

# STADIUM

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The wish list includes reworking the concessions, facilities like restrooms, locker rooms, entry ways as well as the fencing and walkways.

The design team will be coming back to the school board with different

options at various price ranges. The goal is to not put too much of a burden on an ongoing fundraising effort, but rather to see what can be done within the money available to the district.

During the first phase, the district installed turf and new lighting as well as a renovated press box, scoreboard and audio sys-

tem. A \$500,000 family gift from an anonymous donor along with a generous gift of \$100,000 from the Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation helped propel the first phase. The Turf Club worked hard to raise another \$600,000 toward a \$1.1 million fundraising goal.

The club, a consortium

of community members representing numerous Northville area organizations and businesses, was formed in November 2011 to raise the additional \$500,000 required to complete Phase I improvements.

Their goal now is to raise \$250,000 for the final renovations by May 2013. The club will host a

big fundraiser — A Night for Northville — on Feb. 23.

## Public Access

The school district will be opening the stadium to the public, similar to how it was before the renovations were done.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher called the access issue “somewhat sensitive.”

“There are a variety of perspectives in our community with regard to accessing the stadium,” she said.

This expanded access is outside of the regular rental or team use. It takes into account people wanting to use the track, which many did in the past. However, Zopf said the stadium had been locked up during the past several months, but now security cameras are in place.

Even with the locks there were issues with graffiti and vandalism at the field earlier this fall related to a football game.

The question before the school board was whether to grant it or not. Considering the public's help with the renovations and the fact that many in the surrounding neighborhoods regularly used the old stadium led the district to open it back up to the public, a move favored by school board president Dottie Garrity. She said she has heard complaints from both sides but said there were incidents even when it was locked up.

Athletic Director Bryan Masi said the issue isn't with the walkers or runners, it's the other things they have to fix because of a lack of common sense by people using the field. In the past there has been an issue with bringing pets into the stadium.

The idea of putting in a turn style will be looked at as well as posting some rules at the entrances.

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## CALEY, VERONICA

Died peacefully Wednesday, November 21 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Don, her daughter Donna McClurkan, Sister Marian VanGinneken, Son-in-Law Mac McClurkan and grand-daughter Anna McClurkan. Veronica was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1936. She and her family narrowly survived the Nazi occupation in World War II and the Russian occupation that followed. She came to Detroit in 1946 after the war and graduated Mackenzie High School. She married Don Caley in 1954 and moved to Livonia where they started a family. They then moved to Dearborn Heights, to Wayne and then to Milford where they retired. While raising a family, she began college part-time, and finally graduated with a Masters degree in history from University of Michigan in 1966. She taught history, comparative religion and psychology at Trenton High School. She was also an early pioneer in the women's rights movement. Veronica was a voracious reader and political junkie. She loved movies, dogs, piano playing, music, camping, and cooking. A tireless volunteer, she worked with the Oakland Literacy Council, the Milford Library, the American Sailing Institute, the Milford election commission, the Oakland County Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU.

## COTTING, ROGER B.

Age 69, November 25, 2012. Beloved Husband of Elizabeth for 11 years. Loving father of Chris Cotting (Robyn); step-father of Faye Stevenson-Twist (David). Cherished grandfather of Eleanor Grace, Shannon Polly, and Liam Jacob. Dear brother of Charles Cooper Cotting (Debbie). Memorial Service 1 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visiting on Saturday from 12 noon until service. www.thayer-rock.com

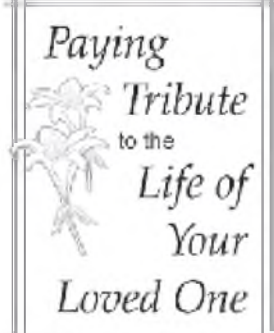


## CZACHOWSKI, SIGMUND F. "JOHN" "SIG"

Age 89, died on November 21, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Czachowski in 1984, and is survived by his daughter, Linda "Lynn" (Douglas) Pramstaller; his son, Ron Czachowski; grandchildren, Laurie (Douglas) Schuster and Lisa Pramstaller; great grandchildren, Alicia and Jenna Schuster; brother, Frank (Wanda) and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends. Mr. Czachowski served as a Corporal in the European Theatre with the U.S. Army during WWII, and for many years owned and operated Johnny's Barber Shop on Grand River, two blocks west of Southfield Road in Detroit. Mass of the Resurrection was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland on Monday, November 26, 2012. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made in his name to the Church of the Holy Spirit Women's Club or to VFW Post 4357 Honor Guard in Brighton. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

## Dr. Thomas M. Cook

Age 78, resident of Northville, passed 11/20/2012. Funeral held 11/26/2012. Contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



## DIVEN, JEAN D.

Age 90, passed away November 22, 2012 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 18, 1922 in Flint, daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Potter. Prior to moving to South Lyon in 1990, Jean resided in Redford Township for many years. She is survived by her loving children: Paul (Jan), Carl (Carol), Jane, Keith (Cindy), Kurt (Julie) and Pat (Brad) Parks. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many loving friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1997. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 25 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, MI. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, November 26 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.

## GAZLAY, ELIZABETH PETTITT

Of Northville and Benzoncia, Michigan died November 20th at Presbyterian Village of Redford. "Biz" was born Sept. 12, 1919 in Benzoncia to Jay S. Pettitt and Florence Newman Pettitt. She graduated from Olivet College and in 1942 married Francis Gazlay who preceded her in death this May. She is survived by brother Jay Pettitt Jr., children Julie Lundstedt, Chris Gazlay, Mark Gazlay and Martha Conley, 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. For over 30 years Biz was devoted to the preschoolers at Northville Co-Land Operative Nursery where she cared for generations of "graduates" and was happy to hear from them as their families grew. Kind and loving, she particularly enjoyed hearing from and about grandchildren and their families. She was an original recycler and coupon clipper and closely followed the Detroit Tigers and Lions. Wayne State University Medical School has received her remains and interment of cremains will be in Benzoncia Twp. Cemetery.

## GILLIES, ISSY (ISBEL)

Age 76, November 24, 2012. Preceded in death by parents Helen and Duncan and brothers Daniel and Peter. Survived by twin sister Grace Lindsey and sister Jean (Robert) Ward, nephews Phillip, David (Tim), Steven, Neil (Renese), Glen (Maria) and Scot (Connie). Also survived by many loving great and great-great nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 9 am until time of service 10 am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Interment Roseland Park Cemetery. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

## GRAHAM, RUBY C.

Age 57, passed away November 23, 2012. Funeral Nov 28, 11 am PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com



## LORD, MARY ALICE

A former resident of Springfield, Illinois and Royal Oak, Michigan, died on November 20, 2012, at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband, Teddy Lord, and is survived by her daughter, Marcia (Kenneth) Jenkinson; grandsons, Paul (Sheila) Jenkinson and David (Valerie) Jenkinson; great grandchildren, Hannah, Hope, and Kenny. Mary was the youngest of nine children born to John and Emma (Miller) Hale and grew up on the family farm in Riverton. She was a State Champion pianist and was a 67 year member and Past Matron of the Riverton Eastern Star, now the Flower City Eastern Star. Funeral Services were held at OakPointe Church Milford, on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Burial services will be held in the chapel at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois, on Thursday, November 29, at 1PM. Memorials may be made in her name to Flower City Chapter No. 152, Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois, Jim Pinkerton, Secretary, 2109 Sunstone Court, Springfield, IL 62704. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



## GREYERBIEHL, MARGARET MARY (NEE ELLIOT)

82, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday November 20, 2012 at Georgia House in Charlevoix surrounded by her family and the loving and generous care of the Georgia House staff. A Rite of Christian Burial was held Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix. Margaret was born November 1, 1930 in Ubyly, MI to Jack and Katherine (Zulauf) Elliot. She graduated from Ubyly High School in 1949 and worked as a bookkeeper for WXYZ Radio in Detroit for several years. She also held various positions in banking and accounting during her career. She was a member of St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix and the Holy Rosary Society. On September 3, 1949 she married Don H. Greyerbiehl in Ubyly. They raised their family in Hartland and Royal Oak, MI. Following Don's retirement, they made their home in several places, settling in East Jordan from 1997 until 2005 and then moving to Charlevoix. Don preceded Margaret in death on February 12, 2012. Margaret is survived by her sons, Mark (Vicky) of Charlevoix, Scott (Diane) of Birmingham (MI), Paul of Highland; daughters, Donna Greyerbiehl of Ann Arbor, Erin (Joshua) Leach of Fowlerville; daughter-in-law, Shelly Greyerbiehl of Petoskey; grandchildren, Katie, Troy, Michael, Kevin, Danielle, Kelly, Dalton, Cody, Lacey, and Sara. Margaret's son Eric preceded her in death in 2005. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Walter Scott and sister, Marlene McNutt. Don and Margaret also fostered thirteen children. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Mary's Church for the new Adoration Chapel c/o 1003 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or to St. Jude Children's Hospital c/o St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please sign Margaret's guestbook at: winchesterfuneralhome.com

## GUERTIN, JUDITH E.

Age 75, of Milford, passed away on November 15, 2012. For info call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



## HOFFMAN, PATRICIA "PATTY"

Age 60, November 13th, 2012. Beloved daughter of Betty Allen and the late Cass Hoffman and step-daughter of the late Mike Allen. After graduating from Northville High School in 1970, Patty earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a Master's degree from the University of Arizona; both in speech pathology. Patty used her talents to teach children in Anchorage, Alaska for 27 years. Patty dearly loved her Alaskan Husky named Marco. Funeral services were held November 17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, Michigan. Contributions may be made to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Western Regional Medical Center, 14200 W. Fillmore Street, Goodyear, Arizona 85338.

## JONES, JIMMY A.

age 67, of New Hudson, passed away November 19, 2012. A private family service was held. Guestbook phillipsfuneral.com

## STROUSS, DOROTHY E WETZEL

Age 92, on Nov. 20, 2012. Services were on Sat., Nov 24, 2012. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

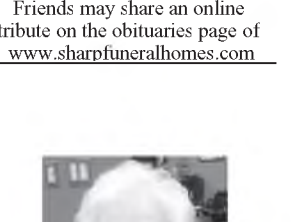
## PEARCE, DEBORAH E.

Age 57, passed away November 25, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on August 17, 1955, in Merrill, Wisconsin. Deborah enjoyed reading and was employed at Walmart and formerly Kohls. The most important thing in her life was her children and her family. She is survived by her loving mother, Betty Rutkowski; her beloved children: Ardin & Ginger Hamerstad, Adam & Tina Hamerstad, Joshua Pearce, Nicholas & Lindsay Pearce and Lindsay & Randy Raymor. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Dalton, Taylor, Dylan, Alyson, Cathryne, Reagan, Lylia, Daisy and Alyssa; her sisters: Lucinda Harlow, Roxanne Mangum, Kandice Saxe, Theresa Stolpa and her brothers: James Taylor and Randy Rutkowski. She was preceded in death by her father James R. Taylor. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 28 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services and interment will be held in Merrill, Wisconsin. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



## PENN, JOANNE MARIE

Age 79, of Fenton, passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Joanne was born November 8, 1933 in South Lyon Michigan, the daughter of the late Louis J. and Eva (Kelchner) Underhill. Surviving are: husband, Gary R. Penn of Fenton; son, Gary B. and Bethany Penn of Fenton; daughter, Susan Penn and David Dierauer of Okemos MI; 6 grandchildren. Taylor Penn, Garrett Penn, Oscar Penn, Eric Dierauer, Carl Dierauer and Yehva Dierauer. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



## TROSIN, RUTH MAY

December 31, 1925 - November 19, 2012. Age 86 of South Lyon. Beloved mother of Tim Trosin (deceased), Jim Trosin & Darlene Mickel. Mother-in-law of Cindy and Debbie Trosin. Cherished 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Memorial Service @ 11:00 am (with lunch immediately following) Monday, December 10, 2012. Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48328. (248) 681-0040



## VENTRELLA, FRANK

Age 53, November 18, 2012. Beloved husband of Lisa. Loving father of Gina, Tony and Ellie. Dear son of Joseph and Mary Ventrella. Brother of Michael (Sharon) and Joan (Bruce) Steinheister. Frank generously worked with the Autistic Education Program in the Birmingham Public Schools for over 25 years. Donations can be made to the Unlimited Strides Scholarship Fund in care of Frank Ventrella. Services for Frank were Already held. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home: 1-248-348-1233

# APPOINTMENT

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tion," Gangopadhyay said.

Gangopadhyay, who lives in Northville Township, has a long and distinguished career. Prior to coming to The Henry Ford, she served as executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council (2006-2008), a position she also held at the Great Lakes Center for Education, Research and Practice from 2000 to 2001, the Commission for Lansing Schools Success (CLASS) from 1998 to 2000, and Meridian Historical Village from 1995 to 1998. She was also a curator at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids from 2002 to 2006.

She has also served on many state and national boards, including the Michigan Humanities Council.

It is that experience that attracted the attention of Obama and the Institute of Museum and Library Service.

"I am delighted to welcome Ms. Gangopadhyay to the board. Through her service she will help libraries and museums throughout the United States contribute to the educational, cultural and civic life of our nation," said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. "She is a well-recognized expert and we are looking forward to having her strategic advice to strengthen IMLS's grant making, research and policy advisory roles."

Gangopadhyay said she is looking forward to her new role.

"I have always been passionate about the critical role museums and libraries play in advancing life-long learning, especially now, with the availability of digital technology. I hope to contribute innovative ideas for further community engagement and impact in the national arena," she said.

For more information about the National Museum and Library Services Board visit the Institute's website at www.imls.gov/about/board.shtm.

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