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Open House

Instead of going to jail, you can see it when the Westland Police Department hosts open house noon-4 p.m. Saturday Sept.

The police department will be open to the public and all of its equipment will be on display. There will be demonstrations throughout the day including K-9, TASER and SWAT. There also will be a bounce for kids and food and refreshments will be served.

The open house will begin at noon with a short ceremony honoring the department's retirees and fellow officers that have passed away.

The police department is on Ford Road west of Westland City Hall.

Alumni Night

The John Glenn High School Football Boosters are inviting former players to come back to school for the Rocket Football Alumni Night Friday, Sept. 11.

The evening includes access to the locker room at 6:30 p.m., free refreshments and free admission to the game which pits the Rockets against Livonia Churchill Chargers. The Rockets are coming off a 42-21 victory over Pinckney last week and hoping to build on their 2-0 season. The Chargers are 1-1 with a 21-7 triumph over Waterford Kettering last week.

Alumni can reserve a spot by calling head coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 620-0063.

Patriot's Day

The City of Westland will host a 9/11 Memorial Service, conducted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, on the south steps of Westland City Hall, at 36601 Ford Road.

This is the sixth year for the service, which remembers those who perished due to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as honors those who continue to serve and protect our community.

Pastor Kurt E. Lambert of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland will preside over the memorial service, which will include performances by the St. Matthew Jubilee and Cherub Choirs as well as the Lutheran High Westland Choir.

Fall classes

Looking for something new this fall for you or your children? Westland Parks and Recreation has lots of possibilities.

There are traditional favorites like karate, cheerleading, baby-sitting classes, ballet, tap, hip hop, aerobics, cardio-kickboxing, round dance, yoga and gymnastics, as well as many new programs, including Bollywood, Zumba for kids or adults, guitar workshops, Pilates/yoga, Reducing Home Energy Costs and more.

Check out the recreation department's Web site at www.cityofwestland.com for more information.

Registration has already begun for classes, so don't delay. Stop by the Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road or call (734) 722-7620 to register.

Grant lets city develop energy strategy

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland has received \$50,000 in federal funding to develop an energy efficiency and conservation strategy — an effort that should clear the way to receiving a \$731,000 energy grant.

"Before the city can use the grant money, we have to complete a strat-

egy. That's what the \$50,000 is for," said Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "It won't cost that much but the Department of Energy recommended we put that amount on the application."

The city had already used a state grant to do an energy audit on city buildings which resulted in plans to replace the HVAC and mechanical at the police station, Mike Modano

Ice Arena and the Bailey Recreation Center.

"It's a wonderful grant. We have 120 days for the strategy completion. I'm hoping that we can start working on the project by the first of the year," said Inglis.

Westland is one of eight Michigan cities and counties receiving \$1.6 million in federal funding to develop an energy efficiency and

conservation strategy, which details how the communities plan to save energy, reduce their greenhouse gas emission and create or save local jobs.

Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the money is part of the Department of Energy's Energy

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First-day jitters



Mom Jennifer Prush gives her daughter Vanessa one last hug good-bye before leaving her on the kindergarten's first day of school at Schweitzer Elementary in Westland.

Students get a 'Bright Futures' welcome back to school

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hand claps and hugs.

For youngsters at Schweitzer Elementary School, Tuesday morning started off with plenty of both as the school staff lined up to applaud their return to the classroom, and youngsters paused to give a hug to a favorite teacher.

"And they just keep on coming," said fourth-grade teacher David Schofield looking at the line of parents of students waiting to make their grand entrance, then adding a "Hey, we don't have time for hugs" to a student wrapping her arms around a teacher.

Early morning showers dried up long enough for students and parents to gather in front of the school's main entrance to march in to the applause and strains of the school district's "Great Futures" song. It's a tradition at the Westland school that Principal April Quasarano was looking forward to. Quasarano is replacing Mary Garzon who has returned to the classroom.

"This is fun, the kids really like it," said Quasarano, the former



Kindergarten teacher Anne McKolay gets a welcome back hug from former student Emma Diederich on the first day of classes at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland.

Hamilton Elementary principal.

It was so much fun that even the Schweitzer mascot, the Bee, was there. Paraprofessional Barb Reid wore an antenna headband and black and yellow top with wings hooked on the back, clothing she had worn initially for Schweitzer spirit day last year.

"They said to dress in the school colors, so I dressed as the bee," said Reid. "And I decided to dress like this for the first day."

The rain and even a problem with the PA system couldn't dampen spirits on the first day of school.

"She's nervous, she told me she's going to throw up," said parent Dana Kemp about her daughter Victoria Matuniak, 8. "She's been talking about butterflies in her stomach all day."

According to her mother, the third-grader was excited to find out who will be in her class.

"They put up class lists a few days ago, but I didn't bring her up," Kemp said. "She did get a letter from her teacher, so she knows who it is."

There also were some butterflies in Anne McKolay's kindergarten classroom, with a few youngsters shedding tears after their parents said goodbye and left the classroom.

"Usually, it's my parents that are crying," said McKolay. After a few formalities, the

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City cracks down on illegal signs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether offering a discounted price on a pillow top mattress, offering high paying jobs working from home or promoting garage sales, those signs illegally posted in the public right of way or on utility poles should be disappearing from Westland streets.

The Westland Building Department is stepping up efforts to get compliance of the city's existing ordinance and that means confiscating illegally placed signs.

"We had a business owner come in recently and bring us about 100 illegal signs. He was very nice and didn't charge us for that," said Mayor William Wild. "We met with the building department staff and we will have more enforcement."

"We will confiscate any signs on the right of way. We are asking people to abide by the ordinance," he said.

Under a long-standing ordinance, it's illegal for any person to place, post, nail, paint, print, stamp, or in any other manner attach any placard, poster, circular, showbill, handbill, card, leaflet, political sign or other advertising matter whatsoever on any street or sidewalk, or upon any fence, wall, post, tree, platform, tower, telegraph pole, telephone pole, electric light pole, or other utility pole or tower, or in or on any easement, right of way, or on any public property in the city.

"Illegal signs placed on city property, attached to street signs or utility poles will be confiscated," said Building Director Roger Shifflett. "If the offenders can be identified and the problem continues, warnings and ultimately fines may be issued."

All areas of the city will be targeted and maintained on a daily basis. If signs are up that do not comply, they will be taken down.

A drastic increase of illegal signs has caused the city to take a more strict approach in addressing this issue, Wild said, and the administration is reacting to the concerns of its citizens. Anyone with a complaint about an illegal sign can call the Building Department at (734) 467-3210.

"These signs distract from the natural beauty of our city," said Wild. "We want people to be proud of the community that they live in and take pride in the way it looks to commuters traveling through as well."

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Guests needed for baby shower

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Carol Sharp is putting out an invitation for low-income pregnant women to attend her Warm Hearts baby shower tomorrow morning.

There's one catch, they need to register to attend by 5 p.m. today.

"I think the need is great," said Sharp, who plans to be at Jefferson-Barns Elementary this afternoon to find women interested in attending the shower.

The for-moms-only shower will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps on Venoy south of Palmer. In addition to lunch, gifts and prizes, there also will be "awesome" guest speakers from Wayne County who will talk to the moms about infant safe sleep, budgeting, nutrition, breastfeeding, positive self-esteem and discipline.

Warm Hearts has been hosting the baby showers for five years and this year added a second one, held in the city of Detroit. According to Sharp, the group works throughout the year, gathering clothing and supplies for moms-to-be, as well as making such things as blankets with donated material. Among items that will given out tomorrow are handmade layettes.

According to Sharp, the organization got its start almost 10 years ago by gathering gently used clothing, sizing it and putting it paper bags that were given to families by the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"We had the Salvation Army give it to youngsters so they could go back to school with a new outfit after Christmas," she said. "We'd put the size on the bag and it would be given to the family, sight unseen."

From there, the group started helping with baby showers at the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, and "then one thing led to another," Sharp said. As the request for receipts from donations increased, the group incorporated at a 501(c)3 charity.

For Sharp, the reward comes in the responses written on the blank thank-you cards given to the guests. While they're meant to solicit ideas to make the showers even better, many contain heart-felt messages about the group's work.

"One card from the Detroit shower said, 'Thank you very much for not looking down at me for being such a young parent,'" Sharp said.

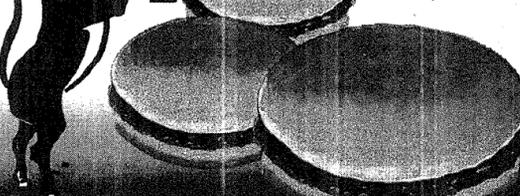
Pregnant women interested in attending must register in advance by calling the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660, Ext. 101, she added.

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SCHOOL

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students' first day of school started out by squeezing homemade magic Play-Doh that changed color with every smooth. The students flattened it into a pancake, rolled it into a ball and made long skinny snakes before forming the letter O. They even made a snowman before graphing how many red, blue, green and yellow globs of doughs were created.

"There's more academics in kindergarten than there used to be," said McKolay. "They have a lot to learn."

Storytime for the youngsters was Audrey Penn's *The Kissing Hand*, the story of a young raccoon who was afraid of his first day in school. After reading the book, the youngsters walked through the school, tracking down the heart-shaped clues left by title character Chester the raccoon. Their hunt took them to the school office where they met secretary Jeannie Gallagher, to the art and life skills rooms and the library,

where Chester's heart-shaped message sent them off to follow his footprints back to the classroom.

"Now, this is going to be hard looking for the footprints on the floor," said Aaron McKay, following his classmates down the hallway and back to the classroom where Chester surprised them with heart-shaped Jiggler treats.

McKolay began preparing for her new students last week and got the help of neighborhood children in making the more than 60 bags of magic Play-Doh. She also sent out cards, telling them she was tickled pink to have them as students and included a pink feather that matched the pink feather boa she wore to meet them at the school's front door.

Some of what her students did Tuesday was the part of McKolay's tried-and-true first day of school repertoire, like flowers youngsters made at home, using their picture and everything from feathers and seashells to stickers and cereal to decorate them. They will be displayed in the "kinder-garden."

"It's going to be beautiful with all the flowers," she told



Kindergartner Olivia Parm gets her picture taken for a Hopping into Kindergarten bulletin board outside her classroom.

the children.

The scavenger hunt, however, was new.

"This is the first year I did the hunt, usually we walk just around the school," she said. "Last year, it was who's hopping in kindergarten, but I switched it around this year."

McKolay, who has two kindergarten classes of 26 students each, admits that like her students, she, too, was nervous on the first day of school.

"I'm excited, really excited, but I was nervous the Jigglers wouldn't work," she said.

City disbands cable commission

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of the Westland Cable Commission were honored at the start of the council meeting Monday, minutes before the commission was disbanded.

"It's with sadness that we do this. With state and federal legislation, the powers of the cable commission have dwindled to nothing," said Craig Welkenbach, Westland's cable director.

The entire cable commission received certificates of appreciation, including Cindy Couch, Bernard Cybulski, Bob Johnson, Glen Kassel, John Kazaleh, Margaret Lewandowski and Ed Turner. Couch and Lewandowski

didn't attend the council meeting for the presentation.

"Thank you for serving, hopefully, we can put you back to work soon," said Mayor William Wild, who presented the certificates along with Councilman Dewey Reeves.

Welkenbach recalled starting his career as a public access manager with Continental Cable and working with the Westland Cable Commission.

"At that time the commission could approve rate increases and had input," said Welkenbach. "The cable companies don't send representatives to the cable commission meetings. The commission did a great job for many years. Working on the other side (for the city), they let nothing get

by. They were great advocates for the city."

A letter from City Attorney Angelo Plakas noted that the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act enacted by the state legislature effectively eliminated discretionary powers for the cable commission. Since that law was enacted, two of three cable companies serving Westland have opted for franchise coverage under that act leaving the commission with nothing to except limited oversight regarding customer services issues regarding one company.

Westland residents have cable service available from Comcast, WOW! and AT&T U-verse.

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ENERGY

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Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

"By developing new conser-

vation strategies for Michigan cities and counties, we are taking necessary steps to make our country more energy independent, while also creating jobs," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich. "I am pleased that these funds will

provide our communities with the resources to continue to make Michigan a leader in the clean energy economy."

"Improving energy efficiency is an important step in addressing our energy challenges and moving toward clean energy," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. "These funds will not only be an investment in efficient energy practices for the future, but will create jobs today."

Under the EECBG Program, the Department of Energy will deliver \$3.2 billion to 2,300 cities, counties, states and Indian tribes across the country. Activities eligible for EECBG funding include energy audits and building retrofits, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements.

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Westland Stars to hold tryouts

Give a cheer for the Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team.

Boys and girls in the fifth through eighth grades from Westland and the surrounding areas are invited to try out for the team which has two levels:

- The competition team (Varsity) requires a season long commitment, and girls must try out to make the team. Regular attendance is required for competition team. Members should attend every practice. The competition team does all the events and appearances with the addition of local competitions and a recital at the end of the season.
- The performance team (Junior Varsity) is open to any girl or boy who would like to join. There are no tryouts, how-

ever, students are required to attend practice each week. The performance team will attend at least one competition, all events and appearances and the recital at the end of the season.

The team is coached by Jill Wehrheim, a former high school cheerleader and dancer, and Heather Smith, a former dancer and high school coach. The advisor is Toni J. Bailey-Lay, a former cheerleader and coach with 26 years of experience coaching.

Stars members will learn cheers, chants, stunts and pyramids, dancing, pom-pom, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical and novelty routines. The Stars is a team-based program, not just a class.

There will be a meeting for new and returning members on Sept. 17, followed by clinics on

Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. There will be no practice on Oct. 15 when the city holds its annual Turn Off the Violence Night, however, the following Thursday, Oct. 15, will be a review and preparation for tryouts on Oct. 22. All practice are 6-8 p.m. Thursdays in the multi-purpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center.

Fees are \$185 per season for the performance team and \$210 for the competition team. They can be paid weekly (\$5), monthly (\$25) or in full. There also is a uniform deposit of \$20, payable at the time of uniform distribution. The deposit will be returned when uniforms are turned in and all class fees are paid.

For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

CORRECTION

An story in the Aug. 9 issue of the *Westland Observer* about Wayne-Westland's

new senior executive director of instruction should have identified Paul Salah as

having been the principal of Marshall Middle School in Westland.

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GOP hopeful: Cut red tape, business tax

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Hoekstra

Michigan needs to cut red tape, eliminate its business tax and create a more business-friendly environment in order to regain economic strength.

That's the word from Pete Hoekstra, a nine-term Republican congressman from western Michigan, who recently spoke to alumni of the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. Hoekstra, who represents an 11-county district along Lake Michigan that includes Muskegon, Holland and Cadillac, is a candidate in next year's gubernatorial race.

"We need a commitment to growth. We can grow this state," Hoekstra told about 70 people during a meeting of the region's Ross alumni club. "We just need to embrace growth." Hoekstra is a U-M business

school graduate and was a marketing executive at Herman Miller, the Zeeland-based furniture-maker, before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1992.

He said state regulations have hampered business, citing several examples, including a biodigestion plant in his district, which produces methane gas, that he said took two years longer to get up and running, because of bureaucracy, than a similar facility in Iowa.

He also blasted Michigan's business tax, which replaced the single business tax nearly two years ago, calling it too complex. Hoekstra said he could support a plan to raise the state sales tax by a penny, to 7 percent, in order to replace the

business tax — if the move was revenue neutral.

"Create an environment where business can be successful and we will be surprised, maybe, at what our (economic) stars are" a decade from now, he said.

State officials, he said, need to make better use of state resources and assets; he suggested leasing state rights of way for wind turbines, and having tree-growers plant and care for trees in the rights-of way, with the agreement they would later harvest them, rather than paying workers to plant and maintain the trees. He called on people to generate other revenue ideas.

"If it gets to be a billion-dollar idea, half the business tax is gone," he said.

Lansing, he said, needs a mentality that understands business. "I see it as core to solving Michigan's economy,"

he said.

Hoekstra noted the many major political developments he's seen while in the House: the Republican takeover of the House in 1994; the impeachment of President Bill Clinton; the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and their aftermath; and the new administration of President Barack Obama.

"You thought you lived the textbook ... and then you find something you never thought was going to come up," he said.

Addressing health care reform, he called for a more bipartisan approach from Obama when the president speaks to a joint session of Congress on the issue.

"Everybody does want reform. Everybody believes the current system is broken," Hoekstra said. "He has to get some independents and some Republicans on board and then we can move forward."

Hoekstra said that, for him, a health care bill should provide: easier access to health care when it's most needed, tort reform, increased competition among insurers, tax fairness between those whose insurance is provided by their employers and those who buy it themselves with after-tax dollars, and the ability to get preexisting conditions covered by insurance.

Hoekstra also:

- Said most town hall meetings on health care haven't been like the ones that make the news. "They're not anything like what you see on TV. ... It's been a very civil dialogue," he said.

- Nevertheless, Hoekstra said Americans have become frustrated with a variety of issues: the budget deficit, the \$787 economic stimulus package, the government decisions regarding General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp., and health care reform.

- Said Americans are looking for Obama to become more of a "centrist."

- "If he does that, I hope the Republicans are there to accept that offer to work with him," he said.

- Said Americans see their political leaders as "elites" who are "no longer responsive or listening to what they are saying."

- "Every time we as leaders believe we have the answers and don't look to the people we lead ... that is the time we did the worst," he said.

- Mark Vertin of Rochester said he liked what he heard.

- "Good speaker. He covered a lot of ground," Vertin said.

- Vertin said Hoekstra's message about state government resonated with him. "You've got to cut that red tape if you're going to bring business in," he said.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Recipes needed

The Straight Farmhouse is mixing recipes and local history in a cookbook.

The cookbook will feature old and new recipes from the cooks of Garden City. Recipes, along with some history about it, can be dropped off at the Garden City Historical Museum. Straight Farmhouse is the home of the museum and is at 6221 Merriman.

Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in return. Money raised by Garden City Charities benefits local organizations.

Accepting donations

The Garden City Lions Club is collecting used glasses and hearing aids that will be rehabilitated and provided to low-income people. Drop off donations in the Lions collection box at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, during regular office hours.

Outdoor markets

Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19 will be the last two dates for the outdoor flea market and crafts, hosted by the Maplewood Community Center and the Straight Farm House. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market is held at the farm house, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road. A 10-by-10 space costs \$10, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations needed. Set-up begins at 8 a.m. The flea market will be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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Santaland shirts

Support the Downtown Garden City Santaland Parade by purchasing a Santaland Parade or Garden City Cougar T-shirt for only \$15. The T-shirts can be purchased from Margo at Garden City Hall or at the Downtown Development Authority office on Ford Road just east of Middlebelt.

The Downtown Santaland Parade also is holding a bowling fund-raiser on Friday, Oct. 16, at Garden Lanes at 29145 Warren Road in Garden City. The cost is \$20 per person and it includes three games, shoes, pizza, door prizes and more. Beverages not included. There also will be raffles and a 50-50. Check-in is at 7 p.m.

Payment is due by Friday, Oct. 2. Make checks payable to Garden City Community Coalition and mail them to Garden City Hall, Attn: Margo Ciecierski, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135. All proceeds will benefit the operation of the parade.

For more information, call Dan York at (734) 793-1669 or Margo Ciecierski at (734) 793-1660, or visit www.santaland-parade.com.

Preschool sign-up

Garden City Preschool held at Lathers Elementary has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. The preschool's experience staff will be meeting parents and children at its open house 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Lathers Elementary, located at Marquette and Harrison, east of Middlebelt. Call Linda (734) 762-6362 for more information and to register.

District hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will hold district coffee hours on Monday, Sept. 14, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday, Sept. 11, for the return of Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-8:50 p.m. for a special cost of just \$1. Normal Glow skate fees are \$2.50 for kids, \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 skate rental. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinners at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland have returned. Stop by the center 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

Also mark Wednesday, Sept. 16, on your calendar for the weekly 1 p.m. bingo game. Tai Chi classes also are being offered 10-11 a.m. Fridays along with pinocle at 1 p.m.

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

Get Acquainted

Zonta International is celebrating its 90th birthday this year. Come see what you have been missing! Zonta Clubs from the Tri-County area will be in the new food court of Laurel Park Place Mall, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, to share information about the organiza-

tion. Learn about scholarships and projects that may of interest you.

Zonta is an international service club made up of a network of professional women who's mission is to advance the legal, health, economic, educational and political status of women worldwide. Zontians across the world have volunteered their time, money, efforts and talents to support their local and international service projects for the past 90 years.

Join Zontians for a piece of birthday cake and learn about Zonta. Laurel Park Place is at 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh in Livonia. For more information, call Sally at (734) 464-3728.

Chill at the Joe

First Step is inviting families to Chill at the Joe 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. The family-friendly event at Joe Louis Arena will help raise needed funds to support First Step and its mission to help women and families overcome domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Chill at the Joe will feature a variety of crafts, games, entertainment, all you can eat "game day fare" as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tour the

Red Wing's locker room. Guests can also bring their skates or rent a pair of skates to take a few laps on the ice at Joe Louis Arena and participate in hockey feats of skill.

Tickets for the event may be purchased through Theresa Bizoe at (734) 416-1111 or tbizoe@gmail.com for \$30 per adult, \$20 for kids or \$100 per family. Net proceeds from sponsorships, silent auction and ticket sales will be donated to First Step.

First Step provides safe shelter, a 24-hour help line, counseling, advocacy, assault response, legal support, children's programs and other essential services designed to support victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is

available online at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome.

Used Book Sale

Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get one free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the programs at the library for all ages. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Learn To Skate

It's time to get your little one on the ice. Registrations are now being accepted for the fall learn to skate program at the Mike Modano Ice Arena on Wildwood at Hunter. Classes start Sept. 26. If your youngster wants to play hockey, the Timbits program, offered through the Westland Hockey Association and starts Sept. 12.

For more information, call the arena at (734) 729-4560.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

2 teens caught shoplifting at Kohl's

Retail fraud
Two 17-year-old Livonia residents were arrested for shoplifting at Kohls, 35000 Warren Road, Sept. 7.

Store security told police that the two women, both students at Livonia Churchill High School, were reported

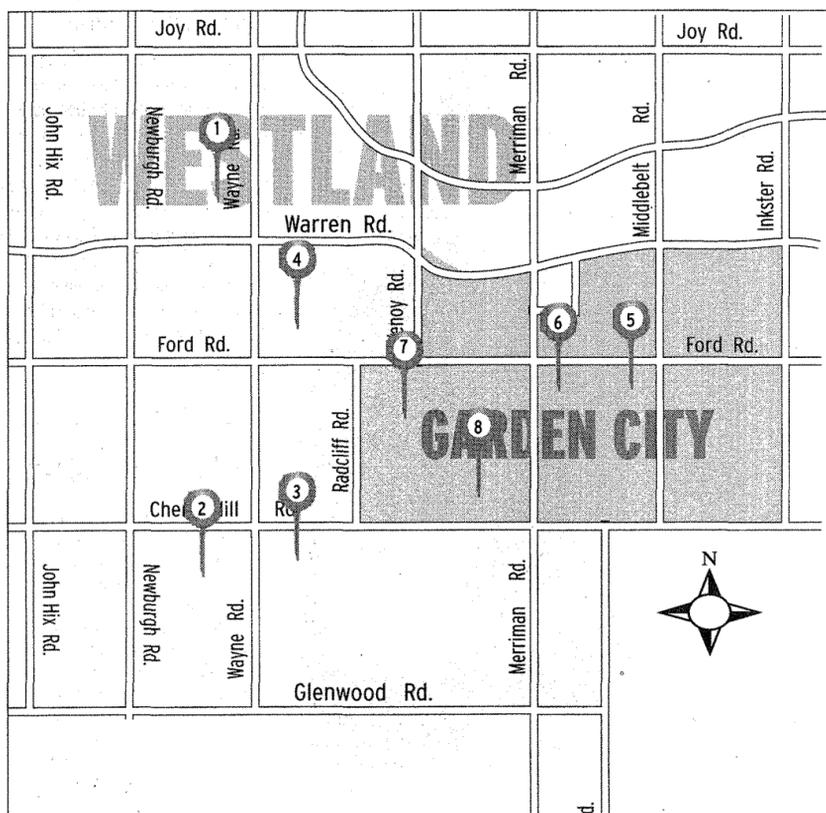
to have been seen entering a dressing room with merchandise, including make-up and a pair of earrings. The items weren't visible when the pair left the dressing room, said an employee, who located product packaging inside a dressing room.

The two women left the store and were detained outside by security personnel who reported recovering the merchandise in their purses. The items were valued at \$86. Each had a parent present by the time police arrived.

Both were also warned they'd be cited for trespassing, if they returned to the store.

Vehicle damaged

On Sept. 7, a resident in the 36000 block of Hazelwood told police that she heard a loud crash and went outside. There was a truck near her vehicle and a treadmill or some other type of exercise machine on the ground next to her vehicle, she said. A man got out of the vehicle and put the equipment back into the vehicle before driving away.



A short time later, the woman said she found the driver's mirror had been knocked off, causing \$500 in damage. She wasn't sure whether the truck had hit the mirror or the damage was caused by the falling equipment.

Shoplifting

Two Westland women were arrested for shoplifting at Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road, Sept. 2.

Store security told police the two women, accompanied by two children, had split up in the store. One woman was spotted placing merchandise into a large purse and exiting the store, employees said.

After the woman was

detained, store security said they saw the second woman standing in the checkout lane and asked her to come to office. Once in the office, the employee said he spotted merchandise the second woman was attempting to hide in her purse.

The stolen merchandise - various clothing - was valued at \$270.

Police arrested an Inkster woman and a Romulus woman for shoplifting \$97 worth of clothing at A.J. Wright, 34750 Ford, Sept. 2.

Store security told police the women were spotted putting merchandise into a large purse that one woman carried. The women were stopped by security personnel as they left the

store.

Vehicle theft

A resident at the Hines Park Apartments, 31620 Cowan, reported his 2007 Suzuki motorcycle, valued at \$1,000, stolen Sept. 7. He said he was behind on the payments but hadn't received a repossession notice.

Found property

A Westland man called police to report finding two tires on the shoulder of the Joy just east of Hix as he was walking Sept. 2.

Police said no tires of that make and size had been reported stolen.

- By LeAnne Rogers

2 men caught 'crashing' in abandoned home

Stolen bicycle

A juvenile, who was a customer at the McDonald's restaurant at 2205 Middlebelt, reported that someone stole his bike Sept. 5. He called his mother when he went outside and found

it was gone. The two came to the

The boy said that he saw a man ride off with the bike. He described the man as being about 30 years old and 6 feet-3 inches tall. The medium-built man was wearing a white shirt, according to the police report.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Retail fraud

An employee at 7-Eleven, 2202 Merriman, reported to police that a man wearing a black shirt and slacks walked out of the store with two cases of Budweiser without paying for them about 1:30 a.m. Sept. 5.

Unlawful entry

Police arrested two 43-year-old men, one from Garden City and one from Westland, at an "abandoned" house in the 33700 block of Donnelly for unlawful entry through an unlocked window about 10 p.m. Sept. 5.

The men said that they just wanted to "crash."

One of the men used to live at the residence but this is not now his "legal residence," according to police.

Larceny from Auto

A 54-year-old Belleville man said that someone stole several items from his Ford pickup truck while it was parked at Lane Plumbing, 6738 Middlebelt, at 3 a.m. Sept. 5. They took some quarters, his

Social Security card and some inactive credit cards.

Suspended license

Garden City Police who were on patrol at Ford Road and Middlebelt learned that a 35-year-old Garden City woman driving a 1997 Acura had a suspended license when they ran her plate in traffic about 7:45 p.m. Sept. 4.

Property damage

Someone broke a 3-by-8-foot window at the U.S. Postal Office, 140 Merriman. It was reported at 4:30 a.m. Sept. 5.

Underaged drinking

The police arrested a woman who was drunk and reportedly sitting at the side of the road in the 31900 block of Cherry Hill about 2:30 a.m. Sept. 4.

She was being assisted into a vehicle when police arrived. The woman had a .16 blood alcohol level, double the .08 limit, through a preliminary breath test.

The police observed that the 20-year-old woman had scratches and a swollen eye. She told police that she was attacked by a female friend of her boyfriend.

Vandalism

Someone spray painted an outside wall of the Model A Restorers Club building at 6721 Merriman. It was discovered at 8 a.m. Sept. 3.

A woman reported that someone used a car to damage her front lawn. She discovered a 30-foot long mark on her lawn about noon Sept. 3 in the 32129 block of Dover.

- By Sue Buck

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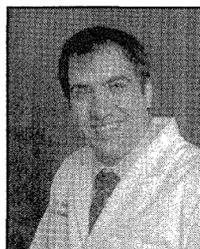
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PROVIDENCE

Teenager searches for loving family

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Angela was 13 when her life changed forever.

"I am going through a lot," said Angela, now 17. "I've been separated from my brothers and sisters since I was 13. I didn't even know how they were doing for a long time."

Angela is one of 40,000 children in Michigan's foster care system. Of those, 20,000 are from Wayne County.

Angela has a nice smile, but she uses it sparingly. She comes across as a bright, confident girl who is trying to tell her story without revealing too much. Under state law, children are removed from the custody of biological parents due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or death in the family, so her reluctance isn't unexpected.

"One of my brothers is doing good," she said. "He's going to be adopted by his foster parents. My older sister is out and working two jobs."

Angela declines to talk about the events that broke up her family and sent her four siblings in different directions. When asked if foster care was best under the circumstances, Angela casts her eyes downward.

"Probably," she said.

Angela has been in five foster care placements in four years. She has stayed with family, foster parents and a group home. Currently, she lives in a group setting with 19 other children, most of them teens. As unlikely as it sounds, a friend she has known from the age of 3 also lives there.

"There are plenty of kids out there like me," she said. "Parents don't always give the help they are supposed to. Then it's hard for the workers to find a place for all of us."

When she says place, Angela isn't talking about another



Heidi Raubenolt and Cheryl Giesa talk about the foster care program at Judson Center.

group home, she's talking about finding someone who will love and care for her all the time. She has big aspirations — she wants to be a doctor and have a family some day. Right now, she needs stability more than anything. She needs a hug when she comes home from school.

"The children in Angela's age group are the ones I worry most about," said Cheryl Giesa, licensing recruiter for Judson Center, a nonprofit agency that helps children through adoption and foster care programs. "I couldn't have gone out and supported myself when I was 18 years old."

Heidi Raubenolt, supervisor

of Judson's family to family program, explained how children are placed with a foster parent.

"We do our best to keep children in their community," she said. "We want them to stay in the same school and go to the same church, if possible. We want them near family."

Under state law, Angela's family had to be separated because only three children can go to any one foster care family.

If it isn't possible to work through the issues and reunite the family, recruiting an extended family member is the next option, Raubenolt said. If that doesn't work out, the

agency does its best to find the right situation for children.

"My test is this," Giesa said.

"I ask myself if I would sleep in this house or let my niece or nephew live there. The goal is permanence. We don't want a child to be in limbo indefinitely."

Angela is thankful for the people who have helped her, but she longs for family life.

"It's stressful," she said. "Being in the system is hard on you. It's not fun because you don't know when you'll get out."

Angela wants a family who wants her back. For more information, call the Judson Center at (313) 794-5653.

A TRADITION OF HELPING

Judson Center has been helping children and families since 1924. The organization provides more than 360,000 personalized support services each year, including adoption, autism connections and foster care.

The organization recruits and trains families to provide temporary, loving foster homes for children who have been separated from their biological parents due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or death in the family. The organization is always looking for dedicated individuals truly invested in the value of family and the healthy development of children. Judson Center foster care programs serve Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

The Redford location is in the Pinnacle Office Building at 12723 Telegraph Road, Suite 200, Redford, MI 48239. Anyone who wants more information should call (313) 794-5653.

How to become a foster parent

The Judson Center trains foster parents in a series of classes. This is an overview of what it takes to become a foster parent:

- Step 1 is a three-hour orientation class that provides general information about the foster care system, licensing rules for foster parents and the licensing process. This class is offered at Judson's Washtenaw County office once each month, and at Redford location twice each month. The next class is Aug. 21 in Redford.

- Step 2 is PRIDE training, a competency-based program which provides greater detail about the foster care system and the responsibilities of foster parents. Topics covered include: attachment and loss issues, discipline, effects of abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, and the effects of fostering and adopting on the family.

- Step 3 is home study. After attending PRIDE training, you will be assigned a licensing specialist who will begin the home study process. This process includes: collecting all documentation, a physical assessment of your home,

interviews with each member of your household (spouse, domestic partner, children, etc.)

The licensing specialist will collect all of the above information and prepare a written report. If your home meets all of the rules set by the State of Michigan and Judson Center, the agency will recommend that your home receive a foster care license from the Office of Children and Adult Licensing (OCAL). A copy of our report and recommendations will go to the Bureau of Family Services. If approved, your home will be licensed and you will receive an official license from the OCAL.

The entire licensing process may take anywhere from two to six months or longer depending on how timely you are about completing the classes, submitting requested documentation.

For more information regarding the licensing process, contact Livingston County at (517) 545-0540; Washtenaw County at (734) 528-1692; or Wayne County at (800) 443-9959.

Swiss Army Knife turns 125

In 1884, a Swiss manufacturer Carl Elsener started a knife manufacturing business and began a cutlery workshop.

In 1891, the Swiss army wanted each soldier to be equipped with a knife as well as a gun. Elsener and the Swiss Cutlery Union created a new product. The knife created included a big blade, tin opener and a screwdriver.

In 1897, the Swiss officer's knife included a corkscrew and a pair of scissors. The Swiss Army never used this model since the corkscrew was not considered "essential for survival." However, the knife became the most popular model sold and was considered the "Original Swiss Army Knife."

The moniker "Swiss Army Knife" was started by American soldiers in post-World War II Europe after not being able to pronounce the original name of "Schweizeroffiziersmesser." Each knife sports the trademark Swiss coat of arms, the cross and shield. In 1921, the company was renamed Victorinox. Another Swiss company, Wenger,

also manufactured the formidable pocket knife, known as the "Genuine Swiss Army Knife." In 2005, Victorinox acquired its competitor, although both brands are still produced.

Swiss Army knives have made it to the top of some of the tallest mountains, have traveled to outer space and have been gifts of United States presidents. Today's models include laser pointers, digital clocks, USB ports and mp3 players. The Guinness Book of Records recognizes a 314-blade pocketknife as the world's largest penknife. Victorinox has now expanded its line to include watches, fashion and fragrances.

If you have a Swiss Army or any other knife that you think may be of value, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has some resources that you might want to borrow. A.E. Hartink's "The Complete Encyclopedia of Knives," "Blade's Guide to Knives & Their Values" and "The Standard Knife Collector's Guide" are titles that list various types of knives and their current values.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, or visit our Web site anytime

at westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Open Mic: 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 10, teens and adults.

Attention artists, open mic is back! Let your muse run wild, coffee shop-style. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands, performers of all sorts are welcome. Singer-songwriter Dave Boutette emcees.

Special event: Picturing America opening/"The Healing Power of the Arts," 2-4 p.m. Sept. 12, teens and adults.

As part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' special program to promote the arts in schools and libraries, we will be showing off many of the 40 reproductions of famous American art. Refreshments, games and prizes. In addition, Nancy Payton, artist, art therapist and Schoolcraft Community College instructor, will present a talk on "The Healing Power of the Arts." This presentation will discuss art exhibits Nancy has curated in southeastern Michigan, with the help of poet Rogelio "Chico" Hernandez, who has written poems based on many of the pieces in Nancy's shows.

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Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library: Sept. 18-20 (Preview Sale Sept. 17 for members only)

For more information call the library (734) 326-6123 or visit our Web site at westlandlibrary.org.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, September 24, various items of the City of Westland, Department of Public Works will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction, 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, Michigan, MI, 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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Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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919	Aaron Cusmano	boxes, bags, totes
943	Larry Cooper	boxes, bags, dresser
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On September 15, 2009, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1995	Yamaha	F6R/MC	Black	JYA3HHE08SA080265
2001	Saturn	SL1/4Dr	Blue	1G8ZH52891Z343302
1993	Toyota	Pickup	Red	4TARN81A5PZ148595
1996	Chevrolet	Lumina/4 Dr	Green	2G1WL52M5T922843
1991	Chevrolet	Corsica/4 Dr	Gray	1G1LT53TOME181805
1995	Chevrolet	Lumina/4 Dr	Blue	2G1WL52MKS1105790
1996	Chevrolet	Blazer/SW	Green	1GNCT18W6TK112157
1995	Chevrolet	G20/Cargo Van	White	1GCEG25K0SF159737

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Used Book Sale
Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, will have a Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, with a special of buy 4 and get 1 free of same type item. The hours will be noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, which also will be the Bag Day Sale. Bring in a medium size bag or buy a cool green reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2. Fill a bag for \$4. Money raised pays for many of the programs at the library for all ages. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Rummage sale
The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 19. There also will be a bake sale, refreshments and hot dogs. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

For widowed men and women
Widowed men and women are invited to celebrate Mass together and stay for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Check in by 2:15 p.m.; Mass is at 2:30. The program is sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Come meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. Call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939 for more information.

TOPS meetings
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 869 Westland is looking to meet new members at Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland. The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older. Weigh-ins are at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Come see what TOPS can do for you. Call Brenda at (734) 729-3833

4-H program
The Wayne County 4-H Children's Garden is inviting youngsters to enjoy an evening of excitement as they explore what happens in the garden after dark 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. The program, While the Garden Sleeps, will include a presentation by the Organization for Bat Conservation



Wish You Were Here

The Douglass family of Westland made sure they took their Observer Newspaper with them on a family trip to Valley of Fire State Park just outside Las Vegas, Ne. The picture was taken on Aug. 2, in a balmy 117 degrees, according to Linda Douglass. The family enjoyed climbing by day and shows and gambling at night. Pictured are Jeff, Linda, Jeffrey and Kenny Douglass of Westland and Helen Wendland, Ray Disney, Leslie (Douglass) Mason and Jesse Mason of Livonia. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

with live nocturnal animals. Where: The Wayne County 4-H The event is free, open to the public and was designed for families with children between the ages of 7 and 14. Call (734) 721-6576 or send an e-mail to segarama@msu.edu to reserve a seat. The Children's Garden is at 5454 Venoy, south of Annapolis, in Wayne.

Ronald McDonald House Gala
The Ford Motor Company is presenting The Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at The Detroit Institute of Arts. The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association and DTE Energy will host this black-tie gala with all proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor. Formerly known as Aviators' Ball, the Gala is in its fifth year. The event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, an afterglow party and many surprises throughout the evening. The Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor provide a "home away from home" each year to nearly 1,600 families whose children are hospitalized nearby with serious illnesses. For Ronald McDonald House Gala tickets

and sponsorship information, call (734) 316-2511 or visit the Web site at www.rmhgala.com.

American Legion
The American Legion, Westland Post 251 meets at 7 p.m. first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Crafters needed
St. Theodore COW has table rental available for \$25 for its Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Contact Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voicemail 10) or Mary Ellen at (734) 261-8821. No vendors.
• Crafters are needed for the 21st annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Nov. 21, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Community Baby Shower
Wayne Metropolitan Community

Action Agency's 12th Annual Community Baby Shower will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24. Parents will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will share information regarding family safety, parenting tips and healthy relationships. Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. Call for information regarding on-site childcare. Space is limited. Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 122, for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other

necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

VOLUNTEERS

First Step
First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice
Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more

information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

Writing Group
Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shephy@yahoo.com.

TOPS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR

Garden City Hospital, at 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup includes:

Monday, Sept. 14
Childbirth Education (1 of 6 classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours. There is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for

more information or to register. Stroke Caregiver Support Group at 6:30 p.m. will benefit those who care for loved ones that have had strokes or aneurysms. The group meets on the second Monday of the month at in Classroom 3 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building. Caregivers may bring their loved ones with them. A stroke survivor support group will take place at the same time in the adjoining classroom. For more infor-

mation, call (734) 458-4392.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.
Diabetes Self-Management Education (1 of 4 classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.
Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define mus-

cles, as well as increase flexibility. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.
Yoga (2 of 4 classes) at 4 p.m. The four-week session is \$32. Classes meet at Garden City Hospital's Cardiac Rehab. Call (734) 458-3242 to register.
Cerebral Aneurysm and Stroke Club at 7:30 p.m. Support for those who have had an aneurysm or stroke as well as to their family and friends. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit dining room. Call (734) 458-4392.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 458-4330.
CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at

5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information.

CPR-Adult (ARC) at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, participants are prepared to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims, age 8 and above. Class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Call (734) 458-4330.
Eating Disorders Support Group at 6:30 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 17
Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and

is the perfect compliment to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.
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Personal property described below in the matter of:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| B045 Pamela Copeland | boxes, cabinet, chairs |
| B104 Rhonda Houston | bags, washer, dryer |
| B128 Dwain Puryear | boxes, bags, totes |
| B176 Tammy Whitehead | boxes, totes, table |
| B185 Tabita Latham | boxes, dresser, totes |
| B260 Naena V Love | boxes, bags, tv |
| C013 Ted Konesky | boxes, bags, dresser |
| C044 Gloria Moss | sofa, tools, tv |
| D017 Austin Goman | boxes, chairs, table |
| D030 Aaron Daniels | boxes, totes, bike |
| E023 Carol Lyons | boxes, bags, totes |
| F006 Jennifer Collier | boxes, totes, tv |

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Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

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| 1080 Paul Robbins | boxes, tv, dresser |
| 1236 Yolanda Walker | sofa, chairs, totes |
| 1327 Lisa Cannon | boxes, bags, totes |
| 1468 Linda Riley | boxes, bags, mattress |
| 1522 Fatima Moten | boxes, bags, totes |
| 1530 Richard Fountain | boxes, totes, dresser |
| 2020 Adrienne Bryant | dresser, mattress |
| 2026 Adrian Lowery | boxes, bags, dresser |
| 2158 Ellen Neeley | boxes, totes |
| 2176 Rudy Lewis | boxes, luggage, totes |
| 2230 Garfield Rogers | boxes, totes, dresser |
| 2240 Charlotte Scott | boxes, bags, totes |
| 2478 Rokena Harry | totes, chairs, table |

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING September 24, 2009

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold three Public Hearings on Thursday, September 24, 2009, 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 Hearings are to solicit public comments on the following proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance:

- 09-015, Amending Section 154.066 Parking:** to allow the Planning Commission the ability to waive standards for parking requirements in certain instances and to amend the schedule of minimum off-street parking requirements.
- 09-016, Amending Section 154.025. Temporary Structures and Uses:** to provide standards for temporary structures and Adding Section 164.067 Zoning Permits: to require a zoning permit for the placement of temporary structures on residential and commercial properties.
- 09-017, Rezoning:** to rezone 29233 Bridge St, Parcel #35-009-01-2421-002, Folker's Garden City Acres No. 15, west 20 ft. of Lot 2421 also east of vacated alley. Applicant is requesting rezoning from R-1, One-family Residential to C-2, Community Business..

The proposed text amendments are available to be viewed during normal business hours and all 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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Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

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| 2031 Larry Adams | boxes, bag, computer |
| 2069 Michelle Adams | boxes, bags, totes |
| 3006 Jodee Iannicello | boxes, bike, tv |
| 3009 Nancy Hill | boxes, bags, totes |
| 3037 Ebony Moore | totes, washer, dryer |
| 3046 Shavonne Watkins | boxes, totes, tv |
| 4008 Jeremy McCauley | table, dresser, Yamaha 250 VIN 509-003719 |
| 4022 Roberto Colvard | boxes, bags, totes |
| 4051 Antoine Murry | boxes, totes, speakers |
| 4065 Dwaine Cooksey | bike, washer, dryer |
| 4082 Jacqueline Jackson | bags, tv, sofa |
| 5009 Pritrina Blount | boxes, totes, tv |
| 5023 Gary Scott Giraud | boxes, totes, toys |
| 5106 George Bojarski | boxes, totes, bike |
| 6023 Rechell Smith | boxes, bags, tv |
| 6037 Tracie Breuer | Honda motorcycle VIN HM319HM0B4501 |
| 6040 Lisa Arnold | boxes, bags, totes |
| 6131 Richard McNamee | boxes, totes, tv |
| 7055 Richard Wallner | boxes, bags, totes |
| 7130 Tisha Goree | boxes, bags, tv |
| 9036 Julie Villagomez | boxes, bags, tools |
| 9108 Helen Nelson | totes, washer, dryer |

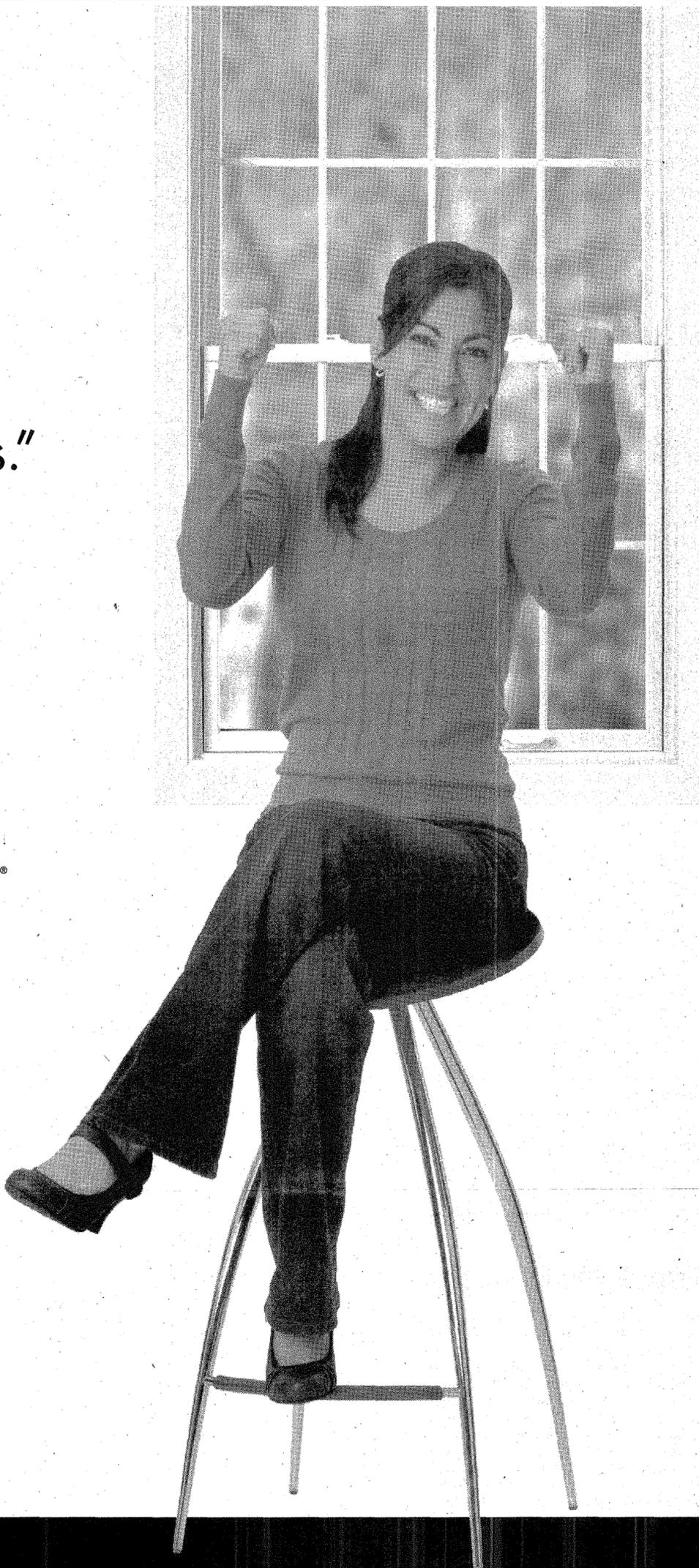
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OUR VIEWS

Library card month: Good time to get one

We have a question: Do you know what month it is?

You're correct if you say September, but you would be even more correct if you said it's Library Card Sign-up Month.

We know parents just spent the better part of August getting their kids ready for school, stocking up on the school supplies students will need this year. But how many of you thought about a library card? It's most likely the most important school supply of all.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. You need only look to the growing number of adults who have turned to their local library to use computers to look for work, prepare resumes, or check out books to enhance their skill to realize how important a library card is.

Big or small, libraries are an important part of the community, not because of the books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs they make available to the public but their ability to put the world at your fingertips. For kids, the library is great place to get help with homework, to check out books, play games or use the Internet.

Here's a short list of things you can do at your library:

- Check out your favorite graphic novel.
- Attend preschool story hour with your child.
- Research the purchase of a new car.
- Travel to another planet in a sci-fi novel or on the Internet at pds.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/ornin-epanets.org.
- Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip or commute.
- Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.

The best part of having a library card is that it's free. No hidden fees, no interest charges. It's one card everyone should have in their wallet. If you don't have one, stop by the library today and get one. It's your key to the world of books and so much more.

Hospital fulfills mission

One of northwest Wayne County's major institutions — St. Mary Mercy Hospital — is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

We congratulate St. Mary Mercy on the service it has provided all these years to Livonia and neighboring communities. St. Mary Hospital was built in 1959 on Five Mile Road between Newburgh and Levan when the area was mostly farmland. It opened with 170 beds, 99 physicians and 300 employees. From those humble beginnings, it has nearly doubled in size to 304 beds.

Renamed St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 2000, today it operates a cancer center, heart and vascular center and inpatient rehabilitation center. Its services include surgery, emergency angioplasty, oncology/radiation, birthing, women's health, behavioral medicine, 24-hour emergency care and community health education. It employs 1,700 full- and part-time people.

It has been honored for clinical quality and patient safety throughout the last decade and was named one of the top 100 large community hospitals by Thomson Healthcare for the past three years.

As part of a larger system now — Saint Joseph Mercy Health — St. Mary Mercy is stronger, poised for the challenges of the years to come and able to make an even bigger difference in health care. St. Mary Mercy is able to tap into national programs with its affiliation with Trinity Health, the third-largest Catholic Health System in the United States.

Despite its growth, St. Mary Mercy has held fast to its Catholic mission to "be the hands and feet of Jesus," as former president Sister Mary Modesta Piowar put it, by reaching out to the community, maintaining high standards and providing quality care.

Three events are planned — a 5K Run/Walk for Cancer and Community Open House on Sept. 13 and a black-tie gala on Oct. 9. We encourage residents to attend the events and offer St. Mary Mercy their own congratulations for the difference it has made.

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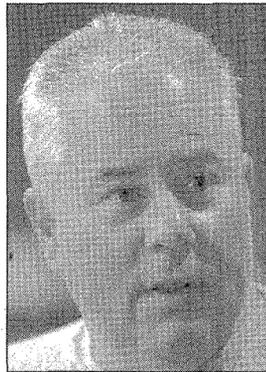
Do you think the minimum age for a driver's license should be raised from 16 to 18?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"No, I don't. It doesn't necessarily mean your a bad driver because you're younger."

Laura Gramlich
Southgate



"No, I think most kids are probably ready to drive at 16. Kids need to drive."

Jerry Bonnici
Garden City



"I think they need more training. They have a thing for speed and should have a longer training period."

Barbara Hoot
Largo, Fla.



"It's not a problem, if you can restrict them. The way teens are today, they should have a parent or older sibling, not a teen, in the car with them."

Pat Bissi
Garden City

LETTERS

Knowledge, truth will prevail

Politically motivated complaints by conservatives about President Obama's timely and thoughtful talk to America's schoolchildren, extolling them to work hard and to stay in school, are bizarre and cynical as well as breathtaking in their hypocrisy. Those expressing outrage about the president daring to "indoctrinate" children with solid academic values that will very well serve the future of our nation are, not coincidentally, the same people who said nothing when Ronald Reagan shamelessly extolled tax cuts to schoolchildren, and when George Bush sat in a classroom on 9/11.

Ironically, many of these same people continually wage campaigns to require Christian prayers in American schools. It's OK, then, to indoctrinate your public schoolchildren with a specific religion, but not for them to hear a speech about the virtues of hard work from the elected president of the United States?

It is possible, or even likely, that many conservatives are outright terrified that the current generation of America's children will grow up without sufficient exposure to the endless ignorance and blind hatred preached by the 21st century Republican

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com E-mail: smason@hometownlife.com Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Party and its paranoid acolytes. Who would then be able to carry on with their wacky conspiracy theories about birth certificates, death panels, socialism and black helicopters? Conservatives know very well that the development of essential critical thinking skills by today's children will ultimately immunize them from such loony right-wing nonsense and outright stupidity.

Those whining about the president's talk to schoolchildren are closely allied with a

frothing and seamy right-wing coalition of America's racists, xenophobes, homophobes and other hate-mongers, as well as gun nuts, climate-change deniers, creationists and insecure religious zealots. They have embraced a delusional and fervently anti-intellectual ideology which relies exclusively on unthinking adherence to a mantra of lies and misinformation. Hence the recent plague of town hall screamers, who were unwilling and unable to actually articulate a cogent defense of their lies about health care reform. Why debate actual facts when you can just scream about nonsense? Conservatives, in their blind hate and talk-radio inspired paranoia, are waging a war on respect and ultimately on the remaining shreds of their own credibility. As much as the continuing destruction of Republican credibility might ultimately be good for our nation, America and especially her children have too much at stake not to challenge the absurd and hateful ignorance being spewed from conservative factions. Fortunately for America, knowledge and truth will ultimately prevail over Republican lies and irrational appeals to fear.

Joe Golonka
Westland

Great teachers touch our collective future every day

Have you heard about all the problems with Detroit Public Schools? Well, this is not another one of those articles. This is about observing a Detroit teacher doing something wonderful!

Are there problems the schools in Detroit? Absolutely. Yet there are many great schools and teachers that are often drowned out by the negatives that hit the airwaves and newsprint every day. The fact is, there are islands of excellence for many children in Detroit although they are surrounded by a sea of despair.



Tom Watkins

Recently, while at a Barnes & Noble Book Store, I noticed a woman with her arms loaded with children's books, stuffed animals and puppets. I overheard the cashier commenting on the number of items and asking if they were for her children. "No, or why, yes, they are" the woman responded in a nonchalant manner. "These are for my students." I asked, "How long will it take you to get reimbursed for this purchase?" knowing full well she would never see her money again — but would have the joy of the investment she was making in her students and our collective future. Ms. Rosemary Sholtz, a Head Start teacher at Harding Elementary school in the Brightmoor area of northwest Detroit, smiled, rolled her eyes and said, "yeah, right," with all the sarcasm she could muster.

She, like many other great teachers, reach into their own wallets and purses on

Thank you, Ms. Sholtz, and all the other great teachers and those in education that make a difference in children's lives and touch our collective future.

a regular basis "for the kids." This is not just a phenomenon in Detroit. It may not be common knowledge, but it is a fact that most teachers spend a good deal of their own money on supplies for their students and classrooms each year. A 2008 survey by Edutopia (www.Edutopia.org <<http://www.Edutopia.org>>), a foundation, magazine and Web site dedicated to what works in public education, shows the majority of their readers spend in the low to mid-hundreds of their own money every year for their students.

During my tenure as Michigan's state superintendent of schools I witnessed many occasions when our great teachers and the support personnel, janitors, secretaries and others went above and beyond the call of duty to help a child learn or to make their lives a bit better. Sure, I came across a few school personnel that were mediocre or indifferent and even a few that were down right lousy. But it is the outstanding teachers who shine in my memory.

Most of us can recall with true joy the educators who entranced, supported, nurtured and held our mind captive and the ones that left an indelible impression on your spirit. They made a difference in our lives and helped to improve our collective future.

What makes a teacher great? is not a question of ideals nor an unimportant one. As far back as the third century B.C., the Greek philosopher Diogenes noted that "the Foundation of every state is the education of their youth." This is even more true today as we adjust to the hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, knowledge economy.

I know very little about Ms. Sholtz, the Head Start teacher at Harding Elementary, other than she was taking her time and money to make her classroom that much more special for the children of Detroit. In my mind, this alone makes her a "great teacher."

Yes, Ms. Sholtz is a member of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, a teachers union that often get demonized in the press for being entrenched and resistant to change.

What I witnessed that day at Barnes & Noble was a decent woman, a teacher, a union member getting a few cents change back from her money she was spending so "her children" would have a better life. She was investing in our children and our future.

What happens to the children of Detroit impacts us all.

Thank you, Ms. Sholtz, and all the other great teachers and those in education that make a difference in children's lives and touch our collective future.

Ask yourself, "What can I do to help our teachers teach and our children learn?" Now, go do it!

Tom Watkins was Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

Meet the teen author

NORTHVILLE — Teen author Taylor, a junior at Salem High School in Canton, will be signing copies of her second novel Allison Investigates at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at Barnes & Noble booksellers, 17111 Haggerty, Northville.

Her new book follows Allison and her three closest friends as they journey to solve the mystery of a neighbor's stolen car. Taylor visited police stations and car dealerships to research her new novel. The book is billed as a fast-paced adventure that takes Allison and her friends from their teens to young adulthood in the most memorable summer of their lives.

This novel follows Taylor's debut, The Crossing, which has sold several thousand copies and tells the story of a 12-year-old Mexican girl's struggles to escape poverty and cross the border into the United States. The Crossing, has been well received by schools across the country. She has given several presentations to both children and adults on the importance of literacy and the process of writing and publishing a book, everywhere from the Plymouth Rotary to schools in Plano, Texas, and Orlando, Fla.

Taylor is the daughter of Larry and Monica Joseph of Canton.



Teen author Taylor Joseph will be signing copies of her new book at Barnes & Noble in Northville Township

Write on

PLYMOUTH — If you're looking for a place to read your new written work or simply seek the company and support of other writers, head to the Plymouth Coffee Bean the third Thursday of the month.

A Gathering of Writers will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at the coffeehouse, 884 Penniman, under the direction of Ann Horvath and Lisa Rye. The group offers monthly features, special guests and an open mic.

E-mail questions to Horvath at poetanne40@aol.com

More writers

NORTHVILLE — The Deadwood Writer's group will offer a fun and informative workshop at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville. Writers from all walks of life are welcome. For questions call (248) 348-0696

Best foot forward

LIVONIA — Two stores, Parisian and Von Maur, at Laurel Park Place in Livonia offer shoe events this month.

Sole Sister's Shoe Breakfast & Shopping Morning runs 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at Parisian. See the latest trends in footwear for this fall's fashions and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast, private shopping and more. Reservations required. Call the store at (734) 953-7500.

Shoppers can view the new collection of fall merchandise in the women's shoes and handbag department, Sept. 19-26 at Von Maur. Spend at least \$150 and receive a free reusable shopping tote while supplies last.

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Kitchen workshops

CANTON — Learn to plan and install your own kitchen in two separate workshops this month at Ikea, located on Ford Road, west of I-275 in Canton. (734) 981-6300

Learn about kitchen installation, 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 19. Plan your dream kitchen 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Sign up by e-mailing to k026@memo.IKEA.com

Car show

FARMINGTON — The Cruis'n the Grand Car Show continues at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21, at Village Commons, on Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. The

The Goodwill Sale generates millions of pounds of clothing donations, sold in more than 2,300 Goodwill stores. Revenue funds job training, employment placement and other community programs for people who need it most in local communities. Participating metro Detroit Parisian stores also are located at Village of Rochester Hills and The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township. Visit www.millionactsofgoodwill.com for information, coupons and enter-to-wins.

Get creative

PLYMOUTH — Now's the time to reserve your place in the 2009 Scarecrows in the Park. Groups, businesses and families decorate a scarecrow, Sept. 25-27 in Kellogg Park for a \$35 fee. The art will be on display from Sept. 28-Nov. 2. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is taking reservations at (734) 453-1540.

Plymouth hosts Ladies Night Out

PLYMOUTH — Grab the girls and head to downtown Plymouth for Ladies Night Out, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Dozens of shops, salons, restaurants and cafes will offer prizes, pampering, samples, sales, refreshments and other special treats, including a rose for every lady while supplies last. The event is organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Participating shops include Basket Creations, Creatopia, Dearborn Jewelers, Home Sweet Home, Michigan Made and More, Sunny J's, TranquilliTea and many, many more. Visit www.plymouthchamber.org for a complete list of participants, or call (734) 453-1540.

American Sewing Expo is sew cool

NOVI — Haberman Fabrics of Royal Oak is among sponsors of the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 25-27 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The event features workshops, demonstrations, fashion shows, contests, live competitions, make-and-take projects and plenty of shopping for the sewer. Whether you make quilts or couture, you'll find supplies and inspiration.

Among highlights are The Reconstruction Zone hosted by the ThreadBanger Duo and classes by Connie Crawford, author of fashion sewing textbooks and founder of Fashion Patterns by Coni. Don't leave without sewing a bear for the Kuddles for Kids program. Kits cost \$12, and bears go to local police officers to distribute to children in crisis. Visit www.americansewingexpo.com.

Neiman Marcus fashion tonight

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Celebrity Fashion Show

REDFORD — The Redford Suburban League presents the 36th annual Celebrity Fashion Show Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The annual show will feature fashions by "The New" Dress Barn in Farmington and Men's Wearhouse in Novi. They will be modeled by celebrities, and commentators will be Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher. Tickets for the show are \$45 per person. A boutique, featuring quality crafter and vendors opens at 9 a.m. followed by a noon luncheon, fashion show, entertainment and raffle.

Proceeds will benefit Burger School for Students With Autism in Garden City. The school serves students from western Wayne County. For tickets call (734) 981-6003

— Correspondent Wensdy Von Buskirk contributed to this listing (wensdy@hotmail.com).



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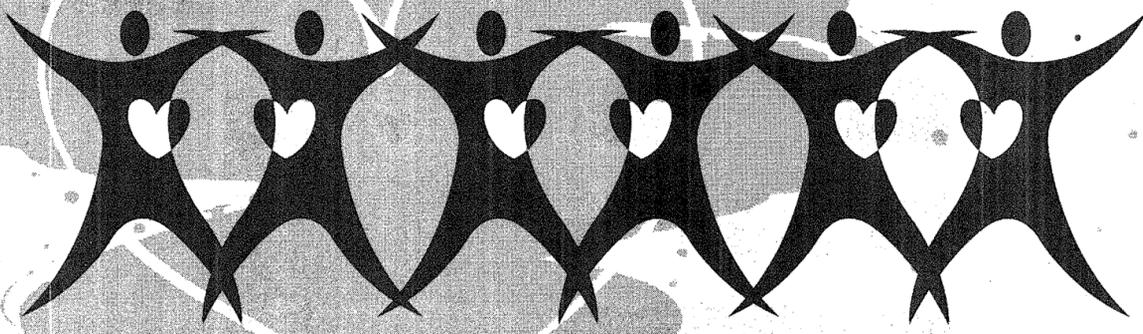
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Fit to be tied

Chargers fret over 1-1 deadlock

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two KLA South Division foes met Tuesday night for each team's division opener, and each side left the field with a tie and a disappointed coach.

Plymouth and host Livonia Churchill battled to a 1-1 draw, thanks to a late goal by Wildcats' junior midfielder Joe Klonowski.

But both Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich and his Churchill counterpart, Reid Friedrichs, were upset afterwards — for entirely different reasons.

Neschich wasn't happy with a foul called against his team with 31:30 to go that led to a Churchill penalty kick, a chance made good on by Chargers' senior defender Adam Bedell.

"It was a terrible call, he (official) just gave it to him," said Neschich, whose team is 2-3-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the South. "They hand-balled it first down to our guy (inside the box) and it hit his hand and they called it against us."

Meanwhile, Friedrichs did not sugarcoat his assessment of how his team competed as a unit over the 80-

minute tilt.

"It looked like they were passing the ball around with their friends," he said. "They looked disorganized, they didn't look like they were a team out there. We had a lot of hard-working people, but it was one person here, one person there. There was no movement outside the ball."

The penalty kick call came following a scrum in front of Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza, triggered by one of Bedell's patented long throw-ins from the sidelines.

Bedell scored on a low, hard shot inside the left post.

The Wildcats didn't fold their tent after the unfortunate turn of events and evened the score with about 15 minutes remaining.

Senior defender Dan Jasewicz fed a pass through the middle that Klonowski collected and then followed up with a tailing shot into the top left corner behind Churchill junior goalkeeper Christian Adams.

"It was a perfect shot," Neschich said. "It was a perfect upper corner shot."

From where Friedrichs was standing, it wasn't so perfect. But he

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Ian Griffiths (left) tries to stay up with Churchill's 6-foot-6 defender Adam Bedell in Tuesday's KLA South Division matchup.

SIDELINES

Jags release Shaw

Former Livonia Clarenceville High and Penn State standout Tim Shaw was released Saturday by the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars.

The 6-foot-1, 236-pound linebacker had a total of nine tackles, including eight solo in the Jaguars' final three exhibition games. He finished with four solo tackles in the Jaguars' 24-17 final pre-season win over the visiting Washington Redskins.

The former fifth-round pick of the Carolina Panthers has appeared in a total of 17 NFL regular season games (2007-08).

Lucko leads MU

Former Livonia Churchill High standout Tommy Lucko, a transfer from Oakland Community College, shot a 3-under 68 Tuesday as the Madonna University men's golf team captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 1 at Stonewater Country Club in Grand Rapids.

MU's four-player total was an even-par 284 followed by Davenport (291), Cornerstone (292), Indiana Tech (308), Aquinas (312), Siena Heights (328) and Concordia (340).

Other MU finishers included Nick Sears, tied for sixth (72); James Uelmann, tied for eighth (73); and Steve South (Livonia Franklin), tied for 18th (77); Austin Stillman (Franklin), 78 (tied for 21st).

Siena Heights freshman Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) also tied for 18th with a 77.

Run Like Wind

Thomas Preiss and former Lutheran High Westland standout Angela Matthews were the 5-kilometer winners in Saturday's Run Like the Wind race held in Hines Park.

The event, sponsored by the Michigan Running Foundation, attracted a total of 340 runners.

The 40-year-old Preiss ran 16 minutes, 41 seconds while averaging 5:26 per mile in the 3.1-mile event. Matthews, 25, was clocked in 17:37 (5:41 per mile).

Male and female masters winners (40-and-over) in the field of 124 included Victor Brown (16:59) and Meryl Davidson (29:30).

The 10K attracted a total of 216 runners with 27-year-old Brian Goodwin the overall winner in 33:24 (5:23 per mile).

Teres Semaan, 21, was the female overall champion in 43:32.

The male and female masters champs included Todd Kelly (37:52) and Canton's Donna Olson (44:25).

Hole-in-one club

On Aug. 27, Dr. Dan Johnson of Westland used a 3-hybrid club to ace the 171-yard, No. 17 at Salem Hills Golf Course.

Linked forever

Foursome still strong after 58 years

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With no member changes since 1958, the Brothers Four is believed to be the longest running rock band.

Charlie Hofsess, Tom Honey, Al Deslippe and Frank Konjarevich are another foursome that refuses to break up as they move into their 70s.

This golfing quartet dates back to 1952 and their days, when as 11- and 12-year-olds, they were exposed to the game in *The Detroit News'* junior program held at Rouge Park G.C. off Burt Road in Detroit.

Fifty-eight years later, the link remains unbroken for the childhood friends and neighbors who lived within a block of each other in the

Brightmoor community, located in the Evergreen and Schoolcraft section of Detroit near Redford High School.

Last month, the foursome staged a reunion at Rouge Park with the golf pro that gave them their first lesson — 85-year-old Stan Jawor — who is still teaching at the Arbor Joy Golf Center in Plymouth.

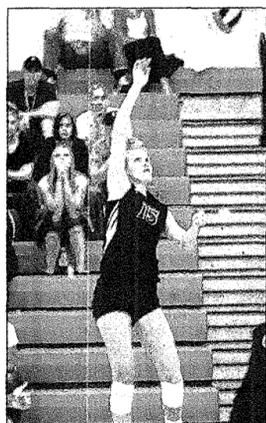
Stan Jawor, a lifetime member of the P.G.A. of America, was one of five brothers in the metro area who became teaching pros.

"We started the junior program in 1950 at the six (Detroit) city courses," Jawor said. "It was the biggest junior program in the country at the time. We used to teach a

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Back together again 58 years later during their days in Detroit News junior golf program at Rouge Park are (from left) Tom Honey, pro Stan Jawor, Charlie Hofsess, Frank Konjarevich and Al Deslippe (wearing hat).



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University senior outside hitter Mary McGinnis earned tournament MVP honors at the Embry-Riddle (Fla.) Labor Day Classic and was WHAC Player of the Week.

McGinnis catalyst for 8-0 MU spikers

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(49 assist-to-kills) joined McGinnis on the All-Tournament team.

Jordan Holcomb and Abby Hall led Embry-Riddle (7-1) with 17 and 16 kills, respectively.

Earlier in the day, Dempsey contributed 11 kills and McGinnis added 10 in a 25-12, 15-15, 25-17 victory over winless Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.), which slipped to 0-6 overall.

Grinvalds contributed 33 assists and 10 digs, while redshirt sophomore libero Amanda Koszela added 15 digs.

After stopping Northwestern Ohio in five games in Friday's tourney opener, the Crusaders dumped winless Faulkner (Ala.) in three straight, 25-16, 25-13, 25-6,

as Altman and McGinnis led the way with 12 and 11 kills, respectively.

Koszela finished with 15 digs, while Grinvalds handed out 33 assists.

After two weekends on the road, the Crusaders return home this weekend to host the annual Julie Martin Memorial Classic at the MU Activities Center.

MU opens play at 3 p.m. Friday against Spring Arbor College.

Lady Ocelots stand 7-3

Schoolcraft College faced some of the toughest NJCAA Division II teams in the nation over the weekend while participating in the Owens (Ohio) Community College Tournament.

On Friday, Schoolcraft opened play

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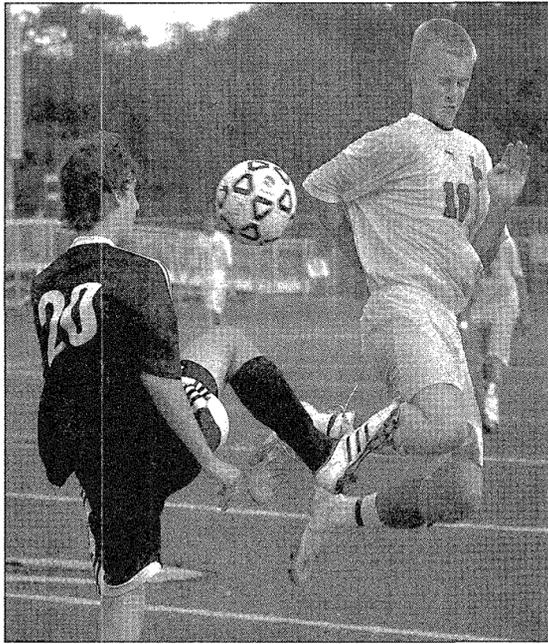
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Plymouth's Michael Ambrose (left) tries to keep control against Churchill's Tyler Varney (18) during Tuesday's KLA South Division opener.

Mission accomplished

Kenne's hat trick gives Rockets 5-2 win over Patriots

Despite being only its fifth boys soccer game of the season, Westland John Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada put a sense of urgency on Tuesday's KLA South Division opener with host Livonia Franklin.

"I told our team that we have been playing good, but we're not winning," Mortada said. "I told them this game means a lot because it's our first division game."

Senior Nelson Kenne's hat trick and one assist catapulted the Rockets to a 5-2 triumph over Franklin.

"Nelson had an unbelievable game today, he took shots from any direction," Mortada said.

Renato Muca and Alex Isaski also scored, while Steve Thompson chipped in with three assists as Glenn improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the KLA South.

"We had no choice but to score, the first minute we attacked," said Mortada, whose team led 3-0 at half-time. "In our minds we would not lose if we played our

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game."

Franklin's Zach Miller scored in the 57th minute to cut the deficit to 3-1. Brendan Rossiter also added a goal in the 77th minute.

"We came out strong, but quickly lost our momentum," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "The crucial 50-50 balls we couldn't win. And our first touch was out. Our through balls were too far ahead of the receiver. The last three minutes were our best."

Franklin falls to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the KLA South.

STEVENSON 0, NOVI 0: On Tuesday, Conner Burton's third shutout of the season enabled host Livonia Stevenson (1-2-2, 0-0-1) to earn a deadlock against the Wildcats (4-0-1, 0-0-1) in a KLA Central Division encounter.

"We brought an improved work ethic to the game today and played quite well for much of the game," Stevenson coach

Lars Richters said. "We created several pretty good scoring opportunities, but unfortunately we were not able to push one through."

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0: In the KLA South Division opener for both teams Tuesday, Daniel Ovesea, Shean Krolicki and Mitch Posuniak each scored twice as the host Chiefs (4-1-2, 1-0) rolled to the eight-goal mercy rule victory over Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-1).

Bobby Budlong added three assists for Canton.

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, PLY. CHRISTIAN 1 (OT): After playing a scoreless first half Tuesday, Lutheran High Westland (1-1-1, 0-1-1) and host Plymouth Christian Academy (2-1-1, 1-1-1) each managed a goal during the second half in this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division overtime matchup.

Lutheran Westland senior Gage Flanery opened the scoring at the 40:30 mark of the second half after taking a nifty pass from junior Kent Krzyske.

Twenty minutes later, PCA tied the game up on a goal by freshman Dan Ross off an assist from senior Blair Robinson.

Nick Andrzejewski and Jake Fairbairn split duties between the pipes for Lutheran Westland.

There was no scoring in a pair of 10-minute extra OT sessions.

BAPTIST PARK 4, HURON VALLEY 3 (OT): Senior Tim Short's scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner in 99th minute Tuesday to give Taylor Baptist Park (2-2, 2-1) the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-2, 2-2).

Andrew Bruck also tallied a goal for the Wildcats. The other goal was an "own goal" by Huron Valley.

Senior Mark St. John tallied two goals and an assist for the Hawks. Senior Tyler Wagaman had the other goal, while junior Shane Bunde drew an assist.

CHARGERS

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didn't blame Adams, who had just made a diving stop on a rebound to keep his team in front.

The Chargers, now 5-0-1 overall, could have had a bigger lead by that point had they finished around Brindza when chances were available, Friedrichs said.

"We had two breakaways one way (in the first half) and two breakaways the other way (sec-

ond half)," the coach added.

Churchill's trouble around the goal had a lot to do with Brindza.

The goalie jumped high to catch shots, scrambled out to cut off rushes and was properly positioned to block in-close tries like a blast from senior forward Max Washko with about five minutes left.

"Just with how athletic he is back there he's just a solid goalie," Neschich said of Brindza. "He had a strong effort tonight."

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Moore's two goals spark Crusaders

A pair of goals by Kaila Moore gave rookie Madonna University women's soccer coach Jen Barker her first victory Saturday as the Crusaders earned a 2-0 victory over host Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne.

MU improves to 1-3 on the season and 1-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while Tech falls to 1-2 and 1-1.

Trisha Bender assisted on Moore's first goal in the 27th minute and Chelsea Shrewsbury set up the other in the 57th minute.

The Madonna defense

picked up the first shutout of the year, with both sides taking just 12 shots.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville), who missed last season with an ACL knee injury, recorded eight saves on the day, capturing her first win of 2009 and moving her career record to 3-3-1.

Lady Ocelots roll

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team improved to 3-1 overall with a 5-0 victory Saturday over visiting Jackson Community College.

FOURSOME

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lot of kids. We had 700, 800, 900 and even close to a 1,000. It was free and I didn't get a dime. We'd give them lessons and then show the kids on the course. We'd play three holes with them, then let them play on their own. We let them play for 25 cents from 6 to 10 a.m."

Deslippe and Honey were next-door neighbors, while Hofsess and Konjarevich lived within a block of each other.

As a teenager, Deslippe rode his bike two miles to the Western Golf & Country Club where the four caddied after his family moved to Livonia (where he still resides today).

"We'd go to Kratchel's Variety, it was a local drug-store," said Deslippe, who started taking lessons with wooden shaft clubs that his

father gave him before buying steel shafts in 1955. "We sat on the steps of the store and go a nickel a hole. We'd also bet cigarettes — we've all quit."

Hofsess and his buddies would often check for openings in the back fence near the railroad tracks of the Rouge River to search for golf balls down in the ravine.

"We called it an 'Easter egg hunt,' there were lots of them down there, by the No. 3 hole, we'd pull out 10, 20 golf balls," Hofsess said.

Deslippe, meanwhile, remembers the day when weather conditions changed drastically.

"We had four inches of snow, but we kept playing," he said. "I had my bike. I was 16. I didn't know if I'd get back."

They became regulars at Rouge and Brae Burn before starting their careers and families. Over the decades, they've played in leagues and outings together. They've also taken golf trips Up North together and played in Florida.

Konjarevich, 71, of Farmington Hills has run a family-owned shoe repair

business in downtown Birmingham for more than 50 years.

"There's always bickering on the course, but we're close and we can dish it out, and we've always been there for one another," Konjarevich said. "We're all pretty aggressive golfers. I remember one time when Charlie picked up the ball in the ravine and threw it out. He said, 'Here it comes,' and I saw him (on the seventh hole at Rouge). We ride each other about our scores. Al's the one who plays the most golf."

Deslippe is a retired industrial sheet metal contractor who owned his own commercial heating and cooling business. He still attacks the course, recently breaking 80 playing from the senior tees.

"Myself, Tom and Al are all competitive," Hofsess said. "Frank doesn't take the game as serious, but he can come out of the shoot. He can be competitive, too."

The 70-year-old Honey, meanwhile, was a sheet metal worker at Ford Motor Co. who lived in Livonia 37 years before retiring and moving to New

Port Richey, Fla.

"Tom always kept the scores, he could tell how much was won and lost at the end of the year," said Deslippe, who has the group's only hole-in-one.

Hofsess, one of 12 children, retired as tool and tie maker from Detroit Diesel and worked with his brother in the construction building repair business. He currently resides in Whitmore Lake.

As the years go by, Hofsess said the group meets less frequently. But he hopes the foursome can continue to meet on a more regular basis.

"We've played hundreds of courses, golf has kept the bond going," he said. "If we didn't play golf, we probably wouldn't see each other. It's our rock. There's the camaraderie and the challenge. And it's worked because we're all different."

Hofsess wonders if there's another golf foursome or even a twosome out there that has been playing longer together.

"It's a challenge to be dared," he said. "I'd like to know."

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Saturday, September 12, 2009
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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THE WEEK AHEAD

<p>PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 11</p> <p>Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland vs. S.H. Parkway at Fraser High School, 7 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Ferndale at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood at Divine Child, 6:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Wash. Christian, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 12</p> <p>UM-DeARBORN Invitational, 8 a.m. Dexter Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Ypsilanti Fall Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Huron Valley Lutheran Tourney, 9 a.m. Berkley Invitational, 9 a.m.</p> <p>BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m. S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Ferndale at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 12</p> <p>Churchill at Farmington, 12:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Ypsilanti Early Bird Inv., 4 p.m. Clarenceville, D.H. Annapolis at Lutheran Westland, 4:15 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 12</p> <p>CC Invitational at Cass Benton, TBA. Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m. KLA Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9 a.m.</p> <p>GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Public Schools of Livonia Inv. at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Mercy at Glen Oaks, 3 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 11</p> <p>Churchill vs. Canton at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Plymouth vs. Canton at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m. Stevenson vs. Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Wayne at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.</p> <p>BOYS TENNIS Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 11</p> <p>John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Ladywood at Sacred Heart, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Public Schools of Livonia Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Milford at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 10</p> <p>Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 11</p> <p>(Martin Memorial Classic at Madonna) Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 3 p.m. Madonna vs. Tex.-Brownsville, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 12</p> <p>(Martin Memorial Classic at Madonna) Madonna vs. Shawnee State, 9:30 a.m. Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 12</p> <p>Madonna at Ohio Dominican, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 13</p> <p>Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Friday, Sept. 11</p> <p>UM-DeARBORN at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 12</p> <p>Madonna vs. Spring Arbor at Livonia's Greenmead Field, noon. Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.</p>
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Indiana Tech clips MU in men's soccer

Joel Putek's goal in the 19th minute carried host Indiana Tech to a 1-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer victory Saturday in Fort Wayne over visiting Madonna University.

Benny Saydee assisted

on the game-winner as the Warriors improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC.

Indiana Tech managed just four shots on goal for the day, but it only took one finding the back of the net to hand the Crusaders their first loss of the year.

MU outshot the Warriors, 13-11, but were unable to crack Tech goalkeeper Josh Verhulst who's eight saves.

MU keeper Steve Besk made three saves as the Crusaders dropped to 0-1-1 overall and 0-1 in the WHAC.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

<p>BOYS RESULTS GARDEN CITY 22 WAYNE MEMORIAL 36 Sept. 8 at Wayne (Flats)</p> <p>Individual winner: Darryl Ison (WM), 20 minutes, 23 seconds (5,000 meters).</p> <p>Garden City finishers: 2. Andy Chambo, 21:24; 3. Alex Boyd, 21:24; 4. Matt Wilson, 22:16; 6. Simon Outlaw, 23:23; 7. Will Whitaker, 23:38; 9. Josh Chambo, 24:02.</p> <p>Other Wayne finishers: 5. Darren Hombing, 22:22; 8. Ryan Stamper, 24:00; 10. Tyler Gendron, 24:06; 11. Aaron Nichols, 26:22; 12. Kyle McKague, 33:28.</p> <p>Wayne's dual meet record: 1-1 overall.</p>	<p>GIRLS RESULTS GARDEN CITY 16 WAYNE MEMORIAL (no score) Sept. 8 at Wayne (Flats)</p> <p>Individual winner: Mariah Carver (GC), 24:01 (5,000 meters).</p> <p>Other GC finishers: 2. Rachel Szczembara, 24:36; 3. Bobbi Beveridge, 25:16; 4. Bailey Terrell, 25:53; 6. Brenna Mize, 26:17; 7. Sydney Borlace, 27:40; 8. Alyana Smith, 29:15.</p> <p>Wayne finishers: 5. Jennifer McCaffery, 26:09; 9. Holland Boertje, 34:18; 10. Sydney Ball, 40:33.</p> <p>Wayne's dual meet record: 0-2 overall.</p>	<p>BOYS TENNIS RESULTS</p> <p>NORTHVILLE 9, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0 Sept. 3 at Northville</p> <p>No. 1 singles: Melvin Joseph (N) defeated Clayton Northey, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Tim Wastelowski (N) def. Josh Rochette, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Steve Irvine (N) def. Kevin Francisco, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Nick Kalweit (N) def. Vince Sabatini, 6-0, 6-0.</p> <p>No. 1 doubles: Evan Gatz-Anthony Rossi (N) def. Josh York-Paul Franchina, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Albert Chen-Bruce Groshek (N) def. Paul VanGilder-Jeff Sondergaard, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Matt Sutterfield-Phil Lee (N) def. Marcus McCathney-Kaeman Holman-Rayos, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Jordan Vough-Alex Hsu (N) def. Lukis Rudis-Nick Marsh, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Austin Weaver-Rahul Raj (N) def. Sean Wallace-Jacob Ratliff, 6-0, 6-4.</p> <p>Dual match records: Northville, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 3-1 overall, 1-1 KLA Central.</p>
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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 3	Brad Emmons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Friday, Sept. 11				
Farmington Harrison (2-0, 1-0) at Southfield, (2-0, 2-0), 5:30 p.m.	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Harrison
Livonia Churchill (1-1, 0-0) at Westland John Glenn (2-0, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Glenn	Glenn	Churchill	Glenn
Wayne (2-0, 0-0) at Livonia Franklin (1-1, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Wayne	Franklin
Livonia Stevenson (0-2, 0-0) at Plymouth Salem (0-2, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Salem	Stevenson
Plymouth Canton (2-0, 0-0) at Plymouth (2-0, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Redford Union (0-2, 0-0) at Garden City (0-2, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Union	Union	Union	Union
Redford Thurston (1-1, 0-0) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-1, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Auburn Hills Avondale (2-0, 1-0) at North Farmington (1-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Avondale	Avondale	North Farmington	Avondale
Rochester Adams (1-1, 1-0) at Farmington (1-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
Harper Woods (2-0, 1-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (0-2, 0-1), 7 p.m.	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Harper Woods	Clarenceville
Lutheran Westland (0-2, 0-1) at Sterling Hts. Parkway Christian (1-1, 0-0), 7 p.m.	Parkway	Parkway	Parkway	Parkway
Last week	9-7 (.563)	11-5 (.688)	10-6 (.625)	11-5 (.688)
Overall	19-11 (.633)	20-10 (.667)	18-12 (.600)	22-8 (.733)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Gymnasts hold car wash

The Livonia Gymnastics Academy competitive team will stage a car wash from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Century Car Wash, located at Five Mile and Levan roads.

After a regular car wash is purchased, the LGA team members will be hand drying cars and doing Armor All on the tires. Donations will be accepted. (The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 27).

For more information, e-mail LGA treasurer Tami Fedrigo at tamifedrigo@gmail.com.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

The Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball organization will hold 2010 season tryouts for the following age groups at Bicentennial Park (diamonds nos. 9 and 10):

Girls 12-and-under: 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13;

Girls 16-and-under: 1-3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13.

All ages will try out from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Bicentennial Park.

To download a registration form or for more information, visit www.livoniastorm.com.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, a member of Pony Baseball, will conduct Bronco tournament team tryouts for ages 11-2 (as of May 1, 2010) at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Jaycee Park in Westland.

Tryouts are open to Westland and non-Westland residents.

For more information, call Greg Hovermale (734) 721-

0098 or Chuck McBay at (734) 604-9910.

The Livonia Baseball Club will stage 2010 travel tryouts for its under-10 team from noon to 2 p.m. and its under-12 team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 7).

For more information, call Mike Turbin (under-12) at (313) 303-9728 or Joe Jakacki (under-10) at (734) 469-4217.

Donnelly Memorial Race

Mark next Sunday, Sept. 13 on your calendars for the 13th annual Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race, which starts from the Plymouth Cultural Center.

All proceeds from this event will go to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and fund two scholarships at Salem High School.

A 5-kilometer (3.1-miles) race and 1-mile fun run-walk are the top events of the day, which begins with registration at 7 a.m. The opening race, the 5K run, begins at 8:15 a.m.

Trish Donnelly was a cross country runner at Salem and later earned a teaching degree (she was a student teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth before teaching in Caro and Brighton).

She lost her battle with breast cancer in January, 1997 and over the past dozen years more than \$30,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Salem students and another \$40,000 has been earmarked to breast cancer awareness programs at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital.

For more information, call (734) 495-9512 or (248) 474-3511; or visit www.salemcross-country.org (look under "Race Hosts.")

Lutheran High Westland spikes non-league foe

The Lutheran High Westland girls volleyball team improved to 4-2-1 on the season by taking three straight games Tuesday night from host Saline Washtenaw Christian.

The Warriors earned a 25-16, 25-23, 25-13 non-conference win as Rachel Storck and Emily Wilson led the hitting attack with 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

Emilie Freeman added nine kills, while Storck converted 11-of-14 serves to produce nine points and record three aces.

Setter Lauren Switzer went 12-for-13 serving and had 28 assist-to-kills, while Nicole Zehel and Taylor Wiemer placed the defense with 14 and seven digs, respectively.

"Although we came out with the win, we did not play as well as we are capable of," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Our focus will be on pro-

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ducing a more consistent effort day-in and day-out. If we can do that, we will be fine."

Glenn record 3-5-1

Westland John Glenn has two tournaments under its belt and is off to a 3-5-1 start.

In the Walled Lake Central Invitational (Aug. 29), the Rockets finished sixth out of 16 teams with a 2-2 record.

In the West Bloomfield Invitational, Glenn went 1-3-1 to earn a ninth-place out of 12 schools.

"Our defense continues to improve and our attackers are starting to get into rhythm with the setters," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "I am looking to pick up our serving by being more aggressive with our jump serving."

SPIKERS

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with a 25-17, 25-17, 25-8 victory Lakeland (Ohio). But in the second match of the day, Schoolcraft fell to Vincennes (Ind.) University by scores of 25-19, 19-25, 16-25 and 15-25.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft managed to defeat Kalamazoo Valley CC in five games, while falling to both Owens and

Kishwaukee (Ill.) College in four games each.

"Overall, I felt we played pretty well," said Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb, whose team is 7-3 overall. "Owens is ranked No. 17 in the nation, KVCC is No. 19 and Kishwaukee is No. 11. To be playing with those established programs shows that our team is making progress."

Earlier in the week, Schoolcraft downed visiting Marygrove College, 25-18, 25-10, 23-25, 25-9.

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Whalers seeking consistency after preseason loss to Spits



Going after a loose puck during Saturday's preseason OHL game at Compuware Arena are Plymouth Whalers forward Austin Mattson of Livonia and Windsor's Steven Trojanovic.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Compuware Arena fans, at least those who showed up to watch Saturday afternoon's preseason game instead of college football, were treated to a spirited, back-and-forth tilt between the Plymouth Whalers and Windsor.

But the reigning Ontario Hockey League champion Spitfires earned a 5-3 victory with defenseman Cam Fowler and center Richard Panik each scoring twice and assisting on another.

Goals early and late in periods took the steam out of the Whalers, however.

"I thought we played all right," Plymouth head coach

Mike Vellucci said. "We were bad the first two periods and played really well in the third. We weren't gritty enough and they scored some questionable goals."

For the Whalers, linemates Austin Mattson (Livonia) and Myles McCauley combined for two of the goals (one goal, one assist each) and defenseman Leo Jenner collected two assists.

"Both of those guys had good games and they had a lot of chances," Vellucci said. "They could have had a couple more."

As usual, the Compuware crowd watched uber-talented center Tyler Seguin play keep-away with stickhandling, skating and the ability to make seeing-eye passes onto the tape of teammates.

Seguin, however, was held off the scoresheet largely because of some big stops by Windsor goaltender Michael Nishi.

"He's an exceptional player," said Vellucci about Seguin, a highly-touted prospect and one of several who will attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this season. "All those special players make the puck follow them and he sees the ice very well, he made some great passes where he wasn't even looking at the guy."

Plymouth (1-1-0) got on the board first on a power play marker just 3:34 into the game. Mattson, parked in front of Nishi, slammed home a centering feed from McCauley.

That goal held up for most of the period thanks to some composed play from goaltender Scott Wedgewood (Plymouth regular Matt Hackett and several other Whalers are gearing up for NHL camps).

But Windsor center Michael Whaley scored a power play goal with just 36 seconds to go in the first stanza. Stationed off to the right side of the goal, he lifted a rebound over the prone Wedgewood.

Windsor then scored the tie-breaker during the first minute of the second period, while on a 5-on-3 manpower advantage. Panik's weak shot along the goal line banked in off the left skate of Wedgewood (35 saves), to Vellucci's chagrin.

TEE TIME Your local golf guide

Should golfers with a USGA index post a score from an unrated tee?

By Doug Hendershot

With nearly 900 Golf Courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of USGA golf course ratings to select from. The Golf Association of Michigan has the sole responsibility to rate golf courses throughout the entire State, including the Upper Peninsula and parts of Canada. The GAM Staff, working with golf course management, agree on the number of tees to be rated by the course rating team. The rating team will rate tees for both

Men and Women players. It is important to note, a tee that measures 5800 yards, will have a different USGA Course Rating and Slope for women vs. men from that same yardage.

Men and women playing from the same set of tees will have different

ratings. Because the women's USGA Course Rating usually will be higher, women receive additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between ratings, with .5 or greater rounded up. This is good reason to determine the proper number of tees needing a rate (more details on this matter later.)

At this time I would like to touch upon situations when a course rating may not be available for a set of tees. This could be a case of a newly constructed set of tees, or tees not rated in the past, simply too long or short and were not available to men or women to play from previously.

The USGA has a very specific set of guidelines to cover posting a score from an unrated set of tees on a Rated Golf Course. Authorized golf associations issue a USGA Course Rating and Slope for the most commonly played sets of tees.

If a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating from a selected set of tees is not available for the appropriate gender, the player may apply the following procedure on a temporary basis.

- Locate the nearest set of tees for the appropriate gender.
- Determine the yardage difference between the set of tees being played and the rated set of tees.
- Using the table found at usga.org, under the Handicapping tab, Section 5, Scores, find the ratings adjustments from unrated tees for Men and Women. Follow the directions found in the Key, next to these tables.

This method may be used if a player plays a combination of tees. The player first determines the total yardage played then applies the

above procedure.

If the Committee in charge of a competition has a set of tees for a competition course, this procedure may be used. This procedure is not a substitute for a formal USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.

So now that we know how to make the proper adjustments to post from unrated tees, lets not forget that this should only be used on a temporary basis. How do we get this new favorite tee rated, on a permanent basis? The answer to that question is really up to players, and local course management, with the help of the GAM.

GAM receives many requests to rate additional sets of tees. These requests generally come from the Pro, or Superintendent, and can be based on the fact that players show an interest in trying a new look at

their course. This is provided by playing their course at a new yardage, or even the popular combination of tees, using a blend of tees, that have different yardages. These are called combo tees.

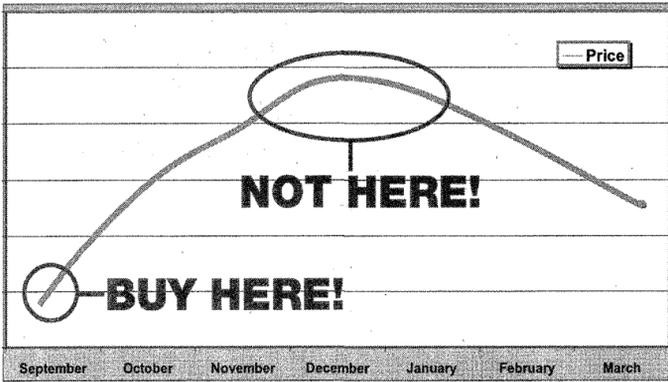
GAM rates courses a minimum of every ten years. This is necessary to keep a golf course current with the licensing standards set by the USGA.

Extra sets of tees can be rated at this time, providing that the GAM has the new tees on their schedule. The GAM can also rate new tees and revamped tees at any time providing the request comes from local golf course management and is properly scheduled.

Doug Hendershot is the Director of Course Rating for the Golf Association of Michigan.

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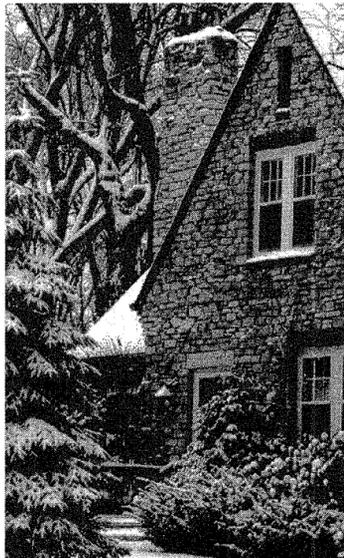
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Chocolatier helps guests discover sweets

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

As an independent chocolatier with Dove Chocolate Discoveries, I offer in-home chocolate tasting parties. At these parties, I show the host and his/her guests how they can entertain with simple and delicious chocolate desserts using our wonderful products. Our products include chocolate martini mix, chocolate chai tea, sugar free dark chocolates, truffle fudge brownie mix, chocolate mousse and our newest product, sea salt caramels. I also offer candy-making classes.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Dove Chocolate Discoveries is the first direct selling chocolate company in the US. It was started in 2007. Right now, there are 1,300 independent chocolatiers in the U.S. and only 33 of those are in Michigan. I am thrilled that I am leading the way and helping people to find their "inner chocolatier."

Observer: How did you decide to open your first business?

I have always wanted my own business doing something I love. It's not work when you do something you love. I love to eat chocolate, so when the opportunity came along to have my own chocolate business, I could not pass it up.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

I have lived in Westland since moving to Michigan 12 years ago. I love the family-oriented community and that this is an All-American City.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our



As an independent chocolatier with Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Carolyn Marnon offers in-home chocolate tasting parties.

DOVE CHOCOLATE DISCOVERIES

Business Name: Dove Chocolate Discoveries
Address: Westland, Michigan
Names and Title: Carolyn Marnon, independent chocolatier
Business Opened: May 2008
Hours: I tend to have in-home chocolate tasting parties on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. I can do other days if requested. I can do parties in the afternoons or the evenings. Independent chocolatiers are able to set their own hours based on their schedules and family responsibilities.

Business phone, e-mail and Web site: (734) 721-7660, chocolate-queen@wowway.com and www.dove-chocolate-discoveries.com/carolyn

readers about your experience so far as a small business?

One of my first parties was about an hour drive away. I was so worried that I would forget something because of the distance I was going. I got to the party, set up my

tempering unit and realized that I had forgotten something ... my chocolate bars to temper. Luckily, there was a drugstore nearby and I had to settle for Dove Promises to temper. The tempered chocolate still tasted delicious!

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

A friend indeed

Friends of the Rouge has received a \$1,900 donation from Marathon Petroleum Company LLC's Michigan Refining Division in support of the Rouge Education Project (REP), a school-based water quality monitoring program.

"Marathon's commitment to environmental stewardship and education has created a long-time partnership with Friends of the Rouge," said Emily Hughes, REP Program Manager. "Contributions assist with school program registrations, water quality testing equipment, workshops and program administration."

In addition to corporate support, Friends of the Rouge receives funding for REP through a U.S. EPA Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant. Additional funding is needed to enable all 53 REP schools to participate in teaching tomorrow's leaders about today's environment in a hands-on, real world science experience.

Established in 1986, Friends of the Rouge is a non-

profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed.

DQ delight

Dairy Queen® has kicked off fall with the introduction of the enticing new Oreo® Cookie Jar Blizzard® Flavor Treat and a special offer to customers who join the Blizzard Fan Club (BlizzardFanClub.com). Anyone joining the Blizzard Fan Club during September not only receive the club welcome "buy-one-get-one-free" offer, but also receives a \$1 off coupon for the Oreo Cookie Jar Blizzard. Current fan club members also will receive the \$1 off coupon in their September Blizzard Fan Club e-mail blast.

Made with creamy DQ® soft serve blended with Oreo cookie pieces, chocolate chip cookie dough and rich hot fudge, the Oreo Cookie Jar

Blizzard is available at all participating Dairy Queen and DQ Grill & Chill® locations nationwide.

"When you think about cookies, Oreo immediately comes to mind," said Michael Keller, chief brand officer for International Dairy Queen Inc. "We've given an intriguing new twist to our already incredibly popular Oreo Blizzard Treat by adding more in the 'cookie jar.' With an added bonus for newly signed members of the Blizzard Fan Club, this flavor should be a sales leader."

The origin of the cookie jar dates back to 18th-century Britain, where glass jars with metal lids were known as "biscuit jars." In fact, the Oreo cookie was originally called the Oreo Biscuit and was first developed and produced by Nabisco in February 1912 to target the British market, whose "biscuits" were deemed too ordinary by Nabisco. The modern-day Oreo was created in 1952 and today is not only available in many different varieties but still reigns as the most popular cookie in the world.

CHAMBER CHAT

GARDEN CITY CHAMBER

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is very pleased to say the fifth annual Dine and Dash has sold out again for the fifth year in a row. The Board of Directors would like to everyone participating in the event for their continued support and participation.

New this year is the "Dine and Dash, Best of Taste Award. All participants will be able to critique the food of the evening, and then, vote for the best. The Garden City Observer

along with the Chamber of Commerce will present the restaurant with the most votes with a special plate to display.

Farmers Market news: The Garden City Farmers Market is open every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the north-east corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt. Contact the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448 for upcoming market events or visit their Web site at www.gardencity.org.

Chamber Chatter: On Tuesday, Sept. 22., at 8 a.m., the members of the Garden

City Chamber of Commerce along with 26 other Wayne County chambers will be doing some serious networking at IKEA of Canton. The program will help businesses to promote their business in a fun and relaxed environment, while they enjoy the famous IKEA breakfast. Seating is limited, so a reservation is required in advance. The cost to attend is \$5 per person. To reserve a seat, call the chamber office.

Amelia Oliverio
executive director

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Good doggie

The Training Place dog training center in Garden City is offering all levels of obedience training for puppies through adults, beginning to advanced, household and competitive. It also offers agility classes at all levels, canine good citizen and therapy dog classes, AKC STAR puppy classes, rally obedience classes, conformation classes, and more. Sign up for group classes or private coaching, behavior modification and problem solving. The Training Place is at 31981 Block, north of Ford between Hubbard and Merriman in the Garden Block Tech Center Complex. More information is available online at www.trainingplace.net.

Pigskin savings

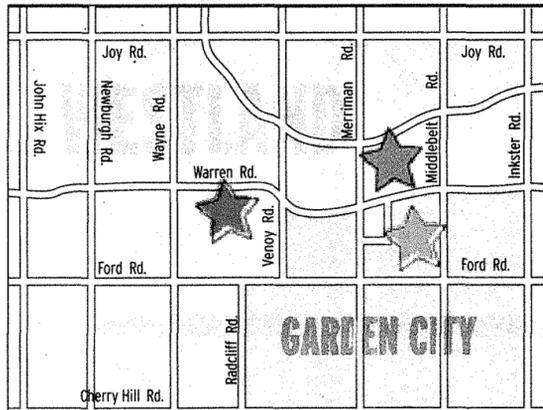
Materials Unlimited is holding its annual Football Saturday events now through Nov. 21. Stop in the store wearing your favorite team's colors or jersey and save 20 percent storewide. The store also has teamed up with its favorite local eateries to showcase their tailgating talents. They will be offering light fare and snacks to nibble on while you shop for that perfect antique light fixture, stained glass window or fireplace mantel. Featured are the Corner Brewery on Sept. 12, Bombadill's on Sept. 19 and Sidetrack on Sept. 26. Materials Unlimited is at 2 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. It's open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, go online to www.MaterialsUnlimited.com or call (800) 299-9462 or (734) 483-6980.

Good eats

If you're cruising down Warren Road, be sure to stop by Kay's Wings or Things at 32933 W. Warren Road, one of the city's newest restaurants. It specializes in chicken wings. Other favorites on the menu include a variety of Asian and seafood dishes and spaghetti. For more information, call (734) 525-9200.

Dinner Theater

Dinner theater is coming to the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in September. The Hawthorne Valley Dinner Theater in association with Ronald Otulakowski Productions



ONGOING

will present "Over the River and Through the Woods" Saturdays, Sept. 12 through Dec. 12. Cocktails (cash bar) will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$29.99 and includes entree, soup, salad and dessert. Tax and gratuity included in the price. The show immediately follows dinner. For reservations, call (734) 422-3440. Hawthorne Valley is at 7300 Merriman east of Warren Road, Westland.

October Fest

Tickets can be ordered now for Ashley's Beer and Grill's Oktoberfest 2009 Party 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 26, at the restaurant at 7525 Wayne Road, in front of Macy's, in Westland. Oktoberfest started in 1810 to celebrate the October 12th marriage of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to the Saxon-Hildburghausen Princess Therese. Today Oktoberfest is mainly a celebration of beer. The highlight of Ashley's celebration will be 12 different Oktoberfest kegs from the Hofbrau House (the original Oktoberfest beer), Bell's, Arcadia, Avery, Arbor Brewing, Weinhenstephaner, Sam Adams, Flying Dog, New Holland, Southern Tier, Spatan and Point Brewery. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. They include your choice of 10 samples from the Oktoberfest kegs, plus German food and live music, all included in the ticket price. They can be ordered on line at www.ashleys.com. For more information, call (734) 525-1667.

Wing of a benefit

Buffalo Wild Wings customers can now enter a raffle for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind Great American Chopper Pro-Street, valued at \$26,000, and support a great cause at the same time. Patrons can purchase raffle tickets at select metro Detroit area Buffalo Wild Wings locations, including the Westland restaurant, for \$10 each from their server, and all proceeds benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, a statewide agency whose mission is to help families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders. The Westland Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road just north of Hunter will have the motorcycle on display Monday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 4. The grand prize raffle drawing will take place at 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1873 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

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Youngsters play on new equipment at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia.

Grant buys new playground equipment for Lutheran school

Students at St. Paul Lutheran School started the new semester with a new play structure on the school playground.

The school, located in Livonia, received a \$10,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southeastern Michigan and used the money to buy the new playground piece for students, church members and the greater community.

"The new structure is a true blessing. It will

provide hours of fun filled activities for all," stated Charles Buege, principal at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School was founded in 1872. It moved to its current location, 17810 Farmington Road in 1970.

For more on St. Paul Lutheran Church and School visit stpaulslivonia.org. For more on the Ronald McDonald House Charities visit www.rmhc.org.

Fall brings renewed focus on faith for many families

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Summer is almost over and people from Canton to Redford are back into their school routines and flocking back to services and religious education at places of worship.

Parents also are encouraged to take an active role in their children's religious education.

"There's an upswing in attendance, especially in September and October, when people are getting back in their fall routine to start the school year with an inspirational push to know they're a part of something bigger than themselves," according to the Rev. Jeff Nelson of Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

"Families think: 'We can use some help to raise these kids.' They want to be with people who might give some advice."

Over time, some places of worship are finding religious education is getting shoved aside when parents juggle calendars filled with sports and other extracurricular activities in cyclones of hectic lifestyles.

The number of children in worship is up and Nelson is expecting an increase in families. Sunday school begins Sept. 20. Instruction of younger children should focus on developing a "meaningful and loving relationship with an adult that isn't their parent," he said. "It's an adult who says they are a valued member of the community, worthy of

love and attention. It builds the lifelong relationships with other adults."

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Some parents are opting to home school religious education. That's been a growing phenomenon at St. Colette Roman Catholic Church in Livonia, said Betty Haley, director of religious education.

"At one time religious education took priority over sports and school activities," Haley said. "Today, school activities and sports take precedence over religious education."

To accommodate the changes, registration at St. Colette extends a longer time while parents wait to secure their children's other schedules.

Whether a teacher or a parent says it, the message is the same: "The sacrament of Eucharist is the heart and center," Haley said. "The sacraments are those things that give us the graces to live the Christian life in a world that is counter-cultural to Christian living."

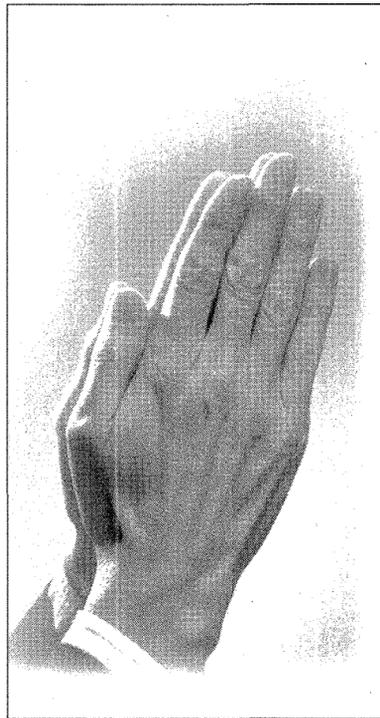
Grace is the inner life of God that is given to his followers, "so we can live out our relationship with God and others in this life," she added.

"To prepare for sacraments we have to be formed in faith so we know what we are doing," Haley said.

Faith formation, or religious education, outside of preparation for the sacraments, is to help teach the Catholic faith.

There's usually an increase in attendance during services and for religious education in September, according to the Rev. Eric Steinbrenner, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Teen Bible Class and a separate adult



class meets on Sunday mornings between church services at 9:45-10:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 20. Last year, religious education participation was up slightly.

"Our purpose is to try strengthen them in the word of God," Steinbrenner said. "It's what the Holy Spirit gives them through the word of Christ. The healthiest part is that God is serving us through his word. It's vital to be where the word is."

Across town at The Hindu Temple of Canton religious education classes begin 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13.

"We teach values, like respecting parents, grandparents and teachers; behavior and doing services in the community," said Sures Shah, temple administrator.

Religious education at The Hindu Temple has grown from about 45 children 10 years ago, Shah said, to 130 children last year. This year he expects 150 children.

Each child must have at least one parent present at the temple in another room hearing lectures and learning about upcoming events. A new facility is planned at the same site and will allow for more classes and social areas.

At Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, Elissa Berg, director of education, said religious instruction during the last 10 years has become more interactive with parents.

"We ask parents to be a part of it much more than we used to and it's high energy," Berg said. "We're really trying to motivate the kids, as well as teach them. I think they (adults) come back in the fall, because it's the beginning of a new cycle-especially if they have kids."

Many children, Berg said, "have less experience with extended family and less people to learn from. Part of it is people are leaving Detroit for other opportunities. I strongly believe the participation of parents and family makes a huge difference in our success by reinforcing what we teach."

Children who attend services better understand what they are learning in class. "It's a living energy," she said. "It's not just theory."

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JOSEPH H. HUDSON

September 8, 2009, Age 94 beloved husband of Lorraine. Dear father of Rodney (Ruth) Susan Giffin, Alan (Lisa) and Peggy, Grandfather of Jeremy, Shannon, Roxane, Adam, Nathan and Natalie. Service Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Rd) Friday 1:00PM. Visitation was held Wednesday 3-9PM and Thursday 1-9PM.



DAVID N. AHLGREN

Age 69, of 26 Williams Street, Russell, Pa. died Friday afternoon, September 4, 2009 at his home after an extended illness. He was born March 7, 1940 in Warren, Pa. to the late Norman and Dorothy Sederburg Ahlgren. Upon graduation from Warren High School in 1958 he went on to earn his bachelors degree in Chemistry from Penn State University in 1962. Dave is a former resident of both Pittsburgh, PA and Plymouth, MI where he worked for the Bayer Corporation as the Director of Automotive Sales. He retired from Bayer after 32 years of service. While working for Bayer, he was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and Society of Plastic Engineers. David is most known for his love of his family and 15 grandchildren. He was a major fan and long-time season ticket holder with the Penn State Football team. He as an avid golfer playing in the Buick open for 4 years with the Professional Golfers Association. David was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Conewango Valley Country Club, Shakespeare Club, and the Conewango Clippers Barbershop Chorus. David enjoyed camping, painting, gardening, world travel and working outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Karen Jewell Ahlgren whom he married December 4, 1964 in Erie, PA, 4 children - Timothy Ahlgren, his wife Lisa and their 5 children of Canton, MI, William Ahlgren, his wife Rebecca, and their 2 children of Cranberry Twp. PA, Carrie Reynolds, her husband Dave, and their 4 children of Grove City, PA, Susan Mugerdichian, her husband, Marty, and their 4 children of Adrian, MI, 5 sisters - Audrey and Ken Hart of Dunedin, FL, Betty Carlson of Warren, PA, June Ellington of Lakewood, NY, Sharon and Roger Pike of Erie, PA, Judith Turner of Randolph, NY, and 1 brother - Richard and Sally Ahlgren of Alexandria, VA, as well as several nieces and nephews. A funeral and committal service was conducted on Monday at 10:00 AM at Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. Kevin Haley, Pastor, officiating. Those wishing to place memorials may do so through Hospice of Warren Cty or the Warren County Unit of the American Cancer Society, both located at 2 Crescent Park, Warren, PA 16365

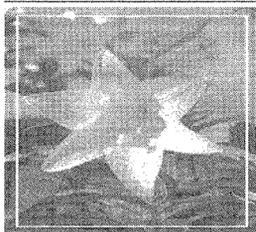


MARY MARGARET STOLBERG

September 5, 2009, at age 53. Beloved sister of Ann Brigid, Barbara & Donald Howard Stolberg. Also survived by her Father Donald William Stolberg, her aunts, Julia Brigid Howard and Ann Howard O'Hare, and numerous Loving cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her mother, Mary Julia Howard Stolberg. "Life is a song: God's love is the music" Mary Margaret was a very talented Violinist who throughout her life was a member of the Stolberg String Quartet, and performed with the Savannah Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony, and Michigan Opera Theatre. She was a Loving and caring Suzuki Violin Teacher, who taught at the Steppingstone School for Gifted Education and the International School in Farmington Hills. Mary Margaret was also a creative and hard working designer, who worked in her mother's Firm "Village Designs" until it closed in 2007. Mary Margaret was a Life-Long Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Funeral Services previously held through the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, (248) 474-5200. Memorial tributes in Mary Margaret's memory strongly suggested to the American Cancer Society. heeney-sundquist.com

RYAN M. WHITMAN

Sept 6, 2009, Age 22. Beloved son of Kathy (Kim) Mitchell and Donald D. Whitman. Brother of Philip Whitman of Denver, CO. Grandson of Dan & Gemma Niewoit and Donald R. Whitman. Memorial Services were held on Wednesday at Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



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The Michigan Rabbinical Assembly is registering adults who are considering the Jewish religion, for a Conservative Community Conversion Class, "Choosing Judaism."

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"Choosing Judaism" will meet on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. starting Sept. 14, at

Hillel Day School, 32200 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. Tuition for the 2009-2010 course is \$350 per person or \$500 for a couple registering together, and a \$50 materials fee.

To sign up for this year's class or for more information, call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein of Congregation Beth Ahm, who is the current President of the Michigan Rabbinical Assembly, at (248) 851-6880, Ext. 17, or e-mail him at ravsteven@cbahm.org.

Learn about Catholic Mass in series at St. Michael the Archangel

The Mass in S-L-O-W M-O-T-I-O-N, a new three-part series at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, is designed to help both Catholics and non-Catholics understand what goes on during Mass. The series will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 23 with an introduction and outline of the history of the Mass by Sharon Williams, pastoral

associate. Associate Pastor, Father Raymond Arwady, will explain and demonstrate the Liturgy of the Mass, using the actual vestments, vessels, and sacred books to illustrate his explanations, on Sept. 30.

On Oct. 14, noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta, will detail the Sacrifice of the Mass, its

meaning, both historically and theologically within the Church.

The series is open to all. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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SEPT. 10-16

Guest speaker Michael Franzese, a former Mafia boss and now a born-again follower of Jesus Christ, will speak at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., Sept. 13, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton. (734) 397-1777

Hog and corn roast

6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, Plymouth First United Methodist, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. Pork, chicken, roast corn, homemade pies, musical entertainment, storytelling and games. (734) 453-5280

Mom-to-mom

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, west of I-275, north of Michigan Ave., in Canton. Presented by Mothers of Preschoolers. Admission \$1. For more information e-mail to CCMopsMom@gmail.com.

Marriage series

Classes run 6:30-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 13 through Oct. 4, at Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information call (734) 340-5551

MOMS meeting

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia. The group, which meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, focuses on devotions, topics pertaining to moms of school-age

children, and Christian socializing. The book "Raising Great Kids" by Cloud and Townsend is the theme this year. For more information call Susan at (248) 478-3643.

Picnic

Join Newburg United Methodist Church in celebrating its 175th anniversary at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, at its "All Church and Community Picnic. The event will include lunch and family activities. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. (734)422-0149

Pomegranate Guild

The organization, which studies and creates Judaic needlework, kicks off its 2009-2010 season at 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. The group is organizing a Hanukkah table display and also working on community projects such as teddy bears for children and butterfly pieces for a Texas exhibition. The group meets the second Sunday of the month. For more information call Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337.

Registration deadline

Sign up by Sept. 12 for the survey course, "The Great Adventure," that will meet in room at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard. The class will focus on the 14 narrative books of the Bible, relating the relevance of each to its place and importance within the timeline of salvation history. It's an extension of the summer Bible study, "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" and will be taught by St. Michael's Pastoral Associate, Sharon Williams. The cost is \$44.95 per student and is payable at the time of registration. (734) 261-1455

Women's Bible studies

Women of the Word Bible Studies meets 9:15 a.m. or 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Five courses of study will be offered: Precept Ministries - Matthew Part 1, mornings and evenings; Precept Ministries - Revelation Part

1, mornings; Beth Moore - Believing God, mornings; Beth Moore - Wising Up, Wherever Life Happens, mornings; Jennifer Rothschild - Me, Myself, and Lies, evenings. Register at www.women.cbcjoy.org or call Lee Anne Young at (734) 455-0022, Ext. 144.

Interfaith Journey classes

The series starts Sunday, Sept. 13 at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and will be grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all. The program complements the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. For more information on classes or to register visit www.uufarmington.org/uucf/re.htm, call Jennifer Teed at (248) 478-7272 or e-mail to dre@uufarmington.org.

SEPT. 17-23

Breakfast meeting

Bethany, a group for separated, divorced and singles, meets 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, next to Tim Horton's, in Garden City. For more information call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479.

LobsterFest fund-raiser

St. John's Episcopal Church, in Plymouth, will sell fresh, whole Maine lobsters from 4-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the church, 574 South Sheldon. Lobsters weigh approximately 1.25 pounds and cost \$15 each. All lobsters must be ordered and paid for by Monday, Sept. 14. Download an order form from www.stjohnsplymouth.org. Place an order in person at the church 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. (734-453) 0190 Ext. 10

Mass and fellowship

2:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, just south of Cherry Hill,

Canton. Aimed at widowed men and women. Includes refreshments and social time. Arrive by 2:15 p.m. Mass begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Detroit Metro area. Come and meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. For information call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939.

ENDOW

Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, part of the ENDOW series, will run Monday, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road. ENDOW is a women's study group designed to help women discover their God-given dignity and femininity through the richness and authenticity of Catholic teaching. A second series, On The Christian Meaning of Suffering, runs Thursdays, Sept. 24-Nov. 12. Both series run 7-9 p.m. Register at www.endowonline.com. A \$60 registration fee is required for materials. For more information call Michelle Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Prayer series

For married and engaged couples, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 18-Oct. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial at Beck, in Plymouth. Experience how you can safely and peacefully pray together as a couple in ways that will dramatically enhance and strengthen your faith, marriage and family. Childcare will be available. Registration and a donation of \$55 per couple is requested. For more information call (734) 254-0766 or visit www.coupleprayer.org

Reconciliation

David J. Conrad will present a two-part series on the sacrament of confession, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 23-30 in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Refreshments; free admission. RSVP to (734) 425-5950.

SEPT. 24-30

Bible study

Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m.,

Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. The weekly Thursday session will focus on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Health fair

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 26, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Includes free bone density screening, free body fat analysis, cholesterol screening on site for \$12 per person with on site counseling regarding results, free blood pressure screening, massage therapy and other services. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

Men's Ministry

Canton Christian Fellowship and Mighty Men Ministry presents its annual men's prayer breakfast, 9 a.m., Sept. 26, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton. Tickets are \$20. Register online at www.cantonce.org or call (734) 404-2480.

Movie

See "Fireproof" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. The screening is free and it's followed by six weeks of free classes on Fireproofing Your Marriage, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 4. Free Bible classes are available for children of all ages during the class. Call (734) 427-8743 for more information.

Grief recovery

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

OCT. 1-7

Life Fair 2009

Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

OCT. 8-14

Blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

ONGOING

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3's and 4's is offered Wednesdays - children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Dettler, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net.

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Classical music alive and well in new season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Classical music has a bright future if two local orchestras have anything to say about it. The governing organizations of the Livonia and Plymouth Canton symphonies continue to work hard to combat the effects of an economic downturn and graying of the audience by instituting changes.

Now in its 64th season, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras are introducing afternoon concerts to appeal to senior citizens and families. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra made the move to offer earlier programming a couple of years ago. Both realize that they must expand their audiences in order to exist.

While the LSO remains at Clarenceville High School on Saturday afternoons for nearly the entire season, the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras encourage classical music lovers to "Follow the Music" to a variety of venues, from The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton to First Methodist Church in Plymouth for concerts on Sunday afternoons and Saturday evenings at the new time of 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

"We've grown to have more of a regional presence,"

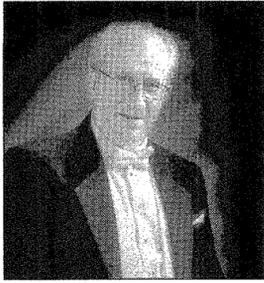
Executive Director Beth Stewart said. "We're adding more professional musicians, grew the budget. Now everyone is paid, so that raises the level. We've gone to a fully professional orchestra."

RICH HISTORY

"The Plymouth Symphony has a long wonderful history to be around since 1945. When the symphony started, they played some concerts outside in a barn and what's true then as today is we're really fortunate to live in an area rich with classical musicians. Because of our location to the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, there are a lot of great classically trained musicians to choose from," Stewart added.

The PSCO's Celebration Youth Orchestra entices musicians to develop a love for classical music early on. Contemporary classical music lovers are drawn by the compositions featured on each program: Music director/conductor Nan Washburn programs one on each concert.

"Nan loves to program contemporary (music) by living composers and that's an orchestra builder," Stewart said. "They can play Bach and Beethoven just about anywhere. The thing that is special



FILE PHOTO

New this year is the Livonia Symphony Spotlight Series at Greenmead (Historical Park). It's an evening to get to know the conductor, Volodymyr Shesiuk. He'll discuss his time with the Bolshoi Theater during a reception and lecture on Oct. 1.

is to play music by a living composer and usually we have them with us."

Innovative programming costs money, yet neither orchestra has cut the number of concerts it offers this season despite the lack of grants from the state of Michigan and a decline in business and corporate support. The orchestra budget is \$280,000 for 2009-10, almost \$100,000 less than two years ago.

"We're facing challenges," Stewart said. "To try to save



Conductor Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will pay tribute to Hollywood and Abraham Lincoln during the upcoming concert season.

money, we moved our offices to the Plymouth Community Arts Council. We're helping to share equipment and expenses and looking to do fund-raising together, programs. The arts council is renovating the building next door and we plan to have studios for musicians to give lessons. The orchestra and youth orchestra are in second year of rehearsing there."

LSO SUPPORTERS

The LSO is extremely grateful for the support of the community. Funding from Livonia Town Hall, Livonia Community Foundation, Livonia Anniversary Committee and Livonia Arts Commission has made it possible to roll back prices on the annual golf outing fund-raiser to \$89.

"It's the \$25 to \$100 donations," said Rose Kachnowski,

LSO president. "It's usually the people who can't afford it, give what they can to keep the symphony going."

The LSO budget remains steady at \$100,000. Instead of cost-cutting measures, the board has voted to spend money on marketing its 37th season.

"We're hooking up with WRCJ-(FM 90.9), advertising each of the five concerts with ticket giveaways," Kachnowski said. "We're adding new events. After each concert, we're partnering with Fleming's Steakhouse for afterglows. Also new this year, we're starting the Spotlight Series at Greenmead (Historical Park). It's an evening to get to know the conductor, Volodymyr Shesiuk. He'll discuss his time with the Bolshoi Theater during a reception and lecture on Oct. 1. Our season opener is a

pops concert, Oct. 17, the second a Christmas theme with Bunny Sanford's dancers. The third is Anthony Bonamici, a Livonia native coming back from Russia, the fourth violinist Anton Sheleпов, and the fifth at Ward Church is a requiem with Madonna University Chorale under Dave Wagner, and the Ward choir. Nov. 20, is an American celebration fund-raiser.

"We're trying to do a lot for the community by keeping the interest there. We hope to try to make things affordable. We gave out tickets last year, primarily to people who have never seen the orchestra. People can call our 24-hour line, for people who have lost their jobs. It's our way of giving back to the community."

For more information, call the-LSO at (734) 421-1111.

Livonia Symphony 2009-10 season

Concerts held 4 p.m. Saturday, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia, except April 17 program at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets \$17 adults, \$5 for children/students. Season subscription is \$70. Group rates available. Call (734) 421-1111. Afterglows at Fleming's Steakhouse and Wine Bar (6-7 p.m.), 17400 Haggerty, after concerts 1, 3, 4, 5. Cost \$10. Advance reservations required.

- Oct. 17 - Wait a Minute - Don't Tell Me**
Season opens with pops concert featuring themes from popular entertainment and animation shows.
- Nov. 20 - Celebrate America**
Celebrate America is the major fund-raiser 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Laurel Manor. Evening includes silent auction with items made in the U.S., 7 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. concert. Tickets \$65 before Oct. 15, \$70 afterward.
- Dec. 5 - Sounds of the Season**
Holiday concert includes return performance of

Nutcracker excerpts by the Bunny Sanford dancers and favorite carols by Clarenceville High School Choraliers.

- Jan. 23 - Romantic**
Guest pianist Anthony Bonamici returns from Russia to perform Schumann's Piano Concerto. Bonamici is originally from Livonia.
- March 6 - Classical Color Schemes**
Anton Sheleпов is guest soloist for Brahms' Violin Concerto. Also featured is Dvorak's Symphony No. 9.
- April 17 - Season Finale**
Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem, Opus 45 sung by Madonna University Chorale and Ward Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of David Wagner with Carole Halme kangus on organ. New this year is the Spotlight Series, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, and April 8, at Greenmead Historical Park. Tickets \$30, includes appetizers and wine. For reservations, call (734) 421-1111 or mail check to the LSO, Spotlight Series, 37637 Five Mile, PMB 398, Livonia, MI 48154.

Plymouth Canton 2009-10 season

Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras presents "Follow the Music! 2009-2010 Season." For tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

- Sept. 12 - Beethoven & Blue Jeans**
7:30 p.m. in The Village Theater - Canton. Program features Beethoven favorites along with "denim-inspired" American treasures by Ferde Grofe and Gwyneth Walker.
- Oct. 11 - Sunday Serenade**
2 p.m. at St. John's Chapel. Program features Dvorak's "String Serenade."
- Nov. 21 - Chasing Lincoln**
7:30 p.m. in The Village Theater - Canton. Celebrate the great American music traditions with favorites by Aaron Copeland (Lincoln Portrait), the Michigan premiere of Joseph Schwantner's "Chasing Light" and favorites by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and John Knowles Paine.

- Dec. 17 - Home for the Holidays**
6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Penn Theatre, downtown Plymouth. Yuletide pops concerts at the historic Penn Theatre.
- Jan. 24 - Brahms Sunday Serenade**
2 p.m. in First Methodist Church, Plymouth. A diverse selection of chamber ensemble pieces that are small in instrumental size and mighty in artistic impact.
- March 13 - Tchaikovsky Spectacular!**
7:30 p.m. in The Village Theatre - Canton. Program features the Celebration Youth Symphony and Tchaikovsky's monumental fifth symphony.
- April 16 - Hooray for Hollywood**
7:30 p.m. in The Penn Theatre, Plymouth. Program features the annual benefit pops concert. Pre- and postconcert festivities are part of the musical package.

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Details: "Landscape - A Modern Sequel" with works by Yoriko Cronin, Andrew Krieger, Nicole Macdonald, Catherine Peet, George Rahme, and Corine Smith. Meet the artists at a reception, 6-9 p.m., Sept. 11. Free
Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

Eastern Michigan University
Time/Date: Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through Oct. 2
Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus
Details: Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 9. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 10.
Contact: (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to jlocke@emich.edu

Farmington Hills City Gallery
Time/Date: "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25
Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Holocaust Memorial Center
Time/Dates: Through October, "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman
Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The portraits in this eight-week exhibit are based on the "Zinkover Memorial Book," a collection of Yiddish and Hebrew narratives with low-quality black and white photographs from the town of Zinkov, Ukraine
Contact: (248) 553-2400, Ext. 23

Livonia City Hall
Time/Dates: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 30
Location: On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: The Livonia Artist Club exhibits paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia
Contact: For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774

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EXTRAVAGANZA LINEUP

Culinary Extravaganza 2009 patrons will have the opportunity to sample some of the finest culinary delicacies from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in metropolitan Detroit. Participating restaurants to date include:

- Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's
- American Harvest at Schoolcraft College
- Andiamo
- Cadillac Coffee Co.
- Cava in Bay Harbor Village
- Chandler's - A Restaurant
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- Elite Catering Co.
- Forest Grill
- Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines
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- Great Oaks Country Club
- Henry's - Schoolcraft College
- Holiday Catering & Cooking School
- Hotel Baronette
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- Walnut Creek Country Club
- Zumba Mexican Grille

Afternoon delight

Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza 2009: Food, wine event benefits scholarship

Schoolcraft College Foundation will host a celebration of food and wine 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, in the VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

The extravaganza brings together students, food professionals and the southeast Michigan community. The event provides patrons with samples of some of the finest culinary delicacies from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan area.

The event benefits the Culinary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and grants.

Thousands of students have earned a degree, learned the skills for a rewarding career or received preparation to transfer to a four-year university with help from foundation scholarships.

Scholarships, especially in these difficult economic times, are often the difference that makes education a reality, said Craig Bowles, chair of this year's event and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.



Murdic and Tina Coleman of Southfield check out the many bread creations made by Jeff Greenwald during a previous Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza.

As a special treat, a silent auction featuring sports, entertainment, restaurant and travel packages is planned throughout the afternoon.

Tickets for the food and wine event are \$50 (\$20 is a charitable contribution).

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10.

The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

Prizes are: \$1,000, first place; \$500, second place; \$250 for third and fourth places; and dinner for two at American Harvest for fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation.



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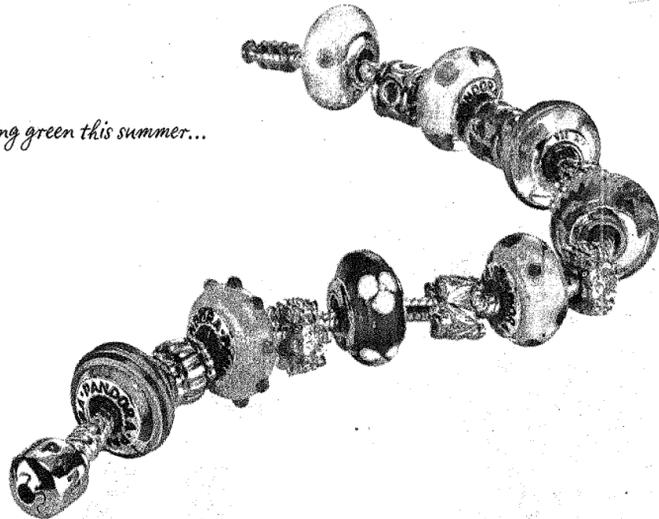
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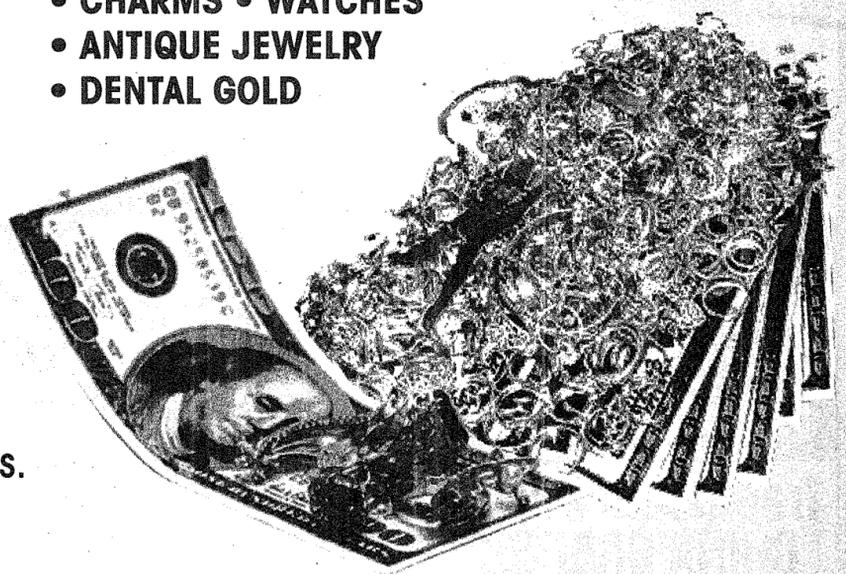
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