OF 1946-47

65th and 66th reunion Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Stitt Hall in Dearborn Heights. For more information call Earl Berry at (313) 277-7130 or (313) 727-8983.

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

CLASS OF 1952

60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. For more information e-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschoffield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Ljnaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names,

contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASSES FROM 1950-69

A second annual picnic is planned, noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Music, memorabilia, great camaraderie. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts and sweatshirts also will be available. A raffle will be held. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at (734) 377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

ALL CLASSES

Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at

Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening ice-breaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hill Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973 Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook. Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1972

6:30 p.m. Oct. 27. For more information e-mail to Janine (Alioto) Brown at jbrown@psm.inc.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6

p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

CLASS OF 1972

40-year reunion 6:30 p.m., Sept. 1 at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Please contact Cindy Pelloni Depoy for more details at (281)433-8453 or cindy1@aol.com or visit the "Clarenceville 1972" page on Facebook.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

CLASS OF 1962

Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

CLASS OF 1972

40th class reunion Sept. 22 at The Lafayette Grand of Pontiac. A "Meet & Greet" also will be held Friday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined. E-mail Tina Johnson tinastribe@charter.net.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

ALL CLASSES

7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 6, at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy. \$45 per person. For more information contact Rose Ann Filar (Novik) at rfilar@yahoo.com or (248) 770-1271.

ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

The Highland Park school will hold a 50th year reunion Aug. 25. Contact Milt Dugas at (248) 446-6042 or mgdugas@sbcglobal.net.

Learn to drum or paint in Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is accepting registration for new painting classes and fall drumming sessions.

A drop-in acrylic painting class with Denise Cassidy will run 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, starting Sept. 11, at the Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The six-session series will explore acrylic painting methods, color mixing, and painting styles. Cost is \$17 per hour for members and \$20 per hour for non-members. The drop-in classes are aimed at ages 10-adult.

Cassidy also will teach a six-week acrylic painting class from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday, beginning Sept. 11, to adults, age 17 and up. Cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Pat Paul Sorise will teach four-week drumming classes that begin Sept. 5. Students, 7-12 will meet from 5-5:45 p.m. and ages 13-adult will meet from 6-6:45 p.m.

No drumming experience is required. Sorise will teach students how to hold drum sticks, count and play quarter and eighth notes and will introduce them to the drum set. Cost is \$64 for members and \$74 for non-members.

Visit plymoutharts.com to register or call (734) 416-4278.

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Mazurek-Brown

Lenore Dennise Mazurek and Kevin David Brown announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas and Denise Mazurek of Livonia, earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.



Busscher-Hanchett

Janet Leigh Hanchett and Jonathan Raymond Paul Busscher were married May 12, 2012, at St. a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton. A reception was held for family and friends at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

degrees in health care assessment and nursing, with a LPN certificate. She is employed as a supervisor of nursing at the Macomb Correctional Facility.



Freeman-Caldwell

Karen Nicole Freeman and Ryan Thomas Caldwell announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and JoAnne Freeman of Livonia, is a 2006 graduate of Churchill High School, Livonia.

ness analyst at Citizens Insurance, Howell. Her fiancé, son of James and Nancy Caldwell of Macomb, Ill., is a 2006 graduate of Macomb High School, Macomb, Ill.



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BARR, SAMUEL DEAN

Age 88, of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late E. Bernice. Loving father of Shirley (Don) Baxter, Catherine (Howard) Fridson, Patricia (David) DeMore, and Denise (Greg) Ignas.



CASARI, HILDA C.

August 11, 2012 age 86 of Canton. Beloved wife of Herman. Loving mother of Tom (Beth) and Bob (Claudia). Dear "Nana" of Tommy and Sasha.

DULZO, SHIRLEY ANN

Died on August 12, 2012, in Fredericksburg, Va., where she was living with her daughter, receiving hospice care. Shirley is survived by sons Jim (Ilene Wolff) and John (Catherine), daughter Jo (Don Gingras), and grandchildren Jackson Dulzo and Andrew and Chelsea Gingras.



MACLACHLAN, JEAN GROSS

Age 93. Born December 13, 1919 in Elkins, West Virginia. Died Thursday, January 12, 2012 in Traverse City, Michigan. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford A. Gross and Winifred Talbot.



MARACLE, JOAN MARIAN

Died peacefully in her home with her family at her bedside on August 10, 2012, one day shy of her 79th birthday. Beloved wife of Vernon for 56 years.



DAVIS, CHARLES "BILL"

Age 81. Preceded in death by his first wife Ann Louise Davis. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen Davis. Loving father of Debra (Ron) Herzog, Charla (Mark) Halboth, Michella (Todd) Thomas, and Rebecca (Bob) Stecker.



CAMDEN, HOWARD B.

Beloved husband of 49 years of Lili Ann Camden. Cherished father of Adam Camden and Todd Camden. Loving brother of Byna Camden and Andrew L. (Gayle) Camden.

GIBSON, VIRGINIA M.

August 11, 2012, age 77. Significant other John G. Battaglia. Beloved mother of Richard (Lynn) Gibson and Cheryl Reitz.



JONES, CRANSTON FAIRBAIRN (Cran)

Age 91, died at Westminster Towers in Bradenton, Florida, on Friday August 10, 2012. The cause was Alzheimer's Disease. Born July 6, 1921, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

DEMPSEY, JOHN W.

Age 90, of Plymouth, August 11, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Winifred. Dempsey. Loving father of Gary (Mary) Wence, Ken Dempsey, Barbara Kaminski and Mary Dempsey Knox.

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TOLBOLDT, DOROTHY JEAN

Was born to Frederick and Dorothy (Peters) Henrichs on July 12, 1928. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 7, 2012.



Family 'steps out' to raise money for diabetes

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Casey Schachern of Farmington Hills takes her role as a Red Strider Family Ambassador seriously.

At 11 years old, Casey, who has type 1 diabetes, is getting the word out about the American Diabetes Association (ADA) fundraising walk Sept. 15 at the Detroit Zoo.

Individuals with diabetes who participate in the event are identified as Red Striders. Casey, her dad, Chris — who has type 2 diabetes — her mom, Tracy, and younger brother, Tyler, will headline the walk as 2012 Red Strider Family Ambassadors. By sharing their story with others, they hope to increase awareness of diabetes and recruit more walkers for the cause.

"I was shaking," Casey said, recalling a recent presentation before 400 employees at Johnson Controls in Plymouth, where her parents both work as engineers. "I did it once before but only in front of 30 people."

The presentation came off without a hitch, as Casey and her brother both addressed the crowd. Tyler told listeners that he wanted to raise money to stop diabetes so that "people can have a better life and be happy." Casey explained that she had received thousands of shots since her diagnosis at age 4. She pointed out that some of the funds raised at the walk go toward the annual ADA diabetes camp in Fenton.

"Diabetes can be very hard, but the one thing I



The Schacherns of Farmington Hills — Tyler (left) Chris, Casey and Tracy — enjoy a visit to the ballpark.

look forward to is going to diabetes camp," she said, reciting a portion of her speech during an interview with the *Observer* last week.

"I like being around kids that are just like me, and I always have a good time."

Symptoms, complications

The ADA website describes diabetes as a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. Individuals with type 1 diabetes don't produce insulin. Type 2 diabetes results from the body's failure to properly use insulin, combined with insulin deficiency.

Diabetes sometimes goes undiagnosed

because its symptoms — frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, weight loss, fatigue, irritability and blurry vision — may not seem threatening. But complications from untreated diabetes are serious and can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney failure and nervous system disease.

Chris, whose father, a cousin and an aunt all are diabetic, suspected a medical problem when his symptoms began to emerge.

"I knew something was up. I was going to the bathroom at work 30 times a day. Literally," he said. A physician diagnosed type 2 diabetes and Chris began taking oral medication, later transitioning to insulin shots.

Six months after his diagnosis, Casey, then 4, also began exhibiting symptoms, but neither

parent saw a red flag for diabetes.

"Because she was a little kid, I just thought she wasn't being smart about controlling her bladder," Tracy said. After two bladder infections, her blood was tested and Casey was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

"That was a traumatic day," Tracy recalled. "At 4 years old, to all of a sudden have to get shots and have your finger poked, it's hard for a little kid to understand that."

Managing the disease

Tracy described Casey's onset of type 1 diabetes like "an autoimmune attack."

"Something kicked off a reaction that killed all the cells that make insulin. So, eventually you don't have any cells and



Casey Schachern is all smiles at the American Diabetes Association's annual walk last year at the Detroit Zoo. She and her family raised more than \$5,000 in donations from relatives, friends, co-workers and other supporters.

you can't make insulin. Giving medicine doesn't help you make more insulin. You have to inject it. Every time you eat, you get a shot of insulin."

When she started first grade, Casey began using a diabetes pump. It administers insulin through a small tube inserted under her skin. She changes the infusion site every three days rather than undergo shots six times a day.

"If you go someplace and for some reason you leave your insulin at home, that's a disaster," Tracy said. "But now, she's got the insulin on her. She can swim with the pump on."

"What we've always said for her is you can do anything anyone else does. She just has this

STEP OUT

What: The signature fundraising walk of the American Diabetes Association. Funds go toward research, public awareness, advocacy and programs, such as the annual American Diabetes Association camp in Fenton for children with diabetes

When: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15

Where: The Detroit Zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

Details: Form a team, join a team, walk as an individual or contribute to an online fundraising page.

Contact: stepout.diabetes.org

(diabetes) management thing she has to deal with."

Casey plays softball and basketball. Both she and her brother like to golf with their dad. The Schacherns are hardcore Spartan fans and enjoy Michigan State University football games, as well as Tiger Baseball.

Last year the Schachern Diabetes Walk Team raised \$5,080 for the ADA. Their pledge tally is approximately \$3,500 with less than a month before the event.

"People have been pledging. Ultimately we'll probably end up with 10-15 (walkers) on the team," Tracy said. "Our goal is to get up to \$5,000."

For more about the walk, visit stepout.diabetes.org.



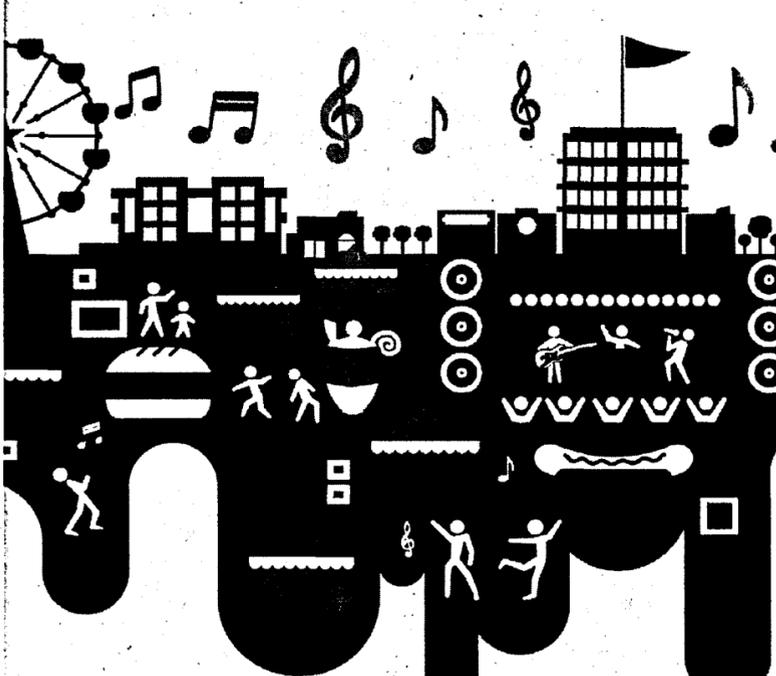
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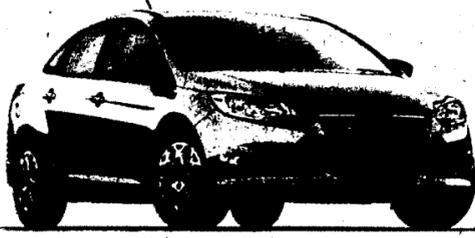
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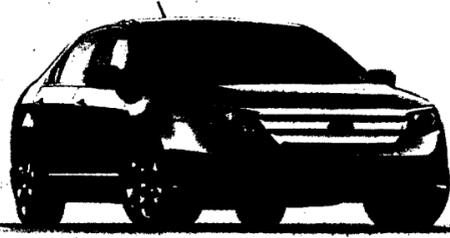
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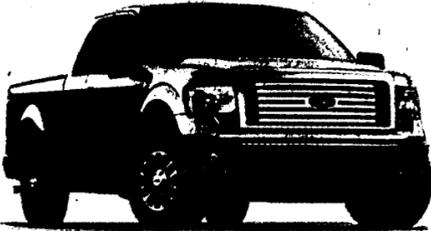


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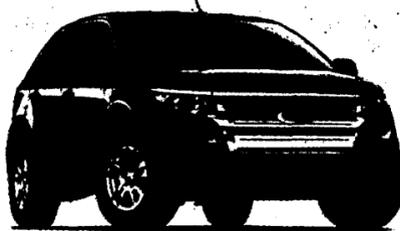


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