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IN BRIEF

Bless the pets

Family pets will be front and center Sunday, Oct. 3, when Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church conducts a blessing of the pets.

The ceremony will held 2-4 p.m. at the church at 36660 Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, and will take place rain or shine.

In addition to pet blessings, there will be an opportunity to learn more about pets, including an ask-the-vet table staffed by Dr. Cheryl Good of Dearborn Family Pet Care and a leader dog demonstration. Organizations like PAWS with a Cause, Great Dane Rescue Inc. and the Great Lakes Mini Schnauzer Rescue also will be on hand.

Donations will be collected for the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. Check out www.michiganhumane.org online and select "Donate Wish List Items" to access the entire list of items needed at the center. Fleece fabric, in particular, is a high need.

For more information about the event, call the church office at (734) 728-1088.

Oktoberfest

Join the Westland Community Foundation Thursday, Oct. 15, for its first Oktoberfest Celebration at Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. and run through 8 p.m. Admission is \$50 per person and includes food, beverages and live entertainment featuring "The Rhinelanders."

For more information, call the Community Foundation at (734) 595-7727.

A Wing thing

Not surprisingly, there's a big image of new Detroit Red Wing Mike Modano on the outside of the Westland ice arena bearing his name.

The problem is that it pictures Modano, a Westland native, hoisting the Stanley Cup in a Dallas Stars jersey.

"We want to make some changes to recognize that he is a Red Wing now," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

After initially looking at altering the existing image, the plan now is to add two more images - Modano in a Red Wings jersey and also showing him as an Olympian. The cost is expected to be about \$5,000.

"We'll be doing another Red Wing alumni hockey game and that could help fund this," Wild said. "We raised \$20,000 at the last game that was donated to the Central City Park restoration. We could use some money to recognize Mike Modano as a Red Wing and donate the rest toward the park restoration."

No date has yet been set for the Red Wings alumni game, which Wild said was reported to be one of the more financially successful events for the group.

"Maybe we can do it in conjunction with Michigan Hockey Day. We always do something for that," Wild said.



Brittany Lawler (left) and Kelsey Hazlett (right) have stayed connected to their mentor Wendy Headland since completing the Youth Assistance program.

Making a difference

Mentors help teens turn around their lives

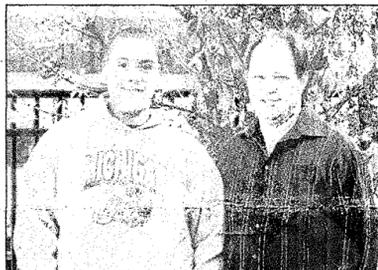
BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is looking for more mentors so its current volunteers won't get overloaded and also because some mentors continue working with a youngster for longer than expected.

Wendy Headland, honored at 2010 Mentor of the Year, is a prime example. The Westland woman, a veterinarian, has mentored four young women in three years and maintains a relationship with three (one moved out of state).

"I was looking for something to give back. I saw a newspaper article about Youth Assistance needing mentors," said Headland, who has two adult sons. "I enjoy watching the girls change and become confident in themselves - the knowing and growing from learning experiences. I don't call them mistakes."

Brittany Lawler, 15, and Kelsey Hazlett, 16,



John Melville was impressed with program after he had kids go through it years ago. He came back to become a mentor and is working with Christopher Owens.

were both mentored by Headland and spoke when she was honored as Mentor of the Year. "We still hang out - it was a life-changing

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Citizens council is first step in amending TIFA

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A nine-member Citizens Council has been appointed by the Westland City Council, the first step towards amending the Tax Increment Financing Authority Plan.

"You need a Citizens Council whenever you amend the plan. They serve as a recommending body to the TIFA Board and the council," said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale.

The TIFA district surrounds the Westland Shopping Center, including all of Central City Parkway, Nankin Boulevard and Hunter from Central City Parkway to Yale. The TIFA recaptures tax dollars from property in the district and can be spent on public improvements in the same area.

"This goes back to our strategic planning sessions, we are looking at our finances, but also our assets," said Mayor William Wild. "We used (auditors) Plante Moran for a needs assessment. We did it through the TIFA."

Possible amendments to the TIFA Plan include:

- Extending the expiration date of the plan.
- Increasing the maximum amount of bonded indebted-

ness.

- Allowing the use of TIFA revenues to finance projects.
- Revising tax increment financing estimates and schedules.

- Removing any perceived limitations on the purchase of property for the construction of public facilities.

- Providing the TIFA Board with the authority to exercise all powers granted to it under the state law.

The revenue received by the property tax recapturing in the TIFA would be used to pay for public projects in the district, eliminating the need to use funds from the already strapped general fund.

Appointed to the Citizens Council were Diana Dallavecchia, Linda Potter, Barbara Barski, Mary Murphy, James Murphy, Judy Bianchi, Ashlee Baracy, Bud O'Leary and Pola O'Leary.

At the council meeting, resident Judy McKinney said she didn't like the appointments, in particular the appointment of two married couples to the body.

"They have to be residents of the TIFA district which is mostly commercial, basically there are some condos and those brownstones," said Wild.

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Cuts lower than proposed for juvenile justice

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A proposed 35 percent funding cut that would have decimated Wayne County's community-based juvenile justice system has been trimmed to a level that will allow the programs to continue.

Wayne County Commissioners are scheduled to vote today on the 2010-11 budget including funding for the five care management organizations. For western Wayne County communities including Westland, Garden

City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton and Redford, the CMO is run by Growth Works.

"The CMOs will get \$12 million.

It was proposed to go to \$6 million. It's workable," Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (D-Livonia) said. "I'll do all that I can to support the CMOs but I need to temper that by saying that we are in crisis mode in Wayne County. The budget is skintight."

This system, operated through contracts with CMOs, was established 10 years ago to control costs and provide

quality community-based care for juveniles. The state previously administered the juvenile justice programs and continues to do so in all other counties except Wayne.

"If you compare Wayne to other major counties, our arrest levels have dropped. We are effectively treating kids," Growth Works Executive Director Dale Yagiela said. "Also, the kids who are bad, they are out of the community. It's a relatively small number of kids who have an impact on crime."

For some youngsters, that means

getting them into residential care, the cost of which is 70-80 percent of the Growth Works budget.

"It can cost \$140 to \$300 per day depending on the services provided. It's 24-hour service," Yagiela said. "The state errs on the side of caution with licensing, so it's relatively safe. We don't have the sexual issues and assaults they have in other states. Other states have high suicide rates - we don't have that, but it costs."

Growth Works reduced its expenses

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Landmark Quo Vadis Theater faces demolition

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Fencing is up as the long-stalled plans for demolition of the old Quo Vadis Theater are moving forward.

"They're tearing it down. They're waiting on utility disconnects. I expect that any day," Westland Building Director Roger Shifflett said. "They have been doing the abatements and environmental. I believe that is done."

The demolition permit hasn't been issued yet, but needs only the utility disconnection to be completed, Shifflett said.

Located on Wayne Road just north of Warren Road across from Westland Shopping Center, was open from 1966 to 2002. Plans

for demolition of the theater to make way for a \$5 million fitness center were derailed by the poor economy.

National Amusement is still the owner of the building and land. No one from National Amusement could be reached for comment.

"I think they finally made the decision that the property was a lot more valuable with the building gone," Shifflett said. "I think that's a correct assumption."

Local teens Don Gurkha and Zachery Gizicki organized efforts to try to save the dilapidated Quo Vadis and its unique exterior designed by Minoru Yamasaki, the architect of the World Trade Center. The building origi-

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by \$1 million to offset funding cuts during the last fiscal year.

"When we heard about a 35 percent cut, I had developed a plan for smaller cuts," Yagiela said. "We would not have been able to continue to provide the same level of service. There was no way we could do it — it wasn't feasible."

Commissioners including Gebhardt and Diane Webb (D-Garden City) supported efforts to reduce the amount of cuts proposed, Yagiela said.

"The CMOs have saved so much money — the old system cost twice as much," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz, whose program funding wouldn't be impacted. "A lot of these kids are beyond the scope of Youth Assistance — some had opportunities with Youth Assistance. Growth Works has consistently provided great care."

Without the CMOs, which also have a lower recidivism rate than the state-run system, in particular felony offenses, Motz said he was concerned that youths wouldn't be appropriately placed.

"You could take away the ability to provide adequate treatment. Kids could just be housed and not get counseling," Motz said. "They could also be released early. The adult system doesn't rehabilitate."

Monica Fulton, director of the Garden City Family Resource Center which includes Youth Assistance, said that any cuts to the CMOs like Growth Works would be a shame.

"It has been proven to cut down on recidivism. The program works," Fulton said.

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Who will it be?

Sheila Tanner (from left), Megan Luke, Joanna Witte, Marissa Hay and Taylor Jacobs will have to wait until halftime of Friday evening's Homecoming football game to find out who the student body picked as the 2010 Homecoming queen at Wayne Memorial High School.

THEATER

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nally was scheduled for demolition in 2008.

"If this time is really the end for the Quo Vadis, I must say it was an amazing experience working with this theater. Through this project I've made many connections to other preservation groups such as Preservation Wayne and the Michigan Central Station Preservation

Society," said Gizicki. "My group did two things. First, we showed youth to stand up for what they believe in and take an interest in the community. Second, we made people realize that every building has a story."

City officials had already okayed the concept of clearing the site based on the condition of the building.

"It was so destroyed on the inside, with the asbestos — there was no saving the building," Shifflett said. "No one in their right mind who

has gone through it said it was safe or usable. I think the demolition is a good decision."

Gizicki and Gurkha remain disappointed that the theater isn't being saved.

"Everyone is able to connect fond memories to this theater whether it was a first date, an amazing job, or a great place to catch a flick. But few people knew of its architectural importance until two teenagers took an interest in the theater. It saddens me to see this town simply throwing away its history," said Gizicki.

Gurkha also sees demolition of the Quo Vadis as a lost opportunity for the community — something lost due to Michigan's economy and Westland politics.

"I still feel this would have been a great place for a community theater, some place inexpensive that families could have gone for a good time," said Gurkha. "The city of Westland really does nothing help or offer guidance to non-profit organizations and small businesses and I think that is a real shame."

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Share your Halloween photo on hometownlife.com and win

Share a photo of your favorite Halloween decoration — your home, your pumpkin, your costume — with readers at hometownlife.com (see the Reader Submitted Photo Gallery on the homepage) and you could win a prize!

Post your photo there, then we will ask hometownlife.com visitors to vote.

The top three vote-getters will win a prize. First prize is two tickets (in a suite) to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour"

concert at the Palace with special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington. Second prize is two tickets to Rock of Ages Nov. 9 at the Fisher Theatre, featuring Constantine Maroulis — the American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in a Broadway production. Third prize is four movie passes to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or the Palladium/Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham.

Readers can view the Halloween gallery and recommend your photo.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live. Only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties are eligible to win prizes, but anyone can recommend a photo.

Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the *Westland Observer*.

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Saturday, Oct. 2, marks the 20th anniversary of the Red October Run at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. A fall tradition, it's open to all levels of runners and walkers. Events include a 10K run, 5K run, 5K walk and 1 Mile Junior October For children age 12 and younger.

The event is designed to promote community health. Highlights include October Run T-shirts, awards, a prize drawing and post-race refreshments. In addition to the races, there will be massages, podiatrists and sport medicine doctors available to give examinations. Participants can take part in open houses at the Breast Care Center on Venoy Road and the Rehabilitation Services Center on Annapolis, too.

To register online, go online to www.oakwood.org/redoctober. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call (313) 586-5486 or e-mail Cynthia.Cook@oakwood.org.

Comedy fund-raiser

McKinley Cooperative Preschool is holding a Comedy Night Fund-Raiser at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland.

Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and snacks, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. The professional troupe, PROJECT 2 IMPROV, will be performing.

Tickets are \$10 each for those 18 years and older. For tickets, contact Allison Thiede (734) 308-7348 or by e-mail allimath@yahoo.com.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets for those who registered their children for Westland Youth Athletic Association activities for 2010 are now available at the WYAA Lange Compound building, 6050 Farmington, north of Ford. The tickets can be picked up during regular business hours - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Ticket stubs are due back no later than Dec. 7 for the Dec. 8 drawing. For more information, call (734) 421-0640.

Vendors needed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is looking for sales consultants from direct selling companies to display and sell their products at a sales event Oct. 16.

Rental space is \$20-\$30 for the sale which will be held at the Salvation Army building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The event is a fund-raiser for two of the corps' youth groups which are working toward a week-long trip to the Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minnesota.

For more information, contact Sandy Kollinger at sandra_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org or Josh Hubbard at joshua_hubbard@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Dinner show

Take step a back to the 1950s at a Fabulous '50s Variety dinner show, featuring celebrity impersonators Johnny Mathis, Pasty Cline and Dean Martin,

Friday, Oct. 15, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post at 3323 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and include a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., open bar 5:30-11:30 p.m. and entertainment starting at 8 p.m.; '50s attire encouraged. For tickets or more information, call the VFW at (734) 721-9876 or Larry Mosier at (734) 728-7643.

Scrappin' fun

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will hold a scrapbook fund-raiser 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Corps Building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

There will be free demonstrations from Close to My Heart and Creative Memories. A Cricut Machine will be available to use, bring your cartridges. Each person will also have their own table and chair.

The Friday-Saturday package costs \$45 and includes dinner of Friday and lunch on Saturday, with beverages and snacks both days. Saturday only is \$40 and includes lunch, beverages and snacks. Registration must be paid in cash or by money order at the Salvation Army. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Foreclosure help

Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program 5-8 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25 at the Westland Library, Central City Parkway north of Ford. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. Space is limited.

The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure.

For more information, visit www.FightMortgageForeclosure.com or www.WayneCounty.com or call (877) 693-6199 or (313) 833-2948.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market is open for business 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through October. The market is held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 N. Warren Road at Wayne Road. The market features seasonal produce, flowers and other items.

Garden helpers needed

Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden needs volunteers 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays for weeding and harvesting the food that is being grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan for distribution to children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in

need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill but volunteers are asked to use the Avondale entrance.

For more information, contact Shannon Ackron, Administrative Secretary, at (734) 467-3200.

Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, is holding regular office hours in the 12th District.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

- The McDonald's restaurant (27125 Cherry Hill Road, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.

- Starbucks at 36545 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland at 10 a.m. and at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 6-8 p.m., both on the second Monday of the month.

- Biggy Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8.30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9.30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

For information about either class or other Bailey Center activities, call (734) 686-9882.

CFL bulb recycling

Westland residents can recycle CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Bulbs) or other fluorescent bulbs for free at Home Depot at 39875 Ford, east of I-275, and IKEA at 41640 Ford, west of I-275. For more information, call Home Depot at (734) 844-7300 and IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

American Legion

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

MENTORS

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experience for me. I got to see all of the great things that I can have in my life," Lawler said. "I'd probably still be making mistakes."

"She's a great person and knows how to make you laugh. She helped me control my anger," Hazlett said. "She's outgoing. You've got to have someone to laugh with and talk to."

'PART OF THE FAMILY'

Although she lost touch with the first girl she mentored after she moved out of state, Headland said she can't imagine life without her other mentees and the feeling is mutual.

"She's part of the family now," said Hazlett, who made Headland, a breast cancer survivor, a pink ribbon lamp using a glass block in honor of her participation in the Breast Cancer 3 Day 60-mile walk.

Lawler participated in a five-mile Strides for Breast Cancer Walk in honor of Headland.

The mentors and youngsters work on the issues the youngster has, but also do some fun activities like bowling, visiting a haunted house or going out to eat.

A teacher at Westland John Glenn High School, Cathy German has mentored four youngsters since joining the program in 2005.

"This is a one-on-one experience. You can't develop a relationship with students the way you do with this," said German, who is mentoring Ashley McPherson. "I just like seeing the world from a teen's viewpoint - it's energetic and fresh."

Part of what makes the relationship between the mentors and teens work is not having the baggage that exists in parent-child relationships.

"It's been really fun, she's like my friend. A mentor understands you more than your parents. The mentor talks to you and doesn't yell at you, they listen," McPherson said.

German agreed. "It's an objective nice relationship. It's relaxing. She (McPherson) isn't my child or my student. There are no expectations and that's kind of nice," German said.

GIVING BACK

Plymouth resident John Melville has just started serving as a mentor and is matched with Christopher Owens, 16.

"I had kids go through the program years ago and I was always impressed with it, so I came in and asked to be a mentor," Melville said. "I'm just giving back, trying to learn to be unselfish."

Pleased with Melville's efforts as a mentor, Owens said he has been learning to



John Glenn High School teacher Cathy German finds mentoring teens like Ashley McPherson relaxing. She likes "seeing the world from a teen's viewpoint."



Michelle Bracy is the deputy director and Paul Motz the director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

get along better with members of his family.

"I'm trying to understand them more. If you have someone to talk to, it helps," Owens said. "Certain people you can talk to, others you can't. Things are better for me."

Currently, Westland Youth Assistance has 15 mentors matched with youngsters.

"One of the reasons we want more folks as mentors is that I know some people who have been going retire," Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz said. "Life happens. Maybe something else comes up in their family. I also want more mentors so we can give people a break. If we keep using them, they are like pitchers - it's only

a matter of time before they wear out."

Mentor training is scheduled to begin Oct. 4-5, then continue Oct. 12, 25-26.

"It's in-service training. If they have to miss a session, we can work something out," Motz said. "The training is an opportunity to learn about relationships, it's very interactive. There is team work activity, reflective listening. It's a chance for people to learn a lot about themselves."

Many mentors have found the training to be helpful in their personal and work relationships, Motz added.

For information on becoming a mentor, call (734) 467-7094.

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MTG. 21 09/20/10

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
184: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 09/7/10.
- Appr. Wayne Co. Lightfest 11/18/10, 6:30 p.m., Hines @ Merriman Rd.
-Appr. Jaycees Haunted House at Wayne Ford Civic League; various dates & times.
-Appr. Bid for modifications to 9 police cars to Priority One; amt. \$17,505.
-Appr. purchase of 20 Dell computers for Police Dept.; amt. \$18,750.80.
-Appr. disbursement of 5th pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program; amt. \$55,658.14.
-Appr. disbursement of 6th pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for SWQIF Footing Drain Disconnect Program; amt. \$97,449.41.
- Adopt Bud. Amend. 2011-13; Manpower-no dollar amt.
- Adopt Bud. Amend. 2011-04; Library Fund \$513,315.00.
-Adopt Prepared Resolution to recognize Sept. 27th as "Family Day-A Day to Eat Dinner with your Family".
185: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Temporary Mobile Treatment Trailer, 37345 Cherry Hill w/contingencies.
186: Appr. app. from Macy's Retail Holdings Inc. to transfer all stock interest in 2005 licensing yr. in 2010 Class C licensed business at 35000 Warren Rd.
187: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. exp. of DTE Substation, 211 S. Venoy w/contingencies.
188: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Indoor Skate Park, 39048 Webb Dr.
189: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. upgrade to existing Communications facility, 7651 N. Merriman.
190: Appr. Prepared Resolution to establish Development Area Citizens Council for TIFA.
191: Appt. D. Dallavecchia, L. Potter, B. Barski, M. Murphy, J. Murphy, J. Bianchi, A. Baracy, B. O'Leary, P. O'Leary, to Development Area Citizens Council for TIFA.
192: Appr. checklist: \$790,946.75 & Prepaid: \$2,633,958.99. Mtg. adj. at 8:30 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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Youths report being robbed at gunpoint

Armed robbery

A 14-year-old male told police he was robbed at gunpoint about 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 outside of Memorial Elementary School on Marquette at Brandt.

The teen said he was with his 11-year-old friend when a man about 20 years old approached him and first asked him who he was. The teen said he responded with an expletive and questioned who this man was.

The suspect pulled a handgun from his waistband, the teen said, pointed it at him saying, "Gimme all of your money."

Before the teen could act, the suspect started digging in the teen's jacket and coat pockets, removing about \$20 and the teen's cell phone, he told police.

The suspect reportedly did the same with the 11-year-old and stole about \$15 from his pockets before running to a waiting car. The suspect

reportedly got into the passenger side of the car and left the area on westbound Marquette. The teen said the car was driven by an elderly man.

The boys went home to retrieve the 11-year-old's cell phone and called police. Then they returned to the school. They couldn't tell police why they decided to return to the area west of Memorial Elementary rather than waiting for police at their own homes.

The suspect was described as wearing a black and grey hooded jacket, a baseball cap and jeans.

Home invasion

A resident in the 5700 block of Arcola reported someone stole her computer while she was having dinner with a friend at a restaurant about 7 p.m. Sept. 25.

She said her daughter called her about the theft after she and their niece returned from walking the dog. The home was unlocked.

Stolen car

Someone stole a 2005 Chrysler Town and Country car was parked in the 820 block of Radcliff about 8 a.m. Sept. 27. A 37-year-old Garden City man said he left the keys in the ignition. His wallet and its contents were reported stolen.

Theft

A wallet was reported stolen from an unlocked 2000 Ford Explorer parked in the driveway of a residence in the 28600 block of Bock sometime before 5:30 a.m. Sept. 25.

Fraud

A 22-year-old Detroit man told police Sept. 24 someone used his debit card number fraudulently to steal more than \$400 from his account at the CVS Pharmacy, 29901 Ford, Sept. 24.

He told police that he didn't know how that person got his debit card number because his card was still in his possession.

— Reports compiled by Sue Buck



Susan Peters of the Senior Brigade offers seniors tips on how to protect themselves against identity theft during a presentation at the Westland senior Friendship Center Thursday.

Seniors learn to protect their identity

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Vickie McGuigan remembers well the day a chat box popped up while she was on Facebook. It was, she thought, her friend, Patty, who indicated that she wasn't doing well.

Patty said she was in London and that she had been attacked and robbed of her credit cards and passport and needed help McGuigan's help. The Westland resident hesitated about sending money and called her brother to ask what she should do.

She ended up telling Patty to go to the U.S. embassy for help. She never heard another word from Patty.

"I know this lady, they could have fooled me," she said. "She could have been in London. It was a cruel joke."

It wasn't a joke, according to Susan Peters. It was a close call with a thief hoping to get her money.

Peters was at the Westland senior Friendship Center Thursday to talk about the ways seniors can protect their personal information from thieves hoping to get it and use.

"The crooks are so good at what they do," said Peters, a member of the Michigan Attorney General's Senior Brigade. "They might pretend they're from Social Security, from your bank or the IRS. They might pretend that you've won the lottery or call up and say they're the jury coordinator for Wayne County and are going to issue a warrant because you didn't show up. They want your Social Security number to clear it. They always play on your emotions."

Peters cautioned the more than 50 seniors in attendance to guard such things as their Social Security number, credit card and bank account numbers, even their date of birth and their mother's maiden name, used a lot as the answer to a question to retrieve a password for an online account.

"Crooks get your information by stealing it, pure and simple," said Peters, "They'll steal your purse, steal your mail, your bills

AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

There are steps that can be taken to avoid your exposure to identity theft.

- Opt out and stop those pre-approved credit card offers by calling (888) 567-8688 or go online to www.opoutprescreen.com. This removes your name from the list sold by major credit card reporting agencies for a period of five years or permanently.

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and state checks. They'll even go Dumpster diving; go through your trash to get pieces of information."

Another ploy is called phishing in which people receive an e-mail that looks legitimate, but when answered it takes the person to a website that's connected to the crook, she said.

"If you want to collect a lot

of fish, you throw out a lot of hooks or a big net, that's what crooks do, they throw out an e-mail that looks legitimate," Peters said.

Thieves also do what's called skimming, using a device that allows them to retrieve credit card information by way of devices attached to ATM machines and a gas pump.

"Someone can change your address, they can impersonate you and call the bank and have enough information to get into your account," she said. "They're going to use your good credit to buy things they don't plan to pay for."

Peters stressed that seniors shouldn't give out their personal information over the phone, through the mail or Internet unless they initiate the action. She urged them to be careful with their mail — what comes in and what goes out, shred personal records and financial statements, even offers for pre-approved credit cards, and review their bills and statement for discrepancies.

"Make a list of all of your important numbers, but, of course, don't keep it in your purse, keep it safe," she said.

Peters also recommended seniors take advantage of the free credits reports they can get from the three major credit reporting agencies. People can get one copy a year from each of the agencies. They can also put a security freeze on their credit file, preventing someone from accessing it without your permission.

"Identity theft is a big problem in the country," said Peters. "The Federal Trade Commission estimates that nine million people a year have it happen to them, so, beware of people trying to get information from you. Take advantage of the tools that are available and take action, if you've become a victim."

McGuigan did take action after her brush with Internet fraud. She closed her Facebook page.

"It really scared me," said McGuigan.

Gun, television reported stolen

Break-in

A Glock handgun and a 37-inch television valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen Sept. 25 from

a home in the 30000 block of Birchwood. The owner said he returned home to find someone used a brick to smash the rear door wall.

Break-in

Police were called to the closed Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, Sept. 27 after a security alarm went off. A window in a library door was found smashed with a metal roof grate. Motion detector lights had been activated. The damage was set at \$300. School officials were to

review security videotape in an effort to identify suspects.

Larceny from a vehicle

An Adrian woman told police someone broke a window on her vehicle and stole her purse while she was eating at Golden Corral, 37101 Warren between 3-4 p.m. Sept. 25. The purse, which had been left between the front seats of the vehicle, was valued at \$100. An iPod and GPS unit valued at \$200 were also reported to be in the missing purse.

Also on Sept. 25, an employee at Famous Dave's, 36601 Warren told police someone broke a window on her vehicle while she was working between 4-10:30 p.m. The Westland woman said a purse

was valued at \$40 but contained no money or valuables.

Purse missing

On Sept. 27, a resident in the 6200 block of E. Morgan Circle told police someone entered her house and stole her purse while she was home. The purse had been left on a chair in her bedroom, the woman said.

The woman left the room and returned to find a window open and the purse missing. Officers later found the purse on the ground on the west side of the home with the wallet, containing identification, ATM card and \$5 cash, missing. The officer noted the screen on the bedroom window had been cut.

— Reports compiled by LeAnne Rogers

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Schoolcraft art faculty show work in exhibition

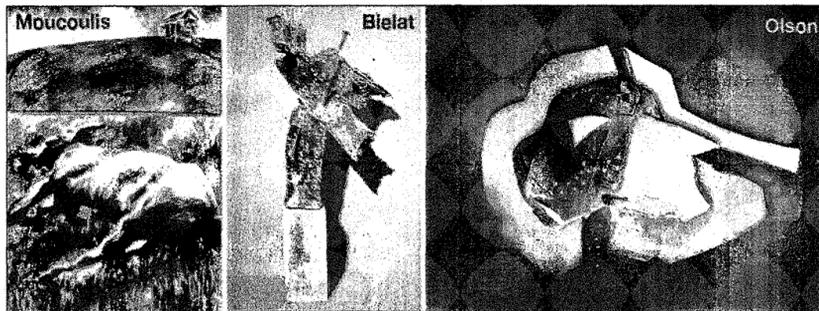
Three talented artists from among the Schoolcraft College art faculty are displaying their incredible range of skills and media at a new professional gallery space a few miles from campus. The exhibition, called "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings," officially opens Saturday, Oct. 2, at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery and Studio in Plymouth Township.

The show features the work of lead Schoolcraft art faculty Sarah Olson and instructors Ellen Moucoulis and Robert Bielat. Their work is on display now through Nov. 13.

"While the differences in style and media are clearly evident, what unites the three of us as artists is our fluency in our respective media," said Olson. "We each have a fundamental need to express aspects of ourselves which would not be visible were it not for our art."

Sculptor Robert Bielat is a self-described "postmodern constructivist" who creates raw, dramatic metal sculptures that reflect our aging post-industrial landscape.

"My work has evolved



The exhibition "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings" at Art & Ideas Gallery features the work of lead Schoolcraft art faculty Sarah Olson and instructors Ellen Moucoulis and Robert Bielat.

through the years, but has always interpreted the tension between man, nature, and technology," he said, "acknowledging our human imprints on the past, and reminding us that we are creators of the future we wish to share with this planet."

Painter Ellen Moucoulis has shown her work throughout Michigan and other Great Lakes states. In her "Homage" series, she highlights the raw, physical drama of animals' bodies. She said the series of

paintings demonstrates the synchronicity of thought of artists from different times in history, and from different cultures.

"It's an example of how we are all connected. I chose to revisit and reinterpret themes and images that captured my imagination, using animals to magnify and exaggerate emotion," including humor, she added.

Mixed-media artist Sarah Olson will show layered, semi-

abstract mixed-media paintings that often use ancient runes or Chinese characters as contextual references.

"Although my work spans the general categories of representational, non-objective, and abstract, my hope is that the viewer will sense a persuasive philosophical and spiritual strand, winding through and unifying my collective body of work," she said. "By using the physical media of paint, canvas, and clay, I explore the often

ambiguous roles of negative and positive space in the interdependent and ever-changing physical, mental, and spiritual planes."

An opening reception for "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings" will be 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, and feature short talks by the artists starting at 6 p.m. and music. The reception is free and open to the public. The work is on display during regular gallery hours 1-7 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment.

This is the seventh themed exhibition held at Art & Ideas since it opened in December 2009. The final exhibition of 2010, opening Nov. 20, will be a retrospective of the gallery's first year of existence. Artists from all seven exhibitions will be represented with artworks that will each represent the theme of "Time" in some way.

Apart from the themed exhibitions, the artwork of the gallery/studio's artist-in-residence, Shaq Kalaj, is on continuous display in its rear studio space. Art & Ideas also offers a variety of art classes, as well as work-

shops, including its ongoing "Fearless Creating" workshop, based on the book by coaching expert Eric Maisel. Art & Ideas director is Mike Tolinski.

Art & Ideas is at 15095 Northville Road in the Provincetown commercial complex, one mile north of Plymouth's Old Village and two miles south of Northville. For more information, see the website, www.artandideasingallery.com, or call (734) 420-0775. To receive weekly e-alerts about exhibitions, activities, and classes, send an e-mail imsha-cha@me.com.

Schoolcraft College offers a wide range of credit (degree-based) and non-credit (personal development) art classes at the main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online. Classes range from ceramics, photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, art history and art appreciation. For more information, visit the college's website at www.schoolcraft.edu or call (734) 462-4426.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk for Melanoma

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10

Location: Kensington Metropark in Milford

Details: Registration for the fifth annual KDB Melanoma 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9 a.m. followed the walk/run at 11 a.m. The walk/run will begin and end at the East Boat Launch. The 5K Run will be a timed race event. Prizes will be awarded to best overall time for males and females and to the winners in each of the following age brackets - under 19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 plus. Register online at www.melanomawalk.org - click on First Giving. All proceeds go to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

Contact: Tricia Edwards at triciae363@comcast.net or call (313) 505-2445.

Metro Fibromyalgia Group

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City

Details: Dr. Barry Hobbs, a cervical chiropractor, will be the guest speaker in observance of Spinal Health Care month. The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. The second

and fourth Thursday of the month at the church. There are no dues, but donations are accepted.

Contact: For more information, call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519 or go online to www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Dining for Braille Books

Time/Date: noon-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, through Thursday, Oct. 7

Location: California Pizza Kitchen at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Join Seedlings Braille Books for Children for its eighth annual "Dining for Braille Books" fund-raiser. Enjoy a tasty way to raise funds while helping to bring the gift of literacy to blind children. Present a special flier when dining at California Pizza Kitchen and 20 percent of your total bill will be donated to Seedlings. Dine anytime during regular hours during this event will help produce more children's books in Braille. Download a PDF flier at www.seedlings.org/events.php or pick one up at its office in Livonia.

Contact: To request a flier, contact Community Outreach at (734) 427-8552, Ext. 301, or seedlink7@ameritech.net.

Railroadiana

Time/Date: noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28

Location: SS. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland

Details: The SS. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club is sponsoring sponsor a Toys and Train Show. Admission to the show is \$2 per

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Contact: To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327.

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Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Baby Shower

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Sept. 30

Location: Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus Hall, 25160 Outer Dr., Lincoln Park

Details: The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 13th annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants younger than 3 months of age. Mothers and fathers will receive valuable information

and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will also share information regarding family health and safety, parenting tips and growth and development.

To be eligible, parents must be low-income and reside in out-Wayne County (Wayne County, excluding Detroit). Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. On-site childcare will be available for children over the age of one. Space is limited and the event does fill up quickly. **Contact:** Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 156 for more information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave one message with their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be

completed.

Craft shows

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Location: St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore Fall Craft Show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. In addition to crafters, there will be a bake sale, raffles and refreshments. Admission is free.

Contact: For more information, call Mary at (734) 425 4421, voicemail 10.

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Location: St. Linus School, 6466 Evangeline, north of Ford and west of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Space is still available for the St. Linus annual fall craft and vendor show. Admission is \$1, students free. There will be more than 50 craft and vendor tables, concession stand, bake sale, raffles and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will help support the CYO Athletic Program through St. Linus Church

Contact: Donna at (313) 561-6840

Crafters Wanted

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 20

Location: Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters are wanted for the church's 22nd annual arts and crafts show.

Contact: For more information, call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.



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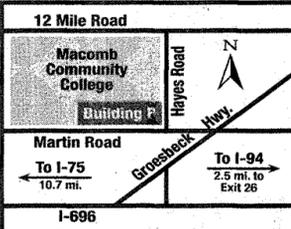
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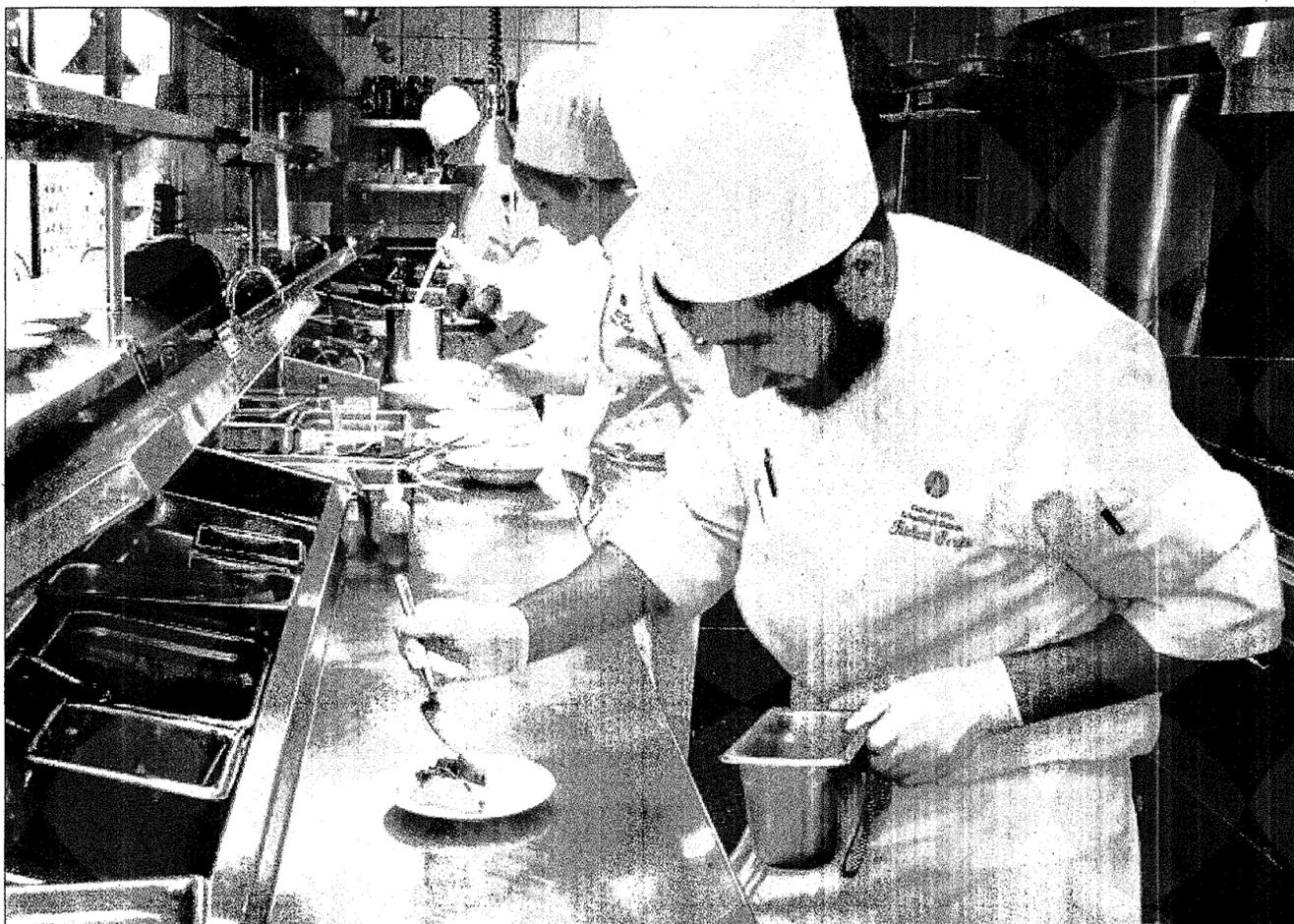
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Richard Serylo of Livonia, a student in the culinary arts program, puts the finishing touches on an Asian crab crisp served at Sunday's VIP reception for sponsors.

Food, wine event: A delicious way to raise money for Schoolcraft students



Supporting Sunday's event, which raised money for student scholarships, were Linda and Jim McCann of Livonia and Brandon Kritzman, of New Perspective Architects in Livonia. Linda McCann is the director of Community Resources for the city of Livonia. Jim McCann is president of the Livonia City Council.

Food, beverage and dessert purveyors from near (metro Detroit) and far (northern Michigan) offered tasty samplings for a good cause last Sunday at the 19th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza. Nearly 700 people tasted samples from 50 vendors.

Guests sampled breads from Zingerman's Bakehouse, biscotti and shortbread from The Biscotti Bar Bakery in Plymouth, crab cakes from the Schoolcraft Culinary Department and cupcakes from both the Cupcake Station in Birmingham and Just Baked (a cupcake shop and bakery) in Livonia. The pulled pork mini-sandwiches offered by Red Smoke Barbeque and the samples of flavored vodka at the McCormick table were popular spots all afternoon.

"We were very pleased with this year's event," said Marge Lynch of Schoolcraft's Special Events and Fundraising Office and member of the 2010 Culinary Host Committee. "The restaurants were great — we even had two show up we didn't know about. Ticket sales exceeded last year and our volunteers were wonderful.

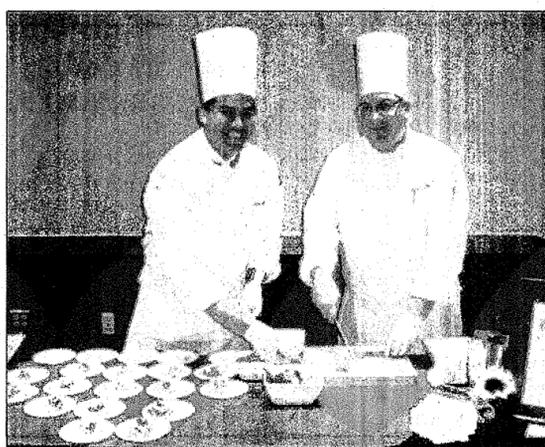
"The most important part is that the proceeds will help our students through scholarship support," Lynch added. "This fall our Financial Aid Office has been overwhelmed with students in need of aid. The event also benefits the culinary arts department. They use the funds to help with student support and for the students to prepare for and to attend competitions."



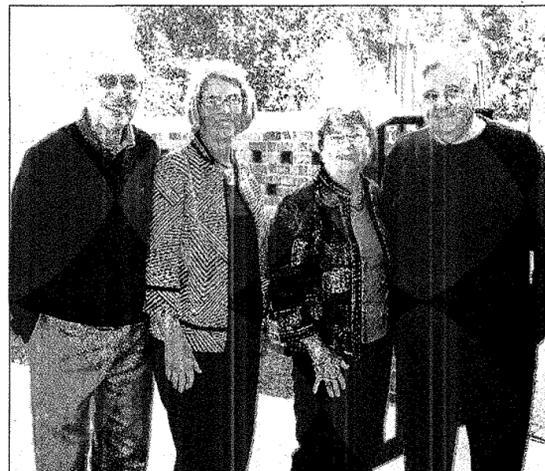
Mothers and daughters: Enjoying Sunday's food and wine extravaganza for the first time were (from left) Kristina and Kelly Johnson and Caroline and Christina Hinkle, all of Livonia. "We have heard about the event for years — this is our first time," said Kristina Johnson.



Chris Rennolds of Plymouth (right) selects a cupcake from Just Baked (a cupcake shop and bakery) in Livonia. Jordan Conn of Just Baked kept the pastry table well-stocked with a delicious assortment of cupcakes.



MGM Resorts International Restaurant chefs prepare tuna samples for culinary guests.



Dick and Ann McDowell (from right) entertained friends Pete and Barbara Lanza from Pittsburgh (from left) at Sunday's food and wine event. Dick McDowell is a former president of Schoolcraft College and serves as a member of the sponsorship committee for the annual event.



Getting ready to serve a delicious assortment of pastries to patrons at the VIP reception are students Susan Summa of Detroit, Lucianna Benavidez of Livonia and formerly of Argentina and Geri Markley of Wayne.



Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress welcomes guests at the VIP reception at Sunday's Culinary Extravaganza.



Janice Quinn of Canton Township enjoys the desserts and wine at Sunday's VIP culinary reception for sponsors.

Internet a good tool for research, but be cautious

A friend received an e-mail recently that basically said his cousin had been kidnapped and in order to help him, he had to send money for his rescue.

It was an official looking e-mail and, of course, it was bogus and my friend laughed it off. However, it reminded me how important it is to always keep our guard up, particularly when dealing with the Internet.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Most people tend to forget that just about anyone can put something on the Internet, whether it is factual or not. Nowadays, a 10-year-old can put up a website that looks professionally done. Crooks and other lowlives in our society have found the Internet to be a new frontier in taking advantage of people. It is always important to never blindly accept anything on the Internet as fact.

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provided contains a shred of truth. For instance, if you had purchased stock at \$3 a share and now it is \$30 a share, you've done great. However, what these sites rarely tell you is that these so-called experts may have given a hundred pieces of advice and the one that happens to come true is the one they tout.

There is no doubt that the Internet provides a wealth of information for investors as well as information about our day-to-day lives. The Internet is a tool that I recommend investors use to research an investment and to learn more about the subject of personal finance. However, be extremely careful as to the sites you visit. I wish there was a hard and fast rule that I could provide, but I can't.

Sites representing well-known companies and institutions have more credibility than sites representing people or companies that you've never heard of. However, even on a well-known company's website there may be information that is questionable. Therefore, it pays to confirm the information at two or three other venues. If I cannot confirm the information then generally, I don't rely on it.

Remember, just because someone says something

doesn't make it so. After all, I imagine even Bernie Madoff had a website where he touted huge returns.

The Internet is the equivalent to the Wild, Wild West. There are very few rules and even where there are rules, they don't necessarily apply in all situations because the Internet is worldwide. Someone can put up a website with false and misleading information and because the individuals are located in a foreign land, they're outside the jurisdiction of our laws. Therefore, my advice is to proceed with caution.

Over the years, I've received many e-mails from locations seeking my services to help obtain so-called lost money for an individual. I know these scams are false and I don't even read the e-mails anymore, I just delete them.

If you get an e-mail from an unknown source soliciting money or seeking your assistance in regards to some huge financial award, my advice is delete it, without delay.

Good luck!

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



Ready to read

Friends member Maryjo Petrere helps her brother-in-law Andy Petrere look for books at the recent used book sale, one of four the volunteer group holds each year to benefit the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



Jason Bellamy was among shoppers who stopped by the Friends of the Westland Library's used book sale. The sale helps raise money to fund special programs and collection enhancements in the at the library.

Michigan Truth Squad beefs up for general election

The Michigan Truth Squad, the nonpartisan political watchdog website sponsored by The Center for Michigan, is increasing coverage and capabilities to better serve voters leading up to the Nov. 2 general election.

Three referees will join current reporters in examining political ads. The added reporting muscle will allow the Truth Squad to expand its fact-checking scope to include the state's congressional candidates, according to John Bebow, executive director of The Center for Michigan.

Until now, the Truth Squad has only examined ads, websites and other campaign literature from candidates for the state Legislature, governor, attorney general, secretary of state and political parties.

"The Michigan Truth Squad has already had an impact on the elections, being cited by

candidates who find themselves on the side of truth and being criticized by those who are being caught spreading misinformation, exaggerating, not providing complete information, or telling outright lies," Bebow said. "Now we are expanding our reach through Election Day in hopes that candidates and parties will focus truthfully on the issues that count."

Bebow noted that the

Truth Squad website has received more than 70,000 page views. Visit www.MichiganTruthSquad.com.

The Center for Michigan is a "think-and-do tank" founded by veteran statewide business and political leaders in early 2006. A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Center's objective is to assist the state through its current economic trouble and to lay the foundation for a better future.

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OUR VIEWS

Stranger danger

Keeping kids safe is everyone's job

The beginning of a new school year brings out a variety of warnings, cautions about increased school buses on the road and students walking to and from school.

One of the more important considerations has to be warnings about "stranger danger," reminding parents, guardians and neighbors to be vigilant in keeping kids, of all ages, in this community safe.

At home, it starts with talking to kids — telling them what to do if someone they do not know approaches them at the bus stop or on the walk to or from school.

This is important because children, even teenagers, have a false vision of "strangers" as being creepy, ugly, scary people who typically say things like, "Hey, little girl, do you want some candy?"

An ill-intentioned person can be a nice looking man, a woman, even a young adult who is dressed really cool.

Kids can't predict the motives of others — they think and live in the present moment. Even the most intelligent child cannot grasp that someone who looks nice, or someone who knows their name, is a stranger who could be trying to pick them up.

The following safety guidelines will help keep our children safe:

- Children should be aware of their surroundings, including strangers or people in parked cars.

- They should avoid people they do not know.

- They should not respond to or accept offers or requests made by strangers. This includes comments like, "Can you help me find my dog?" or "I'm lost, can you tell me which street I'm on?" Remember, adults wouldn't normally ask a child for directions.

- They should immediately report to their school, family and the police any suspicious approach made to them by a stranger.

- They should go directly home from school and check in with parents.

- They should walk in groups and not engage in conversations with strangers.

- Parents and guardians should not let their child dress in clothing that has his or her name on it — for example, a jersey with the child's first name on the back; or a name on the child's backpack. When kids are called by name, they tend to let their guard down.

- Parents and guardians should teach their children that it is OK to run away or to scream if someone is making him or her do something they don't want to do. Tell them they can run to a neighbor's house and knock on the door if they need help.

- Establish a family "code word" and teach children to ask for it, if they're approached by someone they do not know.

Some would argue that today's society is overreacting and being overly paranoid and it's causing children to grow up in fear and in sheltered environments. We do encourage kids in neighborhoods to walk to school — but only if they're taught to avoid contact with people they do not know.

They need adults to teach them that strangers who have ill intentions are tricky — they can contrive stories and scenarios that could easily sway a child in their direction.

We need parents, grandparents, guardians and neighbors to be the eyes and ears in our neighborhoods. It's unfortunate that we have to keep our guards up, but consider the consequences the one time that we do not. Obviously, a child's life isn't worth that risk.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Trees cut down at park

Yea, the park did look tons better with all the trees but it makes sense that we can't have trees on top of the membrane thing. Anyone who's had to have their toilet snaked understands that tree roots break through all kinds of stuff, so obviously it would go right through the membrane. What would be the point in putting all this work in if it isn't going to last?

Really I just want the park back open. I've wanted to make use of the track for several years now but haven't been able to.

jd81107

Councilman Pickering, have you ever tried to play soccer with a tree in the field? It doesn't work. They are a serious hazard to the players. Try reading and understanding the construction plans next time so you won't look like a fool.

Miwheel

The issue: McCotter misses forum

McCotter quit caring about his constituents and answering to them since he gerrymandered the district to run for congress years ago. The republicans way of doing things this year is not to debate with anyone so they can win. He cannot win on his actions - so he is taking a big chance. His office claimed they did not know if he was going to be at forum for many weeks - I called them personally since Observer started advertising it. He is a liar and needs to blame himself, not the league! He has only won by 52 and 54% - let us make sure it is 0% this year!

Melanie_phillips

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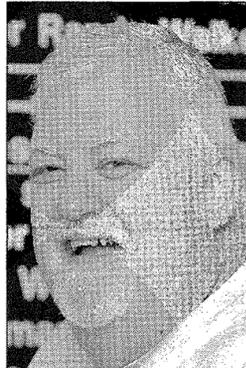
Where do you think medical marijuana clinics should be located?

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



"I don't think it should be any clinics, you should get it from a doctor. I think it could get out of hand with clinics."

Elizabeth Dittbrenner
Garden City



"I'm still up in the air about it. I'm glad I'm not in the position of having to do it. How can smoking it help you? I have mixed emotions about it."

Tom Kish
Garden City



"It should be located anywhere it will do the most good for people who need it."

Marilyn Gregory
Garden City



"I feel a medical marijuana clinic should be located at a hospital or a regular pharmacy where you need a prescription to get it."

Lisa Carrow
Garden City

LETTERS

Thanks for publicity

Thanks for the publicity for our September Used Book Sale. The sale was a great success, which means that we can assist the Library with more financial aid for many programs. Thanks again.

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McCain's greatest victory

The Republican Party selected John McCain to run for president but his "maverick" record annoyed conservatives. His dull personality and intemperate outbursts held little promise of a great leader — until he chose an unrecognized Alaskan governor as his vice presidential candidate.

Sarah Palin's introduction speech was memorable. She said more in fewer words than most politicians since Lincoln. Her quick smile and "aw, shucks" vocabulary resonated with voters. Opposition came from the media and GOP old-timers — it seemed only the public loves her. Critics try to shut her up, and she smiles while leading conservative Tea Party activists to victory. She supported John McCain in his run for Senate against a more conservative newcomer (no one is perfect).

McCain's greatest legacy, Sarah Palin, is tying the Grand Old Party into knots, but new ideas are long overdue.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

Health care in America

There are people who say "it won't kill me." They put up with bunions, cataracts, hearing loss, etc. These people are Americans who have no health insurance. They put up with the pain and discom-

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fort. They would get it fixed, but money is short. They save money to keep the car running. They pay their bills, and they know what they have won't kill them.

There are other people — like the woman who found a lump in her breast, or the man who quit smoking five years ago and now has a cough he can't get rid of, or the people whose feet swell up when they stand too long and they know their heart isn't working just right. They have no health insurance, and what if they get that first test and it's bad? Better not to know, so they just worry and pray.

Then there are fund-raisers. "Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall, so come eat pizza and they'll give 10 percent of your bill to help put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Come eat pizza and help!"

But the worst is the jar on the counter at party stores, restaurants, etc. with a picture of a child, young mother or father, and a young note that says, "Please help ..." You know the rest of the note.

Health care in America. It won't kill me! Please, God — not cancer. Fund-raiser, 10 percent will help. Help fill this jar. Only in America.

Mary Klann
Northville

Alzheimer's help

Sept. 21 was World Alzheimer's Day, and was just a few days after an Alzheimer's patient was tragically found dead after wandering away from an activity. He was missing for almost three weeks before his body was found, after a massive search by police, family, friends and the community at large.

I'm writing to let families who are caring for a loved one with dementia know that they can call the Alzheimer's Association for help. We provide counseling, education, wandering prevention programs, care management and adult day care. While we don't yet have a cure for this devastating illness, and while we can't solve every problem, we will do our best to ease the burden where we can, and to get people the assistance they need.

As our population ages, we will see more and more individuals who are afflicted; currently some 75,000 people in the tri-county area alone. People can call us at (800) 272-3900, 24 hours/seven days a week. We hope you will continue to call us when you need help, and join us in working for a cure and fighting for a brighter future without Alzheimer's disease.

Dian Wilkins
Beverly Hills

GUEST COLUMN

No one likes to hear harsh truths

We have entered the silly season, these last weeks before the Nov. 2 general election in Michigan.

Millions of dollars will be spent on television, radio, the Internet, mailers and robo calls to educate and confuse the voters about the candidates' positions.



Tom Watkins

"Wall Street vs. Main Street," "Shipping Jobs to China," "Political Insider," "Novice Outsider," "World's Angriest Mayor" and "One Tough Nerd" — these are the "nice" descriptions of the respective candidates. Our state has been through gut-wrenching economic times that are not yet over. The next six weeks of campaigning will produce nostalgic and unrealistic calls to rewind the tape to better times.

While the state needs an optimistic and visionary leader, we do not need unrealistic, rearview mirror pandering. We need a governor who is a pioneer not a settler, a leader who will boldly set sail for the future, not drop anchor in the past.

Here's a message that may not be a great vote-getter but needs to be drilled into the

psyche of every voting Michigander: In this century, globalization, knowledge, talent, creativity, entrepreneurialism and innovative spirit are going to drive everything.

The economy we once had, that enabled someone to drop out of school, walk onto the factory floor and into the middle class, is gone, never to return.

While not what battered Michigan workers, whether blue or white collar, want to hear, no job in Michigan is safe from competition from around the globe.

This is true regardless of whether the "Angry Democrat Mayor Bernero," or the "One Tough Nerd Republican Snyder" becomes our next governor. Technology and a globally connected economy are here to stay. This harsh message needs to be drilled into the heads of elected leaders who think we can afford to dawdle in making key decisions that will drive our future. It also needs to be internalized by every parent and student in Michigan.

The individual, city, state and nation that maximizes an investment in quality education and skill development from the cradle to the grave will be the individual and government subdivision that thrives in the 21st century.

We do not have one child to waste in Michigan and America if we wish to be productive in the hyper-competitive, unpredictable, technologically driven, global, knowledge economy.

This message is not pleasant or popular and is unlikely to be a great vote producer. However, it is a message that needs to be heard and internalized with a great sense of urgency.

Our problem is the world has changed and Michigan's culture of minimal education and maximum wages has not.

If we are inspired by Michigan's next governor who dares set a shared vision, and a common agenda that we can rally around, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

If Michigan commits to enhancing the skills, talent and education of our citizens, we will once again head down the path to prosperity. If not, we will sink like a rock in the turbulent global economic seas.

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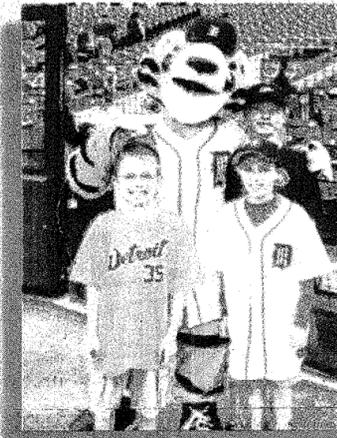
Local Matters!

The Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers salute young readers who are making a difference in their families, schools, neighborhoods and communities!

We are proud sponsors of Paws for Applause 2010.

Congratulations 2010 Paws for Applause Winners!

Each winner received four tickets to a Detroit Tigers baseball game, autographed photo of a Tigers player, gift card for a Little Caesars Pizza and pre-game recognition by Paws, the Tigers mascot!



Tommy Wladuck, Noah Gould and Jimmy Wladuck stand with Paws before the Sunday, May 2, 2010 Tigers game. Tommy of Highland Township won the tickets for his award-winning essay. For his 10th birthday, Tommy asked his guests to buy Cuddle Alert teddy bears instead of presents for him.



Ian Naccashian, 13, of Livonia attended the June 13 Tigers game. He attends Holmes Middle School in Livonia. As part of the Youth Makes a Difference program at his elementary school, he started collecting eyeglasses for the AAA Sight Night program at age six. During the 2009/2010 school year with the help of family, friends and his school community, Ian collected another 23 pairs of eyeglasses. Bringing his total collection to 486 pairs of eyeglasses.



Karlie Cummins, 12, of Farmington Hills is concerned about the environment and tries to make her school "a more eco-friendly place." She attended the July 11 Tigers game and met Paws. She attends O.E. Dunckel Middle School in the Farmington School District.



Adnan Alousi, 6, of Huntington Woods, was our first winner. He attended the April 11 Tigers game at Comerica Park. For his sixth birthday, Adnan had 25 friends bring baseball equipment instead of presents for him. He donated the equipment to the Tigers "Gloves For Kids" program.



Ryan Schmatz, 9, of Canton Township, was the August winner of the Observer Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Paws for Applause Essay Contest, allowing him to meet Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, at the Aug. 22 game. Ryan attends Field Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. He likes to recycle paper, cans, plastic, cardboard, and glass at home and in his neighborhood.



Steven, 10, and Seta, 7, Hagopian of Commerce Township and formerly of Milford were winners of the Sept. 12 Tigers tickets. They attend Country Oaks Elementary School in the Huron Valley School District. They believe in helping family and community. They are members of St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield where they helped to raise money for the Gavor School in Armenia.

The local youth of the communities we serve matter to us!

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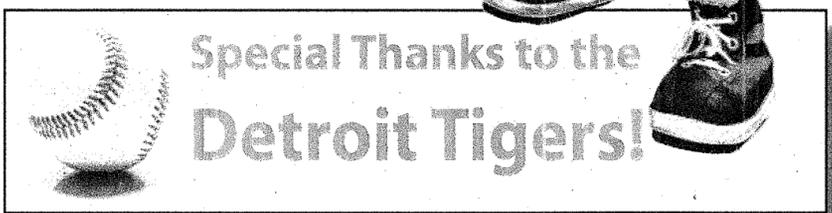
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Altman sparks Crusaders to WHAC win

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karie Altman emerged from the training room walking a little gingerly. Despite both of her knees wrapped in ice packs, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball Player of the Week continued her stellar play Tuesday night with 18 kills in host Madonna University's 20-25, 25-17, 25-18, 25-12 victory over WHAC newcomer University of Northwestern Ohio. The 6-foot junior middle hitter from Allen Park Cabrini got rave reviews

need her to help us get a lead, to maintain a lead. The way our rotations work in most games, she's in the game at the end to seal it." It was the Crusaders' ninth victory in their last 10 outings. They trail WHAC leader Indiana Tech by one win in the conference race. MU out started the season 5-0, then suffered through an uncharacteristic five-match losing streak before regrouping. On Tuesday, the Crusaders dropped the first set after it was tied at 18-18, but came back with a vengeance. "The first set we started off slow, a

little shaky. We didn't quite have the enthusiasm or the conviction," Altman said. "But after that we just really turned it around and got it going. "We talked more, we passed better, sets were better. We made less errors hitting." Altman got plenty of help from teammates Liz Dempsey (14 kills, 12 digs), Megan Fricke (12 kills, 15 digs), libero Amanda Koszela (16 digs) and setter Evia Prieditis (46 assist-to-kills, nine digs).

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SIDELINES

Bedell lifts Titans

Freshman Adam Bedell (Livonia Churchill) scored the game-winning goal Sunday as the University of Detroit Mercy men's soccer team defeated host Illinois-Chicago, 3-2, in Horizon League action at Flames Field. Bedell's goal, his first as a Titan, came 11 seconds after UIC tied the game in the 62nd minute. Schoolcraft College's YaYa Toure also drew an assist as Detroit improved to 2-5-1 overall and 1-1 in the Horizon. The Flames fell to 2-5 overall and 0-2 in the league.

Ocelots spiked

There was no joy in Lady Ocelotville Tuesday as Oakland Community College, ranked No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division II women's volleyball poll, posted a 25-18, 25-14, 21-25, 25-19 triumph over host Schoolcraft College. The first-place Lady Raiders improved to 17-2 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Schoolcraft, meanwhile, fell to 11-6-3 overall and 3-2 in the conference. The Lacy Ocelots return to conference play 7 p.m. Thursday at Macomb CC.

Patriot netters third

Livonia Franklin, led by No. 1 singles player Stephen Payne, came away with the third-place trophy at Saturday's Brownstown-Woodhaven Invitational. Salem captured the team title with 20 points, followed by Chelsea (17), Franklin (15), Trenton (13), Warren DeLaSalle (12), Woodhaven (10), Riverview (7) and Carleton Airport (2). Payne, a junior, captured the No. 1 singles flight, while senior Christian Woods was runner-up at No. 2. Franklin's No. 2 doubles team of seniors John Vetula and Tyler Kaldobsky also took second. Third-place singles finishers for the Patriots included senior Brandon Kozyn (No. 3) and sophomore Tim Crouson (No. 4). Seniors Adam Michael and Quentin Palais also won the consolation bracket at No. 4 doubles.

Blazer field hockey

Goals by juniors Emma Ellswood and Erin Cronyn carried Livonia Ladywood to a 2-0 field hockey win Friday at Saline. Junior Kylie Birney assisted on both goals coming off corner plays as the Blazers improved to 5-1-2 overall and 3-0-1 in Division II. Junior Mackenzie Holm made six saves to post the shutout. Saline goalie Jessica Opaleski made one save as the Hornets fell to 3-4 and 1-3.

Eagle harriers fifth

A select group of runners from Livonia's Emerson Middle school competed in Saturday's Monroe Jefferson Invitational at Sterling State Park by earning a fifth-place in both the boys and girls team standings. The boys were led individually by Keenan Jones' third-place finish in 11 minutes, 48 seconds (3,200 meters), while Katelyn Kovach took 13th in 14:27 to pace the girls as both were medalists and earned all-invitational honors. Other Eagles boys team members included Nick Robertson, Calvin Hill, David Milican, Brandon Skulina, Jacob Forgacs and Nick Reed. Girls team members included Natalie Martinez, Margaret Herman, Hannah Drinkert, Delaney McKenzie and Emma Visscher.

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from her coach Jerry Abraham after hitting at a .467 clip (18-for-30) to go along with one solo block and five block-assists as the Crusaders improved to 12-6 overall and 5-1 in the WHAC. "She's a fabulous player," Abraham said. "She's just dynamic. We need her. Anastasja (Baranovska) is sort of inexperienced at middle, although she's doing a nice job. But we need Karie. She starts the first three rotations. We

Caught napping

Sluggish start costs Churchill in 1st-place bid

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth played with a bit more purpose to open Tuesday's KLAAs South boys soccer match-up against Livonia Churchill and it paid off with an early lead and eventual 2-1 triumph. The host Wildcats (8-3-3 overall, 5-2-0 in the South) never trailed, although the Chargers briefly evened things at 1-1 on a first-half goal by junior forward Allen Woodruff. But Plymouth sophomore Do-Hyung Kim converted the winning goal with less than four minutes to go in the half and the Chargers — despite spurts of offensive pressure down the stretch — just could not score the equalizer. "They're a tough club. They got us last time we played them," Wildcats coach Jeff Neschich said. "It was good to come out on top tonight." Lamenting his squad's slow start and inability to finish late was Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs, whose team fell out of a first-place tie with Canton in the KLAAs South. "This conference begins when the whistle starts and they should know that by now," Friedrichs said, stressing that although his team turned on the offensive jets in the second half, it's never a good game plan to fall behind. "When you come out in the first half like we did, in the second half you're just fighting from behind to create things when you're losing." Playing well in the second half for the Wildcats

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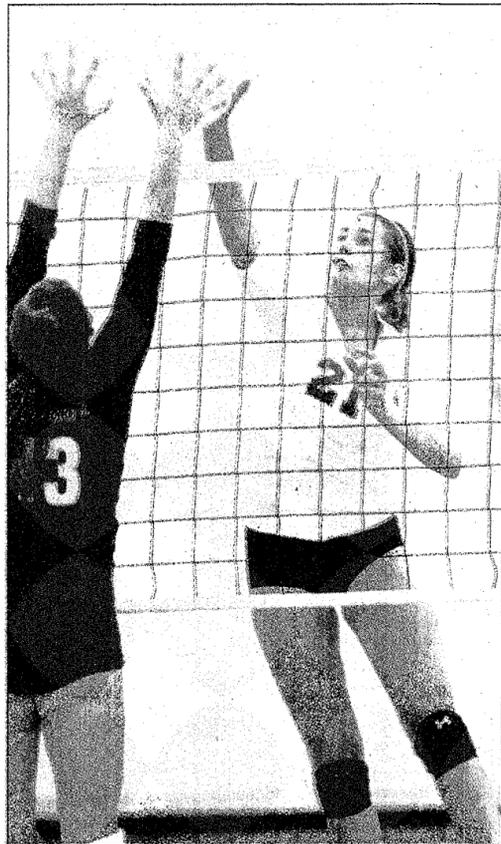
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Plymouth's Derek Austin (16) gives his team a 1-0 lead after sliding a shot past a sprawling Churchill goalkeeper Bryan Bartig.

Lost cause: Williams' 29 kills wasted

Chelsea Williams put up some impressive numbers Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as KLAAs South Division co-leader Canton needed four sets to top host Livonia Franklin, 23-25, 25-16, 25-19, 25-23. Williams, a 5-foot-8 senior outside hitter, finished the night with a career-high 29 kills to go along with nine digs as the Patriots fell to 5-14-2 overall and 0-3 in the KLAAs South. "Chelsea did great, she was on fire tonight," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Our setter Rachael Kapchus played great. She was the quarterback of the team tonight, taking charge of the offense. She found Chelsea 49 times, leading to the 29 kills." Kapchus finished with 44 assist-to-kills in 98 sets and added seven digs. Other Patriots getting into the act included Amanda Borieo (six kills, seven digs), Maggie Leins (four kills, four digs); libero Nocolle Williamson

Williams



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High elevation

Ladywood's Caitlin McClure (21) goes for the kill against Mercy's Elena Lamping (13) in Tuesday's Catholic League Central Division match. Mercy dominated in the battle of state-ranked teams, 25-10, 25-13, 25-16, to improve to 28-3-2 overall. For more high school volleyball, see page B???

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Schoolcraft claims two pivotal victories

Two key victories over the weekend have propelled the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team alone atop both the Michigan Community College and NJCAA Region XII standings. On Sunday, the host Ocelots avenged a tie earlier this season to beat Ancilla (Ind.) College, 2-0. Gavin Kelly scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 57th minute off an assist from Brent McIntosh. Alex Tramel (Salem) then added an insurance goal five minutes later off an assist from Mark Djokaj. Adrian Motta (Livonia Churchill) went the distance in goal, making four stops to post the shutout as the Ocelots improved to 8-1-1 overall, 6-0-1 in Region XII and 4-0-1 in the MCCA. In a battle of nationally-ranked NJCAA Division I teams Saturday, No. 5 Schoolcraft downed No. 3 Cincinnati State, 3-0. Second-half goals by Brent McIntosh, Mark Djokaj and Joe Carver proved to be the difference for the host Ocelots. Schoolcraft goalkeeper Ian McDonald-Wilkins made

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four saves to earn the shutout. The loss dropped Cincinnati State to 8-2 overall and 6-1 in Region XII. Lady Ocelots prevail Jessica Lyon's goal 10 minutes into the first half of play Friday lifted Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team a hard-fought 1-0 triumph over visiting Cincinnati State. The victory was the ninth in 10 games for coach Deepak Shivraman's club. "Overall, we are not pleased with our level of play in this game, and the high wind conditions didn't help our cause," Shivraman said. "Out midfield play could have been much better, but credit Cincinnati State because they challenged well for the 50-50 balls and defended well against our offensive efforts." Schoolcraft sophomore Sam Suter turned in an outstanding performance in goal to record the shutout for the Lady Ocelots. "We had tremendous play from Sam and also from our defenders Mady Evans, Kim Vaillancourt, Sierra Cano and Jess Lyon," Shivraman said.

Novi clips Spartans, takes divisional lead

Senior midfielder John DeLeon's first-half goal jump-started state-ranked Novi to a pivotal 3-1 KLAAC Central Division boys soccer victory Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson.

The first-place Wildcats, ranked No. 8 in Division 1, improved to 13-2 overall and 6-1 in the KLAAC Central.

Sean Hazen added a second-half score for Novi before Stevenson (7-3-2, 4-2-1) cut the deficit to 2-1 on Zack Atwood's goal from Patrick Smith.

But the Spartans couldn't tally the equalizer as Novi's

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Chase Jabbori added an insurance goal to put it away. "It's a tough loss," said Stevenson coach Lars Richters, whose team beat the Wildcats on Sept. 9 at home by a 1-0 score. "We've hit a bad streak in terms of results. This was a big game for us."

Novi goalkeeper Wes Smith made seven saves. "The first half we had a number of good chances, but one of our recent shortcomings has been scoring goals

and it crept up on us again," Richters said. "Novi just did a better job of performing in front of both goals, both on the attacking side and their own end."

JOHN GLENN 4, FRANKLIN 1: Four different players scored Tuesday as host Westland John Glenn (6-6-1, 2-5) avenged a previous 6-0 loss with a win over Livonia Franklin (8-4, 4-3).

Jimmy Merdani, Bobby Mason, Steve Thompson and Jason Rockwell scored for the victorious Rockets, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Alex Isaevski was in goal for Glenn, while Jake Allen (first half) and Ryan Tikey (second half) combined for 11 saves for Franklin. "They (Glenn) came out hard to

play and we came out not thinking," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We were a step behind and did not finish. I'll take the blame. Point the finger at me."

CANTON 12, WAYNE 0: Ryan Killgore scored three times Monday as the host Chiefs (11-2-2, 5-1-1) took just a half to mercy Wayne Memorial (0-12, 0-7).

Bryan Ren and Sean Krolicki each contributed two goals, while Brian Berinti, Bobby Budlong, Garrett Derian-Todd, Cody Kahrs and Dan Ovesea added one apiece for Canton, ranked No. 9 in Division 1.

Berinti and Budlong each contributed two assists, while senior goalkeepers Brandon Laabs and Garren Carr combined on the shutout.

CLARENCEVILLE 6, WAYNE 3: Ardit Dushkaj had a pair of goals and one assist, while Matt Kurdziel chipped in with two goals as well giving host Livonia Clarenceville (7-5) a victory over Wayne Memorial (0-11).

Dushkaj, a senior, now has 28 goals on the year. Masambou Jatta and Jimmy Moody also helped the Clarenceville cause with a goal and two assists each.

Ryan Raymor, Kevin Diehl and Lucas Moore scored for the Zebras.

ATHENS 2, STEVENSON 1: Livonia Stevenson (7-2-2) and Troy Athens continued their long-standing soccer rivalry on Saturday (5-4-2).

Tyler Channell's game-winning goal in the 64th minute proved to be the difference as the host Red Hawks

came away with a 2-1 triumph. Nick Kroppe's goal, deflecting off the head of a Stevenson defender, staked Athens to a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute.

But the Spartans' Chris Liepa answered with a goal from Patrick Smith in the 30th minute to make it 1-1 at halftime.

"The first half we had a number of good chances, but the second half we did not play as well and it caused some frustration," Stevenson coach Lars Richters. "In the end, it was a disappointing loss, but hopefully it will be a learning experience because we have two tough matches this week."

Zach Verant (first half) and John Boudreau (second half) split the goalkeeping chores for Stevenson.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MONROE JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Sept. 25 at Sterling State Park
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 27 points; 2. Canton, 83; 3. Livonia Churchill, 105; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 118; 5. Monroe, 119; 6. Belleville, 133; 7. Livonia Franklin, 213; 8. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 215; 9. Allen Park, 217; 10. Southgate Anderson, 228; 11. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Austin Whitelaw (Monroe), 15 minutes, 27 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 6. Tom Windle, 16:49.2; 18. Sam Yurgil, 17:29.2; 22. Ryan Wise, 17:40.9; 28. Cody Rossler, 17:59.4; 31. George Bowles, 18:02.6; 32. Sean McKeon, 18:03.5; 46. Stephen Charnley, 18:50.3.

Franklin finishers: 9. Austin Jones, 17:00; 42. Mike Witt, 18:35; 50. Gabe Martinez, 19:15; 55. Josh Beesmer, 19:38; 57. Josh Robertson, 19:49; 60. Chad Walters, 20:20; 64. Graham Tyrrell, 20:35.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 40 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 76; 3. Livonia Franklin, 80; 4. Monroe, 113; 5. Canton, 129; 6. Saline (B), 149; 7. Plymouth, 150; 8. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 215; 9. Allen Park, 242; 10. Belleville, 298; 11. Taylor Kennedy, 343; 12. (tie) Romulus and Wayne Memorial, no team score.

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18:29.7 (school record).

Churchill finishers: 2. Kerigan Riley, 18:43.43; 6. Bethany Pilat, 19:30.4; 21. Julia Twigg, 20:25.39; 23. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:29.35; 24. Sydney Anderson, 20:30.11; 30. Alexis Hickson, 20:56.29; 31. Megan McFarlane, 20:58.55.

Other Franklin finishers: 10. Leslie Gomez, 19:49.3; 14. Pia Klein, 20:06.8; 19. Megan Wickens, 20:21.7; 36. Tiffany Lambie, 21:12.4; 41. Madeline Herman, 21:36.6; 55. Kelly Walblay, 22:39.4.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN INVITATIONAL

Sept. 26 at Gilbert Willis Park
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12): 1. Livonia Stevenson, 39 points; 2. Walled Lake Central, 54; 3. Garden City, 84; 4. Walled Lake Western, 88; 5. Novi, 107; 6. Walled Lake Northern, no team score.

Individual winner: 1. John Lynch (Stevenson), 17:42.2 (5,000 meters).

Other Stevenson finishers: 2. Matt Williams, 17:46.6; 4. Adam Chludzinski, 17:54.9; 7. Ryan Petrul, 18:07.1; 9. Andrew Longhi, 18:28.0; 10. Joe Urso, 18:30.9; 11. Michael Gollin, 18:49.9.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (9-10): 1. Livonia Stevenson, 37 points; 2. Novi, 42; 3. Walled Lake Central, 162; 4. Garden City and Walled Lake Western, no team score.

Individual winner: Stephen Fenech (Stevenson), 18:11 (5,000 meters).

Other Stevenson finishers: 4. Matt Maraldo, 18:59; 7. Alex Chase, 19:07; 11. Michael Sopko, 19:31; 14. Zaid Shareef, 19:39; 22. Drew Graham, 20:11; 32. Kyle Danner, 21:00.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

CANTON 27, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 29
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Mitch Clinton (Canton), 17:14 (5,000 meters).
Other Canton finishers: 2. Miles Felton, 17:32; 5. Bradon Conley, 18:11; 8. Keegan Sullivan, 18:23; 11. Tom Walkinshaw, 18:33; 12. Zach Cox, 18:40; 14. Jeff Molchan, 18:54.

Churchill finishers: 3. Tom Windle, 17:43; Ryan Wise, 17:56; 6. Sam Yurgil, 18:16; 7. George Bowles, 18:20; 9. Ben Yates, 18:26; 10. Cody Rossler, 18:26.1; 13. Stephen Charnley, 18:43.

Dual meet records: Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAC South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAC South.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 24

WAYNE MEMORIAL 32
Sept. 28 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Jason Juarez (John Glenn), 18:54 (5,000 meters).
Other Glenn finishers: 3. Ruben Maya, 19:04; 5. Michael Dalton, 19:58; 7. Ryan Boes, 20:11; 8. Jewell Jones, 20:30; 10. Keven Wacker, 22:01; 12. Chris Todd, 24:57.

Wayne finishers: 2. Micah Orr, 19:01; 4. Daniel Malcolm, 19:49; 6. Darryl Ison, 20:04; 9. Avery Barron, 21:35; 11. William Jones, 24:09.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAC South Division; Wayne, 1-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAC South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 23, SALEM 36

Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Steve McEvilly (Salem), 17:03 (5,000 meters).
Stevenson finishers: 2. Matt Williams, 17:05; 3. Joe Urso, 17:16; 5. John Lynch, 17:28; 6. Ryan Petrul, 17:37; 7. Adam Chludzinski, 17:37; 9. Joey MacDonald, 18:10; 10. Stephen Fenech, 18:12.

Other Salem finishers: 4. Andy Rabe, 17:19; 8. Michael Karizak, 17:37; 12. Jeremy Drouillard, 18:19; 15. Tom Patterson, 18:38; 16. Mason Mills, 18:39; 17. Alex Creekmore, 18:39; 18. Evan Bruyere, 18:50.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAC Central Division; Salem, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAC Central.

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN 41
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Joe Porcari (Plymouth), 16:53 (5,000 meters).
Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Derek Gielarowski, 17:04; 4. Brandon Dalton, 17:54; 5. Jimmy Maciag, 17:57; 6. Justin Heck, 18:03; 7. Garrett Neumann, 18:25; 8. Liam Cardenas, 18:26.

Franklin finishers: 3. Austin Jones, 17:28; 8. Mike Witt, 19:14; 9. Josh Beesmer, 19:48; 10. Gabe Martinez, 20:07; 11. Chad Walters, 20:39; 22. Brian Riedy, 21:05; 7. Josh Robertson, 21:07.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAC South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAC South.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 25
CANTON 34
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Kerigan Riley (Churchill), 19:19 (5,000 meters).
Other Churchill finishers: 3. Bethan Pilat, 20:17; 6. Sydney Anderson, 21:06; 7. Julia Twigg, 21:09; 8. Vivien Okechukwu, 21:10; 9. Megan McFarlane, 21:11; 10. Katie Rash, 21:16.

Canton finishers: 2. Bianca Kubicki, 29:30; 4. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:34; 5. Abigail Gorzalski, 21:00; 11. Jessica Siegler, 21:32; 12. Emily Southern, 21:44; 13. Katie Grimes, 21:55; 15. Chelsea Smith, 22:30.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAC South Division; Canton, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAC South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 21

PLYMOUTH 39
Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:38.
Other Franklin finishers: 2. Leslie Gomez, 20:22; 5. Megan Wickens, 21:17; 6. Pia Klein, 21:24; 7. Tiffany Lambie, 21:47; 8. Kelly Walblay, 21:57; 10. Madeline Herman, 22:19.

Plymouth finishers: 3. Nicole Traitses, 20:50; 4. Brianna Lax, 20:52; 9. Marina DiBiase, 22:14; 11. Julie Hahn, 22:28; 12. Jessica Scarpello, 22:56; 13. C. Manettas, 23:02; 14. Sophie Roberts, 23:03.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-1 overall; 2-1 KLAAC South Division; Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAC South.

SALEM 20, LIVONIA STEVENSON 43

Sept. 28 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson), 20:25 (5,000 meters).
Salem finishers: 2. Alejandra Beltran, 20:30; 3. Emily Bizon, 20:50; 4. Shannon Flynn, 20:53; 5. Kayla Kavulich, 20:53; 6. Amanda Byer, 21:2; 7. Autumn Burin, 21:15; 8. Adriana Beltran, 21:21.

Other Stevenson finishers: 9. Allison Gudeman, 21:22; 11. Taylor Cieslak, 21:28; 12. Meghan Gilson, 21:36; 14. Barbara Scupholum, 22:05; 15. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:11; 16. Sofia Lynch, 22:18.

Dual meet records: Salem, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAC Central Division; Stevenson, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAC Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 17

WAYNE MEMORIAL (NO SCORE)
Sept. 28 at Wayne (Flats)

Individual winner: Abbey Wright (John Glenn), 23:23 (5,000 meters).
Other John Glenn finishers: 2. Alex Hamlett, 23:42; 3. Courtney MacQuarrie, 25:00; 5. Audra Flores, 26:56; 6. Mary Dreher, 26:57; 7. Casey Butler, 28:34; 8. Rheana Allen, 20:24.

Wayne finishers: 4. Megan Macek, 26:12; 9. Sydney Ball, 30:50.

Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAC South Division; Wayne, 1-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAC South.

Chargers fall in tourney semis

Livonia Churchill made it all the way to the semifinals of the Temperance Bedford girls volleyball tournament Saturday before losing to the state-ranked and host Kicking Mules, 25-23, 25-22.

"I really am impressed with the way we ended the day," said Churchill assistant coach Eva Jedruszko, whose team captured four of six matches. "I was worried before playoffs because our desire to compete went down drastically, but the girls got it together and put on a really good volleyball game. There was little error in the games and we kept going back-and-forth with Bedford."

Churchill, now 22-6-2 overall, defeated North Farmington (22-25, 25-22, 15-8) and lost to Saline (21-25, 22-25) in pool play, while beating Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (25-18, 25-19) and Fenton (25-20, 25-22) in power play action.

In the first round of the playoffs, Churchill ousted South Lyon, 25-18, 25-18. Sophomore Emily Norscia was Churchill's top attacker with 44 kills on the day, while junior Erin Menard added 27 kills and nine blocks.

Senior setter Cory Urbats finished with 114 assist-to-kills and 45 digs, while senior Kara Kempinski recorded a

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team-best 60 total digs.

"Everyone played outstanding and contributed somehow throughout the way," Jedruszko said. "Communication really improved in the last game. These group of senior girls are something else I don't have to tell them what needs to be fixed. They do a pretty good job leading by example and picking up the younger girls when we are having a couple of tough points."

Spartans go 1-4

Livonia Stevenson had a tough day at Saturday's Bedford Invitational winning only one of five matches. Stevenson's lone win came against Canton, 23-25, 25-21, 17-15.

Other losses came against Canton (20-25, 20-25), North Farmington (25-23, 9-25, 15-17), Bedford (15-25, 16-25) and Farmington (22-25, 17-25).

Stevenson's top attacker on the day was Reina Tyl with 29 kills. Monika Rudis added 13 kills and seven blocks.

Kim Griffith and Catherine Licata combined for 10 blocks, while Jordan York served 10 aces, eight blocks and 34 digs. Setters Sammy Caves and

Allie Koestering each had 17 assists for the Spartans (9-10-2).

Warriors stumble

Lutheran High Westland finished 1-3 in Saturday's Madonna University Invitational hosted by Plymouth.

The Warriors, now 7-13-2 overall, defeated South Lyon East (25-13, 25-14), while falling to Dearborn (13-25, 13-25), Walled Lake Western (15-25, 16-25) and Southfield (18-25, 17-25).

Amanda Terranella had 11 kills, 10 blocks (five solo) and 15 digs for the Warriors.

Other contributions came from Leah Refenes (10 kills, six blocks); Marisa Hahn (26 digs, six kills, nine aces); Erica Killian and Mary MacKenzie (11 assists each); Taylor Wiemer (19 digs); and Alyssa Shirkey (15 digs, two aces).

"Despite our record on the day we did play well at times," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were able to do some good things against all four opponents, but in the end, the size and quickness of the bigger schools did us in. We need to keep striving to be better and keep making practices meaningful so they correlate into the games."



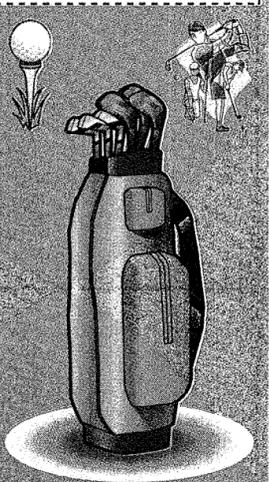
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 1
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at N.D. Prep, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at S'field Christian, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 30
Ladywood at Warren Regina, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2
Mich. Elite Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Birm. Marian Invitational, TBA.

BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 30
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1
Oak. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Ypsi Calvary at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
South Lyon at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
Thurston at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2
Warren DeLaSalle at Stevenson, 1 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 2
Haslett Invitational, 9 a.m.
Divine Child Falcon Inv., TBA.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Sept. 30
Wayne at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy vs. Ladywood at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Saturday, Oct. 2
Kensington Conference Tourney at Plymouth-Canton, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, Sept. 30
Ladywood Inv. at St. John's, 8:30 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Tuesday, Sept. 28
Saline at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2
Catholic League Finals, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 30
Madonna at Davenport, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 2-3
Schoolcraft at Grand Rapids CC, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 2
Lincoln Land (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, noon.
Madonna vs. Davenport at Livonia Franklin H.S., 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 1
Schoolcraft at Elgin CC (Ill.), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2
Schoolcraft at Waubesaun (Ill.), noon.
Madonna vs. Davenport at Livonia Franklin H.S., 12:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 190
CANTON 199
Sept. 27 at Hilltop G.C.
Church



Members of the Stevenson Equestrian club include (from left): Nicole Serafyn (on Savanna), Erin Pauley (on Dipper), Brianna MacKenzie (on Jake), team manager Claire Beer, Jessie Earnest (on Dori) and captain Shelby McMillan (on Nikki).

Stevenson riders make an impact

The Livonia Stevenson High Equestrian Club, coached by Kim McMillan, recently completed its season fourth overall in District 1-Division C following a runner-up finish Saturday in third and final meet the Huron Valley Equestrian Field in Milford.

In three district meets competing this month against eight other clubs, the Spartans earned a fifth place (Sept. 11), a fourth (Sept. 18) and second (Sept. 25) with 112 points (behind Howell). Sophomore Captain Shelby McMillan was high scorer for the team this season with 70

points. Other Stevenson riders included senior Nicole Serafyn along with juniors Jessie Earnest, Erin Pauley, and Brianna MacKenzie. The riders were assisted by manager and former rider, Claire Beer, a senior, and sponsored by Lynn Carey.

Riders interested in competing next spring on the Holmes Middle School team (current 6-8) or for the 2011 fall Stevenson club should call Kim McMillan at (734) 525-2366; or e-mail Karen MacKenzie at karen@woodlandnet.com.

Leader in clubhouse: MU men seek crown

The Madonna University men's golf team continued its strong fall showing by tying for first place in Monday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Jamboree No. 3 tournament held at Quail Ridge Golf Club in Grand Rapids. The Crusaders, who qualified for last year's NAIA National Tournament, tied Davenport with a 13-over 301 each. Rounding out the field was Siena Heights University, led by individual medalist Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn), third, 310; Cornerstone, fourth, 316; Indiana Tech, fifth, 318; Aquinas, sixth, 319; Northwestern Ohio, seventh, 322; and Concordia, eighth, 379.

Myers shot an even-par 72 on the 6,938-yard layout, while MU's Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill) and Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) finished second and third, respectively, with 73 and 74. Other MU finishers included Vince Carango and Nick Sears, tied for 11th, 77 each; Jimmy Uelmen, tied for 14th, 78; and last year's NAIA National runner-up medalist Brett Quitiquit, tied for 34th, 83. The Crusaders hold an 11-stroke overall advantage heading into this weekend's final WHAC Jamboree hosted by Siena Heights at Tecumseh Country Club.

MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS
WHAC JAMBOREE NO. 2
 Sept. 25 at Fellows Creek (Canton)
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Madonna University, 292 strokes (4-over); 2. Indiana Tech, 305; 3. Davenport, 307; 4. Siena Heights, 309; 5. (tie) Aquinas and Cornerstone, 310 each; 7. Northwestern Ohio, 319; 8. Concordia, did not finish.
Individual medalist: Vince Carango (Madonna), 1-under 71.
Other MU finishers: 3. (tie) Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin), 72; 6. Jimmy Uelmen, 73; 11. (tie) Nick Sears, 76; 16. (tie) Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), 78; 20. (tie) Brett Quitiquit, 79.
Area players: 3. (tie) Andy Myers (Siena Heights/Westland John Glenn), 72.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS
WHAC JAMBOREE NO. 3
 Sept. 28 at Stonewater C.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Indiana Tech, 335 strokes; 2. Aquinas, 341; 3. (tie) Madonna University and Davenport, 347 each; 5. Northwestern Ohio, 373; 6. Siena Heights, 414; 7. Concordia, 425.
Individual co-medalists: Michelle Hall (Madonna) and Keerstyn Ramsey (Indiana Tech), 7-over 78 each.

Other MU finishers: 11. (tie) Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), 87; 18. (tie) Sara Simnitch, 90; 21. Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), 91; 22. (tie) Kaitlyn Brasher, 93; 26. (tie) Elena Thomas, 95.
OLIVET FALL INVITATIONAL
 Sept. 24-25 at Medalist Golf Club
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Wheaton College (Ill.), 346-340-686; 2. Olivet, 342-345-687; 3. Otterbein College (Ohio), 357-339-696; 4. St. Francis (Ind.), 352-345-697; 5. Hope College, 358-346-704; 6. Madonna University, 374-345-719; 7. Trine University (Ind.), 368-362-730; 8. Albion College, 381-363-745; 9. Aquinas College, 382-363-745; 10. Calvin College, 404-382-786; 11. Rochester College, 408-401-809; 12. Kalamazoo College, 454-441-895.
Individual medalist: Caci Blanton (Wheaton), 79-80-159.
Madonna finishers: 12. Sara Simnitch, 85-88-173; 14. (tie) Michelle Hall, 92-84-176; 30. (tie) Kaitlyn Brasher, 100-83-183; 38. Mariel Meyers, 94-95-189; 36. Chelsea Bathurst, 97-90-187; 41. (tie) Elena Thomas, 100-91-191; 56. (tie) Megan Fleischer, 105-101-206; 60. Caitlin Steele (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child), 110-103-213.

VOLLEYBALL

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(22 digs); Racquel Garza (seven digs); and Sarah Bo (seven digs). "Defensively, Garza, Bo and Williamson played aggressively," Jimenez said.

With the win, Canton improved to 3-0 in the division.

Churchill whips Wayne

Sophomore Emily Norscia recorded 12 kills and four blocks to power Livonia Churchill to an easy 25-10, 25-3, 25-16 KLA South Division win Tuesday at Wayne Memorial.

Marissa Pomaville added four kills and five blocks, while senior Kara Kempinski had a team-best 17 digs.

Krystyn Niescier also chipped in with eight assists, four digs and two aces as the Chargers improved to 23-6-2 overall and 3-0 in the division.

Wayne is 0-3 in the KLA South.

Stevenson falls

In a KLA Central Division match Tuesday, host South Lyon came away with a 25-23, 25-13, 25-16 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Reina Tyl and Monika Rudis had seven and six kills, respectively, for the Spartans, who fell to 10-10-2 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Kristen Balhorn (six blocks), Jordan York (six digs) and Allie Koesting (six assists) also stood out for the Spartans.

South Lyon is 1-2 in the division.

Wildcats stop Rockets

On Tuesday, Kayla Bridge finished with 19 kills and 24 digs as Plymouth defeated host Westland John Glenn in a KLA South match, 25-13, 25-18, 21-25, 25-19. Other leaders for the

Wildcats (10-4-1, 2-1) included Dani Risi (14 kills), setter Jessica Scott (35 assists) and Mariah Tesarz (24 digs).

Halie Baker collected 12 kills and three blocks, while Brooke Zywick added 20 digs as Glenn fell to 7-7-5 overall and 1-2 in the division. Sarah Headrick also contributed 18 assists and two aces. Jordyn Coniam added two blocks.

"This was not our best performance," Glenn coach Sharon Hubbard said. "Plymouth definitely wanted it more."

Trojans beat Greenhills

Livonia Clarenceville continues to be a work in progress following a 25-19, 16-25, 25-14, 14-25, 16-14 win Tuesday over host Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"We played really well at times. We still need to work on our defense and coming together as a team," said Clarenceville coach Wendy Mersham, whose team is 6-9-3 overall. "It was an overall team effort. Both teams wanted it and it all came down to the fifth game."

Back from an injury, senior Joanna Burling gave the Trojans a lift with six kills, three ace serves and eight digs.

Other contributions came from sophomore Ashley Murphy (eight kills, three blocks); sophomore Tonya Vernier (six kills); freshman Ayanna Buckley (six kills); senior Izzy Sidon (five aces, 12 digs); and freshman Nicole Kurdzial (14-for-14 serving with five aces).

Mercy sweeps Blazers

In a Catholic League Central Division match Tuesday, Farmington Hills Mercy rolled to a 25-10, 25-13, 25-16 triumph over host Livonia Ladywood.

The loss dropped the Blazers to 19-10-2 overall and 0-2 in the division.

Mercy improved to 28-3-2 overall and 2-0 in the Central.

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was junior goalkeeper Rene Mejia (senior Kyle Brindza played the first 40 minutes) to frustrate Churchill (7-6-1, 4-2-1). Mejia raced out to cut off Churchill's streaking junior midfielder Evan Schweizer to stop a rush with about 33 minutes left. He also managed to get a hand on a high, hard blast taken by junior forward Jeff Thomas from about 20 yards in front.

Mejia had a lot of help from his friends, clearing loose balls out of danger areas away from dangerous Chargers such as Thomas and senior midfielder Stephen Foster (who set up Woodruff's goal).

"They had four forwards at the end and coach just told me to drop back on center-D and I just got physical back there," said senior midfielder Joe Klonowski, one of the all-around standouts for Plymouth. "We had a disappointing effort against Canton (a 3-1 loss last Thursday), so we were just looking to turn it around against Churchill."

Klonowski, senior Andrew Yoder and senior Mitch Vaughn were all in the defensive mix with less than three minutes to go and Churchill threatening to tie the score off a corner kick.

Somehow, the Wildcats teamed up to keep the ball out of the goal and that pretty much locked up the victory.

"I saw it bounce right on the goal line," Klonowski said. "So

I just tried to scissor it and I hit one of our own guys and then I turned around and the ball was out."

That sequence summed up the night for the Chargers.

"It's all about who can be the hero and score the goal and we just didn't have anyone who could step up and finish," Friedrichs said. "We created a lot of opportunities, a lot of restarts. The ball was bouncing in the box all over. We just needed someone to put a foot on it and we're always just a second behind."

The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead about 15 minutes into the match, when Klonowski set up senior forward Derek Austin for a nifty goal against Churchill junior goalkeeper Bryan Bartig.

Woodruff netted the equalizer around the 30th minute, but Plymouth chipped in the lead goal off of a scrum and never looked back.

On the winner, Bartig came out for the ball, but lost his footing and injured an ankle in the process, leaving the goal wide open.

"He (Bartig) just slipped, rolled his ankle as he slipped and their guy (Kim), with him on the ground, headed it in," Friedrichs said. "It was unfortunate."

The Chargers brought in junior goalkeeper Mario Canestraro to finish up the half. Canestraro played another five minutes in the second half, grabbing a low, hard shot by junior Rob Korstjens, before Bartig was able to return.

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 6 Friday, Oct. 1	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
Southfield (2-3, 1-3) at Farmington (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Farmington Harrison (5-0, 4-0) at Oak Park (2-3, 1-3), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
North Farmington (1-4, 1-4) at Berkley (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Berkley	Berkley	Berkley	Berkley
Plymouth Salem (0-5, 0-3) at South Lyon East (1-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.	East	Salem	Salem	Salem
Livonia Churchill (2-3, 1-2) at Canton (5-0, 4-0), 7 p.m.	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
Livonia Franklin (3-2, 1-2) at Wayne (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Livonia Stevenson (2-3, 1-2) at Northville (5-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville
Lutheran Westland (0-5, 0-3) at Southfield Christian (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Christian	Christian	Westland	Christian
Livonia Clarenceville (3-2, 1-0) at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (0-5, 0-3), 7 p.m.	Prep	Prep	Clarenceville	Clarenceville
Dearborn Heights Robichaud (2-3, 2-1) at Redford Thurston (4-1, 3-0), 7 p.m.	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
Garden City (0-5, 0-3) at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Annapolis	Annapolis	Annapolis	Annapolis
Redford Union (1-4, 1-2) at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (2-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.	Crestwood	Crestwood	Crestwood	Crestwood
Westland John Glenn (2-3, 1-2) at Plymouth (4-1, 3-0), 7 p.m.	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Plymouth Christian (0-4) at Saginaw Buena Vista (2-3), 7 p.m.	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista
Last week	11-2 (.846)	10-3 (.769)	9-4 (.692)	10-3 (.769)
Overall	58-13 (.817)	59-12 (.831)	44-27 (.620)	50-21 (.704)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WYAA raffle tickets

Raffle tickets are now available to be picked up for the 2010 Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball, softball, football and cheerleading participants from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north

of Ford Road), Westland. For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

Youth baseball tryout

Tryouts for the 2011 South Farmington Blues 18-and-under travel baseball team will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at Farmington High School.

For more information, e-mail Jeff Scott at jscott@jscottarchi-

tecs.com.

Applefest Run

The 5- and 10-kilometer Huron Township Applefest Run will be Sunday, Oct. 3 at Lower Huron Metropark.

The free 1-mile fun run-walk starts at 9 a.m. followed by 5- and 10K runs at 9:30 a.m. at 37283 Huron River Road, New Boston.

Race day registration is from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Entry fees are \$28 (includes long-sleeve T-shirt). Age-group awards, including apple pies and cider to the winners, will be offered along with a raffle.

For more information, call Total Runner at (734) 282-1101; or visit online registration at www.huronapplefest.com or www.everalracemgt.com.

CRUSADERS

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"We don't have those huge hitters, but now we have a lot of defense," Altman said. "And we know how to place the ball because we're not always going to get the overpowering shots."

Northwestern Ohio, getting 15 kills from Roshelle Watercutter and 13 from Heather Garmire, fell to 13-7 overall and 5-3 in the WHAC.

"That's a talented team and they were missing their big 6-1 right-side hitter, too, the senior kid (Katie Luebke)," Abraham said of the Racers. "Up to 18 points in the first game, it was a heck of a match. We were back-and-forth and never had more than a two-point lead. The only adjustment we tried to do is get the ball out farther on the set. They were blocking inside, so we wanted to get the ball outside because our smaller, faster hitters can beat their block

and try to penetrate their defense. And the other thing is try and serve tougher."

This Madonna team, undersized against most opponents, has carved a new identity. It can be classified now as small and scrappy.

"We've been playing that way for a while — most of the season," Abraham said. "We're not real big, but we're fast and we have enough firepower to get it done. But we're also playing really, really tenacious defense. And that's really what

this sport is all about." Altman also likes the direction the team has taken on lately.

"We hit a rough patch," said Altman, who had 43 kills and just four errors in three matches last week. "Losing our outside hitter Anastasia (Seremetjeva, to a knee injury), we kind of got lost a little bit. But it's been coming around a lot better."

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BARBARA ANN DOWELL

Age 63 died Sept. 27, 2010 at Providence Hospital after a brave 17 month battle with cancer. Preceded in death by husband Larry and parents Ralph Wineman and Margaret Cowley. Barbara retired from Farmington Public Schools, where she worked for 27 years. Born in Yonkers, NY April 27, 1947 but moved to Michigan as a young child where she resided in Detroit all her life. Survived by son Brian (Carmen) Boyd of Livonia, Mark Dowell of Novi, grandchildren Jordan and Matthew, Jackie & Christopher, Sister Carole Layne of Livonia, special nieces Colleen (Jason), Lauren & Ashley Brasgalla of Secaucus, N.J., nephew Timmy Ray of Novi, Uncle Tom Stankey of Indianapolis, IN and many other family and friends who will greatly miss her, especially Linda Hogan who was a dear lifelong caring friend. Visitation Thursday 3-8pm, service Friday at 11:30am at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, between 6 & 7 Mile Rds.



GEORGE ROMEO HAMEL

Age 91, September 22, 2010 Loving husband of Margaret (Haggerty) Hamel of 64 years, brother of Leo (Wanda) Hamel (age 98) & his current 22 direct descendants: His five children Patricia (Robert) Nakoneczny, Larry (Lynette) Hamel, Diane (Dave) Wallen, Kenneth (Deborah) Hamel & Colleen (George) Siroonian; his 15 grandchildren Carrie (Jason), Matt (Danae), Dan, Greg, Nick, Brian, Christopher, Jeff, Megan, Kellie, Michael, Brett, Griffin, Katie & David; and was "Grandpa George" to his great granddaughters Madeline & Natalie. He was "Uncle George" to the children of his best friend Jim Feeny and Margaret's twin sister Marion: Jim (Kathy) Feeny, their children Jennifer, Molly, James & Katie; Kathleen (Steve) Goch, their children Alex & Anneliese; Nancy (Rick) Gorton, their children Michelle, Nick & Colleen; Daniel (Teri) Feeny, their children Maureen, Bridget, Colleen & Tim; Bob (Maribeth) Feeny, their children Brian, Patrick & Kevin. George R. Hamel was youngest of 17 children born to Azarie & Emma Hamel in Port Arthur, Canada on November 22nd 1918. Since then the number 22 has followed him throughout the years: born on November 22nd, became a U.S. Citizen on May 22nd, inducted into the Army on September 22nd, wounded in the Battle of the River Roer on February 22nd and received the Purple Heart, discharged on January 22nd, on June 22nd married his sweetheart Margaret (born March 22nd), retired on December 22nd and on September 22nd with a chuckle, he left to watch over his 22 descendants, extended family and friends who dearly loved him. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, just north of 10 Mile Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Autism Society, 4340 East West Hwy., Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814 or online at: www.autism-society.org



These good folks participated in last fall's Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

CROP walkers fight hunger one step at a time

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local businesses have stepped up in support of this year's Plymouth-Canton CROP Hunger Walk.

Barb Fichtenberg of Canton, CROP Walk coordinator, lists Community Financial Credit Union, Hiller's Markets and the Canton dental practice of Drs. Pinkney, Greenbaum, MacFarland and Timpner as supporters. Holiday Market of Canton will provide bottled water for the Sunday, Oct. 17, benefit, which will begin at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

Organizers appreciate that business support, which has made possible special event T-shirts to mark the 20th Plymouth-Canton CROP Walk.

"I think there may have been a year or two we missed in there," said Fichtenberg, a Garden City Hospital staffer. This year's event adds up to the 20th. There's another local CROP Walk, Livonia's, taking place Sunday, Oct. 3.

Registration for Plymouth-Canton will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the walk starting at 2 p.m. Walkers are being recruited from Plymouth-Canton churches.

This year's congregations include First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, St. John's Episcopal, Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth, the Plymouth-Canton Salvation Army, Living Peace of Canton — which meets at Field Elementary School — and First United Methodist of Plymouth.

Last year's Plymouth-Canton walk raised just over \$7,000.

"I think last year the economy affected the walk," Fichtenberg said. "We're hop-

ing this year things are getting a little better."

LIVONIA WALK

The 27th annual Livonia Area (Livonia and Garden City) CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3, from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the send-off celebration and walk at 2 p.m. Participants can walk the two-, four- or six-mile route. Those with mobility problems can do the short walk in the park.

Livonia organizers expect about 250 walkers from about 20 churches from Livonia and Garden City. Their goal is to raise \$30,000 for the fight against hunger. Last year, they raised over \$23,000 with one-quarter of that money going to local food banks in Livonia, Garden City, Redford and Detroit. Contact John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181 for further information or pledge sheets.

That walk can also be accessed through cropwalkonline.org, which has walks throughout Michigan listed.

WORLD, U.S. RELIEF

Of Plymouth-Canton proceeds, 75 percent will go to Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org) which provides disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and development work worldwide. The remaining 25 percent will go to the Salvation Army locally, which serves Belleville and Northville in addition to Plymouth and Canton.

Walkers will raise pledges and walk either two or four miles. The Salvation Army locally received almost \$1,800 last year from the event, assisting 2,452 people from 669 families.

"Everybody is very supportive of

the Salvation Army and their work," Fichtenberg said, adding organizers are pleased the Army's involved in planning and participation. Church World Service appeals to walkers and donors as well, giving money both overseas for projects like helping with recent Pakistan flooding, as well as U.S. relief.

"It's a community event and churches are working together," she said. "A lot of people are aware of it."

The name now is CROP Hunger Walk with a new logo, to help people who didn't know the acronym of Communities Responding To Overcome Poverty.

Three participating churches, Geneva, Living Peace and St. John's Episcopal, also supported the T-shirt project, Fichtenberg said.

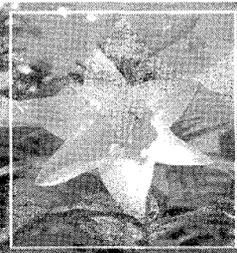
There's "Walking on the Web" information at www.cropwalkonline.org, in which participants can pick Michigan and then their local walk, signing up as an individual or team. For information on the Plymouth-Canton walk, call Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205.

The Salvation Army will provide a canteen on walk day, she said, and can transport anyone who gets tired walking. The walk has been held in Canton in the past, but in Plymouth in recent years.

"We get more visibility walking through the city," Fichtenberg said. "The Canton walkers don't mind going to Plymouth."

This year's goal is to have 120 walkers, who are encouraged to raise \$100 each. "Basically we just want to increase our walkers and our total amount," she said. "I'm sure we will do that."

Strollers and wagons are welcome at the Plymouth-Canton walk, but organizers ask participants to leave bicycles and Rollerblades at home.



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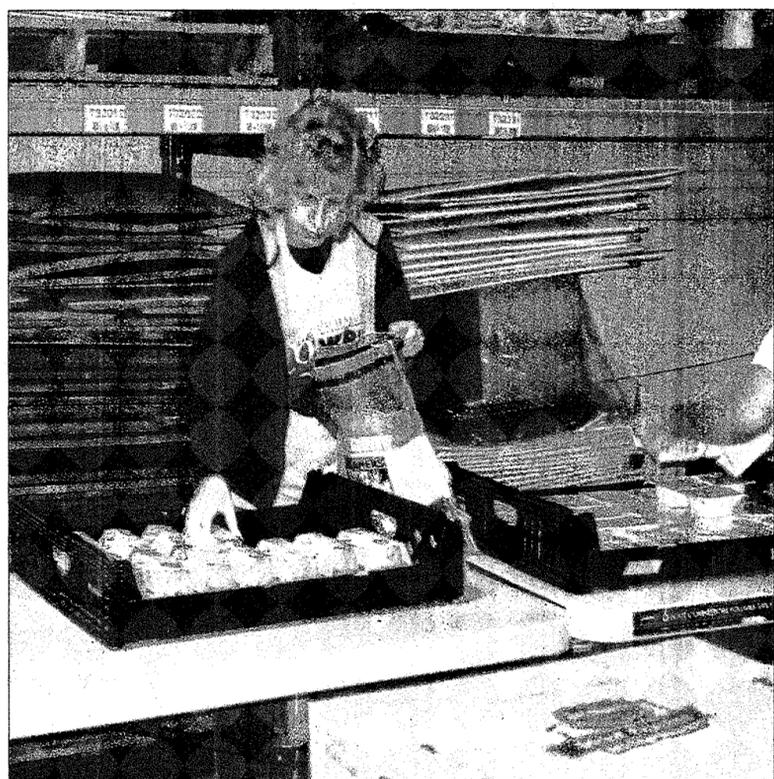
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Making a difference

Westland resident Yvonne Miller packs bags of food at the Gleaners Distribution Center in Taylor. Miller was just one of the hundreds of Comerica employees who volunteered on Comerica's National Day of Service on Saturday, Sept. 25.

MILESTONES

Fall Fund-raiser

Time/Date: 6:30-11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22

Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: Are you a mild-mannered Joe by day and a dashing hero by night?

Or is there a villain lurking inside you who's just waiting to come out? Whatever you decide, we want to see you at Garden City Hospital Foundation's 19th annual Fall Fund-raiser. Themed "Superheroes and Villains," the annual benefit brings entertainment, hospital fund raising and a fun theme together in one great evening. Enjoy a strolling dinner, elaborate basket raffle, silent auction and live music by Sunset Boulevard. Guests are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite superhero or villain to keep with the evening's theme. Reserved seating for tables of 10 is available; open seating is provided for smaller groups. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

Contact: For additional Fall Fund-raiser information or reservations, call the Garden City Hospital Foundation at (734) 458-4331 by Friday, Oct. 8.

Downtown for Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15

Location: Plato's Place, 30090 Ford Road, in Garden City Square, Garden City

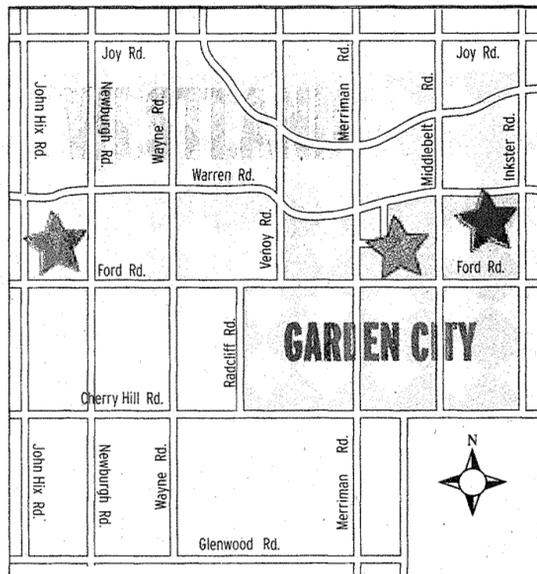
Details: Stop by for some casual open discussion with state and local representatives. Discuss legislative issues, local economic interests and the most current topics with congressional representatives, state representatives, county representatives and local municipal representatives

Contact: For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

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Dinner Theater

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 18

Location: Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Cinema legend Doreen Lewis is about to make her Broadway debut opposite her ardent admirer Paul Burnside, when she intercepts a phone call for her dresser, confirming that "Mrs. Lewis" is pregnant. Shocked to learn of "her" condition and thinking Paul wants her ousted from the show via her contract's moral clause, she wears her mink on stage knowing Paul fur-allergy will reduce his dialogues to sneezes. The producer, a shrieking neurosthenic who fears his backer Nunzio will machine gun

his knees if the show flops, is terrified, and the Bavarian playwright is reduced to sobbing uncontrollably as his beautiful play goes to the dogs." A loony resolution caps the evening of non-stop guffaws in "Star on the Door." Cocktails are at 6 p.m. (cash bar), dinner at 7 p.m. The show immediate follows dinner. Cost is \$31.95 and includes choice of entree, soup, salad and dessert with show, taxes and gratuity. Payment due at time of reservation.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 422-3440.

Free Lecture

Date/Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am Tuesday, Oct. 12

Location: Providence Park Hospital Outpatient Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. at Beck. Enter campus off of Grand River and come to Conference Room A and B.

Details: Don't let shoulder pain limit your activities of daily life. Learn more about the causes, diagnostic methods and treatment of upper arm and shoulder pain. Our presenter will be Dr. Sean Bak, orthopedic surgeon on staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospitals.

Contact: To register, call the St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Joins hospital staff

Dr. Toni Muzzonigro has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Dr. Muzzonigro received her medical education from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a family practice residency at Botsford Hospital. She is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.



Muzzonigro

She has a practice at Millennium Medical Group West at 6149 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The office number is (734) 728-2130.

Botsford Hospital is a multi-specialty community hospital with 330 licensed beds located in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The hospital each year cares for more than 17,000 inpatients and almost 60,000 emergency patients with a team of 2,400 employees, 400 volunteers and more than 600 physicians.

New president and CEO

Chief Financial Credit Union has a new president and chief executive officer.

Tom Dluzen has assumed the position with the credit union which has offices include one at an office at 31100 Palmer, Westland. He has more than 35 years of experience in the banking industry and holds a bachelors degree in business administration.



Dluzen

An announcement about his appointment said Dluzen enjoys being involved in the community and is truly a people person and described him as a motivated leader

and an asset to the credit union.

Donate for jobs

Through a partnership between Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and the Detroit Lions, Lions fans are able to donate gently used clothing items at the Goodwill "Donate for Jobs" truck in front of Ford Field at all home games this season.

Goodwill's "Donate for Jobs" truck will be located near one of Ford Field's main gates from the time the gates open until one hour after the game ends. Contributors will receive a 20 percent off coupon for use during a non-game day at the Lions' Store located at Ford Field.

The highest quality items collected will be sold at Goodwill's flagship upscale retail store scheduled to open in Canton this fall, with proceeds going towards Goodwill's education and training programs.

Innovative remedy

Jumping out of bed in the morning is not, for most of us, our favorite part of the day. Imagine if that action were greeted with searing pain shooting from your heels and up into your legs. Yet nearly 1 in 10 Americans will experience chronic heel pain in their lifetime.

While there are many causes and even more "cures," the most frequent issue is Plantar Fasciitis, when inflammation or a tear occurs in the Plantar Fascia, a tendon stretching from your heel to toes. An overload of physical activity, as seen in athletes, arthritis, being overweight or simply wearing the wrong shoes can bring on the pain. Making it go away has been the problem.

Typical treatments include cortisone shots, which provide temporary relief, and orthotics, but if you purchase them at your neighborhood drugstore, you'll likely return them. Computer generated forms

of your feet have made tremendous improvements and driven down the cost of orthotics, but this is a treatment of the symptom, rather than a cure for the cause.

In an innovative treatment, Dr. W. Steven Watson of Garden City Hospital has taken a treatment typically used in other areas of the foot, an injection of 4 percent dehydrated alcohol, and now uses it to numb the nerve that causes the pain. Typically, over several weeks, a total of four to eight injections are given in the doctor's office after a topical anesthetic is applied to the heel. Relief can begin immediately.



Watson

Wendy Fosdick of Canton, a first-grade teacher in Novi, spends many hours per day on her feet. She suffered acute heel pain and cortisone shots provided some relief for as long as a month, but the shots can only be administered every six weeks. The pain had become unbearable and she often had to hobble around on one foot.

With the new treatment, consisting of five injections over a six-week period, Fosdick noticed measurable improvement.

"My pain level went from a Level 10 (the highest level) to a Level 2," she said. "Prior to treatment, the pain was all day long" she said.

For many heel-pain sufferers, the dehydrated alcohol treatment may be the best alternative to surgery. It is less expensive, it is an office procedure with faster recovery than surgery, and it is more effective than other non-surgical approaches.

Chronic heel pain need not be a fact of life. New, innovative treatments exist to bring relief, at lower cost and faster recovery. Watson has offices in Canton, Garden City, Riverview and Taylor. More information is available at www.afootcare.com or call (734) 981-7800.

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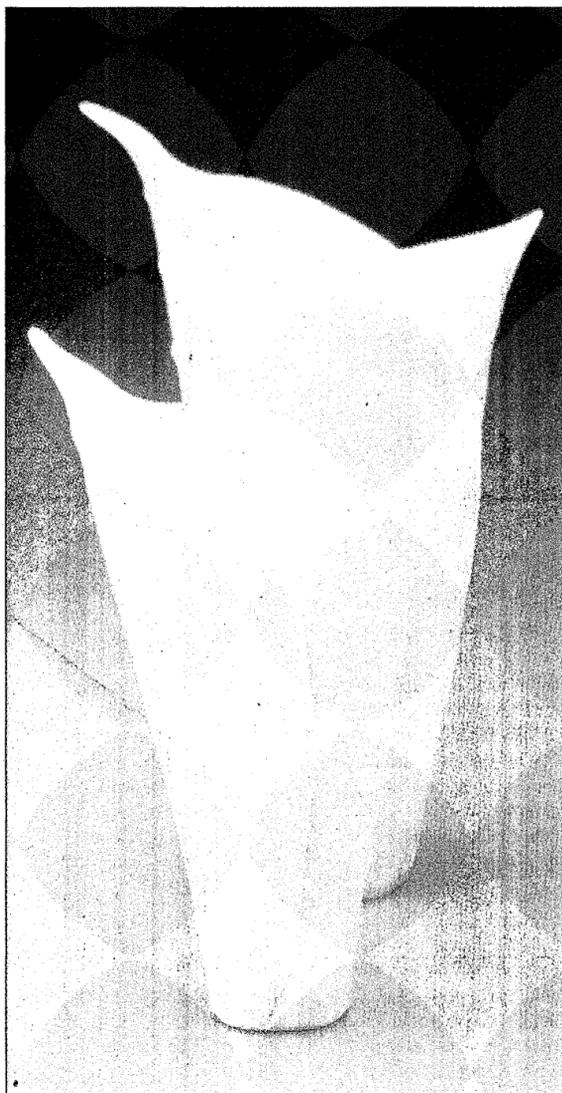
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Visit a working porcelain studio at artist's open house



Elizabeth Lurie will open her home studio to the public Oct. 9. Visitors will see ceramics, such as these hosta vases.

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Lurie exhibits art on her own terms and turf.

"I'm in a new place in my career where I'm cutting back on the places I am exhibiting. I'm producing less and I want to produce less, but I want to maintain my relationship with the community," said Lurie, a Farmington Hills ceramicist who works in porcelain. "I'm not as interested in maintaining relationships with galleries. It's not worth it in the present economic climate."

"I haven't done art fairs in 10 years except for Philly (Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show). But one thing I always enjoyed about art fairs was that I was able to talk to the public."

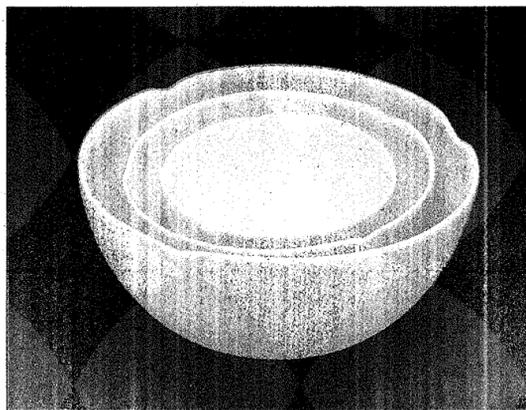
Feedback from art lovers was so important, that Lurie simply began to invite the public to her home studio a few years ago. Her annual studio open house is 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at 29228 Summerwood, Farmington Hills; (248) 851-1732.

Home studio open houses aren't new, but Lurie says "not enough" local artists market their works that way. She prefers to bring people to her art because they get a chance to see a functioning ceramicist's work space.

"People love to come because they get to see where I work and then they can talk to me directly. I serve refreshments. They enjoy the whole atmosphere."

LARGE KILNS, STUDIO

Students from Oakland Community College and



Nesting bowls are among the ceramic works by Elizabeth Lurie of Farmington Hills.



An Elizabeth Lurie tea pot.

friends will assist with the show, freeing Lurie to talk with visitors.

The 800-square-foot studio includes a room for making pieces and glazing them and a kiln room for firing.

Last year Lurie bought two new large kilns — for the first time in 30 years — and

demonstrated firing. The equipment was so large she had to remove a garage wall for the installation.

"They are very large. I knew I wanted to start making larger pieces. For the Pewabic (Pottery) show in the spring I'll have large pieces."

MAJOR MUSEUMS

Lurie took her first ceramic class in the late 1960s at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, before studying at Pewabic Pottery in downtown Detroit for three years. At Pewabic she experimented with glazes, salt firing, honed her skills on the wheel and tried porcelain for the first time. "Working in porcelain still intrigues me, still frustrates me and still fills me with wonder at times," she said.

Her works are in permanent collections of major museums around the country, including the Detroit Institute of Art, and she has exhibited at The American Pottery Festival and the Smithsonian Craft Fair. In addition to her own open house, she'll participate in the Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show in November, an online show in March 2011 and the Pewabic Pottery show in May 2011.

She also plans a hands-on workshop for four participants in her home studio next year.

Lurie suggests that visitors check out her Web site, at www.elizabethlurie.com, before heading out to the open house.

"This is very important because my subdivision entrance is off Middlebelt, which is closed between 12 and 13 Mile Roads because of a major sewer collapse," she said.

The Web site has a map and alternative routes. She plans to update the site to adjust for changes in road closures the night before the event.

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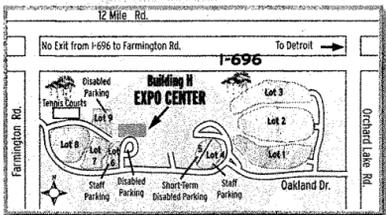
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Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings," with works by Schoolcraft College Art Faculty, Robert Bielat, Sarah Olson and Ellen Moucoulis

Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through Oct. 15
Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Great Lakes Beadworkers show beads with "attitude."

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Music Hall

Time/Date: 2-5 p.m., Oct. 2
Location: Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: "The Artist Survival Seminar - The Class They Don't Teach in Art School," with Rick Manore and guest speaker artist, Jaclyn Schanes, deals with the real world problems and pitfalls that all young or emerging artists encounter in this highly competitive and dog-eat-dog world of art. Tickets \$15 per person, \$10 for students, available at the door

Contact: (313) 887-8508

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Oct. 1-23; artist reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, Northville
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JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.



Trilogy Variety Band will raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Association Oct. 1 in Canton.

Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Ira Proctor, through Oct. 2; Steve Brewer, Oct. 6-9; Eddie Gossling, Oct. 13-16; Shang, Oct. 20-23; Angel Salazar, Oct. 27-30
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Time/Date: Ralph Harris, Sept. 30-Oct. 2; John Heffron, Oct. 7-9; Tommy Savitt, Oct. 14-16; Kathleen Madigan, Oct. 21-23; Collin Moulton, Oct. 28-30; Dave Attell, Nov. 4-6; Mike Lukas, Nov. 11-13; Lisa Landry, Nov. 18-20; J. Chris Newberg, Nov. 26-28
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BENEFIT

Jam for a Cure

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, in Canton
Details: Trilogy Variety Band holds its 2nd Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Benefit Concert "Jam For a Cure." The band will donate all proceeds to a local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. It will play music of



Spotlight on Youth will present "Alice in Wonderland, Jr.," Oct. 21-22, in Canton. Cast members are Lexi Fata of Westland, who plays the cat, Amanda Buchhalter of Canton (middle left) and Maggie Donnelly, also of Canton. Hayley Boggs of Oland (right) plays Alice Medium.

Frank Sinatra, Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, as well as Motown tunes, classic rock and more. Tickets are \$12 available online or by calling the theater

Contact: (734) 394-5400; www.cantonvillage.com

Oktoberbreast

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 1-2
Location: Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Breast Cancer Awareness Fund-raiser, with beer tent and live music, DJ, grilled brats and pub chips, raffles, and dancing. Red Swill will perform Friday with Serious Jack taking the stage Saturday.
Contact: (734) 459-8907

CONCERTS

Antioch Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5
Location: 33360 W. 13 Mile, at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Pro Mozart Society of Greater Detroit presents The Berick

and Martin Duo. Violinist Yehonatan Berick and pianist Pauline Martin will perform music by Mozart, Brahms, and Stravinsky. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for students. Send checks payable to: Pro Mozart Society, 37099 Sandalwood Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, or visit www.promozartdetroit.org

Contact: (248) 788-2479

The Ark

Time/Date: Bruce Molsky and Darol Anger, Sept. 30; The Ryan Montbleau Band, Oct. 1; Doyle and Debbie Show, Oct. 2; Eric Johnson, Andy McKee and Peppino d'Agostino, Oct. 3; Tannahill Weavers, Oct. 4; Abigail Stauffer and Wolfie Geske, Oct. 5; Antje Duvekot and Lucy Wainwright Roche, Oct. 6; The Steel Wheels, Oct. 7; Jill Sobule, Oct. 8; Raul Malo and Shannon Whitworth, Oct. 9; Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Nap Time Players, Oct. 10; Willy Porter & Carpe Diem, Oct. 10
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org



"Woman with Glasses" by Eugenia Hoag is among the works on display at Northville Art House.

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts
Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Details: George Winston performs; tickets \$8

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Symphony

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 1

Location: 3711 Woodward Ave

Details: Michael Camilo's Big Band - Caribe; tickets \$19-\$63
Contact: (313) 576-5111

Jazz Cafe

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

Location: Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Allan Holdsworth, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1; tickets \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door

Contact: www.ticketmaster.com; (313) 887-8500

Livonia Symphony

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Oct. 9

Location: Louis Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School

20155 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Program includes Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Beethoven and more; adults, \$20, students of any age, \$5 and senior citizens, 60 and over, \$18

Contact: (734) 421-1111; www.livoniasymphony.org

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Bettie Serveert, Sept. 30

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 7-9

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: "The Merchants of Bollywood," a dance and music spectacular based on the real-life story of the Merchant family dynasty, whose members have been prominent choreographers and filmmakers since the beginning of the Hindi film industry in the 1920s; tickets are \$25-\$65

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Chainsaw artists will create works of art, like this bird, Oct. 9 in Canton.

Festival combines wood art and raku at recreation trail

Enjoy an afternoon of arts and eats from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Chainsaw Art & Fall Festival, at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail located off Morton Taylor Road at Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

Throughout the event, chainsaw artists will use their special talents turning logs into intricate sculptures. Popular carvings include totem poles, birds, bears, and other wildlife. Completed pieces will be available for purchase.

"These trails are the perfect location to showcase the unique art of chainsaw carving," stated Jon LaFever, recreation coordinator. "We've recently added a

permanent wooden bench and additional carvings along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail to enhance these open spaces."

New this year, Raku artists will be on site demonstrating the ceramic glazing process that uses both fire and smoke to create exceptional patterns and designs.

Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats and Canton Coney Island will sell lunch items and Home Depot will provide a fun craft for kids to make and take home.

For more information about this family-friendly event visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Garage sale benefits Plymouth theater

Love a good garage sale? How about a "reverse" sale? Barefoot Productions in Plymouth is offering both.

The more traditional garage sale runs 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, in its theater at 240 N. Main. The troupe will sell a variety of items, including furniture, a piano, electronics, decor, household items, clothing, books, toys, sporting goods and more. All proceeds benefit the theater.

The new twist to its fund-raiser is the "Reverse Garage Sale." The theater maintains an ongoing wish list of needed items and its members are asking supporters to consider donating. The full list is available on the Barefoot Productions Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com. It includes such items as 100 wine glasses, 150 mobile upholstered seats, a shop vac, table lamps and more.

All donations receive a tax-deductible receipt. Any unsold garage sale merchandise will be donated to a local charity.

Auditions set for Detroit Pistons dance team

Got a bit of a "spare tire" around the middle but a lot of spunk and showmanship?

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Auditions for the team are set for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Potential Spare Tires

must be at least 18 years old.

The audition process will include registration, learning and performing dance moves, performing a special talent and personal interviews. Candidates can pre-register at Pistons.com. Walk-ins will get a chance to audition subject to time constraints. Candidates should enter through the West Atrium and will be directed to the registration area.

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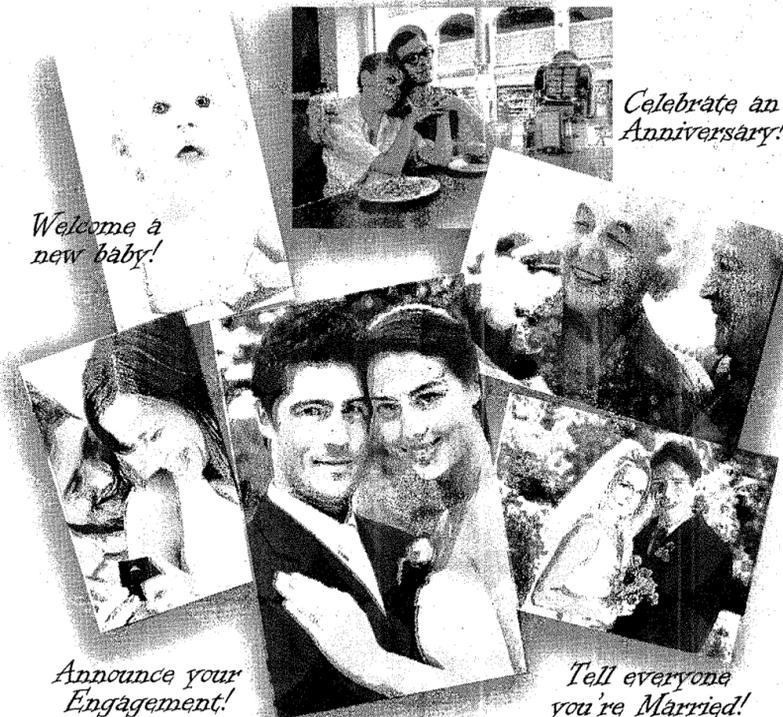
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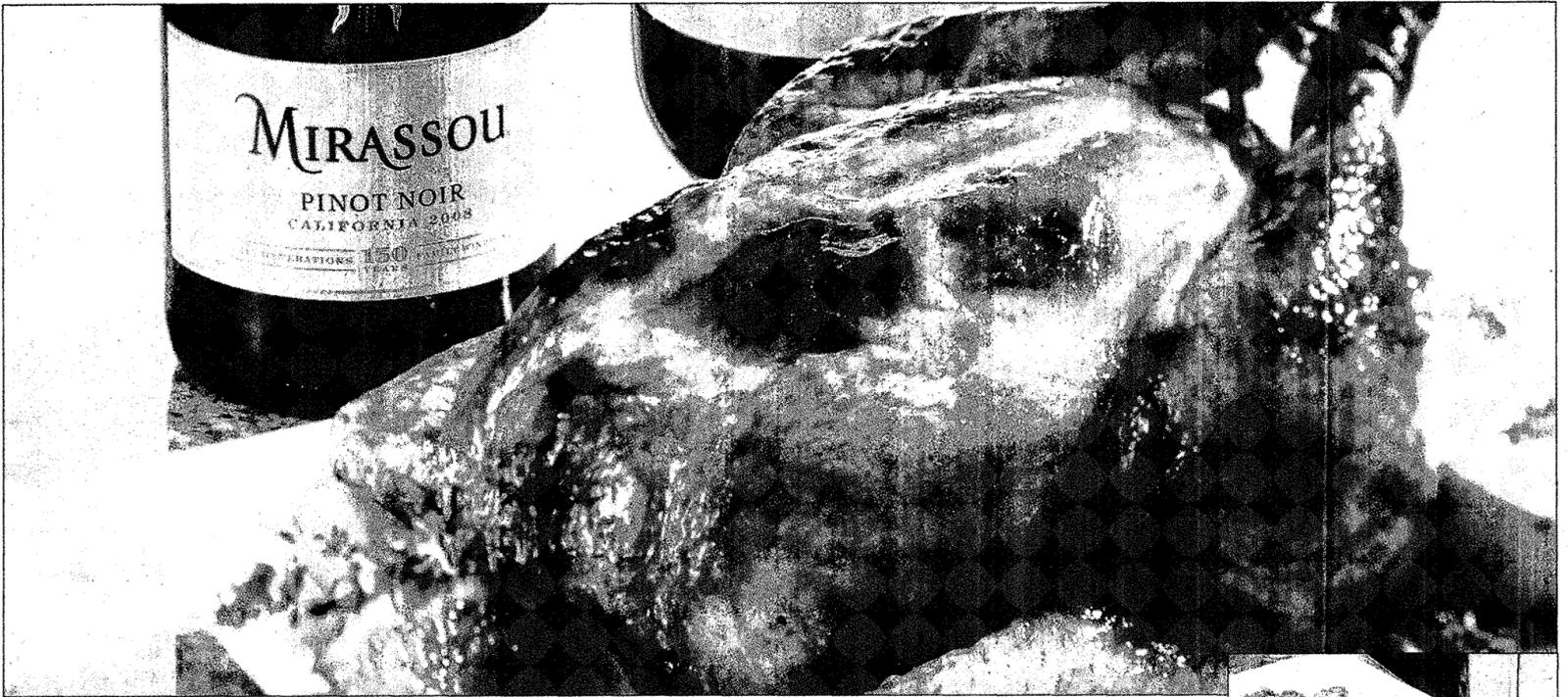
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FRESH Fall FLAVORS

Seasonal ideas for adding full flavor from Food Network Chef Aida Mollenkamp

This fall, create a menu to remember by incorporating fresh, seasonal flavors into the traditional, comforting dishes of the season. As the air becomes crisp and the sun sets a little earlier each day, it's the ideal time to warm up your kitchen while experimenting with fresh ingredients. Plus, matching each dish with a corresponding wine is a simple technique for enhancing the flavors in the food and wine.

Chef Aida Mollenkamp, host of the popular Food Network show *Ask Aida* and Cooking Channel series *FoodCrafters*, suggests adding bright bursts of flavor, such as citrus zest, or a unique topping like chimichurri, to give a dish an unmistakable taste of the season.

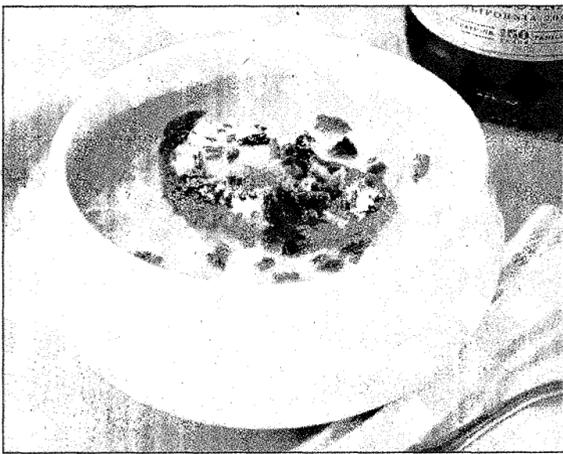
To start off a great meal, or even as a light main dish, try Aida's version of creamy corn soup topped with an indulgent cheese toast and crumbled bacon. Paired with a glass of crisp Chardonnay from California's Mirassou Winery®, this is a perfect pairing for any autumn evening.

For a main dish, pump up the flavor of a juicy roasted chicken by following Aida's recipe that incorporates a spiced pomegranate-orange glaze. Served with Mirassou's fruit-forward California Pinot Noir, this pairing is a crowd-pleaser for any occasion. Or try topping a grilled hanger steak with a colorful and spicy basil chimichurri, and pair with a glass of Mirassou's lush Cabernet Sauvignon to create an unforgettable fall flavor combination.

For more recipe ideas from Aida, and wine pairing tips, visit www.mirassou.com.



Chef Aida Mollenkamp



CREAMY CORN SOUP WITH BACON TOASTS

Pair with Mirassou California Chardonnay

Makes 6 to 8 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Inactive Cook Time: 15 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

For the soup:

- 6 ears fresh corn
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely chopped
- 4 medium garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 cup Mirassou California Chardonnay
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 vanilla bean, split in half

For the garnish:

- 1/2 cup fromage blanc or ricotta cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 12 1/2-inch-thick slices french bread, toasted
- 4 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

Prepare corn by cutting kernels from cob; reserve cobs. You should have approximately 5 cups of corn kernels from 6 cobs of corn. Heat butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. When it foams, add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add half of the corn kernels and cook, stirring constantly, until golden, about 3 minutes. Add wine and scrape up any browned bits on bottom of pan. Cook until alcohol smell is gone, about 2 minutes. Add broth, water, reserved corn cobs, and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, increase heat to high and bring to a boil. When soup is boiling, reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 40 minutes.

Remove soup mixture from heat, discard cobs and set aside. Place half of soup mixture in a blender and puree until very smooth, about 2 to 3 minutes. Repeat with remaining soup mixture. Return mixture to saucepan, add remaining corn kernels, half-and-half, and vanilla bean and cook over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent burning. Taste and adjust seasoning as desired. Meanwhile, prepare garnish. Mix cheese and chives and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Divide cheese mixture evenly among toasts. To serve, remove vanilla bean from soup and ladle soup into bowls. Garnish soup with bacon and float 1 to 2 cheese toasts in each bowl.

SPICED HANGER STEAK WITH BASIL CHIMICHURRI

Pair with Mirassou California Cabernet Sauvignon

Makes 4 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Inactive Cook Time: 15 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

For the basil chimichurri:

- 1 packed cup fresh basil leaves, trimmed of thick stems
- 3 medium garlic cloves
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Finely chop basil and garlic (or process in a food processor several pulses). Place in a small bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Let sit at least 15 minutes before using. (Serve or refrigerate until ready to use. If chilled, return to room temperature before serving. Can keep up to 2 days.)

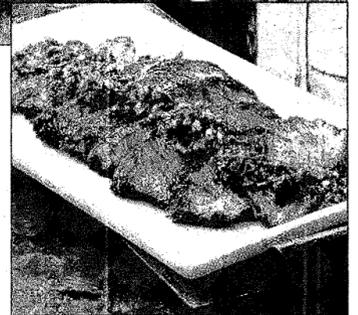
For the steak:

- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 to 1 1/2-pound beef hanger steak or skirt steak, sliced crosswise into 4 pieces

Combine spices and salt in a bowl and mix thoroughly. Lay steaks on baking sheet, drizzle all over with 1 tablespoon oil. Sprinkle on spice mixture, and rub it in until moistened. Repeat, coating steaks as evenly as you can. Let sit at room temperature at least 15 minutes before cooking.

When ready to cook, heat a large cast iron skillet over medium-high heat and add remaining 1 tablespoon oil. When oil begins to smoke, place steaks in pan and cook, undisturbed, until crust has formed and blood appears on surface, about 3 to 5 minutes, flip and repeat on second side.

Remove steaks to a carving board, cover loosely with foil, let rest for 10 minutes. To serve, slice against the grain and serve drizzled with basil chimichurri.



ROAST CHICKEN WITH SPICED POMEGRANATE-ORANGE GLAZE

Pair with Mirassou California Pinot Noir

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Prep Time: 20 to 30 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Difficulty: Medium

- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
- 1 4 to 5-pound roasting chicken
- 1/2 medium orange
- 1/2 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/2 cup Mirassou California Pinot Noir
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 garlic cloves, smashed
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cloves
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Heat oven to 425°F and arrange rack in middle. Mix together salt and pepper in a small bowl and set aside. Pat chicken dry and rub all over (under skin, too) with oil and season with salt and pepper. Stuff cavity with orange half, and let sit at room temperature while oven heats up, about 20 to 30 minutes. Place, breast side up, on a roasting rack; roast until skin is golden brown, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine pomegranate juice, wine, orange juice, honey, garlic, black pepper and cloves in a large pan and boil, stirring frequently, over high heat until syrupy (you should have about 1/2 cup), about 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from heat, discard garlic and cloves, whisk in mustard, and reserve half of the glaze for serving.

Continue roasting chicken, brushing with glaze every 5 minutes, until chicken is cooked through and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the thigh, avoiding bone, registers 165°F, about 30 to 45 minutes more. Let rest 10 minutes; carve and serve with reserved glaze passed on side.

— Courtesy Family Features

Tell us why family dinners are important

The *Observer* wants to hear about your family dinnertime and to encourage and challenge local families to eat together.

Share your family's experience and you could win a \$25 Kroger gift card (to help fix that dinner) and other prizes.

Send a photo of your family eating dinner and short essay (100 words or less) explaining why your family's meal-sharing is important or how/why you plan to start a new tradition of family dinnertime to: [Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:Sharon.Dargay@sdargay.com). Attach the photo (jpg format only) and provide first and last names of everyone in the photo.

The *Observer* will award three prizes — one for a child's



and family dinner photo, one for a teenager's essay and family photo and one for a couple's essay and family photo.

Other prizes include a copy of *Let's Fix Dinner*, by award-winning author and illustrator Todd Parr (child's prize) and movie tickets to Imagine Theater.

Family Day — A Day to Eat

Dinner with Your Children™, is a national movement launched by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University in 2001 to remind parents that frequent family dinners make a difference.

Statistics show that eating dinner together every night keeps the doors of communication open. It's the perfect time and place to reconnect and to show your kids and/or your spouse that they are your priority.

Plan a meal, talk, turn off the television and put down the cell phone and eat together.

More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction

and Substance Abuse at Columbia University CASA has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

Family Day began as a grassroots initiative and has grown to become a nationwide celebration. In 2009 President Barack Obama, all the governors and more than 1,000 mayors and county executives proclaimed and supported Family Day.

For more information on Family Day, see www.casafamilyday.org. Sharon Dargay can be reached online at sdargay@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-8883.

CITY BITES

Benefit for braille

Livonia — Eat at California Pizza Kitchen in Livonia from Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 3-7, and you can support Seedlings Braille Books for Children, the local nonprofit that provides high quality, low cost children's literature in braille. Download a flyer from the Seedlings Web site, www.seedlings.org, and present it when you dine. The organization will receive 20 percent of your bill. Every \$10 raised at this event will make another braille book possible.

Dining hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday. California Pizza Kitchen is located in Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

At Farmer's Market

Milford — The Milford Farmer's Market now accepts Michigan's Bridge Card, which

dispenses federal food assistance dollars to needy families and individuals through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps. Clients can exchange their food assistance benefits for wooden tokens at the farmers market that are accepted by vendors who sell qualifying foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and meats.

Milford Farmer's Market is open 3-9 p.m. Thursdays on Liberty between Main and Union.

Other local farmer's markets that accept Bridge Cards are:

- Canton — 500 N. Ridge Road, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 17.
- Redford — 12121 Hemmingway, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, through Oct. 31
- Wayne — 35319 Michigan Ave., 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, through Oct. 27

Vegetarians celebrate national awareness month

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

VegMichigan wants to make it easy for you this month to eat more vegetables, fruits and grains and less meat.

The organization is celebrating national Vegetarian Awareness Month with events throughout October.

"VegMichigan is a very welcoming group and people love it when new people join," said Cyndi Summers, who handles publicity.

Vegan potluck dinners are planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

Vegans eat no animal products of any kind, including dairy foods. The Oct. 7 dinner will include a demonstration and raw foods. The Oct. 24 potluck will include a video.

Participants should bring a dish to pass or \$7.50.

"We really do encourage people to bring a dish," Summers said. "There are plenty of different things vegetarians can eat. You don't have to be an accomplished cook. You can bring vegetables, a side dish, salad. You can bring watermelon, a fruit salad.

"The potlucks can be pretty intimate, sometimes fewer than 20 people."

The group's Thanksgiving potluck draws upwards of 100 individuals all in various stages on the same path.

"Some may be vegan, some raw vegan, some people may just be trying to eat less meat."

VegMichigan offers lectures, classes, social outings and an e-newsletter that goes out to approximately 6,000 e-mail addresses. VegFest — a mix of food tastings, guest speakers, and educational workshops — grew so large that it will move from Ferndale High School to Rock Financial Center in Novi next year.

"The vegetarian food market is growing from year to year. In an economy where things



VegMichigan holds monthly potluck dinners at Unity Church in Livonia.

usually are on the decline, the vegetarian category continues to increase. Vegetarian options grew 100 percent this year over last year," she said, citing statistics from farmusa.org.

VegMichigan cites three major reasons — health, environment and humane treatment of animals — for eating a plant-based diet.

Its Web site points out that vegetarian diets are typically high in fiber and low in saturated fat and cholesterol; animal agriculture creates waste and methane gas emissions that contribute to pollution; and factory farming creates cruel, crowded living conditions for animals that are

headed for slaughter.

"People are starting to seek out more information. It's a subject people avoided for many years, but the more they hear from the mainstream media and see clips of factory farms, they know where their food comes from and it's hard to maintain that disconnect," Summers said.

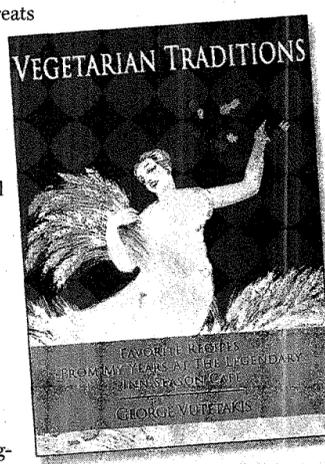
Other VegMichigan events in October include a screening of the documentary, *Earthlings*, followed by a speaker and discussion, at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Caroline Kennedy Library, 24590 George, Dearborn Heights. The film, narrated by Joaquin Phoenix,

looks at the way society treats animals. Call Rob Butler at (313) 791-3800 for more information.

The group's monthly dinner club will visit Jade Palace, 13351 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park, at 7 p.m., Oct. 9. Cost is \$15. E-mail to karen@veg-michigan.org by Oct. 7 for details.

A Halloween potluck is planned in Troy and VegMichigan representatives will offer a cooking demo in Rochester Hills. For more information about VegMichigan visit <http://veg-michigan.org>.

Here's a sampling of vegetarian recipes to celebrate Vegetarian Awareness Month:



TUSCAN WHITE BEANS AND ROASTED ASPARAGUS

The beans and asparagus are a perfect topping for roasted, stuffed polenta.

- White beans:
1 tablespoon of extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup of leeks, diced
2 cups fresh fennel bulb, trimmed, cored and thinly sliced
½ teaspoon of garlic, minced
2 cups water or bean stock
1 cup soy milk
½ teaspoon fresh ground white pepper
½ teaspoon sea salt
4 cups cooked cannellini or great Northern beans
¼ cup almond meal or flour
Asparagus
24 spears fresh asparagus, washed and stemmed
1½ teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
¼ teaspoon sea salt
¼ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
For serving:
½ cup red bell peppers, finely diced

Preparing beans:
Heat oil in a medium-sized saucepan on medium heat. Add leeks, fennel and garlic. Cook until leeks are clear, then add water, soy milk, white pepper, sea salt and beans. Simmer until beans start to break up. Add almond meal and simmer another 5 minutes.

Preparing asparagus:
Mix asparagus with all ingredients. Spread out on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes.

To serve:
Place 1 cup of beans in the center of a plate. Put one Roasted Stuffed Polenta on the beans and arrange 3 spears of asparagus across the top of it in a fan pattern. Sprinkle red bell peppers around perimeter of plate.

ROASTED STUFFED POLENTA

Serves 8

- Polenta:
2½ cups of water
2 tablespoons leeks, finely minced
2 tablespoons carrots, minced
½ cup corn off the cob
1 bay leaf
¼ teaspoon sea salt
1 cup organic medium ground corn meal

- Baking sauce:
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
1½ tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 tablespoon tamari
¼ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

- Basil Pesto
2 cups loosely packed fresh basil leaves
½ cup pine nuts
2 teaspoon garlic, minced
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
¼ teaspoon sea salt

Polenta: In a sauce pan on medium heat, add water, leeks, carrots, corn, bay leaf and sea

salt. Simmer broth for five minutes. Slowly stir in corn meal and cook until it thickens. Transfer to a double boiler on medium-high heat and cook, stirring frequently for 30 minutes. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet, flatten to ¼-inch thick and let rest for at least 30 minutes. Cut polenta into 4-inch squares and then angle-cut into triangles.

Baking sauce: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix together all baking sauce ingredients and spread onto a parchment-lined baking sheet. Place individual polenta pieces on the sauce and bake for 15-20 minutes or until edges are browned. Remove from oven and allow to cool.

Basil Pesto:
Puree all basil pesto ingredients in a food processor until they become a paste with texture. Spread pesto on half the polenta triangles and place the remaining halves on top sandwich-style. Toast in a 400 degree oven for 8 minutes just before serving.

All recipes courtesy of Chef George Vutetakis, former chef at Inn Season restaurant in Royal Oak. All are from his book, *Vegetarian Traditions*. For more on the book visit thevegetarianguy.com

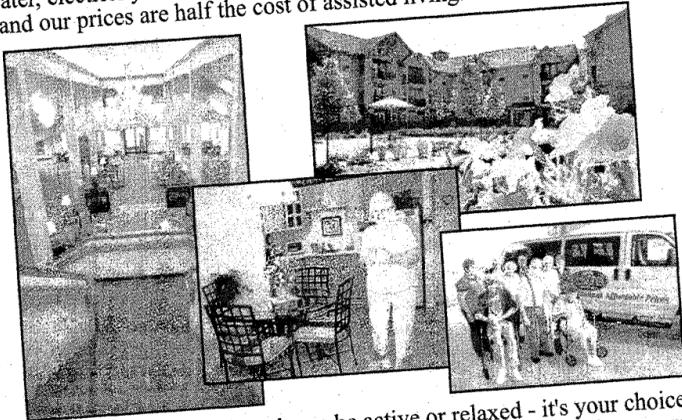
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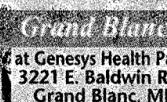
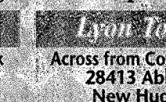
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