

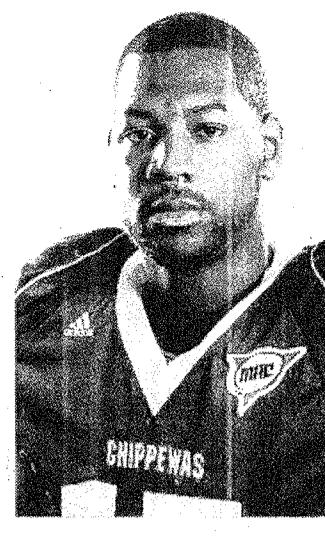
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AROUND TOWN



She's a queen

When the votes were counted it was senior Lalita Hayes who was crowned during Homecoming festivities last weekend at Wayne Memorial High School. For a look at some of the funs students had building up to the Homecoming football game, see Page A2.

Homecoming

The Westland Comets football teams are celebrating their 38th year with a Homecoming celebration Sunday, Oct. 4, at the John Glenn High School stadium.

All former players, cheerleaders and coaches will be welcomed to attend and should stop by the press box so they can be recognized during the games. The Comets face the Rochester Redskins. The Junior Freshman game begins at 10 a.m., with the Freshman game at noon. The Junior Varsity and Varsity games will follow.

Fund-raiser

The Westland Veterans Association is sponsoring a an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland. The dinner will be served from 4-8 p.m. and be followed by the music of Second Wind. There will be a silent auction sponsored by the Rolling Thunder Chapter No. 3, and a special drawing for Camp Trotter, a camp for the children of veterans. Past, present and future veterans also will be honored.

Proceeds will benefit proposed Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call (734) 335-7943, (734) 595-0697 or (734) 535-9454.

For the troops

The Grange will be teaming up to make cards to send to the troops overseas.

The card making will take place from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 and Oct. 24. Some supplies will be provided. People also are needed to help in making crochet, knitted and quilted squares for keeping Americans warm this winter. Help will be provided for those needing a lesson.

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This is the second in a series of interviews with eight candidates vying for four seats on the Westland City Council in the Nov. 3 general election. Three four-year terms and one two-year term will be filled. The candidates are incumbent Councilman Dewey Reeves, Sam Durante, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Mark Rodriguez, Christine Cicirelli Bryant and Janet Frederick-Wilson.

Hammons: Addressing blight is priority



BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a Westland council member, Adam Hammons would work to make the city a better place — not that he doesn't think it's a great place to live already. "We're on the right track. I want to make Westland a des-

tination. In real estate, I want people to say Westland when you ask them where they want to live," said Hammons.

Addressing blight in Westland would be a priority for Hammons, if elected to the council.

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Mehl says his budget experience needed



BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his campaign for a seat on the Westland council, Ken Mehl cites his government experience.

"It's been a while since I've been politically involved but all the other candidates have very

little government experience, especially with the budget process," Mehl said. "(Incumbent council member) Dewey Reeves has (the most experience) three years, I've got 12 years."

The city is likely to be losing revenue from cuts in state

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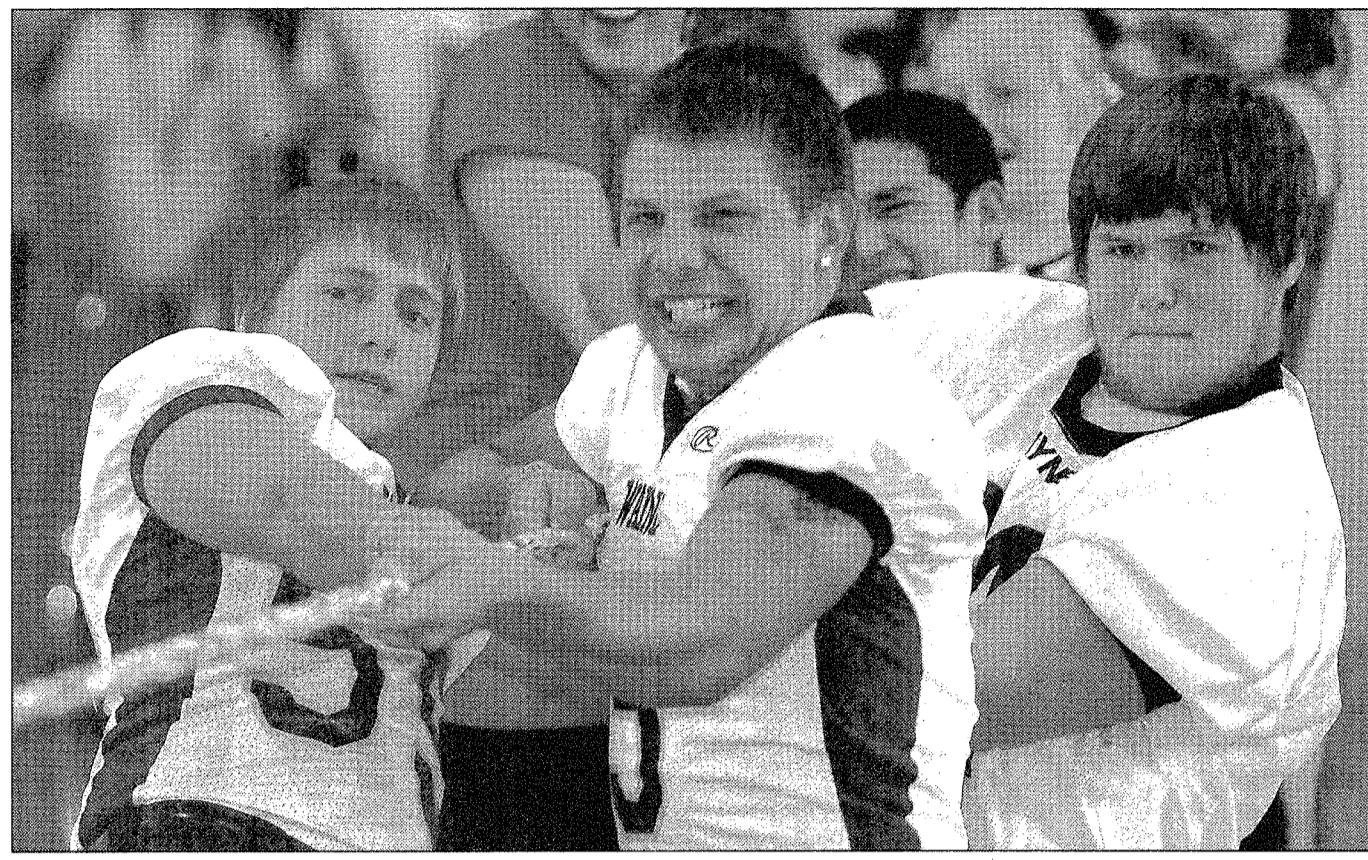
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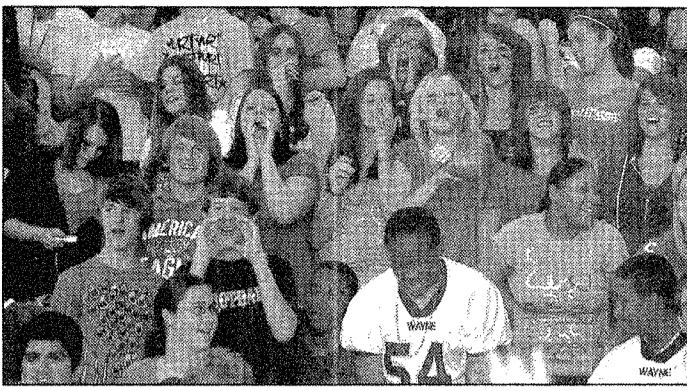
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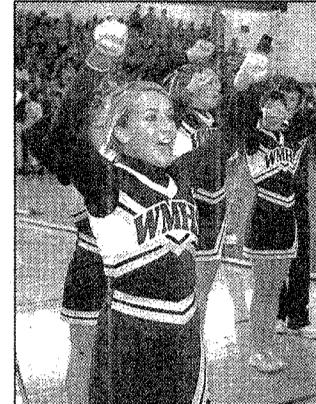
Students at Wayne Memorial High School were ready, willing and able to show they were behind their Zebras 100 percent at last weekend's Homecoming. Part of the preparation was the annual pep assembly in which freshmen, sophomore, juniors and seniors took up the challenge of such things as the tug-of-war, including juniors Wayne Shier, Billy Shillingburg and Jake Hayh. However, spirits sagged as the state-ranked Canton Chiefs defeated the Wayne Memorial Zebras 49-14 in the Homecoming football game.



The sophomores show their school spirit during the class competition.



Color guard Tiffany Ozog waves the flag while the marching band performs during the pep assembly.



Getting the students pumped up was Wayne Memorial cheerleader Delani Derr.

CLARIFICATION

An story in the Sunday, Sept. 27, issue of the *Westland Observer* should have quoted Westland council candidate Mark Rodriguez as saying that the fiscal years ending June 2003 through June 2008,

residents were overtaxed \$16 million dollars more than what the actuaries required to the police and fire retirement fund. Residents were taxed \$36.7 million, while actuaries required \$20.9 million.

Biographical information for Sam Durante should have indicated that as a volunteer he serves as a liaison between the Senior Citizen Advisory Council and the Commission on Aging.

FUNDING

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revise our five-year projections that we did six months ago," he said.

Like other cities, Westland's fiscal year begins on July 1 — the state fiscal year begins today (Oct. 1). That gap is the result of a legislative move to deal with an earlier financial crisis by delaying the start of the fiscal year.

"It's fair to say that it would be helpful if these cuts were made before the end of our fiscal year and if we had the same fiscal year," Wild said.

The state government's willingness to shortchange local government is ironic, he said.

"We offer incentives to businesses but cut the biggest economic engines we have — the cities," Wild said.

State funding for libraries was also reported to be taking a major hit. Westland Library Board President Leslie Bell said hadn't received information on the cuts yet and couldn't make any comments.

Also facing a huge financial blow is the Wayne-Westland Community Schools which stands to lose \$218 per student in state school aid, about \$3 million, and an additional \$6.8 million in money given to make up for tax millage not used to determine its foundation allowance when Proposal A took effect in 1994.

"I think it's grim for every school district in the state because of the crisis in Michigan," Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

Baracy has been in a wait-and-see mode during the budget talks in Lansing where lawmakers "have a lot on their legislative plate that will be hard to resolve."

"The question is how much can they cut without destroying Michigan's future," he said. "Anything can happen, we'll just have to wait and see when the dust settles."

Staff Writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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Verizon Wireless proposes to construct a 125-foot tall monopole telecommunications tower and equipment compound located at 37550 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. Verizon Wireless invites comments from any interested party regarding the likelihood that the proposed construction would adversely affect historic properties. Comments may be sent to: G2 Consulting Group, LLC Attn. K. Bouchard 1866 Woodslee Drive, Troy, MI 48083.

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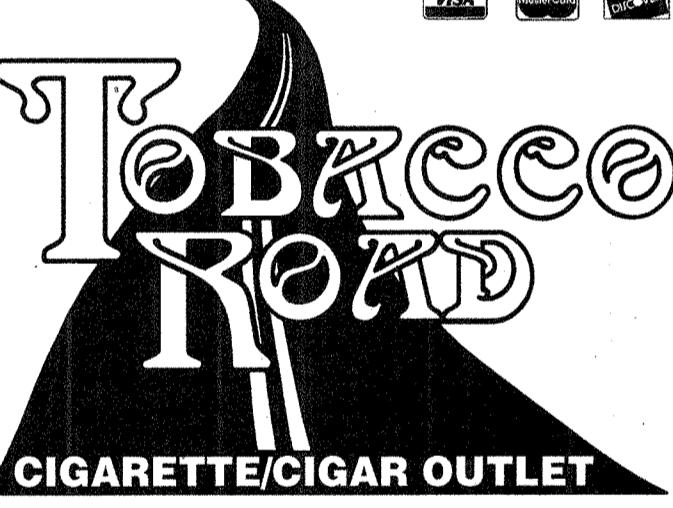
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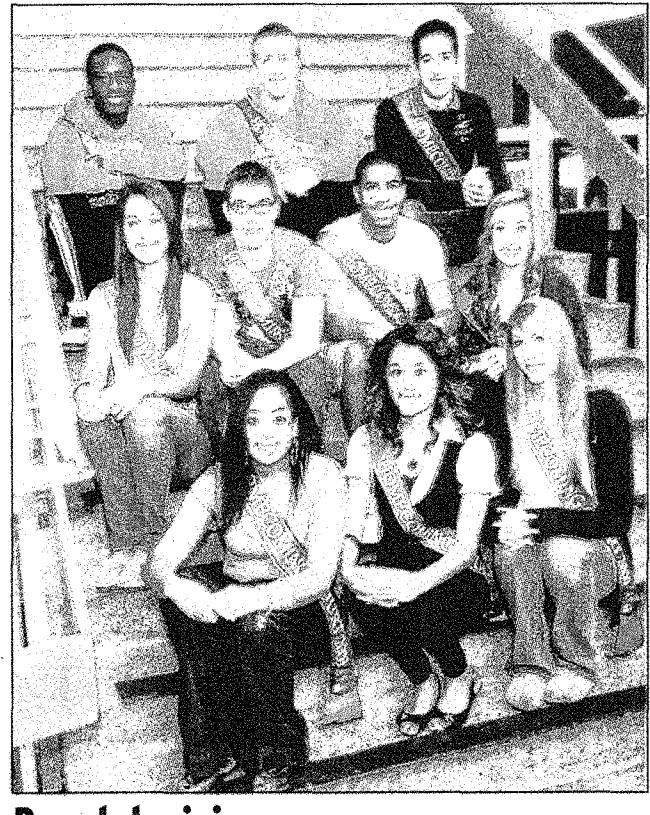
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**Royal decision**

Students at John Glenn High School have the final say as to who will represent them during this weekend's Homecoming festivities. Vying for the honor of king and queen are Skylar Jones (front row, from left), Alejandra Zarate, Briana Domen, Lauren Baker (center row, from left), Justin Walker, Koddy Merritt, Justine Woodward, Maurice Rush (top row, from left), Steven Murphy and Zachary Ernst.

MEHL
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shared revenue, he said, so something needs to be done with the budget immediately. Mehl cites the city budget as a top priority, if he is elected.

"We need to balance the budget and be realistic. Personnel issues will come up; do you go after one area or all the employees as a whole?" Mehl said. "That's what we need it to determine. People say city employees' pay needs to be in line with outside pay but which employees? No one ever answers that."

Bright in Westland, both residential and commercial, needs to be addressed, he said.

"There are a lot of vacant homes. I've been out in the neighborhoods and was stunned at the number of vacant homes on all streets," Mehl said. "The mayor (William Wild) mentioned \$1 million is to be spent in Norwayne. We've prob-

ably spent \$40 million in Community Development Block Grant money there over 30 years and have nothing to show for it."

The Norwayne area needs to be addressed as whole, he said, adding that he has some ideas about how to accomplish that.

"We've got to address it (vacant homes). For years, Dearborn, if the house deteriorated, they demolish it and build a new house. We should be able to do that," he said. "It won't happen overnight but we can address it. Maybe we should start in Norwayne for the people who are taking care their places and get stuck next door to a vacant place."

Regarding commercial property, Mehl said he was concerned about the large number of empty buildings.

"Mayor (William Wild) said that 105 businesses had opened in the past year. If they did, I don't know where at. Some are already closed," Mehl said. "There are over 115 vacant stores and (strip)

malls that I counted. Overall, Westland has become a very diverse community and done pretty well financially but that can't stay."

If the Downtown Development Authority plans work, Mehl said the city could be better off financially.

"I don't see that happening. I don't know why but they just are not pushing the Ford Road corridor enough," he said. "The bad planning started when the city incorporated."

Another concern for Mehl is Central City Park, closed nearly three years due to contamination and awaiting state approval of cleanup plans.

"Eventually that will be redone and open. Who will take care of it then? We don't have enough people to maintain what we have," he said. "Some people on council and the administration will wait until the last minute for something to happen. Why not tell the people what we're up against?"

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HAMMONS
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"One goal would be to work on removal of blight from foreclosed and vacant properties," said Hammons. "I have a real estate background which gives me insight on that. I'd also like to stop depreciating tax values."

Calling for a mandatory registry that would notify the city when buildings become vacant, Hammons said vacant commercial properties also need to be addressed.

"We've got to work on vacant buildings. If we can't find someone to replace the businesses in vacant buildings, we need to work with the owners," he said. "It's a big problem. That's the face of our community. There are a lot of vacant buildings and that can give people negative feelings about the community."

Another goal for Hammons is to work with the city's Economic Development Department to work on more improvements and new development in Westland's downtown area.

"I would also continue to

have a balanced budget, that's one of a number of priorities in the next few years," said Hammons. "I would like a five-year budget plan. We will have to make cuts and adjustments. It will be painful but we need to do it."

In particular, the city needs to address its biggest expense — medical costs for employees and retirees, said Hammons.

"We've got to get those costs in line. Council members are here to protect taxpayers. You won't be liked for it," he said. "A lot of tough decisions will be required. We need to keep taxes where they are. The next council will probably have the toughest job since Westland has been a city."

Westland's strongest assets are very strong police and fire departments, Hammons said, along with other services like Parks and Recreation.

"Our neighborhoods are clean. We have a great DPS (Department of Public Services) — they do a heck of job plowing snow. You see them out in the middle of the night fixing a water main break," he said.

One of the most frequent questions Hammons said he hears campaigning is about

the status of Central City Park, closed nearly three years due to contamination.

"That needs to be resolved. We need to get the park up and running," he said. "I try to stay positive. We have a great city. Westland has a lot of positives."

With his experience on city boards and commissions including the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, Hammons said he is able to work well with others.

"I think the city needs new faces and younger people, some candidates like me who will bring a new perspective to the council," he said. "People are always glad to hear about new faces and new ideas for the city."

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ADAM HAMMONS

Age: 33

Employment: Realtor at RE/MAX Classic in Canton, seven years.

Family: Married to Melissa; son Nolan, 18 months

Education: Graduate of Grand Valley State University, bachelor's degree in political science, economics and history in 2000

Community involvement:

Current chairman of the Westland Planning Commission; former member of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals. Also a member of the Westland Rotary, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Mayor William Wild's Foreclosure Task Force and Westland Mission Green.

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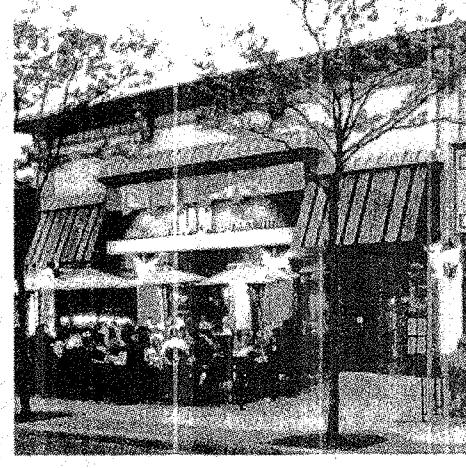
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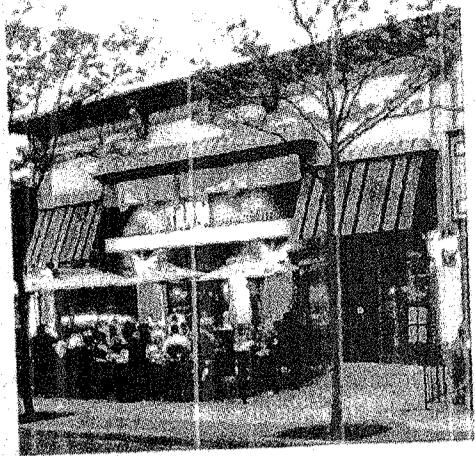
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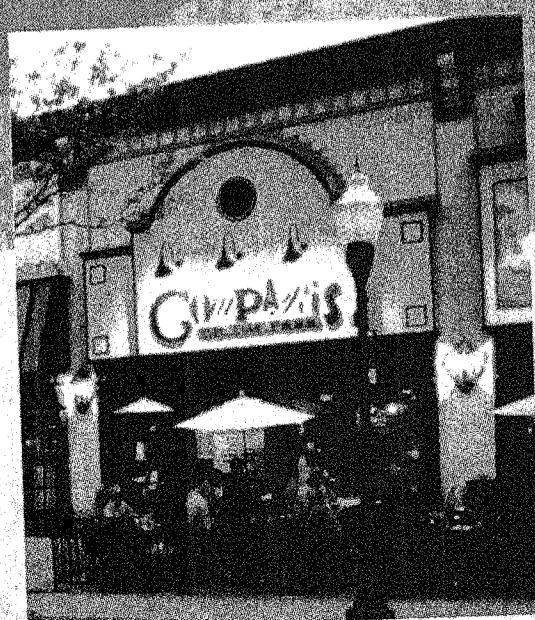
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Accompanied with spicy mango chutney, avocado mousse and wonton crisps. \$12

SMOKED PLATE (Served Cold)

Prepared in house, pepper encrusted hot smoked salmon, cold smoked salmon, White fish and salmon pate. Served with traditional accompaniments. \$14

GRILLED CAJUN PRAWNS

Accompanied with spicy avocado dip, mango chutney and whole grain crème fraîche. \$10

RAW OYSTERS*

One-half dozen. Served with cocktail sauce and horseradish. \$12

CALAMARI

Flash-fried with choice of one of two ways:
San Marzano sauce with cherry peppers, grape tomatoes and Kalamata olives or
Tomato and red onion with a lemongrass citrus butter sauce. \$10

HOUSEMADE BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI

Topped with brown butter, hazelnut and fresh sage. \$9

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MUSSELS

Steamed mussels and Italian sausage in a light tomato wine sauce.

Accompanied with Pommes frites. \$10

SOUP & SALADS

SOUP OF THE DAY Cup \$4 Bowl \$6

SWEET POTATO BISQUE Cup \$4 Bowl \$6

Accompanied with apple relish and spiced crème fraîche

CLASSIC CESAR*

Hand tossed, made to order, with Romaine lettuce, egg, fresh garlic, Parmigiano reggiano cheese, anchovies, olive oil and garlic croutons. \$9

DINNER SALAD

Romaine and leaf lettuce, olives, cucumbers, red onion and Compari dressing
(Tomato and other dressings available upon request). \$6

CRIMSON ROASTED BEET SALAD

Mixed field greens, roasted beets, chevre cakes, toasted almonds
Grapefruit segments and red onion, tossed in a lemon honey vinaigrette \$10

SPINACH SALAD

Baby spinach, bacon, cherry tomatoes, spiced pecans, Gorgonzola cheese
Crispy red onion and egg. Tossed with a roasted shallot vinaigrette \$10

FIAMMA CAPRESE SALAD

Vine ripened tomato, fried eggplant, fresh buffalo mozzarella and balsamic. \$10

WEDGE OF ICEBERG LETTUCE

With garnish of olive tapenade, roasted red pepper, crumbled bacon,

Olive, tomato and bleu cheese dressing. \$8

SANDWICHES

Accompanied with Fruit or Sweet potato fries

GRILLED SALMON CLUB

Apple cured bacon, vine ripened tomato, herb cheese spread,
Roasted shallot glaze and baby spinach. Served on whole grain bread. \$12

CLASSIC PHILLY STEAK SANDWICH

Shaved New York strip, caramelized onions, exotic mushrooms and
White cheddar cream sauce. Served on a fresh French roll. \$12

Fiamma will strive whenever possible to use Michigan
and locally grown products and services.

Fall/Winter 2009-2010 Menu

MEAT

Seasonal menu items change weekly. Subs ordered well done at own risk.

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3 Sub risotto on any dish for an additional \$2

PIEDMONTESSE FILET MIGNON*

All natural. Cut from the heart of the tenderloin.

Topped with Fiamma zip sauce.

Accompanied with Potatoes Au Gratin and caramelized parsnips, carrots and cranberry chutney.

6 oz. Filet... \$23 8 oz. Filet... \$29 10 oz. Filet... \$35

RESERVED BLACK ANGUS NEW YORK STRIP STEAK*

Chosen from the top 5% of choice beef, center of the loin, topped with button mushroom ragu.

Accompanied with brie-fontina Mac & Cheese and ratatouille. \$27

RAISED SHORT RIBS

Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and caramelized parsnips, carrots and cranberry chutney.

Topped with crispy red onions. \$23

COLORADO PRIME LAMB CHOPS*

Marinated and char grilled. Topped with port wine demi.

Accompanied with cream spinach and fennel scented fingerling potatoes. \$26

FIAMMA CHICKEN FLORENTINE

Chicken breast stuffed with a blend of cheeses and spinach. Topped with a cauliflower cream sauce.

Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli florets. \$17

WOODLAND TENDERLOIN

Beef Tenderloin Tips, sautéed with shallots and wild forest mushrooms, roasted red peppers.

Accompanied with Gorgonzola cheese, finished with a touch of truffle oil. Served with risotto cake. \$19

FIAMMA MIXED GRILL

Chef's daily creation. Please ask your server. *Priced Accordingly*

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Sautéed Mushrooms \$4 Creamed Spinach \$5 Potato Gnocchi \$6

Sautéed Hungarian Peppers \$3 Asparagus \$6 Mac & Cheese \$3

FISH & SEAFOOD

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3 Sub risotto on any dish for an additional \$2

LAKE SUPERIOR WALLEYE

Sautéed in a light flour dusting drizzled with our roasted garlic aioli.

Served with long grain, wild rice and toasted orzo, and chef's fresh vegetable. \$19

NORWEGIAN SALMON

Lightly encrusted with dried exotic mushrooms, pan roasted and drizzled with truffle oil.

Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's fresh vegetable. \$19

AHI TUNA* (Sashimi Grade)

Seared rare with an Asian spice rub. Served with ponzu reduction and cucumber wasabi sauce.

Accompanied with fried risotto cake and stir fry vegetable. \$22

AUTUMN SPICED SEA SCALLOPS

Accompanied with creamy pumpkin risotto, Michigan cherries, pine nuts and granny smith apples. \$19

SEAFOOD PAELLA WITH CHICKEN

Lobster, shrimp, clams, bay scallops, chicken breast and chorizo.

Classically prepared with saffron and Arborio rice. \$22

COLD WATER LOBSTER TAILS

Two - 6 oz tails, broiled.

Accompanied with angel hair pasta with lemon butter sauce and chef's fresh vegetable. *Market Price*

Available à la carte or added to any dinner *Market Price*

FRESH CATCH OF THE DAY

Priced Accordingly

PASTA & VEGETARIAN

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3

CHICKEN "CAVATAPPI"

Walnut encrusted chicken breast served over ziti pasta with apple-cured bacon.

Slow-roasted tomatoes, grilled portobellos, shiitake mushrooms, and a smoked gouda cream sauce. \$17

PASTA FIAMMA

Linguini pasta tossed with pan seared scallops, shrimp, shiitake mushrooms, roasted peppers,

Hungarian peppers, in a white sherry wine sauce (spicy). \$22

POTATO GNOCCHI AND PIEDMONTESSE MEDALLIONS

Tossed with exotic mushrooms, shallots and asparagus tips with a sherry wine sauce.

Topped with brie cheese. \$23

ROASTED BEET RICOTTA GNUDDI

Handmade "dumplings" topped with a horseradish cream sauce.

Accompanied with ratatouille and crispy eggplant chips. \$24

TOFU, VEGETABLE AND CASHIWE STIR FRY

Served over a coconut risotto cake. *Vegan friendly* \$14

DESSERTS

HOUSE MADE TIRAMISU

HOUSE MADE CRÈME BRÛLÉE

BANANA & WALNUT CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

*May be cooked to order. NOTICE: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.

**Not recommended for children under 12 months of age.

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Seniors are particularly vulnerable to scams

I recently gave a talk at the West Bloomfield Public Library on scams that affect senior citizens. This is an important topic.

Seniors are not the only ones that become victims of scams, however, it seems that a disproportionate number of them are taken advantage of.

It is important to recognize that with all the changes that have occurred over the last decade in society, it is sometimes harder for seniors to adjust to the pace of change. After all, when most seniors were working on their careers, they didn't have to deal with technology the way workers do today. If you talked about identity theft 15 or 20 years ago, no one would have even known what you were talking about. Today, it's one of the fastest growing crimes in America.

Scams can be divided into two areas. The first is when someone is illegally



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

separating you from your hard-earned money (Bernie Madoff is a perfect example of this). The other that affects seniors is the overselling and the misrepresenting of products. A perfect example of this is long-term care insurance.

Although the product is legal, too many salespeople use aggressive sales tactics and misrepresentations in order to get the sale. Not every senior needs long-term care and even if there is a need, there are ways to purchase it in a cost-effective manner. If a salesperson uses aggressive sale tactics, it is time to walk away.

Another issue I discussed at the seminar was how

life insurance is oversold. What I have seen occur, with seniors in particular, is selling life insurance to cover the cost of burial. I recently saw one ad that was recommending \$50,000 as a form of burial insurance. I don't know about you, but I certainly would not want to spend \$50,000 on a funeral. The bottom line is that insurance policies for burial are oversold.

When it comes to seniors, the greatest scams are in the investment category. Once again, the majority of them are sold by so-called investment advisers, overselling and misrepresenting their products. One of the most oversold products, and one that has seen numerous cases of misrepresentation, is variable annuities. I recommend that most investors avoid variable annuities. They are a legal product and in limited situations make sense.

However, when a financial adviser recommends putting new money into a variable annuity, proceed with extreme caution. These products are stuffed with high fees and are notoriously anti-investor.

Other forms of annuities are also used to take advantage of seniors. Although I like many fixed and equity-indexed annuities, there are many that take advantage of investors. Some fixed and equity-indexed annuities lock up money for 15-20 years with harsh penalties if you terminate before that time period. If you're going into a fixed or equity-indexed annuity, I recommend committing to a five- to seven-year maximum.

Another area I believe seniors are more susceptible to scams than other is taxes. My experience has been that if you want to fool a senior, tell them you have an invest-

ment that will lower his/her taxes. Because the scam artist is aware that seniors are overly focused on taxes, they develop many products that they claim are tax-efficient.

The issue is not taxes, but rather what ends up in your pocket. Just because you lower taxes doesn't mean you have more money in your pocket. If someone approaches you with an investment product and the main selling point is it will save on taxes, look elsewhere.

In our ever-changing world, it gets more and more difficult to protect ourselves from scams. The Internet has opened a whole new opportunity for scam artists. It would be nice if the government had the resources to protect us, but it does not. The reality is that seniors have to rely on themselves.

The way to do so is to always check things out independently. If you cannot

check something out independently, do not be afraid to walk away. If you're buying a product such as a long-term care policy, always get competitive bids from a number of different companies.

Never invest in anything that you don't understand. One thing investors should have learned over the last year is that there is something nice about keeping things simple. When investors get involved in exotic investments they don't understand, they increase the risk of being taken advantage of. To minimize risk and better protect yourself, don't be afraid to keep things simple. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monney matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN, AND THE USERS OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, t 933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), in one or more series for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the City's sanitary sewer system, including but not limited to rehabilitation of sewer lines and sanitary sewer manholes to minimize excessive flows in the City's sanitary sewer system, together with all necessary interests in land, rights of way and all appurtenances and attachments therefore (the "Project").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE solely from the revenues received by the City from the operations of the water and sewer system. Said revenues will consist of rates and charges for sewer service that may from time to time be revised to provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of operating and maintaining the system, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and to pay other obligations of the system.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates not to exceed two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY, 36601 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185, WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Eileen DeHart, City Clerk
City of Westland

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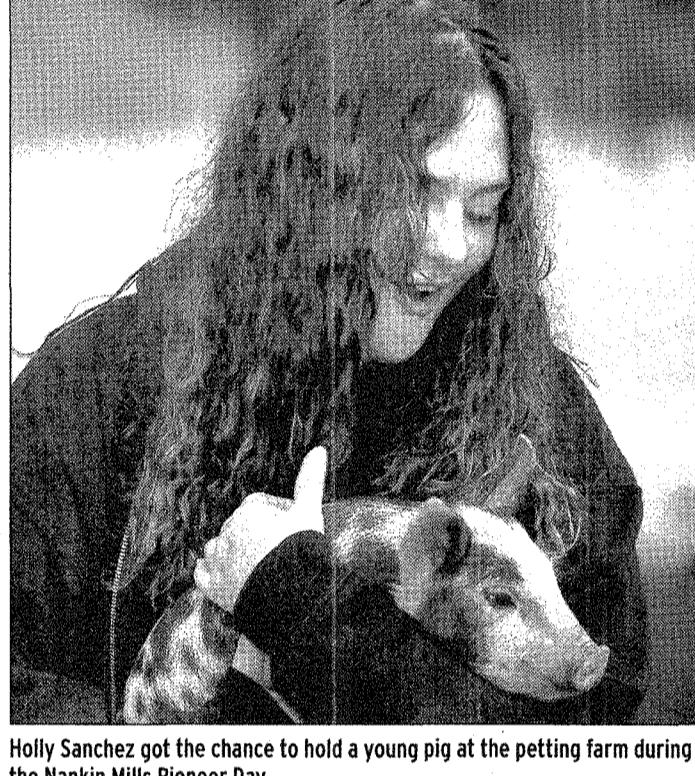
Picks and Sticks string band - Michael Gleason on the fiddle, Susan Gleason on the bass and Morgan Humecky on the guitar - provided period entertainment for the crowd.

Pioneer Day brings Michigan's past alive

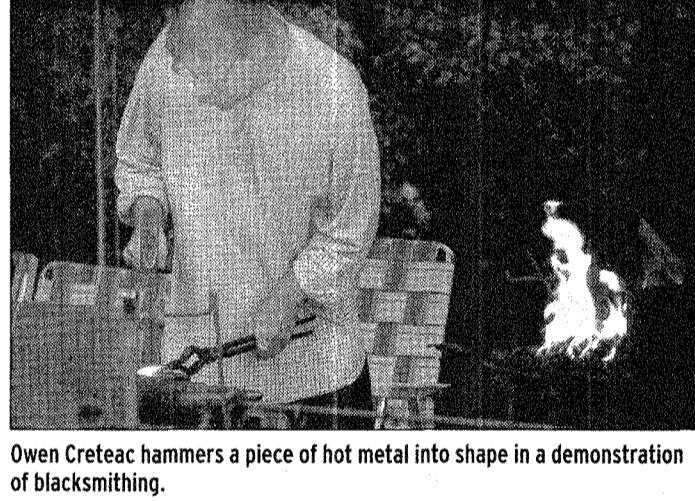
The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland was a buzz with activity Saturday as Wayne County Parks and Friends of Nankin Mills presented their annual 2009 Family Pioneer Day.

Pioneer Day has been a parks tradition for more than 10 years and is an outdoor event designed to promote Michigan's cultural history during the 1800s. Held at the historic mill, there were activities, games, and crafts to take youngsters and adults back in time.

There were period trade demonstrations, such as blacksmithing, wool spinning, leather crafting, basket, barrel and broom making, pewter casting and weaving as well as music by an old-time string band Picks and Sticks.



Holly Sanchez got the chance to hold a young pig at the petting farm during the Nankin Mills Pioneer Day.



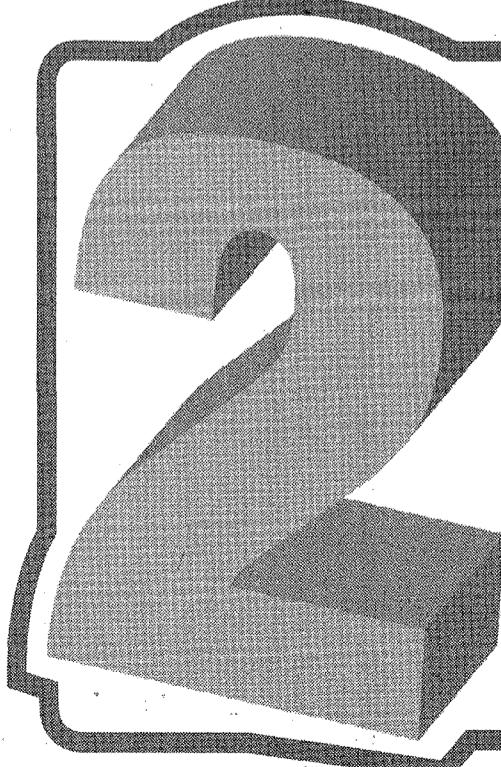
Owen Creteac hammers a piece of hot metal into shape in a demonstration of blacksmithing.

Youngsters also were treated to train rides and a petting farm. An Erie Canal boat captain storyteller also told tales of Michigan's once bustling

lumber and fur trades.

Families also got to try their hand at such games as hoop and stick races, the game of graces and tug of war.

Got Game?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk for Melanoma

The fourth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11, at Kensington Metropark. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the walk/run will begin at 11 a.m. Register online at www.melanomawalk.org. Click on First Giving. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

Harvest dinner

The annual Harvest Dinner at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne will be 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the church, 3 Town Square across from the Wayne Post Office, Wayne. A complete turkey dinner, including beverage and dessert costs \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12. Carry-outs will be available. There also will be a bake sale, crafts, silent auction for a quilt, Rada Cutlery and "That's My Pan" fund-raiser. For more information, call (734) 721-4801.

Earth Angels

Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9-12, with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare. For more information, go online to www.earthangelsontour.org or send an e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net.

Mom-to-Mom

The Livonia Family YMCA will host a Mom-to-Mom Sale on Sunday, Oct. 11; early bird sale is at 1 p.m. with a \$2 admission; general sale is from 2-5 p.m., with a \$1 admission. Large item room available. Strollers welcome after 3:30 p.m. Bake sale, hot dogs, refreshments. All proceeds to benefit the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign. The Livonia YMCA is located at 14255 Stark Rd., just north of Schoolcraft, in Livonia.



Wish You Were Here

Kaylin Girard, Kelsey Hill, Natasha Zahor, Andrew Hthiy, Baileigh Westbrook, Caitlyn Halliwell, Ivan Zahor and Dorothy Zahor joined Deb Zahor pose with their hometown newspaper, the Observer, while on vacation in Port Austin with Deb Zahor of Garden City. 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.

Anniversary

St. Damian is celebrating 50 years of having St. Damian School and more than 50 years of being part of the Westland community with its fall festival 2-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. The festival will feature live music by Steve King and the Ditties on Saturday and the Polish Dukes on Sunday. There will be casino games and bingo, games for the kids, bouncers and inflatables, 50/50 drawings, tin can alley, grand raffle drawing, bake sale and more. There also will be a baked pasta dinner, catered by Vintage Market, on Saturday and a Polish dinner, catered by Halina's, on Sunday. St. Damian is at 30055 Joy. For more information, visit the church Web site at www.stdamian.com or call (734) 421-6130.

Mom 3 Mom sale

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is hosting a Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City. Tables are \$15 for a 6-footer, \$20 for an 8-footer and \$5 for rack space (must provide your own). There will also be a large item area with 10 percent

of the profits going to Willow Creek. Call Rhonda at 735-3578 to rent a table.

Spaghetti Dinner

The W2 Chapter of Wayne is holding a spaghetti dinner benefit for the Penickton Center for Blind Children 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. The cost is \$7 per person and \$3 for children age 10 and under. Those under age 3 are free. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a bake sale. For tickets call Bob and Nancy Natter at (734) 421-8520 or by e-mail at Rnatter@comcast.net and Claire Belkowski at (734) 522-9581 or by e-mail at cruiseahoy@yahoo.com.

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 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 Ann Arbor, 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

The St. Dunstan's Annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. There will be more than 40 tables of crafters/vendors. Cash-and-carry items will be available.

Admission is only \$1 which includes a free raffle ticket for the door prizes. Bake sale, snacks and food will be available for purchase throughout the show. There also will be hourly 50/50 drawings for a cash prize in addition to the door prize raffle of items donated by all the vendors and crafters. All proceeds will be donated to the newly created St. Dunstan School Scholarship Fund.

St. Dunstan is at 1515 Belton St., south of Ford, west of Inkster Road in Garden City. For more information or table availability, e-mail Sherryll at vendorshow@gmail.com.

• Crafters are wanted for a Christmas Fantasy Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, sponsored by St. Sebastian's Ste. Anne Society. For table rentals, call Charmaine at (313) 278-1266. Vendors also are wanted for

• St. Sebastian's Vendor Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. For table rental, call Michelle at (313) 562-2835.

• Crafters are needed for St. Damian's annual fall arts and craft show that will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in the gym and community room, 30055 Joy, Westland. For more information or an application, call the parish office at (734) 421-6130.

• St. Theodore Church will hold a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 in the social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be 75 crafters, hourly 50/50 raffle, large raffle, bake sale, food and bev-

erages. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

• 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.

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.tsia.higherrockcafe4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Senior fitness

Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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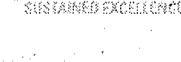
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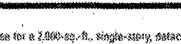
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 GANNETT

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Let voice be heard: Register to vote

The November general election is a little more than a month away, and for the residents of Westland, this year's city election is an important one.

Eight candidates are vying for four seats that will be filled in the election, three of which were filled by Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering and Robert Stottmeyer who have decided not to seek re-election. Who will win those seats will depend on voters and what they want for the city going forward. No matter how the election turns out, the makeup of the council will change dramatically come Jan. 1.

If residents want to be a part of the decision-making process, they have to be registered to vote. That's why we're offering this heads-up: The deadline for registering for the November election is Monday, Oct. 5.

Voting is one of the most cherished and fundamental rights in our country. It's guaranteed by the 15th amendment to the U.S. Constitution and for women, by the 19th amendment. Whether you're 18 or 80 and capable of voting, make an effort to vote in the November election.

There's no excuse for not registering. You can do it at City Clerk Eileen DeHart's office in Westland City Hall, at the county clerk's office or by visiting any Michigan Secretary of State branch office where you can get a license plate or driver's license and register to vote at the same time. You can even use your computer to download a voter registration form on the Michigan Secretary of State Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

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Millions of people registered to vote to make a difference at the national level in the 2008 Presidential Election. Now's your chance to make a difference at the city level by voting on Nov. 3. If you're registered to vote, we urge you to be a part of the process. If you aren't registered, we urge you to do it now. You can get more information by calling the clerk's office at (734) 467-3187 or by sending an e-mail to clerkofc@cityofwestland.com, or better yet, stop by City Hall. It's on Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

Many times people voice the complaint that they have no say in government. They do have a voice and the way to be heard is by voting. Nothing would make DeHart happier than to report that 100 percent of the city's registered voters went to the polls on election day.

We plan to vote on Nov. 3. How about you?

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

• What people need to know

Council meetings are "business meetings" - NOT "public forums." They shouldn't allow any comments at all - unless they are specifically on the agenda that night. That would take care of all the BS, questions on what can/cannot be said, and wanna-be movie stars.

The audience at this forum needs to know that Council members can not cut taxes or offer tax incentives. Tax incentives can only come from the county or state governments. The only taxes the city can adjust are the pension funds and water rates. By the way, 80 percent of all residents received a tax cut last year and will get another this year because of declining property values. Just look at your last 2 bills.

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1, or risk shutting government down, we will once again have a front row seat to what this mistake, called term-limits helped produced.

So, here is the deal: If you are not convince that term-limits have not produced the desired results, pay attention to how the governor and Legislature resolve their constitutional responsibility to balance the state budget.

If you like the outcome, I say we stick with term limits. If you dislike the results, it is time we admit our collective mistake and try to repeal term limits in the state Constitution. We need to help repair the damage that inexperience has wrought on our great state.

Tom Watkins, a former state superintendent of schools and mental health director, is an education and business consultant in the US and China. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the Lions can win another game?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



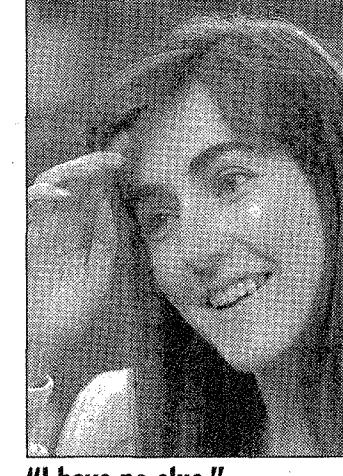
"This doesn't seem like the year. They might turn around in the middle of the season, but only time will tell."

Tamarera Walker
Westland

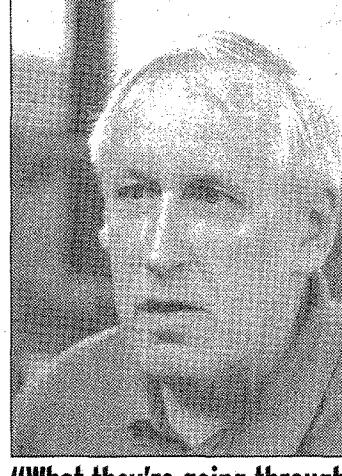


"I have faith; I don't know how much, but I have faith. Within the next couple of weeks they'll have a win."

Carol Carpenter
Southgate



"I have no clue."
Maria Warner
Livonia



"What they're going through ... I don't think this is good for the players and the owners should commit suicide."
Charles Beardsell
Westland

LETTERS

Concerned about America

America, what does it mean to you? Do you respect it or do you tear its name down daily? Do you cherish the freedoms it has given to you or are you ungrateful? Do you care about it or are you too self-absorbed to make a difference? Do you worry about the way it's falling or are you ignoring the issues in the country around you?

Well, I'm not willing to sit around and let my country crumble. So it may not make much of a difference to many but, if it makes a difference to one person, I'll have accomplished something. So here's my concerns for our country as a 16-year-old proud American.

America
*Our country's morals,
Are falling apart.
True patriotism has fallen,
From many hearts.
We used to salute,
And respect the flag.
Yet now some treat it,
As a useless rag.
"The Star Spangled Banner,"
Is our country's song.
If asked to sing it,
It's often sung wrong.
Sadly people buy,
Foreign products every day.
True devotions to our country,
Is quickly drifting away.
Our once strong government,
Is starting to be corrupt.
We need to fix this,
And do so abrupt.
American families,
Are filled with doubt.
They have forgotten,
What America's about.
How can our great country,
Be falling so far?
Have our citizens forgotten,
What convictions are?*

Janell Evans
Westland

Protect America's Arctic

America's Arctic Ocean is home to abundant life - polar bears, walruses, ice seals, whales, the Inuit people and much more. It is a treasure that has been part of our national heritage for generations.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has pledged to make wise decisions based on sound scientific principles. Along with hundreds of thousands of Americans, I recently urged Secretary Salazar to reconsider the Bush administration's foolhardy rush to drill in our only Arctic ecosystems.

Secretary Salazar must continue his commitment to wise decisions based on sound science and come up with a rigorous plan for America's Arctic that will ensure its survival.

David Lopez
Westland

Speak up for animals

Finally, animals have a political voice in Michigan. Humane Voters of Michigan (HVM), a nonprofit organization formed as a political action committee, works to support pending humane legislation in Michigan and supports humane candidates for public office.

To be effective, HVM has to have a large voter base who are willing to vote for good candidates and write their representatives about pending legislation. HVM will publish a scorecard every year on candidates' voting records on animal issues.

HVM encourages Michiganders to write to their senators and representatives to support a bill to stop cruel gas chambers as a way of euthanizing shelter animals (HB 4263), support a bill to end the practice of selling shelter animals to testing labs (HB 4663), support a bill to allow animals on factory farms enough room to turn around in their cages (HB 5127), and oppose a bill to allow factory farms to police themselves (HB 5128/SB 654).

Those who want to get involved or sign

an online petition to ban the chaining of dogs can go to www.humanevoters-mi.org.

William McMullin
Lansing

Is McCotter afraid?

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has been busy this summer. According to his official Web site, he gave not less than 29 media interviews during July and August, primarily to right-wing media outlets. He was so busy "preaching to the choir," he just never found the time to hold a single town hall meeting — not one — for the people in his district. Apparently he would much rather talk to people who are not his constituents, instead of the people he was elected to represent.

It's no wonder, though. As chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, McCotter holds the fourth-highest leadership position in the House GOP minority. He's been working his way up the party ladder for years now. He won't let a little thing like "listening to his constituents" get in the way of his ambition, even when he claims "I Work For You" on every letter he sends (on the taxpayer's dime) to the people of his district.

McCotter is not working for you or me when he refuses to hold an open, unscripted, unscripted discussion of any kind for the people of his district. His so-called "telephone town halls" just don't fit the bill. Even John Dingell had the courage to meet face to face with the angry, vocal minority in an open forum. Not McCotter; he'd rather listen to the voice-mail messages of a handpicked selection of voters. What is he afraid of?

McCotter denied you the chance to speak to him in an open forum. Remember this in 2010. We need a representative in Congress who won't "phone in" his obligations to the people he represents.

Matt Macchiarolo
Lyon Township

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Get into art at new Plymouth studio

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When it comes to art, kids who are "into it" are finding a new outlet in downtown Plymouth.

Intuit Art Studios, which opened on Wing Street last month, offers private and group art classes in different mediums for kids and adults.

Owner Katra Stubblefield, 29, was inspired to open her shop to share her holistic approach to teaching.

"There is a wonderful pleasure I receive from watching my students glow with pride as they learn more not just about art techniques, but about themselves," she said.

Intuit Art Studio is stocked with all kinds of materials, from paints, pastels and wax to pencils, ink and clay.

Stubblefield refuses to pick a favorite.

"I literally love it all," she said. "I enjoy welding, I enjoy doing sculpture. I work in all mediums — painting, jewelry, drawing. I can't pick that's why I don't pick," she said.

Most of her art classes are mixed medium, and tie in a theme. In A Lovely Mess, moms and tots drop in to play with all the materials in the studio for an hour together. In the popular Anime Club, students learn to illustrate in the Anime and Manga cartoon style.

In Art Inventions, kids visualize an invention, write about it, then bring it to life through canvas or clay. It's an example of how Stubblefield aims to teach more than art.

"A large part of what I teach is synchronicity," she said. "I believe teaching art while teaching history and science for example, is imperative for young minds to grasp just how connected the world is. For example, if we're learning how to draw the eye I teach them how the eye sees and how it works so they can draw it better."

Her method of instruction works particularly well in a unique Home School Art Class she teaches for children ages 5-12 on Wednesday mornings.

"In this class there is even more of an emphasis on other topics such as archeology or weather and how they fuse together with art projects," she explained.

GROWING UP WITH ART

Stubblefield grew up outside of Montpelier, Vermont. At age 16, she moved with her family to downtown Plymouth so her father could expand his business as a Japanese Landscape Garden Designer.

"I grew up surrounded by art. As a child my parents always put a special emphasis on the importance of art and how it ties in to the rest of life," she said.

After graduating from Plymouth High School in 1998, Stubblefield studied Fine Art at

Eastern Michigan University. She has exhibited work at galleries in Plymouth and Northville, and does paintings and murals on commission. She also taught classes for five years at Awakening the Artist Within in Northville, where she had a large following.

"Adults would come and they would bring desserts and wine and cheese and whatever," she said. "It was relaxation while they were learning art."

As the economy picks up, Stubblefield said she hopes to see more adults enroll at her new studio, but so far children and teen art classes are most popular.

Meredith Yancy, 14, of Plymouth, has taken several classes with "Miss Katra." Currently she's in the Friday night Anime Club.

"My favorite thing to do is marker pieces. In the beginning I wasn't very good at them and I look back and see how I've gotten better," Yancy said, adding that Stubblefield is honest with her criticism.

"She's really nice about it though," she said. "If there's something wrong she shows you how

INTUIT ART STUDIOS

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Classes for Children: Home School Art Class, 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, Oct. 7-28; Wax On, A Lovely Mess, Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., ongoing; Independent High School Study, 3-4:30 p.m. Fridays, ongoing; Anime Club, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fridays, ongoing.

Classes for Adults: Vivacious Watercolor, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 3-Dec. 15; Independent Study, 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, ongoing; Drawing Basics, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 5-Dec. 17.

Contact: (734) 730-1624; intuitartstudios.com; intuitartmail@gmail.com

to fix it."

FILLING THE GAP

Stubblefield said the demand for classes at private studios is growing as more schools cut back on art classes.

"High schools, middle school and even elementary schools are dropping off art," she said. "I hear parents say they might have the art teacher come in with their art cart, or do a crafty project once a week. It's ridiculous. Art is fundamental to human nature. It's a way that people can express everything they see. It kind of unifies everything else a kid learns."

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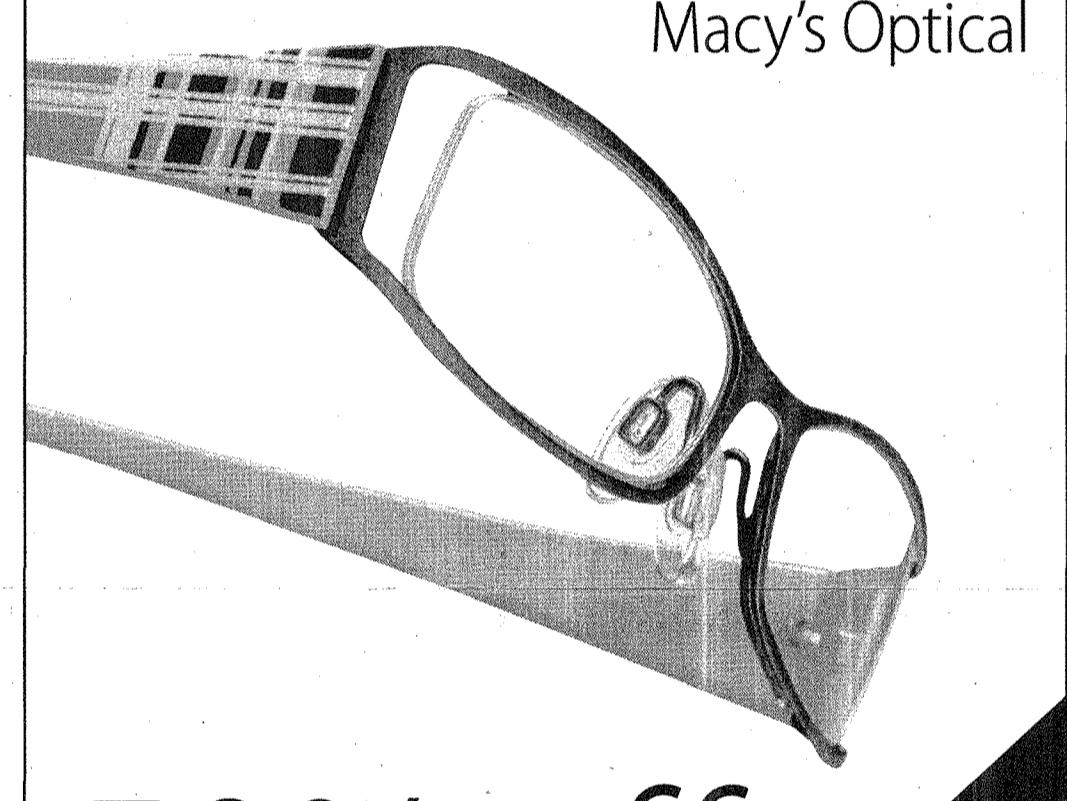
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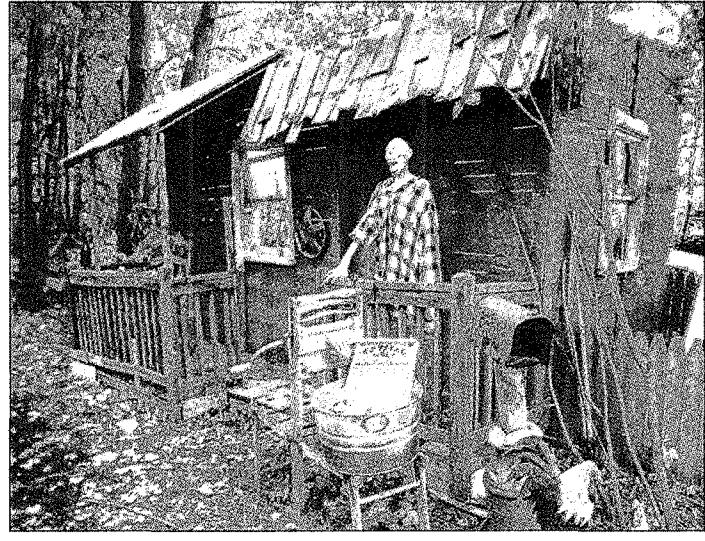
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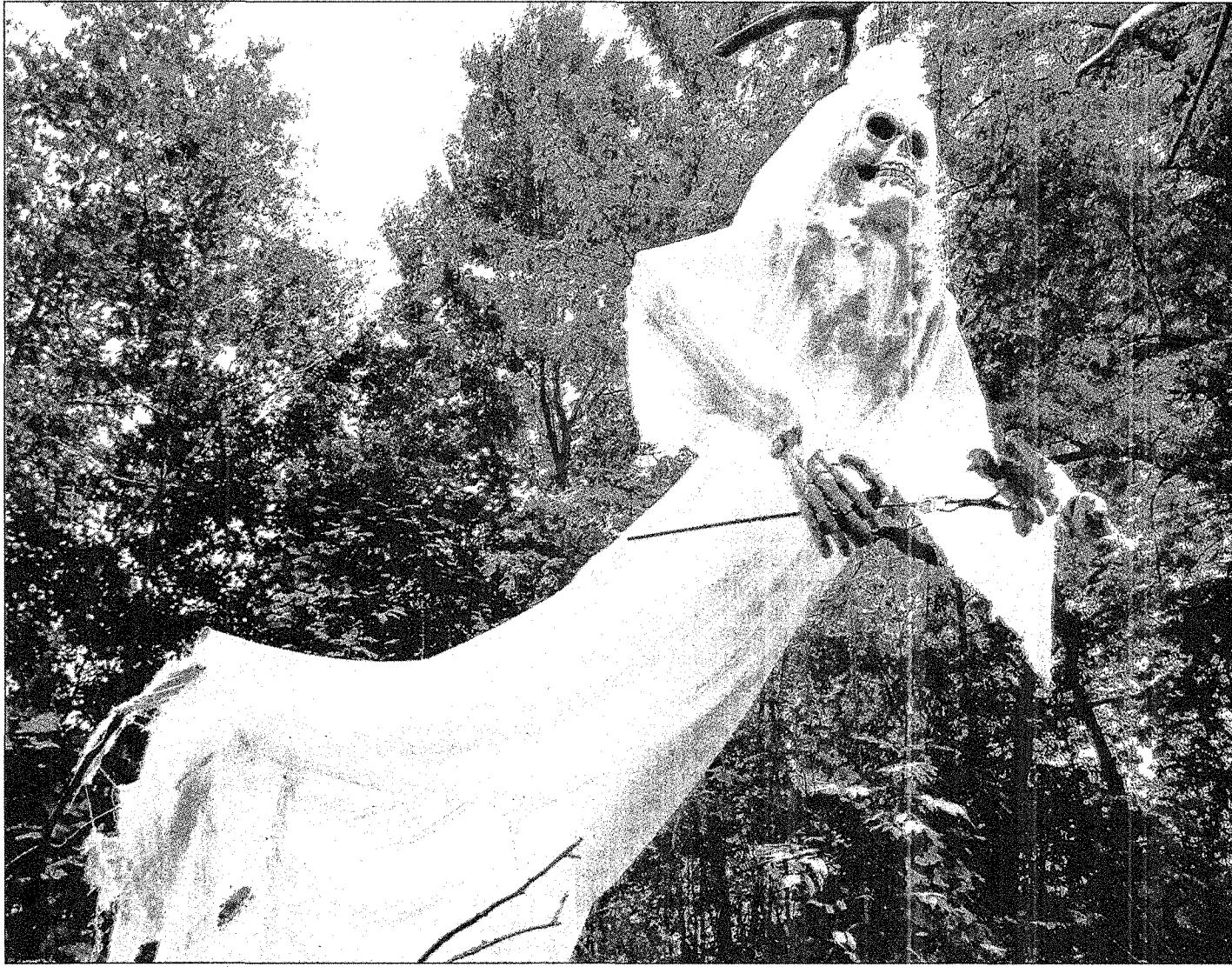
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This part of the Haunted Hallow is called the Hillbilly House and it's a lot scarier on a dark night.



Spook-tacular

VFW post's Haunted Hallows has plenty to scream about

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mike Rokita estimates it takes 30-45 minutes to go through the Haunted Hallows.

"It depends on how fast they run," said Rokita, commander of VFW Post No. 9885 which is sponsoring the fifth annual haunted house beginning Friday.

Spread out over a wooded 5 acres, the Haunted Hollows starts with a hayride through what the Haunted Hallows crew refers to as the Hillbilly House, a much scarier pumpkin patch than the one in which Linus awaited the Great Pumpkin and new this year, an old barn.

"There are monsters that ride around — no one gets off the

wagon," Rokita said. The wagon ride goes about halfway into the woods, then the trip continues on foot through various spooky attractions, such as the cemetery, the enchanted forest, a mine shaft and funeral parlor. Look out for werewolves and other monsters, even Michael Myers from the *Halloween* movies. There is also a circus with creepy clowns and a corn maze. Pretty scary stuff.

"I've had five-year-olds come through — it all depends on

the kid. I will not let a kid go through if they are crying," Rokita said. "There are no refunds once they start. If they get too scared, we will escort them out safely."

The faint of hearts and other visitors can get some refreshment at the Killer Cafe concession stand and sit around a bonfire. "A lot of people will stay so they can see the expression on other people's faces as they come out," Rokita said. "It just gets bigger each year. Each area has

different sounds. It's really scary at night. I think people get their money's worth."

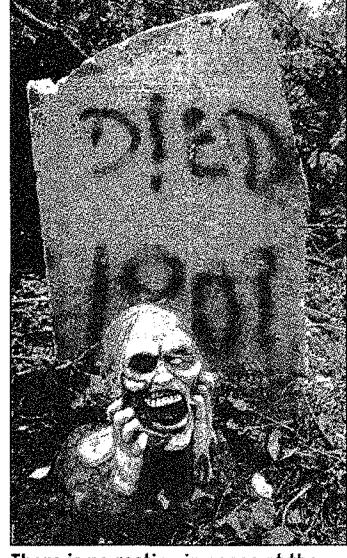
The Haunted Hallows is a big event for the VFW Post, located on Hix between Warren and Ford in Westland. Proceeds from the event benefit veterans charities.

"There are 10 of us here daily working on it from mid-July until we open. We're all volunteers," Rokita said. "We need a minimum 42 volunteers working each night but 60 people

is nice. Some of the guys, their wives and girlfriends will help out. Sometimes we even have some kids."

The Haunted Hallows is open dusk to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31 and dusk to 10 p.m. Sundays though Nov. 1, weather permitting. The cost is \$15 per person with group rates available in advance. Call (734) 536-3651 for more information.

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There is no resting in peace at the cemetery at the Haunted Hallows, sponsored by VFW Post 9885.

All kinds of ghosts, goblins and monsters are featured at the Haunted Hallows, sponsored by VFW Post 9885, which is open weekends through Nov. 1. Enter if you dare.

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Pets parade in Halloween Walk

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Get out your finest pet costumes and dress your pet.

Get prepared to have oodles of fun at the second annual Halloween Costume Parade for Pets and their Owners.

The event is from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Garden City Park's Main Pavilion.

The park is located at Cherry Hill and Merriman.

The event is co-sponsored by the Garden City Office of Veterinary Centers of America.

"Join us for an awesome afternoon as you parade your pet in costume, trick or treating on the walking path in Garden City Park," said Cheryl Stepanian, director of the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. "Various pet vendors and retailers will be set up along the path giving treats to the pets and information to pet owners. After the walk we will have prizes for the best pet costumes."

Food, beverages, apple cider and doughnuts will be available to purchase. There will be free face painting and music.

"There will be fun for the whole family," she said. "Bring your camera for photos."

The path will be almost a mile long.

"However, you do not have to walk 2/8 of a mile to experience the event," she said.

The fee is \$10 per pet in advance. Register at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, west of Merriman. The fee is \$12 per pet the day of the event.

The event rules include:

- All pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet.
- Pets must be kept under control at all times
- No animals in heat.
- Do not bring aggressive or timid animals.
- Owners must clean up after their pet.
- No inline skating, bicycles or skate boards.
- No obscene costumes. "This is a family event," Stepanian said.
- No costumes that are dangerous to pets.
- One pet per person.
- All participants must fill out proper paper work.
- No vulgar language.

"We reserve the right to refuse entry to animals or owners whose health, or behavior could pose a danger to themselves or others," Stepanian said. For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

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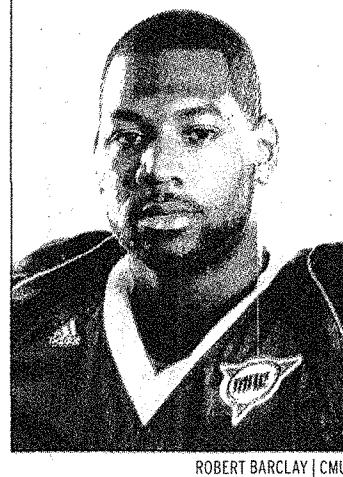
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Williams helps put CMU on college grid map



Sam Williams is a key player for the CMU football squad this season.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After starting 23 straight games for the Central Michigan University football team, Sam Williams was forced to play spectator Sept. 19 against visiting Alcorn State.

That's because the 6-foot-3, 241-pound senior defensive end from Westland John Glenn High suffered a lower body injury late in the game during the Chippewas' last-second 29-27 win the previous week at Michigan State.

As it turned out, Williams wasn't needed as the Chippewas rolled past Alcorn State, 41-0.

But after sitting out, Williams felt a huge void.

"It was awful not to be able to do anything

and not be a part of the game," Williams said. "It was tough to watch my teammates go to battle without me. But maybe it was good because it helped me refocus and rekindle my love for the game."

Williams played sparingly in last week's 46-21 Mid-American Conference win over Akron, but he has declared himself fit and ready to go this Saturday in another test on the road, this time against defending MAC champion Buffalo.

Williams, who has six solo tackles and two assists this season, is one of the unsung players on a CMU team that is off to a 3-1 start.

When quizzed if knocking off Michigan State was his greatest moment in college football, Williams took the upset victory in stride.

"It was jubilation to celebrate with my

teammates for sure, but we expected to win," Williams said. "When you play hard, you expect to win. It's a product of the hard work you put in."

"I'd have to say number one still is the two MAC titles I've been a part of."

In 2008, Williams started 10 games and ranked second on the team in both tackles for loss and sacks. He made a career-high six tackles against Eastern Illinois, and registered five tackles, including 2.5 sacks, against Buffalo.

Williams also had his first career interception that led to a touchdown against Northern Illinois before posting a pair of sacks and forcing a fumble in the 24-21 Motor City Bowl loss to Florida Atlantic at Detroit's Ford Field.

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Chargers runners-up at Bedford

Livonia Churchill turned in a productive performance during Saturday's Temperance Bedford Invitational.

The Chargers posted six wins, including victories over pair of state-ranked opponents, before losing to the host Kicking Mules in the championship match, 25-

10, 25-22.

PREP VOLLEYBALL Churchill (28-4 overall) reached the finals with elimination-round wins over Canton (25-22, 25-16) and Lapeer East (25-10, 25-22).

In power pool play, Churchill defeated state-ranked Bedford (27-26, 25-23) and Carleton-Airport (25-23, 23-25, 15-12). The Chargers also defeated Mason (25-12, 25-18) and Farmington (25-21, 25-23).

Junior setter Cory Urbats had a

Please see CHARGERS, B2



Clock watching

John Glenn swimmer Casey Peterson checks her time after winning the 50-yard freestyle in Tuesday's KLAA South Division dual meet victory over rival Wayne Memorial. See story and results on page B3.

MU women's golfers make history

The Madonna University women's golf team made program history by winning its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship and a bid to the NAIA National Championships in May 2010 in Rapid City, S.D.

The Crusaders led wire-to-wire in the WHAC Jamboree, finishing 26 shots ahead of Indiana Tech in the overall race for the crown.

MU placed runner-up to Aquinas College in the final WHAC Jamboree of the season, which started Monday at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course and finished Tuesday at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

Aquinas placed first with a two-day total of 368-349-717 to MU's 370-359-729.

Rounding out the WHAC field was Indiana Tech (730), Davenport (757), Cornerstone (831), Concordia (874) and Siena Heights (did not finish).

Junior Sara Simnitch (Swartz Creek) led the way for MU by finishing fourth with 86-81-167, followed by sophomore Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), tied for 10th (94-90-184); freshman Michelle Hall (Flushing), tied for 12th (94-91-185); Caitlin Steele (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child), tied for 15th (96-97-193); and Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), 24th (104-101-205).

The Crusaders wrap up the fall season this week-



Members of the first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University women's golf team include (from left): head coach Scott Marzolino, Caitlin Steele, Sara Simnitch, Chelsea Bathurst, Michelle Hall, Mariel Meyers and assistant coach Charlie Suder.

end at the Ohio Dominican Invitational starting Friday in Columbus.

Men's team rules Jamboree

In WHAC Jamboree No. 5 held at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course, the Madonna University men tied Cornerstone for first with identical four-player totals of 318.

Rounding out the field was Davenport and Indiana Tech, 324 each; Aquinas, 329; Concordia and Siena Heights, 357 each.

Andy Myers (Westland

John Glenn), a freshman from Siena Heights, was individual medalist with 3-over 75.

MU finishers included James Uelmen, tied for second (77); Brett Quitiquit, tied for fourth (78); Kyle Lawrey, tied for 12th (81); Steve South (Livonia Franklin), tied for 15th (81); Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), tied for 24th (86); and Nick Sears, tied for 27th (87).

Last weekend, MU tied for third in the 12-team Bethel College Pilot Invitational at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Ind.

Marian (Ind.) took first with a two-day total of 296-290-586, followed by Huntington (Ind.), 304-295-599; Ohio Dominican, 305-299-604; and Madonna, 304-300-604.

Lucko led the way in second with 76-68-144 followed by Uelmen, tied for 15th (71-81-152); Sears, tied for 24th (78-77-155); South, tied for 28th (80-76-156); and Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin), tied for 39th (79-79-158).

Marian's Trey Pfund was individual medalist with 73-69-142.

Dushkaj's hat trick lifts Clarenceville

Ardit Dushkaj recorded his second hat trick within a week and added an assist Tuesday to propel Livonia Clarenceville to a 4-1 Metro Conference boys soccer victory over host Hamtramck.

The visiting Trojans also got a goal from freshman Ian Bunker, his first in a Clarenceville uniform, and an assist from Jimmy Moody.

Mike Schiffman performed solidly between the pipes to as Clarenceville improves to 7-3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Metro.

PLY. CHRISTIAN 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: On Tuesday, a pair of goals in the first half and one more in the second by visiting

BOYS SOCCER (4-5-1, 2-5-1)

proved too much for Lutheran Westland (4-5-3, 2-5-2) to overcome in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division matchup..

Despite outshooting the Eagles 23-11, Gage Flanery netted Lutheran Westland's only goal in the second half with an assist from Trevor Sultana.

"We had our opportunities, but we just couldn't find the back of the net," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Even so, I was pleased with the way my boys played. We're playing with more cohesion and communication on the field and displaying a better attitude overall. If we continue to play like that, and be able to finish better, I like our chances later in the (state) tournament."

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, SUMMIT 1: In a non-conference match Monday, host Lutheran High Westland (4-4-3) and Romulus Summit Academy (11-3-2) battled to a draw.

The Warriors' Gage Flanery scored in the first half off an assist from Kent Krzyseks, but Summit answered with a goal early in the second half.

Goalkeeper Nick Andrijewski played solidly between the pipes for the Warriors.



SIDELINES

Austin lifts MU

Five different players scored Saturday as the Madonna University women's soccer team rolled to a 5-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Concordia University at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin) notched her third goal of the season and assisted on two others as the Crusaders snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 3-7 overall and 2-3 in the WHAC.

Other MU goal scorers included Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), Katie Kozlowski, Jaclyn Ventimiglia and Trisha Bender.

Other assists went to Ellen O'Rear, Chelsea Shrewsbury, Nicole Rodriguez and Hess.

MU goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) made two saves en route to the shutout.

The Cardinals, who trailed 2-0 at halftime, fell to 2-6 overall and 0-5 in the WHAC.

Collegiate notes

• Alma College junior libero Stephanie Bradshaw (Livonia Churchill) was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Specialty Player of the Week for the first time in her volleyball career.

Bradshaw racked up 63 digs (7.0 per set) in three MIAA matches for the week as Alma posted a 2-1 record.

She had 27 digs in helping the Scots (6-8, 3-3) post a four-set victory over Trine (Ind.) University, and added 22 digs in a loss to Calvin College.

• The Saint Mary's (Ind.) women's cross country team finished fourth in Saturday's MIAA jamboree as freshman Julia Kenney (Livonia Ladywood) improved upon her 5-kilometer time from the previous week in 19 minutes, 44 seconds, good enough for 22nd individually.

Livonia Turkey Trot

The fourth annual Livonia Turkey Trot, sponsored by the city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be Saturday, Nov. 7, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Registration will be at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The fee is \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children ages 3-17). Included in the fee is a T-shirt, drink and snack. (T-shirt not guaranteed if registering the day of the event).

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

MU softball alums

The annual Madonna University Softball Alumni Game will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at University Field.

All softball alums are encouraged to attend the picnic and meet the 2010 edition of the Crusaders.

Any alums planning to attend are asked to RSVP to coach Al White at awhite@madonna.edu; or via phone at (734) 432-5783.

PREP GRID PICKS**Week 6****Friday, Oct. 2**

Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-2, 1-2) at Garden City (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.
 Redford Thurston (4-1, 3-0) at Dearborn Heights Robichaud (1-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.
 Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-2, 2-1) at Redford Union (3-2, 3-0), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Clarenceville (2-3, 2-1) at Madison Heights Bishop Foley (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.
 Farmington (3-2, 2-2) at Farmington Harrison (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.
 North Farmington (1-4, 1-4) at Bloomfield Hills Andover (0-5, 0-5), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 3-0) at Novi (3-2, 3-0), 7 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin (3-2, 2-1) at Canton (5-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.
 Wayne (2-3, 0-3) at Livonia Churchill (1-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.
 Plymouth (4-1, 2-1) at Westland John Glenn (4-1, 2-1), 7 p.m.
 Plymouth Salem (1-4, 1-3) at Northville (3-2, 2-1), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Southfield Christian (3-2, 2-0) at Lutheran Westland (1-4, 1-2), 2 p.m.

Last week**Overall****Brad Emmons**

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WILLIAMS

FROM PAGE B1

Helping CMU to three consecutive seasons of eight or more wins, Williams has taken a different role as a fifth-year senior.

"This year I've had to become more of a leader," he said. "And with the senior guys we had coming back, I was expected to lead. It's something you have to work at, and I embraced it."

Williams was recruited by Brian Kelly (now at Cincinnati) and was red-shirted his freshman year out of John Glenn.

Williams made five starts as a tight end in 2006, when he played in all 14 games, catching 10 passes for 120 yards.

Following the 2006 season, Williams moved to the other side of the ball to the defensive end spot, where he immediately made his presence known. He had a total of 19 tackles, including a career-high four, along with a sack, in a last-second Motor City Bowl loss to Purdue.

"They needed guys on defense, an athletic person who could be good at the position," Williams said. "That's what was needed at the time. Coach (Butch) Jones asked me if I'd like to play defense and I said, 'Of course.' I knew if I could help the team win, I was all for it. I tried it and it worked out well. I just had to become more aggressive."

and it was a matter of getting acclimated to the calls and the schemes. I caught on quickly because I came in as a safety."

Williams strives weekly to become the best player he can be under Jones, a former assistant at West Virginia now in his third season at CMU.

"Coach Jones cares about the team and he loves the game of football," Williams said. "And he has the passion for coaching."

"Last year I came on after the Buffalo game. He wants me to be more consistent, not just play one great game and leave it at that. He wants me to be a complete player."

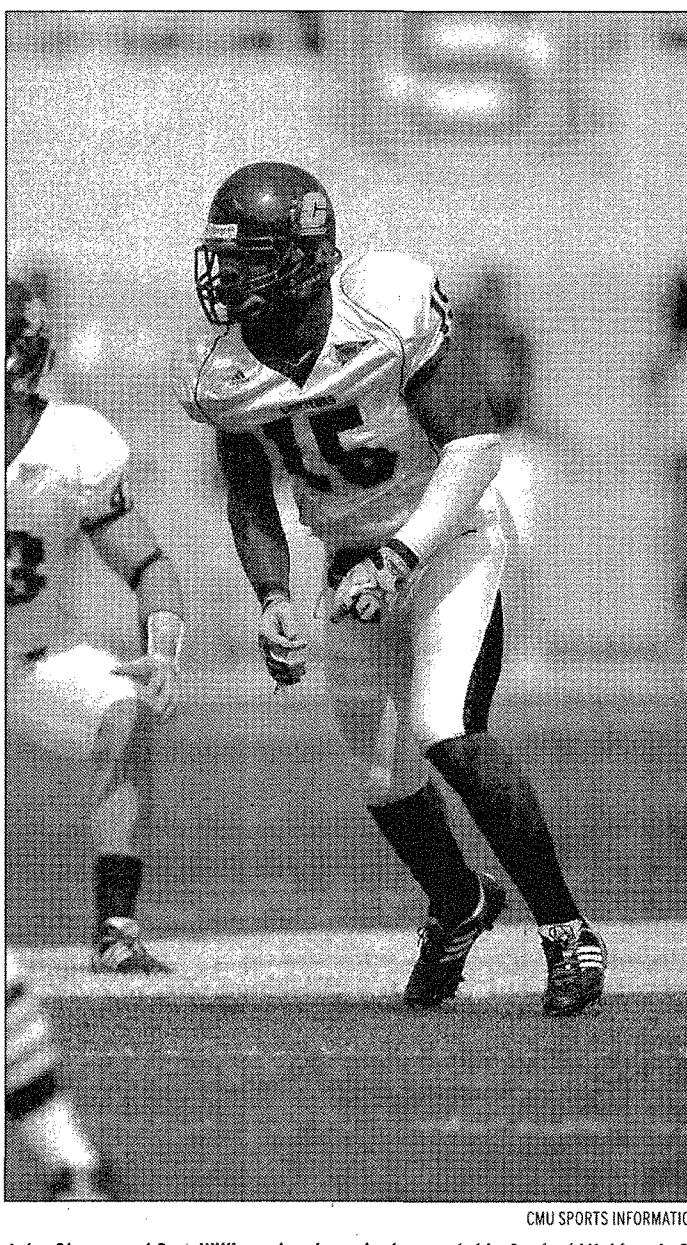
Although the Chippewas lost their season opener 19-6 at Arizona, Williams believes this CMU squad can reclaim the MAC title.

"What separates this team is the we've come together extremely well," Williams said. "There's a special feel and we've played a lot of football. Even though there are some younger players, the team knows how to win."

Williams plans to graduate from CMU in May of 2010 with a major in sports management and a minor in business.

"Lord willing, I'd like to play more football, but if not, I may move to the Washington, D.C., area," he said. "I have some relatives there in the real estate business. That's a long ways away. I'll just travel the road life takes me."

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John Glenn grad Sam Williams has been instrumental in Central Michigan's 3-1 start. He had four tackles in a 29-27 upset win over Michigan State and four in a season-opening 19-6 loss at Arizona.

CMU SPORTS INFORMATION

Crusaders earn WHAC road victory**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

dished out 39 assist-to-kills.

Amanda Koszela paced the MU defense with 12 digs, while Abby Long added 10.

Macomb stops Ocelots

On Tuesday, the Schoolcraft College women's fell to 18-9 overall and 6-2 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference after visiting Macomb CC came away with a 25-20, 24-26, 25-21, 25-23 win.

Ranked 19th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, Macomb is 19-4 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Last weekend, Schoolcraft posted a 3-3 record at the

Kamina Allen Memorial Tournament held in Batavia, N.Y.

Coach Rich Lamb's squad defeated Mott CC, 25-7, 25-19, 25-20, before suffering consecutive setbacks to Columbus State (Ohio), 12-25, 13-25, 13-25, the No. 1-ranked team in NJCAA Division II, and St. Clair County CC, 25-17, 18-25, 23-25, 23-25.

The Ocelots bounced back to defeat host Genesee (N.Y.), 25-21, 25-19, 25-22 and Howard (Md.), 25-20, 25-9, before winding up on the short end against Hagerstown (Md.), 25-17, 13-25, 10-15.

Overall, I thought we played pretty well," Lamb said. "With the exception of

the Columbus State match, we were in every game. We had Hagerstown (ranked No. 11 NJCAA Division II) on the ropes for a bit. The level of competition at this tournament was better than at last week's."

Sophomore Jennifer Brunink record 44 kills over the two days to lead the Lady Ocelots' offensive attack.

Sophomore Emily Bronkema followed with 40 kills and eight total blocks, while freshmen Jasmine Calhoun and Kayla Creech chipped in 30 apiece.

Sophomore Brittany Denter turned in an outstanding effort totaling 131 assists and 39 digs.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 9

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

Sept. 29 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Clayton York-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Zach Ernst, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Josh Rochette (LS) def. Nick Stone, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kevin Francisco (LS) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-2,

No. 1 doubles: Josh York-Paul Franchina (LS) def. Kharri Stargell-Mitch Dean, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 2:** Paul VanGilder-Kyle Fan (LS) def. Nick Stone-Carla Tejada, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Kaeman Holman Rayos-Marcus McCathney (LS) def. Shane Wiechert-JacobToarmina, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Lukis Rudis-Jeff Sondergaard (LS) def. Conner Monroe-Joey Wakeford, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 5:** Sean Wallace-Simjae Holman Rayos (LS) def. Chris Sabot-Wayne Woodard, 6-2, 6-2.**Dual match records:** Stevenson, 7-3 overall; John Glenn, 2-11 Overall.**WAYNE MEMORIAL 4**

BELLEVILLE 4

Sept. 25 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: John Reitan (B) defeated Brandon Harness, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Ryan Fitzpatrick (B) def. Michael Gabriel, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 3:** Matt Shipmack (B) def. Zach Lankton, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Stephen Gush (WM) def. Ari Budino, 6-0, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Jeremy Powell-Zach Williamson (WM) def. Alan Hill-Josh Hall, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 2:** Josh Brice-Brandon Cyr (B) def. Hogs-Josh Estep, 6-4, 6-7, 6-6; **No. 3:** Abhishek Roy-Michael Battaglia (WM) def. Alex Boss-Dillon Lachance, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:** C.J. Kulas-Mitchell Hood (WM) def. Jake Kasperski, Jacob Spaulding, 6-2, 7-5.

Wayne's dual match record: 9-1 overall.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 7**WATERFORD MOTT 2**

Sept. 24 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Stephen Payne (LF) defeated Alex Garry, 8-4 (pro set); **No. 2:** Walter Woods (LF) def. Emmet Smith, 8-0; **No. 3:** Aaron York (LF) def. Taylor Huster, 8-4; **No. 4:** Zac Smith (WM) def. Joe Bastas, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Kaplan-Chase Semonick (LF) def. Steve Mia-Ken Penfold, 8-1; **No. 2:** Peter Lee-Joe Kosinski (WM) def. Erick Waack-John Widger, 8-1; **No. 3:** Joe Trudel-Bill Schafer (LF) def. Adam Vanderpool-Adam Genye, 8-2; **No. 4:** Peter Wood-Tim Crouson (LF) def. Adam Jenson-Andrew Lay, 8-6; **No. 5:** Drew Benson-George Goedenhahn (WM) def. Austin Tarplin-Connor Benson, 8-2.

Dual match records: Franklin, 2-9 overall; Mott, 1-5 overall.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 8**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1**

Sept. 24 at W.L. Western

No. 1 singles: Zach Ernst (WLG) defeated Krishna Mahajan, 1-6 (default); **No. 2:** Dan Wang (WLW) def. Nik Hubbard, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Andrew Garcia (WLW) def. Josh Sperling (WLW), 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Conner Monroe-Josh Wakeford, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Alex Sklar-Amy Carlson (WLW) def. Tommy Ruark, 6-1, 6-2.

Dual match records: Western, 5-5 overall; John Glenn, 2-10 overall.

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Storck delivers in Warriors' win**PREP VOLLEYBALL**

Bloomfield Hills Kingswood-Cranbrook.

After dropping the first two games, 29-31, 10-25, Clarenceville rebounded to win the final three games - 25-11, 27-25, 15-8 - and the match.

"It was crazy," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Mershman, whose club stands 8-7-4 now and 1-0 in the Metro. "It was like I had my team for one game, then lost it for the next."

Kat Hall turned in another solid all-around performance by recording nine kills, four blocks and eight digs for the Trojans.

Brittany Tallman contributed eight kills, five digs and two blocks, while Paige Davis had five kills.

Setter Ashley Welch handed out 25 assists, while Megan McLaughlin and Teresa Parent each collected six digs.

CHARGERS

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to Plymouth, 3-0 as Williams had 12 kills, while Hollaway contributed 10 kills.

Williamson had 14 digs as the Patriots fell to 0-3 in the KLAA South.

KLAA divisional wrap

• Livonia Churchill improved to 4-0 in the KLAA's South Division Tuesday with a 25-14, 25-14, 25-23 win over Westland John Glenn.

The Chargers, 29-4 overall, were led by Cory Urbats (38 assists, 11 digs) and Sarah Suppelsa (21 kills).

Other contributions came from Cierra Yetts (10 kills), Taylor Kerr (33 digs) and Darcy DeRoo (seven kills).

"Mark Grenier's squad showed why they are one of the top-ranked teams in the state," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "They have a big front line that blocks well and hits very aggressively. We set and hit well, but weren't able to put the ball down against Churchill's stingy defense."

Glenn, which slipped to 11-9-1 overall and 1-2 in

Making a splash

John Glenn swimmers dunk rival Wayne, 108-75

Swim rivals Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial took the pool Tuesday night with the host Rockets making the most waves, 108-75, in a KLAA South Division dual meet.

The Rockets captured seven of nine individual races and two of three relay events.

"We got a chance to swim our swimmers around in events they have not swam in our first two meets and it resulted in a lot of personal best times," Glenn co-coach Randy Ferguson said.

Glenn was led by Rachael Alholinna, who captured the 200-yard individual medley (2:35.16) and 100 butterfly (1:10.65). She also teamed up with Kate Moran, Casey Peterson and Kali Aloisi to win the 200 medley relay (2:11.57).

Glenn's Desiree Clenney also led a one-two-three sweep in 1-meter diving with a point total of 222.10.

Other Glenn individual winners included Jennie Humbach, 200 freestyle (2:19.84); Peterson, 50 freestyle (27.19); Moran, 500 freestyle (6:33.94); and Khiry Sparks, 100 breaststroke (1:51.01).

The Rockets' other win came in the 200 freestyle relay as Humbach, Peterson, Katlyn Smith and Kim Nolasco were clocked in 1:56.32.

Wayne, which slipped to 3-4 overall, got individual firsts from Emily Luke in the 100 freestyle (1:06.66) and Tawni Kenyon in the 100 backstroke (1:12.19).

The Zebras' 400 freestyle relay team of Luke, Kenyon, Amber Frost and Kaycee Coffman also emerged victorious (4:38.01).

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 108

WAYNE MEMORIAL 75

Sept. 29 at Wayne

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn

(Kate Moran, Casey Peterson, Kali Aloisi, Rachael Alholinna), 2:11.57; 2. Wayne (Emily Luke, Kaitlin Durden, Tawni Kenyon, Iliy Lopez), 2:18.88; 3. Wayne, 2:35.65.

200 freestyle: 1. Jennie Humbach (WJG),

2:19.84; 2. Kaycee Coffman (WM), 2:31.01; 3.

Amber Frost (WM), 2:31.87.

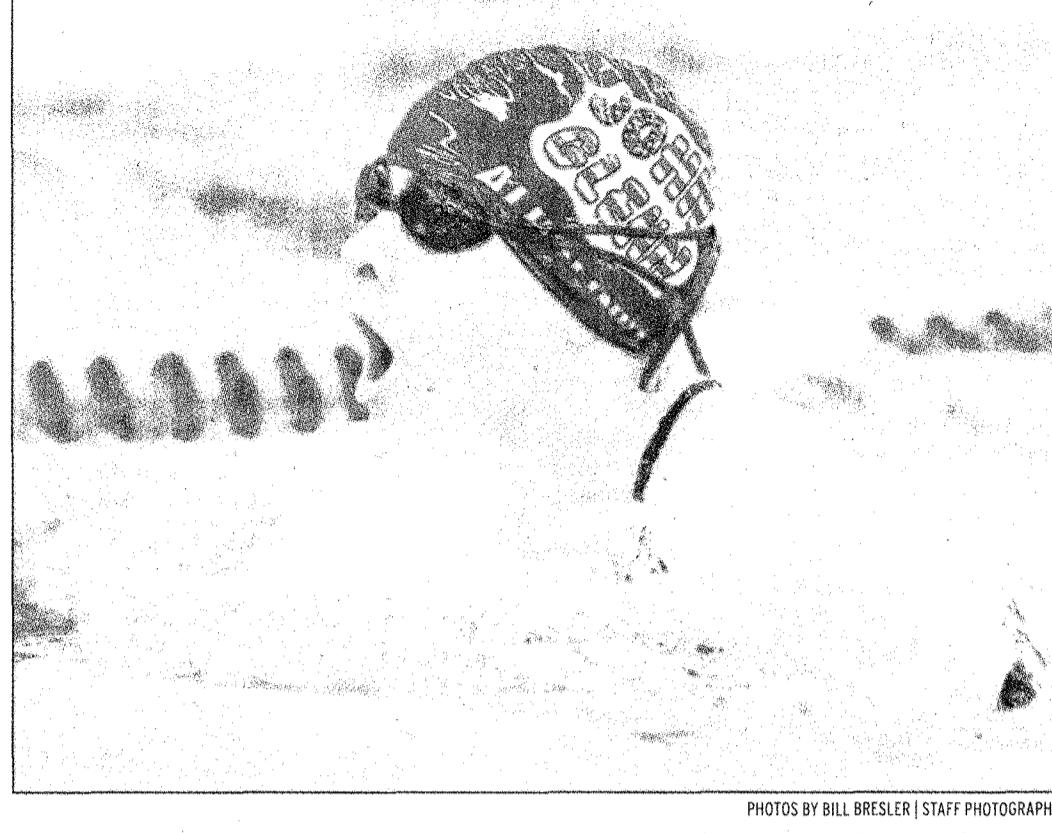
200 individual medley: 1. Alholinna (WJG),

2:35.16; 2. Lindsey Bessinger (WJG), 2:43.49; 3.

Katlyn Smith (WJG), 2:48.51.

50 freestyle: 1. Casey Peterson (WJG),

27.19; 2. Aloisi (WJG), 28.07; 3. Luke (WM), 30.78.



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Westland John Glenn's Rachael Alholinna figured in three first-places, including the 200-yard individual medley, during Tuesday's dual meet victory over rival Wayne Memorial.



Wayne Memorial's Kaycee Coffman finished runner-up in the 200-yard freestyle during Tuesday's KLAA South Division dual meet with Westland John Glenn.

1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG),

22.10 points; 2. Humbach (WJG), 18.70; 3.

Brooke Graham (WJG), 13.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Alholinna (WJG), 1:10.65;

2. Bessinger (WJG), 1:11.52; 3. Kenyon (WM),

1:16.23.

100 freestyle: 1. Luke (WM), 1:06.66; 2.

Graham (WJG), 1:08.95; 3. Coffman (WM),

1:09.58.

500 freestyle: 1. Moran (WJG), 6:33.94; 2.

Kelsie Yax (WJG), 6:42.95; 3. Frost (WM), 6:43.7.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (WJG),

Humbach, Kim Nolasco, Peterson), 1:56.32; 2.

John Glenn (Alholinna, Clenney, Graham, Khiry Sparks), 1:56.9; 3. Wayne, 2:04.3.

100 backstroke: 1. Kenyon (WM), 1:12.19; 2.

Aloisi (WJG), 1:14.08; 3. Janelle Schwartz (WM),

1:29.89.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sparks (WJG), 1:15.01;

2. Durden (WM), 1:25.76; 3. Smith (WJG), 1:34.76.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Luke, Frost,

1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS),

246.68 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Paige Kostishak (AAP),

1:04.52; 2. Julia Hurley (LS), 1:08.27.

100 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 56.67.

500 freestyle: 1. Isa (AAP), 5:35.72; 3.

Aiden O'Dowd (LS), 5:54.13.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Cowley,

Aurora Hennigar, Julia Lovejoy, Kostishak),

1:44.3; 2. Stevenson (Cauzillo, Reed, Allison Kellehan, Kayla Perchall), 1:49.15.

100 backstroke: 1. Shanley (AAP), 1:04.68;

2. Dolinski (LS), 1:07.43.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cowley (AAP), 1:09.87;

2. Gordon (LS), 1:11.57.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt,

Dolinski, Cauzillo, Gordon), 3:48.1; 3. Stevenson (Emilee Montini, Ashlee Montini, Perchall, Kellahan), 4:02.78.

Dual meet records: Pioneer, 4-0 overall;

Stevenson, 3-2 overall.

CANTON 108

LIVONIA FRAKLN 72

Sept. 24 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Caitlin Orr, Maggie Carlson, Delaney Adams, Kari Schmidt), 2:02.8; 3. Franklin, 2:21.78.

200 freestyle: 1. Kaitlyn Kozy (LF),

2:02.26; 2. Natalie Cote, 2:07.18.

200 individual medley: 1. Orr (C), 2:24.78;

3. Catherine Stuzinski (LF), 2:41.3.

50 freestyle: 1. Kayla Douglas (LF), 26.5.

1-meter diving: 1. Mallory Hudak (C), 205.10

points.

100 butterfly: 1. Catharine Irwin (C),

1:06.35.

100 freestyle: 1. Douglas (LF), 56.89.

500 freestyle: 1. Kozyn (LF), 5:30.29; 2.

Cote, 5:40.12.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Kozyn,

Douglas, Cote, Anthony), 1:45.25; 3.

Franklin, 2:17.87.

100 backstroke: 1. Adams (C), 1:08.34; 3.

Jenna Michniewicz (C), 1:15.01.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Kozyn,

Douglas, Cote, Anthony), 3:52.82.

Dual meet records: Canton, 3-0 overall;

2-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 2-2 overall;

1-1 KLAA South.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 2

Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Clarencenville at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Sfield Christian at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 1

Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Univ.-Liggett, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 1

Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Sfield Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.

Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Truman at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.

Stevenson at South Lyon, TBA.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Troy Athens at Stevenson, 1 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 3

Ypsilanti Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Center Line Invitational, 10 a.m.

Falcon Inv. at Divine Child, TBA.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Oct. 1

Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

KLAA Kensington Conference

Tourney at Novi H.S., 8 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Saturday, Oct. 3

Catholic League Championship

at Howell H.S., noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 1

Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**JACKSON INVITATIONAL
CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

Sept. 26 at Ella Sharp Park (Jackson)
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1. Saline, 89 points; 2. Troy (A), 104; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer (A), 128; 4. Livonia Churchill, 134; 5. East Kentwood, 138; 6. Traverse City Central, 158; 7. Salem, 190; 8. White Lake Lakeland, 222; 9. Ann Arbor Huron (A); 10. Traverse City West, 249 (20 schools).

Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 17:34.3 (5,000 meters; school record).

Other Churchill finishers: 14. Kergian Riley, 19:10.35; Bethany Pilat, 19:51.3; Katie Rash, 19:56.7; 43. Sydney Anderson, 20:00.3; 90. Amanda Southwell, 21:08.3; 101. Alexis Hickson, 21:38.6.

**MOROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL
CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

Sept. 26 at Sterling State Park

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1. Brighton, 65 points; 2. Monroe, 82; 3. Livonia Franklin, 91; 4. Plymouth, 107; 5. Canton, 123; 6. Saline (B), 126; 7. Brownstown Woodhaven, 156; 8. Wyandotte, 200; 9. Livonia Churchill (B), 218; 10. Belleville, 317; 11. Southgate, 318; 12. Allen Park, 332; 13. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 389; 14. Wayne Memorial, 433.

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18:35 (school record).

Other Franklin finishers: 13. Tiffany Lamble, 20:21.14; Brittany Dilley, 20:35.25; Megan Wicketts, 20:58; 38. Ashley Davidson, 21:48; 51. Kelly Walbly, 22:29; 54. Jane Modes, 22:37.

Churchill finishers: 35. Rachel Tomassi, 21:25; 36. Alexis Hickson, 21:42; 45. Sarah Bauman, 22:11; 50. Jessica Raisanen, 22:25; 55. Kayla Szado, 22:38; 57. Melissa Roe, 22:48; 63. Megan McDonald, 23:13.

Wayne finishers: 77. Holland Boertje, 24:28; 80. Jennifer McCaffery, 24:42; 91. Alana Cyrus, 33:04; 92. Sydney Ball, 34:48; 93. Heather Nefsey, 35:03.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1. Canton, 46 points; 2. Monroe, 54; 3. Brighton, 56; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 122; 5. Livonia Churchill, 140; 6. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 208; 7. Livonia Franklin, 215; 8. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 253; 9. Southgate, 288; 10. Allen Park, 289; 11. Romulus, 307; 12. Wayne Memorial, 412.

Individual winner: Austin Whitelaw (Monroe), 16:08 (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 11. Tom Windle, 16:53; 22. Quinn Osgood, 17:24; 33. Ryan Wise, 17:54; 36. Cody Rossler, 18:05; 38. Sam Yurgil, 18:08; 42. Ryan Keeling, 18:15; 43. Ryan Rodeman, 18:16.

Franklin finishers: 16. Bobby Wilson, 17:10; 34. Nik Gherardi, 18:02; 47. Joe Steckel, 18:24; 57. Kevin Meloche, 19:22; 61. John Ferreira, 19:40; 64. Zach Belanger, 19:57; 66. Josh Beesmer, 20:01.

Wayne finishers: 74. Darren Homborg, 20:33; 82. Ryan Stamper, 21:30; 83. Quinton Davis, 22:05; 86. Kyle McKague, 27:08; 87. Dionte Burton, 31:36.

**SHAMROCK INVITATIONAL
CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

Sept. 26 at Cass Benton

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Oxford, 60 points; 2. Dearborn Divine Child, 82; 3. Detroit Renaissance, 115; 4. Lutheran Westland, 286.

Individual winner: Mitchell Dale (Oakland Christian), 16:59.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 46. Daniel Bunge, 20:23; 55. Jeremy Kohtz, 21:17; 60. Peter Sillanpaas, 22:31; 62. Caleb Kempf, 23:05; 63. Phil Welte, 23:13; 64. Chris Kovacs, 23:27.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 17, WAYNE MEMORIAL 50

Sept. 29 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Bobby Wilson (Franklin), 18:25.

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Joe Steckel, 18:50; 3. Ryan Derry, 18:50; 5. Mike Witt, 20:14; 6. John Ferreira, 20:19; 7. Zach Belanger, 20:27; 8. Chad Walters, 20:41.

Wayne finishers: 4. Darryl Ison, 19:38; 9. Tyler Gendron, 21:16; 10. Darren Homborg, 21:55; 11. Ryan Stamper, 22:02; 12. Brandon Tykoski, 22:18; 13. Kyle McKague, 26:01; 14. Dionte Burton, 31:10.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 23, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 38

Sept. 29 at John Glenn

Individual winner: Stephen Charney (Churchill), 18:17.

Other Churchill finishers: 4. Robert Harris, 18:52; 5. Patrick Tremel, 19:02; 6. Peter Erl, 19:16; 7. Justin Murray, 19:20; 8. Robert Howard, 19:21; 9. John Musser, 19:38.

John Glenn finishers: 2. Jason Suarez, 18:24; 3. Ruben Maya, 18:40; 11. Ryan Boes, 19:41; 16. Kevin Wacker, 21:09; 19. Chris Jones, 22:17; 20. Jesse O'Neal, 22:35; 21. Steve Shak, 22:38.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South.

SOUTH LYON EAST 24, LIVONIA STEVENSON 32

Sept. 29 at Island Lake State Park

Individual winner: Foley (South Lyon East), 17:14.

Stevenson finishers: 3. Joe Urso, 17:49; 4. Andrew Longhi, 18:13; 5. Matt Williams, 18:18; 9. John Lynch, 18:38; 11. Adam Chludzinski, 18:47; 11. Mike Grisko, 18:58; 12. Colin Andrich, 19:11.

Dual meet records: South Lyon East, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 16, WAYNE MEMORIAL 47

Sept. 29 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Jane Adams (Franklin), 22:34.

Other Franklin finishers: 2. Leslie Gomez, 22:40; 3. Kelly Walbly, 22:46; 4. Tiffany VanOrden, 24:17; 6. Megan Lark, 24:35; 7. Christa Mott, 24:42; 8. Dina Spagni, 25:39.

Wayne finishers: 5. Holland Boertje, 24:25; 9. Jennifer McCaffery, 26:54; 10. Rockelle Woods, 28:10; 11. Alana Cyrus, 30:31; 12. Heather Nefsey, 36:36.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-5 overall, 0-3 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 18, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 43

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 17, SOUTH LYON EAST 49

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Other Stevenson finishers: 2. Victoria Saferian, 21:57; 3. Taylor Cieslak, 21:53; 5. Kelly Hall, 22:16; 6. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:17; 8. Kelsey O'Keefe, 22:41; 9. Alison Gudeman, 22:46; 10. Kelly Glynn, 22:57.

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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 219

CANTON 226

Sept. 29 at Hilltop G.C.

Churchill scorers: Jordyn Shepler, 48 (medalist); Jackie Burdette, 51; Maggie McGowan, 55; Shelby Longworth and Claire Rose, 65 each; Taylor Cutting, 69.

Canton scorers: Paige Osler, 51; Mary Winter, 55; Erin Lixie, 57; Kaylie Loble, 63; Megan Baumgart, 64; Ariel Albert, 66.

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Chargers continue winning ways**KLAA SOCCER**

Max Washko and Stephen Foster scored two goals and added one assist as the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division 1, Livonia Churchill, rolled to a 6-0 victory at home over Livonia Franklin.

Churchill, now 12-0-1 overall and 6-0-1 in the KLAA's South Division, also got goals from Ian Guerin and Tim Devine.

Adam Bedell chipped in with two assists, while goalkeepers Bryan Bartig and Christian Adams combined for the shutout.

"I thought overall we played well, I'm happy," said Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs, whose team led 3-0 at halftime. "We did not finish for awhile. We missed five or six open breakaways, but we finally figured it out."

Franklin, which slipped to 2-9 overall and 1-6 in the KLAA South, got a sterling outing in goal from sophomore Ryan Tikey (13 saves).

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Westland-Garden City

Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Pavel Vasilev, owner of the Music Authority in Dearborn Heights, and his employees provide private lessons in piano, guitar, voice, violin, drums, accordion and flute.

Authority helps students make music

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

Music Authority is dedicated in providing qualified music lessons. Our teachers are graduates of Wayne State University and University of Michigan. Our goal is establishing a solid foundation for life-long growth in music. We teach children as well as adults.

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

I know that our community is in need of more musical education. I am sad to see that everything that gets cut off at public and private schools are art and music disciplines. We need to encourage our kids to be more involved in music. It is important for their spiritual growth. Our students come from Dearborn, Westland, Redford, and we are welcoming students from Garden City.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

We offer spring and Christmas Recitals which

MUSIC AUTHORITY

Business name and address:

Music Authority, 24736 W.

Warren, Dearborn Heights

Name and title:

Pavel Vasilev, owner

Hometown: Dearborn Heights

Business opened when:

March 2009

Number of employees:

5

Hours of operation:

3-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Business Specialty:

Music lessons - Piano, Guitar, Voice, Violin, Drums, Accordion, Flute

Business phone/Web site:

(313) 551-5420 and www.musicauthority.org

teach young people to conquer fear and take risks. We are also affiliated with the American Guild of Music Competition which takes place every spring. Students have the incomparable experience to perform in a competitive

atmosphere, opportunity to share the joy of music and a chance to get motivated to strive to be the best.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

As of right now we have about 90 students and we are planning to have many more!

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

We know that music is not the first thing on the "must do" list especially in the state of the economy now. However, we have seen a steady stream of newcomers and we are grateful for that.

Observer: Do you have any advice for other business owners?

Always listen to your customer. Enjoy what you are doing. Surround yourself with professional and reliable people. Everything else will come into place.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Right now we are offering half hour private lessons. We are looking forward to start classes of 5-10 students starting early next year.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Open house

Four Seasons Nursing Center of Westland is inviting people to "come and see what sets us aside from the rest" at an open house 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

The open house is in celebration of a newly renovated facility and state-of-the-art sub-acute rehabilitation unit. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.

Four Seasons is a 180-bed skilled nursing facility which provides many services including short-term rehabilitation, cardiac care, sub-acute care, in-house dialysis, wound healing, pain management, IV therapy, respiratory therapy, hospice, secured memory care unit and long-term basic care.

Four Seasons is family owned and operated by Charles Dunn and employees

some 200 people at the facility located at 8365 Newburgh, just south of Joy. For more information, call (734) 416-2000 or visit the facility's Web site at www.fourseasons-nursingcenter.com.

To reserve a spot, call (313) 580-0904.

Flu shot clinics

Sav-On Drug stores throughout metro Detroit are once again holding flu clinics in October and November. All you need to do is call your Sav-On pharmacist to schedule your flu shot without having to pay for an office visit at a doctor's office.

Flu shots are \$25 this year, and pneumonia shots will be offered for \$35. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare and medical insurances. Pharmacists have

been trained and certified by the American Pharmacist Association to provide immunizations to customers.

Most Sav-On locations will offer vaccinations on a drop-in basis. The clinics are open to the public for people age 14 and older. For a weekly listing of flu clinics, visit savondrugs.com or flushotcalendar.com or call (877) SAV ON 2 U. (877-728-6628) to find the location nearest you.

Now 21 stores strong, and growing, Sav-On Drugs is committed to customer care in Michigan. It's their old fashioned philosophy on being the "neighborhood drug store and more," filling prescriptions by friendly pharmacists, while retailing food and snacks, health and beauty aids, seasonal merchandise, liquor, lottery and photo processing.

CHAMBER CHAT

get out of the office one last time before it snows and have a good time with fellow chamber members.

If you missed the annual golf outing in June, or just are not a great golfer, and did not want to embarrass yourself, than this is your type of outing. This is the outing to just come and have a great time, with no pressure.

Brookellen Swope
President and CEO

This year, Fellows Creek at 2936 Lotz Road in Canton will be our host on Thursday, Oct. 8.. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m. If 18 holes of golf, three beers, and lunch at the turn sound like fun, find, then sign up. For more information,

call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

WESTLAND CHAMBER

Back by popular demand ... with a new twist!

Join us for a multi-chamber Fall Golf Outing in October. The outing will be held jointly with Garden City, Redford, Dearborn Heights, Wayne and Westland Chambers. Join us for this "no frills no fuss" day! It is just a good reason to

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Harvest photos

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Videos should be original. Use of copyrighted film materials is prohibited.

The contest open to all, eighteen (18) years or older as of Sept. 21, 2009 to enter and win.

The deadline to submit videos is Nov. 21. For more information about the contest, go online to www.famousdaves.com/famous-film-festival/.

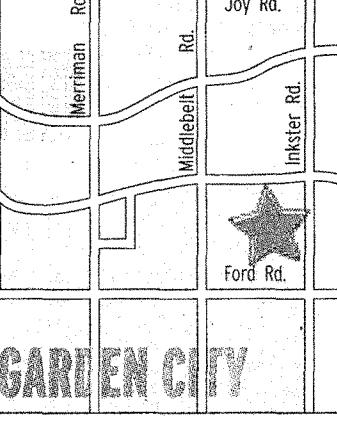
Health fair

Seniors and the public are invited to a health fair at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Westhaven Manor Elegant Retirement Community, 34601 Elmwood Ave., Westland. Take advantage of the free information and valuable flu/pneumonia shot at the fair.

Bakery tours

School has started and if you are a teacher, parent, or troop leader who is

looking for a fun and educational event for a group of children, make your res-



ervations today for a field trip at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne, Westland. The cost is \$7 per child which includes a tour, demonstrations, hands-on cake decorating and free goodies. For more information, call (734) 261-3680 or (888) 715-4479.

Dinner Theater

Enjoy dinner theater at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club. The Hawthorne Valley Dinner Theater in association with Ronald Otulakowski Productions is presenting "Over the River and Through the Woods" Saturdays now through Dec. 12. Cocktails (cash bar) are 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.

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OCT. 1-7**Grief recovery**

Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. 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 Priscilla at (734) 591-7879.

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 store will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

Play

A Broadway-style musical drama, "Mountain," is set for 7:15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Sporting a cast of eight, with lighting, sound and choreography, the presentation will be offered for one night only as part of a 25-city introductory tour across the Midwest in preparation for a run Off-Broadway. Admission is free; seating is limited.

(248) 553-7170.

Rummage sale

Pre-sale 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Admission \$2 per adult for pre-sale. Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3, admission free. Saturday everything half price. (734) 422-0149

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.

Card party

Breast cancer awareness luncheon and card party, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets \$8. Table and door prizes, 50-50. No smoking. For tickets or reservations call (734) 722-1343.

Concert

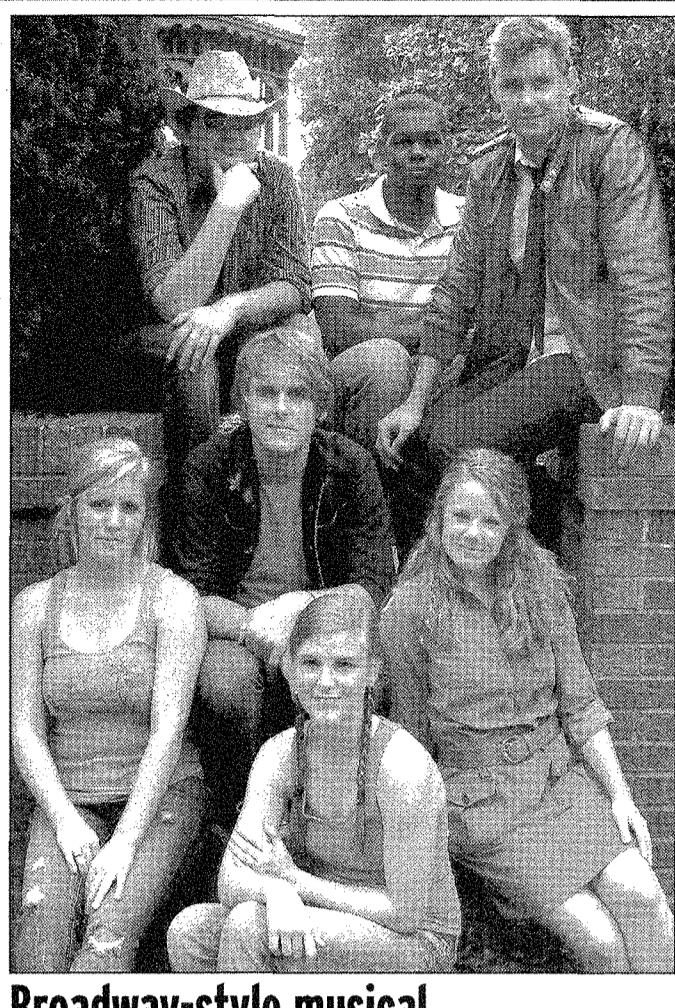
Free Christian folk/country/rock concert, 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood in Wayne. Don Wharton will perform. For more about the singer, visit www.donwharton.com. For more about the concert, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

CROP walk

The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Ministries conference

The International Christian Education Association presents its annual Church Ministries Training and Discipleship Conference, Oct. 10, at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The free general session, starting at 1:45 p.m. features Don Bartlette, author and international

**Broadway-style musical**

'Mountain' cast, from left: Jon Russell Cring, James Rudolph, Jasson Cring, Jared Corder, Emily DeFrance, Jackie Nash and Laura Douce. The Broadway-style musical drama is set for 7:15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

speaker, and is open to the public. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and offers 30 workshops, exhibits and an all-day "Kids Korner." Four workshop choices, morning refreshments and lunch are included in the conference ticket price of \$35, before Oct. 7 or \$45 after. Students, teen through college, pay \$15 and children, ages 5-12 pay \$5 for Kids Korner activities. To register call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

OCT. 15-21**Auction fund-raiser**

The Servant Church of St. Alexander presents a silent auction with appetizers, 1 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner at 4 p.m. and live auction at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at Vladimirs, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Tickets, \$45 per person. Proceeds will benefit the church's outreach activities, which include a weekly food pantry that feeds approximately 50 families and a youth mission that assists families in rebuilding homes.

Church Women United

Annual Gathering of "Area 2" is Saturday, Oct. 17 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth Road and W. Chicago Road, in Redford. Registration runs 9-9:30 a.m. Hospitality, devotions, program and lunch cost \$10. After-lunch activities include shopping at Greater Gifts (SERRV) and browsing Church Women United displays until 2 p.m. The Rev. Jeffrey Maxwell, pastor of Farmington First UMC will be the guest speaker. Liturgical dancers will enhance his presentation, titled "We Dance with God." Reserve by Oct. 2 with Betty Thomas at (313) 561-4792. Child care is available only if requested when reservation is made by Oct. 2.

OCT. 22-28**Coat distribution**

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is collecting new and used winter coats and apparel, including gloves, hats, scarves, boots, snowsuits, sweatshirts, and sweaters. Drop off items 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday. An afterhours box also is available under the church's front canopy. Items will be distributed on Oct. 24. All clothing will be free. People also may bring their old items and exchange them for new ones on that day. (248) 476-8222

Special needs dance

Reservations deadline for Emmanuel Lutheran Church's "Harvest Costume Dance" for adults with special needs is Oct. 23. The church will host the dance 6:30-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 24567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Spend an evening of music, fun, and friendship and we dance the night away. Prize for best costume. There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP to Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-0307, or e-mail to judy@emmanuel-livonia.org.

OCT. 29-NOV. 4**Tea and fashions**

1 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, at Sacred Heart Church's Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a gourmet luncheon provided by Thomas's Catering, as well as a fashion showoff clothing from The Clothing Cover of Milford. There will be raffles, a silent auction and door prizes.

Seating is limited to adults and teens only. For more information or to buy tickets, call the parish banquet and catering center at (734) 261-8560 or Jean Parent at (248) 755-1777.

ONGOING**AWANA**

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 2341 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7:30-8 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 Detter, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbc-global.net.

Hall rental

■ Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

■ St. James Presbyterian, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information call the church at (313) 534-7730.

Moms

■ Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners. For more information call Angie at (248) 427-1020.

■ MOPS, 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays, Dunning Park Bible Chapel, 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford. MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. For information call Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767.

Prayer

■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1891, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

■ Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

Singles

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

■ Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5.

Soup kitchen

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to crcane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support

■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

■ Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.realifeplymouth.com.

■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at the church, 41920 Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley roads. Donations of clean clothing that is in good repair also are accepted.

The clothing bank can't accept undergarments or household items. (734) 404-2480.

Concerts

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

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■ Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.oaa.org

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Churches welcome pets on St. Francis of Assisi feast day

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

My dog, Hunter, is blessed — and he has a signed certificate to prove it. Unity church minister, Rev. Dona Gilsdorf, gave us the document, describing him as a "precious creation of God's unconditional love," at her annual pet blessing last year. It was my first experience bringing a dog to church and Hunter's first time in the annual outdoor service held the weekend closest to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The ceremony came complete with scripture readings, prayer, one-on-one blessings, a certificate, cross-shaped homemade dog biscuits, a pet food collection for shelter animals and a fellowship time that included a mashed potato-frosted meat cake for dogs.

The service celebrated the human-animal bond and confirmed what many pet owners already knew: That animals count in God's eyes.

"Animals are so important to people," agrees Tim Sullivan, deacon at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. He'll lead the parish's pet blessing at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, in the outdoor grotto at the church. "It helps people connect and keep in mind that God created everything. There's nothing that's throw away. Even if you go back to the book of Genesis it says he created the animals...the fish in the sea and saw it was good."

Sullivan, who owns a dog and three cats, says that as a pet lover he has a special interest in leading the blessing. He'll read from Genesis, the book of Psalms, and will offer a short homily before blessing each pet.

VARIETY OF ANIMALS

"Some people have animals that are sick and they will bring them. And others, I think figure it can't hurt."

Sullivan said participants bring cats, gerbils, snakes and "you name it."

"It's interesting what people bring,"

he said. "It's for any one who has a pet. You don't have to belong here."

Connie Hierta of Westland says the pet blessing at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia often attracts passersby.

She'll bring her cat, Lucy to the ceremony at 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4. Refreshments, including hot dogs, potato chips and pop will follow.

"We all stand around in a circle and pastor (Rev. Barbara Cavin) leads the prayer and blesses each animal. I'd say last year we probably had 15 to 20 people. It's a very sweet tradition."

ST. FRANCIS

Churches nationwide uphold the tradition on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4. The patron saint of animals and founder of the Catholic Franciscan Order of Friars wrote "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures" in his Canticle of the Creatures, according to americanatholic.org.

The traditional Franciscan pet blessing also refers to the saint: "Blessed are you Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth the fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you Lord our God in all your creatures."

"I feel I am blessed in so many ways and one of my blessings is to have a sweet companion," Hierta noted. I want her to be well. I think St. Francis was right and they (animals) are part of our lives."

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia incorporates the blessing into its 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, service.

The church's contemporary worship ensemble will provide the music and the children's choir will perform. The Rev. Linda Golden, senior pastor, will lead the blessing.



The Rev. Dona Gilsdorf, a Unity minister, blesses Hunter at an outdoor ceremony last year.

"Some people like to come and see the pets," said Kathy Weinberg, administrative assistant. "We've had all kinds of pets including snakes. Pastor Golden is not fond of blessing the snakes but she does it."

"Mostly it's dogs and cats. I think we've had bunnies and an occasional hamster. It's kind of fun to have animals here."

Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 1062 Church Street in Plymouth; (734) 453-0326; Holy Trinity Lutheran is at 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211; Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit is at 10903 Newburgh, Livonia, (734) 591-0211. St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills, also plans a pet blessing, 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4.



A simply outdoor setting serves as a perfect backdrop for a pet blessing. Some churches also hold the ceremony in the sanctuary, often as a part of the regular Sunday service.

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They're only three minutes long, but the films shown Saturday, Oct. 3 at Farmington's Civic Theater will run the gamut from documentary to musicals and comedies.

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Viewers will see 25 films during the event, which starts at 2 p.m., at the theater in downtown Farmington. A jury of local art and film industry professionals reviewed 60 submissions — which came from as far away as Russia and Australia — and picked the top films for the screening.

Cash awards will be given to the "Best Film," "Audience Choice," and first place films in each category.

"Our hope is that this is an annual event that not only celebrates filmmakers who are getting their start but becomes an event that allows people to be able to enjoy films that otherwise they wouldn't be able to see," Christina said.

Tickets are \$7 at the door.

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bill Cairo plays it modest when talking about his career as a jazz drummer. The Livonia man prefers to let his resume speak for itself. He'd rather shine the spotlight on the rest of the members of the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band. The six-member group with vocalist Judie Cochill take to the stage 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Schoolcraft College to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival held annually on campus.

Drumming is in Cairo's blood. His father was a drummer and he's been playing since age 3. A graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, Cairo studied at Berklee College of Music in Boston before becoming house drummer at Elmwood Casino in Windsor. Over the years he's performed with Dizzy Gillespie, Aretha Franklin, Jimmy Dorsey, and Billy Ray Cyrus, to name only a few. Pops concerts with the Detroit, Livonia and Rochester Symphony orchestras as well as stage productions at the Fox and Gem theatres and Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts round out his resume. He's not bragging when he says he's worked with every major act that comes into Detroit, but the credits don't stop there. He's done radio and television commercials in addition to teaching at Bill Cairo's Drum House in Redford for 35 years. He especially enjoys passing on his big band skills to high school students in drum clinics in the area.

Cairo is looking forward to playing traditional jazz music of the 20s, 30s and 40s at the Oct. 11 concert.

"People seem to enjoy it. It's just fun music. If it has a pulse we'll do it," said Cairo, a member of the Tartarsauce band 22 years, and the Johnny Trudell Orchestra for 30 years.

BORN SINGING

Judie Cochill sang with her share of legends over the years as well. The Bloomfield Township vocalist started singing for \$5 on Saturdays at the USO in San Diego, then went on to become a backup singer on the 1960s variety shows of Danny Kaye, Red Skelton and Dinah Shore as well as television specials and commercials. She's performed with nearly every jazz musician, dance and big band in the metropolitan Detroit area. Her honey-smooth voice has been heard on countless CDs including her *Let's Do It* recording from 2005 and the new Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band's tribute to Chet Bogen and his Wolverine Jass Band.

"My mother said I was born singing," said Cochill. "I was raised in the Catholic school system from third grade where I was the only alto in choir then went on to high school. Dad made sure I got to hear all kinds of music."



Jazz drummer Bill Cairo of the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band.



Judie Cochill

Today Cochill continues to sing with bands around town and venues like the B'Jazz series in Birmingham. Like Cairo, music is in her blood. Two days a week she works as music secretary at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills. For 27 years she was staff alto at Christ Church Cranbrook and currently sings with the choir at Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in downtown Detroit. She sings with Ron Kischuk's Masters of Music Big Band every July at the Michigan Jazz Festival.

"I'm in music all the time," said Cochill. "Music's flowing through me all the time."

FISH AND NEW ORLEANS

Kischuk began leading Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band nearly 30 years ago. The trombonist formed the group with fellow Wayne State University students in the 1980s. They'd entered a competition and needed a name. At the time the schools teams were called Tartars. He says they

wanted to sound New Orleans-like and tie in to fish and seafood of the southern U.S. where jazz was born.

Through the years Kischuk's played with Johnny Mathis, Natalie Cole, Gladys Knight and recorded with The Four Tops, Grand Funk Railroad, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. He's proud of the new CD which is available at the concert, cdbabyc.com, and Kischuk's Masters of Music Studio, a conservatory in Royal Oak.

On Oct. 11, the lineup includes Johnny Trudell on cornet; Gene Parker, clarinet; Marion Hayden, bass; Chuck Shermatato, piano; and Cairo, Cochill and Kischuk.

"It's classic traditional New Orleans with Judie singing Bessie Smith's *I've Been Waiting for Your Phone Call* for 18 years. She tells a story with the lyrics," said Kischuk, a former Bloomfield Hills resident now living in Detroit.

Kischuk's been playing the Michigan Jazz Festival since it started in 1995.

"It's probably the most successful local free jazz festival," said Kischuk. "Nobody really focuses on local artists like the Michigan Jazz Festival where the preference always go to local artists. People are right on top of the stage. The musicians have interaction with them. There's no separation of artists and audience like most festivals. Midge Ellis (the Livonia resident who organizes the festival) is really the core to what goes on. Without her as a backbone you don't have a festival like this."

The Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band plays 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15. Call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, which can cut your heating bills by up to 50%, has been greatly improved.

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For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Bob Vila, America's Favorite TV Home Improvement Expert.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating technology was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. Jones found that a stack of a certain type of copper stored by his coal furnace kept his whole house warm long after the coal fire went out.

Through a great deal of research and development he came up with safe quartz infrared lamps to heat treated copper. This and other technology produced the EdenPURE® infrared portable heater.

This infrared heating process was designed around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is

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Pictured above is Bob Vila demonstrating the famous EdenPURE® GEN3 Model 1000 heater with a family. It saves big money on your heating bill while keeping you toasty warm with "heavenly heat".

what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the cured copper heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is. Customers call it "heavenly heat".

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects.

One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

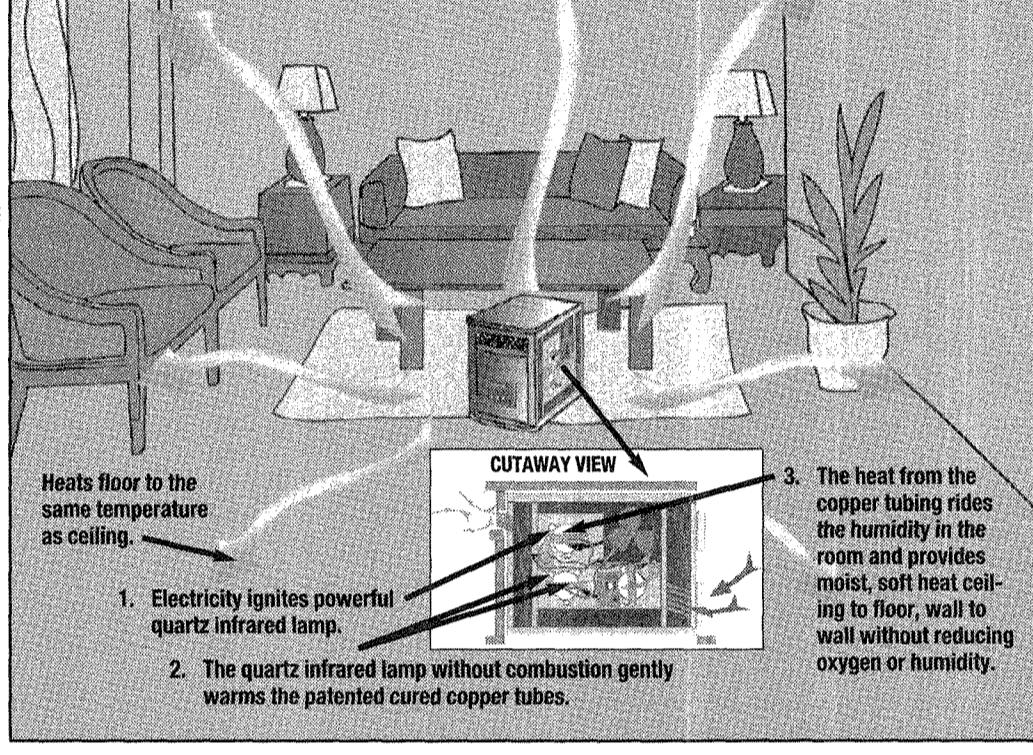
This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much

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Testimonials from a few of the millions of satisfied EdenPURE® customers

The EdenPURE® has cut my gas bill to a third of what it was last year. Leslie Wilson, Vancouver, WA

I recently had an addition that was over 800 square feet added to my home. When it was completed we had to consider a heat source. We investigated everything from upgrading our current furnace, and duct work, to a vent less fireplace. Then I heard about the EdenPURE®. I must admit I was a bit skeptical, however I decided to place one in the room and give it a test. I can't tell you how pleasantly surprised I was. The EdenPURE® heater is our exclusive heat source and is comfortably heating our room at a cost of under \$15.00 per month. It is certainly refreshing to find a product that surpasses its performance claims. D. Capps, Vancouver, WA

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It's working great and heats the house well. I was so glad to find a company that stands behind their products and cares about customer concerns. I am now recommending the heater to family and friends. Lyn Royer, Sterling, VA

The EdenPURE® #1000 has saved 40% on our heating bill! My 18 month old daughter sits on it, that's how safe it is. The heater is also very mobile. Steve G., Binghamton, NY

I must say I am well pleased with my new heater. So far it is working just like I had expected. We have a small home, slightly less than 1,000 square feet, so it should be sufficient for our needs. I like the quiet operation of the heater, because one gets tired of hearing the blower or a fan going on a gas furnace constantly. Edna M., Forest Park, GA

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What Oktoberfest would be complete without German-style dancing? Dancers step and twirl at Redford Township's annual event last year.



Yodeling, brats, beer and music bring a bit of Germany to Redford

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you plan to practice for Redford Township's yodeling contest, you're taking the vocal art "way too seriously."

That's advice from John Danic, a past yodeling champion in the township's annual contest, which will be held during Oktoberfest weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3.

"I just get up there and hope it comes out like yodeling and not something else," said Danic, who added that he occasionally sings — but doesn't yodel — in the shower.

"Very few people are yodelers and I'm not an official yodeler because I'm Polish," he said, with a laugh. "But I actually have to work Oktoberfest. I volunteer my time to do that, as an employee of the township. I handle all of the electrical set-up."

The festival is in its fifth year and Danic, the township's electrical inspector, has entered and won the yodeling contest a couple of times.

Danic says he didn't work hard to develop his talent for yelling "Little Old Lady You!"

"It just came as a natural voice inflection. I have a good voice range as a vocalist," said Danic, who describes himself as "a ham."

His tip for first-time contestants: Skip the Oktoberfest brew and "Don't drink too much" before taking the stage. Have fun with it and project your voice.

"My wife tells me about it all the time — I have a very loud voice."

Follow Danic's cue and you may end up with yodel champ bragging rights for the next year.

The yodeling contest is at 6 p.m., Saturday. The Bratwurst eating contest is at 9 p.m., Friday and has a \$10 entry fee. A Euchre Tournament runs 8 p.m., Friday and 7 p.m., Saturday. Sign up in advance for the contests or tournament by calling (313) 387-2653.

Oktoberfest runs 6-11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2 and 1-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3 at Capitol Park, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township.

The Polish Dukes, Martin Brothers Plus, Step 'N Line and Decades will perform.

The Redford Jaycees will offer a kid-friendly haunted hayride from 1-6 p.m. Saturday and a spooky version from 8-10 p.m., both festival days.

The festival features authentic German food, a Saturday Pig Roast, adult beverages and kid-friendly foods. The Pig Roast begins at 3 p.m. and continues until its gone.

A geocaching event, supported by Michigan Geocaching, will begin at 1 p.m. and include a learning session with the free use of GPS units for beginners.

Children will find free games, face painting, balloon twisting, cardboard castle building, pumpkin painting and more from 1-6 p.m., on Saturday.

The Redford Jaycees will sponsor a cutest baby contest and award prizes to first and second place for boys and girls in two different age categories. The entry fee is \$10. For more information, e-mail to jsmith@mijaycees.org or call (313) 535-1899.

For more information about Oktoberfest visit www.redfordtwp.com or www.redfordtwp-parksandrec.com

Chocolate tasting event offers traditional desserts

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Mary Denning knows exactly what she'll serve at Sunday at A Chocolate Affair, the annual fund-raiser for First Step, Wayne County's domestic abuse shelter. She knows every year.

"We always bring our Bumpie Cake. It is our top seller and our customers' favorite," said Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Westland. "Who does not love extra moist, dark chocolate cake with French buttercream bumps and then enrobed with chocolate fudge frosting? We have tried bringing different desserts, but everyone is always looking forward to our bumpie cake."

"One year we brought Sacher tortes, dark chocolate cake layered with red raspberry and enrobed with chocolate fudge. People loved it, but still wanted the bumpie cake."

Denning is among 16 vendors who will serve tastes of chocolate desserts Sunday, Oct. 4 at the event, presented by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division. Denning has participated in the fund-raiser since its beginning, about five years ago.

"We love being involved with the Chocolate Affair. The proceeds all help First Step, which has such a great program," she explained. "I was honored to be able to walk through their home for woman and children. It was so moving. Nothing is more important than families and children. I know they are saving to build a new facility. They have a long way to go. All of this helps."

INVENTIVE DESSERTS

Jeff Zak has worked with First Step since opening his catering business in Plymouth 12 years ago.

"I do Thanksgiving dinner for them and did Chili at the Joe with them," Zak said, referring to the First Step fund-raiser at Joe Louis Arena last month. "I like to stay local and it felt good for business, good karma for business."

Like Denning, Zak and his Jeff Zak Catering have been with A Chocolate Affair since its beginning. Zak is known for serving inventive chocolate desserts at the event.

"We do something chocolatey. We like nice simple desserts. It's my version of savory food with chocolate," he said.

Last year he filled chocolate panini with roasted pineapple. This year's offering — chocolate quesadilla — evolved with his staff's input.

"It is really good. It's something we invented here and it's come a long way. It's a hodge podge of white and dark chocolate chips and then depending on what's around, marshmallow, dried cherry, toasted nuts, graham cracker. We'll use marshmallow sauce or caramel to tighten it up," Zak explained. "So, you can do anything. We've done it with chocolate and peanut butter. And we've done it with a



Jeff Zak catering in Plymouth will serve Candy Bar Quesadilla and Strawberry - Mango White Chocolate "Shooter" at the upcoming A Chocolate Affair.

wonton wrapper."

He'll serve the gooey-good ingredients on a six-inch browned flour tortilla Sunday. And offer a strawberry-mango white chocolate beverage to boot.

HELPING OTHER WOMEN

Barbara Weir, event chair, said about half of the vendors are new to A Chocolate Affair.

"It's good exposure for them ... it gives new businesses a chance to showcase their specialty and support the cause at the same time."

The Elizabeth Fagan Division of The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish Catholic Charity group with chapters throughout Michigan, created A Chocolate Affair a few years ago while looking for a way to help other women. The event is held the first Sunday in October in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, Weir noted.

"What better way to get women together than by eating chocolate," she said, adding that participants like to "hang out all afternoon."

The organization raised \$4,000 for the shelter last year. Weir hopes to reach the \$5,000 mark this year.

A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

What: Fund-raiser for First Step, the Wayne County domestic violence shelter.

When: 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4.

Where: In the Grande Ballroom at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth.

Who: Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division.

Details: Sample chocolates and chocolate desserts from local restaurants, bakeries, confectioners; with entertainment by the Livonia Symphony.

Tickets: \$25. Call Barba at (734) 453-1459 or Kittle at (248) 449-6570

Vendors: Armitage Catering, Novi; Jeff Zak Catering, Plymouth; Ginger Restaurant, Canton; On the Border Mexican Grill, Novi; Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Westland; Sanders Dessert & Candy Shop, Livonia; The Quarter Bistro, Ann Arbor; Romano's Macaroni Grill, Livonia; Ritz Carlton, Dearborn; Le Cocoa Bean Chocolatier & Coffee House, Canton; Grand Traverse Pie Company, Plymouth; Wildflours Bakery, Northville; The Dearborn Inn, Dearborn; Tropical Smoothie Café, Livonia; My Chocolate Garden and Stucchi's.

6 OUNCE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

Mary Denning's Cake Shop in Westland offers this recipe for sweet chocolate treat.

8-ounces cold cubed unsalted butter
½ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
2 eggs
2½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon baking soda
2 cup chocolate chips
1 cup walnuts

Cream butter and sugar. Do not over mix!

Add eggs one at a time. Mix until smooth.
Add flour, salt, baking powder and soda.
Mix until just combined.

Add chocolate and nuts.

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