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Pink Alert

Looking for something pink to do this week as part of the month-long Westland's Painting the Town Pink fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure?

Stop by the Performance Pavillion behind the William P. Faust Public Library Saturday, Oct. 24, for a free concert featuring Yankeeville and the Scott Martin Band. The concert runs 12:30-5:30 p.m. Bring your own chairs. There also will be bouncers, balloons and face painting for the kids.

For a complete calendar of events or for more information, go online to www.paintingthetown-pink.org.

New job

Mayor William Wild has appointed Cindy King as Westland's budget director effective Tuesday, Oct. 13.



King will fill the position left vacant due to the retirement of longtime employee Deb Szajko. King has more than 20 years of executive level experience, including serving as Van Buren Township supervisor from 2000-2008, Van Buren Township clerk from 1992-2000 and deputy clerk from 1998-1992.

True colors

Bud Somerville is tried and true red, white and blue, and he's hoping Westland business will hop on the bandwagon to show their support for the John Glenn High School football team during the playoffs.

Somerville and his fellow John Glenn Football boosters want all businesses in the city to display a sign showing support for the Rockets in advance of Friday's game again Walled Lake Western.

"If they have an electronic sign or billboard, we want them to have 'Go Rockets' or 'Good luck, Rockets,' anything that can show Westland is supporting our team," Somerville said. "We're making signs. If a business would like a sign, they can call me (734) 658-3821."

The Rockets have become something of a celebrity after their last minute victory at their Homecoming game earlier this month. According to Somerville, the film clip has been a YouTube success story with 784,000 hits, and there's also been coverage on ESPN, Jimmy Kimmel, "all the local news everywhere."

"I hope businesses can help us," Somerville said. "And as always, go Rockets!"

Write-in deadline Friday for election

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Anyone interested in running as a write-in candidate for Westland council or mayor has until 4 p.m. Friday to get on the ballot.

Under state law, write-in candidates must file an affidavit by the deadline, which is two weeks before the election, or any votes they receive will be invalid.

On the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general elec-

tion ballot, voters will fill four seats on the Westland City Council. Eight candidates are running for the seats, including one incumbent, Dewey Reeves, and seven candidates who are seeking their first term as council members — Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi and Mark Rodriguez. The top three finishers will

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LWV OFFERS VOTERS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared non-partisan Voter Guide for the eight candidates running for four open seats on the Westland City Council in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Incumbent Mayor William Wild is unopposed for reelection. The voter guide is available on the league's Web site at www.lwvww.org.

In addition to Wayne County's Proposition O operating millage renewal, Westland voters will be deciding on two city charter amendments. One amendment would allow candidates for city office to pay a \$100 fee as an alternative to nominating petitions.

The second city charter amendment would establish the filing deadline for candidates seeking city office to 12 weeks before the election in compliance with state law. The charter current sets the filing deadline at seven weeks before the election.

Westland residents who live in the Livonia School District also will be voting on two renewal millages, operating millage and a building and site sinking fund. All of the proposals are itemized in the voter guide.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Blighted landmark gets new lease on life

BY SUE MASON
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A rundown former restaurant has a new lease on life, thanks to Westland restaurateur Rocky Gjoka.

The owner of Rocky's Coney and Grill is planning to turning the former Leright's Coffee Shop at South Wayne Road and Hunter into an upscale bar and grill, also named Rocky's.

"I have lots of memories of Leright's, all my aunts and uncles got married at Leright's," said Gjoka. "I hated to see it go down and down."

The restaurant had been a fixture in the city for many years. It was sold and turned into a Beehive Restaurant that closed suddenly some six years ago. Since then the building has sat empty and become "a major blight in the area," according to Lori Fodale, Westland's economic development director.

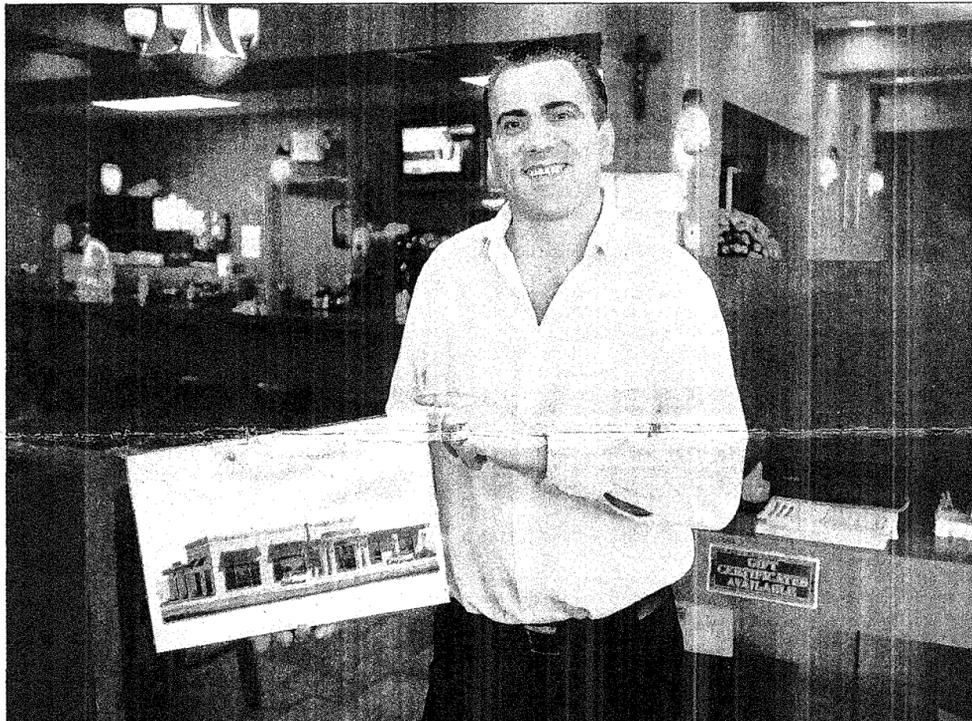
"This is wonderful. It's a blighted building in a commercial area that we look forward to seeing renovated and reopened," said Fodale, Westland's economic development director. "It's going to be a great addition to the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) corridor."

Taking a vacant landmark and turning it into a profitable business is nothing new for Gjoka and his wife Rosie. In 2005 he bought what had been Daly Drive-In about a half mile south of Leright's and remodeled it into a restaurant that specializes in Italian, Greek and American dishes. His aunt is Italian, his uncle Greek. They cook the Italian and Greek specialties as well as the American dishes.

Very few of the interior walls remain of the original restaurant and its curbside carhop service area. It has seating for 90 in booths and at a counter.

"It was my Christmas present," Gjoka said. "We opened it 2007, everything is new. We spent a lot of money doing this, the family helped out."

"I used to eat here when I was a kid. My grandfather would bring me



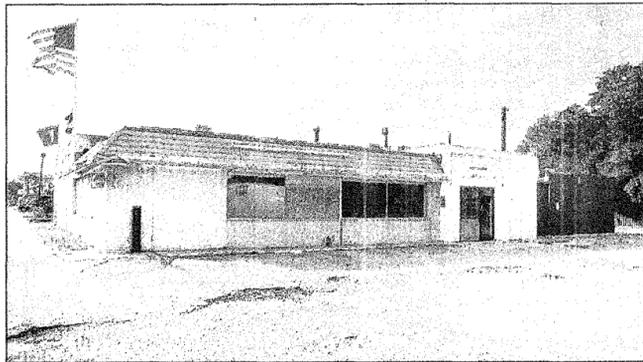
Westland restaurateur Rocky Gjoka shows off an artist's rendering of Rocky's Bar and Grill which he plans to open in what was the former Lerights Restaurant on South Wayne Road.

here," he said. "I said one day I'm going to buy this place."

Rocky's Bar and Grill will look totally different. Gjoka plans to keep the banquet hall which has seating for 250, but tear down the dining room and kitchen area and rebuild it. There will be two bar areas, a dining room with a fireplace. The exterior will feature a stone facade and have cloth awnings similar in style to the awnings on buildings in a new strip mall on the former YMCA property across the street.

Gjoka bought the property last year as Leright's, not as the Beehive, and was able to acquire the liquor license. He expects the bar and grill

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Once a landmark in the city, the old LeRights's Restaurant on South Wayne Road is scheduled to be renovated and turned into an upscale bar and grill by Westland businessman Rocky Gjoka.

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4 charged with break-in, terrorizing family

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four men are facing multiple felony charges stemming from an armed home invasion that terrorized a Westland family and resulted in the theft of about 50 guns.

The gun collection was kept in the home's basement, and Westland police had suspected that someone who was familiar with the home was involved with the Sept. 26 late night break-in.

"An anonymous tip came to me and one came to SIU (Special Investigations Unit). The two tips named the right people," said Sgt. Kevin Wojcik. "Our undercover officers worked and did surveillance that led to two of the suspects."

Two men, Adam Brent

Mastaw, 25, of Westland and Detroit resident Geraud Raymond Austin, 22, are charged with being the two masked gunmen who entered the Westland home, threatened the homeowners and their son, who were kept bound and gagged for nearly two hours. Both are charged with home invasion.

Mastaw also is charged with three counts of armed robbery, carjacking over a vehicle stolen at gunpoint from the homeowners, three counts of unlawful imprisonment, being a felon in possession of a firearm, auto theft, larceny and felony firearm. The Dodge Durango stolen from the family was later found burned in Detroit, resulting in an arson charge against Mastaw.

On probation until 2011 for an unrelated conviction,

Mastaw also is charged as a third-degree habitual offender.

Additional charges against Austin include six counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms, being a felon in possession of a firearm and larceny in a building.

Leonard Joseph Hren, 47, of Detroit is charged with home invasion, 38 counts of receiving and concealing firearms, felony firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Police recovered 38 guns identified as stolen from the Westland home in an Inkster storage locker leased by Hren, Wojcik said.

"Hren was the connection. He was acquainted with the homeowner and had been in the house," said Wojcik. "We believe he set this up and

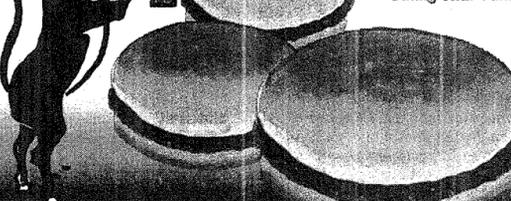
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'Bittersweet': WW language survives governor's veto

Wayne-Westland school officials are breathing a sigh of relief after finding out that the \$54 million Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed in signing the new State School Aid Act did not include the \$6.5 million in enhanced school aid the district receives. "The news is bittersweet," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. His comments came during an exchange with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland,



Baracy credited LeBlanc, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, in helping preserve the "Wayne-Westland language," money the district has received in lieu of millage disallowed with the start of Proposal A.

Baracy said it was "horrifying" to learn that the money had been stripped from the governor's proposed budget, but the lawmakers, working with the district's lobbyist, David Ladd of Kelley Cawthorne, were able to get the language into the House bill and keep it there through the Senate and several conference committees. "The process they had to go through was huge, I know how tough it was to restore this language," he said. "I want people to understand that it was no easy task. I can't tell you how much we appreciate what you

did. The children of Wayne-Westland will have a better education because of it." While the district hung on to the \$6.5 million, it did lose \$2.2 million through a \$165 cut in per pupil funding, and according to LeBlanc, "it's very likely that very soon there will be a proration." Last Thursday, the governor was informed that revenue estimates show the State School Aid Fund being short \$264 million, which could result in an addition \$165 per pupil cut. "You may wish to continue to delay your budget," LeBlanc

said. "Whether the legislature can act quick enough to stave out the proration, I'm not sure. There's some interest." LeBlanc also told school officials that school bus inspections have been included in the State Police budget, but there's no funding. That may be addressed when it goes to the governor for her signature. "This has been a very difficult year, state revenue is 21 percent less than last year," said LeBlanc. "This process has been magnified because of what our state is experiencing. Our revenue continues to decline at

an alarming rate and we don't know where the bottom is." LeBlanc added that he believes residents of the district understand what is going on in Lansing. In other times, he would have been "roundly criticized for not bringing home the bacon." "We did bring home the bacon, there just wasn't a lot of it," he said. "This whole budget crisis, there's no end in sight," Baracy said. "There no longer is a status quo."

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ORDINANCE NO. 242-A APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Westland Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") has previously prepared and recommended for approval a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Original Plan") which was approved by the City Council of the City of Westland (the "City") pursuant to Ordinance 242 adopted on February 20, 1996; and WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval an amendment attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Plan Amendment") to the Amended Plan for the Development Area in the Downtown District within the City; and WHEREAS, on August 3, 2009, the City Council held a public hearing on the Plan Amendment pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and WHEREAS, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions subject to capture in the Downtown District an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan Amendment, as required by the Act; and WHEREAS, after consideration of the Plan Amendment, the City Council has determined to approve the Plan Amendment. NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

- Findings.**
 - The Plan Amendment meets the requirements set forth in the Act.
 - The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing.
 - The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.
 - The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Plan Amendment and the purposes of the Act in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.
 - The development plan portion of the Plan as amended by the Plan Amendment is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the City.
 - Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be adequate to service the project area.
 - Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Plan Amendment, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the City.
 - The City Council has considered the findings and recommendations of the Development Area Citizens Council.
- Public Purpose.** The City Council hereby determines that the Plan Amendment and the Plan, as amended, constitute a public purpose.
- Best Interest of the Public.** The City Council hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the public to proceed with the Plan Amendment in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Downtown District.
- Approval and Adoption of Plan Amendment.** The Plan Amendment is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Plan Amendment and all later amendments shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk's office.
- Amendment to Ordinance Number, Conflict and Severability.** Ordinance No. 242 is hereby amended by this Ordinance. All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of the Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of the Ordinance.
- Paragraph Headings.** The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of the Ordinance.
- Publication and Recordation.** The Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the Observer Eccentric, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.
- Effective Date.** The Ordinance is hereby determined by the City Council to be immediately necessary for the interests of the City and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATES
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance 242-A, duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Westland, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on October 5, 2009, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by such Act.
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Veto means \$7.7 million loss for LPS

While hoping for legislative action that would restore \$316 per pupil in state funding to Livonia Public Schools, district officials will begin looking for ways to plug a \$7.7 million hole in this year's budget. Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa said Tuesday he doesn't know if programs will be cut, adding that's a decision the school board will have to make. The school board meets again Monday. Meanwhile, school officials are getting the word out to the community about the surprise cut resulting from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's line-item veto late Monday of a portion of the public school budget. "They should not out of the blue pick a handful of districts (for additional cuts)," Liepa said. "This is wrong. We're four

months into the school year." Granholm, defending her decision, was quoted in news reports as saying Republican Senate leaders reneged on a promise to fill a gap in state spending, leaving a \$60-million hole in the education budget. Liepa said Livonia was expecting to lose \$165 per student this year, like all other districts. But officials didn't expect an additional \$316 cut for a total cut of \$481 per student. The Livonia school district are among approximately 50 Michigan districts whose 20J funding will be cut this year as a result of the governor's action. Those districts have received payments since Proposal A was approved 16 years ago to help them maintain programs at their previously funded levels. The tax reform measure eliminated property taxes as the source of funding for school districts and replaced it with basic foundation grants.

The Livonia board approved this year's \$160 million budget starting July 1 on the 2008-09 foundation grant of \$8,594 per student. The board also made \$4.3 million in cuts and used \$1.2 million from the district's fund balance to make up a \$7.5 million deficit. The budget also included \$2 million in revenue enhancements. Liepa said an override of the governor's veto would take at least a two-thirds vote by both the House and Senate. "I don't know what the chances are," he said. "Any kind of veto like that would be unprecedented. My hope and my belief is people in this community will rally around this school district. It's going to be a very difficult battle." He said the two state lawmakers representing Livonia — Sen. Glenn Anderson and Rep. John Walsh — are extremely supportive. "At best, this is a fundamen-

tal misunderstanding by the governor of the importance of this 20J fund and process. At worst, this is a calculated and callous decision to punish Michigan schools and force the Legislature into more job-killing tax increases," Walsh said in a statement Tuesday. Anderson said in a statement he plans to engage legislators from both sides of the aisle in an attempt to resolve the budget crisis. "I have spoken with Superintendent Liepa, and I share his outrage at this decision," Anderson said. "None of our school districts can absorb such devastating cuts and continue to deliver a quality education to our students." Liepa said it's more important than ever now that voters approve the operational and sinking fund millage renewals on the Nov. 3 ballot.

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ELECTION

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earn four-year terms, with the fourth-place candidate receiving a two-year term. Three council members - Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering and Robert Stottlemeyer — aren't seeking reelection and will complete their terms at the end of the year. State law requires that there be spaces for write-in can-

didates equal to the number of seats available, said Clerk Eileen DeHart, which means four in the council race and one for mayor. Incumbent Mayor William Wild is unopposed in seeking reelection. Contrary to some public comments made at Monday's council meeting, DeHart said having an unchallenged incumbent doesn't invalidate an election. "Along with Mayor Wild, there will be spot for a write-in candidate (for mayor). In any case, it is a legitimate election,"

said DeHart. In addition to city candidates, all Westland residents will vote on two proposed city charter amendments. One would allow city candidates to pay \$100 in lieu of nominating petition. The second charter amendment would change the city's filing deadline to 12 weeks prior to the election in compliance with state law. Livonia Public Schools residents also will vote on two millage renewal questions - one for operations and the second for a building and site sinking

fund. Westland residents who live within the Garden City Public Schools boundaries also will be asked to consider a building and site sinking fund tax levy. In the south end of Westland, residents who are part of the Taylor School District will fill two seats on the board of education. Three candidates - Linda Newsome, Jeremy Waechter and Mary Moore - are running for a seat on the board.

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LANDMARK

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will have about 100 employees. "We're starting to tear down the walls and roof and restaurant down, then we'll start building walls," he said. "I know I have a lot of work ahead of me." Fodale said the work at the old Leright's is part of the changes taking place along

Wayne Road in that area. A free standing building that had housed The Chocolate Drop Shop received approval Monday night for facade improvements. "It's very exciting what's happening in that area," Fodale said. "We're starting to see a lot of redevelopment in that area." The work on his new bar and grill comes after Gjoka spent four months to get a contract and work with the

Ford Motor Company in setting up a restaurant inside Wayne Assembly and stamp and body plants in Wayne. "The employees love it," said Gjoka. "There's carry-out, sit-down, a buffet. The stamping plant was the tryout. The employees liked it so much we opened one on Oct. 5 in the assembly plant. We'll do the food for the truck plant when they start making the Fiesta. This is a pilot for other plants."

Gjoka lived in Westland and wanted to give back to the community he grew up in. Daly Drive-In was his first effort and Leright's will be his second - and last. He doesn't plan on buying anymore run-down city landmarks. "That's it, I'm done," he said. "I like all the memories, I want to stay here. I don't want anyone to take it away from us. It's a dream come true."

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CHARGES

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showed the other defendants where the house was but wasn't there for the robbery. The homeowners might have recognized his (Hren's) voice." Mastaw, Austin and Hren were all arraigned in Westland 18th District Court and are being held in lieu of \$2 million cash bond. Robert Lawrence Kirby, 24,

of Detroit has been arraigned in 36th District Court in Detroit on charges including three counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms, being a felon in possession of a firearm and felony firearm. Three guns identified as having been stolen from the Westland home were located at Kirby's home in Detroit. Jailed in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond, Kirby also was being held as a parole absconder for an unrelated home invasion conviction.

"We can't prove at this time that Kirby was inside the house. We're continuing to investigate and there may be more charges," said Wojcik. Not guilty pleas were entered for each defendant. Preliminary examinations are scheduled for all four defendants on Thursday, Oct. 29. The hearings will be held in Westland 18th District Court except for Kirby, who is to appear in Detroit's 36th District Court. The victims, who live in the

Ford and Newburgh area, are relieved that the suspects were identified and arrested, said Wojcik. "They are relieved but it was scary, they are still scared," he said. This investigation involved Westland detectives, patrol officers, SIU and officers from the Metro Street Enforcement Team, Wojcik said. "It was truly an department-wide effort," he said.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 GENERAL ELECTION
Please take Notice that the General Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.
The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, is Monday, October 5, 2009. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, October 5, 2009 are not eligible to vote at the General Election.
You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.
EILEEN DeHART, CMC Westland City Clerk
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
On Thursday, November 5, various items of the City Westland, Special Investigations Unit will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.
The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.
Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.
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Ficano: Wayne County seeks more foreign investment

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano remembers one of the most popular bumper stickers from the 1980s: "To the last one out of Michigan: Please turn out the lights."

Ficano remembered Michiganders rushing to Houston out of fear that the state's economy would not recover from that recession.

"They were wrong then," Ficano said. "They are wrong now."

Ficano spoke last week to members of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at Schoolcraft College about the future of Wayne County's economy and strategies the county is developing to restart southeast Michigan's economic engine.

Ficano discussed his trade missions to China and the Middle East. "When you talk to business leaders there, they know of three locations: New York, because of the financial institutions, Los Angeles because of Hollywood, and they always know Detroit, because of our 100-year history of putting the world on wheels."

"In other parts of the world, there is an envy and a push to see how we do things, and how they can invest in this area."

Ficano also touted the area for its universities with the University of Michigan being No. 1 in the country in obtaining grant money. "We still have more engineers in southeastern Michigan than they do any place else in the United States," Ficano said. "We still



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks about economic development strategies for Wayne County at a breakfast Friday with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at Schoolcraft College.



Amy Jones of Schoolcraft College listens to Ficano's talk.

build more cars here than anywhere else in the United States. Livonia is a part of that as well."

Wayne County needs to compete against other emerging manufacturing economies internationally. Capital is more mobile today, Ficano said.

"We're competing against Dubai, Beijing and other cities of the world," Ficano said.

While the United States is no longer the largest market for cars (China is first), it still has the highest income to spend for cars, Ficano said.

Ficano said 40 Chinese companies are located in the Wayne County area. "You can reach 60 percent of the United States overnight from this location," Ficano said. Eighty

percent of trade with Canada occurs over the Ambassador Bridge, he said.

The chief financial officer of Tempo Automotive, a Chinese company in Canton, met with union leaders to discuss costs of doing business in Michigan.

Ficano remembers the CFO stating he had a certain amount of money to spend and wanted to know what the costs will be. Union officials said they would be flexible and work with him, Ficano said.

"We will show you that our skilled labor will work with you," Ficano said. Those discussions may result in 2,000 jobs saved for employees working on suspension and brake systems, depending on what transpires at bankruptcy hearings with Delphi, Ficano

said.

Ficano said Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport has an advantage over other airports such as Los Angeles International or John F. Kennedy International.

"You will notice they are completely landlocked," Ficano said. "We have tremendous open land around the airport. But that isn't good enough."

"We know what they do in Dubai. They give you all your permits, all your zoning, and they build you a warehouse in 30 days."

"We need to meet that standard. We're going to compete with Dubai."

Ficano wants companies, Wayne County and communities to sign an intergovern-

mental agreement to permit the zoning within 60 days along the I-94 corridor as part of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis between Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan and Willow Run airports. The Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corp.'s mission is to enhance business activity, market and develop the area, and coordinate planning and development processes to better serve businesses and citizens, according to the Aerotropolis Web site.

Ficano expects that renewed investment to extend to I-275.

"It's no longer location, location, location; it's speed, speed, speed," Ficano said. "Some of it is infrastructure, some of it is quality of life, but tax burdens and tax incentives is what they look at."

One of those incentives, TURBO, which stands for Transforming Underdeveloped Residential & Business

Opportunities, is a program of the Wayne County Land Bank and provides economic incentives to encourage new developments and improvements to property within Wayne County. TURBO reimburses investors by giving cash back to property owners who make significant real estate investments in Wayne County.

More than \$500 million has been invested in Wayne County through this program, Ficano said.

The Aerotropolis will assist with Detroit and Wayne County's presence as a global player, Ficano said.

Eighty percent of goods "with value" are shipped by air, Ficano said. "It's a global economy. It will be shipped by air, and that will be the river of the future. Shame on us if we don't take advantage of it."

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Gail Test (standing), TOPS chapter historian, presents awards to Gail Washburn (seated left) and Deena Wilkins at the group's recent 53rd anniversary celebration.

Weight-loss group celebrates 53 years

More than 30 members of the Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter MI-53 Westland, a non-profit weight loss support group, gathered recently for their weekly meeting, but instead of the normal program featuring a guest speaker or an informative presentation by one of the members, the meeting was a special celebration of the chapter's 53rd anniversary.

"Ours is one of the oldest TOPS chapters in Michigan," said chapter historian Gail Test, "It was started in 1946 by a group of a dozen or so women meeting in one another's homes. Over the years we have had several meeting places, but St. John's Episcopal Church has been our home for over two decades now."

The anniversary celebration recognized Gail Washburn of Westland, who lost 108 pounds to reach her weight loss goal. She was

selected to receive the "Miss Inspiration" award for her faithful support of other members.

"We are proud to have such a long standing chapter that has helped so many people over the years," said Test. "Gail Washburn is just one example. It took her a few years to accomplish, and then after she reached her goal, she continued coming to meetings to help others make their own dreams come true."

According to tops.org, TOPS does not promote a specific diet, but rather common sense habits of healthy eating and exercise. The key to its success is the support members receive from other members at weekly meetings.

The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wayne Road just south of Cherry Hill. For more information, go online to www.tops.org.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Halloween Walk

Come view the fall colors and discuss the shooting of Chief Tonquish that took place 190 years ago this month at a Halloween Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Hosted by the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, the walk starts at the Cowan entrance to the preserve (Central City Parkway west of Wayne Road). The walk is a free and is open to the public. For more information, visit the association's Web site at www.hnpa.org.

Halloween Hike

For those of you looking for a different type of Halloween event, the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center offers a spook-free Halloween Hike on Friday, Oct. 23. Hike outdoors and meet some funny forest dwellers. Costumed characters relating to nature will both entertain and educate as they share their stories. Pick from starting times of 6:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. The hike will last about an hour and afterwards there will be a short live animal presentation. Space is limited so pre-register before the day of the event at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

Halloween Parties

Costumes are optional for a Halloween party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City. Sponsored by the Garden

City Library, children in kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to enjoy a night of squeals, squiggles and ghostly giggles. There will be magic, treats and prizes. The event is free, however, reservations are needed. Reserve a spot by calling the library at (734) 793-1830.

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with the Garden City Public Schools and the McDonald's of Garden City to host the annual Family Halloween Party at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in the gymnasium of Garden City Middle School, 1851 Radcliff just south of Ford Road. A fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween, there will be a best costume contest, games, face painting and a special appearance by Ronald McDonald. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5, adults are free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Garden City elementary schools. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

Preteens can rock the night away at The Haunted Halloween Preteen Dance and Karaoke Night scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Maplewood Community Center. The event is for the younger set - fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students. Have some Halloween fun, but watch out for the ghouls. There will be pizza, pop, munchies, dancing, karaoke, Dance Dance Revolution and Wii games. The music selection includes Hilary Duff, Ashlee Simpson, Black Eyed Peas and the High School Musical soundtrack among others.

Tickets are \$10 each. Space is limited, so purchase tickets by Oct. 28 at the Maplewood Center.

Halloween science

The Westland Parks and Recreation and Mad Science of Detroit are sponsoring Science Spook-tacular 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:15-9:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, west of Wayne Road, Westland. See how science can be as creepy as it is cool. Watch as an eyeball floats above your head. See paper that bleeds and ghosts that disappear in a puff of fire. Find out how ghosts glow and graveyards get that great spooky fog. As a special treat, find out how spiders spin their webbing and taste some special "Spider Web Candy Floss." All ages are welcome and the cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration encouraged but not required. For more information, call Mad Science of Detroit at (734) 266-9444 or check out the Web site, www.madscience.org/detroit.

Jaycees Haunted House

Don't miss the Westland Jaycees Haunted House that's located at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, south of Ford. Ghouls, ghosts, and screams await you at this Halloween Haunted House. Scary and frightening action are yours to savor. Not for younger children, the haunted house is will be open 7-10 p.m. weekdays and 7 p.m. to whenever on weekends through Oct. 23-30. Admission is \$10 adults and \$5 for children age 12. Bring two non-perishable food items and receive \$1 off and adult admission. Little ones will receive

a free Glow Stik. Special Haunted House Friendly Monster Family Day for families with younger children is noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. For more information, call (734) 226-0400 or (734) 686-1962.

Bowling with Monsters

The Grange No. 389, Westland Parks and Recreation and Town-n-Country Bowling Lanes are sponsoring Bowling with the Monsters 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Town-n-Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Cost is \$7 per person, and each child will receive one game of bowling, shoes, hot dog, drink, a visit from the monsters and more. For more information, call Jeff Goodfellow at (734) 673-4033 after 1 p.m. Pick up a registration form at the Bailey Recreation Center. The event will help raise funds for the third-grade dictionary program for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Haunted Hallows

Bova VFW Post No. 9885 is sponsoring the fifth annual Haunted Hallows dusk to midnight Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 31 and dusk to 10 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 1, weather permitting. The cost is \$15 per person with group rates available in advance. The post on Hix between Ford and Warren Road in Westland. Call (734) 536-3651 for more information.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Purse, wallet, iPhone taken from vehicle

Larceny from a vehicle

1 A resident in the 35000 block of John Hawk told police Oct. 14 that someone had stolen a Coach bag and wallet, an iPhone, \$50 in cash, a digital camera, two child car seats, a stroller, a diaper bag with clothing, a Nintendo DS with three games, an iPod and a GPS unit stolen from her vehicle. The missing items were valued at \$2,850.

Cable stolen

2 On Oct. 19, the manager of T-Mobile, 400 Manufacturers Drive, told police that someone had entered the fenced yard of the business over the preceding weekend. Reported missing was 800 feet of underground power cable, valued at \$2,400.

Larceny

3 The owner of a home in the 32000 block of Fernwood told police Oct. 17 that he was evicting the tenants who had lived in the house since February. The tenants were moving out on their own but the landlord said he visited the home and discovered that the washer and dryer were missing. Some neighbors told the landlord that the former tenants were seen removing the

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appliances, valued at \$750, and placing them in a rental truck, police said. The landlord told police his son had followed the tenants to a home in Romulus. An officer went to address and the husband was arrested on a warrant.

Vandalism

A resident in the 37000 block of Willow Lane told police Oct. 18 that someone had slashed all four tires on her vehicle, causing \$400 damage. The resident told police she suspected the father of her children was responsible for the damage after reportedly receiving harassing telephone calls from a blocked number. The last call, she said, told her to check on her car.

Retail fraud

4 On Oct. 19, a Detroit man was arrested for allegedly shoplifting four bottles of men's cologne, valued at \$85, from Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. The officer was dispatched to Randazzo's Produce Market after the suspect was reported to have fled on foot across the Newburgh-Warren Road intersection.

A Meijer employee was watching the door at Randazzo's and provided a description of the suspect. After checking the store, the officer reported that the only person matching the description was a Randazzo's employee and working at the time.

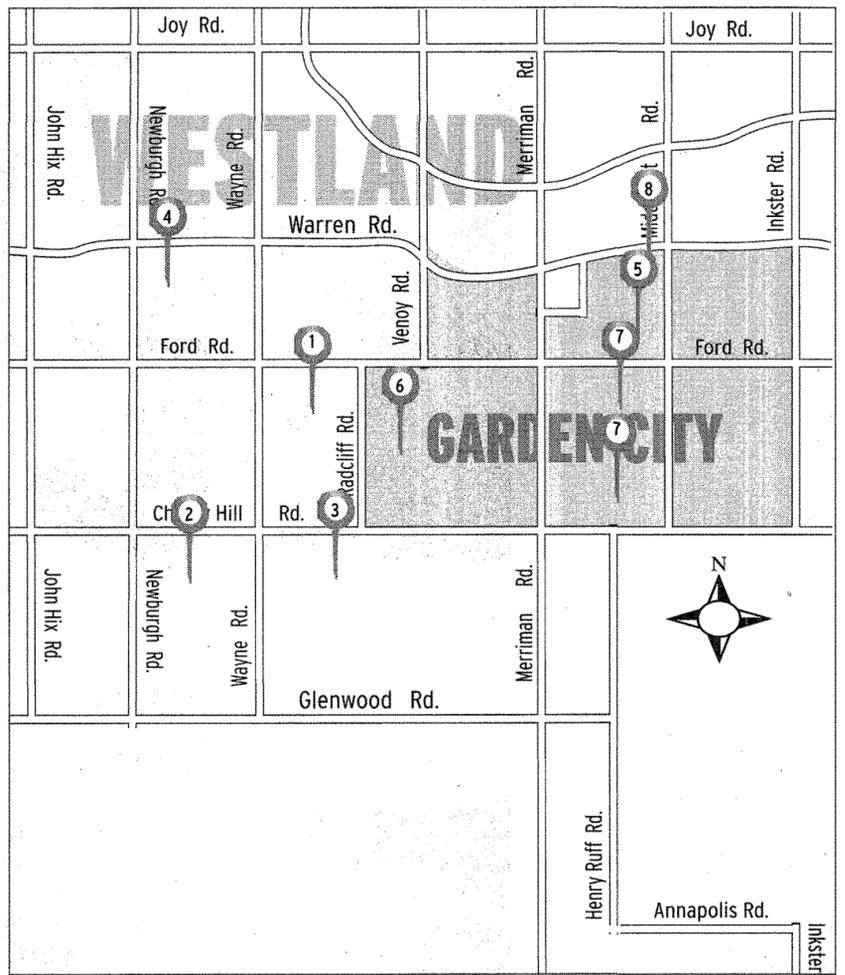
The Meijer employee told the officer she had overheard the suspect mention he worked at Randazzo's and identified him as the suspect.

The Randazzo's manager told police the Detroit man had spent long time in the break room before punching in for his shift. A duffle bag, identified as belonging to the Detroit man, was found stuffed under the furnace piping near the rear of the break room and contained four bottles of cologne, the officer reported.

Larceny

A resident in the 1900 block of Kaley told police Oct. 17 that three males, one a friend he hadn't seen in about a year, came for a visit. After drinking a couple of beers, the men left, the resident said, but he later reportedly noticed a bottle of 70 Lorcet pills missing from his medicine cabinet.

By LeAnne Rogers



Three men reportedly caught taking televisions from Kmart

Shoplifting

5 Working with loss prevention officers at Kmart at 29600 Ford Road, Garden City Police arrested three parolees from Washtenaw County about 12:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in connection with a retail fraud.

The men, all Ypsilanti Township residents, ages 39, 40 and 44, worked in tandem to steal three TVs and a portable DVD player, police said. When police arrived, they

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found one man with the trunk of his 1998 Cadillac Catera open and the first letter and last digit of his license plate obscured by tape.

He told police that he was parked at the northeast corner of the store because he had a flat tire but couldn't indicate which tire had the problem.

Inside the store, his friends were preparing to leave with the TVs through the store's emergency exit which was adjacent to where the car was parked outside, police said. The police learned that the Westland Kmart and Target also were victims of similar recent thefts.

Break-in

6 An unknown man broke into Performance P.C. Inc., 33425 Ford, about 3:30 a.m.

Oct. 15 and stole several laptops and monitors, police said. He was captured on surveillance tape breaking a door with an unknown object. He wore a hooded coat and dark gloves, police said.

Graffiti

7 Two instances of graffiti were reported about the same time at 6 p.m. Oct. 14. One occurred on a vacant building at 30414 Cherry Hill.

The other graffiti was found on an AT&T box located at 1700 Brandt.

Suspended license

8 An 83-year-old Romulus man was arrested for driving with a suspended license last week at Middlebelt and Rush.

Police also found that the sticker on his license plate was stolen out of Pontiac.

The man said that he didn't

know how the tab got onto his expired plate on his 1995 Dodge Grand Caravan.

He also told police that he worked at a used car business.

Larceny

Someone stole a wallet around 9:30 p.m. Oct. 16 from a 1996 Monte Carlo while it was parked in the 6000 block of Lathers.

By Sue Buck

Westland man charge in death of churchgoer

A Westland man has been charged driving drunk and killing the mother of a Detroit City Council candidate outside her church Sunday.

Jason Tackett, 28, was arraigned Tuesday on charges that also included manslaughter with a motor vehicle and negligent homicide. Operating under the influence causing death and

manslaughter each carry up to a 15-year prison sentence. Negligent homicide is punishable with a sentence of up to two years in prison.

Arraigned in Detroit 36th District Court, Tackett is accused of driving onto the sidewalk where Franceina White, 75, was standing talking with a church deacon outside East Side Church of

Gold at Gratiot and Joseph Campau in Detroit. White, mother of council candidate Shelley Foy, a retired Detroit police officer, died at the scene.

Detroit police reported that Tackett, whose vehicle stopped after hitting a utility pole and was arrested shortly after the accident, had opiates and marijuana in his system.

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OCC Expo delivers facts, fun for seniors

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Experts delivered presentations on income and tax strategies, when is the right time to make a move, stress management, massage therapy, yoga, dental care and nutrition.

The OCC Nursing School provided free health screenings.

Popular stops for expo goers was the chocolate fountain offered by Independence Village Waterstone, free massages and morning coffee by Starbucks along with the 40 exhibit booths.

The expo was presented by the *O&E* and *Hometown Newspapers* in partnership with Oakland Community College, AM580 Motor City Favorites and V98.7 FM.

Exhibitors included The Preservation of Affordable Housing — 920 On the Park and 8330 On the River, Abbey Park at Mill River, AM 580 Motor City Favorites, American House Senior Living Residences, Ameriprise Financial, Bath Fitter, Bergman Porretta Eye Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Botsford Hospital, Brookside Senior Living, Chelsea Retirement Community, Denopt Inc., Erickson Living/Fox Run, Fluke Hearing Instruments, Garan Luow Miller P.C., Gem & Century Theatres, HeathQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers.

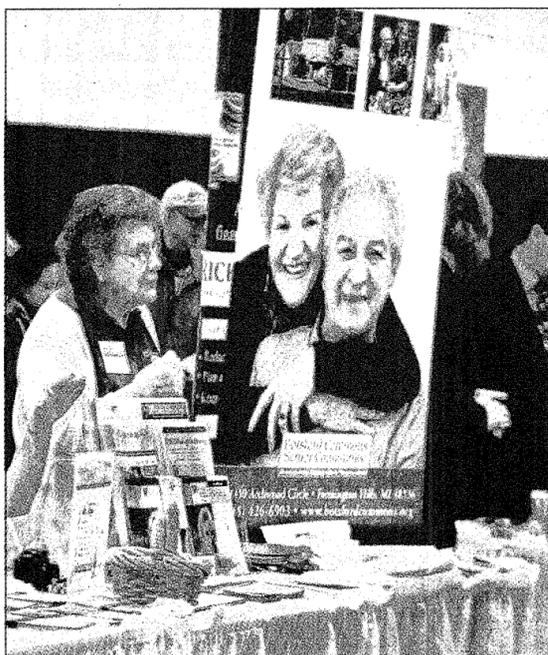
Also exhibiting Heartland Healthcare, HearUSA, Hug Center for Hearing, Humana, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Innovative Hearing Services, Jack W. Bolling, P.C., Medical Diagnostics, Medilodge, Metlife Bank, Midwest Financial Consultants, Inc., National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter), Oakland Community College, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Optimum Hearing Care, Oreck Clean Home Centers, Planned Home Improvement, Saturn of Farmington Hills, Senior Helpers, Senior Village Management, Stevens Worldwide Van Lines, Trinity Senior Living Communities, University of Michigan Livonia Vein Center (Livonia), V98.7 and Waltonwood Senior Living.

A spring expo is planned for May 2010 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



PHOTOS BY DAVID REED

Members of The Farmington Red Hattitudes (a local Red Hat Society Chapter) meet and greet Rita McKenzie, star of "Ethel Merman's Broadway" at the Gem. Pictured (from left) are Hattitudes members Harlean McGrath, June Mahle and Renae Banks, McKenzie, Red Hatter Dorothy Bruce, Steve Nesbitt, house manager at the Gem and Red Hatters Polly Varhol and Shirley Ziemba. Ziemba is Queen (leader) of the Farmington Red Hattitudes which meets the third Wednesday of the month for lunch at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.



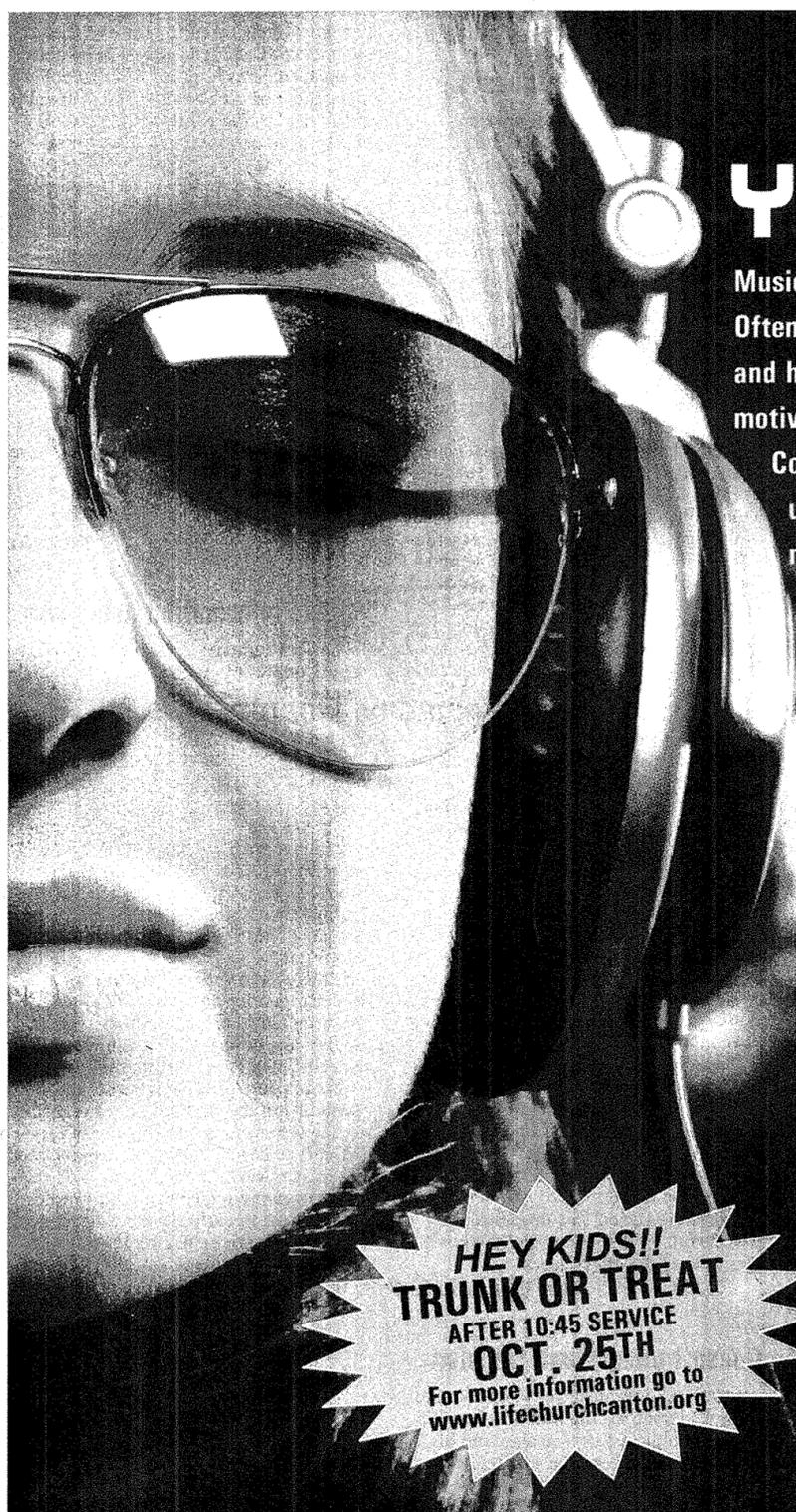
Botsford Commons, a senior living community in Farmington Hills, was among the exhibitors at last week's expo.



Greeting guests at the chocolate fountain is Doug Waller from Independence Village Waterstone. He talks with Rita Alexander from Redford Township.



Bill Joyner, of Livonia, talks with Pat Krolkowski at the Planned Home Improvement booth at last week's expo. The Westland-based business, founded in 1969, is now owned and operated by the third generation of Kwoleks - Mike and Mark.



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OUR VIEWS

Use common sense in fight against H1N1

Pandemic is a scary word. It brings to mind disturbing images of illness and death. It is a word that demands attention.

And the Center for Disease Control recently released an update on the H1N1 virus that should make even skeptical parents take notice. Among the findings:

- Another 19 children died from the new H1N1 virus last week around the country, pushing to 76 the number of fatalities this year among those under 18.

- Thirty-seven states now report widespread H1N1 outbreaks. At this time, Michigan is not one of the states but others in the Midwest including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota are on the list. CDC officials consider any reports of widespread influenza activity in September and October very unusual.

So what is a parent to do?

The first step is to get informed. Read about the dangers of the H1N1 virus so recognizing early warning signs of danger is possible. Information on vaccinations and prevention strategies is also available at these three reliable sites like www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu, www.pandemicflu.gov and www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/may09swinefluqanda.htm.

The third site on the list is the H1N1 page of the American Academy of Pediatrics. It is a dependable resource for parents who want to verify information from a source independent from the government.

For people who would rather talk to someone on the telephone, call the 24-Hour Wayne County Seasonal Flu/H1N1 Information Line at (734) 727-7163.

Local officials have been planning for the flu season for months and they are erring on the side of caution. Much of the prevention effort will be focused on schools as children are more susceptible to the virus, which is more easily spread where large groups of people congregate in close quarters.

School officials are stressing the importance of good hygiene and common sense. A sick child must be kept out of school no matter what test or activity is coming up. Teachers will find a way to get the homework to them, and students will have time to catch up when they come back to school. One child with H1N1 who coughs and sneezes his way through a day could be responsible for many others getting sick. It is imperative that sick children stay home from school.

That means parents have to think ahead and come up with a childcare plan now. Medical experts advise keeping a sick child out of school for 24 hours after any fever is gone. That could be a few days or longer so parents need to have a childcare plan in case the flu strikes.

The best way to prevent the spread of the virus is frequent, thorough hand washing. Experts advise washing hands with warm running water and soap (antibacterial soap is fine but not necessary) for at least 20 seconds. It is helpful to tell young children to sing happy birthday while washing their hands. When the song is over, they can stop washing.

The good news is that the vast majority of H1N1 cases are mild.

The bad news is that the H1N1 flu can be very serious and cases are already being reported in Michigan.

Thank goodness local officials have spent a great deal of time planning for the flu season, but all that effort won't do much good if families don't follow the guidelines.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

• About paying bills online

I have been doing paperless bills on my accounts for the last couple of years now, and not one has a fee. I do Consumers Energy, DTE, AT&T, T-Mobile, Direct TV and Chrysler Financial online myself (not auto billing) and there isn't a service fee on any of them. And you do have the options of paying by checking account or credit card. And at \$4.95 a pop, that'd be almost \$30.00 a month for me. Maybe they'll lower or waive the fee totally over time.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite fall activity?

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



"Golfing. When the weather is cooler, it seems much nicer."

Marie DiDomizio
Westland



"Going to the cider mill in Northville and Plymouth, or any cider mill."

Susie Yerger
Westland



"I like going to a cider mill and walking around, taking in the fall colors."

Nancy Devereaux
Westland



"I like to cook, I enjoy cooking. I like to make bread when it's nice and cool."

Sonja Fuller
Westland

LETTERS

Looking for right leaders

Homeowners should get out and vote. I was amazed at the low turn out this past primary for Westland city council candidates. Homeowners have the most at stake when it comes to city politics, so I couldn't understand why we didn't have a higher turn out.

A recent letter to the editor stated "It is extremely important that we elect the right people for" city council "in these tough times" I agree with this letter 100 percent, and as insensitive as it may have sounded, I have to agree with the letter writer noting a certain candidate lacked experience. I can't fault the sincerity of anyone running for office and I would hope that someone who is inexperienced would continue to gain experience and maybe at a later date be ready and experienced enough to gain the voters belief in their ability.

I'm just a concerned citizen that has followed the problems of surrounding cities like Detroit, Ecorse, Southfield, Highland Park, on and on, and an underlying problem between these cities has been the election of popular people with little experience.

I've lived in the city of Westland 40 years, my wife 50 years, and we've owned a home in Westland 31 years. We have seen many changes over the years mostly good, but in recent years the city has been on the decline. To be fair, all the problems are not the fault of past city officials, but to confront these new issues we need new experienced officials. My wife and I love Westland, and we're looking for the right leaders in place to make good decisions for Westland and it's homeowners.

Carlos Manzo
Westland

Questions UAW choices

In this tough economic climate, how does a union support men that do not support them? The UAW has endorsed Dewey Reeves, a councilman who drives a BMW and running for re-election to city council. They also endorsed Ken Mehl, a candidate who does not have a union bug on his many pieces of literature.

What happened to the UAW's support of buying American products and using union labor? These candidates do not reflect that motto. My family and I will not be voting for these candidates.

I urge union supporters to do the same. Protect our jobs and our benefits by supporting candidates that buy and drive American cars and use union labor to print their literature.

Rebecca Guldner
Westland

Thanks for the support

I want to thank everyone involved with both Meet the Candidates. This shows what a small group of people can accomplish when they work together.

A special thanks to the Joy Road Baptist Church, its members and the Pastor, for allowing the use of their building. Also a special thanks to Mike Hessler for taping the meetings free of charge as a favor to me.

Thank you, Sue Mason, for printing the dates and times for viewing the meetings. Unfortunately, I will no longer be able to work with the Westland Monitors for personal reasons. I wish them luck in what ever direction they go.

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Thank you, everyone.

Judy McKinney
Westland

Vote yes for LPS requests

It is hard to believe but I have now lived long enough to see a second generation of my family educated in the Livonia School Public Schools. My two children are Churchill High School graduates and my granddaughter is an eighth-grader at Holmes Middle School. Although officially qualifying as a senior citizen, I am more concerned than ever about LPS having the resources it needs to provide the excellent educational program it has always been known for. Loss of almost \$3 million dollars in state revenue caused by the Michigan budget crisis is the latest blow.

On the ballot in the Nov. 4 local election are two proposals to renew the millage that LPS is permitted to raise locally. This millage represents about 20 percent of the district's revenue. In the past, the school board has been responsible and has generally not levied the full amount of millage the voters have authorized.

A renewal of this millage will not increase your taxes. A failure to renew this millage would mean disastrous cuts.

In these difficult times, the need for excellence in education is more important than ever. Please join me in voting "Yes" on the two millage renewal proposals on Nov. 4.

Richard C. McKnight
Westland

Library Network needed

I think it would be nice if the Westland Library was associated with the Library Network, as Livonia and Wayne are (and 30 plus other libraries). Then Westland could obtain books from the other libraries instead of having to buy all their own new books.

Westland may say they can do this now, but they don't encourage patrons to return books from the other libraries to Westland. That would be a nice service, but Westland states they can't guarantee that the books would get to the other libraries on time.

I do think the outside drop boxes are wonderful, but I surely wish Westland was in the Library Network.

Mary Ellen Sutherland
Westland

Doesn't understand tax plan

Last week I wrote letter to our Senator Glen Anderson asking him his thoughts on the Michigan Fair Tax plan and his response was to send me a hyper link to

a tax blog on the MSN money network written by Jeff Schnepfer.

I commented and answered Mr. Schnepfer's questions that Mr. Anderson suggested I read and I told him that it seemed to me by reading Schnepfer's questions, he nor Schnepfer were really up on the subject.

I offered to sit down with Mr. Anderson and offer my knowledge on the subject or told him I could provide someone for him to talk with that had more knowledge of plan than I have. His response was as follows:

"As I said before, we're going to have to agree to disagree. Neither you nor I are going to convince the other so continuing this discussion is pointless"

Problem is, Mr. Anderson has done little or no research of the subject. He has most likely taken the word of the Democratic Caucus as gospel as he does on most subjects or proposals that come up or those of a lobbyist. He also probably didn't read to the bottom of the e-mail I sent him, so he would notice the invitation I offered.

Mr. Anderson works for we the people and should be open-minded and able to decipher plans for their merit without influence from special interest groups and the left leaning Democratic Party.

The Fair Tax Plan would reduce prices, bring new businesses and restore old ones here in Michigan. It would take the control of tax increases out of the hands of politicians and put them back into the hands of the people. I encourage everyone to visit www.mifairtax.com page and find a meeting in your area, or if you have a group, they will come to you free of charge and inform your group about the plan.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Vehicle information necessary

The Tire Industry Association strongly urges Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057) to ensure that car owners and their trusted repair shops have the same access to safety alerts and repair information as the franchised new car dealer network.

Vehicles are more sophisticated than ever before with virtually every system either monitored or controlled by computers. In fact, most new vehicles are equipped with tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) that are controlled by computers.

TPMS systems do not replace regular maintenance on tires, but rather are intended to protect motorists from the dangers of operating a vehicle with underinflated tires. Without ready access to complete and accurate information from the car companies regarding the vehicles they produce, it is very difficult to keep TPMS systems activated and in safe working condition.

Please visit www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to each of your congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right to Repair Act (HR 2057) so that all American motorists have full access to all the repair information for the vehicle which they purchased, new or used, so that they can choose where, how and by whom their vehicle is repaired.

Roy Littlefield
Executive Vice President
Tire Industry Association

Family-friendly local Halloween activities

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Michigan's economy may be struggling, but Halloween is something we don't scrimp on. Here's a roundup of local Halloween happenings.

HALLOWEEN JAM

In downtown Farmington, Trick-or-Treating is part of a larger Streetscape Jam celebration 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Grand River Ave. will be closed between Grove Street and Farmington Road, and downtown merchants will pass out candy 2-4 p.m. Festivities also include live music, street performers, food tents and a Farmers Market at Sundquist Pavilion. The event, meant to celebrate the Farmington Streetscape Project, kicks off at 12:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony between Sunflour Bakehaus and Rocking Horse.

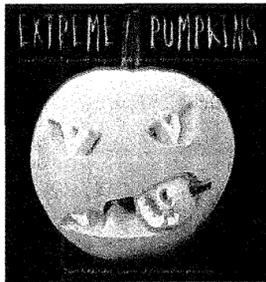
Annette Knowles, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, said downtown stores have been passing out candy for years.

"It's a tradition," she said. "Kids love to dress up and come out, and it's a really good opportunity for businesses to get exposure."

About 400-500 children are expected if weather permits.

GREAT PUMPKIN CAPER

Kellogg Park, adorned with 25 scarecrows decorated by residents and community organizations, is the seat of Halloween festivities in down-



Tom Nardone will sign his book and demonstrate pumpkin carving at Borders in Ann Arbor.

town Plymouth during The Great Pumpkin Caper 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. There, costume contests for children will be held 6:15-7 p.m., with prizes awarded for scariest and most creative costumes in two age categories — five years old and under, and six and above. New this year is a pet costume contest, with registration at 5 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Teri Fry, executive director for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, said 1,500-2,000 children Trick-or-Treat in Plymouth every year.

"Pretty much all of the merchants pass out candy," she said. "It just brings people to downtown Plymouth."

FALL-TASTIC FUN

For the first time this year, the Charter Township of Canton will stage a Fall-Tastic Family Fun Fest, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 in the parking lot of Home Depot. The Magic 105.1 team will take the stage with storytelling, prizes, and interactive games

like Skeleton Hoop and Magic Haunted Mingo. There will also be Halloween music, cider and donuts, a magician, pumpkin painting, face painting, inflatables and a climbing wall. Children can pick up a Trick-or-Treat bag, then visit merchants in the Orange and Green blocks to fill it with candy. Adults can stop by the SHOPCanton Gazebo for coupons.

"It's a new event to help showcase some of our merchants along Ford Road, and acquaint people to all we have to offer here," said Kathleen Salla, coordinator for the Downtown Development Authority.

HALLOWEEN USA

Leave it to Michigan to spread Halloween cheer across the nation. Halloween U.S.A., a rapidly-expanding business that opens temporary storefronts in several states, is headquartered right in Livonia. The seasonal shops sell decorations, party supplies and gear for virtually any costume you can imagine. Superheroes, from Wolverine to Wonder Woman, are hot this year for all ages. If you want to stock up for 2010, locations in Canton, Livonia and Westland will hold closeout sales the day after Halloween. The Royal Oak storefront,

on Woodward Ave. between 11 Mile and 12 Mile, is open through Nov. 2. Visit www.halloweenusa.com.

IKEA

Michigan's only IKEA is located in Canton, and the home goods giant has spooktacular plans for Halloween. From 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, IKEA associates will pass out candy throughout the 30,000-square-foot store. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. IKEA is located at 41640 Ford Road. Call (734) 981-6300 or visit www.ikea.com.

EXTREME HALLOWEEN

If you need ideas for your Jack O' Lanterns, stop by Borders Ann Arbor 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 as the bookstore hosts extreme pumpkin carving with Tom Nardone, a Troy businessman and creator of the popular Web site www.extremepumpkins.com. Nardone will demonstrate some of his new diabolical ideas with power tools and pumpkins, and autograph copies of his book, "Extreme Halloween." Borders Ann Arbor is located at 3140 Lohr Road. Call (734) 997-8884.

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Dior Divas

Christian Dior Cosmetics, Smooth Jazz V98.7 and Ambassador Magazine will present the Third-Annual Smooth Style Masquerade Ball Beauty Bash 7-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The gala includes red carpet photos, Dior make-up artists, a fashion show by Diva, live smooth jazz, strolling hors d'oeuvres, vendor booths and a cash bar. In addition, the identity of the 2009 Lighthouse Dior Diva and for the first time, Distinguished Gentleman, will be revealed. Tickets, \$45, benefit Oakland County's Lighthouse PATH, where homeless women and children live in a safe, nurturing environment for two years. The first 200 to purchase tickets at www.neptix.com will receive a swag bag. For more information, visit www.smoothjazzdetroit.com.

Costume Rentals

Looking for an extra special costume this Halloween? Try The Parade Company. Thousands of adult-sized costumes from America's Thanksgiving Parade are available for rent year round and include a creative line-up of everything from pirates to toy soldiers to princesses. Costume rental prices range from \$35-\$65, adult sizes only. All proceeds benefit The Parade Company. For information or to reserve your costume, call (313) 432-7835 or visit www.theparade.org. Founded in 1984, The Parade Company is a not-for-profit organization governed by the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation whose board of directors is comprised of key civic and corporate leaders in the greater Detroit region. The Parade Company is celebrating 83 years of Parade tradition in Detroit.

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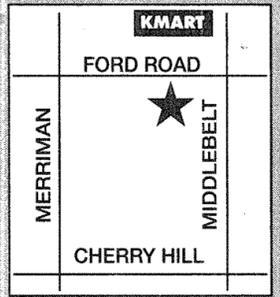
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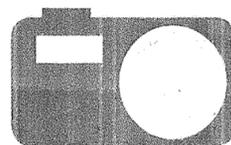


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Extreme makeover



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The old Whispering Willows Golf Course clubhouse, built in 1968, was recently demolished in Livonia.

Whispering Willows eyes new clubhouse in 2010

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whispering Willows has always been considered a hidden jewel among public golf courses in the western suburbs.

But when the newly-constructed \$1.6 million, 6,000-square foot clubhouse opens next May, the City of Livonia will unveil a polished gem.

The original clubhouse, built in 1968 for \$25,000, was bulldozed last week. The course, however, will remain open for busi-

ness as usual with a portable trailer situated behind the 18th green.

"When it's all done it will better serve the golfing public," said Bill Durham, Operations Manager for the City of Livonia's Golf Division. "The toilets leaked all the time and the plumbing was awful. We also needed to serve groups better as far as food and beverage."

The design for the new clubhouse was done Nudell Architects of Farmington Hills, while the low bid for the construction of the building project was awarded to

Summit Company, Inc., of Livonia.

"We've created a self-funding account to do golf course capitol improvements through greens fees," Durham said. "That's how we're able to build this, along with planting new trees and taking down the dead ash (borer) trees."

Durham said the new clubhouse will feature cart storage underneath as all three City courses will convert entirely over to electric carts within the next two years.

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MIAC Blue title goes to Hawks

Like the old Avis rent-a-car commercial says: "When you're No. 2, you try harder."

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran went into the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division girls volleyball tournament as the second seed.

But when it was all filtered out Saturday, the host Hawks emerged as the champion following a 25-20, 25-19, 25-18 victory in the finals over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Huron Valley reached the finals with wins over Macomb

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Christian (25-9, 25-10) and Grosse Pointe

Woods University-Liggett (25-14, 25-10).

"All in all a great effort," said Huron Valley co-coach Kris Ruth, whose team is 11-11-3 overall and finished 5-2 in the MIAC Red. "We saw a lot of positive energy from the start. The girls played real well as a team and it was a total team effort."

"We lost to Parkway during regular season play. So, it was great to win in three straight against them at the end of the day."

Junior Leah Miller paced the Hawks with 24 kills and 15 digs on the day, while senior Kelly Kubinski added 16 kills.

Sophomore setter Paige Schmidt collected 47 assist-to-kills, while sophomore libero Allie Dest paced the defense with 20 digs and was 34-of-35 serving (with five aces).

"Hopefully we can keep

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SIDELINES

Selection Sunday

Fox Sports Detroit will air the MHSAA Football Playoffs selection show beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

The 30-minute program, hosted by FSN's Mickey York and Trevor Thompson, will provide a rundown of the 256 teams that have qualified for the MHSAA Playoffs, as well as their first round matchups and game sites. The show will air again that evening at 10:30.

The qualifiers and pairings will also be posted to the MHSAA Website at the conclusion of the program.

Irvine cards 198

Westland John Glenn senior Heidi Irvine was 12th among individual-qualifiers during last weekend's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf finals hosted by Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Course.

Irvine carded a 102 during Friday's first round and shot a 96 on Saturday for a two-day total of 198.

Rochester, led by individual medalist Christine Meier, captured the team title with a two-day total of 343-342-685 to place ahead of Saline (367-342-709), and both Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (366-358-724) and Grosse Pointe South (371-353-724).

Meier, who carded rounds of 73-74 for a was eight shots better than runner-up Gabby Yurik of Stoney Creek.

Altman honored

Madonna University sophomore player Karie Altman (Allen Park Cabrini) was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week (Oct. 18).

The Taylor native posted a 3.2 kills per set average, almost an entire kill better than her season average (2.5) in a pair of MU wins over Siena Heights (Oct. 13) and Concordia (Oct. 15).

Against the Cardinals, the 6-foot-1 middle hitter posted a team-best 14 kills while connecting at a .529 clip. Her hitting percentage was over 200 points above her season average of .321.

For the week, Altman posted 19 kills to go along with seven blocks, three digs and two aces as the 18th-ranked Crusaders moved to 25-3 overall and 9-1 in conference.

MU signs Drabek

Madonna University softball coach Al White announced the signing of Kristen Drabek, a catcher from Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, as his first recruit for the class of 2010.

As a junior, the Newport native hit .396 with five homers and 29 RBI en route to All-Huron League, All-District, All-Region and team MVP honors. The National Honor Society student also boasted a .495 on-base percentage and had 18 stolen bases.

MU, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion, posted a school-record 53 wins while advancing to the NAIA National Championships for the second time in school history.

Schoolcraft men rule state 'pitch'

Yaya Toure's hat track sparked the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team to a 3-0 victory Saturday at Ancilla (Ind.).

The nationally-ranked Ocelots, who improved to 12-1-1 overall, clinched at least a share of their fourth straight Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship and a berth in the NJCAA Region XII tournament, Saturday, Oct. 31 and Sunday, Nov. 1 at Cuyahoga CC (Ohio).

Now 6-0 in the MCCA, the eighth-ranked Ocelots took a 1-0 lead on Toure's unassisted goal at the 10-minute mark.

The Willow Run grad then scored on a penalty kick in the 28th minute after being fouled on the box after getting a pass from Gavin Kelly.

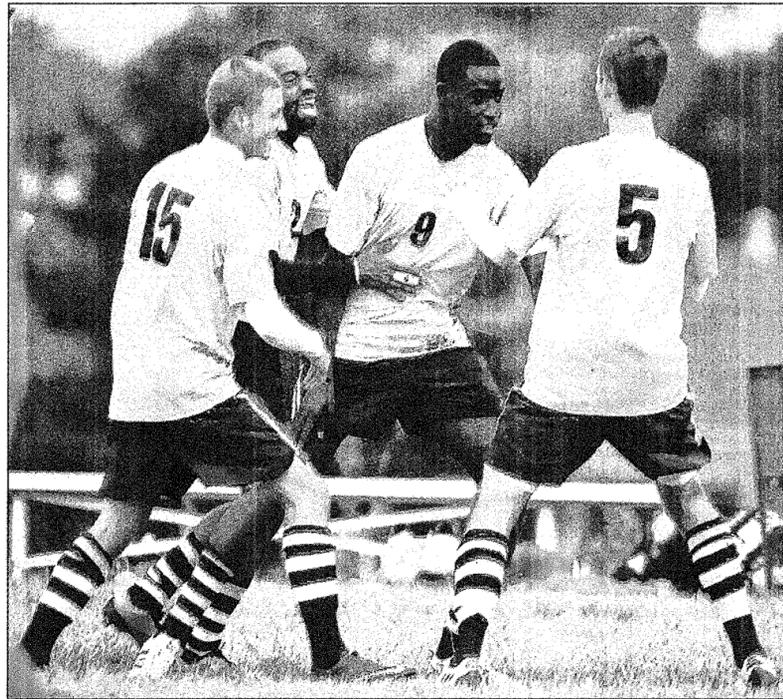
Toure then notched his ninth goal of the season in the 56th minute with Bim Ogunyemi drawing the assist.

Schoolcraft goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins played all 90 minutes and made three saves.

Schoolcraft's defense was paced by Ognen Stamenovic and center back Chris Long (Livonia Stevenson).

"They did a great job organizing our midfield," Schoolcraft assistant coach Eric Scott said.

The loss drops Ancilla to 8-5 overall and 6-2 in the MCCA.



REVA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College's Yaya Toure (8) scored a hat trick in Saturday's 3-0 victory at Ancilla (Ind.).

Stroke of genius: Crusaders earn berth to nationals



AARON SEGRAVES | DAVENPORT SPORTS INFORMATION

Members of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University men's golf team include (front row, from left) medalist Brett Quitquit, Tommy Lucko, assistant coach Matt Wiley, Austin Stillman, (back row, from left) Ronnie Pollack, Jr., Kyle Lawrey, Nick Sears, Steve South, Tom Voyer, Jimmy Uelmen, Justin Taurence and head coach Steve Mato.

The Madonna University men's golf team claimed its first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship on Monday by just a single stroke over Cornerstone at Quail Ridge Golf Club in Grand Rapids.

MU posted a total stroke count of 2,098 over the seven-event WHAC slate, besting Cornerstone's 2,099 to secure an automatic bid to the NAIA National Championships, next May 18-21, at TPC at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill.

Junior Brett Quitquit (Highland) became MU's second-ever WHAC medalist (joining Justin Goyt in 2005) after posting a 74.85 stroke average in WHAC play this fall.

The Crusaders led by 10 shots coming into the final Jamboree of the season and needed all 10 as Cornerstone made a late surge to shoot a 308 to MU's 317, trimming the MU lead to just one.

GOLF

Cornerstone captured the final Jamboree followed by Davenport (311), MU (317), Indiana Tech (329), Aquinas and Siena Heights (333 each) and Concordia (393).

Quitquit was low man on the day for MU, tying for fourth with a 78. Westland senior Steve South (Livonia Franklin) carded a 79 to tie for eighth, while juniors Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill) and Jimmy Uelmen (Ferndale) tied for 12th with rounds of 80 each.

Other MU scorers included Nick Sears (Clio) and Kyle Lawrey (Grand Blanc) with 81 and 83, respectively.

Last month, the Crusader women's golf team also qualified for the NAIA Nationals for the first time in school history, May 25-28, 2010, in Rapid City, S.D.

Livonian Pyrkosz enters Disabilities Hall of Fame

"I've received many honors in my life, but this one tops them all," Livonia resident Chris Pyrkosz exclaimed. Pyrkosz will be the 40th inductee into the Athletes with Disabilities Michigan Hall of Fame with the induction ceremony set for tonight (Oct. 22) at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.

The keynote speaker is Ernie Harwell and the emcee is WOMC-FAM radio personality "Big Al" Muskavito.

Pyrkosz was born with cerebral palsy, but by the age 10 he was introduced to and fell in love with sports through the Michigan Victory Games.

His coaches at the time, Marybeth and Jeff Jones, encouraged him to compete. "They told me it doesn't matter where I place, as long as I compete and do my best," said Pyrkosz, who started out with swimming, track and field and soccer.

A few years later, Pyrkosz began riding a two-wheeled bike, but he wanted more of a challenge, so he moved on

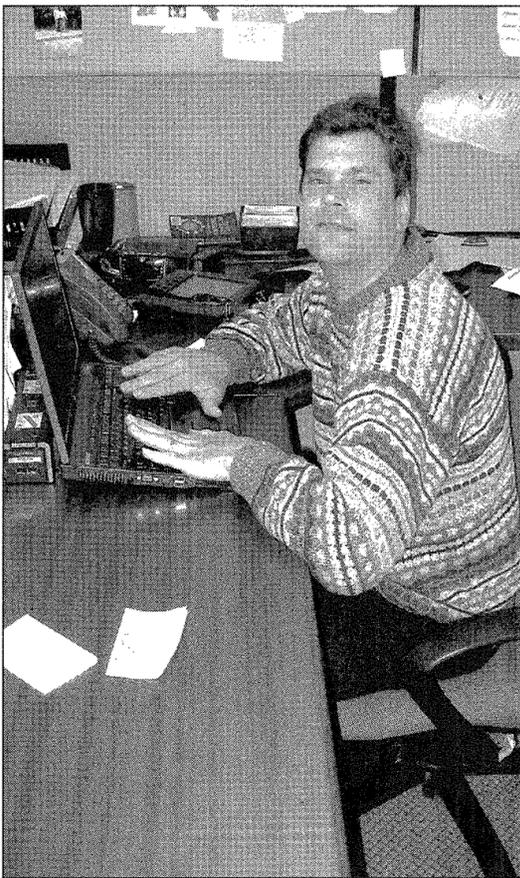
to a three-wheeled tricycle. Pyrkosz excelled in that event and went on to compete in the 1992 Barcelona, Spain and 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, placing sixth each time in the 5,000-meter cycling event. He also competed and placed third in the 1994 World Games in Belgium.

"Sports helped me gain the confidence to become involved in other community activities," said Pyrkosz, who's a member of the Program to Educate Cyclists where he helps plan the Celebration of Cycling Ride.

Pyrkosz is also a member of the Christian Service Committee at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.

A graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, Pyrkosz attended Schoolcraft College and later Madonna University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

He's worked as a Social Worker at Community Living Services (CLS) for eight years and has been happily married to wife Christine for 11.



Livonian Chris Pyrkosz will be the 40th inductee into the Athletes With Disabilities Michigan Hall of Fame. SHARI DAVIDEK | COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

Chargers grounded at state tennis finals

Points and games, let alone wins, were hard to come by last Friday for the Livonia Churchill boys tennis squad.

The Chargers found themselves heading home early after going 0-8 during first-round matches of the MHSAA Division 1 state finals held at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Livonia Franklin's individual state qualifier, Stephen Payne, was also a first-round casualty. The sophomore fell to Alec Attala of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, 6-1, 7-5.

Livonia native Joseph Dube, the No. 2 seed at No. 1 singles, cruised through his first two matches defeating Matt Karim of Troy Athens (6-2, 6-2) and Justin Belt of Port Huron Northern (6-0, 6-1).

In Saturday's semifinal, Dube outlasted third-seed Brett Forman of Troy in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, before falling to top seed and defending champion Aaron Pfister of Grand Blanc in a rematch of last year's state finals, 6-4, 6-1.

Churchill, meanwhile, could muster only a total of seven games in four singles matches.

At No. 1, Ann Arbor Pioneer's Garrett Halpert ousted Matt Cezat, 6-0, 6-0, while at No. 2, fourth seed Matt Thomas of Birmingham Brother Rice defeated Ziwen Deng, 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 3, fifth-seeded David Caldwell of Troy knocked out Mike Houghan, 6-1, 6-0, while Northville's Nick Kalweit downed Vishal Joshi, 6-4, 6-1.

Churchill's best showing of the day came at No. 3 doubles where regional champions Ryan McPherson and Eric Stromberg, a pair of juniors, lost in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, to Tony Schnobel and Michael Suiguusaar of Holland West Ottawa.

At No. 1 doubles, Churchill's Rushi Patel and Joseph Mulka were blanked, 6-0, 6-0, by James Newman and Chris Kaiser of Midland.

Midland's Justin Carr and J.R. Garland also downed the Chargers' No. 2 doubles team of Fred Beshara and Alex Zuccarini, 6-2, 6-0.

Novi's Bill Bell and Andrew Cho also blanked Churchill's No. 4 team of Kyle Appel and Mike Inglis, 6-0, 6-0.

Birmingham Brother Rice edged Ann Arbor Huron for the team title, 31-30, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer (23), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (19), Grand Blanc, Novi and Troy (16 each).

Clarenceville advances in district Dushkaj's 6th hat trick of season spurs 8-0 win

Churchill faces Stevenson Wednesday in key Division 1 district semifinal matchup, visit www.hometownlife.com

Ardit Dushkaj's sixth hat trick of the year propelled Livonia Clarenceville an 8-0 Division 3 district boys soccer win Tuesday night over Mount Clemens in a match hosted by Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Dushkaj also added an assist for the Trojans, who improved to 13-4-2 overall.

Jimmy Moody added two goals and an assist, while Gareth Hintzman chipped in with a goal and two assists as Clarenceville jumped out to a 5-0 halftime lead and ended it on the eight-goal mercy rule in the 64th minute.

Two freshmen, Zac Rosen and Ian Bunker, also tallied goals.

Goalkeeper Dan Schiffman posted the shutout as the Trojans move into the dis-

trict semifinals against host Country Day. (Game time is 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.)

CHURCHILL 8, REDFORD UNION 0: The match lasted only 45 minutes Monday night as state-ranked Livonia Churchill (18-0-1) opened Division 1 district action with a mercy-rule win over the host Panthers (4-13-2).

Senior Tim Devine tallied four goals for the No. 2-ranked Chargers.

Senior Max Washko added two goals, while junior Stephen Foster (one goal, two assists) and senior Adam Bedell (one goal, one assist) completed the scoring parade.

STEVENSON 1, PINCKNEY 0: Reilly Mullet's goal midway through the first half off an assist from Charlie Kokenakes was the difference Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (8-6-5) downed the Pirates (8-11) in a Division 1 district tourney opener.

Conner Burton went all the way in goal for the Spartans, who recorded their ninth shutout of the season.

"Conner never really had any difficult saves, but he did a good job

of dealing with balls in the box," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

CANTON 3, JOHN GLENN 0: In a Division 1 district opener Monday, the host Chiefs (11-7-3) eliminated Westland John Glenn (5-13).

Canton took a 2-0 halftime lead on Danny Ovessa's goal from Shean Krolocki followed by Jon Dugan's penalty kick at the 38-minute mark on a play created by Ovessa.

Mitch Posuniak completed the Canton scoring in the second half from Kevin Zemanski.

Goalkeepers Kai Walther and Brandon Laabs combined on the shutout.

"John Glenn fought whole game, but weathered the storm and were able to create some opportunities," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "Glenn is a much improved team over the year. I thought our boys did well to counteract their pressure."

Glenn keeper Zach Redden, meanwhile, stood out in defeat.

"We made one mistake the first half, but overall I'm very happy and proud of the way we played," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We really had bad luck facing Canton

in the first round. We played them hard and did not give up."

FORDSON 3, FRANKLIN 1: On Monday, Dearborn Fordson (9-9-1) tallied all three goals in the second half to beat Livonia Franklin (3-15-1) in the Division 1 district opener at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The Tractors rolled to a 2-0 lead before Franklin's Gabe Edwards scored unassisted with 25 minutes left.

With everybody pushing up field to score the equalizer for the Patriots, Fordson put it away with goal in the final 10 seconds.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ryan Tikey made 10 saves for the Patriots, while junior defender Dillon DeBeliso stood out.

EDSEL FORD 6, WAYNE 0: Dearborn Edsel Ford (8-8-1) pulled away in the second half Monday with five goals to beat visiting Wayne Memorial (1-18) in a Division 1 district tourney opener.

Sophomore defender Claude Johnston and sophomore midfielder Kevin Diehl stood out in defeat for the Zebras.

"It was a good season for our seniors," Wayne coach David Daigneau said.

BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8 MILFORD 1
Oct. 12 at Milford
No. 1 singles: Matt Cezat (LC) defeated Scott Poirer, 6-0, 6-3; No. 2: Ziwen Deng (LC) def. Brad Peters, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Mike Houghan (LC) def. Zach Johnston, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Vishal Joshi (LC) def. Jeff Martini, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Rushi Patel-Joseph Mulka (LC) def. John Durso-Chris Zaremba, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Fred Beshara-Alex Zuccarini (LC) def. T.J. Malinowski-Mitch Thome, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Ryan McPherson-Eric Stromberg (LC) def. Jake Schaeffer-Jake Sakkinen, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: David Hock-Evan Gordon (M) def. Kyle Appel-Mike Inglis, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5: Tejas Soni-Mayuresh Iyer (LC) won by default over Kyle Erikson-Jeff Behrend.
Dual match records: Churchill, 8-8 overall; Milford, 3-8.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2
Oct. 12 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Walter Woods (LF) defeated Krishna Mahajan, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Dan Wang (WLW) def. Aaron York, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Michi Watanabe (WLW) def. Mike Kaplan, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Josh Sperling (WLW) def. C.J. Kileen, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Stephen Payne-Joe Trudell (LF) def. Andrew Garcia-Seth Goldman, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Josh Bez-Ajay Gokhale (WLW) def. Joe Kosinski-Bill Shafer, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Matt Hart-Jake Rosenberg (WLW) def. Bill Shafer-Joe Bastas, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Scott Klein-Andrew Lieberman (WLW) def. Alex Wood-Austin Tarplin, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Sagor Sadasivan-Andy Carlson (WLW) def. Tim Cousins-Chase Semonick, 6-1, 6-2.
Dual match records: Western, 6-5 overall; Franklin, 3-7 overall.

BOYS SOCCER

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 108 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 75
Oct. 20 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. Ladywood (Brianna Wilson, Caleigh Griffin, Maddy Pelon, Hannah Weaver), 2:05.99; 2. John Glenn (Rachel Alholinna, Kali Aloisi, Jennie Humbach, Brooke Graham), 2:10.2; 2. Ladywood (Monica Thibodeau, Kim Solak, Maris Ryckman, Amy Kobylarz), 2:26.33.
200 freestyle: 1. Casey Peterson (WJG), 2:07.82; 2. Heather Pijor (LL), 2:15.62; 3. Lindsey Bessinger (WJG), 2:18.87.
200 individual medley: 1. Aloisi (WJG), 2:29.61; 2. Wilson (LL), 2:33.28; 3. Griffin (LL), 2:35.56.
50 freestyle: 1. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 27.26; 2. Pelon (LL), 27.81; 3. Weaver (LL), 28.04.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 176.70 points; 2. Graham (WJG), 142.30; 3. Kendra Burke (WJG), 139.70.
100 butterfly: 1. Alholinna (WJG), 1:08.36; 2. Pelon (LL), 1:10.92; 3. Katlyn

Smith (WJG), 1:15.39.
100 freestyle: 1. Sparks (WJG), 59.44; 2. Weaver (LL), 1:01.46; 3. Humbach (WJG), 1:01.58.
500 freestyle: 1. Peterson (WJG), 5:41.02; 2. Pijor (LL), 6:00.68; 3. Bessinger (WJG), 6:18.82.
200 freestyle: 1. John Glenn (Aloisi, Humbach, Peterson, Sparks), 1:51.22; 2. Ladywood (Jessica Arabi, Griffin, Pijor, Weaver), 1:55.1; 3. John Glenn (Graham, Kim Nolasco, Bessinger, Smith), 2:02.51.
100 backstroke: 1. Wilson (LL), 1:09.46; 2. Arabi (LL), 1:15.25; 3. Burke (WJG), 1:20.75.
100 breaststroke: 1. Aloisi (WJG), 1:16.56; 2. Humbach (WJG), 1:19.05; 3. Griffin (LL), 1:19.43.
400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Smith, Alholinna, Sparks, Peterson), 4:04.90; 2. Ladywood (Arabi, Pijor, Wilson, Pelon), 4:11.26; 3. John Glenn (Graham, Nolasco, Kate Moran, Bessinger), 4:31.84.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 3-3 overall; Ladywood, 3-5 overall.

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 105 LIVONIA STEVENSON 75
Oct. 17 at Mercy
200-yard medley relay: 1. Mercy (Maria Bargardi, Anna Schena, Nikki Barczak, Taylor Steffi), 1:54.63; 2. Mercy (Emily Reamer, Kate Johnson, Annie Valentine, Emma Craig), 2:00.83; 3. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Sarah Cauzillo, Emilee Montini, Kaylee Dolinski), 2:01.13.
200 freestyle: 1. Schena (FHM), 2:01.06; 2. Valentine (FHM), 2:03.03; 3. Savannah Hatt (LS), 2:04.31.
200 individual medley: 1. Dolinski (LS), 2:19.31; 2. Reamer (FHM), 2:20.36; 3. Jill Johnson (FHM), 2:26.55.
50 freestyle: 1. Barczak (FHM), 25.24; 2. Steffi (FHM), 25.89; 3. Gordon (LS), 26.14.
1-meter diving: 1. Lauren Roberts (FHM), 223.50 points; 2. Diana Levandowski (FHM), 156.67; 3. Kristin Krantz (LS), 146.82.
100 butterfly: 1. Montini (LS), 1:06.7; 2. Sara Stemen (LS), 1:07.64; 3. Alex Abowd (FHM), 1:08.1.
100 freestyle: 1. Sato Kakhira (FHM),

55.62; 2. Carlee Jackson (FHM), 56.66; 3. Gordon (LS), 56.77.
500 freestyle: 1. Olivia Samoray (FHM), 5:15.72; 2. Barczak (FHM), 5:22.73; 3. Reamer (FHM), 5:35.45.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Mercy (Jackson, Geri Michalczuk, Samoray, Steffi), 1:41.15; 2. Stevenson (Dolinski, Montini, Kayla Perchall, Cauzillo), 1:49.15; 3. Mercy (Reamer, Kelly Karpus, Noel Huffman, Lindsey Tartaglia), 1:49.63.
100 backstroke: 1. Hatt (LS), 1:07.99; 2. Catherine Moeller (LS), 1:09.44; 3. Stemen (LS), 1:10.38.
100 breaststroke: 1. Allison Kellahan (LS), 1:15.94; 2. Julia Hurley (LS), 1:19.26; 3. Erin Erickson (LS), 1:21.49.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Cauzillo, Dolinski, Hatt), 3:51.12; 2. Mercy (Schena, Huffman, Jackson, Michalczuk), 3:52.04; 3. Mercy (Baldus, Shannon Lemmer, Rachel Mack, Valentine), 4:02.51.
Dual meet records: Mercy, 6-1 overall; Stevenson, 5-4 overall.

MAKEOVER

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There will be a covered patio. The roof line will overlook the ninth green and seventh tees.

"We'll have handicapped accessible bathrooms and the seating will be big enough to host golf outings, which is similar to Fox Creek," Durham added. "We'll also have seating for 15 or 16 at the bar and a full service breakfast in the morning."

Durham said the food and beverage will continue to be leased through Nick Moutafis, who has been at Whispering Willows for over 30 years. The existing kitchen equipment and countertops will be stored at nearby Idyl Wyld, while Moutafis will be purchasing new equipment for the full-service kitchen.

The brick building with cultured stone will also feature a central reservations room to take calls for tee times and outings from all three City of Livonia courses including Idyl Wyld and Fox Creek.

Meanwhile, changes to the course will be minimal.

"We had to move the putting green back so it won't be destroyed until after construction," Durham said.

Meanwhile, the seventh tee box will be elevated slightly and on the par-3 hole.

Paul Worley, head PGA professional since 1998 at Whispering Willows, will also benefit greatly from new clubhouse.

"We'll be more marketable with the bigger facility as far as outings and leagues," said Worley, who began as an assistant pro in Livonia 32 years ago. "After they're done playing, they can spend money and sit in the lounge. The bathroom facilities will also be upgraded.

"The pro shop will be the same size and configuration, but I'll have an office, not a partition. I'll have a storage room that's not a utility room. I won't have to work around electrical boxes and water meters to store stuff."

Construction will get underway shortly and continue through the winter months with the target date to open the new clubhouse on May 21.

"We spent two-and-a-half years in a trailer at Fox Creek," Durham said. "This will be rather convenient once they make the call in six months."

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 9 Friday, Oct. 23	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Luth. Westland (3-5, 3-2) at Det. Urban Lutheran (2-6, 1-3), 6 p.m.	Urban Lutheran	Urban Lutheran	Luth. Westland	Urban Lutheran
Redford Union (4-4, 4-1) at U-D Jesuit (3-5, 1-4), 6 p.m.	U-D Jesuit	U-D Jesuit	Union	U-D Jesuit
Livonia Churchill (2-6, 0-5) at Livonia Stevenson (6-2, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Farm. Harrison (5-3, 4-2) at Roch. Stoney Creek (5-3, 4-2), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Stoney Creek	Harrison
Farmington (5-3, 3-3) at North Farmington (2-6, 1-6), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Salem (2-6, 2-3) at Canton (7-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Plymouth (6-2, 3-2) at Adrian (7-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Adrian	Plymouth	Adrian
Livonia Clarenceville (4-4, 3-1) at D.H. Annapolis (6-2, 3-2), 7 p.m.	Annapolis	Annapolis	Annapolis	Clarenceville
Livonia Franklin (4-4, 2-3) at Hartland (4-4, 2-3), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Hartland	Franklin
Redford Thurston (6-2, 5-0) at River Rouge (2-6), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Dearborn Edsel Ford (7-1, 4-1) at Garden City (0-8, 0-4), 7 p.m.	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford
W.L. Western (3-5, 1-4) at Westland Glenn (7-1, 4-1), 7 p.m.	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn
Wayne (3-5, 1-4) at W.L. Central (7-1, 5-0), 7 p.m.	Central	Central	Central	Central
Last week	12-2 (.857)	12-2 (.857)	11-3 (.786)	10-4 (.714)
Overall	76-28 (.731)	80-24 (.769)	72-32 (.692)	80-24 (.769)

Warriors victimized by two pick-offs

It could be categorized as the most bizarre football loss of the season Saturday for Lutheran High Westland

Host Detroit University Prep cashed in on a pair of crucial mistakes by the Warriors down the stretch Saturday afternoon to earn a 28-0 non-conference victory.

Trailing by just a 6-0 score midway through the final period, the Warriors not only saw one interception returned for a touch-down by the University Prep, but two, as the Panthers registered their fifth win in eight starts.

"It was frustrating," said Warriors coach Paul Guse, whose club dropped to 3-5 on the year. "We were down just 6-0 to start the fourth quarter and driving, and threw two pick-six passes in

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the last nine minutes."

The first errant pass was intercepted in the end zone by the Panthers and returned 100 yards for a score. The second happened on the ensuing drive and secured the outcome of the game.

The Warriors came out on top in most offensive categories, but the scoreboard.

Senior quarterback Ethan Haller gained 137 yards on 24 attempts to pace the 215-yard ground attack, and racked up 88 more yards through the air on six completions.

"This was a winnable game," Guse said. "We had more offense than they did, but just ran into some bad luck."

On solid footing

Sana catalyst as Lady Ocelots win district title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE SOCCER

The nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College women's soccer team improved to 13-3 overall by earning a pair of important road victories over the weekend.

On Sunday, Schoolcraft defeated Jackson CC, 3-1, after downing Cincinnati State on Saturday, 3-0, thus earning an NJCAA District 4 berth and a spot in the Region 12 final Saturday, Nov. 7.

Dena Sana tallied all three goals in the win over Cincinnati State with assists going to Jenny Giegler (12th minute), Salem's Katie Shull

(40th minute) and Livonia Stevenson's Stephanie Gutkowski (44th minute).

Cincinnati State falls to 6-4 overall.

"We came out fast and scored a quick goal and it helped us relax and play our game," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Instead of searching for the first goal, we got into a rhythm."

Meanwhile, the ninth-ranked Lady Ocelots spotted Jackson an 1-0 lead before rallying with three unanswered goals by Giegler, in the 11th

minute (from Alycia Baringer); Sana, 50th minute (from Gutkowski); and Gutkowski, 55th minute (from Andrea Polite).

The loss drops Jackson to 8-6-2.

"Jackson was scary because of their set pieces and we had to be careful because on a free kick it only takes one good lofted ball and it's in," Shivraman said. "We had a breakdown on the right side of our defense, but we were not panicking. We were able to sort things out and score with the next five minutes."

Sana (12 goals, two assists) and Giegler (nine goals, eight assists) are Schoolcraft's lead-

ing point producers with 26 and 25 points, respectively. Gutkowski and Brooke Ehman have 15 points each.

Goalkeepers Kristen Dondzila (Salem) and Jennifer Poelstra have combined to allow just 10 goals all season with a goals-against average of 0.6.

Shivraman said the two-week layoff before the district final will be beneficial.

"A couple of practices we'll cut the length and intensity, but we have to stay strong and get rested," he said. "We'll be finding a good balanced between the days off."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 23
Luth. Westland at Det. Urban, 6 p.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Hartland, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 22
Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

(CHSL Playoffs at Birm. Marian)
Ladywood vs. Divine Child, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24
UM-DeARBORN Tournament, 9 a.m.
Kensington Conf. Tourney at Wayne, 9 a.m.
Metro Conference Tournament at Lutheran North, 10 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
NORTHVILLE (Host)
Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Livonia Stevenson vs. Southgate Anderson district champion.)

DEARBORN EDEL FORD (Host)
Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Frankenmuth district champion.)

DIVISION 3
at DETROIT COUNTRY DAY
Thursday, Oct. 22: Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day vs. Madison Heights, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Macomb Lutheran North, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Frankenmuth district champion.)

DIVISION 4
at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Thursday, Oct. 22: Westland Huron Valley

Lutheran vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 3:30 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal, 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Jackson Christian vs. Kalamazoo Christian district champion.)

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Oct. 22
KLA A Kensington Conference Meet at Kensington Metropark, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23
Metro Conf. Meet at Luth. North, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24
Catholic League Meet at Stoney Creek Park, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Oct. 22
Churchill at Pinckney, 6 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Waterford Kettering, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Farm. Hills Mercy at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
MISCA Meet at EMU (Jones Pool), noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 22
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23
(Madonna University Classic)
Madonna vs. Embury-Riddle (Fla.), 3 p.m.
Madonna vs. Taylor Univ. (Ind.), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24
(Madonna University Classic)
Madonna vs. Walsh Univ. (Ohio), 9:30 a.m.
Madonna vs. Ind. Wesleyan, 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 24
Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Stevenson H.S., 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 24
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Livonia's Stevenson H.S., noon

Patriots roll past Wayne in volleyball

It was a simple as one-two-three for the Livonia Franklin girls volleyball squad, who earned a 25-20, 25-19, 25-19 win Tuesday night over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Chelsea Williams paced the Patriots' hitting attack with nine kills, while Amanda Borieo contributed seven.

Liz Holloway also turned in a fine all-around effort with five kills, four ace serves and 11 digs.

Sophomore setter Rachael Kapchus finished with 28 assist-to-kills and five digs. Libero Nicole Williamson added 10 digs and three aces, while Raquel Garza finished with eight digs.

Franklin is 7-18-2 overall and 2-7 in the KLA A's South Division.

Wayne, meanwhile, falls to

KLA A VOLLEYBALL

0-9 in the division.

Chargers defuse Rockets

KLA A South Division champ Livonia Churchill rolled to a 25-9, 25-18, 25-9 triumph Tuesday at Westland John Glenn.

The state-ranked Chargers, 40-4 overall, got 22 digs from Taylor Kerr and 24 assists from setter Cory Urbats.

Other contributions came from Sarah Suppelsa (12 kills), Cierra Yetts (10 kills, six digs), Nicole Kempinski (10 digs), Erin Menard (six kills, three blocks) and Emily Norscia (three kills, three blocks).

Glenn, which slipped to 19-12-1 overall and 5-4 in the KLA A South, got 24 digs

from Brooke Zywick, 14 from Katie Down and 10 by Brittani Robinson.

Mercedes Robinson, Halie Baker and Brittani Robinson combined for eight kills and five blocks.

"I thought that we had a good defensive effort tonight," Glenn coach Julian Wargo said. "We weren't able to pull the ball down against Churchill - their defense and transition to offense was really strong."

Spartans claw Cougars

Reina Tyl's nine kills lifted Livonia Stevenson to a 25-11, 25-16, 25-11 win Tuesday over host South Lyon East.

Kelly Vellucci added six kills, while Shelby Wilson added five aces and 10 digs for the victorious Spartans, who

improved to 23-16-2 overall and 5-4 in the KLA A Central.

The loss drops the Cougars to 2-25 overall and 0-9 in the division.

On Saturday, Stevenson finished 2-2 in the Madonna Invitational hosted by Plymouth H.S.

The Spartans defeated Grosse Ile (25-14, 25-17, 25-13) and Wyandotte (25-16, 25-11, 25-17), while losing to North Farmington (11-25, 22-26, 25-13) and Salem (25-18, 12-25, 8-15).

Vellucci led Stevenson with 38 total kills on the day to go along with 11 blocks, 13 assists and five ace serves.

Other standouts for the Spartans included Tyl (22 kills), Wilson (39 digs), Jorden York (21 digs) and Claire LeBlanc (38 assists).

TITLE

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building on this as we head into district play," Ruth said.

Warriors fall in final

The goal now for Lutheran Westland is to use the next two weeks to work hard, maintain focus on what's at stake, and prove that the accomplishments of the past several weeks were rightfully earned.

The Warriors, regular season champs of the MIAC Blue, nearly completed a conference sweep Saturday as they advanced to the finals before falling to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in three games, 17-25, 22-25, 15-25.

"Overall, we had a good day," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "Although we are disappointed we lost in the finals, we know that we are the conference champions and this was just a Saturday loss in the finals of a tournament."

"We played poorly against Oakland, committing too many errors, and against a good team you can't get away with that sloppy play and they took full advantage of it. Our goal now is to use the next two weeks to get ready for the state tournament and see what happens from there."

In reaching the finals, the Warriors turned back Birmingham Roeper, 25-14, 25-10 and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 26-24, 20-25,

15-6. Emilie Freeman had 33 kills on the day to go along with four aces and collected six solo blocks.

Rachel Storck added 16 kills, four aces and three solo blocks, while Lauren Switzer was consistent all day with 52 total assists.

Emily Wilson, Alyssa Shirkey, Nicole Zehel, Taylor Wiemer and Allison Guse' all played solidly in helping the Warriors reach the finals.

North drops Trojans

Livonia Clarenceville had its unblemished Metro Conference ledger fall by the wayside Tuesday as visiting Macomb Lutheran North won convincingly in three games,

25-18, 25-11, 25-22.

"They are a very good team, but our defense just seemed slow tonight," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Mersman, whose team is 11-11-4 overall and 4-1 in the Metro. "We just have to find a way to step it up against better teams."

Kat Hall had seven kills and 10 digs to lead the Trojans.

Paige Davis collected five kills, while Theresa Parent came up with nine digs. Ashley Welch handed out 20 assists and Brittany Tallman chipped in with eight digs and two aces.

Lutheran North, which will host the Metro tourney on Saturday, moved to 5-0 in the conference.

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL
Oct. 17 at Hudson Mills Metropark
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 1): 1. Pinckney, 25; 2. Plymouth, 61; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 89; 4. Canton, 96; 11. Wayne Memorial, 333 (11 schools).
Individual winner: Tanner Pesonen (Pinckney), 16:12.1 (5,000 meters).
Wayne finishers: 53. Tyler Gendron, 18:36; 66. Darren Homborg, 20:13; 70. Quinton Davis, 20:42; 71. Brandon Tykoski, 21:17; 73. Ryan Stamper, 21:44; 74. Kyle McKague, 23:07; 75. Dionte Burton, 26:41.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 2): 1. Flint Powers Catholic, 75; 2. Dexter, 85; 3. Marshall, 119; 4. Birmingham Marian (A), 127; 5. Chelsea, 131; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 160 (13 teams).
Individual winner: Kristen Yarows (Dexter), 19:19.6 (5,000 meters).
Ladywood finishers: 13. Meredith Houska, 20:44; 18. DeYana Walker, 20:55; 42. Cathy Wojtanowski, 22:08; 43. Meghan Talty, 22:09; 44. Erica Mucci, 22:12; 48. Alexander Darr, 22:23; 49. Shannon Scarlett, 22:31.
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 4): 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 27 points; 2. Royal Oak Shrine, 64; 3. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 69; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 118 (seven schools).
Individual winner: Jeffrey Boyd (Greenhills), 16:44 (5,000 meters).
Lutheran Westland finishers: 17. Daniel Bunge, 19:26; 21. Jeremy Kohrtz, 19:56; 37. Caleb Kempf, 20:37; 36. Peter Sillanpaa, 21:23; 37. Phil Weite, 21:33; 40. Chris Kovacs, 21:50; 49. Eric Smith, 24:35.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division 4): 1. Royal Oak Shrine (A), 28; 2. Lutheran High Westland, 29; 3. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 89.
Individual winner: Sarah Maynard (Lutheran Westland), 21:15.4 (5,000 meters).
Other Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Jess Rice, 22:02; 5. Erin Lyle, 22:10; 10. Jessica Drife, 22:49; 14. Angela Morrison, 23:15; 21. Brittany Maynard, 24:13; 22. Carly Girolamo, 24:34.
COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY FALCON INVITATIONAL
Oct. 17 at Bowling Green (Ohio)
WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bowling Green, 55 points; 2. Kent State, 61; 3. Malone (Ohio), 78; 4. Oakland University, 109; 65. University of Buffalo, 169; 14. Madonna University, 397 (22 schools).
Individual winner: Alex Lizzarriba (Kent State), 21:47.5 (4,000 meters).
Madonna finishers: 28. Sarah Sherwood (Salem), 23:13; 87. Kari Saarela (Livonia Franklin), 25:21.2; 90. Cassie Yarnall, 25:28.2; 95. Emily Bambach (Livonia Ladywood), 25:41.6; 5. Emma Czaplicki (Farmington), 25:50.1; 109. Devan Walley (Franklin), 26:31.4.
MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Kent State, 39 points; 2. Malone (Ohio), 61; 3. Oakland University, 122; 19. Madonna University, 588 (19 schools).
Individual winner: Scott Hilditch (Kent State), 24:12.5 (8,000 meters).
Madonna finishers 105: Tim Boes (Westland John Glenn), 28:47 (8K); 119. Dan Pratt, 31:46; 120. Luke Mion, 32:10; 121. Mitch Cieslak, 32:13; 23. Bryant Slaughter (Westland), 35:29.

Windsor goalie stymies Whalers

Windsor rookie goaltender Troy Passingham stopped 29 shots Saturday for his third shutout of the season, while veterans Adam Henrique and Greg Nemisz scored one goal apiece as the Spitfires defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 4-0.
 Richard Panik and Justin Shugg scored Windsor's other

goals in the Ontario Hockey League game played before 2,601 at Compuware Arena. The Spitfires improve to a league-best record of 9-3-0-1 and have won three games in a row. Plymouth is now 7-5-0-0.
 Nemisz started the scoring at 3:23 of the first period with his 10th goal of the season.

Wellwood picked up a loose puck on the left wing in the Plymouth zone and found Nemisz in the slot. Perhaps the key goal came at 0:12 of the second period. Taylor Hall carried the puck deep into Plymouth territory to the left goal line and found Richard Panik at the left circle, who buried a shot in

the top shelf over the shoulder of Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett. Henrique (a New Jersey draft) increased the Windsor lead to 3-0 after 40 minutes. Shugg scored the only goal of the third period when he batted home a second rebound past Hackett at the left wing side of the goal.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SHS grid homecoming

Pre-sale tickets will be sold during all three lunch periods from 10:15 a.m. from 12:15 p.m. on Friday in the North Cafeteria for the Livonia Churchill at Livonia Stevenson football homecoming game.
 Tickets, all \$5, will also go on sale at 5 p.m. Friday at the Les Anders Stadium. (Game time is 7 p.m.). Stevenson family and student passes, along with KLAA passes will be accepted.
 Auxiliary parking for spectators will also be available behind the visitor bleachers on game day. To access, take Farmington Road north and make a left on Curtis to the Day Care school. Enter the far west side and enter the lot and drive through the gate onto the grass (follow the orange cones). You can also purchase tickets behind the visitor bleachers. Tailgating is permitted, but no alcoholic beverages or smoking allowed on school grounds. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
 For more information, call the Stevenson athletic office at (734) 744-2500.

WYAA girls volleyball

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is currently accepting registration for girls volleyball (ages 8-17) from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays, at the WYAA's Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).
 The WYAA has a fund-raiser to offset the cost of the program. Participants will also be given one raffle ticket for each \$5 of paid registration fees. These extra tickets can be used to enter the WYAA drawing or sold to recover the cost of registration.
 For more information, call (734) 421-

0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Learn to Skate II

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its eight-week Learn to Skate (Fall Session II) beginning the week of Nov. 2 through the week of Jan. 14, 2010, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one half-mile south of Five and just west of Farmington Road).
 The fee is \$62 for residents and \$76 for non-residents for the following classes (all on Mondays):
 Ages 4-and-up: 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:25; boys hockey skills: 6:25 p.m.; and 3-year-olds only, 5 p.m.
 (Limited free skate rental is available and no equipment is need for boys hockey skills).
 Walk-in registration for residents will be 6:30-8 p.m. and non-residents, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).
 For more information, or to inquire about private skating lessons, call (734) 266-2412.

Men's hoop league

A managers meeting for returning teams in the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation men's basketball league will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).
 A meeting for new teams will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at the LCRC.
 The fee for the league is \$400 (plus non-resident and officials fees per game). The league is scheduled to start Jan. 4, 2010.
 For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

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.

Track coach wanted

The University of Detroit Jesuit High is seeking a varsity boys track and field coach for the 2010 season.
 Those interested should forward a resume to: Mickey Barrett, Athletic Director, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI. 48221; or fax to (313) 862-3299; or e-mail mickey.barrett@uofdjhsuit.org.

Club Extreme spikers

Novi Christian Community Center, 45301 W. 11 Mile Road (corner of Taft), will again host Club Extreme Volleyball. The program intends to "create an opportunity for girls to participate in a challenging yet rewarding environment."
 Tryouts for the 2009-10 Club Extreme Asics team begin Nov. 1 and continue on Nov. 8. Interested players must pre-register with the AAU (www.aausports.org) prior to tryouts.
 For more information, go to www.eteamz.com/clubextreme or send an e-mail to clubextremevolleyball@yahoo.com.

MU spikers rally for win

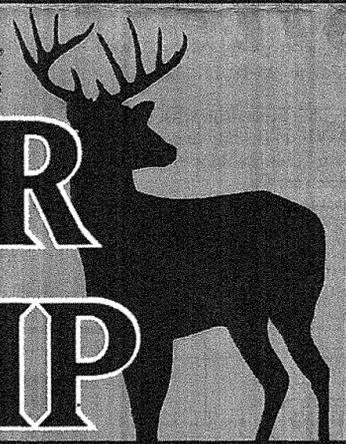
Down 0-2 to start the match, Madonna University's volleyball team stormed back to win the final three sets Tuesday and upend host Davenport University, 21-25, 26-28, 29-27, 25-20, 15-5, in Grand Rapids.
 Mary McGinnis recorded a game-high 22 kills as the Crusaders improved to 26-3 overall and 10-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.
 Also in double figures in kills for MU including Livonia

Franklin's Liz Dempsey (18), Karie Altman (13) and Katie Czarnecki (13).
 Setter Inta Grinvalds had 59 assist-to-kills, while Dempsey paced the defense with 23 digs.
 Other digs leaders for the Crusaders, ranked No. 18 in the latest NAIA National poll, included Amanda Koszela (16), Grinvalds (14) and Megan Fricke (11).
 Kelse Moon and Ashley Penny paced the Panthers (16-14, 5-5) with 16 and 15 kills, respectively.

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Family caregivers reach out for support at annual caregriver expo

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Knowing where to turn when you need help and accepting help when it is available can be life changing. Alvin Fouche cares for his 94-year-old mother Julia Fouche in his Oakland County home because he does not want her living in a nursing home. It has not been easy but he does it because he wants the best for her.

Julia is in the advanced stages of dementia and most days does not know who her son is. Early on, Fouche contacted the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, and was connected to supportive services and programs to help him manage some of the responsibilities associated with caring for his mother.

"The support I have received has been a life saver," said Fouche. "I don't know what I would do without it."

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings Fouche takes his mother to Sheltering Arms Adult Day Service, a program of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, where Julia participates in social activities, such as games, current events, exercise and music. She also has a good lunch and a snack throughout the day. A SMART bus comes to get Julia to take her back home at about 3 p.m.

Julia's visit to Sheltering Arms makes it possible for Fouche to work about five hours each day.

A former environmental engineer and business owner, Fouche now manages a flexible work schedule by doing carpentry and home modifications for various clients. This allows Fouche to care for his mother.

"It's not easy," he said. "I need to

FINDING HELP

Caregivers like Fouche can learn about resources, products and services that are available to assist them at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B's 10th Annual Solutions for Family Caregiver Expo, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, in the Diamond Ballroom at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi. The event is free, parking is free and complimentary morning refreshments will be provided.

"Caregivers often find themselves facing enormous responsibilities and are not aware of the services available to assist them or where to turn for help," said Tina Abbate Marzolf, chief executive officer, AAA 1-B. "The Caregiver Expo provides access to experts, information, and resources under one roof, and the opportunity for caregivers to give and receive support from other caregivers."

At the expo, guests can attend expert presentations on topics ranging from Alzheimer's Disease, to managing caregiver stress to legal tips. More than 100 exhibitors will be on hand representing businesses and nonprofit organizations that provide products and services to assist caregivers.

The Caregiver Expo is sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, Kroger Pharmacy, the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers, and 16 other sponsors.

For more information about the Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Caregiver Expo, please call 1-800-852-7795, or visit www.aaa1b.com.

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MARGARET AULT

Age 90, October 19, 2009. Beloved wife of Forrest; dearest mother of Marcia Waters, Eran Deran, Forrest II (Anne) and Heather Webb (Richard); loving grandmother of Rebecca (Larry) Smith, Sarah (Bradley) Imhoff, Audrey (Mark) Ullrich, Hannah (Tim) Clough, Ashley and Rick Webb; great grandmother to Cara and Kelsey Smith, Morgan and Gretchen Ullrich, Phineas and Thurston Imhoff. She is also survived by Lena Uptigrove, Laura Ann Roberts and many nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be Thursday 4-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Memorial Service will be Friday 12 pm at the funeral home.
www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

JOHN LYNCH HANLEY III

Age 69, of Fowlerville, died October 15, 2009 in Howell. He was born Dec. 19, 1939 in Detroit to John L. and Eleanor (Carland) Hanley Jr. He was a 1958 Graduate of Clarenceville High School. He married Barbara (Harrington) in 1983. He worked for Consumer's energy as a welder for 30 years. He was a Charter Member of 2 Ham Radio Clubs, Member of the Emergency Management team of Isosco County for several years thru the 90's, Member and sat on the Board of Directors at Isosco County Sportsmen's Club, life member of NRA and an accomplished Drummer. He is survived by his wife: Barbara sons: John L. IV of Sterling Heights, Patrick Charles of Victoria British Columbia, Michael Andrew of Garden City, 4 Grandchildren: Jason, Breanne, Alyssa, and Brandon. Visitation was held on Monday October 19 at 1-8PM. Services were held Tuesday October 20, 2009 at 11AM at Niblack Funeral Home, Dillingham Liverance Chapel, Fowlerville with Pastor Tom Tarpley officiating. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery.
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BETTY J. KRAUSS

Age 72, October 19, 2009. Loving mother of Philip "Happy" (Jennifer) and Craig (Masami) Krauss. Dear grandmother of Philip "Trey", Adrian, Jimmy, Allen and Renee. Beloved sister of Joy Kinun and Jerry Parks and the late Bill Wood and the late Bob Parks. Betty was a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and retired from the Ford Motor Company. Visitation Friday from 3-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Saturday visitation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia from 10 am until her funeral at 11 am. Burial at Lenawee Hills, Tecumseh. Memorials may be made to the church or the American Cancer Society in her honor.

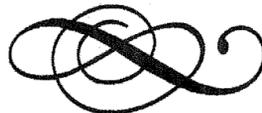


PHYLLIS ANN QUARTUCCIO

October 17, 2009 Age 84 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Dear mother of Michael (Connie), Josephine (Jimmie) Schewe, Larry (Julie). Grandmother to Michael (Judy), Doug (Leslee), Jennifer Schewe, Anthony, and Leslie (Anthony) Keller. Great grandmother of Eric, Bradley, Tyler, Hayley, Brett, Cameron, Colin, Tori, Taylor, Bryson, Jacob, and Aubrey. Memorial service was held Wednesday 1pm from The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with a gathering from 11am-1pm. Cremation rights were accorded. Family requests memorials to St. Jude Hospitals. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

JOSEPH CLYDE ROBERTS

Age 89. October 17, 2009 of Dearborn. Beloved husband of Norma. Loving father of Marjorie Roberts, Mary Beth (Edward) Fest and Jeffery Roberts. Also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Wednesday at Henry Ford Village Chapel. Arrangements by the Dearborn Chapel of the Voran Funeral Home. Obituary/guestbook at: www.voranfuneralhome.com



MATILDA A. LACONIS

Age 95, of Farmington, Michigan. October 17, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

RICHARD C. MILLER

80, of Flat Rock MI, joined his loving mother, Mildred Ballard, wife, Martha Jean Miller and his brother Robin (Butch) Miller on October 18, 2009. Dearest brother to Joan (Robert) Avery and loving father to Gene (Doreen) Miller, Jill (Curtis) Oxendine-Collins and Gene (Jill) Stewart. Adorned grandfather of Stephanie Oxendine, Rebecca Collins and Haley Miller. Memorial services held at the VFW Hall at 1055 S. Wayne Rd. on October 26 from 1-3pm.

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Westland-Garden City Strictly Business



At Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, the staff is dedicated to providing outstanding customer service and committed to helping the community.

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury cares about cars, community

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

Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury would like to welcome people to visit them at 32000 Ford Road in Garden City. If you are looking for a great new or used vehicle or the best service and repair for any vehicle make or model, look no further than Metropolitan. **Observer: Why did you chose Garden City?** Many of you will recognize Metropolitan's Ford Road address as the former home of Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury. Since the new owners, Cullan Meathe and John Obeid, opened Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury on Oct. 13, 2006, the dealership has consistently ranked among the top three or four Lincoln-Mercury dealerships in America for new car sales.

To support its success, the dealership maintains top notch Parts and Service Departments, a QuickLane oil change service and a world class Body Shop. The entire operation is staffed by nearly one hundred employees dedicated to providing outstanding customer service. **Observer: What makes your business unique?** Metropolitan's motto

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is "Expect Respect." And in addition to providing outstanding service, Metropolitan and its staff are genuinely committed to helping the community. Metropolitan actively supports the Garden City School

District, the American Red Cross and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, as well as many other civic and charitable organizations.

Most recently, Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury donated a brand new vehicle to the Garden City School District as the grand prize in a raffle to raise funds to renovate the Garden City High School track and field facilities. The dealership also hosts blood drives on a regular basis to help the American Red Cross, and this summer Metropolitan donated a grand prize vehicle lease for the fourth time to the American Red Cross to help encourage blood donations. Also this summer, Metropolitan launched a successful first annual Classic Car and Truck Show that raises funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

These are just a few of Metropolitan's community involvement activities, which further include an annual Halloween Trick-Or-Treat event for children and more. **Observer: How can people find out about your community events?**

To learn more about upcoming events at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, visit their Web site at www.MetroMichigan.com.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Customer support

The results are in. In an overwhelming response, more than 1.6 million Americans agree with convenience retailer 7-Eleven Inc. that something needs to be done about excessive credit card transaction fees. Some 1,664,000 signatures were collected by more than 6,300 U.S. franchisees, licensees and store managers in the public policy petition drive held June 22-Aug. 10.

The company believes this is the largest and most successful public policy petition drive on record.

Locally, 53,386 customers jumped on the fair-fee bandwagon by signing 7-Eleven's petition, making Detroit area residents some of the country's top supporters of the drive. As one of the franchisees whose store collected the most signatures, Jon Baloch of Westland went to Washington, D.C., to participate in a press conference at the U.S. Capitol and personally assist in delivering the nearly 15,000 petition booklets to his Congress.

Baloch's 7-Eleven store at 31385 Joy Road at Merriman, in Westland, collected 1,027 signatures - the highest

number among all 7-Eleven stores in the company's Great Lakes Region, which includes approximately 575 stores. Baloch attributes his store's successful petition drive to having a strong connection with the local community and knowing all of his regular customers on a first-name basis. They were very eager to support him and the cause.

"My customers realize that they are the ones who are ultimately impacted by skyrocketing credit card transaction fees," said Baloch. "In this poor economy, it's especially important to send a message now to greedy credit card companies and about the need to help consumers by putting a stop to ever-increasing transaction fees."

In addition to the Westland store, Baloch also owns and operates 7-Eleven franchises in Commerce Township and Wixom.

"Consumer response to this grassroots petition drive exceeded expectations," said Joe DePinto, 7-Eleven president and CEO. "Customers share our frustration over the hidden fees that American retailers and, ultimately, consumers are forced to pay. They, too, want Congress to take action to regulate these

unfair fees, which are the highest in the industrialized world."

Interchange fees aren't transparent to the consumer and assessed to store owners every time a consumer uses a credit card. These charges result in higher prices which are borne by all consumers, whether or not they use a card or cash. In 2008 alone, these fees cost American businesses and their customers \$48 billion. According to the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) 2008 State of the Industry data, on average, an American convenience store owner paid 63 percent more in transaction fees than they earned in profits.

Credit card companies typically levy more than \$2 in fees for every \$100 consumers charge at American businesses. Convenience stores generally have smaller purchases which typically result in much higher rates. For example, with the recently published rate hike by MasterCard, if a customer uses a MasterCard Pin Debit card to make a \$1 purchase at a convenience store the charge to the merchant would be 20 cents or 20 percent of the transaction, nearly twice the current rate.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

1959 Corvette Contest

Art Van Furniture is celebrating its 50th anniversary and to do it right Michigan's largest furniture store (30 stores in 29 communities throughout Michigan) is giving away a fully restored 1959 Chevrolet Corvette convertible. If you've always wanted to own a little red Corvette, now's your chance to enter. No purchase required. Visit Art Van Furniture's Web site to see the contest rules and enter to win, or you can stop by the Art Van store at 8300 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Don't delay. The contest deadline is Saturday, Oct. 31. The winner will be announced by Nov. 12.

Pink carpet event

Stop by Hobbs Chiropractic at 5812 N. Wayne Road, Westland, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, for a pink carpet event to raise money for breast cancer awareness. There will be a silent auction, Halloween contest for children, live music, an artist reception featuring John Middlestead and complimentary massages. All proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For more information, call Harmony at (734) 729-2122 or by e-mail at harmony59@sbcglobal.net.

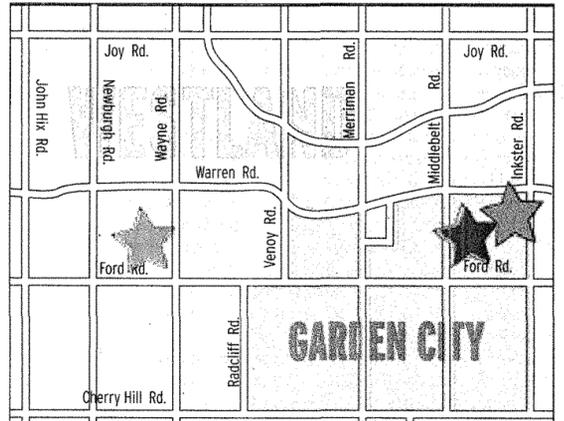
Farmers/Gift Market

Garden City Public Schools, Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Garden City Maplewood Community Center, Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Hometown Holiday Farmers/Gift Market 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7 and 14, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. There will be crafts, baked goods, plants, jewelry and much more. Admission is free. There also will be special entertainment - the Garden City Public Schools "Gong Show" 12:30-2:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in O'Leary Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and \$12 family pass.

New business

You'll find something new along Warren Road in Garden City - Mr. G's



Bar & Grill at 28937 Warren Road just east of Middlebelt. Committed to providing the best food, the best entertainment, and the best atmosphere.

Mr. G's has live entertainment every Wednesday through Saturday, including The Willie Grimm Band every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Mr. G's opens at 11 a.m. everyday with plenty of \$4.95 lunch specials all week, a fish fry on Friday and Prime rib on Saturday. For more information, call (734) 469-2491.

Stretching your dollar

Looking for a way to get more meat for your money? Stop by Family Fresh Market in Westland where you can order meat bundles geared for two people up to a family. Family Fresh is a local, family-owned grocery store that is dedicated to bringing customers the best service in southeast Michigan. The meat counter offers a variety of beef, pork, chicken, and seafood at a low cost as well as pre-prepared foods like marinated chicken or beef kabobs, stuffed Portabello and regular mushrooms, marinated vegetables for the grill and more. Family Fresh Market is at 31210 W. Warren Road just east of Merriman. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 466-3000 or send an e-mail to

info@familyfreshmarket.net.

ONGOING

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.

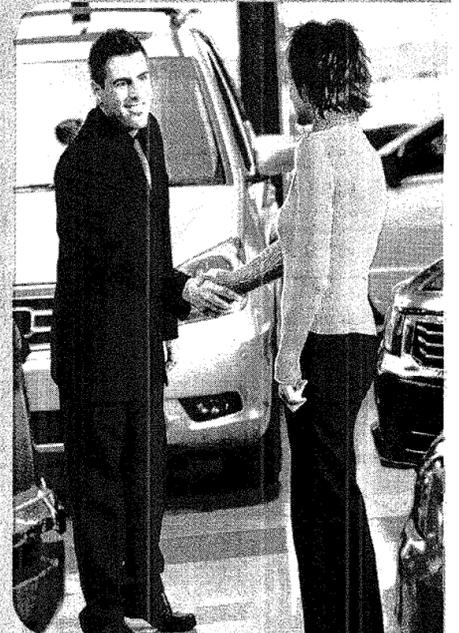
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Dogs can parade in costume for good cause

Can we ever get too much Halloween fun? No, say Friends of Canton's Dog Park and Crimboli Nursery.

They've teamed up to present "Howling for the Dog Park, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24 at Crimboli Sweetwater village, 50145 Ford Road, Canton.

This dog-friendly event is designed to provide families with a fun-filled afternoon while supporting and building awareness for Canton's future dog park.

Planned activities for this pet-friendly event, include hayrides, live entertainment, free kids attractions, tasty treats, and pumpkins available for purchase from Hawk Farms.

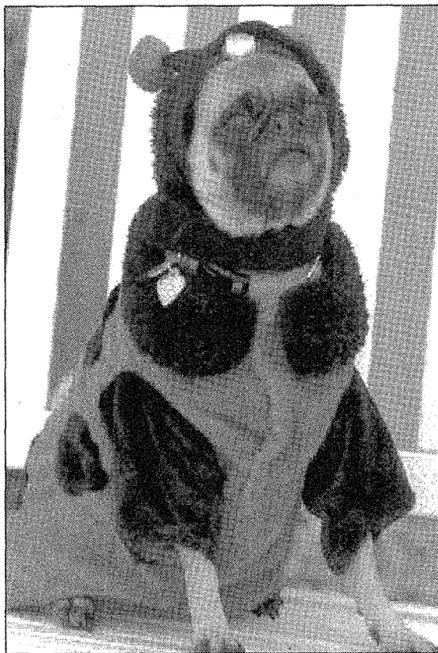
The Humane Society of Huron Valley also will also be on hand for those looking to adopt a new four-legged friend into their family.

The howling costume contest also will involve the entire family and their furry companions. Participants are invited to dress up their pets and themselves in scary, funny, or just downright cute costumes for a chance to win prizes.

To provide a safe recreational opportunity for participating dogs, all pet-owners must show proof of current vaccinations and be licensed by the local government where the dog's owner lives. Proof of residency will be required.

Canton Leisure Services along with the Friends of Canton's Dog Park are working together to create a three acre off-leash dog park in Canton. Their goal is to raise \$60,000 to build a year-round puppy playground that will be located off Denton Road, just north of Cherry Hill Road. The fenced-in field will allow dogs to play and run free, allowing for socialization and recreation in a safe environment. Separate sections will be created for large dogs of more than 20 pounds, and smaller dogs.

For more information on the Howling for the Dog



FILE PHOTO

A pug dressed as a bug: Humans and dogs alike can wear costumes to Howling for the Dog Park.

Park or the Canton Dog Park, visit cantonfun.org or call the Canton Park's Division at (734) 394-5310.

Hear live music in intimate setting at Village Theater

"The Atomics," known for getting audience members on their feet and to the dance floor, will perform Friday, Nov. 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The group, with its members coming from diverse musical backgrounds, has played in coffee houses and local pubs throughout southeast Michigan. The Atomics draws from all music genres for its set list.

The performance, a part of the First Friday Studio Series at the theater, starts at 8 p.m. in the Biltmore Studio, an intimate setting for live music. A cash bar will be available and all seats cost \$12. This and all First Friday Studio Series performances are general admission and will take place in the Biltmore Studio, an intimate setting for experiencing live music. A cash bar will also be available.

Buy tickets at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.



The Atomics will perform Nov. 6 the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person. The Summit's box office hours are 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. To purchase tick-

ets at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, stop by during box office hours 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour before to each performance.

Athletic events support breast cancer research

If you're a breast cancer survivor, you can watch the Detroit Pistons take on the Oklahoma City Thunder for free at 8 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

And if you like hockey, see The Whalers hockey team "pink out" on Oct. 24 to raise awareness of breast cancer.

The Pistons teamed up with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute to raise awareness of breast cancer prevention, screening and early detection; and to recognize breast cancer survivors at its season home opener. Survivors will receive a special pink T-shirt in addition to complimentary tickets for the game. Their friends and family can buy discounted upper level seats for \$15, \$5 of which will go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Breast cancer survivors also will be able to participate in pre-game and halftime activities. They'll form a fan tunnel to welcome the players on the court, be involved in player introductions and be on the court during the National Anthem.

The Pistons' pink night at the Palace is just the start of a season-long emphasis on charitable causes. The team will recognize one cause per month with a home game devoted to raising funds and awareness.

"Hosting a rare October regular season game presented us with a great opportunity to get involved in National Breast

Cancer Awareness month and contribute to a cause that touches everyone," said Tom Wilson, president and CEO of the Detroit Pistons. "Obviously, we hope to make a nice contribution, but more so, we see this as a great platform to raise awareness for research, early detection and prevention of a disease that affects hundreds of thousands of people each year. We think it is going to be one of the most special opening nights we ever had."

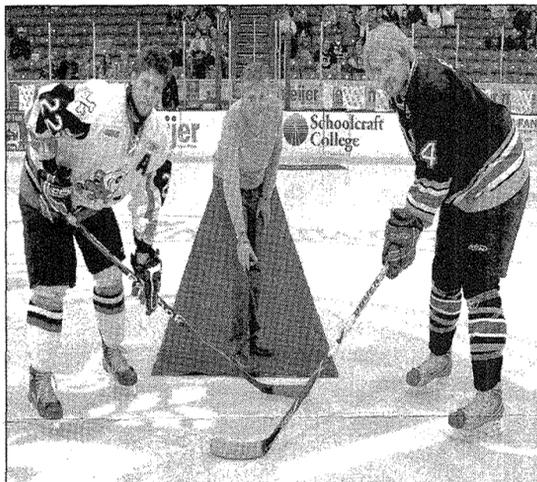
The series continues with a military salute in support of Veterans as part of the Pistons' Nov. 11 Veterans' Day home game. As the season progresses other beneficiaries will include Society of St. Vincent De Paul, rewarding volunteerism and the Pistons Care Telethon.

To register for free tickets and to order the specially priced tickets, visit Pistons.com or call The Palace Box Office at (248) 377-0100.

MORE PINK

The Whalers hockey team will be in pink from head to toe at its game against the Belleville Bulls, 7:05 p.m., Oct. 24 at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth.

Players will wear special pink jerseys, which will be auctioned, and will sport pink hair. The proceeds from the jersey auction, along with the 50/50 raffle and Hines



Breast cancer survivor Mary Beth Bloom drops the puck at last season's "Pink Out!"

Park Chuck-a-Puck will also go to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Team members had their hair colored at Lucky Hair Company earlier this week, giving them a few days to show off their new hair color.

"We did the same thing last year," said Plymouth defenseman Leo Jenner. "Doing this a couple of days before raises awareness. People get to see you out in public and it raises questions. We can tell the public why we're doing it and support the cause at the same time. (In the end) that's what it's all about."

Last season's first Whalers Pink Out! drew an unprecedented response from fans, according to Pete Krupsky, director of communications and community relations.

For more information visit www.compuwarearena.com

STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 2009-745948-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Brion Robert West, Deceased. Date of Birth: March 2, 1959.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Brion Robert West, who lived at 38410 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, died October 23, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Leslie Sprague, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 13095 CAYMC, Two Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Personal Representative: Leslie Sprague, 219 Welch, Houghton Lake, MI 48629, (989) 422-6416

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FOOD & WINE

Healthful holidays

Local cooks serve up plant-based foods for tasting

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you can't say vegetarian and tasty in the same breath, you're the perfect candidate for Jeanie Weaver's annual holiday tasting party.

"It gives them an eye opener to really how good they can eat and not have the flesh component, if that's what they choose," Weaver described the "Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza" that she founded 22 years ago.

The community event on Nov. 8 will bring together local cooks — some of them members of the Seventh-day Adventist church — who will serve favorite non-meat holiday dishes, from appetizers to entrees to desserts.

"The biggest reason I started doing this was as an educational venture. You're not sitting through a lecture. You'll look and see how it's done. If you make notes, and ask questions and look at how they're displayed, you'll come away with 50 different meal plans for vegetarian holiday dinners," Weaver said. "They'll show you ways to serve a vegetarian dish and make it beautiful and festive."

Weaver, who coordinates the annual tasting hopes the word "vegetarian" doesn't discourage meat-eaters from attending the event.

"I don't set out to make people vegetarian. I set out to help people eat better. That means moving more toward plants."

Diehard meat-eaters will learn how to include more plant-based foods into their diets; vegetarians will broaden their repertoire of meatless dishes; and everyone will learn to serve a substantial, tasty holiday meal without meat.

"Cooking vegetarian around the holiday can be a challenge. We're in America where (the

22 ANNUAL VEGETARIAN HOLIDAY TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA

What: Taste more than 50 non-meat dishes

When: Sunday, Nov. 8
Where: Metropolitan Adventist School Gym, located on Haggerty, just north of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Three seating times, 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$6 for children, age 6-12. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School and send to "Holiday Tasting," 695 N. Ridge road, Canton, MI 48187-4635. If you don't reserve tickets, call (734) 420-4044 the day of the event to check for ticket availability
Cookbooks: A booklet of the recipes used will be available for \$8. A paperback book with 15 year's worth of Extravaganza recipes costs \$25 and a CD with ebook with 20 year's worth of meals costs \$12.

Contact: Visit www.veggieholiday.com or call the hotline at (248) 446-9176

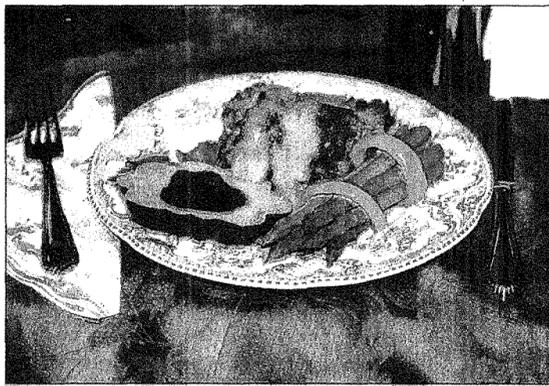
holiday table) is based around meat."

MORE THAN BEANS

Inexperienced vegetarian cooks often know little about preparing satisfying and tasty foods and vegetarian cuisine is stereotyped as "a salad and bowl of beans."

Weaver said the Extravaganza will turn that notion upside down.

"Many of the patties and wonderful twists on meatless meatballs give you a meaty feel in the mouth and protein. It's different than just eating a plateful of rice and pasta."



Asparagus, squash and a meatless loaf make a festive holiday plate.

Weaver's had her share of "scary vegetarian" dishes while eating out. At a recent medical gathering with her husband, who's both a surgeon and lifelong vegetarian, the non-meat fare consisted of a baked potato and pasta.

"It was a fancy place and he was supposed to be an inventive chef, but he didn't know anything about cooking plant-based foods."

BECOMING VEGETARIAN

Weaver, who is self-employed as a fitness trainer, got her first taste of vegetarian cooking while in a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school when she was a teen-ager.

"They don't serve meat. After six weeks I went home on break and ate a steak like I used to. I got so sick."

When she returned to school, she worked in the kitchen and learned to make meatless loafs and patties that help add balance and variety to a vegetarian diet. Weaver, who volunteers as a physical education teacher in a Seventh-day Adventist school, earned a bachelor's degree in health and nutrition and a master's of special education. Her three children, ages 26, 23 and 20, are vegetarian and have assisted with the Extravaganza

through the years.

Joy Hyde of Livonia is one of Weaver's many friends who cook for Extravaganza every year.

She gave up meat years ago while working for a company that was located near a meat packing plant.

"The trucks would pull in with pigs and the only thing that came out were the dump trucks going down the street and spewing liquid ... taking parts to the rendering company ... the smell was horrendous."

Hyde tests her recipes — some are adapted from meat-containing entrees — on her husband, a life-long vegetarian.

She'll make Middle Eastern chick pea patties, watercress and cauliflower soup and an apple-cranberry casserole for the Extravaganza.

"It can add up. It can be costly," said Hyde, who, like the other volunteer cooks, pays for her own ingredients. "But we want people to know health principles. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We should take care of our bodies."

Cookbook raises funds for developmentally disabled



Look for 250 new recipes in the newly released *Feast from the Heart* cookbook, available from the Community Living Centers of Farmington.

Compiling a cookbook, with recipes from chefs, friends,

and family members is a 20-year

tradition for the nonprofit organization that runs group homes,

apartments and independent living programs for the developmentally disabled.

"It was a nice thing the women's auxiliary decided would be a great fundraiser," said Ronald Weber, development and marketing manager. "Every time we put one out the recipes are brand new. We print up to 600 books. We go after recipes from staff, parents, sibling. It's original recipes — not pulled out of books."

The organization publishes a new cookbook every three to four years.

Chef Milos Cihelka of Golden Mushroom fame submits several recipes for each new book.

"He's a big supporter of the organization. Every time we ask he submits recipes."

Weber said the organization has sold its cookbook at the Farmington Farmer's Market and

may attend a few Christmas bazaars.

"It's a nice thing to build involvement by people outside the area," he said, adding that the book "always sells out."

Community Living Centers of Farmington has 120 residents and

94 staff members. It runs 10 facilities in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield and Royal Oak.

"It's a step program to get them to become independent. They start in a group home setting and then go into independent living. We have a couple of managed apartment buildings."

Clients who are able to live on their own move from a managed setting into an apartment building where Community Living Center staff routinely visits.

"Most of them do work and we offer them transportation. Most people are here for life," Weber said. "They don't pay anything. The state funds 65 percent of the cost and the rest comes from fundraising."

For more about Community Living Centers of Farmington visit www.clchomes.org

To buy *Feast from the Heart* cookbook, call (248) 478-0870. A \$12 donation includes shipping.

Community Living Centers is located at 33235 Grand River Avenue, Farmington.

— Sharon Dargay



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