

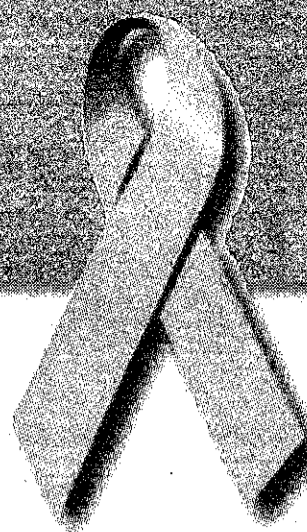


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1, 2, 3 ... economy takes toll on enrollment

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The job losses that have swept across the state of Michigan are now having an impact on public schools, with many districts experiencing significant drops in enrollment for the 2007-08 school year.

"The economy has definitely hurt us," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "We know a number of families have left the state for other jobs. This is a sign of the crisis this state is facing."

The district is in the process of auditing figures from the annual student count done Sept. 26. It's one of two counts done each year to yield a blended enrollment — 75 percent of the September count and 25 percent of a count in February are

used — for state school aid purposes.

According to Baracy, the school district has experienced a loss of 200 students since the 2006-07 school year and there is "no rhyme or reason" to it. Some schools in the district have seen enrollment increase, while others have seen their numbers drop.

Elementary schools like Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton and Wildwood and P.D. Graham in Westland had increases. Walker-Winter, one of two blue ribbon schools in the district, had 45 more students, while Wildwood had an increase of 50 and P.D. Graham 53.

But across town at the district's other blue ribbon school, Edison Elementary, enrollment dropped by 34 students.

Stevenson Middle School picked up an additional 60 students and Adams Middle School

also saw an increase; however, Marshall Middle School lost 12 students, Baracy said.

The biggest disappoint was in the kindergarten enrollment. Last year, the district had its highest enrollment — 1,100 youngsters — in years due in part to a pilot all-day kindergarten program it rolled out at four elementaries. But even with an expanded all-day program, the district saw the kindergarten enrollment drop by 100 students.

"We're really disappointed in the drop in kindergarten enrollment. Those are the students who stay with you year after year," Baracy said. "It also reflects the fact that young families are leaving the state."

The district did pick up more than 50 students through its schools of choice program, but that increase had already been factored into the enrollment projection.

"What we've seen is a lot of families going south to Tennessee and a number of parents with children have moved in with relatives," Baracy said. "We also had a number of folks going to North Carolina and South Carolina. Apparently, there are areas there that are booming."

Wayne-Westland isn't the only district to lose students. Baracy said he has talked to at least a dozen superintendents in the past two weeks "and to the one, their projections are down."

"Even those districts projecting growth have not met their projections, not one district has had an increase or exceeded projections," he added. "Everyone is saying similar things, that families are moving out of state to where the jobs are."

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Say hello to Broadway

Shannon Salisbury is comfortable on stage or at home belting out a song, and if the teen gets her way, she'll be doing it on Broadway. See Page A4 for the story and more photos.

Ceremony unveils historical marker at Eloise property

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Hardly a week goes by that Westland historian Jo Johnson doesn't receive inquiries by phone or e-mail about Eloise, a former poorhouse and asylum that became one of the country's largest public health care facilities.

Eloise sprawled for 902 acres on both sides of Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff roads, and it housed 10,000 patients and employed 2,000 workers in the late 1920s.

Although Eloise closed in the early 1980s, partly due to mental health reforms, anyone who doubts the interest level in the complex need only perform a simple Google search online to find page after page of information — from the historically significant to creepy tales about supposed ghosts of those who died there.

Some fans believe that every day is Halloween on the Eloise property, so it seems fitting that a new state historic marker will be unveiled Tuesday — just 15 days before that scariest of days.

"It's amazing," Johnson said, referring to the level of interest in Eloise.

The public may attend a small ceremony at 5 p.m. Tuesday next to what is now the Kay Beard Building on the Eloise site, on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff. The building was renamed years ago in honor of the longest-serving Wayne County Commission member.

Now reduced to just five buildings — and only two in use for county offices and a homeless shelter — Eloise once had 75 structures and its own farm, cannery, bakery, cemetery, employee housing, police and fire departments, and trolley and train stations.

Even so, few people wanted to end up there. Depending on the time in history, being sent to Eloise could mean being poor beyond any semblance of self-sufficiency or being declared insane.

Eloise doctors pioneered the use of X-rays for diagnostic purposes, and psychiatric patients underwent such treatment as electroshock.

The \$3,000 needed for the state marker was largely raised by the sale of a book by author Patricia Ibbotson titled *Eloise: Poorhouse, Farm, Asylum and Hospital 1839-1984*. Ibbotson worked in nursing at Eloise.

Tuesday's ceremony will culminate a long process for getting the state marker. Those who attend may go inside the building for cider and doughnuts after the unveiling. Johnson said the museum honoring Eloise will be open.

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Reeves: Goal is to improve city

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council appointee Dewey Reeves pledged when he was chosen for a council seat in January that he would work tirelessly to help all city residents.

Since then, he has made the rounds in city departments to educate himself, and he has been lauded for becoming involved in community projects such as helping to boost restoration efforts at the Westland Historic Village Park.

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Reeves



CITY COUNCIL

Eight candidates are vying for four council seats. The top three vote-getters will earn a four-year term; the fourth-place finisher will get a two-year term. The job pays \$12,515 a year.

Rodriguez: City needs more rec

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council challenger Mark Rodriguez has never strayed from his belief that the city will have to improve its recreational facilities if it hopes to improve its image, attract young families and boost property values.

Rodriguez has long been a proponent for Frontier Park, a vast recreation complex that he wants to see built west of what is now a closed-off, contaminated Central City Park. He believes his vision could even coincide with cleanup



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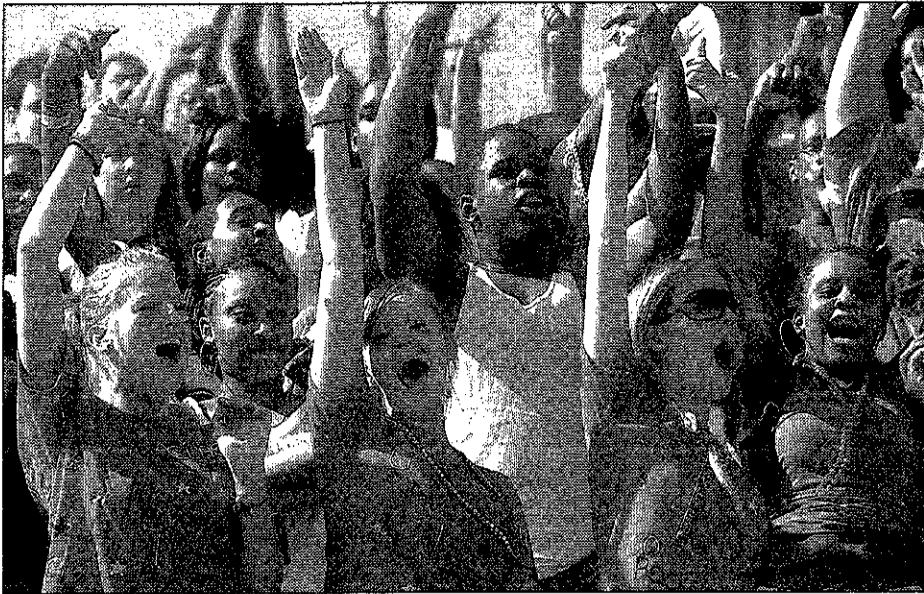
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Go Rockets

John Glenn juniors had the spirit at the Homecoming pep rally. More photos can be seen on the Westland home page at www.hometownlife.com.



Reigning over the Homecoming festivities were queen Skye Jones and king Ryan Lopez who were crowned during halftime last Friday night.



John Glenn junior Katelyn Persh, on her way to the tricycle race victory, is chased by seniors at the Homecoming pep rally.

Volunteers turn out for Norwayne cleanup

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Garbage trucks hauled out 92,000 pounds of trash, and volunteers and residents filled another 33 Dumpsters during a massive cleanup Saturday in Westland's Norwayne subdivision.

"It was a major cleanup," said Westland Public Service Director Kevin Buford, who provided the numbers. "It was tremendous. I think anybody who drives through Norwayne will notice a difference."

Scores of residents, city workers, court program workers and volunteers, including recovering addicts involved in Safe Step, pitched in during a seven-hour cleanup effort organized by Mayor William Wild. The city's trash hauler, Midwest Sanitation, provided trucks and workers.

"I think it was a very successful event," Wild said. "I think it was even better than we had anticipated."

Landlords encouraged their tenants to participate, and residents urged each other on during what was billed as the largest neighborhood



Volunteers load up trash during a massive cleanup in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood.

cleanup ever in Norwayne. The subdivision is bounded by Wildwood, Merriman, Palmer and Glenwood.

Workers also cleaned up vacant properties that had been littered with debris.

City officials set up a main staging area near the Dorsey Center and secondary areas at Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementary schools, where residents could go for help moving heavy appliances and other items.

Officials said the cleanup came after some investors already have renovated homes in Norwayne, which has many duplexes, four-residence buildings and some single-family houses. The neighborhood was built by the federal government in World War II to house war-time workers employed at places like the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Homecoming

The Westland Meteors will celebrate their homecoming Sunday, Oct. 14, at Wayne Memorial High School. The event will start with a 10 a.m. junior freshman game with other games to follow. A parade will go from the Palace market parking lot to Wayne Memorial. All former Meteors players, cheerleaders and coaches are urged to attend.

Psychic fair

Take a look into your future at a psychic fair that will be held noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at AMVETS Post 171 Hall, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill. Admission is \$2. There will be reading and a bake sale.

Last chance

Don't miss a chance to party and tryout the Concrete Jungle Skate Park at the Bailey Recreation Center at an end-of-the-season party noon-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. The cost is \$5 per person and includes food and drinks, raffle drawings and live bands. Skateboarders and inline skaters only. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

FISH meeting

Organizers of the F.I.S.H. Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County

will hold an organizational meeting at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City. Volunteers are needed to provide free rides for senior citizens and the disabled in Westland, Garden City and Livonia. A commitment of one day a month is requested. People interested in volunteering can call Simon at (734) 751-4101 or by e-mail at GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Petticoat Ladies

The Westland Historic Village Park will present the historic-minded Petticoat Ladies in a program called "Charmers & Cranks" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the city's senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. It's a program about Victorian-era women who were ahead of their time on issues. Cost is \$6 per person or \$5 for seniors. For information and tickets, call Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918, Georgia Becker at (734) 729-1605 or the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628. Advance tickets are recommended.

Candidate forum

Southeast Westland Homeowner Association and the Westland Democratic Club will present a Westland Candidate Forum at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, between Palmer and Michigan Glenwood and east of Venoy.

Music program

The public is invited to attend a free musical program, "The History of the Saxophone," presented by Steve Thomas 7

p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, in the library's community rooms of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Children under age 6 should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the Children's Desk at (734) 26-6123. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

Casino trip

Enjoy an afternoon at the Greektown Casino Sunday, Nov. 18, to benefit St. Damian Youth Group. Tickets are \$25 which includes charter bus transportation to and from the casino and a \$15 coin voucher to use at the casino. Bus departs from St. Damian, 30055 Joy in Westland, at 1 p.m. and will return back to the church at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling (734) 421-6130.

Free class

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is offering a free 60-minute infant massage class 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

Parents are invited to bring their babies, from birth to 9 months old, to learn the art of infant massage. Certified infant massage therapist Carol O'Brien will lead the class and share how infant massage can relieve baby's discomforts and strengthen bonding.

Discover how infant massage nurtures a child's mental, spiritual and physical development.

Register at the Children's Desk or by calling (734) 326-6123. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

Driver seriously injured after vehicle hits house

A Jeep Cherokee crashed through a wall of a house near the Berkshire-Westchester intersection Saturday morning, according to Westland police reports.

No one inside the house was injured, and police reports indicated that the driver was treated at a hospital for serious injuries.

The intersection is near Palmer and Henry Ruff roads.

The driver, a 49-year-old man, apparently lost control of his Jeep while having a medical problem, according to police.

A witness told police that it appeared the driver had a seizure, accelerated across Westchester, crossed a driveway and struck some landscaping before hitting the east wall of the house.

No other information was immediately available.

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed and abandoned and will be sold at public auction October 16, 2006 at 11:15 A.M. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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- B182- Cecilia Anderson- boxes
- B239- Natalie Beard- bed,washer,dryer
- B271- Stacey Amis- chair,table,boxes
- B274- Alicin Bell- trunk,boxes,fan
- B292- Sylena Nieves- refrigerator,toys,boxes
- B320- Rachelle Dillard- tv,bike,totes
- B367- Sharmanya Jamison- box,chair, couch
- B381- Romare Redden- tv,boxes,totes
- B384- Janie Clark- boxes
- B394- Elgena Rivera- mattress,table,boxes
- C012- Ashley Woods- flooring,totes,bikes
- C015- Alaina Silagy- boxes,shelf,bags
- C022- Renee Esten Ware- tv,totes,microwave
- D006- Celestine Henry- boxes
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- D020- Darren Ford- bed,hutch,box

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Johnson uses reward to find missing signs

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

It happens every election season: Campaign signs are stolen, and angry candidates point accusing fingers at their opponents.

What's different this political season is that one Westland City Council candidate is offering a \$1,000 reward for sign-theft information leading to an arrest.

Council appointee Bill Johnson, in his first election bid, is offering the reward after

he said more than 400 signs were swiped last week, Wednesday night and Thursday morning. He said supporters put the signs out for him, council running mate Dewey Reeves, Mayor William Wild and City Clerk Eileen DeHart, who is Johnson's sister.

Johnson said the thefts mostly occurred in an area bounded by Cherry Hill, Palmer, Wildwood and Merriman.

"I don't have a clue who it was," he said.

One supporter had a surveillance camera outside his house that caught one suspicious car driving by at the time signs were stolen.

Early this week, police officials confirmed that the videotape hadn't yielded any information that could lead to an arrest.

Johnson and others confirmed that Fox 2 Detroit was trying to glean information from the tape. Eight candidates are competing for four council seats. They are Johnson, Reeves, incumbents James Godbout and Michael Kehrer and challengers Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Gary Bulson, Harold Dunn and Mark Rodriguez.

Wild is competing against Charles Pickering — Westland City Council presi-

dent and former mayor — for the mayoral post.

DeHart and challenger Bruce Paige are vying for the clerk's job.

Meanwhile, police Lt. Daniel Karrick said many candidates or their supporters routinely violate a city ordinance by placing political signs in city rights-of-way, such as on corners of major intersections.

Karrick advised candidates and their supporters to refrain from such activity, saying that city workers are taking down such signs and disposing of them.

Man charged in robbery at Landings

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

One man is facing a court hearing and police are seeking a second suspect following an armed robbery at The Landings, a sprawling apartment complex in Westland's north end.

Two male tenants moving out told police that two suspects robbed them at gunpoint about 11:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, in a parking lot near Warren, east of Central City Parkway.

"They were loading a truck when they were approached by two suspects," police Sgt. Steve Borisch said. "They were robbed of money, wallets and a cell phone."

Police arrested one suspect after a passerby at The Landings notified authorities that he saw a man matching the description near Showcase Cinemas on Wayne Road.

The defendant, described as 34-year-old transient William Copeland, faces a preliminary hearing today in Westland District Court on two counts of armed robbery. He is charged as a habitual offender with a prior drug-related conviction, Borisch said.

Copeland remains jailed in lieu of a \$100,000/10 percent bond set by Judge Sandra Cicirelli, who placed a not-guilty plea on record for the defendant.

Police are continuing to seek a second robbery suspect, described as a black male, 5-foot-7 to 6 feet tall wearing a red hoodie. Anyone with information is urged to call Westland police at (734) 721-6311 or (734) 722-9600.

That suspect also may have been involved in another robbery that Borisch said happened about 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Country Court Apartments, on Wildwood north of Ford.

A pizza delivery driver told police he was robbed and struck on the head by a suspect who was wearing a red hoodie, Borisch said.

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REEVES

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"I don't have a personal agenda," Reeves, 54, said during an interview. "My main goal is to improve the quality of life and the standard of living for all the citizens of Westland."

"My heart," he said, "is in the right place."

Reeves, a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department retiree and self-employed wardrobe consultant, hails from the historic Annapolis Park, nationally known as one of the first U.S. suburbs in the 1950s to welcome black homeowners. Reeves has received accolades from the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, but he also has drawn support from a cross section of the community.

His supporters note that Reeves has been a quick learner in his council position and that he has kept his pledge to represent everyone. Some residents also believe it's important that city government should reflect the diverse community it serves.

Reeves became only the second African-American ever to serve on the council — and the first since former Councilman William Anderson left his position 32 years ago.

"It's a good time for change," Reeves said, "and I am change."

Reeves and another council appointee, Bill Johnson, are campaigning as running mates. They won their council seats in January when the council chose them to fill two vacancies.

Responding to questions, Reeves said the city will

need to keep a close watch as its trash hauler, Midwest Sanitation, tries to emerge from a financial reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. While it isn't known whether Westland will need to switch companies, Reeves said he is well aware that such a move would cost more money.

To that end, Reeves called it financially prudent that the city decided not to reduce its trash-disposal tax, because the money may be needed depending on what happens with Midwest. Reeves said Westland still needs to strive to find a way to move ahead with a curbside recycling program that a vocal group of residents has demanded.

Even if the city is forced to hire a new trash hauler, Reeves said, "there may be an opportunity to turn lemons into lemonade" with curbside

recycling.

When asked about potentially deeper cuts in state-shared revenue, Reeves said Westland has managed to hold its own financially while other cities have been hard hit.

"Westland continues to attract new businesses," he said, "and developers still want to develop property here."

Reeves also suggested that Westland should seek to attract new kinds of businesses, including those that are more high-tech.

He said he hopes that a reduction in the prime rate will boost home sales and reduce foreclosures, and he said the city's rental-inspection ordinance is starting to show results with the sprucing up of rental properties.

Moreover, Reeves said he believes that Michigan's economy will begin to improve and

would be centrally located for Westland residents.

Rodriguez also responded to questions about other issues during an interview. To boost recycling efforts, he said the city might want to research possible involvement in programs like RecycleBank, a program in places like Philadelphia. It lets people who recycle earn points that they can redeem for discounts at participating restaurants and other businesses.

People who participate in RecycleBank use a single bin that has compartments for materials. New curbside recycling efforts are "something we have to look at," Rodriguez said. "Everyone's going green."

As for coping with potential

cuts in state-shared revenue, he said the city may need to postpone some projects inside city buildings to save money. He said police and fire services shouldn't be cut.

"I don't see how the state could realistically cut that much from the cities and expect them to survive," he said.

Rodriguez said new recreation facilities could help offset state revenue cuts. He said the new facilities would allow the city to host tournaments and other events that it currently can't accommodate. That would bring in city revenue and also might draw customers to other local businesses, he said.

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RODRIGUEZ

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efforts at the existing park.

Rodriguez called it inexcusable that a city of 86,600 residents has one public gymnasium, one sheet of ice for hockey and figure skating, and not nearly enough soccer fields. He has been disappointed that city leaders appear to have largely ignored his ideas.

"It's really gone nowhere," he said. "If I get on the council, at least it's going to be addressed."

Rodriguez, 50, worked in the custom cabinet business for 25 years and is now studying for his builder's license. He is one of eight candidates competing for four council seats in the

Nov. 6 election.

For years now, Rodriguez has urged city officials to address parks and recreation needs to move the city forward. He has long been active in the Westland Youth Athletic Association.

"I know that we don't have the proper facilities," he said during an interview.

Rodriguez said efforts to improve recreation wouldn't just benefit young people. He also said a new complex would include such amenities as indoor swimming for senior citizens.

City officials have insisted that moving ahead with a new recreation complex is virtually impossible without a tax increase. Moreover, they have

said local residents aren't likely to plunk down more money amid tough economic times.

But, Rodriguez said he has done his homework and has found a possible solution. He said he believes the city's 3.35-mill tax rate for the police and fire retirement fund can be reduced yet keep the fund healthy with proper investments. He said he believes voters would approve a tax increase for Frontier Park as long as they get a tax cut elsewhere to balance it out.

Not only would Frontier Park improve the city's image, draw new families and boost property values, but Rodriguez also said construction of the recreation complex would create local jobs. He said the complex



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Teen sets sights on Broadway

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Shannon Salisbury isn't quite your typical 13-year-old. Sure, she has As and Bs and is in drama and the chorus at Marshall Middle School.

But the Westland teen also knows how to belt out a song. Standing in the living room of her parents' home, she lets loose with an a cappella rendition of *Cabaret* that rivals the Liza Minnelli version of the Broadway hit.

It's a strong indication where she wants to be when she grows up.

"I want to be on Broadway," said Shannon matter-of-factly. "I want to make to Broadway and do any kind of performing ... or have a long recording career."

Shannon's career got its start accidentally when she was a toddler. She was in speech therapy for a stutter when her mother realized that her daughter could sing without a problem. According to Shannon, the therapist told her mother, "That's therapy."

That's all it took to get her entertainment career going. She made her stage debut in first grade in the Kettering Elementary School spring show, singing *Little Mermaid*, and by the next year was a featured performer. By fifth grade she was a soloist. She now takes private lessons with Robin Moore and spends time in the Talent Live recording studio in Canton, working on a CD.

But there's more, according to her mother, Janet Salisbury.

The talented teen has traveled to New York, California, Florida, and Las Vegas to perform in competition. In April, she was on stage at the Music Hall in Detroit as a featured performer in "Stars of Ballet and Broadway." She has performed with Billy Joel's band and as her backup, and when she was younger, she opened for the band Rare Earth.

That's not all. She's appeared in the Village Theater in Canton production of *High School Musical*. She also recently did a weeklong Camp Broadway summer camp in which she worked with actors and directors from Broadway. At the end of the week, the campers did "a huge show" for the families to show how far they'd progress, Shannon said.

"I learned a lot about acting techniques, I learned to be more comfortable on stage, but my forte is singing," she said. "They took me out of my forte and made me act. They knew I could sing, so it was, 'OK, let's see if you can act.'"

"It's exciting, I always like the kids doing positive things, but to see her on stage ... it's exciting," said her father, Shawn Salisbury Sr. "The more she does, the more comfortable she looks up there. She looks like she belongs up there."

Shannon has honed her musical skills at events like the Westland Summer Festival and the Calhoun County Fair. She also performs at



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shannon Salisbury has plenty of trophies and ribbons from years of competing in sports and music competitions. Her biggest challenge, however, may be landing a spot in the Arts Academy in the Woods in Fraser to further her musical ambitions.

senior residences like Waltonwoods in Canton and Wyndham in Livonia.

"My wife keeps her pretty busy," said Shawn Salisbury. "But when she started recording, it started costing money. It takes years for a CD to happen, she could spend five-six years in the recording studio."

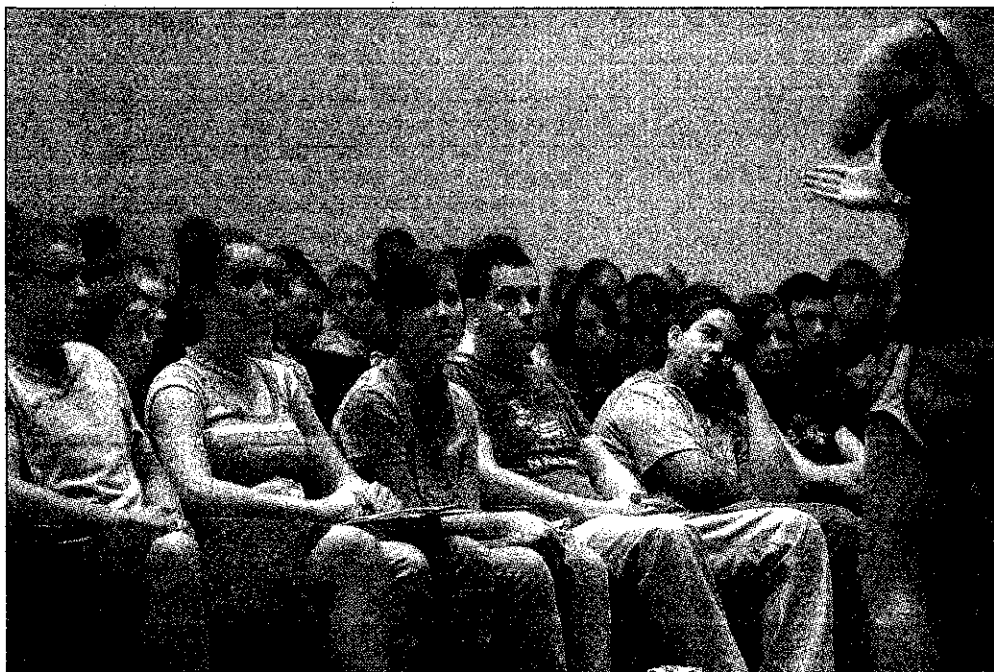
"I started early, but it's going to take a while to get a whole one," Shannon said. The two songs she has recorded are originals — *No More Tomorrows* by Rick Young and Jerry Dodson and *Line Up*, a song sports that she wrote, with music by Rick Young.

Shannon is looking ahead to high school and possibly enrolling in the Arts Academy in the Woods in Fraser. She has to do an audition that includes a monologue and songs. She says her chances are slim, but that won't deter from her career plans.

She'll keep performing in a trio with friends Kelsey Young and Jessica Gray and working on her CD. That's OK with her sister, Amanda Salisbury.

"I'm very proud of her," said Amanda Salisbury. "I'm the shy, quiet one. I look up to her. I'd never have the guts to do what she does."

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Franklin High School students listen to Illinois native Sarah Panzau talk about the drunk driving accident in which she lost her left arm and suffered several other life-threatening injuries.

'I chose to drink and drive,' speaker tells Franklin crowd

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Panzau used to tell people that if she didn't quit drinking and driving, she was going to kill someone.

She was almost right.

Panzau, a volleyball star from Illinois, rolled her car driving home from the bar after a night of heavy drinking in August 2003.

The impact from the crash ripped off her left arm, above the elbow. It fractured her jaw in seven places and tore out parts of her tongue. She was ejected through the rear windshield and lay on the highway "pretty much dead." Doctors gave her a zero percent chance of survival. That was 36 surgeries ago.

"I chose to drink and drive," Panzau told Franklin High School students on Monday. Her blood alcohol level was 0.308 at the time of the single-car accident.

"I cannot take this back," Panzau said. She wore a black tank top and red gym shorts, leaving her scarred neck, chest, shoulder, back and legs uncovered. Her once-powerful left arm is a stub. She wants people to remember her name and what she looks like. "I can never go through life looking normal again because of my decision. ... I've learned a lot the hard way."

Panzau, who turns 26 next week, visits high schools to share her story. Central Distributors of Romulus, an Anheuser-Busch wholesaler, teamed with Franklin's Students Against Destructive Decisions group to bring her to the school.

The auditorium was filled to capacity.

SADD president Lauren Shomsky said speakers like Panzau elicit mixed reaction from students.

For Araena Crossey, a senior, the story hit close to home. "It was tough for me not to cry," Crossey said.

Her sister, Carlotta Crossey, died in 1995 car accident at age 19. She had alcohol in her system and collided with a drag racer in Florida.

Crossey said she drank heavily after her sister's death, but has gotten help and sworn off all alcohol until she's 21. "I'll make a decision from there," she said.

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Sarah Panzau talks to students at Franklin High School about her decision to drink and drive, and the car accident that left her disfigured.



Sarah Panzau goes over photos of the accident scene where she lost her left arm and suffered several other life-threatening injuries. Behind her is the guardrail she hit while driving drunk.



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Cider and doughnuts

Kiwanis sale benefits community projects

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Cider and doughnuts — that's what members of the Garden City Kiwanis Club will be selling Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the end of the month at Barson's Greenhouses in Westland.

The sale kicks off tomorrow (Oct. 12) at the greenhouses on Merriman at Maplewood in Westland. Hours will be 3 p.m. to closing Friday and 9 a.m. to closing Saturday. Sunday sales will be dependent upon having any cider or doughnuts left. The other sales dates are Oct. 19-21 and Oct. 26-28.

"The fresh cider we'll pick up at the farmers market early Friday morning

and sell it by the glass and the jug to take home and hopefully candy apples," Kiwanis member Peggy Burklow said.

Members are hoping that Barson's pumpkin patch will create sales at their tent.

"We're hoping to sell out by the end of Saturday," club President Pete Tavormina said.

Money raised by the club goes back to the Garden City community. It helps fund projects like the annual Christmas party for Garden City school students Kiwanis puts on in conjunction with the Garden City Rotary Club.

The club maintains Kiwanis Park in Garden City and helps with the annual Santaland Parade. It also partnered with the Garden City Fire Department

in sponsoring a fire safety circular that will be given to children at the Fire Department open house Saturday.

The club holds fund-raisers throughout the year. Last month, members sold peanuts at major intersections in the city. They also plan on having a poinsettia sale in November and selling gourmet nuts for holiday gift giving.

The nuts are a popular fund-raiser, according to Tavormina, who recalled a woman once leaving her name and telephone number with him while he was selling peanuts at the Kroger store on Middlebelt.

"She wanted me to let her know when they arrived because she gives them as Christmas presents," he said. "You need to contact club members quickly to



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Garden City Kiwanis club show off pumpkins at Barson's Greenhouses in Westland. They hope the pumpkins will lure people in to buy the fresh cider and doughnuts they'll be selling Fridays through Sundays until the end of the month at Barson's.

order, they're always a sellout."

And that's what members are hoping will happen with the cider and doughnuts.

"This is a first time for us," Tavormina said.

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Pole-A-Thon benefits 3-Day

Three local businesses teamed up recently to help raise money for women who are walking in this weekend's Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.

The Fit Zone, Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness and The Pole Dance Factory held a Pole-A-Thon Sept. 6 to help sponsor employees and clients who will be walking in the event that ends The Henry Ford in Dearborn today (Sunday).

Held at the Fit Zone in Livonia, some 30 women learned to Pirouette, Slide, Dip and Back Arch as they helped raise about \$600 for the walk.

Participants learned basic Pole Dance moves from Instructors Patricia Peltó and Kelly Perkins. Two one-hour sessions were held.

"What a great time!" Fit Zone spokeswoman Dannette Carroll-Mateyak said. "The ladies really enjoyed themselves and we appreciate Patricia and Kelly donating their time for this worthwhile cause."

For information about Pole Dance classes or in-home parties call Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness at (734) 266-0565 or The Pole Dance Factory at (734) 306-0909.

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3050 – Marian Minor – Leather Couch, Chair, Table
3116 – James Craft – Dresser, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
3140 – Lyssa Wilson – Couch, Loveseat, Misc Items
4106 – Amber Wise – Couch, Loveseat, DVD player
5040 – Gwendolyn Brownlee – 2 Boxes, 3 Bags, misc Items
5096 – Fayvian Watts – Coffee Table, Mattress, 30 Boxes
5118 – Cindy Fowler – TV, Wheel Chair, Dresser
5124 – Mark Ketchum – Refrigerator, 4 Chairs, Couch
5172 – Jacquelyn Billingsley – Couch, Table, Chairs
1086 – Yolanda Charleston – Speakers, 5 Totes, Office Chair
4016 – C Hughes – TV, 10 Totes, DVD player
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7107 – Kevin Cotton – Vacuum, Boxes, Chair
3014 – Ebonyse Perry – totes,bags,mattress
4061 – Deloris Mowrer- totes,bags,boxes
5106 – Rebecca Fritz- boxes,bags,totes
5108 – Janet Davis- table and couch
6050 – Natalie Jenkins- boxes,bags,mattress
6052 – Holly Knight- boxes,bags,totes
6084 – Carol White- bags,boxes, table
7040 – Rebecca Grauman- boxes,totes,bags
7029 – Mansfield Sports Cards- boxes
7008 – Jonathan Sanders- mattress,couch,table
7009 – Danielle Van Dixon- boxes

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2164 – Holly Rundels- boxes
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1082 – Mayer Sherman- boxes,bags,totes
1224 – Sammy Williams Jr- boxes,bags,mattress
1322 – Moussa Ghattas- luggage,crates,bags
1338 – Kenisha Mabone- boxes,bags,totes
1348 – Michael McClain- boxes,bags,table
1350 – Bernice Garrett- boxes,bags,table
1418 – Max Horvath Jr- boxes,bags,totes
1442 – Michael Brown- boxes,bags,totes
1462 – Jason Cherry- couch,table,dresser
1506 – Michelle Jackson- totes,bags,mattress
1526 – Marnie Montroy- boxes,table,mattress
2038 – Jean Kirby- boxes
2226 – Arlethea Hall- boxes,bags,bike
2262 – Timothy Elliot- couch,boxes,mower
2283 – Tammy Butler- boxes
3010 – Samco Facilities Maintenance- boxes

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ORDINANCE NO. 101-D-1

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF VEHICLES IN PARKING LOTS AND ALLOWING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THE AUTHORITY TO TOW VEHICLES PARKED IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 98, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE I, TO ADD SECTIONS 98-5 AND 98-6 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 98, Article I, Section 98-5, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

That it shall be unlawful for the owner of a vehicle to use a parking lot to store or park any vehicle for the purpose of displaying such vehicle for sale.

Section 2. That Chapter 98, Article I, Section 98-6, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

(a) Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in a place or in a manner that is against the provisions of this Code, it shall be deemed a nuisance; such vehicle may be removed and conveyed, by or under the direction of the Westland Police Department, by means of towing, same or otherwise to a place of safekeeping. The owner or operator of such a vehicle may be ticketed for a violation of this Chapter or other ordinances of the City.

(b) Whenever the police department tows a vehicle that is parked or placed in violation of this Code, within twenty-four hours after the vehicle is taken into custody, the police department shall notify the Secretary of State that the vehicle has been taken into custody.

Section 3. That all other provisions of Chapter 98 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

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Halloween party

Break out the costumes and grab the kids. It's almost time for the Family Halloween Party, sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Garden City Public Schools.

The party will be 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Garden City Middle School on Radcliff, between Marquette and Ford.

There will be games, prizes, costume and pumpkin decorating contests. The cost is free for adults and \$5 per child, and proceeds will support the Chamber of Commerce scholarship that's awarded to a graduating Garden City High School senior.

Call the chamber at (734) 422-4448 for more information.

Haunted house

The Westland Jaycees are back with their sixth annual haunted house and the mayhem begins Friday, Oct. 12. Located in the parking lot of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, the haunted house will be open 7 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13 and 19-20, and 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 24-30.

There also will be a special Haunted House Family Day 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, for families with young children.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 years of age. For more information, call (734) 226-0400.

Halloween Walk

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department, Westland Civitan Club, Dad's Athletic Club and Westland Breakfast Lions Club are again sponsoring a Halloween Walk 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27.

Families will be lead on a non-scary guided tour of the forest where they'll meet such characters as Little Bo Peep and the Friendly Troll.

Youngsters are encouraged to wear their costumes. In the event of rain, the walk will be moved inside the Bailey Center.

Tickets cost \$3 each and are available at the Bailey Center. Preregistration is required. Proceeds will benefit the Fun 4 All Children's Recreation Scholarship Fund.

'Get Spooky'

Kids also can "Get Spooky" at two science and magic shows 6:15-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the Bailey Center. The shows are sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Mad Science of Oakland/Macomb Counties.

Tickets cost \$5 per person. For more information, call (248) 293-0980 or the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Bowl with Monsters

The recreation department also is partnering with the Grange No. 389 and Town n Country Bowling Lanes to sponsor Bowling with the Monsters 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

The cost is \$7 per person for a game of bowling, shoes, hot dog and drink. Proceeds will benefit the Grange's project to provide dictionaries for third-graders in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

For more information, call Jeff Goodfellow at (734) 722-8324.

Candy checks

And Halloween night, if you want to make sure your child's candy is safe, stop by Westland's 18th District Court located west of the Bailey Center in the civic center complex. The candy checks will take place 6:30-10 p.m. For more information, call (734) 595-8720.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Collectibles show

A toy and collectible show will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland. Pop culture, TV/movie items, games, comics, action figures, die cast toys, Hallmark, NASCAR, Matchbox, Hot Wheels and more will be available buy, sell or trade. Gordon Castelnero, author of TV Land Detroit, also will be there. Admission is \$3, refundable with a \$15 purchase at any booth. Children age 12 and under are free. For more information, call Gary Swain at (734) 525-3712.

'Heart Quest'

The Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church at 33144 Cherry Hill, Garden City, will host "Heart Quest" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19. Broadcast worldwide via satellite, "Heart Quest" is a series of seminars dealing with improving your life, finding hope in a shaky world, finding true meaning for your life and reconciliation through the study of the Bible. For more information, call (734) 427-3982.

Health programs

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, will present "Eat Your Way Thin," 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17. Take a natural approach to a healthier, new you. Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid weight gain and how to lose weight with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat will be discussed. Learn why eating the correct fat will not make you fat. The class will be held at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Seating is limited to 30 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Fischer will present the class, "Is It Really Your Thyroid?," 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Noble Library. Are you suffering with cold hands/feet, stubborn weight gain, unwanted pain, mood swings? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. Seating is limited to 30 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Fischer will present the class, "Beat Stress - Be Happy!," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The class will teach you how to avoid becoming overwhelmed with stress. Learn how the body deals with stress and when the body is heading toward stress burnout. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. Seating is limited to 15 people for this free class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Children's Christian Alliance. The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will

be distributed on Nov. 10. Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted. To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 812-4502.

Casino fund-raiser

Enjoy an afternoon at the Greektown Casino on Sunday, Nov. 18, to benefit St. Damian Youth Group. Tickets are \$25 and include charter bus transportation to and from the casino and a \$15 coin voucher to use at the casino. The bus departs from St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road in Westland at 1 p.m. and will return back to the church at 7 p.m. Get tickets by calling (734) 421-6130.

Wine tasting, auction

Community Opportunity Center will hold its first Wine Tasting and Auction Benefit, co-sponsored by The Fine Wine Source of Livonia, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the St. Mary Cultural and Banquet Center, 18100 Merriman. The charge of \$65 includes tastings of more than 100 wines, an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit Community Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation serving adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne County. For reservations call Pat at 734-422-1020. Major credit cards accepted.

'Festival of Fashion'

The Redford Suburban League will host its 34th celebrity fashion show, the 2007 Fall Festival of Fashion starting with a luncheon served at noon Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road. The show is a benefit for the Burger School for Students with Autism. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information and tickets, contact the league at (734) 981-6003.

Fund-raiser

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool will present THE REAd CARPET annual dinner auction 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Livonia Marriott at the Laurel Park Mall. Enjoy cocktails and a gourmet strolling dinner, catered by Sweet Lorraine's Chef, while pursuing the silent auction tables. Stay late for live entertainment and dancing. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. For more information, call (734) 261-540, by e-mail at cancksdad@earthlink.net or on the Web at www.academicpathways-preschool.com.

CRAFT SHOWS

Knights of Columbus

A craft show will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

St. Theodore

St. Theodore Church will hold its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Westland Jaycees

Crafters are needed for the Westland Jaycees' community craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 10-11, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland. Booth space - 7 feet by 9 feet - costs \$35 for one day, \$65 for both days. There's a \$5 discount on additional space and \$5 charge for electricity. Deadline for applying is Oct. 31. Send signups to Suesanna Towne, 622 N. Brandon, Westland, MI 48185. (517) 879-1803.

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the McDowell Center at the College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

Who we support for City Council

There are plenty of issues facing the city of Westland. The trickle down effect of the state's fiscal problems will have an impact on the city, especially if there is a further loss of state shared revenue. There's also a concern about the city's trash hauling service and the cleanup of Central City Park.

They are weighty issues that residents should keep in mind when voting in person or by absentee ballot in the Nov. 6 general election.

Eight candidates are vying for a seat on the City Council. Only four will be elected. The choices are incumbents James Godbout and Michael Kehrer, appointed incumbents Dewey Reeves and Bill Johnson, and challengers Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Gary Bulson, Howard Dunn and Mark Rodriguez.

To their credit, this group of individuals has a lot of community involvement under their belt. Many have spent years working as volunteers for the betterment of the city. But in looking at the issues and based on individual interviews, we believe residents would be best served by re-electing James Godbout and Michael Kehrer and electing Dewey Reeves and Bill Johnson to the City Council.

The makeup of the current council is balanced. There is enough room for disagreement among the members and enough room for agreement to get things done. Godbout and Kehrer have lengthy service on the council that has given them the knowledge and skills to make the tough decisions. Reeves and Johnson have proven to be quick learners after being appointed to the council in January.

Pluses for Godbout, Kehrer and Reeves is their stand against rolling back the city's trash disposal tax and voicing support for using the money to jump-start curbside recycling. That stands as a smart decision in light of Midwest Sanitation's attempt to reorganize under federal bankruptcy laws.

Another plus for Reeves and Johnson is their being proactive in learning about the city services. As new council members, the two men made it their job to visit every city department to find out what they do. They also have done their homework when it comes to issues facing the city and the council.

Reeves also brings much needed diversity to the council, something that has been missing since William Anderson left some 30 years ago. The makeup of the city is changing and his presence on the council provides representation for a growing segment of the Westland's population.

We urge residents to vote for **James Godbout, Michael Kehrer, Dewey Reeves and Bill Johnson** in the Nov. 6 City Council election. We believe these four candidates have what is needed to move this city forward in these difficult times.

We also encourage residents to get to know all of the candidates. Attend the Westland Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association and the Westland Democratic Club, at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Oct. 12), at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, between Palmer and Michigan and east of Venoy. A knowledgeable electorate is the best kind of electorate.

Budget wrangling not over

If you thought efforts to reach the state budget agreement were troublesome, hold on. Chaos is about to ensue.

While the governor and legislators touted the agreement, the fact is it's only a temporary, continuation budget. A permanent agreement must be reached by the end of the month. If reaction to the taxes agreed upon is any indication, things are about to get a whole lot more rancorous as legislators try to cut \$440 million from the budget.

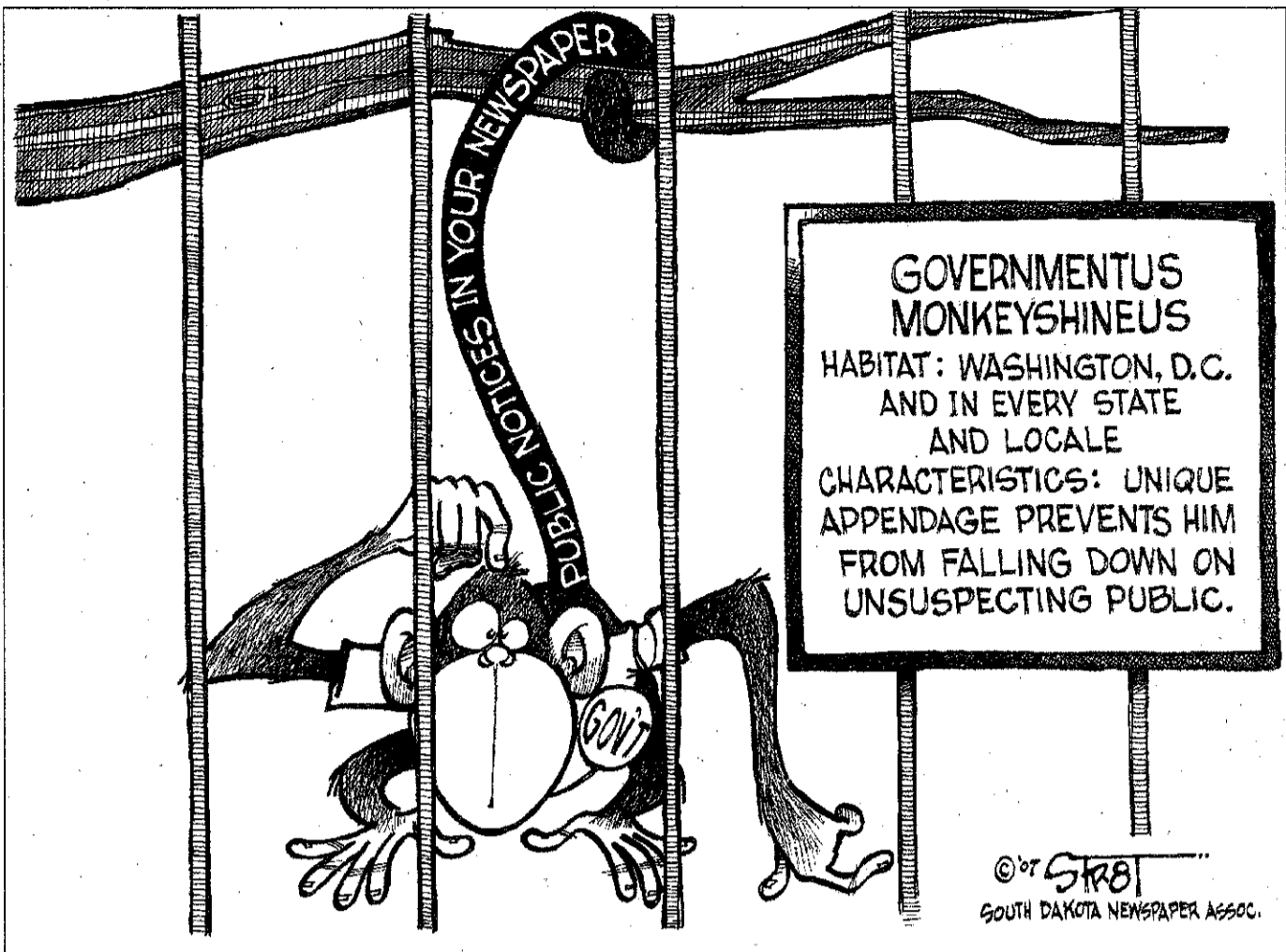
An increase in the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent and an extension of the state 6-percent sales tax to some services passed with the narrowest of margins.

The Legislature has known that passing a budget that addressed the state's revenue and spending problems was its No. 1 priority, and yet real forward motion came down to a hectic weekend that included a threatened shutdown of state services and careful deals to protect vulnerable legislators from voter wrath.

The results of all this drama are inconclusive. In a speech last week in Troy, Tom Clay of the respected nonpartisan Citizens Research Council pointed to two problems with the agreement, the phasing out of the income tax increase back to 3.9 percent by 2015 without reference to economic conditions and the uneven and arbitrary application of the new tax on services.

A movement within and outside the Legislature is already making headway on working toward repeal of the service tax that goes into effect Dec. 1. We question a tax that exempts golf fees but taxes skiing, among other arbitrary decisions. Critics also complain that the tax penalizes some services that are important to the state's economic recovery. Speaker of the House Andy Dillon has floated the idea of a ballot proposal to raise the sales tax to 7 percent across the board in return for reducing the tax on services and giving homeowners a bigger income tax credit.

Moving forward, it is important that the Legislature identify areas where substantive reforms can be made, including state health care and pension programs and the Department of Corrections.



LETTERS

Financial self-sufficiency

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps would like to reach out to individuals in the community in need of assistance with financial planning. Our goal is to encourage financial self-sufficiency and decreased reliance on public assistance.

We are sponsoring a seminar 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 15, at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. In addition to financial planning/budgeting, community experts will explore job training, education and such family issues as parenting. Attendees will eat lunch with speakers and have an additional opportunity to ask questions.

We'll need reservations for planning purposes, and are asking residents to call (734) 722-3660. Space is limited to one person per household. We are grateful to our community supporters for their help, and hope for a strong community response to our "Independence Day" seminar Oct. 15.

Capt. Malinda O'Neil
Salvation Army,
Wayne-Westland Corps

Thank you, ninth-graders

We had another successful homecoming this year at Wayne Memorial High School. Again, parents volunteered in unbelievable numbers; however, there was something else that was really apparent (not to mention fantastic!). Our ninth-graders participated in unusually large numbers.

They were so spirited and ready to participate in the pep assembly, games and activities. Mr. (John) Albrecht and I could hardly believe our eyes when the parade line literally bulged because we had so many ninth-graders participating!

I just wanted the ninth-graders to know how amazing they are and how happy we are to have them at our school and helping to make it such a special place to work and learn.

Sandra Morante
assistant principal
Wayne Memorial High School

Not about sacrifice

I disagree, the crisis is a dispute over how much sacrifice (money) can politicians squeeze out of the taxpayers in the name of the needy and for the supposed good of all and still get re-elected and/or protected from recall.

Paul Gruchala
Westland

What an honor

On Oct. 3, I was honored to deliver the Pledge of Allegiance at the mayor's community gathering at Holiday Park. For several weeks I had second thoughts about doing it because I felt there were many more deserving people than myself. After much encouragement from Courtney Conover, I agreed to do it.

Let McCotter hear us

As the Congress is asked again for billions of dollars (\$190 billion this time) to fund the four-plus-year-old Iraq war, it is important that citizens in Michigan's 11th Congressional district let Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R) hear our voice.

Since the first vote to authorize mili-

tary action, McCotter has consistently supported this ill-advised and poorly planned invasion of a sovereign nation. He has voted to give this administration a blank check, with no accountability. Now it is time for Mr. McCotter to hear how we feel about:

■ The nearly 4,000 U.S. service members who have lost their lives.

■ The hundreds of thousands of Iraqi citizens killed.

■ The nearly \$500 billion already spent on this war.

■ The tremendous increase in the federal deficit from borrowing that \$500 billion.

Before the next vote in Congress, I urge all constituents to contact Mr. McCotter. Let him know how you feel about the Iraq war.

While you are at it, ask Mr. McCotter why he voted against the renewal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on Sept. 25, 2007. This is a program that allows states to provide health insurance for poor children across the country. I would find it hard to believe that it is the cost, \$35 billion over five years, since he consistently votes to spend about \$10 billion a month on the Iraq war.

Perhaps he is against providing health insurance to 10 million poor children; I would hate to think he is that callous. Interestingly, I've not received any mailings from Mr. McCotter explaining his position on the CHIP bill, or his position on the increased funding of the Iraq war. I checked his Web site — mccotter.house.gov/HoR/MI11/Home/ — and found no information there. You would think that on these critical issues that face the U.S., and where he has a direct voice, he would be eager to state and defend his positions on these and other important issues, I guess not.

Mr. McCotter likes to say he "works for us." We need to let him prove it!

Unfortunately, Mr. McCotter does not list an e-mail address, but you can contact Mr. McCotter in the following ways:

■ Washington, D.C. — 1632 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; telephone (202) 225-8171 and fax (202) 225-2667.

■ Livonia District Office — 17197 N. Laurel Park Drive, Suite 216, Livonia, MI 48152; telephone (734) 632-0314 and fax (734) 632-0373.

John Zajechowski
Garden City

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"It's important for these offenders and the public at large to understand that each police agency involved in this operation is taking a proactive approach here."

- Westland Police Chief James Ridener about last week's Operation LASSO (Locating and Securing Sex Offenders) in which Westland Police officers participated

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Newspapers play a vital role in keeping government open

Editor's note: The following column is being printed in recognition of National Newspaper Week, Oct. 7-13, and the importance of ensuring open government.

My mom used to have a small, three-legged wooden stool. I don't remember the stool being used for any reason, just something to set a newspaper or magazine on for a minute.

It was small and thus not sturdy enough to hold anything of weight.

But no matter if it was strong and sturdy, the three-legged stool was no good if something happened to one of the legs. It couldn't stand on just two.

You're probably already wondering what a three-legged stool has to do with the newspaper business.

Open government is a three-legged stool.

It takes open meetings.

It takes open records.

It takes public notices.

Any of the three being absent

you don't really have open government.

I would wager that the news side of newspapers thinks all of government can be "open" if just its meetings and records are kept public. And I would wager an equal amount that the advertising/business side would argue without public notices, government really can't be open.

In reality, they are both right.

It takes all three. Together. If one of the three is missing, any one of the three, open government is off-balance.

OPEN MEETINGS

Much can go on behind closed doors and much does. The law gives public agencies the right to enter into closed meetings under certain conditions. The law limits the presence of people at those meetings

and nothing can be finalized. Any final action must be done in public.

Open meetings also give the citizens the right to speak on a particular subject. Much like lobbying in some respect but the comments play an important part of a public agency's decisions on most items.

OPEN RECORDS

Much like open meetings, most records are open. Those records can be closed to the public under certain conditions but the records are important for a variety of reasons.

Often, government records will reveal what has happened behind the scenes, with agencies trying to restrict knowledge of what has happened in certain situations. Maybe it's a financial settlement with a fired public agency employee. Maybe it's what happened in a court proceeding. Maybe it's just simple communications between agencies.

Open records are much more than that, I know, but open records are an important part of that three-legged stool.

PUBLIC NOTICES

These probably get overlooked when compared to open meetings and open records. Newspaper editorial departments won't understand the reason for them, why government agencies should pay to have information published. Newspaper ad departments will favor this one over open meetings and open records. Those are good but with public notices certain information has to be published and that information could be very revealing.

On their own, each is important and each plays a role in open government — government of the people, for the people and by the people. True open government can only be open with the three-legged stool in perfect balance.

David T. Thompson is executive director of the Kentucky Press Association.



David Thompson

State's public schools in crisis

With the state's budget situation in dismal condition and after months of discussions the state's legislative leaders and the governor finally agreed on a compromise approach that included some tax increases. Now the individual departmental budgets have to be approved by the House and Senate and signed by the governor.

Virtually every state departmental budget will receive a budget-reduction despite now approved higher taxes. K-12 public education is part of one department that will not be cut with the state budgeting a 1 percent increase as well as a small "equity" payment. For some perspective on this situation we offer the following facts:

■ The state has not yet sent any school aid payment to the districts and will not until Oct. 22nd, 3 ½ months after the school districts' fiscal year that began on July 1.

■ In two of the last four years the state substantially cut (prorated) the state aid to the schools several months after the schools were in session.

■ The state has just passed legislation that reduces the health and retirement benefits for new school teachers.

■ More than 200 school districts in Michigan are currently without a contract with their employees, 72 of which are in their second year or longer without a contract.

■ The state still provides school aid in differing amounts ranging from \$7,085 to \$12,200 based on the categories first established in the School District Equalization Act of 1973, although partially altered in later years.

■ The state, other than a school bond loan program that requires any assistance to be paid back with interest, provides no assistance for the schools' infrastructure needs for their buildings, some of which are over 100 years old. We provided significant data to the state on the serious conditions that exist in the school buildings in many communities with photographic evidence. Efforts for over a decade have gone without any state action. Ohio, our next neighbor, has had a program in existence for over eight years that has major renovated or newly constructed nearly 500 buildings by utilizing tobacco revenue where Michigan has partially sold \$400 million (over \$200 million this year) to speculators in order to help plug current budget deficits.

■ Several school districts in this state are fiscally bankrupt (in deficit reduction plans) and several more will join them with the proposed state aid.

■ Most school districts have already laid off staff, increased class sizes, have cut back on all of their opera-

tions, including even some of the more endowed school districts.

■ Many school districts have established cooperative arrangements with other school districts.

■ The state has funded the 229 charter schools with state aid that is higher than the majority of regular public school districts. The majority of the charter schools do not provide bus transportation to the school, do not run athletic programs, do not service the seriously handicapped students with programs, and do not offer the high technical programs that cost more to operate.

■ The state deducts from the school aid budget interest costs of the state when their cash flow requires borrowing, although the schools have to pay interests to lenders to borrow at the beginning of the year during the aforementioned three-month Summer/Fall period. This year it will cost school districts over \$26 million. The state, of course, retains the interest on the aid funds during that Summer/Fall period.

■ Most of the colleges and universities, who also receive state aid, have dealt with their funding shortfall by raising student tuition rates from 6-14 percent. K-12 districts, of course, have no such option.

■ Much, much more could be cited. So, while newspapers and commentators generally cite the complaints of taxpayers in their coverage, we find little coverage of the crisis in public education.

Certainly taxpayers have some justification for serious concerns in our current economic times yet in view of the tax history in this state:

■ Income tax was 6.35 percent as late as 1984, was dropped to 4.6 percent in 1986, was dropped to 4.4 percent in 1994, and finally cut to 3.9 percent in five steps from 2000 to 2004. Now 4.35 percent.

■ Michigan ranks 22nd in total taxes nationally.

■ Michigan has not effectively taxed Internet sales.

■ Michigan has not been taxing services for sales tax, until this partial addition.

■ The state in its current budget reform plan of new taxes, reforms and reductions has not fully addressed the basic state's structural needs because they have not fully addressed the three components. Thus, next year the crisis will return in a lesser dimension.

The central point is this 1 percent increase in the K-12 education budget is not adequate to meet the needs to operate a quality school system. Does anyone believe a 1 percent increase will cover the change in gasoline prices to run the buses from last year's prices, or

the change in heating fuel to heat the schools, or to cover the cost of supplies for the schools, and so forth? No! The 1 percent "increase" leaves the cuts to schools at a new dangerous low! This state's citizens and this state's future will pay the price!

Worst of all our children and youths' future will pay the price! We must stand up now for an adequate school aid appropriation. We have less than two weeks to do our part! Contact Gov. Granholm — go to www.michigan.gov/gov to send an e-mail, or (517) 335-6863 to fax — and contact Sen. Michael Bishop (Senate Majority Leader) — e-mail senmbishop@senate.michigan.gov, or fax (517) 373-2694.

Richard W. Wilson,
executive director
School Equity Caucus

(School Equity Caucus is an organization of 200 public school districts seeking adequacy and equity in public school funding.)

Tax hike harm is real

I just heard a few details on the sales tax on services. For me, being self-employed, I currently pay 3.9 percent of my earnings to the state in income tax. Now I understand the state is going to tax my services at 6 percent plus raise my income tax to 4.3 percent.

That's 10.3 percent on my earnings. And no, I can't simply pass the 6 percent on to clients and still be competitive. Eighty percent of my business comes from one national client and if I loose my contract over this, I have four kids to feed. Business does not pay this tax on employees but they will on in-state contract folks like me. This is totally unfair and puts me a tremendous disadvantage vs. my competition living in Ohio and elsewhere.

This tax impacts computer programmers, consultants, contract labor to the auto industry, telemarketing professionals, collection agencies, and many others.

Businesses can and will take their business out of state. The global market is competitive. Programmers and computer graphics folks are already seeing jobs at Ford farmed out to India and elsewhere. In my business of telecommunications, the customer service rep you hear when you call a local number can be located overseas when labor is low cost. And 6 percent is enough incentive for more business to make the switch.

The immediate negative impact of this tax is real!

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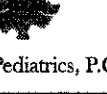
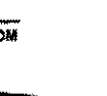
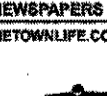
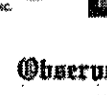
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OCTOBER

Celebration
Minister Mary Edwards is celebrating 65 years of life, 33 years of ministry, 25 years full-time ministry 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3837 W. Seven Mile,

Detroit. Please RSVP by Oct. 4, by calling (313) 347-0726.
Pumpkin patch
Oct. 12-31. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and closes at 8 p.m. both weekend days, at Orchard

United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 626-3620. This year marks the 11th anniversary of Orchard's youth sponsored Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser. Orchard United Methodist Church will once again receive several thousand pumpkins grown by Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico. Proceeds of the sale have traditionally been used to support the youth groups annual mission trip. For more information call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org. On Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for Storytime in The Pumpkin Patch with stories, face painting and simple games for children. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (248) 626-3620, Ext. 30.

Celebration of the arts
The annual juried art show, Sharing the Gift Within, continues through Oct. 12, at the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown Northville. Guests can enjoy the displayed artwork, much of which is for sale. For more information, call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911, Ext. 206, or visit www.firstpresnville.org.

Conference
Sunday School & Church Ministries Conference Saturday, Oct. 13, at First Nazarene, Eight Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Non-denominational, 30 workshops to update your skills, scores of publisher exhibits to show you the latest materials. General sessions. Free to the public. All-day free Kids Korner. Lunch included in registration fee. For more information, call the International Christian Education Association at (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

Singers wanted
Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. Choir practice meets once a month on Saturday and sings the following Sunday at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Upcoming practices 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, Oct. 13, at Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren, Westland. There will be more than 100 items to auction off all of which have been donated by congregation members or organizations in the Westland community. Tickets \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under age 10. You do not need to come to dinner to attend the auction. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the Silent Auction to begin at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Youth & Children's Ministries. For information or tickets, call pastor Rick Jewett at (734) 458-7301.

Pumpkin patch
The pumpkin patch of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church opens Saturday, Oct. 13, and continues until Halloween, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Besides Michigan pumpkins, fall decorations will also be available. These include gourds, bales of straw, cornstalks, and decorated 1/4 and 1/2 bales of straw that have been treated to last six months. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Music workshop
The Music Ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts a workshop on the Divine Liturgy and liturgical music Oct. 13 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Altar Road, Dearborn. Morning session begins at 9 a.m., with The Divine Liturgy; an icon of Spiritual Growth, presented by the Very Rev. Paul Jannakos, rector of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. Afternoon sessions, begin at 1 p.m., with Liturgical Music for Small Choirs, presented by Matushka Victoria Kopitsiansky, chair of the COCC Music Ministry and choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit. It will feature music reading of hymns from the Divine Liturgy suitable for small choirs. Lunch will be served between sessions. The workshop is open to the public. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch and music. There will be on-site registration at 8:30 a.m., but advance registration is encouraged. Make checks payable to Janet Damian, and sent to her at 3036 Syracuse St., Dearborn, MI, 48124-4527. For information, contact her at (313) 706-0666 or jdamaianlapko@yahoo.com.

Fall worship schedule
Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St.

Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-6038.

Sunday worship
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web Site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Concert
Dave Wagner is the featured organ soloist with the Birmingham Concert Band 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Christ Church Cranbrook, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. No charge.

Pumpkin fund-raiser
Get your pumpkins for missions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the weeks of Oct. 15 through Oct. 27, at Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile, west of Newburgh on the north side, Livonia. Also, gourds, etc. for table decorations.

Course in Miracles
Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in Miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.comm@hotmail.com.

Breast cancer awareness event
Luncheon and card party 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets available at the door or call (734) 722-1343. All proceeds go to breast cancer awareness.

Fall craft show
Get a start on holiday shopping at the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Crafters needed
For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Entertainment tonight
Clark and Company presents An Evening of Taste and Sound, Saturday, Oct. 20, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Deluxe catered dinner at 6 p.m., Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. The evening features Gordon and Carol Bleich (piano and vocal artists), Miguel Cruz (dramatic tenor), Tim Schoenherr (piano and vocals), Linda Freeze (soprano), Don DeGrazia (drums) and Dr. Thomas Clark (organ and master of ceremonies). Tickets can be purchased at the church during normal business hours. Dinner & Concert Combo is \$30 (by Oct. 15). Concert only \$15. For more information, call (248) 626-3620.

Craft show
And bake sale presented by Women's Guild of St. Michael the Archangel Parish 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the cafeteria of the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, Livonia. All table space has been rented and crafters are ready to display their finest wares for early holiday shopping. For details, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Sisterhood tea party
It's time to dust off your favorite hat, put on your fancy lace gloves and join us for an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, pastries and the lively entertainment of Jack Bailey at the Second Annual Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Tea Party, Dressed to a Tea, 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Oct. 16), call Phyllis Lewkowicz (248) 474-8676. Please bring the buttons you have been collecting for Lisa Anderson and her Language Arts students at Frost Middle School. We will be presenting the buttons to Anderson and some of her students for their project Buttoning your mouth shut against Stereotyping. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

Contemporary Christian music
The free concert takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River and Freedom roads,

Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 for details.

Many voices/one song
The season continues with St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britten 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. Britten's music magically illustrates the adventures of Saint Nicolas from birth to death, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge, but a free-will offering will be collected. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Concert
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert featuring Gordon and Carol Bleich, former Michigan residents and Ward members 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The Bleichs musical selections will be a variety of Christian music. They will be joined in concert by Miguel Angel Cruz, a lyric tenor and pastor originally from Cuba. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. Childcare provided for children through age 4. A reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Lutheran laymen's convention
The Michigan Southeast District Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention takes place Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme for the convention is Let Your Light Shine based on Matthew 5:16. Guest speaker Andrew T. Fitzgerald is Manager of International Volunteer Services in the International Ministries Division of Lutheran Hour Ministries. He is responsible for the ministry's Global Care Packages program (which includes By Kids ... For Kids, The Mothers Touch, and Teacher to Teacher) and its Global Work & Witness international mission trips. Registration begins at 8 a.m., worship at 9 a.m. followed by first convention session. An afternoon session follows the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. For more information, call (734) 729-0306.

Rummage Sale
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 27, in the fellowship hall at 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. There will be a \$2 bag sale on Saturday.

Rummage/Bake sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities. For more information, call (734) 355-0497.

Women's health fair
Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills) is sponsoring at Women's Health Fair presented by Farmington Medical Center Saturday, Oct. 27. Focus is on mind, body and spirit taking a stand for optimal health. Presenters include keynote speaker Hellen Greenblatt PhD, Chief Science Officer Legacy for Life, International Speaker Immunologist/Microbiologist. Presenters 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:15-2 p.m. with health booths, live entertainment, appetizers and refreshments available at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 pre-event, \$20 at door. Seating limited so reserve a space early. RSVP by Oct. 15. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to breast cancer research. For more information, call (248) 330-3001 or e-mail womenshealthfair@yahoo.com.

Catholic women's conference
Women Encountering Christ in Friendship and Love is the fifth annual Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$45 adults, \$35 for full-time college or high school students, and includes the conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge but must register. Registration using secure PayPal is available by visit www.aodwomensministry.org. Mail-in registration forms available by sending e-mail request to AODwomensconference@wowway.com or calling (734) 459-9558.

Tatry dancers
The PRCUA Tatry Dancers give their annual Graduate Presentation Dance Saturday, Oct. 27, at Robert Jones K of C Hall, 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40 per person. Must be purchased by Oct. Call For information, call (313) 274-0183.

Cantata Academy Chorale
This & That Amen concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (if available). Call (248) 358-9868 or visit www.cantataacademychorale.bravehost.com, or send e-mail to CantataAcademyChorale@msn.com.

Pontifical visit
Of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch of Catholics of All Armenians Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, at St. John Armenian Church, 22001

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ALFRED A. AGLI

Fred was born in N.Y.C., October 28, 1914 and passed away September 06, 2007 at 12:05 a.m. He moved to Malibu, CA. after his beloved wife, Etta preceded him in death June 23, 2007 in La Jolla, CA. where they had resided after 60 years in Bloomfield Hills. Father, Bill Kerse celebrated Fred's memorial mass at Our Lady of Malibu Church and poignantly expressed, "Fred died from a broken heart". Fred chose to celebrate Etta's birthday August 29, as he had done for all the years he had been devoted to her prior to her passing. He mentioned at the birthday dinner he had never missed her birthday or their September 7th anniversary...and so the tradition continued...Fred was reunited with Etta to celebrate 67 years of marriage. Alfred was the youngest son of eight children born to Antonio and Nunziata Agli, Italian immigrants who left Capo D'Orlando, Sicily and arrived at Ellis Island in 1901. Their youngest son Alfred was a scholar. He received degrees from City College of New York, Brown University and Rutgers University. He was a voracious reader right up to his final hours. He was sitting on the couch reading the LA Times when the intracranial bleed occurred that ended his life six days later. A civil engineer, his notable accomplishments are extensive. Cobo Hall Convention Center, Disney World (FL), Providence Hospital, University of Michigan, Ford assembly plants, Northville State Mental Hospital, Sinai Hospital, Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Washington Post (D.C.), Kirk in the Hills, etc. He retired from Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. Architects and Engineers. The firm and clients benefited from Fred's dedication to his job and his extensive knowledge of the design and construction industry. His wisdom and integrity were well respected by contractors throughout the country. He was proactive in his St. Hugo of the Hills parish, a devout Catholic. A longtime usher and among those responsible for the construction fund drive for parochial high schools, Marian and Brother Rice. Fred was a modest man with an endearing love for family and animals. His grandsons, St. Bernard, Luca and Bernese Mountain Dog, Maya gave him enumerable days of pleasure and joy. He also possessed an unparalleled gift, a great wit. Of the many who remember him fondly, all make reference to this loyal friend's wit, warmth, sincerity and passion for great food. Alfred Agli is survived by his children Nancy Agli, Carole Agli, Christine Agli, Robert Agli, granddaughter, Elizabeth and great granddaughter, Laura. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to World Wildlife Fund, www.worldwildlife.org, in Memory of Alfred A. Agli

ARTHUR N. STUMP

Age 45, October 6, 2007. Dear father of Michael Stump, Allen Perria and Dillon Stump. Son of Carole & Lloyd Stump. Brother of Rhonda Rumsey. Uncle of Robbie Plummer, Ryan Rumsey and Joey Rumsey. Memorial Service Saturday, 11:00am at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill (east of Middlebelt). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

CAMILLE IVICE WIMSATT

Ann Arbor, passed away suddenly Sunday morning, October 7, 2007. Beloved wife of John Simms Wimsatt for 22 years, she is survived by three sons: John Simms Wimsatt II, Ann Arbor; Thomas C. Wimsatt and wife Leslie, Frankentmuth; and Robert M. Wimsatt, Ann Arbor; grandchildren Maureen and Gregory Wimsatt; dear niece and nephew, Pamela and Jeffrey Conn; and grandniece Mackenzie Conn. Her sister, Perine Conn Snell predeceased her. Camille was born in Detroit on August 3, 1917. She helped her husband run Wimsatt Appliance in Plymouth and was a long time member of the Plymouth Women's Club. After her husband's death in 1963, Camille attended Eastern Michigan University where she graduated with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in speech/language pathology. Following graduation, she served the Plymouth Community School District until she retired in 1986. Visitation will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 at Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor from 2-8 p.m., funeral service at 6 p.m. Private interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Detroit. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the National Wildlife Federation or www.savethemanatee.org.

CLARENCE ALAN MALESKY

Age 61, Farmington Hills, MI. 10-6-2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home



KATHERINE KOCH BLUNT

Age 96, of Tryon, NC, died Friday, September 21, 2007 at Ridge Rest, an Assisted Living Facility in Columbus, NC. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio June 25, 1911, she was the daughter of Rupert W. and Octavia Podesta Koch; they lived in Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan. Katherine graduated from the University of Michigan in 1932 Phi Beta Kappa with Honors in English. In 1934 she received her MA in English from the Univ. of Michigan. In 1957 she earned a teacher's credit from Wayne State Univ., Detroit, MI. Before moving to Tryon, NC in 1984, Katherine lived in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, MI, where she was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. She was a social worker at the Children's Aid Society, Detroit, and editor of The Detroit News, Women's Page. From 1957 to 1972, she was a teacher, department head and director of the Flex Program at Seaholm High School, Birmingham, MI. She was active in the PTA, League of Women Voters, AAUW, the Birmingham Village Players, and in local politics. While living in Tryon, NC Katherine was a Board member of the Lanier Library, the League of Women Voters, and the AAUW; she was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Thermal Belt Friendship Council, and Great Books. She was consultant to and an organizer on the Polk County Community Relations Council; a volunteer at Polk County Outreach Ministry Board, and a member of the Polk County Partnership for Children, and the Gov. Hunt's "Smart Start" program. Mrs. Blunt was a scholar of Virginia Woolf until her death and an accomplished amateur Chinese watercolor brush painter. When awarding her their Distinguished Service to the Community Award, the AAUW said she was "the conscience of the community," working quietly and efficiently behind the scenes. Katherine married: Charles Nash Blunt at Woodfield Inn, Flat Rock, NC in 1937. Mr. Blunt died in 1988 in Tryon, NC. Surviving are her daughter, Sarah Blunt Barnett of Washington, DC, three grandchildren: Charles Blunt Barnett, married to Maureen Pao, of Washington, DC; John Henry Barnett of Brooklyn, NY; and, Dorsey Woodward Barnett Horowitz, married to Stephen Horowitz, of Pelham, NY; one great-grandchild, Olivia Horowitz; one nephew and two nieces. Her daughter, Penelope Anne Blunt, predeceased her in October 1997 in Los Angeles, CA. A Memorial service will be held October 20, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Tryon, NC with the Reverend Dr. Michael Doty officiating. Burial will be held in Oakdale Cemetery, Hendersonville, NC following the Memorial service. The family suggests that memorial tributes may be made to the Katherine Blunt Memorial Fund, Thermal Belt Friendship Council c/o Virginia Perrenod, Treasurer, 251 Carolina Dr., 7C, Tryon NC 28782. Katherine supported the TBFC which has promoted racial diversity and cooperation through social activity and community activities from its inception.

NORMAN DIXON HASTINGS

Age 84, October 6, 2007, of Boyne City, formerly of Rochester. Beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Norman and the late Suzanne, grandfather of Holly and Kyle, brother of Marvel Rock, father-in-law of Patsy and Lynn. Served with U.S. Army during WWII. Former owner of Culligan Soft Water of Rochester. Visitation Tuesday 5pm-7pm at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City, Wednesday 9am-11am. Funeral 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Church. Arrangements by Hastings Funeral Home, Ellsworth, MI.

THEODOSIA J. GRINNELL

Theodosia J. October 2, 2007 Age 87 of Birmingham. Wife of the late Donald E. Mother of the late Marcia. Sister of Elizabeth Halleck, Bruce Blancher and Hollis Blancher. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



LINDA "Sue" PHILP

Age 66, resident of Mission, passed away on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital. She was born February 8, 1941 to Weber and Della Levi in Knightstown, Indiana. Mrs. Philp was a homemaker and firefighter's wife volunteering countless hours for community organizations such as The American Legion Auxiliary and the Farmington Township, Michigan Fire Department Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband Ralph M. Philp; children, William (Melissa) Philp, James (Camille) Philp, Rebecca Philp, & Michele (Christopher) Korff; grandchildren, Amanda (James) Laulette, Douglas Philp, Bonnie Brown, Caitlin Deneau, Kathryn Philp, Tyler Korff, and Laura Korff; and great-grandchildren, Shae and Ian. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Herman and Robert and sisters, Winona and Martha. A private service was held for the family and a memorial service will be held in the future in Michigan where she was a long-time resident. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Houston Down Syndrome Association or the American Diabetes Association.



VIRGINIA LEE DICKERMAN

Age 87, October 6, 2007. Former owner and operator of the Dickerman Dance Studio in Farmington for 48 years. Beloved wife of the late Clarence. Loving mother of Marcia (Rainer) Schwager. Cherished grandmother of Heidi and Erik; great-grandmother of Shiloh, Creek and Julian. Dear sister of Marguerite Honerkamp. Memorial Visitation Friday 6-8 pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk W. of Farmington Road). No flowers please, just have positive thoughts. www.thayer-rock.com

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CALENDAR

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Northwestern Highway, Southfield. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Hrashapar Service followed by Armenian Heritage Collection Costume Show and Afterglow Coffee and Dessert in the Cultural Hall (no charge, children are encouraged to attend. Celebration Banquet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Cultural Hall. Cos is \$55, children under age 18 \$25. Space is limited. For tickets, call (248) 569-3405.

UPCOMING

Angel baby service

A special remembrance and healing service for parents grieving over the death of a baby takes place on All Saints Day 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. All those who remember and grieve are invited to attend. There is no cost and no obligation of any

kind. For more information, call (734) 425-7280.

Benefit

Jeremy Wagner Games Night Benefit: A Fun Filled Night Of Card Games & Mahjongg 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Temple Shir Shalom at Walnut Lake Road & Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Donation is \$25, 100 percent of proceeds go to the Jeremy Wagner Family. Jeremy is a West Bloomfield High School student with bone cancer. Light snacks available. Please send a donation made out to Jeremy Wagner and mail to 5025 West Pond Circle, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. For information, call Lori Lieberman, (248) 892-3455, Franci Silver, (248) 505-9007, Julie Horn, (248) 914-7533, or Allison Berlin, (248) 770-4890.

Alternative Christmas Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more

information.

Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. In honor of Veteran's Day, the luncheon will have a Patriot theme from the food to the entertainment. In the spirit of the season, we are asking members to bring new items such as knit hats, gloves, socks, personal care items, and toys to be donated to those in need. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org

ONGOING

Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of

Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

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MOPS meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverage, Redford. Meetings continue

the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Bible studies

Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. The group will be undertaking an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans, the longest and often considered the most systematic presen-

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LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For more information or registration forms, visit www.funorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

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I was having a discussion with a group of investors and one of the topics that came up was whether there was any correlation between where a mutual fund portfolio manager was located and returns.

The thought was that managers located in financial hubs such as New York and Chicago may have an advantage over managers located in other areas.

I don't believe there's an advantage and, in fact, sometimes there's a disadvantage. Portfolio managers who are located outside the traditional financial hubs gain a different perspective of the economy. Therefore, where a fund management company is located is only a minor issue.

With the Internet and instant communications, a portfolio manager in Michigan has as much access to information as one located in New York. In fact, many people are



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LOCATION A BONUS

The fact these funds are located in Michigan should not be the only reason to consider investing in them. Judge the funds based on performance — the fact that they are in Michigan is a bonus.

The funds are totally different. The Utopia Funds are a relatively new group managed by FIM Group in Traverse City. Although the FIM Group has been managing money for

20 years, Utopia Funds are relatively new.

They are somewhat hard to categorize because they are known as go-anywhere funds. That means the portfolio management team believes the goal is to make money whether that means investing in large companies, small companies or international. The mission is to look for values and opportunities for investors no matter where.

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One note regarding the Ave Maria Fund. The portfolio manager, whom I've had on my radio show a number of times, does not feel handcuffed by the criteria set by the board of directors. In addition, just because a fund family like the Ave Maria Funds screens out certain

companies does not mean that performance is not a major factor. It is.

Both the Utopia Group of Funds and the Ave Maria Funds are no-load and can be purchased directly from the companies or from one of the mutual fund supermarkets, such as Charles Schwab, if you prefer a consolidated statement.

Location has little impact on the performance of funds. Whether someone is located in New York, Michigan or Alaska, in today's world they all share the same information. The key to success is what's done with the information.

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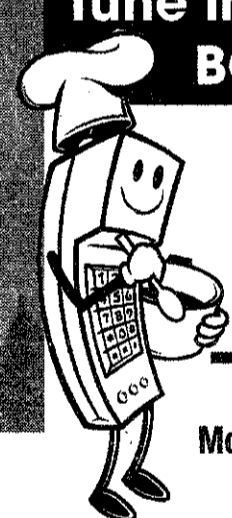


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Churchill senior Shannon Warner, a two-time defending Division 1 state champion, broke her own Western Lakes record Tuesday when she fired at 67 at Pheasant Run in Canton to earn medalist honors.

Bittersweet

Warner fires 67, but Chargers share WLAA crown

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill senior Shannon Warner hadn't won the Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf tournament since her freshman year, when she shot a course-record 71.

After a two-year WLAA drought, the two-time defending Division 1 state medalist turned in a blistering 18-hole round of 67 Tuesday at Canton's Pheasant Run to regain medalist honors, nine shots ahead of runner-up Sarah Johnson of Walled Lake Central, who shot 76. Defending champion Alicia Weber of Northville was third with 78.

But despite Warner's 67 and junior Lexi McFarlane's 84, the Chargers were eight strokes off the pace in the team standings and had to settle for second place behind Northville, which finished with 345.

Churchill, the dual meet champion with an 11-0 record, and Northville, which finished 10-1, share overall first-place WLAA team honors.

"We played well, but Northville shot a great score today," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "A 353 (team total) is a winning score almost at any tournament. We hope to shoot that number Thursday at the (Division 1) regional (at Giant Oak), and if we do that, we'll be all set."

"We had a good year. We gave it a good run at the conference meet and have nothing to feel bad about. We still had a successful year."

'I tried to play well, not force anything, go with the flow and be patient. I wanted to keep it in the fairway and hit greens. That's the key to every course.'

SHANNON WARNER, Churchill senior golfer

Warner had a total of seven birdies on hole Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 18. On No. 12, the senior was slightly off the green and chipped in. She bogeyed Nos. 7 and 8.

"I tried to play well, not force anything, go with the flow and be patient," Warner said. "I wanted to keep it in the fairway and hit greens. That's the key to every course. I played well. My one bad drive, I got lucky. It was a centimeter from being out of bounds (on the par-5 No. 4) and I ended up with a birdie."

Even more remarkable is the fact that Warner is juggling two sports during the fall season. She plays as a back-row defensive specialist for the defending Class A volleyball state champions. Warner had to miss volleyball practice Tuesday, which goes normally 3-5 p.m., to play in the WLAA golf tournament.

There's only one drawback.

"Sometimes I have to rush (to volleyball) when I have league matches," Warner said.

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Sidelines

Flames' Moss on IR

Calgary Flames forward David Moss, who suffered an arm injury during the preseason, has been placed on the injured reserve list.

The 26-year-old Moss, a native of Livonia and graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, scored 10 goals and added eight assists in 41 games last year with the Flames in his inaugural NHL season.

The former University of Michigan standout was a seventh-round draft pick of the Flames in 2001.

Misiak-Hall resigns

Livonia Churchill is seeking a new varsity girls softball coach following the sudden resignation of Meghan Misiak-Hall, who recently accepted a full-time teaching position in Florida.

The former Churchill All-State pitcher and Wayne State University standout guided the Chargers to a 17-15 record last spring in her only season as varsity coach.

Misiak-Hall spoke with returning team members on Monday, according to Churchill athletic director Marc Hage.

"We will miss her tremendously, but fully understand the reason for her decision," Hage said. "Meghan is a very conscientious person and she did a nice job for us last year."

Hole-in-one club

■ On Oct. 8, Dave Morrill of Westland used an 8-iron to ace the 144-yard, No. 17 hole at Whispering Willows.

Morrill, who shot an 88, recorded his first hole-in-one in 36 years of golf.

■ On Sept. 29, Westland's Linda Kearney gave herself an early birthday present when she used a 7-wood to ace the 125-yard, No. 7 hole at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

It is Kearney's birthday today.

Lady Ocelots turn up the heat, rule own invitational

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Scorching weekend weather didn't slow down Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team, which outtraced and outscored opponents 15-3 en route to a pair of non-conference wins at the annual Lady Ocelots Invitational.

Schoolcraft routed Heartland (Ill.) Community College, 8-1, Saturday and followed that Sunday afternoon with a 7-2 drubbing of the University of Michigan-Dearborn club team.

Leading Sunday's victory with two goals and two assists was sophomore Margaret Mayer, usually a defender who played significant minutes up front.

Mayer, the oldest player at age 30, needed just a couple of short breaks to cool down from the heat. But the former Livonia Churchill player emphasized that the way head coach Deepak Shivraman preaches fitness and nutrition pays off during such hot days.

"Deepak really believes in fitness," said Mayer, a

Westland resident. "We've been running a lot, and we've been really pushing ourselves since August. We run about three and a half miles a couple times a week."

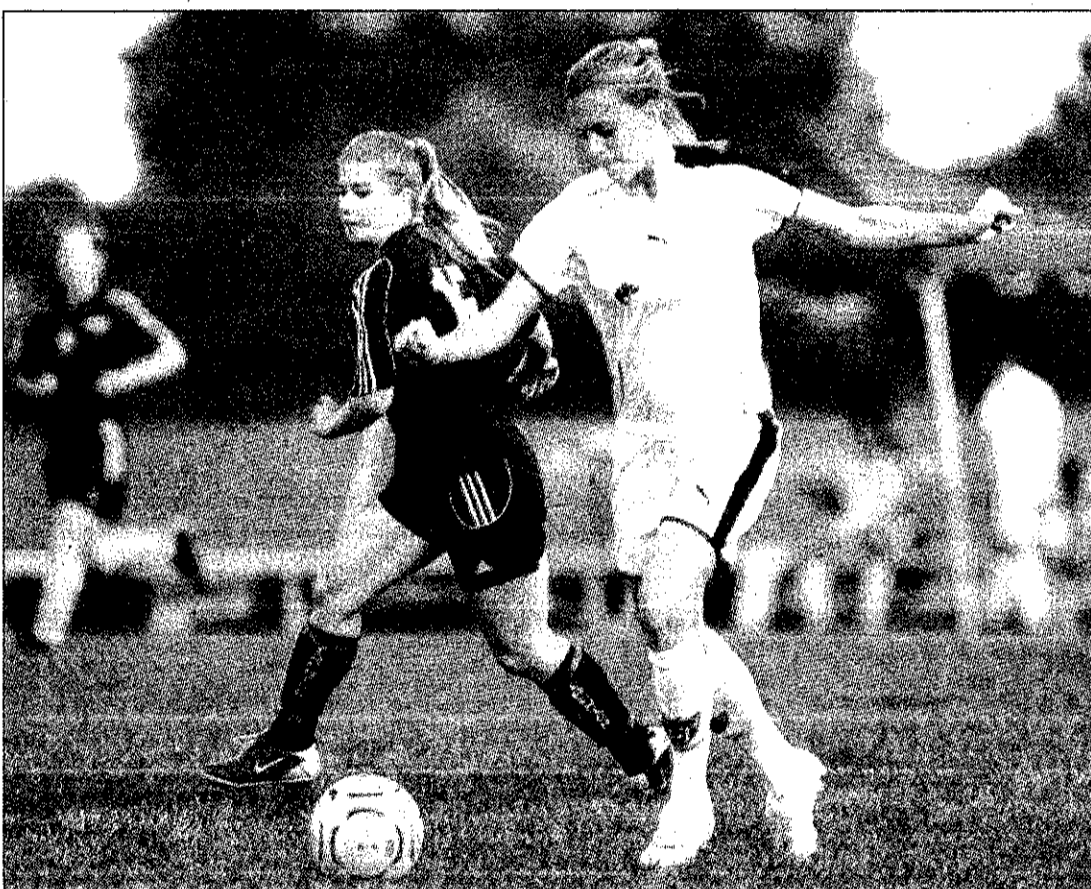
According to Shivraman, what that does is get players in such good condition that they don't lose their edge or confidence under the kind of conditions they played in Sunday.

"You can tell (by) the second half," he said. "We were rotating people in every six to eight minutes and we were on our toes, just moving a little more sharper and quicker."

The Lady Ocelots (7-2-0) got off to a quick 1-0 lead when forward Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin) found the net behind UM-D goalkeeper and Livonia Stevenson alum Brittany Vella.

The Wolves knotted things up when midfielder Diana Birda (Franklin) scored on an assist from Redford Thurston product Ruth Sable.

But midfielder Megan McCabe restored Schoolcraft's lead and Mayer drove a shot

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RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College forward Jessica Austin (right) moves the ball past University of Michigan-Dearborn midfielder Annie Slagle during Sunday's match at the Ocelot Invitational.

Rules of the game: Test your football knowledge



Grid Picks

Brad Emons

So you think you know your high school football rules?

Before you yell at your local referee at the next game you attend, see you if can correctly answer these two sample questions (as provided recently by the Michigan High School Athletic Association).

Question 1: On a field goal attempt, the snap is muffed and the ball is rolling near the 10-yard line.

The kicker, who also plays soccer, kicks the rolling ball off the ground and through the uprights. The correct ruling on the play is ...

A. Successful field goal; score three points.

B. Foul for an illegal kick; if the penalty is accepted, penalize 15 yards from the previous spot and replay the down. If the penalty is declined, the field goal is good,

score three points.

C. Foul for an illegal kick; if the penalty is accepted, penalize 15 yards from the previous spot and replay the down. If the penalty is declined, the result of the play is a touchback by virtue of the illegal kick.

D. None of the above.

Question 2: MHSAA playoff game. The visiting team runs a play,

which is followed immediately by the home team's band playing the school fight song. The band must stop playing ...

A. Whenever it feels like it; there is no regulation that deals with bands.

B. When the visiting team breaks the huddle or when the ball is

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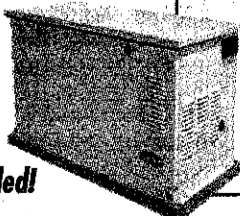
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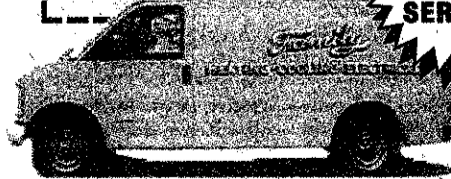
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Churchill nets two singles titles at WLAA tourney

The change of seasons apparently didn't affect Salem's boys tennis team.

Led by No. 1 singles player Lawrence Washington, the Rocks wrapped up a second consecutive successful season Saturday by placing runner-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association's conference tournament, which started on Saturday and was completed Monday on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's courts.

The Rocks tallied 19 points to place second behind front-runner and defending champion Northville's 27.

Livonia Churchill (16) and Livonia Stevenson (13) placed third and fourth respectively.

Washington was one of two Salem singles players to win his flight, downing Northville's Melvin Joseph, 6-0, 6-1, in the final. The victory proved to be redemption for Washington, who lost to Joseph during the teams' dual meeting earlier in the year.

Salem junior Dave Benson took gold at No. 4 singles when he ousted Northville's Mike Hagan in a thrilling three-setter.

Churchill claimed a pair of singles crowns as Nick Payne defeated Mike Darouie of Canton for the No. 2 title, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

Churchill's No. 3 singles player Akshay Moorthy defeated Northville's Tim Wasielewski for the crown, 2-

BOYS TENNIS

6, 6-2, 7-5.

Stevenson boasted a pair of doubles finalists as Chris Orlos and Clayton Northey (No. 3), and Evan McWilliams and Grant Campbell (No. 4) — both losing to Northville teams in the finals.

WLAA CONFERENCE

BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

OCT. 6 & 8 AT P-CEP TENNIS COURTS
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 27 points; 2. Salem, 19; 3. Livonia Churchill, 16; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 5. (tie) Canton and Walled Lake Northern, 9; 7. Plymouth, 8; 8. Walled Lake Western, 6; 9. Walled Lake Central, 4; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2; 11. Wayne Memorial, 1; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (Salem) defeated Melvin Joseph (N), 6-0, 6-1. **No. 2:** Nick Payne (LC) def. Mike Darouie (Canton), 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

No. 3: Akshay Moorthy (LC) def. Tim Wasielewski (N), 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.

No. 4: Dave Benson (Salem) def. Mike Hagan (N), 6-0, 6-7, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Andy Mills-Graham McHenry (N) def. Brock Foster-Eduardo Diaz (Salem), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 2: Lee Schechter-Phil Irvine (N) def. Jake Burnstein-Tyler Jeleniewski (Salem), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3: Dan Mills-Brian Lovett (N) def. Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS), 6-2, 6-0.

No. 4: Nick Kalweit-Evan Gatz (N) def. Evan McWilliams-Grant Campbell (LS), 6-1, 6-0.

FINAL DUAL MATCH STANDINGS

1. Northville, 11-0; 2. Salem, 9-11; 3. Stevenson, 8-2-1; 4. Canton, 7-3-1; 5. (tie) Churchill and Plymouth, 6-4-1 each; 7. W.L. Northern, 5-5; 8. W.L. Western, 5-6; 9. W.L. Central, 3-8; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2-9; 11. Wayne, 1-10; 12. John Glenn, 0-11.

FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS

1. Northville, 2; Salem, 3; Livonia Stevenson, 4; (tie) Canton and Churchill, 6; Plymouth, 7; W.L. Northern, 8; W.L. Western, 9; W.L. Central, 10; Franklin, 11; Wayne, 12; John Glenn, 13.

Mercy 4-peats; Blazers' Mazur medalist

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy earned its fourth straight Catholic League girls golf title, but it didn't come easy.

The Marlins posted a four-player total of 392 to hold off runner-up Birmingham Marian by a mere two strokes and Warren Regina by five shots in the eight-school event Tuesday at St. John's Golf Center in Plymouth.

Three Mercy players earned All-Catholic League honors led by senior Megan Novak and freshman Maggie Lentz, both shooting 97s. Junior Allegra Wrocklage added a 98. The Marlins' fourth scorer was senior Diana Karvelis, who shot an even 100.

"I didn't expect it to be

this tight," said Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski, whose team won the dual-meet season with a 6-1 record. "I was pleased with the fact they hung together after shooting so poorly on the front nine where we had a 200. We could have easily fallen apart and blown up, but we had a lower score on the back nine."

Wrocklage's score brought a smile to the Mercy coach's face.

"For Allegra Wrocklage to make All-Catholic is an accomplishment," Kowalski said. "She normally doesn't score that (a 98). She broke 100 for the first time for us."

Livonia Ladywood wound up sixth in the team standings, but it boasted the league medalist in senior Erica Mazur, who shot a low round of 87, two shots bet-

ter than runner-up Maria Raffoul of Regina.

"Tee-to-green, Erica hits everything in the fairway," Ladywood assistant coach Keith Kompoltowicz said. "She's smart, won't take unnecessary risks and will get up and down."

"She came in as a freshman just as a raw talent. This is her fourth year and it's a testament to how hard she's worked. She's come full circle. I told her how proud I was of her. She did a great job."

Mazur, who averages 41 at St. John's, matched that score on the front nine, but struggled on the back side. After a great tee shot and pinpoint approach shot to the green, just 20 feet from the pin on No. 15, she three-putted and settled for a bogey.

"I found myself in places

that I had never been before," said Mazur, who would like to continue to play golf in college. "The back nine was tougher. I lost focus and got into some trouble. I was a little off, no birdies. I was in trees, water. I hit shots I normally don't make, but it worked out."

Kompoltowicz, filling in for head coach Kellianne Nagy, who was on a business trip to Atlanta, tried to keep Mazur's spirits up following the final hole.

"She thought she completely blew it and needed a two-putt," the Ladywood coach said. "She said to me, 'There's no way.' She thought 86 would not be good enough, but I told her she had a two-stroke cushion."

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCT. 9 at Canton's Pheasant Run
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 345 strokes; 2. Livonia Churchill, 353; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 395; 4. Walled Lake Western, 402; 5. Walled Lake Central, 411; 6. Canton, 433; 7. Livonia Franklin, 436; 8. Westland John Glenn, 460; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 462; 10. Plymouth, 492; 11. Salem, 521; 12. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual medalist: Shannon Warner (Churchill), 67.

ALL-CONFERENCE: 1. Warner (Churchill), 67; 2. Sarah Johnson (N), 75; 3. Alicia Weber (N), 78; 4. Lexi McFarlane (LC), 84; 5. Brianna Roberts (N), 86; 6. Kirsten Friesen (N), 88.

ALL-DIVISION: 7. Chelsea Osburn (Canton), 91; 8. Kelley Hill (N), 93; 9. (tie) Kara Gregory (Canton) and Michelle Cha (WLW), 94 each; 11. (tie) Dana Thomas (WLW) and Kelsey Williams (WLW), 95 each; 13. (tie) Gabrielle Sabatini (LS), Paige Scarpace (LF) and Marni Weinstein (WLW), 96 each; 16. Allie Buttery (WLW), 98; 17. (tie) Amanda Dobos (LC), Melanie Wilkerson (WLW) and Amy Bernstein (N), 99 each.

OTHER INDIVIDUAL SCORERS
Northville: Joanne Weber, 100.
Churchill: Jessica Burdette, 103; Danielle Lesniak, 108; Samantha Proben, 121.

W.L. Northern: Stephanie Boggs, 107; Vikki Zolkewsky, 111; Rachel Blancy, 117.

W.L. Western: Amanda Schwardt, 113; Radhey Raval, 114; Leah Carlson, 119.

W.L. Central: Kelly Miller, 109; Jenni Abraham, 111; Riley Collins, 115; Lauren Mozak, 117; Rebecca Rosevear, 151.
Canton: Johanna Alexander, 123; Alexandra Wie, 125; Mary Elizabeth Winther, 129; Erin Lixie, 148.

Franklin: Heather Bacon and Samantha McAtee, 113 each; Natalie Polakowski, 114; Lauren Beahon, 117; Georgia Patrick, 119.

John Glenn: Heidi Irvine, 103; Jamie Young, 111; Dakota Howell, 114; Courtney McKinney, 132; Samantha Baker, 136; Justine Woodard, 143.

Stevenson: Natalie Cicchelli, 116; Shelby Plichota and Claire Massman, 125 each; Elizabeth Grace, 132; Andrea Burford, 141.

Plymouth: Patricia Burns and Missy Gosbee, 108 each; Liz Cizek, 131; Megan Haggerty, 145; Maggie Kelly, 148.

Salem: Jamie Bricker, 125; Natalie Barnett, 131; Lizzy Mazowicz, 132; Mary Johnson and Kelli Janiczak, 133 each; Ewa Zajac, 139.

Wayne: Berlynn Beaver, 106; Taylor Tuttle, 126.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS
Dual meet: 1. Churchill, 11-0; 2. Northville, 10-1; 3. W.L. Northern, 9-2; 4. W.L. Western, 8-3; 5. Franklin, 6-5; 6. (tie) W.L. Central and Stevenson, 5-6 each; 8. (tie) Canton and John Glenn, 4-7 each; 10. Plymouth, 2-9; 11. (tie) Salem and Wayne, 1-10 each.

Lakes Division: 1. Churchill, 5-0; 2. W.L. Northern, 4-1; 3. (tie) Stevenson, W.L. Central and John Glenn, 2-3 each; 6. Salem, 0-5.

Western Division: 1. Northville, 5-0; 2. W.L. Western, 4-1; 3.

Franklin, 3-2; 4. Canton, 2-3; 5. Plymouth, 1-4; 6. Wayne, 0-5.

Overall: 1. (tie) Churchill and Northville, 22 points each; 3. W.L. Northern, 19; 4. W.L. Western, 17; 5. W.L. Central, 13; 6. Franklin, 12; 7. Canton, 10; 8. (tie) Stevenson and John Glenn, 9 each; 10. Plymouth, 5; 11. Salem, 3; 12. Wayne, 2.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT
OCT. 9 St. John's Golf Course
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 392 strokes; 2. Birmingham Marian, 394; 3. Warren Regina, 397; 4. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 401; 5. Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart, 434; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 435; 7. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 443; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 822.

Individual medalist: Erica Mazur (Ladywood), 87.

ALL-LEAGUE: Mazur (LL), 87; 2. Maria Raffoul (WR), 89; 3. Bess Quick (SH), 90; 4. Alyssa Wilson (NDP), 91; 5. Marisa Stroter (NDP), 93; 6. Kristin Linghammer (BM), 94; 7. Melissa Raffoul (WR), 96; 8. Megan Novak (FHM), Maggie Lentz (FHM) and Kaitlyn McDonald (NDP), 97; 11. Allegra Wrocklage (FHM) and Kellie Cannavo (BM), 98; 12.

OTHER INDIVIDUAL SCORERS
Mercy: Diana Karvelis, 100; Lindsay Mack, 106; Lane Czanko, 110.

Marian: Amelie Watt, 99; Meg Fleischer, 103; LiAnn DiMambro, 104; Morgan Asher, 104.

Sacred Heart: Amanda Paul, 111; Rebecca Noble, 112; Ellie Rousseau, 121; Julia Pearson, 134; Amanda Waske, 142.

Ladywood: Val DiMilla, 112; Amanda Molin, 115; Marissa Briden, 121; Katelyn Papier, 133.

Salem spikers clip Glenn

Setter Jansan Falcusan recorded 24 assist-to-kills Monday as host Salem defeated Westland John Glenn in three games, 25-21, 25-11, 25-12.

Kerry MacDonald led the Rocks with 11 kills and eight digs. Kelly MacDonald added seven kills and 15 digs.

The loss drops Glenn to 6-10-4 overall and 2-3 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

W.L. NORTHERN 3, STEVENSON 0: In a WLAA-Lakes Division match Monday, Walled Lake Northern defeated host Livonia Stevenson in three games, 25-19, 25-23, 25-15.

Top kills leaders for the Spartans (13-12-3, 1-4) included Meg Iafate, nine kills; Stephanie Labby, five kills; Kaylee McGrath and Alex Harbowy, three each.

Setter Katie Vellucci had 14 assist-to-kills in the loss, while Jordan Pilot finished with a team-high 19 digs.

On Saturday, Stevenson finished 3-1 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Plymouth ousted the Spartans in the quarterfinals, 25-19, 20-25, 16-14, after Stevenson defeated Romulus (25-17, 25-11), Ottawa Lake

Whiteford (25-19, 25-14) and Detroit Pershing (25-5, 25-11) in pool play.

Iafate had a team-high 26 kills and 13 blocks on the day, while Labby added 20 kills and 26 digs.

Other leaders for Stevenson included Vellucci, 23 assists; Pilot, nine aces and 30 digs; Brooke Knoche, 15 kills, three aces and four blocks; and McGrath, eight kills.

PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE 0: Briana Beyer had 37 digs and Ashley Becszko added seven kills Monday as the visiting Wildcats (13-6-3, 3-2) downed host Wayne Memorial (1-7, 0-5) in a WLAA-Western Division match, 25-12, 25-12, 25-15.

Sophomore libero Brandy Pietruszka, a recently call-up from the JV squad, played error-free on the night for Wayne.

Jillian Novak had a career-best three solo blocks, while Catie Badrak added three kills in 15 attacks.

CANTON 3, FRANKLIN 0: Lauren McPartlin led a balanced attack with 10 kills Monday as the visiting Chiefs (5-7-1, 4-1) downed Livonia Franklin (6-19, 1-4) in three straight games, 25-14, 25-8, 25-14.

Ashley Price had five digs and nine digs in the WLAA-Western Division loss for the Patriots.

Brittany Taylor added four kills and five digs.

Quartet leads Glenn swimmers to invite title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Westland John Glenn hit the wall first in 10 of 12 events Saturday — good enough for 160 of its team-high 383 points — to capture the Wayne Memorial Invitational girls swim meet.

Defending champion Livonia Ladywood was runner-up in the two-day meet, which began Friday, with 275 followed by Livonia Churchill, 213; Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 138; Wayne, 136; Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99; and Garden City, 61.

"We swam very well and won it in a nice fashion," Glenn coach Randy Ferguson said. "We had some good separation in points this time. We're 3-2 in dual meets right now with a

month left in the season."

The Rockets relied on their "Big Four" of Ashley Sells, Jordan Burgess, Khiry Sparks and Casey Peterson to reclaim the title they won in 2005.

Sells was an individual double winner, setting a Wayne pool record time of 1:03.78 in the 100-yard backstroke, eclipsing the mark of 1:03.79 set by Trenton's Jenny Cochran in 1991. The junior also added a win for Glenn in the 100 butterfly (1:00.45).

Other individual double winners included Burgess in the 200 freestyle (2:04.73) and 500 freestyle (5:26.76); Peterson in the 200 individual medley (2:25.85) and 100 freestyle; and Sparks in the 50 freestyle (27.21) and 100 breaststroke (1:15.1).

The Rockets' Jessica

Fielhauer, Peterson, Sparks and Burgess also combined for a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:49.12). Glenn closed out the meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay as Jennie Humback, Sells, Peterson and Burgess were clocked in 4:01.88.

Ladywood garnered the other two firsts, winning the opening event, the 200 medley relay, as Brianna Wilson, Mandy Nameth, Annemarie Brinkman and Shannon Kelly were clocked in 2:03.23. Glenn was right behind in 2:03.40. The Blazers' other victory was recorded by diver Allison Spitzley, who scored a total of 302.80 points.

Glenn travels Saturday to compete in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) meet at

Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, site of the Division 1 state finals (Nov. 16-17).

Sells already has three state qualifying cuts, while Burgess has two.

Following Saturday's MISCA meet, Glenn will host five other schools — Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Wayne, Dearborn and defending champion Churchill — in Tuesday's Rocket Invitational.

Diving starts at 3:30 p.m. followed by the final heats at 5:30 p.m.

The meet features an unusual scoring format, done by grade-by-grade — ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th — and tallied at the end.

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2137 – Heather Stephens – Refrigerator, Microwave, Trunk
2039 – Deep Fryer, Freezer, Filing Cabinet

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from in front of Vella into the top right corner to make it 3-1 with 5:18 left in the first half.

Schoolcraft then tallied two goals within a five-minute span to make it 5-1 early in the second half.

A cross from Mayer was knocked in by midfielder Allyson King (Stevenson) and Mayer's header (from Nicole Polite) also found the mark.

UM-D slipped the margin to 5-2 at the 22-minute mark, when Stacy Grzywacz scored (from Danielle Honeycutt).

But the Lady Ocelots got it back in quick fashion. McCabe's throw-in was corralled and driven into the goal

by midfielder Katie Sterling (Stevenson) with less than 18 minutes left.

The final tally was a beauty. King chipped the ball from the midfield and forward Claire Baptist (Plymouth) raced down the right side of the pitch and buried her shot inside the left post, with just 1:23 remaining.

"This team is impressive in the depth level," Shivraman said. "Our scoring came from all over the place; we're not totally dependent on just one person."

Shivraman credited a number of players for the solid victory, which featured Schoolcraft maintaining possession much of the way.

Providing defensive support for winning goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle (Livonia Ladywood) were Sam Harrington, Sally L'Esperance, Ashley Erickson

(Walled Lake Central) and Kayleigh Maurer.

Those players "were so strong that we could take the gamble and move Margaret (Mayer) up," Shivraman said. He added that King and Adrianna Guerreo "did a great job at midfield holding things together."

In Saturday's win over Heartland, Schoolcraft built a 5-1 halftime lead and coasted. Scoring twice for the victors were King and Katelyn Gilbert.

MADONNA 2, CONCORDIA 0: Chelsea Skinner came off the bench to score a pair of goals and Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made 10 saves Saturday en route to the shutout as Madonna University (7-4-2, 6-2-1) defeated host Concordia University (6-6, 2-6) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

Skinner's goals came in the 35th (from Ellen O'Rear) and 75th minutes.

Whippets blank Ladywood, 2-0

Livonia Ladywood slipped to 4-4-3 overall and 1-3-3 in Division II of the Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League with a 2-0 setback Tuesday against the host Washtenaw Whippets.

Sophomore goalie Sara Burnosky made eight saves in loss.

On Friday, Ladywood tied visiting Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 2-2, as Jenna Sheahan (from Kristen Selasky) and Gaby Meyer (from Jamie Benaglio) scored goals for the Blazers.

PICKS

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marked ready for play if the visitors are using a "no huddle" offense.

C. The home team band may play as long as the visiting team band is playing at the same time.

D. None of the above. As you mull over the correct answers, let's go upstairs and review the local playoff scenario with only two weeks left.

Both Livonia Stevenson (7-0) and Livonia Churchill (6-1) are already ticketed for the postseason. Meanwhile, Redford Covenant (5-2) gets a bye this week by virtue of a forfeit win over Waterford Mount Zion and will join the playoff qualifiers.

Among the 4-3 teams knocking on the door are Canton (58.875 points), Westland John Glenn (54.871) and Plymouth (52.714).

Canton closes out its season against 6-1 Churchill and 1-6 Salem, while Plymouth gets an easier path against 1-6 Salem, a team it has already beaten, and 0-7 Romulus. Glenn probably has the toughest task, facing 3-4 Livonia Franklin and 3-4 Wayne Memorial.

Among 3-4 teams currently on life support are: Redford Union (46.817), Franklin (44.714) and Wayne (43.0).

RU doesn't get much help from its last two opponents, 0-7 Lincoln Park and 1-6 Redford Thurston.

Wayne has a rematch this week with 2-5 Walled Lake Central and finishes with Glenn, while Franklin takes on Glenn this week in a rematch and finishes with Churchill.

As far as the prediction race, I re-established myself last week going 11-1 to improve to 59-21 overall. Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright went 9-3 and now stands 55-25, while Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith also went 9-3 and is 53-

27, six games off the lead. Answer to Question 1 (C); and Question 2 (B).

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(ALL AT 7 P.M.)

W.L. WESTERN (6-1, 5-0) AT LIV. STEVENSON (7-0, 5-0): The state-ranked Spartans are gunning for their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship. Walled Lake Western hopes that a competitive week-in and week-out Western Division schedule will pay off with an upset win.

PICKS: Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

CANTON (4-3, 3-2) AT LIV. CHURCHILL (6-1, 4-1): After divisional losses to Plymouth and Walled Lake Western, the Chiefs appeared to be dead in the water. Now given new life, a win over playoff-bound Churchill will put the Chiefs in prime position for their eighth straight playoff berth.

PICKS: Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Churchill).

LIV. FRANKLIN (3-4, 3-2) AT WESTLAND GLENN (4-3, 3-2): Franklin had high expectations during the preseason, only to be derailed by the Rockets in the season opener at EMU, 26-17, sending the Patriots on a three-game spiral to start the season. Glenn, meanwhile, is fighting for its playoff life.

PICKS: Emons (Glenn); Wright (Glenn); Smith (Franklin).

WAYNE (3-4, 2-3) AT W.L. CENTRAL (2-5, 2-3): These two teams met in the second week of the season with Wayne rolling to a 33-14 win. If the Zebras could hold second-half leads, they might be a perfect 7-0. Central, meanwhile, is coming off a 39-8 loss to Stevenson.

PICKS: Emons (Wayne); Wright (Central); Smith (Central).

PLYMOUTH (4-3, 2-3) VS. SALEM (1-6, 1-4) AT P-CEP: These two teams also met during the second week with the Wildcats cruising 31-14. Salem lost last week to Glenn, 43-6, while Plymouth has to regroup after falling to Walled Lake Western, 40-27.

PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth).

REDFORD UNION (3-4, 2-3) AT LINCOLN PARK (0-7, 0-5): The Jekyll-and-Hyde Panthers whipped up on Taylor Kennedy last week in a Mega White matchup, 44-26, while Lincoln Park, which has scored only 18 points all year, fell to Wyandotte, 41-0.

PICKS: Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

MELVINDALE (6-1, 4-1) AT GARDEN CITY (2-5, 1-4): The Cardinals are in the playoffs after romping past Thurston last week, 41-2. The Cougars,

meanwhile, hope to parlay their 24-14 win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

PICKS: Emons (Melvindale); Wright (Melvindale); Smith (Melvindale). ROMULUS (0-7, 0-5) AT RED. THURSTON (1-6, 1-4): Late-season pride is on the line in this week in this Mega Blue encounter. Thurston lost to playoff-bound Melvindale, 41-2, while playoff-bound Ypsilanti routed Romulus, 42-7.

PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Wright (Thurston); Smith (Thurston).

MONTROSE (6-1, 4-1) AT LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (1-6, 1-5): This is a non-conference matchup with playoff-bound Montrose, coming off a 35-12 win over Durand, leading the Genesee Area Conference's Red Division and sporting a playoff rating of 69.285. Clarenceville played virtually mistake-free football in last week's week 26-14 setback to 6-1 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

PICKS: Emons (Montrose); Wright (Montrose); Smith (Montrose).

SATURDAY'S GAME

LUTH. WESTLAND (3-4, 2-3) AT B.H. CRANBROOK (3-4, 3-2), 1 P.M.: The Warriors led 6-1 Macomb Lutheran North 15-14 at halftime last week before crashing and burning in a 49-15 loss. Cranbrook is coming off a 35-14 victory over winless Hamtramck.

PICKS: Emons (Cranbrook); Wright (Cranbrook); Smith (Cranbrook).

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Maynor lifts Zebras by Glenn

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the Rockets.

"My hats off to Wayne, they played hard," said Glenn first-year coach Reavis Olive, who had four goals wiped out because of offsides calls. "I thought Wayne received outstanding play from their midfielders Corey Taylor and Josh Bradley."

The season series between the two Wayne-Westland district rivals is 1-all. Glenn took the first meeting on Aug. 22 by a 1-0 score. The two teams meet again in the first round of the Division 1 district tournament, 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 at Glenn.

CHURCHILL 7, W.L. WESTERN 3: In a WLA crossover Monday, host Livonia Churchill (9-6-3) built a 3-0 half-time advantage en route to a win over Walled Lake Western (8-8-1).

Sophomore Max Washko led the victorious Chargers with two goals and one assist. Etienne Lussiez and Adam Bedell chipped in with a goal and assist. Other Churchill goal scorers included Kyle Schwarz, Patrick Beier and Ian Guerin.

Matt Regan and Chris DeNapoli each contributed two assists.

Adrian Motta played the first half in net for the Chargers, while backup Christopher Adams finished up.

Winston Henderson's penalty kick got Western on the board early in the second half. Dan Czarnik and Joe Deverteuil also scored goals for the Warriors.

W.L. CENTRAL 4, FRANKLIN 2: Corben Titus notched a hat trick Monday as host Walled Lake Central (8-9-1) defeated Livonia Franklin (3-14) in a WLA crossover.

Brad Lyons also scored for the Vikings, while teammate Steve Rettig had a pair of assists.

Ryan Matthey and Steve Trapp tallied goals for the Patriots, who cut the deficit to 3-2 in the second half before Titus put it away with his third goal of the night with three minutes remaining.

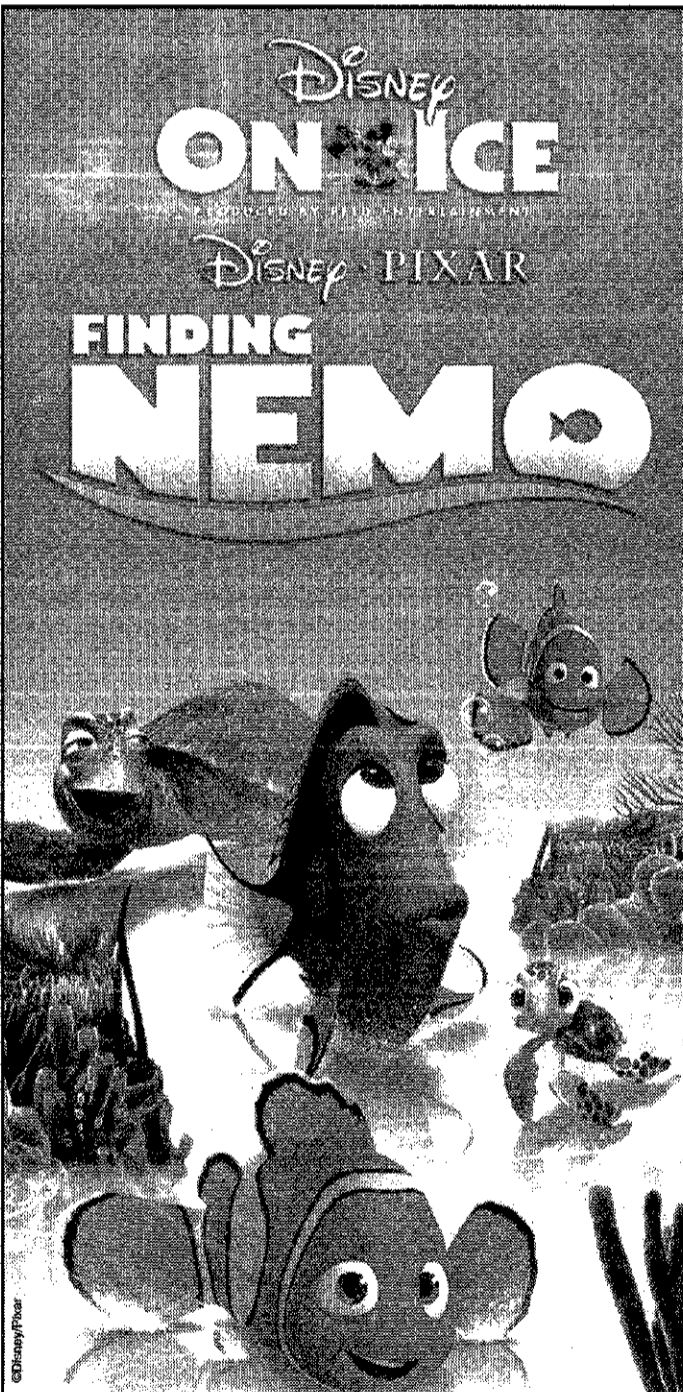
Central goalkeeper Dennis Rau made eight saves in the win.

LUTH. WESTLAND 9, HARPER WOODS 1: In a Metro Conference consolation playoff game Tuesday, Josh Kruger's hat trick propelled Lutheran High Westland (9-5-3, 5-4) past the visiting Pioneers.

Gage Flanery chipped in with two goals for the Warriors, who led 5-1 at halftime. Freshman Ken Krzyske and Austin Baglow each added a goal and two assists. Aaron O'Donnell and Justin Palka also added goals.

Brad LaRose, back in the lineup after an early season injury, added an assist along with Laith Francis.

Ben Schram scored for Harper Woods on an assist from Egli Lika.



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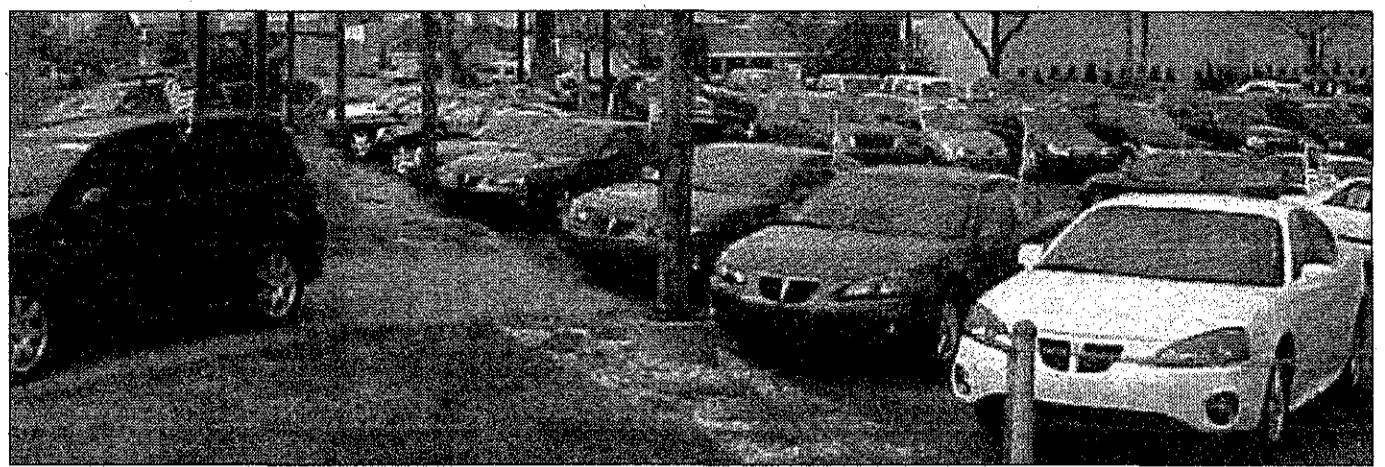
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