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Mayor's gathering: Good time for families to share togetherness

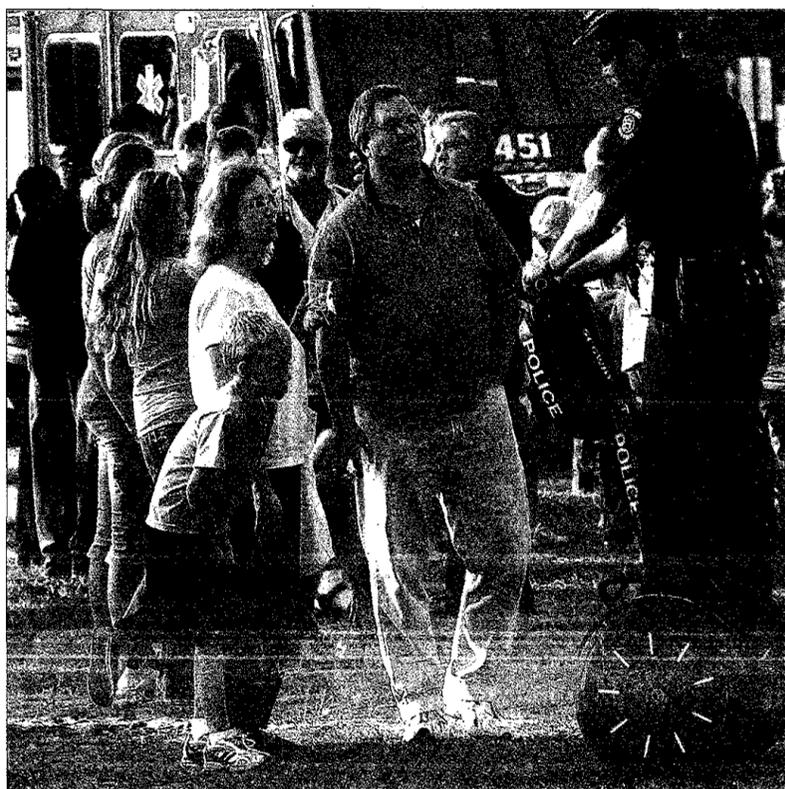
BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a troubled economy marked by rising expenses, Westland single mom Juanita Francis looks for frugal ways to spend quality time with daughters Naomi, Trinity, Mijai and Ashé, ages 5 to 14. She found it Tuesday, as did hundreds of others who gathered in Tattan Park near Carlson and Ford for Mayor William Wild's latest community gathering.

"I think Westland is one of the most phenomenal communities around," Francis, a teacher at the alternative education Tinkham Center, said, adding that Wild and his administration "are keeping people connected and grounded."

If Francis had appeared in a televised political commercial, Wild would certainly have endorsed her message. He sponsored his second park-based community gathering to give residents a chance to mingle informally with his staff, ask questions and learn about issues ranging from his environmentally friendly Mission Green program to the city's vision for sprucing up the Ford Road commercial corridor.

Children bounced around in inflatable



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland Police School Resource Officer Dan Serrano demonstrates the Segway personal transporter to John and Clare Mueller and son Peter, 7, during the Community Gathering at Tattan Park Tuesday evening. For more photos, see Page A2.

play areas, got to pet Westland police dog Friday and gazed at a huge banner for Play Planet, a 25,000-square-foot, space-themed play structure that will be built in late October in Tattan Park. The crowd watched as firefighters demonstrated how they rescue victims trapped

in vehicle crashes, and they learned from Deputy Police Chief Gary Sikorski how a Taser gun works.

Since the gathering occurred at dinnertime, Wild's staff served up 1,350 hot dogs to people who said the gathering, made possible by local business donors,

seemed like one big picnic — a message endorsed by Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover.

"This is about community. It's about people getting to know their neighbors," she said.

Juanita Francis' oldest daughter, Franklin Middle School eighth-grader

Ashé, said the party was bigger than a celebration she attended near the end of her summer camp program at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, where she studied singing and painting. "This is huge," she said.

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W-W district, teachers spar over contract

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A potential strike by Wayne-Westland teachers still looms amid an impasse in contract talks between bargaining teams representing the 850-member union and school district officials.

Despite the stalemate, district Superintendent Greg Baracy confirmed Monday during a school board meeting that "we're negotiating." Barring a collapse of talks, three more bargaining sessions are scheduled to occur by early next week.

"There has not been any progress made," Wayne-Westland Education Association union President Nancy Strachan said Monday evening, as a large crowd of placard-carrying teachers protested outside school district offices on Marquette. "It doesn't look good as of right now."

Strachan said teachers want contract talks resolved by Oct. 2. However, Baracy warned that a strike would be illegal, and he said negotiations will continue unless either side ends the effort with a 24-hour notice.

"We feel that they haven't made a concerted effort to be at the bargaining table," Baracy said.

Strachan said teachers made concessions in recent years and that they cannot accept further setbacks in wages, health care and class sizes. She said local teacher salaries rank near the bottom in Wayne County.

Under the last contract, which expired Aug. 25, salaries ranged from \$34,409 for a new teacher with a bachelor's degree to \$82,081 for a seasoned teacher with an education specialist degree.

Baracy indicated that school officials aren't asking teachers to accept a pay cut or freeze, but he conceded the two sides are at odds over a proposal to give the 13,000-student district more flexibility to choose competitive health insurance carriers.

This week, many teachers wore black clothing and "unity" buttons to school in an attempt to press their issues. They also garnered support from several parents who contended during Monday's school board meeting that too many students have been placed in some classrooms.

Baracy responded that the district strives to quickly address any overcrowding problems and that "we're going to honor the contract."

Parent Melissa O'Neil implored school officials not to allow problems like state fund-



FILE PHOTO

On three separate occasions, including Monday evening, Wayne Westland teachers have gathered at the district's administrative offices to protest the course of current contract talks.

ing shortfalls to usher in cuts affecting teachers, "the people that really matter to our kids."

Baracy pledged that the district's bargaining team will continue to seek what he called a fair contract within the financial constraints facing school officials. However, he rejected "a ton of inaccurate information" that officials say has been disseminated to imply that money has been misspent.

Baracy and board President Martha Pitsenbarger said revenues raised from an earlier, voter-approved bond issue and a sinking fund could only be used for specific purposes like building improvements — and not for teacher salaries.

Board Vice President Skip Monit and Trustee William Gabriel issued lengthy statements Monday, criticizing rumors and saying the board is charged with looking out for student interests.

"We answer to a higher authority. That authority is our kids and their parents," Monit said.

Gabriel called strike threats unnecessary and said he would hate to see negative bargaining tactics damage relations between teachers and administrators.

"Trash-talking isn't something we want to teach our children," Gabriel said.

As teachers protested outside school district offices Monday, Strachan indicated it's the district officials — not teachers — who have been unfair in contract talks. She said teachers in recent years have made concessions that saved the district \$19 million, "and now they want more."

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State responds to park remediation plan

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A conceptual plan to redevelop portions of lead-contaminated Central City Park has received a partially warm response from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, but city and county officials concede they will have to revise part of their proposal.

"It's a good foundation," MDEQ project manager Beth Vens said Tuesday. "It's a good starting point."

Although it's far too soon to pinpoint when part of the 100-acre, fenced-off park could reopen, a Monday meeting involving officials

from MDEQ, Wayne County and the city of Westland was viewed as productive.

"I thought it went really well," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I didn't see anything that we couldn't overcome."

The meeting at MDEQ's offices in Warren came two months after county and city officials submitted a conceptual plan to remediate and redevelop 15 acres along the eastern edge of Westland's one-time recreation gem. The park was closed after it was revealed in November 2006 that the site, a former landfill, was contaminated.

MDEQ officials appeared receptive to plans to use 12

inches of clean soil and a geotextile barrier for an area that officials hope to use as three soccer fields for adults and five for youngsters.

"This was a very important milestone in the process," Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said. "They've said we're basically on the right path."

However, MDEQ has called for similar measures beyond the proposed soccer fields, in an area where officials had envisioned using a lesser barrier for more passive activities like walking. Vens said the tougher requirements would give officials more latitude for future park uses.

In yet another area of the

park, Wild indicated he still hopes that officials can convince MDEQ to not require the extensive barrier near Friendship Pond, which would essentially be used for leisure activities.

Helmkamp cautioned that any conceptual plan will be followed by a formal proposal, likely hundreds of pages, that will serve as a blueprint for fixing the initial 15 acres of Central City Park.

The three levels of government could resume talks within two weeks after revisions are made to the conceptual plan, officials said. Referring to a formal propos-

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Historic baseball

Batter up. Local historians are reminding baseball fans to attend an old-fashioned game using 1867 rules at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Jaycee Park at Hunter and Wildwood. The game between the Greenfield Village La-de-Dahs and the Westland Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dahs will mark a rematch of last year's game, which the La-de-Dahs won.

The event is free.

Topps soccer

All disabled children are invited to participate in Topps Soccer Sundays, now through Oct. 26, at the East Field on Hines Drive west of Haggerty. The cost is \$20 and children need shin guards and a water bottle. Children with Downs Syndrome need a doctor's note to participate. For more information, call Liz Kreza at (734) 354-6498 or by e-mail at topsoccer@hotmail.com.

Historical event

The Westland Historical Society will present The

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Petticoat Ladies during an event scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The Petticoat Ladies, a group that dresses in period costumes, will give a presentation called "Mothers of Invention" that will highlight the contributions of women.

The cost is \$6 for seniors and \$9 for others. Proceeds will benefit the Westland Historic Park Village on Wayne south of Marquette. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

For more information or tickets, call (734) 522-3918, (734) 729-1605 or the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628. It is recommended to buy tickets in advance.

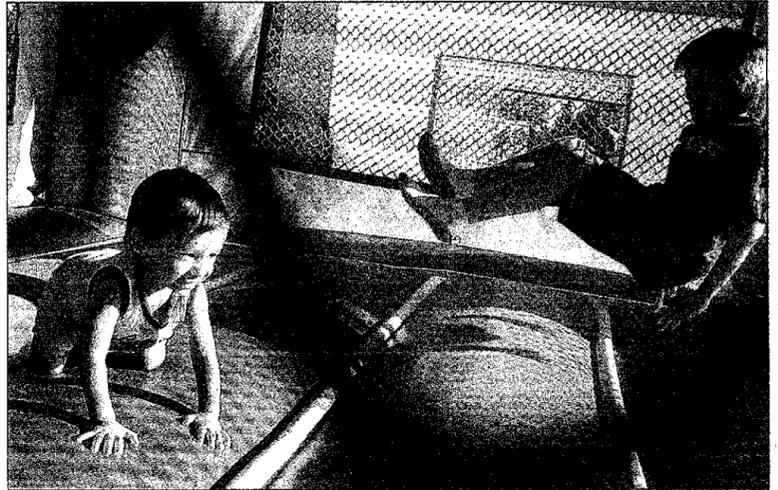
Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Enjoy

spaghetti, salad and desert for \$6 as well as entertainment. Dinner is being served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Constituent hours

Staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will hold office hours. The time is set aside so that the citizens have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one. Office hours for Thursday, Oct. 2, are 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center, 11 a.m. to noon at the Northville Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Senior Center. Tuesday, Oct. 7 office hours are 9-10 a.m. at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 1-2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City and 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Westland senior Friendship Center.



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Delightful bounce

Two-year-old Matthew Daniels had a blast bouncing with his brother Michael, 12, inside one of Bobby's Bouncers at the Community Gathering in Tattan Park Tuesday evening.



Juanita Francis and daughters, Mijai (left), Ashé, and (not pictured) Trinity and Naomi, enjoyed the community gathering.

Westland K-9 officer Joe Bobby and his dog Friday take part in Mayor William Wild's community gathering in Tattan Park. Josiah Best, 8, sisters Samantha, 10, and Emily, 13, get the chance to pet Friday.



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Newest W-W school trustee takes her oath of office

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board appointee Shawna Walker got a strong vote of confidence Monday from a high-ranking friend, Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart, who presided over Walker's swearing-in ceremony. "She's as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside," DeHart said, administering Walker's oath of office. DeHart predicted that Walker, applauded by onlookers including husband Dwayne, will be a "true friend" to students and staff. Walker was seated on the seven-member board after she was chosen earlier this month to replace former Trustee Frederick Weaver, who resigned after he moved to Midland for a new job.

Walker, a former Ford Motor Co. employee who is now an optical technician attending

Henry Ford Community College, called her appointment "an honor." She and her husband have four children.

Walker's colleagues wasted little time drafting her as one of the board's two delegates to a Michigan Association of School Boards assembly scheduled for Oct. 30-Nov. 3 in Grand Rapids.

She will represent the board and the 13,000-student district along with Trustee William Gabriel, who won election to the board in May and who replaced longtime board member Terrance McClain, who didn't seek re-election.

Walker will serve in her appointed post through next June. She already has indicated that she plans to seek election to the board in next May's election.

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# Helping out

## Friend holds benefit to aid cancer patient and her family

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patty Hawkins would love to raise \$1 million for her friend Dee Sitarski, but she'll settle for a lot less. Any amount she and her husband, Dave, are able to raise at a mostaccioli dinner this weekend will do.

"I did a benefit for a friend in May and raised \$6,000, I'd like to raise that for Dee, but any amount is more than what they have now," the Wayne resident said.

A lunch lady at the Burger Center for Students with Autism, the Garden City resident has been battling cancer since October 2007, when a trip to the doctor for difficulty breathing and bad cough resulted in a diagnosis of post stage 4 small cell lung cancer that has spread to her back and brain.

She is receiving outpatient chemotherapy at Garden City Hospital to treat the tumors in her lungs which make it difficult to breathe, Hawkins said.

The dinner and silent auction fund-raiser will be 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford, between Merriman and Middlebelt, in Garden City. Tickets for the dinner cost \$7.

The Hawkinses have gotten 42 businesses in Garden City, Westland, Canton and Wayne to donate to the fund-raiser, making it possible to have 21 gift raffles, 11 gift certificate raffles and five silent auctions. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

The family, which includes husband Greg and 15-year-old son Aaron, have had trouble paying bills since she was diagnosed.

"Her loss of income has hit them hard," said Hawkins.

"She hasn't been able to work, so hopefully we can make some money for them."

Hawkins and Sitarski have been friends for 10 years. They met while taking their sons to speech therapy at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. Four years ago, Sitarski took Hawkins' son to Guardian Martial Arts where her son, Aaron, was training. He dropped out, but Hawkins' son stuck with it.

That connection led to Kelly and Shelby Perkins offering use of the facility for the benefit.

Since, the building is close to where the family lives, Dee Sitarski is planning to be there, Hawkins said.

The Hawkinses have been working on the benefit since late July and according to Patty Hawkins, they didn't tell Sitarski they were doing it — with good reason.

"You don't tell Dee, you ask Dee," she said. "I told her we'd seen her struggling and said we'd like to do something. She had tears rolling down her face and said OK."

The Hawkinses have been "plastering" 200-300 fliers in stores around town to promote the event and are hoping for a big turnout. The more people who come or who make donations, the better.

People who would like to make a donation can send a check, made payable to Dee Sitarski, care of Patty Hawkins, 35436 Chestnut St., Wayne, MI 48184. For more information, call the Hawkinses during evening hours at (734) 467-4995.

"Dee is a very strong-willed person," said Hawkins. "She's going to get every single moment she can get out of life."

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al, Helmkamp said, "we're still many months away."

Nothing has yet been said about a proposal to fix the rest of the park, which is owned by the county and leased to the city.

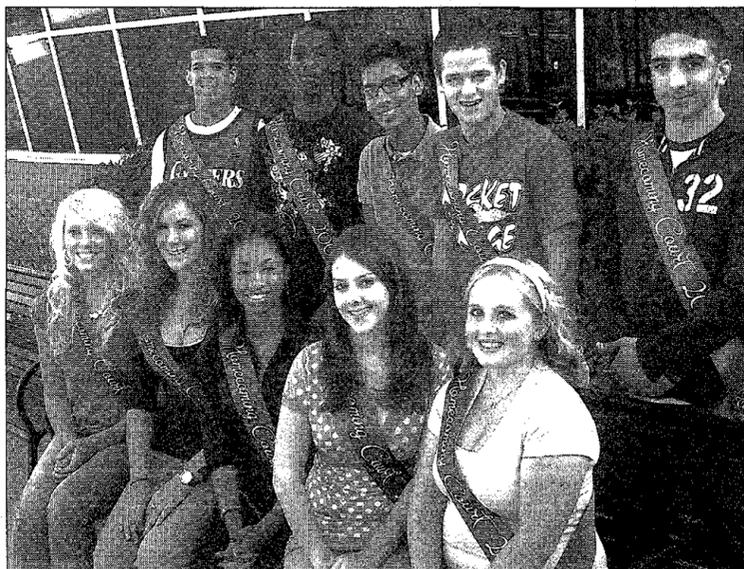
In other developments, Vens said the MDEQ believes that additional testing for contaminants should be conducted around Friendship Pond, because "right now there's hardly any data from that zone" and those limited earlier samples indicated slightly elevated levels of lead. She said more tests could help pinpoint whether officials need to put in a barrier or simply dig out limited "hot zones."

She also said more soil tests may be sought on the eastern edge of the park to help determine how far the protective barrier should be extended.

Moreover, Vens said the MDEQ also has called for more methane monitors on the eastern and southern perimeters of the park to ensure there's no threat to nearby residences, including Taylor Towers and homes east of Carlson. Vens said those measures would be similar to monitors already in place on the north end of the park, near the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland 18th District Court.

Helmkamp said county and city officials already have proposed trenches and piping to vent methane on the north end of the park.

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## A royal experience

Members of the John Glenn High School Homecoming Court will have to wait until half-time Friday evening to find out who will be crowned king and queen. Vying for the Homecoming queen crown are Brittany Holbrook (from left), Carly Pitrago, Chanel Payne, Kadie Foster and Brittany Hylton. The king candidates are Josh Reed (from left), Kyren Boyd, Asif Sheikh, Andrew Deluca and Zaid Ammari. The annual Homecoming parade will be at 6 p.m., followed by the football game at 7 p.m.

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A sample of in-state schools attending include Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan Technological University, Eastern, Central and Northern Michigan universities, College for

Creative Studies, Adrian College and Hillsdale College. Out-of-state institutions attending include Bowling Green State University, Penn State University, Wisconsin University, Purdue University, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University, to name a few.

College Night will be held in the Physical Education Building of Schoolcraft College's Livonia Campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Typically College Night draws about 3,500 people. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. The colleges are arranged fair-style and in alphabetical order in both gyms so guests can visit as many tables and in the order they wish.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426.

# Investors shouldn't overreact to financial crisis

There is a lot to learn from what happened on Wall Street last week.

If you listen to the talking heads and read some of the news stories about the market, you would think that the entire economy was falling apart and that the Great Depression was around the corner.

In fact, I heard the Great Depression referred to a number of times in listening to the talking heads. By the end of the week, the same talking heads were talking a different story.

As investors, we cannot allow ourselves to be swayed by the daily banter that we read and hear. Think about how much money someone would have lost this week by bailing out of the market at the wrong time. Investors must recognize that good news or bad news, the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

market tends to overreact. Investors cannot be swayed by short-term volatility. The lesson to learn is don't overreact and take a step back and let some of the dust settle before making a major change in your portfolio.

Whenever a new program or a major change in tax law occurs, promoters of investments start coming out of the woodwork pushing the investment to take advantage of the changing situation.

No matter what the changes are, the rules remain the same. They are:

- 1.) Before investing in any-

thing, check it out with independent research. Don't believe what someone — who has an interest in an investment — says until you can check it out independently. If you can't check out an investment independently, walk away.

2.) Before investing, review how an investment has performed over time. Look at three-, five- and 10-year track records.

3.) Before investing, understand how the investment works and how you can make money, lose money or get your money out when you want.

4.) Before investing, understand all the costs associated with the investment. Know what an investment costs to buy, sell and hold.

5.) Don't forget — if an investment smells too good to be true, it generally is smelly. You need to be reasonable when it comes to returns. If you let greed enter into your thought process about an investment, your returns will suffer.

The rules on Wall Street and in Washington are always changing. As investors, we also need to follow a set of rules to protect ourselves, and those rules are not subject to change.

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**Schoolcraft College**

**Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College**

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at [www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/).

**Wednesday, October 1 College Night**  
 Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.  
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Physical Education Building  
 Admission: Free  
 Information: 734-462-4426 or [admissions@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:admissions@schoolcraft.edu)

**Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano**  
 Noon to 1 p.m.  
 The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.  
 Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center  
 Admission: Free  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble**  
 The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn  
 Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"**  
 From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic areas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.  
 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center  
 Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)  
 Information: 734-462-4443

**Hiking MICHIGAN**  
 Roger Storm

**Friday and Saturdays October 24/25 and November 7/8, 14/15 Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn"**  
 Presented by the Schoolcraft College Theatre Department  
 This delightful comedy about Harry Baker and the two sons who continually challenge his patience is full of richly comic complications that prove to be unfailingly inventive and delightful.  
**Dinner Theatre Performances:**  
 October 24/25 and November 7/8  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Admission: \$24  
**Theatre Performances Only:**  
 November 14/15  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Admission: \$12  
 Theatre (LA500) inside Liberal Arts Building  
 Information: 734-462-4596

**Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert**  
 Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble  
 Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.  
 Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door  
 Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College  
 Radloff Center, 1751 Radloff St., Garden City  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Save the date**  
**November 8** (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and **9** (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)  
**November 9** at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)  
**November 12** at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)  
**November 14** at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)  
**December 5** at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)  
**December 5** at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)  
**December 12** at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)  
**December 12** at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)  
**December 14** at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)

# St. Dunstan's new pastor aims to connect with parish

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even before you talk to the Rev. Ron Richards, it's clear he has a sense of humor - there's a plaque on his office wall that reads "Jesus loves you, but I'm his favorite."

It's also clear that from items displayed in his office at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, that Richards is a Spartan - he received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University.

"If you are not real with people and honest about who you are, I don't know how you can connect with them," said Richards, who started his assignment at St. Dunstan last month. "In my homilies, people will hear about my life. That's how you connect. I think people appreciate that. We're called secular priests, we're meant to be among the people."

As the new administrator and pastor at St. Dunstan, Richards was coming into a parish that had gone through difficult times as their long-time pastor was removed and a former parish employee was jailed for embezzlement.

"The welcome here has been warm - I can't speak more highly of them (parishioners).

I think the key is I'm here to help them heal as a community and for their faith and love of God to grow," said Richards. "My role is to bring people closer to God."

Interim administrator the Rev. Thomas Sutherland had organized a church council and commissions at St. Dunstan during his tenure. Pat Squires, a member of the new parish council, is excited that Richards has arrived.

"It's been wonderful. We finally feel almost complete again. He's a great man and everyone seems to be taking to him very well," said Squires. "Father has a lot going for him. We have nowhere to go but up for the parish. We're finally beginning to recover."

Now 46, Richards was a teacher at Birmingham Brother Rice High School for nine years before entering the seminary. For six of those years, he was also the varsity swim coach.

"I hadn't thought of going into the priesthood until I was 32. I was teaching and coaching - I had been very successful," said Richards. "I got involved in the campus ministry and retreats - it made me think about the choices I had made."

When he entered the seminary in 1998, Richards found

his background was different from many of his classmates.

"I was quite an anomaly. I hadn't been an altar server. I didn't attend Catholic school - I hadn't seen the inside of a Catholic school until I was teaching," he said. "I hadn't known a lot of priests growing up."

Most of Richards' seminary work was done in Rome - something he is quick to point doesn't mean he's special or on any kind of fast-track.

"In fact, the bishop told me going to Rome to study means nothing. You're still going to be back here to be a diocesan priest," said Richards. "They like to send someone to Rome because you get a different flavor of the church. There are students from all over the world, so you get a broader view. But there is also a disconnect (with local seminary classmates)."

Richards is finishing up his studies at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., to be licensed in canon law. St. Dunstan is his first assignment as a permanent administrator. He was associate pastor at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield and spent the last year as interim pastor at St. Anne in Ortonville.

With a six-year assignment at St. Dunstan, Richards



St. Dunstan Church's new pastor, the Rev. Ron Richards, shows off his pride as a Michigan State University graduate with some mementos in his office.

said he doesn't know what the future might hold once he is a canon lawyer. He does know what he won't be doing with the premium on priests

- teaching. "I loved teaching and I miss it, but I know I won't be doing that. Those days are gone," said Richards. "I would never

have entered the seminary, if I thought I would not be able to walk away from teaching ... I'm not (quarterback) Brett Favre."



Seventeen young women, many of them at-large contestants, competed in the 2008 Michigan Junior Miss Program. The winner was Erin Wheeler (front row, right) of Plymouth.

## Junior Miss program holds at-large meeting

High school seniors looking for help with their college education can find it through the participate Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

The state-wide program is looking for contestants for the 2009 program. Contestants must be high school seniors graduating in 2009 with a 3.3 grade point average or higher. This program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities.

Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program has local programs in Wayne-Westland, Inkster, Plymouth-Canton, North Oakland County and the Irish Hills Area. Young ladies who live in a city or county that has a local program can get more information at the Michigan

Junior Miss Web site, [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org).

Young ladies who live in areas that do not have a local program can qualify for the state program by going through the At-Large Program. An orientation meeting for at-large contestants will be held Oct. 26 in Wayne for high school seniors interested in the at-large program. Register online at [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org) by Oct. 18, for this orientation program and the at-large program. The at-large program will be held on Nov. 23 in Wayne. More information is available by calling state chairperson Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744.

Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program is part of America's Junior Miss Program, the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since America's

Junior Miss first began in 1958, more than \$90 million dollars in college scholarships have been awarded. National sponsors are the Mitchell Company, Alabama Power, Encore Rehabilitation, Mobile Gas, Regions Bank and Wintzell's Oyster House.

Contestants are judged based on academic achievement, talent, physical fitness, interview and poise. The Michigan state finals will be held on March 14 at Saline High School. The winner of the Michigan Junior Miss Program will go on to compete for America's Junior Miss program which will be held in Mobile, Ala., in June. For more information on the college scholarship program, go to the America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program Web site at [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org).

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

Please take Notice that the General Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, is Monday, October 6, 2008. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, October 6, 2008 are not eligible to vote at the General Election.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

EILEEN DeHART, CMC  
Westland City Clerk

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, October 2, 2008, various items of the City Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m.

The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
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4418981	1993	Cadillac	DeVille	1G6CD53B9P4251228
4510765	1992	Chevrolet	Lumina APV	1GNDU06D5NT138419

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.

The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 18 9/15/08

- Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemeyer  
Excused: Pickering
- 204- Approved minutes of 9/2/08.
  - Approved Lutheran HS homecoming parade on 10/3/08, @ 6:30 p.m.
  - Approved Westland Jaycees Haunted House @ Wayne Ford Civic League, from 9/20/08-11/3/08, 7-9:00 pm.
  - Approved bid for 2 leaf machines & 2 leaf boxes.
  - Approved bid for security camera syst. & DPS yard.
  - Approved purch. 36 in-car printers & paper for Westland PD & 18th Distr. Ct.
  - Approved contr. for Micro-Surfacing for local rds.
  - Approved prep. res. to extend CMI Brownfield Loan.
  - 205-Approved bid from Atlas Spec. Bags, Inc. for 2 mil trash bags.
  - 206-Approved Rev. Prep. Res. for Ecorse Creek Support & Design.
  - 208-Approved prop. rezoning THR & R-5 to PUD, #001-99-0008-00 & 002-99-0080-001, s. side AAT, w. of Inkster Rd.
  - 209-Approved prelim. plan for prop. Cooper Schl Redevelopment, #001-99-0008-00 & 002-99-0080-001, s. side AAT, w. of Inkster Rd.
  - 210-Confirmed G. Conant appt. to EDC/TIFA, term ending 1/22/2014.
  - 210- Approved Checklist Activity: \$18,021,612.54 and Prepaid: \$17,466,509.12.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.  
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

James R. Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk

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## Westland woman waives court hearing

Becky Sue Malmsten, the Westland woman accused of robbing 10 homes in Canton, waived her preliminary exam Friday and has been bound over to Third Circuit Court.

Malmsten, 49, has been charged with home invasion, a 20-year felony and larceny from a building, a 4-year felony. Malmsten, whose criminal background includes drug and larceny convictions, has also been charged with being a habitual fourth offender, which is punishable by up to life in prison.

Police have accused Malmsten of entering

approximately 10 township homes through open garage doors while the residents were sleeping. Once inside the homes, she allegedly took purses, laptop computers and cameras. There is no indication she was ever confronted by a homeowner.

Police were led to Malmsten after a gas station surveillance camera was able to identify her vehicle.

Malmsten, who is being represented by Plymouth attorney Lisa Stempien, is scheduled for arraignment on Oct. 3.

- By Tiffany L. Parks

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## Meals on Wheels help sought

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For more information, call Barbara Ramseur at (734) 722-7632 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### KNOW THE SCORE

check out the numbers in today's **SPORTS** section

### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING October 9, 2008

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 9, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

SPR/SLU 08-003, Proposed Deli and sit-down restaurant at 27505 Ford Road. The subject property is zoned C-3, General Business District. Restaurants require Special Land Use approval in the C-3 General Business District in Garden City.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

David L. Harvey  
City Manager

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## Mojo in the Morning: Win lunch with 95.5 crew

It's back! The *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers* and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heck-

led, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit and Channel 95.5 in February 2000, is one of metro Detroit's most popular personalities.

"My interests are my wife, my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made

it."

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class

Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

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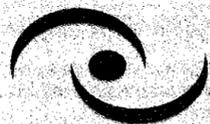
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OUR VIEWS

## Union, district need to agree

Members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association picketed the district's administrative offices Monday evening to show their displeasure with contract negotiations. It marked the third time in six weeks that teachers staged a such protest.

The two sides are trying to hammer out an agreement with the help of a state mediator. The teachers have identified class sizes, health care and wages as the three major stumbling blocks.

The union has fanned the flames of concern among parents about overcrowded classrooms and through a Michigan Education Association economist, painted a picture of a district that has "manufactured a budget deficit in three of the last four years by moving millions of dollars out of its operations budget to pay for capital improvements to district facilities."

Those are harsh words for a school district that has gotten a clean review of its budget by auditors year after year and has seen its business department receive national accounting awards for more than seven years. The union's comments also paint a picture of a district that cares more about appearances than educating students; the money spent on two new field houses at the high schools should be spent on in the classroom.

The district has chosen not to negotiate the contract in public, but it is using its Web site — wwcsd.net — to post updates on negotiations and a Q&A related to the WWEA's claims. They acknowledge the district has surplus and that through nickel and diming, it has shored up the dwindling state school aid. There have been no cuts in the educational program, new textbooks and technology have been updated, and teacher layoffs have been all but nonexistent.

We will not take sides, but somewhere in between this test of wills there is a compromise. Yes, they deserve a living wage, and yes, their classes should have a manageable number of students. But the district can ill afford to spend everything it has in the bank on a contract settlement.

We urge both sides to come together and find the middle ground for an agreement. We all have a lot to worry about with the state of the U.S. economy, we don't need to worry about who will teach our children.

**We will not take sides, but somewhere in between this test of wills there is a compromise. Yes, teachers have made contract concessions in the past. Yes, they deserve a living wage, and yes, their classes should have a manageable number of students. But the district can ill afford to spend everything it has in the bank on a contract settlement.**

## Michigan's delegation must demand more from Washington

Michigan's role as a battleground state for the November presidential elections provides a unique opportunity for the state's congressional delegation to influence national policy, and keep our needs in the spotlight.

For too many years, Michigan has been known as a donor state, meaning we send more tax dollars to Washington than are returned in federal funding for education, transportation and other vital services. This was less an issue when our state's economy was humming, but that clearly no longer is the case.

Our state has some pressing needs, and our representatives in Washington should be taking every opportunity between now and November to talk about them with the McCain and Obama camps. A good place to start is helping Detroit's automobile companies lead the charge with alternative fuel vehicles, but it does not end there.

This state, and our local communities, has pressing needs to repair and replace aging roads and bridges, upgrade municipal water and sewerage systems and protect our Great Lakes from toxins and exotic species. And no meaningful discussion about a light rail system can take place without a commitment of federal dollars.

Hopefully, when our local politicians are pressing the flesh with their respective presidential candidate and making joint appearances along the campaign travel, they will take the time to make this state's case for more support for Michigan, and make it a condition of their support.



LETTERS

### Hard to say goodbye

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people of the All American City of Westland. It has been an honor to serve you as Building Official for the past six years.

I would like to thank now-Judge Sandra Cicirelli for bringing me into her staff and having faith in me. I would also like to thank now-Mayor William R. Wild for allowing me to be part of his team.

Most importantly I would like to thank the Very Important Residents of Westland. To all of those whose homes I have visited, to all of those who spent time in my office and last, but not least, to all of the wonderful Westland people who supported me, prayed for me and sent me cards when I was ill. I will never forget each and every one of you.

Thanks to council for their support through some tough budgets, and through the rental program. It has been my pleasure to serve with you.

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I must not forget the ladies in the front office! They really have the toughest job! Anyone who has been in knows how hectic it can be. They serve you well and I thank them for their support they have shown me.

To all of the business owners, it has been a pleasure to work with you to get your business open and safe.

To Paul Featherston, a special thanks for being my deputy for many years and taking over and doing a fine job when I was ill. The city was in good hands.

To Bruce Thompson, it has been a pleasure working with you. We managed to get a lot done over the years! Keep up the good work!

To John Dickie, engineering, it has also been a pleasure working with you and doing creative thinking to get thing accomplished.

To Lori Fodale, good luck in your new challenge.

In closing, I cannot think of better place to end my career. Westland is the BEST!

**Sue Dodson**  
Westland building director

### What have we become?

My daughter is a third-year teacher in the Wayne-Westland schools. Just before school started this year,

**Joe Goionka**  
Westland

she came home from a teachers union meeting disenchanted and embarrassed at the unprofessional behavior of her colleagues. She explained the conduct as incomprehensible and was shocked at the theatrical approach the union leadership from Lansing took when addressing the membership. They had total disrespect for the Board of Education, community and students.

Where was the caring, nurturing culture the teachers like to brag about? I think their true colors came out loud and clear. Especially when the union leadership was promoting an illegal strike. What message does this send students? Break the law when it fits your own needs. Come on!!!

Even more appalling was that state Rep. Richard LeBlanc took the stage and promoted an illegal strike at the meeting. What business does a state representative have at a union meeting promoting an illegal strike? What has our legislature become?

All my daughter wanted to do is teach and not be subjected to all this nonsense. She cares and loves children. She is committed to the education of the children in Wayne-Westland. She also is very thankful and happy with her job, salary and benefits that come with it. In my humble opinion, it is time for the outsiders to leave town and take their agenda and trouble-making elsewhere.

Wayne-Westland schools have served my family well, and I am here to stay.

**Joan Washburn**  
Westland

### Sleazy election tactics

Here we go again. A sleazy, Republican-led effort is under way to deny Michigan citizens their right to vote. Macomb County Republican Party Chairman James Carabelli is working to suppress voters who have recently lost their home due to the foreclosure crisis. What is the Michigan GOP so afraid of?

We've seen cowardly Republican tactics like these in close elections before. Voters in swing states have been similarly targeted by vile and insidious GOP efforts to suppress voting. The "lose your home, lose your vote" scheme selectively targets those least likely to vote to continue failed Republican economic policies.

The Obama campaign has joined the Democratic National Committee and affected citizens in bringing a lawsuit to stop these anti-democratic tactics in their tracks, but real change comes from the bottom up.

This election is too important for any voter to be silenced. Michigan has been devastated by the Bush-McCain economy. It's no wonder, then, that Republicans are terrified of Michigan citizens actually exercising their constitutional right to vote!

### Double standard

I just finished reading the "Our Views" article in the paper. I felt the need to voice my opinion on the subject.

I am in total agreement with all the people who have joined the initiative to lower the drinking age to 18. We have such a double standard in this country that's so ridiculous, it is almost funny.

You feel that people at the age of 18 are not responsible enough to drink. These are the same people that are serving in our armed forces and dying every day so that you can voice that opinion.

These are the same young people that pay the same amount of taxes as you. They are held to the same laws as you. They are married and have the same responsibilities as you. They have to support their families like you, but you don't think that they are responsible enough to drink.

Am I the only one that sees something wrong with this?

Don't you think that if they're not responsible enough to drink then they should not have to pay taxes, fight our wars and be held accountable for all the other things that they are until they reach the age of 21? If they cannot have a beer until they are 21, then the rest should not apply until they are 21.

I also see where they want to restrict driving until the age of 17. So I can't drive until I am 17, but the minute I turn 18 I can ship out and maybe die for my country. How sad.

I am 63 years old and when I shipped out to Vietnam from California I was 20 years old. I had to stop a guy on the street to go in and buy me a six-pack. Four days later, I was in Vietnam. Do you not see something wrong with this?

**Roger Caldwell**  
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## Librarians lead the way in keeping information free

You may not think of librarians as a radical bunch, but they're on the forefront of free speech efforts in the U.S. and beyond. Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom To Read, is Sept. 27 to Oct. 4 this year, as a bookmark from the Plymouth District Library reminded me.

Banned Books Week is observed during the last week of September each year, according to the Web site of the American Library Association (ala.org). Observed since 1982, the event reminds Americans not to take the freedom for granted. This year marks BBW's 27th anniversary.



Julie Brown

BBW is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, American Library Association, American Society of Journalists and Authors, Association of American Publishers, National Association of College Stores, and is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth District Library, pointed with pride to library displays on Banned Books Week and librarians' lapel buttons saying "I read banned books."

"It's amazing what people try to ban," she said. "The Bible, a lot of things you consider great literature."

Plymouth has a formal process for challenge in which librarians review material, checking with neighboring libraries in Livonia, Canton, Northville and Farmington. "A lot of it is a community standard," Thomas said.

Infrequent challenges have come up, but Plymouth has never removed material. A book may go from children's to teen, or from teen to adult. "The library has things for all kinds of tastes and all kinds of sensibilities," said Thomas.

She likes to ask those who object to material what they'd like to include. "I'd rather have more points of view rather than fewer," she said. "If we start narrowing it down, then we close people out."

James Lenze, director of the Garden City Public Library, said the issue hasn't come up in his eight-nine years as a reference librarian or in his more recent return as director. "There may have been something before my time."

"Everybody has their own personal standards of what's acceptable to them," he said. "Everybody has their own informational needs or what they find pleasurable to read."

Lenze hopes parents can teach kids what is acceptable "whether it's their church teachings or just what they find acceptable." Each parent draws that line in a different place, he noted.

"We have to be open to that," he said. Garden City staffers haven't had an issue, and haven't seen need to draw attention to it with a specific program.

"Part of the hallmark of our democratic system is an informed electorate," Lenze said. That means people need to be able to express and receive ideas.

The Canton Public Library's Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager, said there are book displays, posters and bookmarks for Banned Books Week. "It's going to be featured on our Web site," www.cantonpl.org, she said.

"Every once in a while, we get a request for someone to look at materials. It's not a big issue here," Golden said.

"Because Canton is so diverse, we really do have a wide range of materials here," Golden said.

At the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Director Cheryl Napsha said book banning's not an issue "that I've ever heard" locally. The Westland library will have a teen event for Banned Books Week 6-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

"They're going to read banned books out loud," Napsha said. The teens should sign up and pick a passage ahead of time.

"We wanted to make sure it was appropriate," she said, adding you can call (734) 326-6123 for sign-up details.

"The best books are thought-provoking. I think sometimes adults are afraid of what a book might inspire, what kind of thinking or challenging thoughts," Napsha said.

She agreed not every book is right for every reader; it's best for parents to be aware "of the literature themselves and guide their child's reading."

"Intellectual freedom is really the foundation of a public library," Napsha said. "We're here to provide all sides, answers to an issue, and we're not supposed to judge."

She's concerned by "the fear that seems to be behind a lot of the banning." A lot are innocuous. "I think it's really the cornerstone of our country, giving people the freedom to think on their own. That's really the fundamental definition of a democracy," she said.

Westland will have listings of books that have been banned. "See for yourself," she said. "If people read a book and then object to it" that's different, as it's based on knowledge not fear.

Plymouth's Thomas noted "I don't know that you see the polarization in the library." Librarians are there in person, there's safety to explore views and respect for views. "So you don't get the extremely emotional kind of environment," Thomas said.

The "information explosion" has benefited from professional librarians who help us sort through the heavy load of information out there these days. It's also time to salute librarians for their efforts to keep free speech free and alive.

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## Venture capital conference bodes well for state's economy

OK, admit it — as the weekend approaches, you can think of more exciting things than reading about yet another conference.

So can I. But hang in here with me for a moment, because this one is the real deal, when it comes to Michigan's future.

Recently, Detroit hosted the 15th annual conference of the National Association of Seed and Venture Funds. These are, in fact, the folks who help the companies that will become the Microsofts and General Motors of the next generation.

Three hundred or so folks who invest in startup and newly developing companies came to listen to state and national venture capital experts, including Ann Arbor's Tim Petersen (Arboretum Ventures, L.L.C.) and Mary Campbell (EDF Ventures).

They got tips from Dan Gilbert of Livonia-based Quicken Loans Inc. and Josh Linkner, founder of ePrize L.L.C. of Pleasant Ridge.

For a struggling Michigan, holding this conference here and now was critically important. Tom Kinnear summed it up best. He, by the way, is the Eugene Applebaum Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Michigan's business school — not to mention an authority on venture capital, technology transfer and entrepreneurship. "This conference puts Michigan on the national venture capital radar screen," he said.

That is vitally important, because it hints at the prospect of new life when the dinosaurs are dying. These are dire days for Michigan. Our state leads the nation in unemployment. The auto companies, frantic to shed even more workers, are trying to save themselves by scoring \$25 billion in low-interest loans from Washington. All of which means that making progress scoring in the world of venture capital and helping local startup companies is the single most important sign of better things to come in Michigan.

The news is pretty good overall. The amount of venture capital being managed by Michigan companies is now around \$900 million, up more than 70 percent since 2001, according to the Michigan Venture Capital Report. There were seven VC firms in Michigan in 2001; today there are 17, with investments in life sciences, information technology and alternative energy.

"It's really exciting around here. Michigan is coming to life," said Kinnear. "There are lots

of deals here worth funding: medical devices, electric and information technology, materials, software."

No Michigan firm can bankroll a huge deal on its own. The largest Michigan VC firm has around \$100 million to invest, which isn't enough to enable it to be the lead investor in big deals.

But that is enough to qualify for a place at the table, when syndicates are being put together by several firms.

These are adventurous souls. Venture capitalists, like daring startup entrepreneurs, tend to be freebooting buccaneers who believe stoutly that the proper relationship of their work to government is ... none whatsoever.

"All government does is just get in the way," one hard-driving startup manager told me. But in Michigan, even government's attempts to help out seem to be working. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) was one of the sponsors of last week's gathering. With MEDC support, the state launched in 2006 the Venture Michigan Fund and the Michigan 21st Century Investment Fund, two programs with more than \$200 million for early stage investing. The Venture fund is guaranteed by state tax vouchers, while the 21st Century Fund uses state money coming from the national tobacco settlement. Both funds are managed by the highly respected New York firm, Credit Suisse.

This is a sign that we are getting beyond a historic impasse that has helped paralyze progress in this state. For many years, we had a classic "Catch 22" — entrepreneurs in Michigan griped about the lack of venture capital funds in our state. Meanwhile, VC types grumbled there weren't any good places to invest in.

New technology draws venture capital firms, as Kinnear observed, "and it has led to significant 'angel fund' activity in the state." Angel funds are informal groups of investors who get together, share expertise, compare notes and make initial investments in little startup companies. Today, angel groups in Ann Arbor, Oakland County, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and perhaps elsewhere are adding their heft. The majority of new jobs in the future will come from new companies that are starting small — just the ones that need startup seed money and venture funding.

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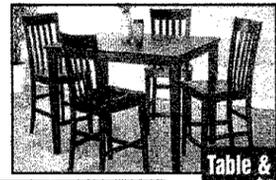


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## Focus:HOPE walk supports scholarships

Focus:HOPE, marking its 40th anniversary, will hold its annual Walk and Diversity Festival Sunday, Oct. 12.

From the day it started 40 years ago, Focus:HOPE has found ways to bring people together — people of all races and religions, from Detroit and its suburbs.

That spirit continues during this anniversary year with the Oct. 12 event. Entertainment and children's activities will begin 11 a.m., the Walk program at 12:30 p.m. and Walk at 1 p.m. There will be entertainment, food and children's activities 2 p.m., with the program ending 4:30 p.m.

Those who register and seek pledges for the Walk and Diversity Festival will help support scholarships for Focus:HOPE's students. Scholarships make it possible for students to develop their skills and start on the path to new careers in information technology, manufacturing or engineering. Registration fee is \$15 for those age 18 and older.

You can register:  
 ■ online at [www.focushope.edu](http://www.focushope.edu)  
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## Chargers take control of KLAA-South race, 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's boys soccer team is proving to be as proficient at attaining goals as it is at scoring them.

Fueled by a crisp-passing offensive attack and an airtight defense, the Chargers blanked Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division rival Canton, 3-0, Tuesday night on the P-CEP varsity soccer pitch.

Churchill didn't lock up the division title with its ninth straight triumph, but it cer-

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tainly has two hands on the padlock. The Chargers are now 7-0 in the South (and 9-2 overall) with three division matches to play.

The Chiefs dropped to 7-4-3 overall and 5-2 in the division. "After we lost our first two games (to state powers Livonia Stevenson and Northville), we made it our team goal to win 10 games in a row," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs. "Now we're one away from that."

"Tonight we moved the ball

better than we have all season against a very good defense. These guys play as a team -- they play for each other."

The Chargers lost just one player to graduation heading into this season.

"That's huge because they all knew what to expect coming in," Friedrichs said. "I didn't have to spend a lot of time teaching them the basics. We've been able to work on extra stuff."

Churchill netted the only goal it would need 15 minutes into the contest when Etienne Lassiez scored off a magnificent crossing pass from Max

Washko.

Approximately 10 minutes later, Tim Devine padded the Chargers' cushion to 2-0 after he secured a pin-point pass from Adam Bedell.

The Chiefs came within an eyelash of cutting their deficit in half early in the second stanza when junior Kyle Breitmeyer banged a 30-yard free kick off the crossbar.

Teammate Sherif Hassani controlled the rebound six yards in front of the goal, but his quick blast rolled just wide of the left post.

Canton threatened again

with 23:30 left when Kyle Wingham roped a low, sizzling shot that Churchill keeper Josh Andrzejewski cradled with both hands.

The winners put the icing on the cake with 6:43 to play when Jakub Herout banged a laser into the lower-left corner of the net to make it 3-0.

"The first time we played Canton (a 4-2 Churchill win), it was a back-and-forth game and they were more dangerous than they were tonight," Friedrichs said.

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## Signatures

### MU's Austin hailed

Madonna University junior Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin) has been named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week (ending Sept. 21).

For the week, Austin scored four goals, including the game winner in both of MU's conference triumphs a 4-1 win Sept. 16 over Concordia and a 6-2 victory Saturday at Davenport.

Austin leads MU with seven goals and an assist for a total of 15 points.

### MU golfers second

The Madonna University women's golf team, led by Sara Simnitch's 88, took runner-up honors Saturday in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree (No. 3) held at Tecumseh Country Club hosted by Siena Heights.

Indiana Tech captured the team title with a four-player total of 357 followed by MU (363).

Davenport's Caitlin Duval was medalist with a 5-over 77.

Simnitch took fifth followed by MU teammates Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) and Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), tied for eighth (91 each); Caitlin Steele, 14th (93); Jacqueline McCormick, tied for 15th (94); and Jillian Kloc, tied for 19th (96).

### Frost runner fourth

Livonia Frost Middle School's Kerrigan Riley, a member of the Stickman United racing team, placed fourth in the girls middle race with a time of 13 minutes, 49 seconds for 3,200 meters at the Monroe-Jefferson Invitational cross country meet.

Stickman United's Keenan Jones and Colin Smith placed 11th and 41st, respectively, among a field of 106 elementary school competitors (kindergarten-through-6) with times of 8:05 and 9:17 at the 2,000-meter distance. It was Smith's first-ever cross country competition.

## Tie that binds

### Spartans, Rocks draw again, 0-0

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nothing gained, nothing lost.

That was the story again Tuesday as Division 1 state powers Salem and host Livonia Stevenson battled to a 0-0 draw in a showdown for first place in the Central Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson, 8-1-3 overall and ranked No. 3 in the state, maintains its slim one-point lead in the KLAA-Central Division race at 5-0-2, while top-ranked Salem is 14-0-3 overall and 5-0-3 in the division.

Each team has three matches remaining in the division.

In the first meeting between the two teams on Sept. 15, Salem scored during the final five minutes to forge a 1-1 deadlock. That duel featured free-wheeling, up-and-down action, but the rematch was played close to the vest.

Stevenson had five corner kicks in the first half, while Salem had four in the second half -- that was the extent of it.

Ironically, play opened up -- out of desperation -- during the final minutes.

"We played hard and played smart, the second half was much better," Salem coach Ed McCarthy told his team afterward. "Both backlines were strong and it limited the scor-

ing opportunities. Our first-half message was that we had some opportunities, but we did not have any quality shots. And if we don't get shots, obviously we don't get any scoring opportunities. I think they responded better the second half.

"It's been eight days since the last time we played them and this game looked nothing or felt nothing like the last game -- even going from the grass field to the (synthetic) turf, to the number of scoring opportunities."

Stevenson goalkeeper Conner Burton and Salem's Will Allen both did their jobs efficiently despite the limited amount of shots.

"The first meeting, in terms of soccer performance, was much better," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Both teams tonight had some exciting moments, but I wish we had played better and with more composure despite the high pressure."

"But a 0-0 result against Salem -- it's at least somewhat satisfying -- but I hoped we would have performed better."

Salem had to be pleased to keep Stevenson off-the-board for 80 minutes. And for the Rocks, it could be considered a moral victory. Allen, a senior, filled in admirably for the injured Sasa Miskovic.

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Stevenson's Kendal Snow (25) goes airborne for the header between Salem's Lachlan Savage (12) and Matt Woster (16) during Tuesday's KLAA-Central Division showdown.

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### Slim margin of error

John Glenn's Steve Thompson (right) shoots and scores just off the finger tips of Wayne goalkeeper Corey Taylor during Tuesday's KLAA-South Division matchup. Glenn scored a 6-1 win over the rival Zebras. For a roundup of area boys soccer games, see page B3.

## Longeway wins O&E golf crown

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dan Longeway didn't get serious about the game of golf until he was 32.

Twenty years later, Longeway continues to prove that you're never too old, especially when it comes to winning tournaments.

His latest conquest came Sunday during the final round of the *Observer & Eccentric Men's Golf Open*, where he overhauled Madonna University junior Steve South of Westland for the title by a stroke at Livonia's Whispering Willows G.C.

The Northville Township resident earned his first *O&E* crown by shooting 71 Saturday at Livonia's Fox Creek and added a 75 Sunday at Whispering Willows for a two-day total of 146.

South held a two-shot lead heading into the second day of play after firing a blistering 69 Saturday, only to fall back with a 78 Sunday after four-putting and taking a triple-bogey on the par-13, 213-yard No. 15 hole.

"Steve played well, he only had one bad hole which probably cost him the tourney," said Longeway, who runs a health insurance firm for small to mid-size employers. "I settled down on the back side. On the front side, I was trying to hold on. I was 5-over on the front and even on the back."

Former *O&E* champion Jim Omietanski, the boys varsity golf coach at Livonia Stevenson High, tied for low round of the day at Whispering Willows with a 73 (matching Matt Wiley).

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# Penalty-prone Warriors fall, 27-14

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland had the upper hand in total yardage, but that's that only thing the Warriors could hang their hats on in a 27-14 Metro Conference football setback Saturday at home to Macomb Lutheran North.

Things started out well enough as the Warriors' Stephen Kemp recovered a pooch kick at the North 39 and 10 plays later scored on an 8-yard run after a timely audible call at the line of scrimmage from senior Eric Shoats, who got his first start at quarterback.

But despite being outgained 226-204 in total offense, North scored four unanswered touchdowns during the next three quarters to take a 27-6 lead - a 43-yard run by Zek Bielecki; an 18-yard pass from quarterback Mike Visbara to Ryan Schwark; a 44-yard pass

from Visbara to Dan Greene; and a 4-yard run by Chris Connell.

The Warriors scored their final TD in the fourth period on Sean Rowe's 10-yard pass to Kemp followed by Rowe's two-point conversion run.

The loss drops Lutheran Westland to 1-2 overall and 1-2 in the Metro, while North evens its mark at 2-2 overall and is 1-2 in the conference.

"They (North) controlled the line of scrimmage and one or two big plays kills us in the game," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Guse' said.

The Warriors, who trailed 21-6 at the half, had pair of turnovers, losing a fumble and getting punt blocked in the second period which led to a North TD.

Lutheran Westland also committed a total of 10 penalties for 95 yards.

"Twice we got called for an illegal man downfield," Guse' said. "We also had intentional grounding, offensive pass interference and a personal foul on a punt return."

"Penalties killed us. We're a ground team and we had too many second-and-20s. Anytime something bad happened, it happened. It's frustrating."

Ethan Haller (15-for-60) and Kemp (12-for-56) were the Warriors' leading rushers. Four different quarterbacks combined for 6-of-15 passing for 70 yards with one interception.

Defensively, Sam Ahlersmeyer led the Warriors with 10 tackles, including a sack.

Kemp and Haller added seven tackles apiece, while Rayshaun Booker also recovered a fumble.

## PREP FOOTBALL



Ed Wright

# Pee Wee football offers life lessons

According to author Robert Fulghum's 1989 best-selling book, everything you really need to know in life you learn in kindergarten - necessary skills like sharing, playing fair and not taking things that aren't yours.

After watching a few of my 7-year-old son's junior freshmen football practices, I'd like to contribute the following unauthorized sequel to Fulghum's masterpiece: *Everything You Really Need in Life You Learn in Kindergarten...and at Pee-Wee Football Practice.*

Here's a condensed version:

**Chapter 1 - Pay attention to detail:** Always make sure your chin strap is on, your mouth guard is in and your other vital protective devices are straight, because you never know when you're going to get matched up against the kid that hits harder than Brian Urlacher in one-on-one tackling drills.

Sports Editor Tim Smith and Livonia/Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons also compiled 9-2 marks last week to stay in the hunt with 31-16 records.

Following are this week's games and picks.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL 7 P.M. STARTS UNLESS NOTED)**

**LIVONIA STEVENSON (3-1, 2-0) AT NORTHVILLE (3-1, 2-0):** A year ago this game would have had "lop-sided rout" written all over it - and it still might, but in pencil, thanks to a strong rebound season from the Mustangs. Northville is no longer the push-over it was the previous few seasons and the Spartans have shown they have a few dings in their armor. Expect a lot of points. **PICKS:** Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Northville); Emons (Stevenson).

**SALEM (0-4, 0-2) AT SOUTH LYON EAST (0-4, 0-2):** Judging by Friday night's near-miss against powerful Novi, the Rocks may be the best 0-4 team in the state right now. They're just nine points away from being 2-2 as they dropped a 20-14 decision to Walled Lake Northern and a 17-14 verdict to the Wildcats. Both teams need a win for morale purposes. **PICKS:** Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem); Emons (Salem).

**PLYMOUTH (3-1, 1-1) AT LIVONIA CHURCHILL (1-3, 0-2):** A pair of spread offenses will square-off in this key KLAASouth contest on the Chargers' turf. Plymouth hopes it can pick up on the momentum it gained in the second half of last week's win over Wayne when they outscored the Zebras 29-8 over the final 24 minutes. The Chargers are coming off perhaps their best showing of the season last week when they battled Franklin to the wire. **PICKS:** Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Emons (Plymouth).

**WAYNE MEMORIAL (0-4, 0-2) AT CANTON (3-1, 1-1):** The Chiefs will be looking to rebound following a tough Week 4 overtime loss to Westland John Glenn. The Zebras showed glimpses of promise against Plymouth last week, but couldn't finish drives. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton); Emons (Canton).

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN (3-1, 2-0) AT WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (2-2, 2-0):** First place in the KLAASouth is up for grabs in what promises to be

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**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 4**  
Sept. 22 at John Glenn

**No. 1 singles:** Zach Ernat (WJG) defeated David McCown, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Brandon Harnos (WM) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jesse English (WM) def. Khari Stargell, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (8-6); **No. 4:** Kevin Sample (WM) def. Asif Shiekh, 6-0, 6-1.

**No. 1 doubles:** Carlo Tejada-Mitch Dean (WJG) def. Hui Li-Dan Wilson, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 2:** Michael Gabriel-Zach Lankton (WM) def. Zach Edwards-Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Jacob Toarmina-Shane Wiechert (WJG) def. Michael Battaglia-Josh Estepo, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; **No. 4:** David Wilton-Wayne Woodard (WJG) def. Justin Iller-Jacob Bean, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1); **No. 5:** Karl Lawrence-Nick Stone (WJG) def. Stephen McNamara-Josh Higgs, 6-3, 6-0.

**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 1-9 overall, 1-7 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 2-8 overall, 1-7 KLAASouth Division.

**CANTON 6, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3**  
Sept. 22 at Canton

**No. 1 singles:** Akshay Moorthy (LC) defeated Mike Darouie, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 2:** Justin Leidel (Canton) def. Alex Cios, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Ryan Hanz (Canton) def. Ziwin Deng, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Mike Appel (LC) def. Austin Payne, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 1 doubles:** David Ding-Adamy Payne (Canton) def. Dan Lanstrom-Erik Newman, 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Santosh Shanmuga-Abhi

Katti (Canton) def. Eric Slusarski-Vishal Joshi, 65-2, 3-6, 6-4; **No. 3:** Mike Houghan-Rushi Patel (LC) def. John Mosley-Jim Lafontaine, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 4:** Steve Lee-Rob Milus (Canton) def. Cameron Norscia-Eric Stromberg, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 5:** Karlik Bhatt-Andrew Tidwell (Canton) def. Pat Moroney-Matt Cezat, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

**Churchill's dual match record:** 6-4 overall, 4-3 KLAASouth Division.

**PLYMOUTH 8, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1**  
Sept. 22 at Franklin

**No. 1 singles:** Walter Woods (LF) defeated Pat Onoro, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Aaron Zhang (P) def. Stephen Payne, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 3:** Matt Dwan (P) def. Mike Geraci, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Andy Mitchell (P) def. Aaron York, 6-0, 6-2.

**No. 1 doubles:** Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey (P) def. Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp, 5-7, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Wen Ning-Alex Berk (P) def. Peter Lee-Nate Warrick, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 3:** Tom Eggeston-John Lopez (P) def. Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt (P) def. Walt Alfonso-Alex Wood, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 5:** Grant Senkibiel-Ian Fleming (P) def. Joe Trudell-Derek Davis, 6-0, 6-3.

**Franklin's dual match record:** 2-7 overall, 2-5 KLAASouth Division.

**CANTON 7, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2**  
Sept. 19 at Franklin

**No. 1 singles:** Walter Woods (LF) defeated Michael Darouie, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Stephen Payne (LF) def. Justin Leidel, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:**

Ryan Hanz (Canton) def. Mike Geraci, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Riley Hoernschmeyer (Canton) def. Joe Kosinski, 6-0, 6-0.

**No. 1 doubles:** Jeremy Lindbauer-David Kang (Canton) def. Chad Dorton-Steve Trapp, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6); **No. 2:** David Ding-Adam Payne (Canton) def. Peter Lee-Nate Warrick, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Santosh Shanmuga-Abhi Katti (Canton) def. Mike Kaplan-Bill Shafer, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jim Lafontaine-John Mosley (Canton) def. Walt Alfonso-Alex Wood, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 5:** Karlik Bhatt-Austin Payne (Canton) def. Aaron York-Joe Trudell, 6-1, 6-1.

**Franklin's dual match record:** 2-6 overall, 2-4 KLAASouth Division.

**SOUTH LYON 5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 4**  
Sept. 22 at Livonia

**No. 1 singles:** Chris Martin (LS) defeated Doolhak Kim, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Erik Koch (LS) def. Willie Spears, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Clayton Northey (LS) def. Kyle Wilson, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kyle Gordon (SL) def. Kevin Francisco, 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; **No. 1 doubles:** C. Johnson-A. Martella (SL) def. Giang Nguyen-Kyle Fan, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** K. Sitar-A. Whybra (SL) def. Josh Rochette-Simjoe Holman Rayos, 7-5, 6-1; **No. 3:** G. Wellmer-Jared Timm (SL) def. Paul Franchina-Vince Sabatini, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** M. Verbisas-Eric Quang (SL) def. Garrett Adams-Dave Kruse, 7-5, 6-2; **No. 5:** T. Slankard-B. Morman (SL) def. Josh York-Lukas Rudis, 6-2, 6-3.

**Stevenson's dual match record:** 2-6 overall, 0-5 KLAASouth Division.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
A.A. Greenhills at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Portage Northern Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, 9 a.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Harper Woods at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
- Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
Salem at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Country Day at Stevenson, 12:30 p.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Center Line Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Ypsilanti Invitational, 10:15 a.m.  
Divine Child Falcon Invitational, TBA.
- GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Salem Invitational, noon.  
Wayne Invitational, noon.
- BOYS TENNIS**  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
Ladywood vs. Academy of Sacred Heart at the Heathers Club, 3 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 26**  
Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands (Van Buren), 3 p.m.
- GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
Ladywood at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25**  
Madonna vs. UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27**  
S'craft at Spartenburg Methodist (S.C.), TBA.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Friday, Sept. 26**  
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 27**  
Cincinnati State at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
- TBA - time to be announced.

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# Kenne propels Glenn past rival Zebras, 6-1

Nelson Kenne's two goals and two assists sparked Westland John Glenn to a 6-1 boys soccer victory Tuesday at home over rival Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets, who led 3-0 at halftime, improved to 5-8-1 overall and 4-3 in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Logan Chaston, Loren Marku, Tomasz Karznowski and Steve Thompson also tallied goals for Glenn.

"Nelson (Kenne) played a beautiful match," Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada said. "But I thought we played too much individual."

Kyle Michael's goal off a corner kick to open the second half spoiled Glenn goalkeeper Zach Redden's shutout bid.

The loss drops to the Zebras to 0-12-1 overall and 0-7 in the KLAASouth.

**PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 1:** On Tuesday, goals by Brad Finnegan, Dan Jasewicz and Kyle Anderson carried the host Wildcats (6-8-1, 3-3-1) to the KLAASouth Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (1-10-1, 1-5-1).

Zach Miller scored the lone goal on an assist from Travis Matthey for the Patriots, who trailed 2-1 at halftime.

"We played a great first half, but they let them score less than 10 seconds into the second half," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We fell flat the second half and did not mark tight enough. Plymouth also has great speed up-top."

Despite the loss, Franklin goalkeeper Brad Mangune (15 saves) and senior forward Noel Romo stood out.

**CRANBROOK 4, LUTH. WESTLAND 0:** Alex King scored two goals and added two assists Tuesday as Metro Conference leader Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (7-0-2, 6-0) blanked state-ranked Lutheran High Westland (9-3-1, 4-2).

Jeff Hammond and Heedong Young also tallied goals for the unranked Cranes, who bolted to a 4-0 halftime lead on goals in the eighth, 17th, 20th and 32nd minutes.

"We cleaned it up on the back and played a little bet-



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Wayne's Zachary Girouard (left) tries to keep the ball away from John Glenn's Nelson Kenne during Tuesday's KLAASouth Division matchup.

ter in the second half," said Lutheran High Westland coach Rich Block, whose team is ranked No. 9 in Division 4 statewide coaches poll.

**HAMTRAC 2, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** In a Metro Conference encounter Tuesday, the host Cosmos (2-3, 2-2) sent visiting Livonia Clarenceville (4-7, 1-5) to its sixth straight setback.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 5, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 2:** Josh Kruger scored four goals and added one assist, while Laith Francis chipped in with a goal and two assists Saturday as Lutheran High Westland (9-2-1) posted the non-conference win over host Southfield Christian (4-67).

"We kept our shape well and things are coming together," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said.

Brian Nimmon and Derek Holecek scored for the Eagles, who trailed 5-1 at halftime.

# MU's Giorgi sits on Daveport, 4-2

Emilio Giorgi notched his second and third goals of the season Saturday as the Madonna University men's soccer team rallied from a 2-1 halftime deficit to beat host Davenport University, 4-2, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match.

Goals by Rory Scott and Carl Winterbottom staked Davenport to a one-goal advantage. Mark Pikula scored for the Crusaders.

In the second half, Giorgi scored in the 47th and 50th minutes off assists from Otieno Victor and Pikula.

Corbin Titus put it away for the Crusaders in the 67th minute off a long pass from Jacob Rosiek.

The Crusaders' goalkeeper Steve Besk made nine saves. MU is now 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC, while Davenport falls to 4-2 and 0-1.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 3, MACOMB CC 0:** With second-year starting defender Hunter Robertson out of the lineup due to an injury, the Schoolcraft College regrouped and turned in what assistant coach Chris Grodzicki termed a

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"total team effort" Sept. 17 against visiting Macomb Community College (4-2-1, 2-1).

Schoolcraft, 4-0 in the MCCA, gave up just four shots on goal in the win.

Grodzicki said the strong defense yielded plenty of offense, with Michael Iyoha outstanding throughout.

"Michael Iyoha was a captain in every sense of the word," Grodzicki said. "His energy was contagious, he was vocal, he played hard, he played smart (and) he played injured. Oh yeah, he ended the game (against) our biggest rival with two goals and an assist."

The lone goal of the first half was tallied by Iyoha, who took a throw-in from Andy Adlington all alone in the box and beat the Macomb goalkeeper.

The host Ocelots then poured it on after intermission, with Iyoha neatly threading a pass over to Younan Samra with 15 minutes to go for Schoolcraft's second goal.

The final goal, with about 10 minutes left, was scored when a through ball by Bim Ogunyemi was collected by Iyoha, who proceeded to dribble through the defenders and beat the goalie. Collecting the shutout in goal

for Schoolcraft was Billy Irvine.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft battled host Parkland (Ill.) CC to a 1-1 overtime draw and on Sunday defeated host Heartland (Ill.) CC, 2-0, to improve to 6-1-3 overall.

**MADONNA 3, CONCORDIA 0:** Using three first half goals, the Madonna University (4-1, 2-1) rolled to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Wednesday at Concordia University (0-1, 0-1).

MU got on the board just 7:37 in as newcomer Eric Kiebert took a loose ball just inside the 18-yard box and after turning, fired a shot that Concordia keeper Shawn Simney had no chance to stop for a 1-0 MU lead.

Fellow newcomer Otieno Victor made it 2-0 MU, scoring his first goal of the season in the 21st minute, taking the ball away from the Cardinals and beating Simney to his right for his first collegiate goal.

Kiebert, a transfer from Auburn-Montgomery, made it 3-0 just under nine minutes later as he took a pass from Doron Drai and fired his shot past a diving Simney for the final MU score.

The Cards posted four shots on goal, but Crusader keeper Anthony DeMarco was up to the challenge in his first action of the season, stopping all four shots.

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The Rocks' backup keeper made a key diving save on Stevenson's Joey D'Agostino with only 3:25 left.

Salem also played the final 59 minutes without senior defender Jace Beardon, who went off with a knee injury.

"We went from goalkeeper

(Miskovic) who is probably among the top 10 percent goalkeepers in the state to a guy who has only played one game," McCarthy said. "That's why played a little more conservative and we didn't want to move (senior sweeper) Kevin (Cope) up. I didn't know what to expect, but tonight he (Allen) was very good."

Stevenson tried to create some buzz late in the game, only to have the potential

game-winning goal by Nate Sergison disallowed with 2:19 left due to an obvious offside call.

"I told the boys at halftime I had a strange vibe tonight," Richters said. "That last game we played with confidence and it was fun. I don't know if the nerves got to us or affected our performance. Unfortunately we did not bring the same level of play."

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# Crusaders boot Tech for 3-0 WHAC victory

The 24th-ranked Madonna University women's soccer team traveled Tuesday to Indiana Tech and took home a 3-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

MU came out and put up its first goal of the game just 10 minutes as Jaclyn Ventimiglia got her shot past Mallory Xurvein for a 1-0 lead.

After halftime, Kaila Moore beat Xurvein in the 61st minute for a 2-0 MU lead and Ventimiglia made it 3-0 in the 80th minute for the final MU score.

Brittany Warner (Plymouth) had to make just one save for her fourth shutout of the season. **SCHOOLCRAFT 5, JACKSON CC 1:** Schoolcraft College (5-0-2), ranked

third in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, rolled to its second consecutive MCCA win over Jackson Community College.

**MADONNA 6, DAVENPORT 2:** In a WHAC match Saturday, the visiting Crusaders (5-2, 3-0) found themselves down 1-0 in the 21st minute as Davenport (0-3, 0-1) scored off of a free kick to take the early lead.

Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin) tied the match at 1-1 just under three minutes later (23:17) as she beat her defender off the dribble and fired her shot past Kristen Haight to square the match at one.

"Jessica is a key element to this season," MU coach Paul Thomas said. "She is putting the ball in the net, which is something we struggled with at times last year. She is a part, but far from our only part."

The Panthers made it 2-1 in the 28th minute when Erin Vermeersch found a loose ball after a scramble

in the box and put it past the Crusaders' Brit Warner.

Senior Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) made it a 2-2 game exactly two minutes later as she took a run into the box after a pass from Diana Brda (Franklin) and beat Carissa Quador for another tied score.

Austin scored her second goal of the day and second game-winner of the week in the 40th minute, taking a long pass from Sarah Rokuski into the box and beating Quador to make it 3-2 Madonna.

Shannon McIntyre made it 4-2 MU in the 63rd minute as she lofted a shot over Quador for her first goal of the season. McIntyre set up Moore on her first goal of the match in the 67th minute as the junior forward pushed her shot past Quador for her second goal of the season.

Moore finished the scoring in the 73rd minute as she finished off a crossing pass from Allie.

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**PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

**NOVI-DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL SHAMROCK INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
**Sept. 20 at Cass Benton Park**  
**DIVISION I BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (1 schools):** 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 50 points; 2. Rochester Adams, 75; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 105; 4. Northville, 115; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 157; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 185.  
**Individual winner:** Mike Murphy (Brother Rice), 16 minutes, 23 seconds (5,000 meters).  
**CC finishers:** 4. Alex Toloff, 16:44; 7. Ricky Galindo, 17:02; 10. Andrew Garcia-Garrison, 17:13; 13. Jon Paul Zebrowski, 17:32; 16. Austin Zebrowski, 17:32; 19. Scott Hoffman, 17:40.  
**Stevenson finishers:** 29. Matt Williams, 18:10; 34. Joe Urso, 18:16; 37. John Lynch, 18:23; 42. Travis Gosselein, 18:36; 43. Tom Kaman, 18:40; 44. Jordan Burger, 18:41.  
**DIVISION II BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (9 schools):** 1. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 57 points; 2. Oxford, 72; 3. Redford Union, 2; 7. Lutheran High Westland, 166.  
**Individual winner:** Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Westland), 17:01 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Lutheran Westland finishers:** 34. Alex Kemp, 20:28; 37. Theodis Washington, 20:36; 46. Jeremy Kohrtz, 22:04; 48. Zechariah Robinson, 22:25.  
**DIVISION I GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (14 schools):** 1. Dearborn, 76 points; 2. Northville, 84; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 96; 4. Rochester Stoney Creek, 102; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 124.  
**Individual winner:** Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 19 minutes (5,000 meters).  
**Other Stevenson finishers:** 14. Karli Kuchka, 21:06; 18. Victoria Saferian, 21:43; 19. Julia Capenka, 21:45; 44. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:48; 45. Kelsey O'Keefe, 22:49; 67. Rebecca Gidley, 24:20.  
**DIVISION II GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (10 schools):** 1. Livonia Ladywood, 55 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 58; 3. Oxford, 107; 9. Lutheran High Westland, 212.  
**Individual winner:** Michelle Kerr (Divine Child), 20:52 (5,000 meters).  
**Ladywood finishers:** 4. Julia Kenney, 21:30; 9. Meredith Houska, 21:52; 10. Becky Babon, 22:02; 12. Cathy Wijnanowski, 22:11; 20. Morgan Zuziak, 22:35; 26. Laura Bou-Maroun, 23:11; 29. Melissa Wickman, 23:40.  
**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 19. Sarah Maynard, 22:35; 43. Erin Lyle, 24:18; 46. Miriam Pranschke, 24:26; 51. Brittany Maynard, 25:18; 53. Ashley Pniwski, 26:00; 54. Amber Pniwski, 26:29; 57. Jessica Rice, 27:35.  
**JACKSON INVITATIONAL**  
**Sept. 20 at Sharp Park**  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (19 schools):** 1. Saline, 54 points; 2. Clarkston (A), 86; 3. East Kentwood, 105; 4. Pinckney, 145; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 168; 6. Livonia Churchill, 173.  
**Individual winner:** Gabrielle Anzalone (Grand Blanc), 17:50 (5,000 meters).  
**Churchill finishers:** 2. Sara Kroll, 18:07; 3. Alyssa Mira, 20:04; 8. Bethany Pilot, 20:34; 44. Emily Clairmont, 20:48; 69. Katie Rash, 21:16; 80. Jenna Szuba, 21:33; 84. Lindsey McMullen, 21:43.0.  
**MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL**  
**Sept. 20 at Sterling State Park**  
**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (11 schools):** 1. Monroe, 36 points; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 55; 3. Canton, 93; 4. Livonia Churchill, 102; 5. Brighton, 115; 6. Livonia Franklin, 143; 11. Wayne Memorial, 342.  
**Individual winner:** Matt Vander Roest (A.A. Huron), 16:15 (5,000 meters).  
**Churchill finishers:** 12. Mark Waterbury, 17:07; 16. Nathan Wise, 17:15; 23. Duinn Osgood, 17:25; 25. Tom Winkle, 17:27; 26. Matt Szado, 17:29; 29. Steve Zoski, 17:40; 54. Mark Freyberg, 18:55.  
**Franklin finishers:** 18. Paul Hanni, 17:19; 20. Austin Jones, 17:24; 31. Nik Gherardini, 17:42; 36. Dylan Taylor, 17:55; 38. Peter Walby, 17:59; 45. Bobby Wilson, 18:22; 51. Jason Riffel, 18:52.  
**Wayne finishers:** 64. Tyler Gendron, 20:27; 65. Darryl Ison, 20:42; 69. Brandon Tykoski, 22:54; 71. Darnell Givhan, 26:03; 73. Amann Bra, 34:49.  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (11 schools):** 1. Brighton, 39 points; 2. Canton, 59; 3. Livonia Franklin, 122; 4. Monroe, 129; 5. Flat Rock Woodhaven, 130; 10. Livonia Churchill, 258.  
**Individual winner:** Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18:52 (5,000 meters); broke the school record of Kirstian Tyler's 18:52 set at the 2003 Division I state meet).  
**Other Franklin finishers:** 15. Tiffany Lambie, 20:36; 21. Brittany Dilley, 20:51; 42. Kelly Walby, 22:03; 47. Shannon Niznik, 22:25; 69. Victoria Church, 24:43.

**Churchill finishers:** 35. Hannah Otto, 21:31; 52. Allie Zoski, 22:39; 53. Tiffany Raisanen, 22:47; 58. Lisa McMullen, 23:28; 60. Katie Conklin, 23:42; 61. Alessandra Iadipalio, 23:48.  
**PETOSKEY INVITATIONAL**  
**Sept. 20 at Petoskey**  
**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (grades 11-12):** 5. Westland John Glenn, 204 (out of 16 schools).  
**Glenn finishers (grades 11-12):** 11. Ashley Bailey, 21:36 (5,000 meters); 34. Jamie Medel, 23:45; 36. Evi Cenilli, 24:14; 43. Megan Nikula, 24:54; 70. Molly Robinson, 28:03.  
**Glenn finishers (grades 9-10):** 68. Audra Flores, 28:38; 77. Ranequia Kelley, 33:05; 78. Elizabeth Burns, 34:02.  
**BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 15 WAYNE MEMORIAL 89**  
**Sept. 23 at Nankin Mills**  
**Individual winner:** Paul Hanni (Franklin), 17:48 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Austin Jones, 18:21; 3. Peter Walby, 18:22; 4. Nik Gherardini, 18:26; 5. Dylan Taylor, 18:29; 6. Jason Riffel, 18:30; 7. Bobby Wilson, 18:32.  
**Wayne finishers:** 14. Tyler Gendron, 21:38; 15. Darryl Ison, 21:49; 20. Antonio Parker, 23:39; 20. Brandon Tykoski, 23:58; 21. Jacob McClester, 26:12; 23. Darnell Givhan, 28:19.  
**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 1-2 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-3 KLAASouth Division.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 19 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 43**  
**Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park**  
**Individual winner:** Steve Zoski (Churchill), no time available.  
**Other Churchill finishers:** 3. Mike Schmidt, 4. Mark Freyberg; 5. Ryan Keeling; 6. Kyle Mireles; 7. Mike Greer; 9. Edward Tremel.  
**Glenn finishers:** 2. Tim Boes; 8. Jeff Adkins; 10. Eric Mlynar; 11. Ruben Maya; 12. Ryan Vichinsky; 13. Steve Snek.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 2-1 KLAASouth Division; Glenn, 1-2 KLAASouth Division.  
**GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD 15 BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 52**  
**Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park**  
**Individual winner:** Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 20:54 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Ladywood finishers:** 2. Julia Kenney, 21:35; 3. Meredith Houska, 21:58; 4. Morgan Zuziak, 22:24; 5. Becky Babon, 22:27; 7. Laura Bou-Maroun, 23:11; 8. Siobhan Aldridge, 23:19.  
**Ladywood's dual meet record:** 3-0 overall, 3-0 (Catholic League).  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 15 SOUTH LYON EAST 49**  
**Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park**  
**Individual winner:** Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 20:54 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Stevenson finishers:** 2. Karli Kuchka, 20:56; 3. Julia Capenka, 21:54; 4. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:21; 5. Rebecca Gidley, 22:24; 6. Kelsey O'Keefe, 22:30; 8. Allison Gudeman, 22:40.  
**Dual meet records:** Stevenson, 2-1 KLAACentral Division; South Lyon East, 0-3 KLAACentral Division.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 48**  
**Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park**  
**Individual winner:** Amanda Southwell (Churchill), 20:16 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Churchill finishers:** 2. Kayla Szado, 22:05; 3. Sarah Bauman, 22:42; 44. Allie Zoski, 22:49; 5. Tiffany Raisanen, 23:11; 7. Lisa McMullen, 23:33; 8. Alessandra Iadipalio, 23:33.  
**John Glenn finishers:** 6. Ashley Bailey, 23:17; 9. Evi Cenilli, 24:00; 10. Megan Nikula, 25:15; 11. Michelle Levy, 26:19; 12. Audra Flores, 32:10; 13. Bisi Ajetanmone, 32:11; 14. Ranequia Kelley, 34:34.  
**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 1-2 KLAASouth Division.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 15 WAYNE MEMORIAL (no score)**  
**Sept. 23 at Nankin Mills**  
**Individual winner:** Megan Wickens (Franklin), 22:26 (5,000 meters).  
**Other Franklin finishers:** 2. Kelly Walby, 22:28; 3. Shannon Niznik, 22:48; Breanna Minnick, 23:15; 5. Brittany rouse, 23:16; 6. Tiffany VanOrden, 23:21; 7. Victoria Church, 23:26.  
**Wayne finishers:** 8. Jennifer McCaffery, 24:49; 9. Holland Boertje, 25:04; 10. Chelsea Gilbert, 27:03; 11. Nicole Rau, 30:41.  
**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 1-2 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-3 KLAASouth Division.

# Rocket launchers

## Truskowski, Holbrook fuel KLAASouth victory

Westland John Glenn opened its South Division girls volleyball schedule Tuesday in the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association by outlasting visiting Plymouth in five games before large crowd.

The Rockets improved to 5-2-4 overall and 1-0 in the KLAASouth with a 20-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-20, 15-12 win over the Wildcats, who slipped to 8-6-3 overall and 0-1 in the division.

Senior middle-hitter Brittany Holbrook, who will sign with Oakland University, led the victorious Rockets with 21 kills and three blocks, while fellow senior Stacey Truskowski chipped in with 14, many at critical times.

"Stacey was able to get the big kills when we needed it," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said.

Meanwhile, junior Katie Down came off the bench to tighten up Glenn's defense in the second game.

"Playing in front of a big crowd isn't easy," Wargo said. "We tended to compound our mistakes and take ourselves out of the game."

Glenn's defense began to pick things up when facing elimination in the fourth

game.

Sophomore Brooke Zywick had a team-high 23 digs, while sophomore Halie Baker and Truskowski each added 22 on the night.

Truskowski also served eight straight points to lead off the decisive fifth and final game.

"You have to give Plymouth credit," Wargo said. "They scratched an clawed their way back in Game No. 5. Fortunately our defense was able to hang onto Stacey's lead."

**Churchill bumps Wayne**

In another KLAASouth opener Tuesday, host Livonia Churchill cruised in three straight against visiting Wayne Memorial, 25-3, 25-13, 25-7.

Sarah Suppelsa led the victorious Chargers, now 13-2 overall and 1-0 in the division, with 10 kills, while Kristen Nalezcz added nine ace serves and three kills.

Other contributions came from Lindsey Graciak (10 digs), Christy Maleske (three kills, one block), Kristy Walker (three digs) and Darcy DeRoo (two aces, two digs, two kills).

Setter Bianca Hayes had three digs and passed at 86 percent as Wayne falls to 0-1 in the KLAASouth.

**Canton whips Patriots**

On Tuesday, Canton improved to 15-3 overall and 1-0 in the KLAASouth with a convincing 25-10, 25-12, 25-8 victory at Livonia Franklin.

"We did not get any offense going because we had trouble passing Canton's floater serves," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose team slipped to 5-7 overall and 0-1 in the division. "Our passing game is our strength, so this was very disappointing. Canton was relentless and played tough."

Emma Green and Chelsea Williams finished with six and four kills, respectively, for the Patriots.

**Lions block Stevenson**

South Lyon opened KLAACentral play Tuesday with a 26-24, 25-15, 25-21 victory over host Livonia Stevenson, which slipped to 4-9 overall and 0-1 in the division.

Christine Armstrong had 12 digs and four ace serves in the setback, while Katie Vellucci finished with 13 assist-to-kills.

Meg Iafraite (seven kills) and Brooke Knochel (five kills) paced the Stevenson hitting attack.

**Chargers 1st in tourney**

Kristen Nalezcz had a total of 69 kills, while Lindsey Graciak added 76 digs as Livonia Churchill, ranked No. 9 in Class A, went a perfect 7-0 Saturday to win the Mount Pleasant Tournament.

The Chargers, now 12-2 overall, defeated St. Louis in the finals, 25-9, 25-12, after eliminating Midland Dow, 25-19, 25-19, and Remus Chippewa Hills, 25-11, 25-15.

In pool play, Churchill downed Mount Pleasant (25-19, 25-12), Cheboygan (25-9, 25-14), Traverse City Central (25-12, 25-15) and St. Louis (25-16, 25-15).

Nalezcz also had five blocks and seven aces, while Graciak serve-received at 94 percent and had six aces.

Other contributions came from Cierra Yetts (39 kills), Cory Urbats (18 aces, 54 assists, 20 digs), Katie Matz (17 kills, 32 assists, 17 digs and 100 percent serve receive).

Kat Krupsky and Jessica Stroud also combined for 39 kills and 12 blocks.

## Lutheran Westland stuns Novi in UM-D Tournament semifinal

Lutheran Westland continues to prove it's a force to be reckoned with in girls volleyball - regardless of class.

The Warriors put on an impressive display during Saturday's 20-school University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament by finishing runner-up.

Farmington Hills Mercy took the title with a 25-17, 25-21 triumph over the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in Class D. The Marlins are 17-8-1 overall.

Lutheran Westland (15-4-3), seeded fourth in the Gold Bracket, reached the finals by upending last year's state Class A semifinalist Novi, 26-24, 20-25, 16-14, after beating Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, 25-18, 22-15, 8, in the quarterfinals.

In pool play, the Warriors split with Mercy (22-25, 25-21) and defeated Wyandotte (25-16, 25-18) and Detroit Renaissance (25-6, 25-14).

"I am definitely pleased with how we performed throughout

the day," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We played well within our pool, winning our pool and making it to the Gold Bracket. We had to battle all day against big Class A schools and for a small D school we more than held our own."

"Beating Novi in the semifinals was definitely huge for us. They have a great program over there and have had a lot of success so to be able to compete with them and pull out a close match was great."

The Warriors' Becca Refenes, a 6-foot-2 senior committed to the University of Cincinnati, recorded the 1,000th kill of her career with 66 on the day. She also served 38 points, including 14 aces, to go along with 47 digs and 10 solo blocks.

Senior Katey Ramthun added 31 kills and 24 digs, while senior Allyson Yankee finished with 23 kills, 20 digs and five aces (along with Ramthun).

Assist-to-kill leaders included Lauren Gieschen (59), Cathy Haller (32) and Lauren Switzer (16).

Abi Gieschen led in digs (60) and had eight aces.

"Losing in the finals did not take away from the overall success we had during the day and hopefully that carries over for us in our upcoming games," Wade said.

**Warriors sweep C'ville**

In Metro Conference encounter Tuesday, Becca Refenes had 14 kills and seven digs as host Lutheran High Westland downed Livonia Clarenceville in three straight, 25-12, 25-6, 25-18.

Setters Cathy Haller and Lauren Gieschen combined for 25 assists as the Warriors improved to 16-4-3 overall and 2-0 in the Metro.

Katey Ramthun added seven kills and served five aces, while Allyson Yankee chipped in with five kills.

Abi Gieschen also had seven assists and four aces.

Clarenceville falls to 4-5-1 and 1-1.

**Huron Valley prevails**

Staci Hatzung served 13 straights in the opening game, including four aces, to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran to a 25-6, 25-19, 25-22 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division win Tuesday over host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Leah Miller (eight kills) and Samantha Barber (seven kills) paced the Hawks' hitting attack.

Setter Kayla Stockdale added 20 assist-to-kills as Huron Valley improved to 5-5-1 overall and 3-1 in the MIAC-Red.

**Ladywood triumphs**

Setter Julie Rhodes finished with 25 assist-to-kills Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood evened its Catholic League record at 1-1 with a 25-23, 25-13, 25-21 victory at Warren Regina.

Claire Dezelski and Rachael Fuller each recorded 10 kills for the victorious Blazers, who improved to 11-8-5 overall.

Courtney Smith paced the defense with 11 digs.

**GIRLS GOLF RESULTS**

**GROSSE ILE INVITATIONAL**  
**Sept. 20 at West Shore Golf & C.C.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS (24 schools):** 1. Rochester, 314 strokes; 2. Flint Powers Catholic, 326; 3. Northville, 335; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 342; 5. Grand Blanc, 352; 6. East Lansing, 355; 7. Farmington Hills Mercy, 362; 8. (tie) Jackson Lumen Christi and Temperance Bedford, 363 each; 10. Traverse City West, 364; 11. Dexter, 370; 12. Traverse City West, 373; 13. Saline, 375; 14. Grosse Ile, 375; 15. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 379; 16. Rochester Adams, 380; 17. Livonia Churchill, 387; 18. (tie) Brighton and Monroe, 388 each; 20. Hartland, 394; 21. Novi, 396; 22. Macomb Lutheran North, 402; 23. Big Rapids, 4-6; 24. Livonia Ladywood, 444.  
**Co-medalists:** Christine Meier (Rocheste) and Alicia Weber (Northville), 71 each.  
**Churchill scorers:** Jordyn Shepler, 94; Jessica Burdette, 95; Lexi McFarlane, 97; Sarah Linder, 101; Alex Harakas, 125; Margo Hickson, 137.  
**Ladywood scorers:** Katelyn Papler, 108; Val DiMilia, 109; Taylor Romano, 113; Amanda Molin, 114; Marissa Ley, 115; Marissa Briden, 119.  
**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 184 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 203**  
**Sept. 22 at Iloyl Wyld G.C.**  
**Churchill scorers:** Lexi McFarlane, 41 (medalist); Jessica Burdette, 42; Jordyn

Shepler, 50; Stephanie Panaretos, 51; Sarah Linder, 56; Shelby Longworth, 58.  
**Franklin scorers:** Georgia Patrick, 49; Natalie Polakowski and Alexis Smith, 51 each; Samantha McAtte, 52; Samantha Nesbitt, 53.  
**Dual match records:** Churchill, 6-0 overall, 6-0 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 3-4 overall, 2-4 KLAASouth Division.  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 212, PLYMOUTH 225**  
**Sept. 10 at Fox Hills G.C.**  
**Churchill scorers:** Lexi McFarlane, 44 (medalist); Shelby Longworth, 52; Sarah Linder, 56; Jordyn Shepler, 60; Stephanie Panaretos, 63; Alex Harakas, 66.  
**Plymouth scorers:** LeAnn O'Shaughnessy, 49; Liz Cizek, 55; Chloe Marentic, 60; Christy Pattison, 61; Lindsay Dean, 64; Maggie Furlong, 65.  
**Churchill's dual match record:** 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLAASouth Division.  
**WARREN REGINA 179 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 230**  
**Sept. 18 at St. John's G.C.**  
**Regina scorers:** Maria Raffoul, 39 (medalist); Melissa Raffoul, 43; Natlie Didio, 47; Katie Wilson, 50.  
**Ladywood scorers:** Katelyn Papler, 51; Val DiMilia, 55; Marissa Briden, 61; Marissa Ley, 63; Christina Briden, 64; Erin Reece, 65.  
**Ladywood's dual match record:** 0-3 overall, 0-2 (Catholic League).

## Blazers 'stick it' to Kingswood, 1-0

Junior Gabrielle Meyer scored the lone goal off an assist from Leah Malm in the second half to give Livonia Ladywood a 1-0 Michigan High School Girls Field Hockey League triumph Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Junior goalie Marissa Ellswood made six saves to earn the shutout as the Blazers

improved to 4-2-1 overall and 3-0 in Division III of the MHSGFHL.

The loss drops Kingswood to 1-6 and 0-3.

On Saturday, Malm scored a pair of goals Saturday as Ladywood scored a 4-1 Division III win at East Grand Rapids.

The Blazers, coming off a 6-0 setback Wednesday at Ann Arbor Pioneer, also got a goal

and assist from senior Briana Boyce.

Also scoring for Ladywood was junior Jamie Benaglio. Other assists went to Meyer and Devin McParlane.

Ellswood made two saves to earn the win.

East Grand Rapids counterpart Lauren Ufkes had 12 saves for the Pioneers, who slipped to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in Division III.

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## 5th-ranked Madonna cuts up Cardinals in WHAC encounter

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They know their guy is on the cusp of being the winningest volleyball coach in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics history.

But Madonna University players such as Livonia Churchill alum Brynn Kerr figure all they have to do is keep barreling over every opponent they face - such as visiting Concordia on Tuesday night - and coach Jerry Abraham will eventually be No. 1.

Abraham's Crusaders won 3-0 on Tuesday (25-17, 25-9, 25-21) for his 860th career triumph. But after he tied Mt. Vernon Nazarene's Paul Swanson for the top spot last week, Swanson collected a few wins over the weekend.

"We're aware of it," Kerr, a junior who Tuesday played an excellent game at libero, said following the match. "I don't know if we focus too much on that, ... but we know coach is right up there."

"Yeah, we want to beat that record, but we take it game-by-game and concentrate on one match at a time."

According to Abraham, the NAIA record is merely an indicator of how well his teams have played over his more than 22 years at the Madonna helm.

Another is Tuesday's announcement that the Crusaders (16-1 overall, 3-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) are ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA national poll.

"We did talk about it (the ranking)," Abraham said. "We talked about it just for the sake of pride and sort of an accomplishment. But, we don't put a lot of emphasis on it at all, because it's the end of the season that counts the most."

Abraham said records and rankings are "part of the process along the way to be the best team you can."

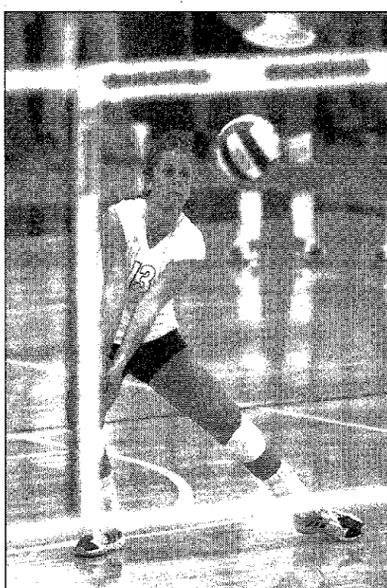
With a laugh, he added that "We're very elated, I think, to be the highest team ranked outside of that California conference."

One of the reasons is the knee-scrapping efforts of Kerr, who the coach said is playing with more confidence and knowledge about her new position (she was stuck last year behind WHAC and NAIA Region VIII libero of the Year Jacqui Gatt, also a Churchill alum).

Kerr collected 10 defensive digs to pace the Crusaders in that department, helping augment the front-row power game of senior outside hitters Lubovj Tihomirova (15 kills), Mary McGinnis (13 kills, 21 attacks and a hitting percentage of .476) and senior middle hitter Whitney Fuelling (5 kills).

"That's my mentality, I just go-go-go," Kerr said. "And hopefully, one of these days, it (the ball) won't drop."

She added that the Crusaders played with more poise and consistency against much-



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Livonia Churchill and Schoolcraft College product Brynn Kerr has been a catalyst this season on the defensive end for the No. 5-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team.

improved Concordia (12-9, 0-2) than during a Sept. 9 road match.

"Tonight, compared to a couple weeks ago playing Concordia it was 10 times better," she continued. "Everybody stepped up. We're coming together, we're making it click."

Abraham said the team's mix of talented veterans and promising newcomers are meshing better than could be expected.

"We had a nice combo outside with Mary and Lubovj, they both bring a little different package," Abraham noted. "But Mary's been hitting the ball. And tonight Mary had ... an awesome match."

Other contributors to the lopsided victory included junior setter Inta Grinvalds (39 assists) and freshman defensive specialist/libero Amanda Koszela (5 digs).

Of the three games, the Crusaders were most dominant in Game 2, rolling out to a 13-5 edge before McGinnis stepped up to the service stripe and reeled off six points.

Finishing points with monster slams during that streak were Tihomirova, freshman middle hitters Karie Altman (3 kills, 9 attacks) and Canton's Marie Martin.

The teams played a closer Game 3, although Madonna never trailed.

## GOLF

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Omiotanski shot a 75 at Fox Creek for a two-day total of 148.

"I made a few more putts today (Sunday), but I really couldn't get anything close," Omiotanski said. "I was 1-over on the back and 2-over on the front."

Former Livonia Churchill High golfer Chris Kiehler and Stevenson High junior Drew Mossioan, the low net winner, tied for fourth with 149 each, while defending O&E champ William Himm and former Churchill standouts Mike Lawton and Tommy Lucko were one shot back each at 150.

It's been a good summer for Longway, who finished eighth last June in the Michigan

Senior Open and won both the match and medal play rounds at the Western Golf & Country Club Championships, where he is a member.

On Sunday, he birdied the tough par-4, 439-yard No. 10 hole and made par on the par-4, 341-yard No. 11. On Whispering Willows' No. 1 handicap hole, the signature par-4, 390-yard No. 2, he took a double-bogey.

On Saturday, Longway got hot with five birdies in six holes (Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13).

"That's where I got it back to even par," he said.

For his efforts, Longway won a \$375 gift certificate and first-place trophy, while South took home a \$195 gift certificate and trophy.

Longway, like South, attended Livonia Franklin High School.

"I played a little intramural golf in high school," he said.

"Once I joined Washtenaw Country Club, I started as an 11-handicap and got down to a scratch. I've taken a handful of lessons, but Randy Erskine (a Michigan PGA pro) is the one who got me going. When I learned how to chip, that got me going. You have to learn how to get up-and-down. You practice, practice, practice. That's how I learned how to play."

The first-flight winner for handicaps 9-and-up was another Churchill Charger, Dan Higham, a Livonian who ran away with the title shooting 79-76 for a two-day total of 155. Higham was the first flight winner in 2006.

Jim Matthews of Livonia was runner-up in the first flight with a 168 and Sal Petrulis of Howell placed third with a 169.

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## O&E MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

### OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF OPEN RESULTS

Sept. 21 at Fox Creek G.C.

Sept. 20 at Whispering Willows G.C.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:** 1. Dan Longway (Northville Township), 71-75-146; 2. Steve South (Westland), 69-78-147; 3. Jim Omiotanski (Livonia), 75-73-148; 4. (tie) Chris Kiehler (South Lyon), 72-77-149; Drew Mossioan (Livonia), 74-75-149; 6. (tie) William Himm (Livonia), 76-74-150; Mike Lawton, 74-76-150; Tommy Lucko (Livonia), 73-77-150; 9. Matt Wiley, 79-73-152; 10. (tie) Ron Herczak, 79-74-153; Josh Proben (Livonia), 76-77-153; 12. (tie) John Brown (Detroit), 76-81-157; Andrew Rousos, 78-79-157; 14. Bruce West, 80-79-159; 15. (tie) Dave Reese, 78-82-160; John

Wallace, 81-79-160; 17. (tie) John Corrigan (Farmington), 80-81-161; Daniel Tacker, 78-83-161; 19. Paul Rys, 77-86-163; 20. Brian Sharpin, 83-82-165; 21. Kevin Robinson, 85-82-167; 22. (tie) James Mlynarczyk, 80-90-170; Ron Pummill, 78-92-170; Steve Robinson, 83-87-170; 25. (tie) Don Donohue, 85-86-171; Kevin Furlong, 82-89-171; 27. (tie) Ron Ambrose, 85-87-172; Mark Johnson, 85-87-172; 29. (tie) Fred Emory, 84-89-173; Justin Weigand, 87-86-173; 31. Joe Robar, 86-90-176; 32. Doug Harmala, 94-85-179; 34. Zoz Compagnari, 93-101-194; 35. Steve Ponke, 80-withdraw; 36. Matt Corrigan, 82-withdraw; 37. Jeremy Lindbauer.

**Low net:** 1. Drew Mossioan; 2. John Brown; 3. William Himm; 4. (tie) Josh Proben and John Corrigan.

**FIRST FLIGHT:** 1. Dan Higham (Livonia), 79-76-155; 2. Jim Matthews (Livonia), 87-81-168; 3. Sal Petrulis (Howell), 85-84-169; 4. Riley Butcher (Tecumseh, Ontario), 82-88-170; 5. Steve Szymanski (Rochester Hills), 81-90-171; 6. David Plasecki, 84-91-175; 7. Sam Williams (Livonia), 88-88-176; 8. Doug Campbell, 90-88-178; 10. (tie) James Allison, 90-89-179; Brian Cheesman, 90-89-179; 12. Ty Iles, 90-92-182; 13. (tie) Steve Barker, 93-90-183; Lewis Jefferies, 88-95-183; 15. Brad Przysecki, 97-102-199; 16. James McAvoy, 117-98-215; 17. Charles O'Loughlin, 112-11-223; 18. Rick Wheeler, 88-withdraw; 19. David Lindbauer, 90-withdraw; 20. Ryan Diehl, 93-withdraw.

**Low net:** 1. Steve Szymanski; 2. Riley Butcher; 3. (tie) Sam Williams and James Allison.

## Whalers 'bogey' season opener

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth Whalers were weekend golfers, they'd be looking to get a mulligan for Saturday night's home-opener against Erie.

The 6-1 loss to the Otters was comparable to shanking a tee shot into the woods on the opening hole.

Plymouth was missing four of its most effective clubs, er, players - goalie Jeremy Smith; forwards A.J. Jenks and Chris Terry; and defenseman Michael Jordan - all of whom were

competing for roster spots at NHL training camps.

After Plymouth's Joe Gaynor knotted the contest at 1-all 1:44 into the second period, the Otters ruled the night, scoring the final five goals.

The loss dropped the Whalers' record to 0-2 while Erie evened its mark at 1-1.

Among the Otters' highlights were a pair of penalty-shot goals by Anthony Luciani, who accomplished the rare feat after getting dragged down on break-aways during the game's final 12 minutes.

Both of Luciani's net-

finders were scored against

Whalers back-up goalie Scott Wedgewood, who relieved starting goalie Matt Hackett at the beginning of the third period.

Hackett stopped 26-of-30 Erie shots.

The play on the ice was a lot closer than the final score would indicate as Erie registered just three more shots on goal than their hosts, 40-37.

However, Otter netminder Jaroslav Janus stuffed the Whalers on several pin-point scoring opportunities.

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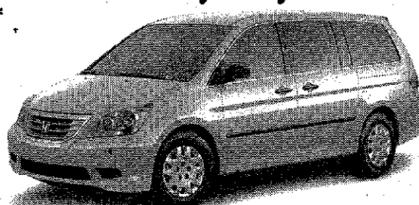


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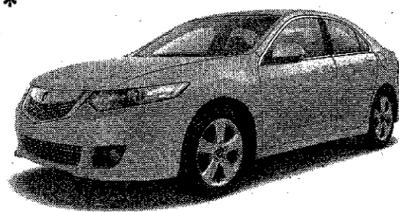
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# Indoor soccer fans eye new Xtreme circuit

The Xtreme Soccer League on Tuesday launched the next phase in the evolution of the sport of indoor soccer by introducing the Xtreme Soccer Xperience at the Milwaukee Theatre in downtown Milwaukee, Wis.

Commissioner Brian Loftin was joined by the league's initial investors in unveiling both the league and the Xtreme Soccer Xperience (XSX), an interactive, year-round operation debuting in four cities - Milwaukee,

Chicago, Detroit and Newark, N.J.

"The Xperience brings together the essence of the game, and allows participants, either through the web or through their own sweat, to be a part of this lifestyle brand," said Loftin, who won three championships as an indoor player and one more in the front office of the Milwaukee Wave.

Most recently, Loftin had been chief operating officer of the Chicago Storm.

Among the facets of the XSX that

were introduced on Tuesday:

League play: Teams will play a 20-game season from December through March. Rules will remain unchanged from the previous season, including multiple-point scoring. The complete league schedule will be announced within a week.

Web site: At [www.xtremesl.net](http://www.xtremesl.net), fans will find a concise and fresh connection with the Xtreme Soccer Xperience.

Features to come include live web-

streaming of all games, an online fantasy game, access to videos, photos and wallpapers, fan-created highlight videos and the opportunity to post freestyle juggling footage.

Participation: Throughout the year, the XSL and its teams will host 3 v 3, street soccer, beach soccer, futsal, soccer tennis and other tournaments for youth and adults.

Player development, including the expansion of existing camp programs and team-operated training centers,

is another focus of the XSX.

Players: Marcio Leite is the first player signed by the Xtreme Soccer League and assigned to the Milwaukee Wave.

Leite, 24, is a dynamic Brazilian who was second-team all-league last year.

Throughout the year, the XSL will introduce more elements of the XSX, including additional cities.

Visit [www.xtremesl.net](http://www.xtremesl.net) for updates on the league.

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**Monday, September 29, 2008**

Baltimore at Pittsburgh

**WYAA volleyball signup**

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays through Nov. 5 at the WYAA Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

WYAA volleyball features a two-tier session with 9-11 year-olds starting practice on Sept. 27 with season play Oct. 12 through Nov. 16; while 12-14 year-olds will start practice Nov. 8 with season play Nov. 23 through Jan. 4, 2009.

Games will be Sundays at the Bailey Recreation Center. Practices will also be held at Bailey.

For more information, call Mark Rodriguez at (734) 560-7137; or call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640. You can also visit [www.wyaa.org](http://www.wyaa.org).

**Franklin Pom Pon clinic**

The Livonia Franklin varsity Pom Pon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the high school.

The cost is \$22 (includes T-shirt). Clinic participants will also perform at the Franklin varsity boys soccer match that evening.

For more information, call Nancy Kuzara at (734) 261-2598.

**Glenn needs coaches**

Westland John Glenn High School has coaching openings for varsity girls soccer, boys diving and girls bowling.

Those interested can apply online at [www.wwcsd.net](http://www.wwcsd.net).

**Pistons clinic at RU**

Hey, young fans of the Detroit Pistons who live in the Redford area, circle Saturday, Sept. 27, on your calendars.

Pistons' youth coach Steve Moreland will be at Redford Union High School from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, for the fourth annual Detroit Pistons Youth Mini-Camp.

Boys and girls in grades one-eight are invited to come to the camp and learn about ball-handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding from Moreland. Among good-

ies will be a Chauncey Billups T-shirt.

The cost is only \$25, payable at the door (cash only).

To confirm a spot, call the Pistons hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave the camper's name, grade and school.

**Youth CYO basketball**

Tryouts for the Livonia St. Colette Cougars Catholic Youth Organization boys basketball teams, both JV (grades 5-6) and varsity (grades 7-8) teams, will begin the week of Oct. 27.

Boys from St. Colette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth and St. Priscilla are eligible to try out. The Cougars are also seeking a JV coach.

If interested, or for more information, call Michele Belczak at (734) 953-5746; or e-mail [michelebel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelebel@sbcglobal.net).

Tryouts and signup for St. Genevieve CYO boys and girls basketball (grades 4-8) will begin Monday, Oct. 27.

Members of St. Genevieve, St. Maurice, St. Priscilla, St. Aidan and Our Lady of Loretto are eligible to play.

For more information, e-mail Tim Jeter at [tjet923@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjet923@sbcglobal.net); or call (734) 462-0517.

**Livonia Turkey Trot**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Turkey Trot 5-kilometer run-walk will start at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. All proceeds and canned-food donations will go to the Livonia Goodfellows to provide goods for needy families along with a Christmas dinner. Anyone that brings a non-perishable item will receive a ticket and will be entered in the raffle.

The entry fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children (ages 3-17). Included in the fee is T-shirt, drink and snack. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 22 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

**Learn to Skate II**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation seven-week learn to skate (fall session II) will begin the week of Oct. 26 through Dec. 18 at Eddie Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon (one half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Each class is 25 minutes. The programs offered include: ages 4-and-up - 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. Mondays or Thursday; tot (3-year-olds - 5 p.m. Mondays or Thursdays; and boys hockey skills (no equipment, pucks or sticks) - 6:25 p.m. Mondays or 5:25 p.m. Thursdays.

Skate rental is available at no charge. Helmets are recommended.

Walk-in registration for residents will be 6:30-8 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. for non-residents Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$55 for residents

and \$67 for non-residents. Private lessons are also available for all levels of skating.

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

**Hockey players wanted**

The Michigan Ice Dogs Junior C Hockey Club is seeking players ages 16-to-20 for the 2008-09 season in the Great Lakes Junior Hockey League.

You must be registered with USA Hockey for the 2008-09 season to be eligible.

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Those interested in a tryout should call George Dritsas at (313) 909-4304; or (313) 926-6044.

**Adult flag football**

The double-elimination adult flag football state tournament will be Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 18-19, in Holland.

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#### GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

#### ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF 42, 5'1", loves Italian food, music. Looking for SWM, 32-59, who is successful, financially secure, has a good head on his shoulders but also has a wild side. **2284915**

#### VERY ATTRACTIVE

SBPF 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282116**

#### MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. **2282258**

#### LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, big lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

#### HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SWM, 39-51. **2284568**

#### COULD IT BE YOU?

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#### HELLO THERE

Asian woman 5'2", 160lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2211990**

#### CLASSY LADY

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **2282305**

#### READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/brunet, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many gentleman. **2282548**

#### WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-50, for friendship possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2212234**

#### ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet a honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **2280947**

#### SPONTANEOUS WOMAN

Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with herpes, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **2282896**

#### SEEK SPECIAL PERSON

Romantic, fun-loving, N/S, 5'10", 120lbs, 81 years young, 5'5", seeks a man, 50-66, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **2282925**

#### SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for a relationship, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **2282317**

#### OUTGOING

BF 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2282940**

#### SEEKING SINCERITY

SBF, 5'4", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **2282907**

#### ARE YOU THE ONE?

SWF 38, long brown/green, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2282834**

#### DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome, fun-loving, N/S, clean-shaven, HW professional, for friendship. **2282829**

#### GREAT-LOOKING BF...

35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **2283172**

#### ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP

SWF 65, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **2284371**

#### BEAUTIFUL SBF...

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Serious relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271683**

#### ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT

SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 40-70, who is fun-loving, financially secure, locks decent. **2287305**

#### A POLISHED DIAMOND

Attractive, sexy BF 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **2287057**

#### ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY

Voluptuous SBF 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing and able to commit. **2278203**

#### A NEW BEGINNING

SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2281129**

#### PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SWF 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is sexy. **2282913**

#### COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2280884**

#### HELLO OUT THERE

SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and in general. Friendship first. **2241298**

#### DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST

SBF 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, looking for SM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2280950**

#### LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Petite SBF, 36, 160lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **2281372**

#### ARE YOU LONELY?

Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentlemen, 65-75. **22851247**

#### HAVE A GOOD HEART?

WF 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nasar, classic rock and more. **2293230**

#### MATURE MAN WANTED

SBF 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

#### WARM SMILE

SBF 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **2271187**

#### CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WWF 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **2276914**

#### A WOMAN OF CLASS

SWF 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

#### DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, 18+ the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2279171**

#### GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

SWF 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **2282578**

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

SBF 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SWM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

#### GIRL NEXT DOOR

Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'5", 53a, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. **2239377**

#### IN SEARCH OF

a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 56, 5'8", HWF, and I enjoy walking, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **2288888**

#### ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

BF 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, carrying and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **2284318**

#### SINCERE AND HONEST

Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, similar SWM, 30-80, children ok, for friendship first. **2284932**

#### KEEP COOL

SBF 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SM, 18-25, who keeps a real. **2287598**

#### FORMER RUNWAY MODEL

Attractive SBF, 5'10", 140lbs, N/S, one kid, likes clubs, outdoor activities, dancing, working out. Seeking single male, 25-38, 6'1", N/S, slim to medium build for friendship first, dating and more. **2285613**

#### STILL SEEKING

Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 48-69, N/S, intelligent, ambitious, fun-loving, who wants to commit to someone special. **2284318**

#### ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2283008**

#### BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST

Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-63, with like interests/qualities, for friendship. LTR. **2245848**

#### CLASSY LADY

SBF middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

#### SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

SBPF 55, 4'7", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Would have good SOH and self-worth. **2282943**

#### I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 48, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2269059**

#### GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 50, 140lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, movies, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 67-85, N/S, Possible LTR. **2283780**

#### FUN & OUTGOING

SBF 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball in developing new friendships, for friendship or LTR. **2257908**

#### COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275845**

#### CHOCOLATE TREAT

Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **2281197**

#### GIVE ME A CALL!

SWM 48, handsome, well-built, educated, owns two homes, lives on the river. Looking for exciting, caring woman, 18-60, with great sense of humor. **2285648**

#### LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **2265340**

#### LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips, and have and hold. **2282943**

#### GOOD BETTER BEST!

SWM, 49, 5'9", 190lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. **2282943**

#### A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 66, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2289648**

#### MAXIMUM RETURN ON...

your investment. SBM, 6'9", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **2293165**

#### SEMI-RETIRED

SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with. **2293832**

#### NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN?

SWM, nice-looking and friendly, seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship. **2282944**

#### LOVELY AND READY

SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. **2286305**

#### A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, cool, fun, honest and easygoing, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. **2200890**

#### GOOD GUY WITH A BIG HEART

WM, 5'10", brown/blue, likes music, boating, going to movies, dining out, camping and having a good time. Seeking outgoing, fun WF, 29-38, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. **2282659**

#### YOUNG-AT-HEART

SWM, 76, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first maybe marriage. **2249201**

#### HOW ABOUT A DATE?

WM, 6'9", 285lbs, looking for a secure, female who likes to hang out, have fun, dining out, relaxing at home, movies and more. 30-50. **2289482**

#### ARE YOU THE ONE?

Educated SWPM, 37, looking for SWF, 28-56, for friendship first. I love theater, movies, good conversation. **2292623**

#### BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2284501**

#### CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **2211288**

#### SEEK LOYAL WOMAN

BM 6'1", 275lbs, enjoys reading, movies, sports, comedy clubs and more. Would like to meet an intelligent, down-to-earth, sincere, trustworthy, patient SF, 34-50, petite/medium build, to enjoy life with. **2283546**

#### KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2291990**

#### LET'S MEET!

SWM, 45, looking for a SWF, 18-35, who is fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys sports. Call if that's you! **2282993**

#### CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 63, 165lbs, N/S, shy, fit, enjoys carpentry, riding his bicycle, gardening and more. Seeking a SWF, 50-60, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2200459**

#### EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports, VLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **2281814**

#### LET'S GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2283546**

#### SENIOR WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **22862418**

#### TRUE GENTLEMAN

WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. **2293804**

#### HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING

Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. **22868147**

#### COUGAR LOVER

Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2**

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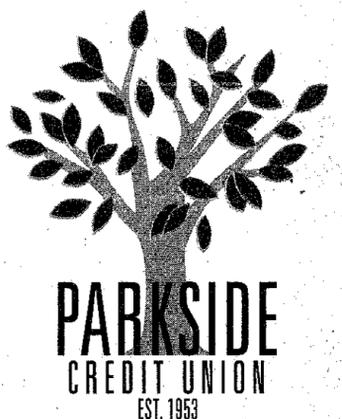


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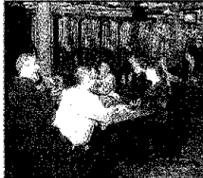
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Last year, Japanese students tried an American pastime — a day at the cider mill. It's that time year again at the Franklin Cider Mill and all of Michigan's mills and orchards where there are hayrides, cider, doughnuts, pumpkins and apples.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike and Katie Titus took over Yates Cider Mill several years ago. The mill has been in Katie's family for years.

# The big apple

Local cider mills each offer something different

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Worried about cider mills and all those bees? Pin a fabric sheet to your shirt. It will help keep them away.

Metro Detroit is lucky because we have many apple orchards and cider mills to choose from and no two are alike.

For example, at Wiard's in Ypsilanti, there's a really scary haunted house each year and a corn maze. The orchard has been in business since 1853 and has hayrides, apple almond bread, cinnamon rolls and a lot more.

At the Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill are U-Pick pumpkins, hayrides for \$3 (kids three and under are free) and special pies including sugar-free fruit pies, and regular apple and pecan pies.

"The Michigan Pie is all-Michigan," said assistant manager Rosanna Pino. "It's one-third blueberry, one-third cherry and one-third apple."

At Yates in Rochester, the river trail is stunning in October as the leaves turn color. The half-mile trail is where you can enjoy donuts and cider and you may even see someone proposing marriage in the romantic area. Things like that happen at Yates. The pies there include caramel

Please see **MILLS, D6**

## Here's an easy apple dessert for the family

### FRESH APPLE CRUMBLE

- 2 cooking apples chopped into small pieces
  - 5 tablespoons water
  - 1 tablespoons ground walnuts or almonds
  - 4 tablespoons wheat-free or regular flour
  - 1 tablespoons margarine
  - 4 tablespoons brown sugar
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg optional
- Optional variations: 1 chopped pear and an added tablespoon of water, or 1/2 cup wheat germ with an added tablespoon of water

Preheat oven to 350.  
In a saucepan, over medium heat, cook apples (and optional pears) with water until stewed. Stir constantly to prevent sticking.

In a separate bowl, stir margarine (and optional wheat germ plus another tablespoon water) and flour together into a fine crumble.

Add ground nuts, two tablespoons brown sugar and stir well.

Add the leftover sugar and the cinnamon to the apples. Stir until sugar dissolves. Put the apple mixture in casserole dish. Top with the crumble. Bake about 30 minutes. Serve warm alone or with vanilla ice cream.

-By Lana Mini



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Picking apples at Plymouth Orchards and enjoying cider are some of fall's highlights.

## Take a day trip to organic apple farm

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Locally grown apples require less pesticides and other chemicals than those grown out of state. When the fruit is driven just a few miles from pasture to store it doesn't need as much heavy spray.

But maybe you want a fruit that's even more natural.

Try organic. Organic apple orchards are tough to find locally because Michigan's climate makes it difficult to grow large quantities of them.

But if you want to take a day trip with the family a

few hours away, while enjoying the state's color change, there are several organic farms and cider mills to enjoy as you head to the western side of the state.

For example, family-owned EverGreen Lanes has an organic U-Pick apple orchard open through the end of October. Pick from the semi-dwarf trees or buy from the retail stand and take a walk. Apples include tart and crisp Jonathans; sweet and creamy Idas; Sweet and slightly acidic Golden Delicious and my favorite not-too-sweet yet sweet enough, crunchy

Please see **ORGANIC, D6**

### ROCK 'N' ROLL FALL SPECTACULAR

Who: The Reflections, The Belmonts, Jay Siegel & The Tokens, The Shangri-Las, and Pookie Hudson's Spaniels  
When: 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27  
Where: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn  
Tickets: \$27-\$67  
Call: (313) 943-2354

## The Reflections headline playbill of '60s hitmakers

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gary Banovetz never tires of performing The Reflections' hit song *Just Like Romeo and Juliet*.

In fact, the Farmington Hills resident said it's more of a thrill today than when he first joined the group in 1977.

"It's greater now than it was back then," he said. "We're having more fun now than we ever have."

Banovetz is looking forward to playing at A Rock 'n' Roll

Fall Spectacular on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

During two shows, at 4 and 8 p.m., the Detroit-based band will share the bill with national acts including The Belmonts (*A Teenager in Love*, *Runaround Sue*, *The Wanderer*); Jay Siegel & The Tokens (*Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *Tonight I Fell in Love*); The Shangri-Las (*Leader of the Pack*, *Walking in the Sand*); and

Please see **SPECTACULAR, D3**



The Reflections are among acts featured at the Rock 'n' Roll Fall Spectacular on Sept. 27 in Dearborn.

### RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN SOUTHFIELD

— Get ready for *A Grand Night For Singing*, set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Millennium Center, 16200 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield.

Presented by Off-Broadway Productions, this Rodgers & Hammerstein revue spans the greatest hits of the last 50 years. Patrons will hear their favorites from such classics as *Carousel*, *Oklahoma!*, *The King & I*, *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*. All performances will be accompanied by a full orchestra and singers from the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"The ensemble cast will take concert-goers on a musical journey through some of the most memorable music ever to grace the stage," said Frank Brock, executive director for the Cornerstone Development Authority in Southfield.

Prepare to be wowed from the music to the special effects. Tickets are \$15. Call (248) 796-5193 or visit [www.millenniumboxoffice.com](http://www.millenniumboxoffice.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

By S. Casola

### LIVONIA NATIVE SCREENS FILM NOVI

— Mike DiManno will return to Michigan to host the opening of *Battle in Seattle*, followed by a Q&A, at Emagine Novi Theater, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

DiManno is executive producer of the Hollywood film, which stars Ray Liotta, Woody Harrelson and Charlize Theron. The movie depicts five days in 1999 when demonstrators took to the streets to protest the World Trade Organization.

DiManno was born in Dearborn, raised in Livonia and attended Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University before moving to Sacramento and founding Redwood Palms Pictures.

A portion of his film's first week's run at Emagine will benefit Catholic Central's wrestling foundation as well as Thin Blue Line, a non-profit that assists the families of injured, ill, disabled and deceased public servants.

Emagine is located at 44425 West 12 Mile Road, in the Fountain Walk Complex. The movie also will open Sept. 26 at Landmark Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. Visit [www.battleinseattlemovie.com](http://www.battleinseattlemovie.com), [www.redwoodpalms.com](http://www.redwoodpalms.com) or [www.tblofmi.com](http://www.tblofmi.com).

By W. Von Buskirk

### FALL FEST BIGGER THAN EVER CANTON

— A giant carnival is part of the fun as Canton Leisure Services hosts its Annual Fall Festival Sept. 25-28. The family event, sponsored by Community Financial, will take place at the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Attractions include more than 35 rides and games, a teen sports arena, food, a big screen movie under the stars, and a "Monster House" on Friday night.

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### CLASSICAL BELLS IN CONCERT BIRMINGHAM

— The Many Voices ... One Song rings in its new season at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 26, with Michigan's favorite handbell choir, Classical Bells.

The 2008-09 Ovation Concert Series continues with The Birmingham-First Chamber Choir's "Let Heaven and Nature Sing," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17. The program includes songs inspired by nature, and concert-goers are invited to visit a menagerie of live animals in the courtyard before the show.

Other concerts this year are "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7, led by Tom Trenney; and "Welcome All Wonders," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19, featuring internationally-known concert organist Todd Wilson.

All concerts take place at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136 or e-mail [trenney@comcast.net](mailto:trenney@comcast.net).

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# Chamber Music Society opens its 65th season Extravaganza offers exquisite delights

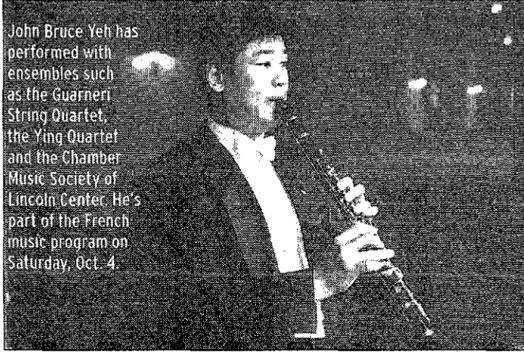
BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The 65th anniversary season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Saturday kicked off this month, and unlike many other chamber events nationwide, Detroit's is special.

Why? Because the concerts sell out and audience members are both young and old, sophisticated and hip, suburbanites and urban viewers. Something special is brewing here. There's a welcome feeling in the air. So check it out.

The concerts take place at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), Beverly Hills, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School. All shows are at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

The series includes musicians such as the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio, the Miami String Quartet and the Pražák Quartet — big names worth hearing in the



John Bruce Yeh has performed with ensembles such as the Guarneri String Quartet, the Ying Quartet and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He's part of the French music program on Saturday, Oct. 4.

chamber world.

On Oct. 4, a pre-concert talk with Steven Rings begins at 6:45 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, four virtuoso soloists — John Bruce Yeh, clarinet; Cho-Liang Lin, violin; Gary Hoffman, cello; and Christopher Taylor, piano — appear together for a program on French chamber music.

The program includes Debussy: *Première Rhapsodie*; Ravel: *Duo*

for Violin and Cello, Op. 73; and Messiaen: *Quartet for the End of Time*

### THE MUSICIANS

Yeh is assistant principal clarinetist and solo E-flat clarinetist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He's a winner of both the 1982 Munich International Music Competition and the 1985 Naumburg Clarinet Competition. He is founder and director of the Chicago Pro Musica, which won the 1986 Grammy Award for best classical artist.

Lin is a violinist whose career has spanned 30 years. Since his debut with Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival at age 19, he has appeared with virtually every major orchestra in the world. Lin is a faculty member at the Juilliard School and Rice University.

Hoffman was only 22 years old when he became the youngest faculty appointee in the his-

### SEASON LINEUP

#### OPUS 9 SERIES

Oct. 4: John Bruce Yeh, clarinet; Cho-Liang Lin, violin; Gary Hoffman, cello; and Christopher Taylor, piano

Nov. 15: Pražák Quartet

Dec. 6: Christian Tetzlaff, violin; The David and Andrea Page 1797 concert celebrating Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods

Jan. 24, 2009: Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano

Feb. 7: ATOS Trio; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award Concert

April 11: Guarneri String Quartet

April 18: Pacifica Quartet with Erik Ronmark, saxophone

May 16: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet

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Don't forget the popular Culinary Extravaganza in Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28 where dozens of Michigan's finest chefs will offer very interesting tastings.

Attire for the event is business casual, and the community is invited to attend.

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program has given us chefs including Randy Emert of Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester; Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's of Novi; and Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of the organic Royal Oak catering company Pure Food 2 U.

And there will be specialties created by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel — one of just a handful of master chefs nationwide.

The Extravaganza is a treat for metro Detroit and benefits

### CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28  
Where: Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
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the students of the culinary arts program.

Marjorie S. Lynch, Schoolcraft's special events coordinator, said it will raise approximately \$70,000.

At least \$20,000 provides direct support to the Culinary Arts Department. The remaining supports student scholarships and college initiatives.

## Chef Kelli Lewton offers recipes

Chef Kelli Lewton of the catering company Pure Food 2 U in Royal Oak, is focused on organic gourmet foods. Here are several recipes that are popular with her company. Both dishes will be offered at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza.

Chop parsley, onion and tomatoes. Mix all remaining ingredients together.

Serve as a salad bar accompaniment, or on romaine hearts, toasted pita bread or sprouted grain tortilla wrap.

### QUINOA CHICKEN SALAD

- 1 cup cooked Quinoa
- 2 cups pulled cooked chicken
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1/2 cup dried cherries (optional)
- 1/2 cup mayo (made from pure pressed oil)
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
- Mix Quinoa, chicken and celery. Mix mayo with vinegar and spices. Combine dressing with chicken mixture, adjust seasoning and serve.

### RED QUINOA TABOULEH

- 8-10 servings
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Pookie Hudson's Spaniels (*Goodnight Sweetheart*, *Goodnight, Stormy Weather*). The Reflections formed in 1964 and released many singles, including *Shabby Little Shack*, and one album, *Just Like Romeo and Juliet*, on the Detroit R&B label Golden World Records.

The current lineup includes original members Tony Micale of Livonia and John Dean of Westland; along with newer members Banovetz, Joey Finazzo of Warren and Sal Prado of Dearborn.

Banovetz said the group stays busy touring historic theatres across the country, and is often tapped to play local shows.

"We have a big fan base in the Detroit area," Banovetz said. "We're able to draw a lot of people."

In order to carry the name of a classic band, a group must have at least one original member, according to Joel Bogorad, Executive Producer of Concert Entertainment and organizer of the Rock 'n' Roll Fall Spectacular.

Bogorad said each act will play at least 20 minutes and banter with the crowd. Audience members are invited to take photos and get autographs during a meet-and-greet after the show.

"These are family-friendly performances. Good wholesome fun," said Bogorad, of Farmington Hills. "These shows give people a smile. When you leave you feel happy."

Banovetz says The Reflections enjoy interacting with fans, which is why they keep the music of the '60s alive.

"People will start dancing in the aisles and singing the songs. The energy that's created and the crowd participation is just unbelievable," Banovetz said. "It's a good feeling bringing back the songs that we all remember."

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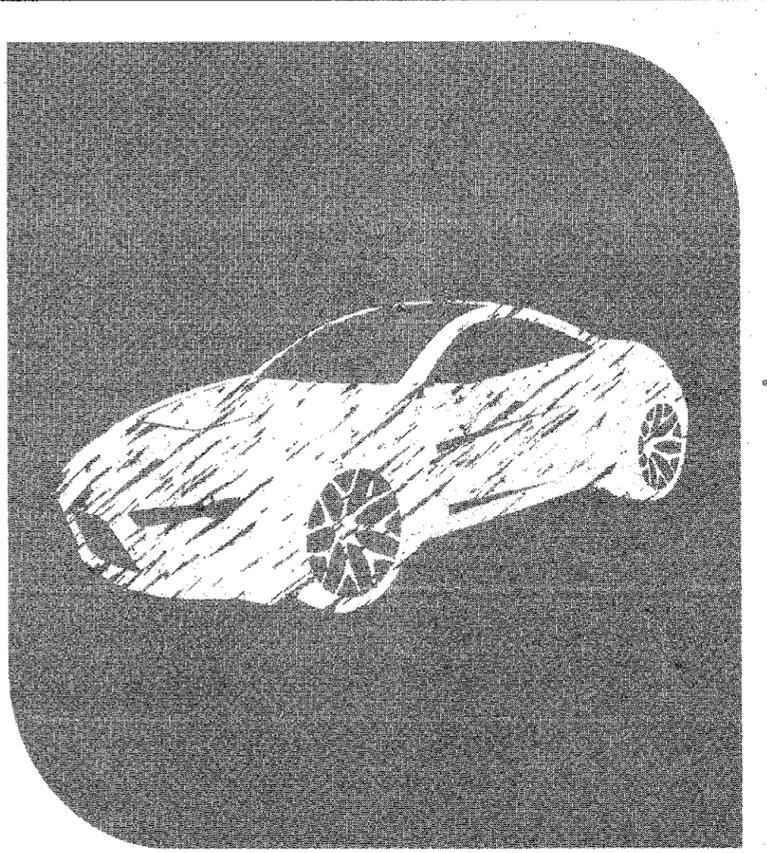
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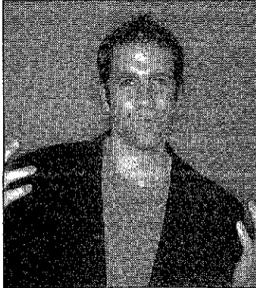


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O&E STAFF WRITER

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**26** Actress and author **Jamie Lee Curtis** reads from her brand new children's book *Big Words for Little People*, 7 tonight at Borders, 612 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-7652 for details.



Young

**27** Just try and hold back the laughter when **Mike Young** (pictured), **Bobby Lee** and **Steve Rannazzisi** take over the City Theatre with their **Young American Comedy Tour**, 7 p.m. at 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$31.50, call (248) 645-6666.

**Brad William Henke** and **Sam Rockwell** star in the dark comedy "Choke," released by Fox Searchlight Pictures.



JESSICA MIGLIO



Weezer



Mary J. Blige

**28** The DTE Energy Music Theatre season is about to draw to a close as the Michigan temperatures shift downward. But **Mary J. Blige** will heat up the stage 7:30 tonight at 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. Tickets \$29.74 to \$99.75, call (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com) for details.

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**GUILLERMO GÓMEZ-PEÑA**

**What:** The renowned performance artist returns to the DIA with two politically and socially charged programs  
**When:** One-man show, *El Mexorcist*, is 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 and free of charge; *Mapa Corpo: Interactive Rituals for the New Millennium* runs 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 27-28, tickets \$20 or \$28 for students and members.  
**Where:** Rivera Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.  
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Melinn

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**Performance art demands participation**

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
 OGE STAFF WRITER

This weekend won't mark Performance Artist Guillermo Gómez-Peña's first trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. He has visited the museum twice before, in the 1990s. Nancy Jones, executive director of learning and interpretation for the DIA, has brought him back for a weekend of performances she said is sure to make audiences think.

"Personally I think he is the most brilliant and gifted artist alive today," said Jones, who was anticipating his return.

Gómez-Peña relies on spoken word and interactivity to convey his passionate views on world issues.

He'll begin with a one-man show, a free performance, on Friday, Sept. 26. Titled *El Mexorcist*, Gómez-Peña will embody an activist protesting the construction of a U.S./Mexican border. He'll shift into various languages and morph into multiple characters as he presents ideas on identity, race, sexuality, pop culture, politics and more.

Then, Sept. 27-28, the audience gets in on the act for *Mapa Corpo: Interactive Rituals for the New Millennium*. As the title suggests, the artist will use the human body as a political map. Gómez-Peña will be joined by his troupe, which includes Roberto Sifuentes, professor of performance art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Violeta Luna, a Mexican actress and artist; René García, an albino-

based video artist; and a local addition — Royal Oak resident and actress Lisa Melinn. Jones was familiar with her work and connected her to the project. Melinn could not be reached for comment.

Jones said she saw a production of *Mapa Corpo* over a year ago in East Lansing. "I was just blown away by it," she said. "I think it's one of the most significant presentations he's ever done." And a timely one, she added, as it deals with and encourages people to think about current social and political issues. Audience members should prepare to feel personally involved and engaged, Jones said.

The programs happen to be during Hispanic History Month, which was part of Jones's intention in offering the program at

this time of year. Gómez-Peña is of Mexican descent and many members of his troupe are Mexican Americans.

Gómez-Peña, a MacArthur Grant fellow and regular contributor to National Public Radio, uses music, spoken word and images to evoke feelings and ideas meant to last long beyond his performance.

His work covers issues of oppression and liberation, mourning and healing, and visitors will interact with performers as they move through the Rivera Court.

Those who have not witnessed his pieces, Jones said, will find "it's a very powerful political, social and cultural statement. The political and social situations of the moment are very topical. Guillermo is always like that."

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**Pull up a stool, grab a pint, it's beer month**

The metro Detroit area surely isn't lacking when it comes to microbreweries and bars that serve up an enviable selection of brews. FILTER shares some of our favorite pints at a handful of tried-and-true watering holes in and around Wayne and Oakland counties. All this in honor of National Beer Month and we're feeling thirsty: **The Berkley Front:** With 42 brews on tap you're sure to find your fave. When in doubt grab a *Sierra Nevada Pale Ale*. At 3087 Twelve Mile Road, Berkley, call (248) 547-3331. **Big Rock Chop & Brewhouse:** Go smooth with

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Stephanie Angelyn Casola is anxiously awaiting seasonal brews — particularly of the pumpkin variety. While she admits we couldn't include every bar in this little listing, she considers it a solid start for an Observer & Eccentric community pub crawl and thanks FILTER editor Wendy Von Buskirk and staffer Lana Mini for contributing. Send your favorite brew picks and locations to scasola@hometownlife.com.

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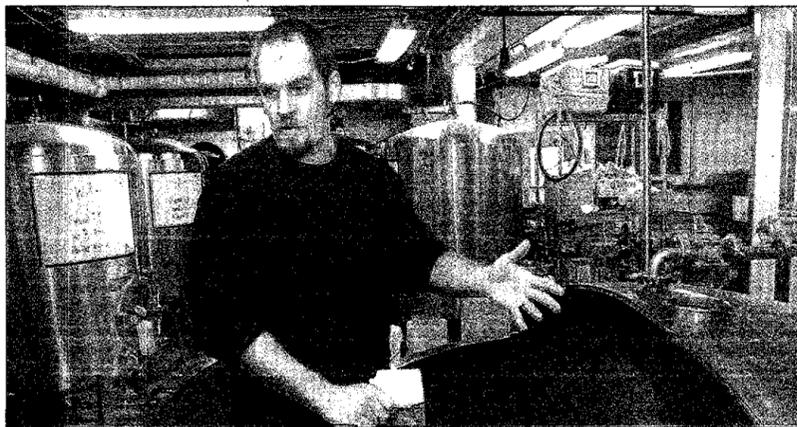
When the airy Belgian-inspired bistro Bastone opened in Royal Oak in 2004, it quickly garnered a reputation for its consistent menu of frites, tartes, burgers, salads and pastas. But that's only half of the story. Below its floorboards lies a full brewery where brewmaster Rockne Van Meter has free reign to create the eight varieties of beer that will flow from Bastone's taps at any given time.

Last week, just in time for the coming Oktoberfest celebration, he invited FILTER down to see the process for ourselves. Surrounded by stainless steel tanks on all sides, he sauntered over to a secondary room where hundreds of pounds of grain were piled, one bag atop one another, each awaiting its turn in giant grinding mill.

"Grain is the primary ingredient," said Van Meter. That's where the flavor, color and taste begins, he added. Bastone imports 90 percent of its grains from France, Belgium and Great Britain. Whole kernels are ground down into smaller pieces and transferred to a lauter tun in a separate room, where it is mixed with water and heated to a high temperature, up to 160 degrees, to release the starches.

At that point the mixture becomes wort, a sort of barley sugar water. Then, it is diluted to suit the style of beer Van Meter intends to create. "The darker the beer, the more concentrated the wort," he said.

Hops are added, or "mashed in," giving the beer its bitter flavor and aroma. The next step, and perhaps the one requiring the most patience, is the fermenting process. The mixture is placed in a large bin to ferment in open air — a quality unique



Brewmaster Rockne Van Meter keeps the taps pouring at Bastone in Royal Oak. Get ready to celebrate Oktoberfest at the local restaurant-brewery beginning Sept. 29 with the seasonal brew Rocktoberfest.

to Bastone when compared to other area breweries. The yeast begins to do its work and fermentation takes varying amounts of time.

Ales are crafted after seven days, Van Meter said, while lagers take about 14. Temperatures are stepped downward and when the batch is ready, it is transferred to a conditioner and later moved into tanks connected to the bar taps upstairs in the brewery.

The beer on tap includes mainstays like Bastone-best-seller Monumental Blonde, Main Street Pilsner, Royal IPA and the brewery's Belgian-styles like the Great White Wit, Dubbel Vision and Nectar des Dieux Triple.

The menu also features two seasonal beers at a time. And Sept. 29 marks the start of Oktoberfest season — which comes with a brew to match. It is a medium-bodied brew with a deep amber color and roasted toffee notes. According to David Ritchie, operating partner at Bastone, "we couldn't resist

naming it Rocktoberfest" after Rockne. The second seasonal offering is a Munich Dubbel, dark-styled lager with chocolate notes.

Ritchie came on board last year with the intention of promoting the brewery side of the business. He's seen the restaurant's to-go beer service double in that amount of time. Like Van Meter, he said the blonde is his favorite Bastone beer, adding "but I love them all."

Van Meter plans four to six weeks ahead of time to be sure the barrels remain fully stocked for Bastone's beer-drinking patrons. "We never run out of beer," he announced with pride. Van Meter, a Grand Blanc resident, has been in charge of the Royal Oak brewery for the past three years. He takes cues from the season rather than the restaurant's menu when choosing and crafting new brews. Some varieties sell faster at certain times of the year. The Belgian Wit seems to be a warm weather favorite while IPA earns more

fans in the fall and the Dubbel satisfies winter beer cravings.

The Monumental Blonde is the overall best-seller while the Main Street Pilsner tied with Stella Artois in 2007 national competition. In all, the brewery has earned 24 awards from organizations ranging from the Beverage Testing Institutes' World Beer Championships to the World Expo of Beer, the

North American Beer Awards and the Michigan Beer Brewers Cup. Most of those honors have come under Van Meter's leadership. He attributes his success to staying true to a beer's traditional style and paying close attention to detail when it comes to brewing.

Van Meter began as a homebrewer with a passion for beer and sought out his first position at Big Buck Brewery as an assistant. He also worked at Rochester Mills Brewery before coming to Bastone.

All of the beers he brews must pass Van Meter's rigorous standards. His work environment also contributes to the success of the product, he said.

"I do enjoy the freedom to do what I want," he said, adding that he has the support of management.

While he's had some unusual requests over the years — including one for an oyster beer which never materialized — Van Meter has established a beer menu patrons have come to expect, anticipate and enjoy. The awards, Ritchie said, are a testament to "how good Rockne is."

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## OKTOBERFEST

**What:** Celebrate Fall with German food and hand-crafted seasonal beers.

**Where:** Bastone, 419 S. Main Street, Royal Oak.

**When:** Sept. 29 to Oct. 23.

**Menu:** Pan Roasted Salmon with caramelized apples, red cabbage, potato pancakes and a Reislung butter sauce; **Jagerschnitzel**, a pan-seared pork loin with herbed spaetle and German mushroom sauce; **Sauerbraten**, marinated sirloin with pan-fried potatoes and braised carrots; **Roast Chicken** with German potato salad and Bavarian sauerkraut. Items range from \$12.95 to \$15.95.

**Brewery:** Buy a limited edition Bastone beer stein for \$9 and fill it with any of the restaurant's hand-crafted brews — including the seasonal **Rocktoberfest** lager — for just \$3 throughout the Oktoberfest celebration.

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SEPTEMBER

**Special needs class**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking). Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@around-detroit.biz.

**Interfaith courage**  
Three-day free lecture series by Daniel Buttry, a global consultant for peace and justice, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 25-26, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits. Topics include Freedom of Religion: Religious Hate vs. Religious Respect; Interfaith Community Building: Healing Our Communities Together, and Interfaith Courage: It's Our Time Now. Call (248) 644-0550.

**Sacred music concert**  
"Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains." The seminary choir of the Blessed Theofore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. Free will offering requested. Audio and video recordings available. Call (734) 522-3166 or visit www.seminarycon-centrout.com.

**Mom-to-Mom sale**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Safety/health fair**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car

seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

**Revival services**  
Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m. each evening, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Revival preacher is from Alabama. Everyone welcome. Call (313) 537-7480.

**Marian rally**  
Join the Felician Sisters of Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 28, as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adelbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance. Call (734) 591-1730.

**Bethany hay ride**  
Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood will host a hay ride that includes hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and a DJ Saturday, Sept. 27. Indoor facility for dining and dancing. Tickets, \$20. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 389-4730.

**Spirit of Manresa**  
Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150-\$250, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 464-4933, Ext. 34, or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

**Parenting class**  
Parenting Families DVD-based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road,

north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830, or register at www.christoursavior.org under Adult Fall Classes.

UPCOMING

**Mass confusion**  
Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad. No charge. Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950.

**Rummage sale fund-raiser**  
Pre-sale 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 (admission \$2 per adult); Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Admission free. Saturday everything half price.

**CROP walk**  
Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

**A night of wine & roses**  
Wine tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, with tasting from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterward until 10:30 p.m., in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and adjacent grounds of the church in Plymouth. Tickets \$50, ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To order, visit www.olgcwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755.

**Fall craft show**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421.

**ICEA conference**  
For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville. Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker. 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books. Registration required only for workshops. Non-denominational. No charge. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

**Plymouth/Canton CROP walk**  
Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

**Evenings of Evangelization**  
Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 17, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting.

**Mom-to-mom sale**  
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncamom2momsale@gmail.com.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Crafters wanted**  
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastrmi-chael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

**Fall craft show**  
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

**Music at St. John's**  
Continues with Halloween Pipes Spooktacular with performance by Scott Elsholz, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 (dinner at 5:30 p.m.); A Festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

**Grief workshop**  
Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

**Global gifts**  
Opens daily beginning Nov. 1, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. For an appointment before Nov. 1, call (248) 644-0550 or visit the shop after worship on Sundays. The church is at 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Avenue.

ONGOING

**ENDOW**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Choral rehearsals**  
Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wacht auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age

30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

**New worship schedule**  
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Bible study**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

**Time change**  
Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returns to fall, winter and spring schedule beginning Sunday, Sept. 14. Services will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

**Wednesday activities**  
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcelfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

**Thursday fellowship dinner**  
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Eucharistic adoration**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

**Worship schedule**  
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

**Sunday worship**  
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

**Reformed Protestant services**  
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rs/worship/detroit.html.

**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

**Church schedule**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Single Place Ministry**  
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

**Prince of Peace Church**  
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbccglobal.net.

**Tai Chi and strength classes**  
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington

Hills. The cost-per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

**Church offerings**  
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly.

The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

**Church services**  
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

**Tai Chi class**  
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi.

This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-5877 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

**Thrift store**  
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**New schedule**  
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Day of service**  
A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org.

To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

**Worship Service**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

**Worship**  
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

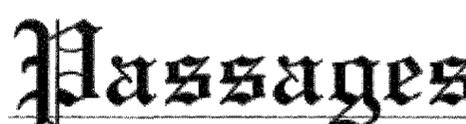
**Worship service**  
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

**F.I.R.E. ministries**  
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

**New worship schedule**  
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

All visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

**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 Road at Hunter, Westland.



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**RAYMOND DOUGLAS COON**

Born Jan.1. 1917. Died Sept. 15, 2008. Age 91. Loving wife Joyce for 53 yrs. Father of William Coon, Douglas Coon, Linda Lindeman, Greg Coon & Joy Heinrich. Grandfather of Carrie, Ken, Kevin, Amanda, Russell, Karen, Shelly, Tim, Kenneth, Michael & Jamie. Great-grandfather of 14 & Great-great Grandfather of three. He was a milkman before starting his business, Ray's Heating & Plumbing. He loved deer hunting every November in Oscoda. Lived in Plymouth until they put 275 in. Then he moved to Ann Arbor where he lived & owned a golf course until he retired to Arizona.

**MARION ELEANOR POSTLER (LaLonde)**

Beloved mother of Sherry (Patrick) McMahon, Richard (Kathleen) Postler, Daniel (Ann) Postler, Karen (Donald) Convery, Kelly (Darlene) Postler, and Keith (Renee) Postler. Died at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008. She was 80. A lifelong Detroit sports fan, she was especially fond of the Tigers and often watched or listened to multiple games at home when sports seasons overlapped. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1997 and her granddaughter, Nicole, daughter of Karen and Donald, in 1993. She is survived by 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Viewings were Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, Redford Township, MI 48239. Funeral services were Monday, Sept. 22 at 10:00 am at St. Hilary Parish, 23901 Elmira, Redford Township, MI 48239, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034. Donations in her memory can be sent to The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI.

**JAMES S. WILLOUGHBY**

Age 79, died September 23, 2008, at Beaumont Hospital Hospice after a lengthy hospital stay following a pedestrian accident. He was a dedicated volunteer and cherished the time he spent with many charitable, civic and political organizations. He was an active member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit and an avid supporter of the Detroit Zoological Society, BASCC Meals on Wheels, St. Dunstan's Theatre, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Oakland County Lincoln Republican Club and other local, state and federal political groups. Other interests included the Detroit Historical Society, the Jaycees and the Windsor-Detroit Jazz Club. He was recently elected Republican Delegate to the County Convention. The son of Gerald and Dorothy Willoughby of Detroit, MI. Jim was a 1947 graduate of Mackenzie High School in Detroit and a graduate of Michigan State University in 1951. He was a Lieutenant with the U.S. Army and served in Germany. He joined the Ford Motor Company in 1957 and retired from the Customer Service Division in 1991, after 34 years of service. In addition to his volunteer work, he enjoyed travel and spending time with his nieces and nephews and their children. He is survived by brother Roger Willoughby of Vero Beach, FL; sister Jean Ashton of New York, NY; six nephews and nieces; nine grand nephews and nieces; and long-time friend, Nancy Dailey. Donations may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, the Detroit Zoological Society, BASCC Meals on Wheels and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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**DAVID NORRIS KEEFER**

Age 56, of Newton, MA, formerly of Rochester, MI, Ft. Myers Beach, FL, and San Francisco, CA, died on Sunday, September 21, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, as well as his children, Hillery and James, mother Annabelle, brother, Bob and sister, Judy. A celebration of David's life will be held at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, 207 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA at 4pm on Saturday, September 27, 2008, followed by a memorial tea at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following charities: Theodore and Margaret Beard Family Excellence in Teach Award, Fairfield County Community Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851-1543 OR American Liver Foundation, New England Chapter, 88 Winchester Street, Newton, MA 02461

**EDWARD KILBOURNE**

September 11, 2008, of Wayne. Arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI

**CAROLYN M. McLEAN, RN BSN**

Age 70, Plymouth, MI, died Sept. 19, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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# Jewish prepare to celebrate holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Wendy Sadler is busier than usual these days preparing for the Jewish High Holy Days. In addition to her job as director of Shalom Street, the Jewish museum in West Bloomfield, the Canton woman is cooking for more than a dozen family members and friends for Rosh Hashana. The Jewish New Year begins at sundown Monday, Sept. 29. She'll be celebrating with daughters Michelle, 19, Samantha, 17, Frankie, 10, and husband Jim at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield. Sadler is a founding member of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton.

"It's a family event," said Sadler. "Our family comes Monday night and then we go to the synagogue. My sister and I take turns making challah and chicken soup, brisket, apples and honey in anticipation of the new year being a sweet one. For Yom Kippur, Oct. 8, we get together for a big meal and then break the fast in the evening of Oct. 9. Yom Kippur is a day of repentance to ask for forgiveness for the not so nice things we've done. We fast because if you feel the hunger, you feel the pain. It's kind of a way to



Tanya Nemeth of Canton holds the "four spices" of myrtle twigs, willow branches, palm leaf, and citron.

cleanse your body and start again."

Jeff Kirsch and his family bring in the new year together as well. The Farmington Hills man will have dinner at the home of his parents, Dan and Arlene Kirsch, then go to Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia for services. Joining them will be his children Michelle, 27, Jordan, 23, and grandson Chase, 3.

"We have a festive dinner," said Kirsch, Beit Kodesh education director. "My grandson

might not quite understand what we're celebrating but he sees we're all together and laughing and talking about what will come about for the new year. My daughter brings him to the synagogue for the holidays. It's a warm feeling for us to see him getting involved at a young age. He's being introduced to the holidays and celebration. For Yom Kippur we start with Kol Nidre for the beginning of the Day of Atonement where Jews say prayers to ask God for for-

giveness." Kari Alterman is hosting 35 friends and family members along with daughters Noa, 6, Adina, 4, and husband Eddie on Tuesday night at their home in Franklin. They'll attend services at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield where she serves on the board.

"We have many friends who are Jewish and non-Jewish. I believe it's a wonderful opportunity for people to reconnect. In many ways for our family it's like a Thanksgiving," said Alterman, Regional Leadership Director and Detroit Chapter Director for the American Jewish Committee. "It's a nice time for everybody to be together and celebrate and appreciate how lucky we are. For the 10 days of AWE which culminate in Yom Kippur people apologize to people they may have hurt over the past year. It's a period of self reflection."

Roberta Malkowski has been delivering holiday food parcels to elderly in the area through the Jewish Federation and Jewish Home and Aging Services. Her most recent stop was at a Livonia facility where one man said she made his day. "We want to show they're



Members of Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot with Rabbi Peter Gluck (center).

not forgotten at this time," said Malkowski, who'll attend Rosh Hashana services at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton, which doesn't charge for High Holy Day services and welcomes everyone.

Although the Jewish High Holy Days end with Yom Kippur, the celebrating continues with Sukkot, the festival of booths, Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 14-15. The holiday reminds Jews about the celebration in ancient times when Israelites lived in temporary booths or shelters after harvesting crops.

Malkowski and the members of Bet Chaverim will construct a sukkah then gather at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

"We construct it ahead of time so then everyone can come out and celebrate," said

Malkowski of Northville. "Rabbi says blessings over your family and people go into the sukkah. We have four spices that are symbols. Myrtle twigs and willow branches represent different events and ideals. Lulav and etrog are fruits of the earth. A palm leaf is a lulav and shaken as prayer is said. Etrog is a citron, an oversized egg shape fruit grown in Israel and imported for the celebration. It's similar to Thanksgiving, celebrating the fruits of the earth."

It's also an opportunity for Jews to remember the 40 years they wandered in the desert after leaving slavery in Egypt, said Alterman.

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