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Foreclosure help

Residents facing the loss of their homes to foreclosure can get help through the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program which will be at the William P. Faust Public Library from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25.

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

Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute one-on-one meeting by calling the library at (734) 326-6123 or stopping by the library on Central City Parkway north of Ford to schedule an appointment. Space is limited.

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

Last chance

If you haven't visited Westland's new Farmers Market time is running out. Tuesday is the last day for the 2010 market season.

Be sure to stop by to see what the farmers, growers and producers are selling. The market is open for business from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads.

Pasta-licious

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

Condo meeting

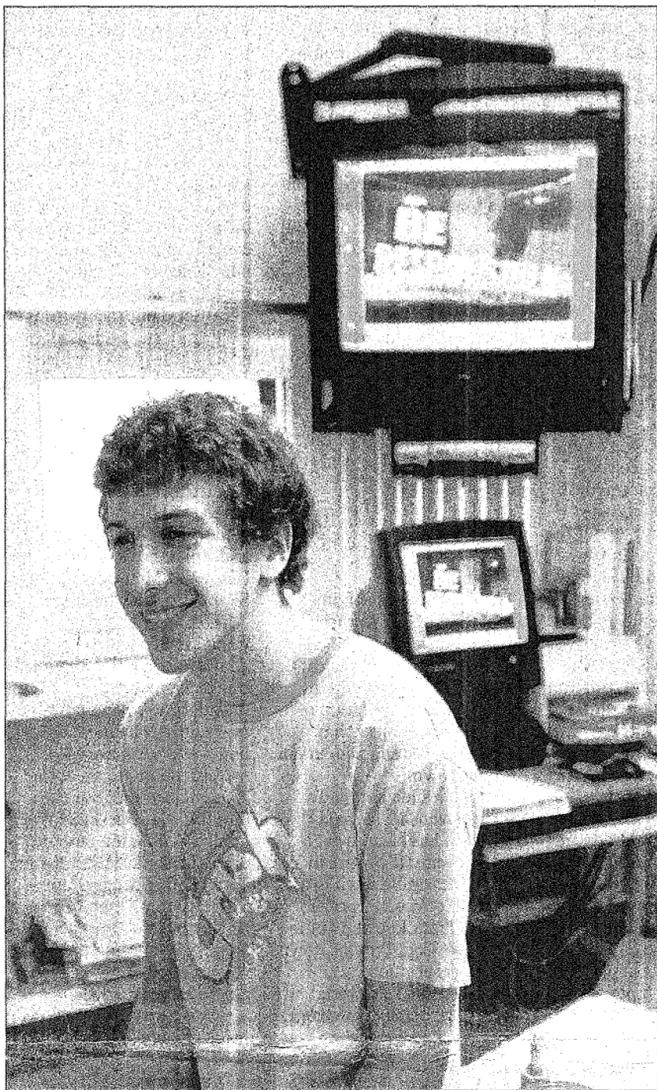
The Westland Condominium Organization will hold its fall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, in the clubhouse of the Woodview Condominiums.

Representing more than 52 condominium associations in Westland, WCO membership is free and open to all condominium owners and association board of directors. WCO provides an open forum for networking to address issues related to governing associations.

The Nov. 8 meeting topics will include attorney and realtor's views and opinions on boards' fiscal managing of foreclosure, liens, bank sales, bankruptcy and collection of delinquent dues. The presenters are attorney Dean C. Robinette of Foley & Robinette, P.C., and Realtor Jo Ann Thureau of The Properties Group Management Co.

The Woodview Condominiums are at the northwest corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway. The entrance on Central City Parkway, and the club house is at the back of the complex.

For more information, contact WCO President Ed Turnquist at eturnquist@sbccglobal.net or (734) 354-8743.



John Glenn High School student Jacob Toarmina has helped produce videos for the school's Positive Behavior System program.

Lights, camera, action!

His videos helps students be on their best behavior

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jacob Toarmina isn't quite ready for a star on the Walk of Fame, but the John Glenn High School student is catching the attention of classmates and school officials with his indie productions.

The themes may not be Hollywood chic, but the technique and the presentation have caught the eye of Film Club sponsor Kathleen Butler.

"He's unbelievable, so young and to have the initiative to learn," said Butler, a former assistant director and producer for TV and films in Los Angeles. "I brought in the project and did it last year. He's taken control."

The 17-year-old Westland resident has created videos on proper behavior

in the hallways, bathrooms, classrooms, on busses and at activities. He enlisted the help of fellow Film Club members and students in the drama class to be his stars. He uses Final Cut Pro to edit his work and basically has been teaching himself how to do it as he goes along.

"So the more I do, the better I get," Toarmina said. "We never have a written script, we sit and talk about it. I have fun doing it. Everybody who watches them think they're pretty cool."

"He's a very creative editor," Butler said. "He already knows what he wants to do with it. He's used a lot of his personal time to do it, a lot of his vacation."

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Owner of pit bulls charged with two felonies in attack

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been charged with two felonies over an Aug. 29 attack by pit bulls that injured a local woman.

Geoffrey Moore, 37, was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court on two charges of dangerous animals causing serious injury, a four-year felony. The charge comes under state law which defines a dangerous animal as one that bites or attacks a person or causes death to another dog.

Moore was one of three Wayne County residents recently charged with felonies stemming from attacks reported by dogs that they owned.

Two pit bulls owned by Moore were reported to have attacked a Westland woman, 39, as she walked on Dorsey at Oceana. The woman received

approximately 52 stitches to repair injuries to her upper arm.

The woman told police she walked past the home on Oceana where the dogs were staying and heard growling and barking. She quickly walked away but the female pit bulls followed.

A neighbor assisted the woman and the dogs fled. One returned home and was found by police when they arrived. That dog was described as being aggressive with the officers and was shot at the scene. The second dog wasn't located until the following day, held in rabies quarantine for 10 days at the Michigan Humane Society and then euthanized.

Free on \$5,000 personal bond, Moore is scheduled for preliminary examination Thursday before Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

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Library's Napsha leaving for job in Massachusetts

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After more than three years heading the William P. Faust Public Library, Director Cheryl Napsha is leaving to take a job in Provincetown, Mass.

Director since May 2007, Napsha's last day in Westland will be Nov. 15. She is scheduled to begin her new job Nov. 22 as director of the Provincetown Library.

"I needed time to wrap things up here. They had been six or eight months without a director and wanted me (to start) sooner," Napsha said. "They waited for me."

Unlike her previous career moves, Napsha is taking a position at a smaller library in a smaller community. The Provincetown Library has a \$400,000 budget compared to the \$1.9 million budget at the



FILE PHOTO

Director Cheryl Napsha is leaving after more than three years at the helm of the William P. Faust Library.

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W-W board OKs sale of Patchin School

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Wayne-Westland school board voted Thursday evening to sell the shuttered Patchin Elementary School to a Westland church for \$1 million.

The board voted 4-2 vote, with Board Treasurer John Goci and Trustee Carol Middel dissenting and Trustee Martha Pitsenbarger absent, to accept an offer from the Harvest Bible Chapel to buy the school on Newburgh just south of Warren Road.

"It's the only offer we've had on six buildings," said Trustee William Gabriel. "We could leave it on the market when every indication is that the commercial market is continuing to go

downhill. We could sit on it because it's a great building and a great piece of property and have the roof blow up.

"To me, it's a no-brainer, it's a solid offer." The board had delayed a decision on the sale after Goci questioned whether the real estate company handling the sale of the district's six vacant schools had kept Patchin on the market while the sale was being negotiated. Goci maintained that his agent had been told the school wasn't available although the other five — Madison, Kettering, Lincoln, Jefferson-Barns and Vandenberg — were. However, in a voicemail message Goci played during Thursday's board meeting, an agent

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Annual church fair

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will host its 64th annual holiday fair Nov. 4-5. This year's event, with a theme of "Sleigh Ride", will feature numerous booths with interesting items for sale. Some of the booths include Christmas Shop, Country Store, Attic Treasures, Homemade Candy, Boutique, Aprons, Bookstore, Coffee Shop, and Specialty Shop. The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch will be served both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. And a turkey dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. The church is located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne. For more information, contact the church at (734) 729-7550.

Veterans movie

In recognition of the service of America's military veterans, Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, in cooperation with AMC Theaters of Livonia,

is hosting a free screening of Jonathan Mostow's film "U-571."

The movie will be shown at 3 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Livonia AMC 20, at 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile.

"This day celebrates the tremendous sacrifice made by American soldiers defending our nation and our way of life," Anderson said. "I am proud to once again partner with our local theater and present this small token of appreciation to those men and women whom have sacrificed so very much. I think that this is the least that we can do to honor our veterans."

This is the third year Anderson has hosted a free movie for veterans.

Veterans events

A Welcome Home events for Ryan Blanchard, who will be returning from his current deployment in Afghanistan, will be held from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at

Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Blanchard is a 2009 Wayne Memorial High School graduate. His parents Ron and Lori Blanchard are both Westland John Glenn High School graduates.

The event is being sponsored by Westland John Glenn High School alumni and the Westland Veterans Association. Calendars will be on sale to benefit veterans.

For more information, contact Ken Mehl at (734) 335-7943 or Karen Rousseau at (313) 720-0583.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, the Westland Veterans Association will hold a benefit to raise money for the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden. The event will be held 4-9 p.m. at UAW Local 163, 450 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

There will be a veterans ceremony, music, beer, pizza, desserts, raffles and a silent auction. Contact Mehl at (734) 335-7943 for more information.

Bids sought for assessment of library's physical needs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bids are being sought for a physical needs assessment of Westland's William P. Faust Library — part of information being gathered before negotiating proposed rent for the city-owned building.

It had been proposed that city engineers Orchard, Hiltz, McCliment would do needs assessment on the building.

"Due to the dollar amount, we need to solicit bids from a few more companies," Westland Library Board secretary Rebecca Kelly said. "If the cost is over \$5,000, our rules are that we would need to put out a Request for Proposals. We think it will be under that."

It's expected the board will be able to vote on a needs study at their November meeting.

In addition to the physical needs assessment, city auditors Plante Moran are doing a five-year library revenue projection.

"They will look at the projected revenue stream so we can think about long-term budgets," Kelly said.

The rent issue arose during the city's budget preparations earlier this year. The proposal was for over \$50,000 annual rent and 10 years back rent of more than \$500,000 to be taken from the library's fund balance.

"We will look and see what their needs and finances are. We probably should have done this first," Mayor William Will said.

After the budget was adopted, including the money from the library, the council asked for an attorney's opinion. While agreeing the city can charge rent for use of the city-owned building, the attorney also found the city couldn't arbitrarily set a rent but needed to negotiate with the library board.

Part of that process included looking at the needs and revenues of the library, which has no debt and a .994 mill levy

before any Headlee rollback. The library has a \$1.9 million budget with \$1.7 million generated by the library millage for the largest portion of its revenue. Property tax revenues for 2010-11 are projected at \$1.5 million due to decreased property values.

The library had a \$1.5 million fund balance, effectively its savings account, from which the back rent was to be taken. Although adopted as part of the budget, the funds were never transferred to the city general fund. The council recently voted to amend their budget removing the library rent.

Understanding the library's physical plant and upkeep costs going forward is something the city needs to understand, said Council President James Godbout, who had pushed for including the library rent in the 2010-11 budget.

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SCHOOL

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for Signature Associates in Southfield requested an e-mail address to send information on the six schools.

"My concern is if someone had called with a legitimate offer and got the same message my broker did," said Goci. "This doesn't feel right, the process doesn't seem right to me. I feel waiting another 30 days would be the sensible thing to do and to take the cloud off this purchase."

Goci's request for a delay wasn't possible, according to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, who said that the original purchase offer had an expiration date of Wednesday, Oct. 20.

"They were willing to extend it to Oct. 22, if that goes by, the offer will be withdrawn," he said.

Goci also questioned a clause in the agreement that he perceived would allow the transfer of the property to another buyer.

"This is a red flag for me," he said. "If the purchaser can't meet his obligations, the purchaser could pass it off to another buyer and it could be

used as a charter school."

However, Realtor Terry Bixler, who represents the church, said the section in question is not assignment language but a statutory requirement in case the purchaser is using proceeds from the sale of another property.

"There is no assignment from one buyer to another buyer," he said.

Middel also expressed concern about the school becoming a charter school and asked if a deed restriction could be added to the agreement.

"I'm really concerned about the competition and I'm really concerned about the loss of students," she said. "I don't want to see someone set up shop in our own back yard. I want to make sure someone doesn't come along and make them an offer they can't refuse."

Martin pointed out that the issues being raised at the special meeting had been covered in board committee meetings.

"I'm a little perplexed, these questions were brought up at four-five committee meetings and now you bring them up again," he said. "Our Realtor told us that this was boiler plate language. We've answered your questions and we still get the same questions. It seems silly to answer them

over and over again."

Middel's motion to add such deed restriction clause to the purchase agreement garnered only two votes from herself and Goci.

Board President Skip Monit defended the board committee work, saying that up until recently there had no issues.

"The committees hear all the information, the committees make a decision and it should be supported by this board," he said. "Board members have all the time in the world to ask questions. If we overlook this opportunity tonight, it might not be available in the future, and that would be a travesty. We did the right thing, we came to the right decision."

"I feel I was put here for the children and to make the best decision for the children," added board Vice President Shawna Walker. "We closed these buildings for a reason. There's no reason to hang on to them."

Harvest Baptist Chapel has been holding worship services at Johnson Upper Elementary School on Hix just south of Joy in Westland. The church, on its website, has called the purchase "a wonderful opportunity."

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NAPSHA

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Westland library.

"It was ranked sixth in the nation among libraries its size. I have moved on to bigger and bigger libraries," Napsha said. "I grew up in a town with a population of 1,200. There are less than 3,000 year-round residents in Provincetown."

Although she's not ready to retire, Napsha, 55, said her dream has been to get a job and eventually retire in a small, charming town in a beautiful location — preferably New England. Located at the tip of Cape Cod, Provincetown fits that description.

Still, Napsha said she is leaving Westland with mixed emotions.

"While I'm happy to be going to such a charming place, I will miss the wonderful staff and Westland community," she said. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished during the past

3 1/2 years."

During that time, Napsha noted the library had achieved both the Essential and Enhanced grades for the Library of Michigan's Quality Services Audit Checklist.

The library board created a visionary Strategic Plan that allows for growth even during this recession, she said.

"At a time when virtually every library has reduced hours and services, we increased ours to meet the growing needs of our community," Napsha said. "We're doing an amazing amount of cultural, educational and entertaining programming, ranging from Open Mic to free movies to Zumba and Yoga."

The Job Seekers Lab has grown increasingly popular, with librarians assisting residents in all aspects of job hunting, she said.

"The library has always maintained a positive spirit and been a bright light in our community," Napsha said. "I think the library is a better

place than when I came."

Library Board President Leslie Bell cited the same accomplishments when asked about Napsha's time with the library.

"She accomplished quite a few things for us. We will miss the personal relationships with Cheryl and the professional relationship with the board," Bell said. "We're very happy with what she was able to accomplish."

Prior to Napsha's tenure, the library board had fired two directors in two years.

"We are in the process of selecting an interim director," commented Library Board President Leslie Bell, who said she wasn't able to comment at this time on whether applicants were internal or an outside candidate was being sought.

The Library Board met Friday afternoon to appoint Marilyn Kwik, adult services director, as an interim director effective Nov. 15.

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Program partners pizza with fire prevention

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Enjoy a reduced price pizza and raise money help to help make sure Westland homes have working smoke detectors.

On Wednesday, Toarmina's Pizza is joining forces with the Westland Fire Department for the Pizza and Prevention program. At Toarmina's three Westland locations, customers can purchase a one-topping 24-inch pizza for \$15.99 — the regular price is \$21.99 — and the proceeds will be donated to the fire department.

"We want to get a working smoke detector in all Westland homes. There are 35-40 percent of homes that have no working smoke detector or have one that is older than 10 years, which is the lifespan of a smoke detector," said Westland Fire Capt. John Adams of the Fire Prevention Division.

The importance of smoke detectors was made clear earlier this year when Blake Williams, 11, and his brother Xavyer, 13, died of smoke inhalation from a fire at their family's apartment on Palmer. The boys' mother and an adult male friend survived the late night fire caused by a heating lamp.

"There was a smoke detector outside their bedroom door (where the boys were found), and I will guarantee if it had worked, they'd be alive," said Adams. "These programs do make a difference."

Customers can order the pizzas at the Westland Toarmina's Pizza locations on Wednesday. In addition, coupons, good through April, for the pizzas

can also be purchased through Adams' office or at Toarmina's.

"There are some blackout dates like New Year's Day and Super Bowl Sunday — especially busy days," said Adams. "All the proceeds go to the Fire Marshal Division."

The smoke detector program, which would also provide batteries for existing devices, if needed, is aimed at low-income residents and senior citizens, said Adams, but no one requesting a unit will likely be turned away.

"We're doing a fund-raiser, we want people to get involved. We want to get something for their donation, so they are getting a discounted pizza," said Adams. "We won't put a stipulation on getting it. Most people who request assistance are truly in need, whether it's through the Goodfellows or our office."

The participating Toarmina's locations are at 32785 Cherry Hill, (734) 728-0060; 8006 N. Wayne Road, (734) 522-7900; and 1311 S. Wayne Road, (734) 729-4460. Or contact Adams at (734) 467-3261.

The Pizza and Prevention Program originated in Punksutawney, Pa., on 9/11. Adams said the first year it raised a few thousand dollars and has grown to generate \$26,000 in year.

"If we raised a couple thousand dollars, it would be good. I had 1,000 coupons printed. I've sold 100 already," said Adams, who has spoken about the program before the Westland Chamber of Commerce and other groups.

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Westland honored for Census work

Westland was among 15 local municipalities honored by the U.S. Census Bureau for outstanding work in outreach and reporting for the 2010 Census.

The Complete Count Initiative, which kicked off last February, involved a partnership between Wayne County, its 43 cities and townships and the Census Bureau, with a clear mission of counting every person residing in the county for the decennial census.

Wayne County as well as Westland, Allen Park, Dearborn, Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Lincoln Park, Inkster, Livonia, Plymouth, Riverview, Taylor, Wyandotte and Brownstown Township were all recognized for their high performance in counting citizens for the



U.S. Census Bureau partnership specialist Christine Jaddou (center) presented certificates honoring Westland's efforts to get a complete census count to Planning Director Bruce Thompson (left) and Mayor William Wild.

to make this a successful count campaign."

Westland Mayor William Wild cited the efforts of Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson, who headed the local Complete Count Committee, and Councilman Dewey Reeves, a committee member, in making the count a success.

An accurate Census count is critical to the region's ability to capture a portion of \$400 billion in federal funds each year for critical services. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, it is estimated that Wayne County was undercounted in the 2000 Census by 12 percent.

The 2010 Census also will determine if the State of Michigan maintains or loses a seat in the House of Representatives. Michigan lost a seat in the House as a result of the 2000 Census.

2010 Census. "This event honoring the partners in the Complete Count Initiative is very satisfying," said Wayne County Executive Robert Picano. "Everyone's dedication and hard work came together

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LPS board defends school chief's raise

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Livonia school board members defended their actions to give Superintendent Randy Liepa a pay raise and incentives, stating the position he holds merits a salary in the middle of the pack of school districts with more than 10,000 students.

On Monday, the board approved, 5-2, a three-step increase in base salary to take Liepa to \$175,000 in 2011-12, \$182,500 in 2012-13 and \$190,000 in 2013-14. Liepa currently earns \$148,919.

He will receive additional compensation of \$4,300 for having a doctorate degree, \$9,100 for obtaining a good rating (4.0 on a scale of 1-5) on his evaluation, and longevity pay of \$5,000 for serving for five to eight years, \$7,500 for nine to 11 years and \$10,000 for 12 years. Liepa's contribution to his insurance also increased from \$1,400 to \$2,000 a year.

Board President Lynda Scheel, Trustees Colleen Burton, Robert Freeman, Mark Johnson and Dan Lessard voted for the contract

amendment. Trustees Patrice Mang and Gregory Oke opposed it.

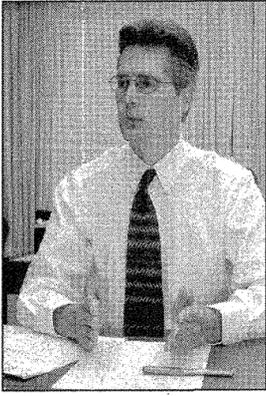
Oke moved to table the amendment to Liepa's contract, but the motion was rejected, 5-2.

Liepa will be paid \$186,800 in 2011-12 as he has a doctorate and would be in his ninth year. A good evaluation next year would bring that salary to \$195,900. Trustees also revised the contract amendment so that Liepa redeems up to 50 of his earned and unused vacation days, with the amount owed for these days based upon his 2010-11 salary. That change places a cap on future banks to 15 days.

Liepa currently earns a base salary of \$148,919 with no doctorate, longevity or merit pay incentives.

CONSULTANT: SALARY IS LOW

Trustees justified the raise by citing a consultant's survey that said compensation for Livonia's superintendent fell below 15 other superintendents in the metro Detroit area. Consultant



Dr. Randy Liepa became superintendent for Livonia Public Schools in July 2003. He was promoted from his previous position as the district's assistant superintendent for finance.

Jeff Rahmberg of Rahmberg Stover and Associates in Birmingham told the board Sept. 27 that Liepa's wage of \$148,919 is \$47,725, or 25 percent, below the average wage of 13 area districts with student populations of 10,000 or more and two smaller neighboring districts, Northville and Novi. Livonia has about

17,000 students. Liepa's total compensation, including FICA and retirement, at \$203,637 is \$58,071 less than the going rate.

"It's never the right time to do this," said Scheel when asked about the timing of the raise. "Everyone recognized that he was underpaid. We can try to make a change, which is how some have tried to look at it and realize what needs to be done to attract quality leadership. They know what the going rate is out there."

The salary structure is not only designed for Liepa, but for whoever succeeds him, Scheel said. Longevity for superintendents will not start until after five years, and additional compensation will be awarded for a doctorate and merit pay for goals that are reached.

Paying the superintendent that salary base and compensation package will ensure a qualified leader to "provide the quality education that needs to be provided," Scheel said.

'HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER'

On Monday, Burton said that several superintendents are retiring in nearby districts,

including Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton and Walled Lake. That created a problem with "supply and demand" for qualified administrators to fill more than 50 openings, she said.

"We have over 50 openings and we don't have qualified people available, according to the people who study it," Burton said, adding that districts look for educational background, business and finance experience and state legislation expertise, qualities that Liepa has. "That factor changed the landscape dramatically. It's hard to find people who are qualified in all three areas."

Liepa is "highly sought after," Burton said. He was underpaid \$50,000 for seven years, which she called "a \$350,000 gift to the district," a comment that drew some grumbling from the audience.

"Why come here for \$150,000, when you can go across Haggerty Road and get paid \$50,000 more?" she asked. "I can try to retain our current superintendent, who I think is uniquely qualified or look for a new superintendent. I can fix our superintendent's

compensation in the \$190,000 range or roll the dice and see what happens."

'WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS'

Oke agreed that Liepa was undercompensated, but added that the "timing does stink." He thought the district was "overshooting the market" in light of the district's financial situation.

Freeman said the district should have done the salary adjustment over the years.

"My question is can we afford not to do it," Freeman said. "I know we can afford it."

Mang said she believed some of the board members were "hitting the panic button."

"Right now, we don't have the funds," Mang said. "We can't approve a contract we can't afford."

After the votes, Liepa told the board that it was an honor and a pleasure to be superintendent of the district. He admitted that the conversation about his salary was not a pleasant one, and that it put him in a difficult position.

"That's a part of being superintendent," Liepa said.

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VIDEOS

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Toarmina estimates it takes about 1 1/2 hours to do the filming. He worked with the district's transportation department and was able to work during class time, using the drama students, to film bus behavior on the buses before school got out. He estimates that he spends an average of two-three hours of his time to edit footage.

And teachers are finding that students want to see them.

"I didn't think it would be of such professional quality,"

Butler said. "I knew he was talented and it grew when I saw the first video. It really helped promote PBS."

PBS is short for Positive Behavior Support, a school-wide program implemented at Wayne-Westland's two high schools as a proactive approach to create safe and effective schools. Emphasis is placed on teaching and reinforcing important social skills and data-based problem-solving to address existing behavior concerns.

PBS promotes better social behavior and students who follow it can earn Rocket bucks to spend at the PBS store.

It also was the school's PBS Committee that suggested

doing the videos, according to Spanish teacher Leslie Rosaen.

"I've seen a lot of positives from this," Rosaen said. "I think the kids like it. It's changed the nature of the hallways. Last year, they were pretty bad, not a good atmosphere."

The hallways are where Toarmina is discovering his fans.

"People ask me in the halls if I'm doing more videos," he said. "I signed an autograph the other day."

Toarmina was introduced to video production when he was 8 years old. That's when his 12-year-old brother used him in his videos. After he stopped,

Toarmina started making his own.

"For a long time, I did it for fun," he said. "I did a song and did a video for the Ping-Pong Club. Any project, anything that's twistable into a video, it's fun."

Toarmina's creativity doesn't start and end with videos. He's a member of the school newspaper. He also plays the guitar, piano, ukulele and violin. He said he took a lot of guitar lessons and began playing the piano when he was 8 years old.

"I like anything that makes noise," he said. "A banjo would be fun. I like the drums, but I don't have drums."

Toarmina also did a video for his father's and mother's business, Toarmina's Pizza,



John Glenn High School Film Club sponsor, and American history teacher Kathleen Butler is impressed with the directing and editing work of student Jacob Toarmina.

to show to pre-investors. He speculates he may get some gas money for that effort.

"I have to fine tune it, it's about four minutes long," he said.

When it comes to films, Toarmina said the last good one he saw was *Inception*, and admits that after watching 3 1/2 hours of *The Godfather*, he decided "I could do that."

"It motivated me to do this," he said. "Now I hope the market place comes to me."

And it just might. According to Butler and Rosaen, his work has caught the attention of Wayne RESA, the intermediate school district.

"I'm very impressed with him," Butler said. "I sought him out to start this because of his work. All the teachers love him."

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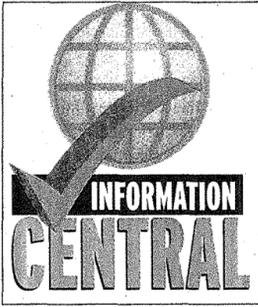


Marathon running a centuries-old tradition

If you don't consider yourself "a runner" (and perhaps even if you do) — it's hard to imagine wanting to run 26.2 miles. Still, tens of thousands of Americans run marathons each year. While competition may play a small part in the appeal (with prestige and sometimes cash awards going to the runner with the best time), many marathoners say the thrill that comes with completing a long distance race is what motivates them.

The first marathon was run in 490 B.C. by Pheidippides, a Greek messenger. According to the legend, Pheidippides ran roughly 26 miles from the Battle of Marathon to Athens to announce the defeat of the Persians and warn of a coming attack. After running the entire distance without stopping (and quite possibly without pacing himself or staying hydrated), he made his announcement and promptly died of exhaustion.

Marathons have come a long way since the Greco-Persian Wars. The marathon has been an Olympic event since the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Since 1921, the distance has been standardized at 26 miles, 385 yards. Unlike poor Pheidippides, modern marathoners participate in rigorous, structured training regimens to build their strength and endurance up to the right levels. If you're interested in training for marathon running, try *The Runners Book of Training Secrets* by Ken Sparks; *Marathon: the*



Ultimate Training Guide by Hal Higdon; or *The Marathon Runner's Handbook* by Bruce Fordyce. Visit www.allmarathons.com to find races in your area.

•Even if you're not ready to complete a marathon, running can help you release stress and build a healthy cardiovascular system. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has a variety of titles to get you started and keep you going. For beginners, *Running for Mortals* by John "the Penguin" Bingham has some good information on getting started, doing it right, and training for increased strength and endurance. *Runner's World* magazine or the *Runner's World Complete Book of Running* are helpful resources and for runners at all levels. Please give us a call at (734) 326-6123, check the online catalog (catalog.westlandlibrary.org) or stop by the library to learn more.

— Megan Esseltine

Highlighted Activities
•Writers Club, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25. Do you have stories or poems or ideas you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join us as Cheryl Vatcher-Martin leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. All writing is interesting to us so bring whatever you are working on.

•Urban Fiction Book Club, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25. Join us as we discuss *Never Go Home Again* by Shannon Holmes. *Never Go Home Again* is the story of Corey Dixon, a young man whose father tries as best he can to steer him away from the lure of the streets. And yet, Corey finds the lucrative drug trade too tempting to resist. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

•Why a Roth IRA? Why now?, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. Find out if a Roth IRA conversion makes sense for you. Join Associate Financial Advisor, Andrew Gagne of Ameriprise Financial to help you sort out the facts and take

advantage of potential tax benefits. Call or stop by the library to reserve a seat. (734) 326-6123.

•Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27. Join us for a discussion of Catherine Asaro's *The Quantum Rose*. The beautiful young noblewoman Kamoj Quanta Argali rules a declining province on a distant planet that has lost the high technology of its original colonists. Copies will be available a month before at the Reference Desk.

•Michigan's Haunted History & How to Hunt Ghosts, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28. Teen and adults interested in the paranormal? Want to learn how to hunt ghosts? Then join researcher, archivist, author and lecturer John E.L. Tenney for his presentation of Michigan's Haunted History & How to Hunt Ghosts. Learn about famous haunted locations in Michigan and ways to per-

form your own ghost hunt! Reserve your seat today by signing up at the Reference Desk or calling (734) 326-6123.

•Friday Night Movie, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. Stop by the library every Friday evening for a screening of a recently released movie. This week's movie is, *A Single Man*, a story that centers on an English professor who, after the sudden death of his partner tries to go about his typical day in Los Angeles. Rated R. No registration is required. This an after hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

•Holiday Stamping with Cari 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1. Take your stamping to the next level with the library's own Cari Fry. We'll be making some great cards and gift bags. Space is limited, so be sure to stop by the Reference Desk or call (734) 326.6123 to reserve a seat.

•Job Seekers Lab, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 5-8

p.m. Wednesdays; and 1-4 p.m. Fridays. Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

•Drop-in Knitting Nights at the Library, 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

•Chess Group, 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

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STATE SENATE 6TH DISTRICT CANDIDATES



ELECTION 2010

Democrat Glenn Anderson and Republican John R. Pastor are running for a four-year term for the state Senate's 6th District, which includes Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford Township.

A Westland resident, Anderson was elected in 2006 to the state Senate.

Pastor, a Livonia resident, is president of George H. Pastor and Son's Construction. He currently is a member of the Livonia City Council.

Members of the state Senate receive an annual salary of \$79,650 and an expense allowance of \$12,000. However, they will take a pay cut in January 2011, when the base salary will drop to \$71,685 and the expense allowance will be reduced to \$10,000.

Name: John R. Pastor

City: Livonia

Age: 48

Employment: President of George H. Pastor & Son's Construction

Family: Wife Linda, son Ryan and daughter Rachel

Education: Associate's degree from Ferris State University

Community involvement: Currently serving as a member of the Livonia City Council; served as state representative of Livonia in the 19th District for three consecutive two-year terms; served on the city of Livonia Planning Commission, Livonia Zoning Board of Appeals and Livonia Traffic Commission; member of the Livonia Jaycees, Monaghan Knights of Livonia and Livonia Chamber of Commerce; volunteer for The Children's Miracle Network



Name: Glenn Anderson

City: Westland

Age: 56

Employment: State senator

Family: Married, father of two adult children, two grandchildren

Education: Attended Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Community involvement: Goodfellows, Rotary, Kiwanis, former Jaycee, former Westland planning commissioner, state representative, 2001-06 and Westland city councilman, 1991-2000



1. How would you balance the state's budget? Be specific. If you favor cuts, where and how much? If you favor tax cuts, tell us what services you would reduce and/or eliminate and/or privatize?

1. I would start by spending 2 percent less than the projected budget for the year. As a state, we must live within our means. It is important not to spend more money than we are bringing in. Depending on how far we are over budget would determine what I would cut. We have to prioritize what is constitutionally required as opposed to spending without any consequences.

1. My record proves I am opposed to raising taxes on Michigan citizens during these difficult times. State government must eliminate wasteful spending and seek reforms that will right-size government. That is why I have voted to cut legislators' pay, including my own, reduce my office budget by 14 percent and end lifetime health care for legislators. I will continue to eliminate wasteful spending while increasing transparency and accountability by auditing all state department contracts from top to bottom, posting all state government spending online and require state contractors to reduce their contracts, producing \$3.5 billion.

2. There remains a wide disparity in state funds allocated per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

2. There is such a discrepancy between the current allocated amount of money given per student across Michigan. I would propose going back to the foundation of the amount given for each student, get rid of the at-risk among other amenities and reinstate the 20(j) money. Then, I would take the money left over from that to distribute among the low-end areas. Finally, I would take any new revenue and distribute it to any school that hasn't met the minimum threshold after everyone has gotten their rate of inflation.

2. While it should be the intent to see that all children have the same opportunity for a quality education, simply allocating the same dollar amount per student does not guarantee the same quality education. There is a substantial difference in cost from one district to another. With that said, it is not necessarily the dollar amount that should be equalized to make a difference, but rather the quality. Residents that contribute more in taxes have a right to expect their children will see the benefit of their financial sacrifice.

3. What are the top three ideas you would support to make Michigan's business climate more competitive?

3. Eliminate the Michigan Business Tax, eliminate the Michigan surcharge and eliminate the red tape.

3. I voted against the Michigan Business Tax surcharge, support simplifying our tax code and reducing taxes on businesses to make our state more competitive with other states to attract employers and promote job growth. I will continue to work to eliminate red tape to make Michigan a place where businesses will feel welcome and spur job creation to put Michiganders back to work. We also must continue to ensure that our schools prepare our kids for 21st century jobs. We must invest in education to make Michigan home to the most talented and capable workers in the nation.

4. Would you support multi-year budgeting? Why? Why not?

4. Yes, I am open to the possibility of going to a multi-year budget to help balance our budget a little easier. The model I would start off with is the one used in Oakland County that they have been using for several years.

4. I do support multi-year budgeting, as I believe it will force the Legislature to take a longer view of our state's economy and budget rather than short-fix solutions year to year. Term limits have exacerbated this problem with the Legislature and this would help get our financial house in order. We should also force legislators and the governor to agree on a budget by July 1 of each year or their pay is stopped.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

If you're into Halloween, here's a list of events taking place in Westland and Garden City in advance of the spookiest day of the year.

Haunted Party

The Garden City Library will hold a free children's Halloween

Party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the gymnasium of the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the party will feature a night of squeals, squiggles and ghostly

giggles for children in kindergarten through sixth-grade. There also will be magic, treats and prizes.

Call (734) 793-1830 to reserve a seat.

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Madonna speaker: State's wind farms off to slow start

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Christina Harris attended a lecture on the future of wind power in Michigan at Madonna University last week in hopes of finding a place in the growing market.

She was among a full-house crowd gathered to hear Aubrey C. Agee II, General Electric's Wind Farm Site manager in Uby, explain that the amount of power generated by wind is comparable to throwing a cup of water in the sea, but definitely an area of great growth now and in the future.

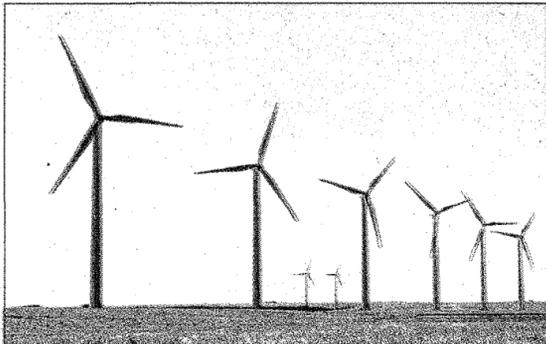
"That can be said about any power plant given the massive power grid that we have," Agee said.

He currently leads the operation and maintenance service of 46 1.5-megawatt wind turbines at the John Deere 69-megawatt wind farm, Michigan Wind I, located in the state's Thumb region.

Agee exceeded availability production targets by 2.7 percent last year, earning GE a performance bonus of \$130,000. John Deere was recently purchased by Exelon.

Harris, 54 of Livonia, refers to herself as "one of the casualties" of the automotive industry. She is taking classes at Madonna "to learn, reinvent and reinsert" herself among the employed in a field, she said, takes a "visionary" to understand.

The vision might not be too far off. In 2008, Michigan passed the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires elec-



Michigan has earmarked the Thumb area for a maximum of 3,000 wind turbines and the state's west coast for 1,000 more wind turbines.

tric providers achieve a retail supply portfolio that includes at least 10 percent renewable energy by 2015.

"We're always looking for how wind energy can grow," Agee said.

Wind turbines are located typically in rural areas, because there are fewer buildings to obstruct the air flow and for safety reasons, allowing easy access to the turbine in case of

breakdowns. They are also built in areas that have been identified as high-wind zones.

WIND AREA

Michigan has earmarked the Thumb area for a maximum of 3,000 wind turbines and the state's west coast for 1,000 more wind turbines.

Politicians haven't made it easy for wind technology developers, Agee told the crowd.

"Our wind farm was being spoke of in 2005," he said. "We have 90 or 100 turbines and other states got into the game much later and have much more."

The GE wind turbine park average production is 150,000 megawatt-hours a year depending on wind speeds, he explained. Commercial-size wind turbines cost about \$1-\$2 million to build. The efficiency rate for wind power is 30-40 percent and "solar is much less," Agee said. Michigan is 14th among the states in wind capacity.

"We're in the beginning stages of the wind industry," he said, adding, however, that the basic components of the technology, like gear boxes, generators and rotors, are old ideas.

Many lecture participants were among a large group of employees from Power Technology Institute in Canton, who wanted to know what kind of employment potential wind power had.

"This is hopefully going to be our career," said Matthew

Robideau, a PTI student.

How many employees does it take to run a 90-turbine farm?, another PTI employee asked Agee.

"I would say we have 46 turbines with four technicians and probably six people total with up to seven visiting technicians," Agee said. "But for the construction, there are 200 people on a site building a wind farm. With all the farms being built, you will put a lot of people to work."

"The biggest problem with wind is the transmission lines to get that power to the grid," he added.

The cost to make a kilowatt of power from coal is about 11 cents and the cost for wind power is 13 or 14 cents, he said.

"I think, to be honest, the big (wind) parks will be a help, but they won't get up to the production amounts of traditional energy," he said. "That is until technology changes."

Other questions raised by people in the audience addressed the affects on migrating birds and noise levels.

"They say noise level of a wind turbine is the same as a compressor in a refrigerator at maximum wind speeds," Agee said. "People don't want change."

Others, like the farmers who are paid to accept wind turbines on their property, have been in favor.

Sherri Stokes, a Detroit resident and Madonna student and employee, questioned Agee about the impact of wind technology providing energy in times of national outages and security issues.

Kyle Bricker, a Howell resident and PTI student, said: "It's the next big thing. I think."

Agee was invited to speak at Madonna as part of the McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series established by Michael F. McManus Jr., founder and CEO of Header Products Inc. in Romulus. The lectures celebrate the business success of Michael F. McManus Sr., a manufacturing agent for more than 50 years in the Detroit area. McManus Sr. helped establish the Chicago Rivet and Machine Co.

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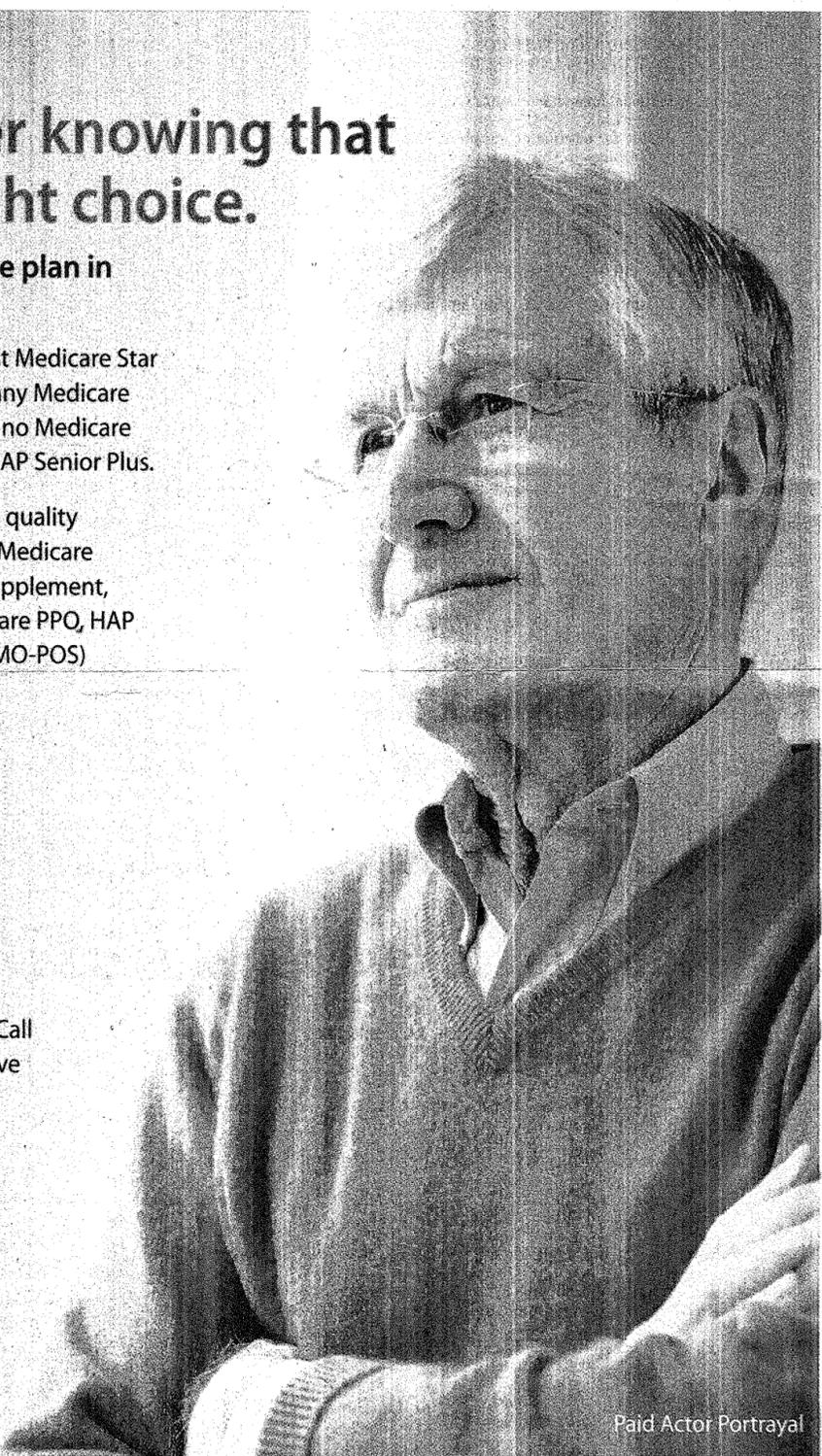
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Notice of Election**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that the General Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- U.S. Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- Representative in State Legislature
- Member State Board of Education, Vote 2
- University of Michigan Regent, Vote 2
- Michigan State University Trustee, Vote 2
- Wayne State University Governor, Vote 2
- County Executive
- County Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Justice of Supreme Court, Vote 2
- Judge of Court of Appeals, Vote 2
- Judge of Circuit Court, Incumbent Position, Vote 19
- Judge of Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 1
- Judge of Circuit Court, Incumbent Position Partial Term, Vote 1
- Judge of Probate Court, Incumbent Position, Vote 2
- Schoolcraft College Trustee, Vote 2

The following proposals will also be voted on:

**PROPOSAL 10-1
A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION**

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2011 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

YES NO

**PROPOSAL 10-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FELONS FROM
HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE AND SPECIFIED TYPES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Make a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office or to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or has discretionary authority over public assets, if:

- Within the preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust; and
- The conviction was related to the person's official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government.

Require the State Legislature to enact laws to implement the prohibition.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

**PROPOSITION P
PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL**

To renew the millage authorized in 2005, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2010 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2011 through 2015) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$10,628,000 in 2011.

YES NO

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 10, 2010 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY			
Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	08/08/2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Regional	08/06/1974	1 mill	2005 indefinitely
Educational Service Agency	11/08/1988 08/06/2002	1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 indefinitely 2005 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	08/02/2005	0.25 mills	2010
OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES			
Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited
GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS			
County of Wayne	08/08/2000	1 mill	2009
Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)
	06/10/2002	18 mills	2012 non-homestead
	06/10/2002	2 mills	2005 thru 2012

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 2, 2010 will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 1, 2010 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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3 vie for congressional seat

Republican Thaddeus McCotter, Democrat Natalie Mosher and Libertarian John Tatar are running for a two-year term for the 11th congressional District of Michigan, which includes the western Wayne and western Oakland County communities of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Milford, Redford Township, South Lyon and Westland, as well as other communities.

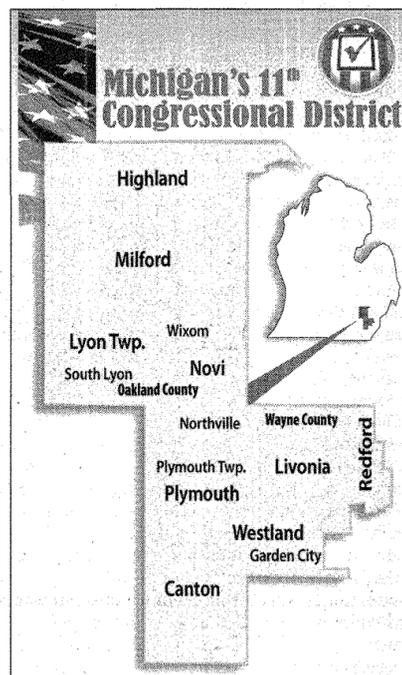
A Livonia resident, McCotter was elected in 2002 to Congress. He was elected by his colleagues in November 2006 to serve as chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee. McCotter is also a member of the House Financial Services Committee, where he serves on the Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Housing and Community Opportunity subcommittees.

McCotter, an attorney, also was elected to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the Wayne County Commission and the state Senate.

McCotter is a graduate of Catholic Central High School, the University of Detroit and the University of Detroit Law School.

Mosher of Canton is a former school teacher. She served on the Erie (Ohio) County Commission, is a former director of her county's American Cancer Society organization, former chief development officer of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and director of the National Retiree Volunteer Coalition. Mosher received her bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University.

Tatar of Livonia is a retired Livonia school teacher and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Tatar has a bachelor of science degree in educa-



tion and a master of science degree in educational administration. He ran as a Libertarian two years ago for the same congressional seat. Members of Congress receive an annual salary of \$174,000.

McCotter: Reduce debt through balanced budget

BY **KEN ABRAMCZYK**
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thaddeus McCotter believes the national debt can be addressed by a constitutional balanced budget, which he supports.

"I think the public would support it now," McCotter said. "One of the arguments in the past has always been that the public doesn't want it. That was the excuse that was used, but I think the public sentiment is to do it." McCotter believes that in Michigan, a mandated balanced budget works.

"You may not like the decisions that are made as a result of the balanced budget, and you may not like it if one party will raise taxes and one party will cut too much, but at least you will be happy that the decisions will have to be made and that you can't continue on the path that you are on," McCotter said. Republicans would be "very smart to say that they aren't raising the debt ceiling," McCotter said. "That would be a de facto recognition that we can't go back and continue to pile up the debt."

"It would be almost a de

facto balanced budget. It wouldn't be a balanced budget amendment, but it certainly would force decision making within the budgetary process." McCotter would like to see spending back to 2008 levels to what he calls a "normal sense of budgeting."

McCotter has tried to get across to his colleagues what Michigan residents and businesses understand. "We know what restructuring means, we know globalization, the age of communication, the changes that have had to happen," McCotter said. "We've seen them in our family budgets, in the auto industry, in everything in Michigan, except government."

"You can go one of two ways, you can start from a premise that restructuring is going to occur. Now you can try to do it properly with gradual change that's necessary to the governing entity, or it will just happen." McCotter compares the government's recent stimulus money and money used to bail out states to the operations of the car companies in the 1970s, through the cyclical downturns.

"We've seen that that didn't work and we've seen how painful it is," McCotter said.

"When you start from that premise, you will start to get towards no raising of the debt

ceiling to forced decisions. You will get to the constitutional balanced budget because government as it stands since the start of the Great Society, that model of large government doing things it wants to do, is no longer operative with the tax base and the international competition any more than the car companies could dictate to consumers like they did in the '70s."

McCotter said "big government" is not sustainable in today's world, citing Great Britain's austerity programs and the "social dysfunction and disorder" in Greece because government failed there to make responsible decisions.

McCotter would advocate to Republicans not to "swing the pendulum back as far or as fast as you can."

"You have to understand that one of the things Democrats did is that a lot of their policies, health care in particular, were not accepted by the American people, and radical change in a radically changing time does not need to have government exacerbated."

McCotter believes government's role should be limited to "what it absolutely needs to do."

"You have to have a gradual reduction so that people won't have their entire lives turned upside down."

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Tatar says bring home troops, cut entitlements Moshier says use war money to help economy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Tatar believes that the stimulus plan isn't working, and to address the \$13 trillion national debt, U.S. troops should be returned home.

"The stimulus plan is certainly not helping the American people who are in trouble," Tatar said. "We know that there are 62 million foreclosures going on right now. Some of them, of course, are being stalled by the banking system."

"If the stimulus plan was working, we would see signs of things going on. I don't believe the government, and that is Congress, is in the neighborhood to solve problems. I believe Congress is the problem and they're the ones that are creating the problems. If we were all about solutions, we would have seen solutions 30, 40 or 50 years ago. We don't see those solutions happening."

The economy is getting worse, he said. "We've lost 95 percent of our spending power since 1933," Tatar said. "That's pretty depressing. To jump start the economy, he suggests to 'let the people keep their hard-earned money' and not pay 40 or 50 percent to the government in taxes."

"They would stabilize their own families and they would be spending the money," Tatar said. "They're not going to sit on the money. When they spend the money, they will spend it on goods and services." Spending it on goods and services will increase the gross national product, Tatar said. "John F. Kennedy had it right when he decided to do the same thing and it worked. I guess people don't learn from history."

"Government has a role to protect our life, our liberty and our property. That's their entire role. All the things that they've



Tatar

stuck their fingers in is just screwing it up."

Tatar points to President Carter's appointment of an energy czar. Despite the use of the czar and the Department of Energy's attempts, Americans increased their dependence on foreign oil from 30 to 70 percent. "What good did that energy czar do? He employed a lot of people, but they have not fulfilled their obligation," Tatar said. "That department (of energy) should be trashed."

To address the national debt, Tatar would like to see all the deployed troops from around the world brought back to the United States. "We can't be the empire of the world, as we are presently. We can't be the policeman of the world, which we are practicing to be at this time, and we need to end the war."

President Eisenhower talked about the Congressional industrial war complex and by the spending of money we'd be making gobs of money. Tatar said the United States has been at war (deploying troops) since at least the Great Depression. "We've been at war almost every single year. Is there a need for that?" Tatar asked.

Tatar believes the definition of politics includes the need to learn to get along. "So if our politicians can't get along with the rest of the world, they should have been fired long ago," Tatar said. "They are not fulfilling their obligation." Tatar said if he could not instruct as a teacher, he would have been fired.

Tatar believes over time that entitlement programs in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid should be cut. "Obviously we shouldn't cut everything right away, but we should start decreasing and allowing people to start to pick up the slack," Tatar said.

Tatar criticized President Barack Obama's health care plan.

"The health care program by Obama is one of the worst socialistic programs in the

world. That program ... how are you going to pay for it? We're talking about the deficit already being outrageous, and we're going to add to it with the new health care program, which is going to be worse than any health care program that we have on the market?"

Tatar believes Congress needs to reassess its role and believes members aren't serving the American public. "Congress was supposed to be our servant," Tatar said. "We've turned out to be their servants. That's why I go back to the fact that Congress's only job is to protect life, liberty and property. They have no other responsibilities."

American ingenuity, know-how and desire are still strong, Tatar said. "Give them an opportunity to use this American ingenuity without the encumbrance of government, and we would be miles ahead of where we are today," Tatar said.

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Natalie Moshier opposes the military expenditures in the Middle East and believes that money would be better spent in the United States.

That's how she would address the rising national debt, now over \$13 trillion.

Moshier wants to address the nation's and Michigan's economic troubles.

"We spent \$1.14 trillion in the Middle East, which I am totally against," Moshier said. "I support our men and women in uniform. They have made the ultimate sacrifice and so have their families, but the real issue is the economy and jobs."

"If we were to take that \$1.1 trillion and invest it here in our people and get our people back to work, we're going to see that shift immediately."

Using the money for job train-



Moshier

ing would be one way the money might be better spent, Moshier said. "We've got some really good programming going on at the community college level," Moshier said. "It's not only at the four-year universities, but the community colleges are filling some incredible gap in this whole issue of job creation." Moshier cited the nursing program and called the culinary arts program "one of the finest in the country, bar none." Promoting vocational education and technical training also will help the economy. "We need to fund Michigan's community colleges so we will be able to provide Michigan graduates to our new Michigan energy plants," Moshier said.

Moshier added that Michigan didn't get into this mess overnight, and that resolving the jobs and economic issues will take time. "It will take leadership," Moshier said. "It will take working with people at the federal level, at the state level and at the local level."

"We must work together, but we have to have a vision. We have to really say, OK, this is the plan and how can we implement it and

make it happen. We have to be proactive."

Health care costs are "choking us," but the health care legislation will lay a foundation. Moshier admits that the plan is not perfect.

"It's a beginning, and I'm pleased that 32 million people will have coverage," Moshier said. "Kids that are up to age 26 will still be able remain on parents' health care."

The legislation also takes care of the doughnut hole for seniors who have to pay hundreds of dollars monthly for medications.

"These are the kinds of things Americans are really stressing over so this legislation will help that," Moshier said.

In the meantime, Moshier said Congress needs to work with physicians and hospitals and look at measures to cut costs. By addressing the health care issues, Moshier believes that will help the economy.

Moshier thinks that federal funding can also assist to keep public sector employees on the job, along with funding for alternative energy research.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Railroddiana

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

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

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Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

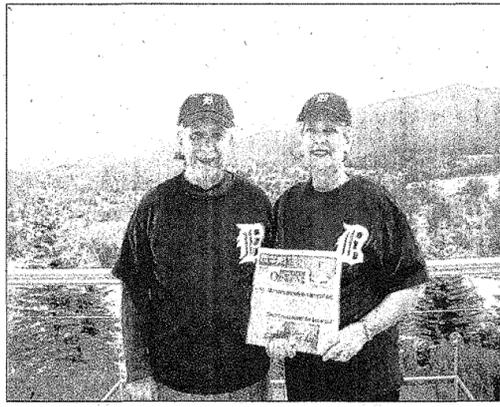
Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

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,



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Mike and Elaine Opper of Garden City enjoyed a 10-day vacation in Poland in early September, under the direction of Orbis Tours. The trip included stops in Warsaw, Cracow and many small towns. They decided to wear their Tigers hats and T's and pose with their Garden City Observer in the Polish mountain resort city of Zakopane. Behind them are the Tatra Mountains and beyond them the country of Slovakia. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

call Deb Moga at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia Moore at (734) 522-9653.

Earth Angels

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

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Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the

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Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

Contact: (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

Dyer Center

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: (734) 419-2020

Senior Fitness

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual member-

ship is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Contact: (734) 793-1870

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

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

Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

Drivers Needed

Details: Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend.

Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

Contact: (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

VNA Hospice

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

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

Seasons-Hospice

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided.

Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: (800) 370-8592

Literacy Council

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

Contact: (734) 416-4906

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Charger offense jolts Stevenson in grid finale

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's spread offense proved to be as smooth as butter in Friday night's football season finale.

The host Chargers rolled up 571 yards total offense en route to a 47-31 victory over rival Livonia Stevenson. Churchill finishes the season at 4-5 overall, while the Spartans wind up 3-6.

Senior quarterback Jordan Grohoski made his last game as a Charger count, completing 12-of-18 passes for 257 yards and three touchdowns. He also added 88 yards on the ground on just six carries and added another TD.

Sophomore running back Romello Brown also had a big night with 208 yards rushing on 20 carries and three TDs for host Churchill.

"We've really been executing the last five or six weeks," Churchill coach John Filiatraut said. "After the first three or four games, our offense really kicked it into gear. We got our schemes down and we were confident in what we were doing. I think we've had over 400 yards the last five games. We've had a lot of yards. So when you can throw, pass the ball and spread the field, it puts a lot of pressure on a defense. We were pleased with what they did."

The 5-foot-10, 215-pound Brown opened the game by taking a pitchout from Grohoski and racing 63 yards for a score.

Churchill led 34-19 at halftime as Grohoski threw a pair of first-quarter TD passes to Justin Chantres (36 yards) and Dean Bokuniewicz (9 yards).

Stevenson, meanwhile, scored twice in the opening quarter, on a 64-yard bomb from sophomore QB Joe Mims to Tyler Hoehn followed by a 17-yard TD run by Leroy Glover.

The scoring didn't stop in the second quarter, either, as Brown ran 17 yards



Churchill's Romello Brown (17) scampers for a touchdown being pursued by Stevenson tacklers Daniel Wilk (6) and Michael McDermott (2) during Friday's season finale.

for one TD followed by Grohoski's 12-yard scamper for another.

Stevenson countered with a 12-yard TD run by Dylan Dunn to cut the deficit to 20-19 with 10:47 left in the half, but that was as close as the Spartans could get.

Stevenson did chip away in the third quarter on a 9-yard TD run by Dunn followed by a 60-yard burst through

the line of scrimmage by the 5-8, 220-pound Glover, who had 107 yards on the night on 10 carries.

Trailing 34-31 early in the fourth quarter, Stevenson pinned the Chargers back after an offensive interference call.

But Grohoski hit Bokuniewicz on a middle screen and the 5-6, 160-pound senior converted first-and-25 for a 35-

yard gain and a key first down.

Grohoski then hit Chantres with another screen pass for 28 yards and a TD with 8:40 left to make it 40-31.

The Chargers added another TD run with just 3:57 left on Brown's 16-yard run.

"You give up as many points as we

Please see **FINALE, B3**

SIDELINES

MU streak ends

The No. 22-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team had its 18-match winning streak snapped by No. 6 Columbia College (Mo.) in the nightcap of Friday's 2010 BLT Sportswear & Apparel Crusader Classic.

Columbia ran its record to 26-2 with a 25-21, 15-25, 25-21, 25-12 victory over host MU, which falls to 24-7 overall.

Earlier in the day, Madonna defeated Ashford (Ia.) University in three sets, 25-19, 25-19, 25-18.

Against Ashford, Junior Karie Altman hit at a .500 percentage and finished with 15 kills, while teammates Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Megan Fricke added 13 and 12, respectively.

Dempsey also had a match-best 15 digs, while Evia Prieditis handed out 44 assists.

Ashford falls to 25-14 overall.

Columbia got 23 kills from Vena Trivunovic and 50 assists from Paul Ferreira to snap the MU win streak.

Dempsey had 19 kills for MU, while Fricke added 12 kills and 16 digs.

Blazers clinch title

Livonia Ladywood will take some momentum into next week's state playoffs after clinching the Michigan High School Field Hockey Division II crown Wednesday with a 1-0 victory over visiting Saline.

The Blazers, who improved to 10-1-3 overall, wind up 8-0-2 in the division and will be the No. 3 seed among in a 23-team state playoff field.

Ladywood will have a first-round bye in the playoffs and will face the winner of No. 19 Grosse Pointe North or No. 14 Ann Arbor Skyline beginning at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25 at Ladywood.

Junior Erin Cronyn's first-half goal off an assist from junior Kylie Birney proved to be the game-winner in the win over Saline.

Ladywood goalie Mackenzie Holme, also a junior, made three saves to record the shutout.

Jessie Opaleski had 10 stops for the Hornets (5-8-1, 4-6-1).

Crusaders rally

The Madonna University women's volleyball team survived a scare Thursday night, rallying for a 19-25, 21-25, 25-17, 25-18, 15-9 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

The Crusaders, who won their 16th straight match, improved to 23-6 overall and 11-1 in the WHAC. MU, a half game back Indiana Tech (29-5, 12-1) in the WHAC standings, have won 20 of its last 21 matches.

Four players reached double figures in kills led by Karie Altman's 18. Megan Fricke added 5, while Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Nastija Baranovska added 12 and 10, respectively.

Setter Evia Prieditis finished with 51 assists, while Amanda Koszela paced the defense with 23 digs.

Other digs leaders included Fricke (15), Livonia Churchill's Anna Gatt (11) and Dempsey (11).

Northwestern Ohio (20-10, 9-5) was led by Roshelle Watercutter's 17 kills; setter Debbie Brubaker's 45 assists; and Kelly Oldiges' 24 digs. Megan EnYart added 15 kills for the Racers.

Northville girls rule conference

Churchill takes fourth, Franklin fifth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were a couple of subplots to Thursday's KLAAs Kensington Conference girls cross country meet.

Northville and Salem were expected to battle for the team title — and they did.

The individual race honors also turned out to be a duel between an up-and-coming freshman and two seasoned seniors.

Northville, placing five in the top 14, scored an impressive team victory with 49 points, avenging a razor-thin KLAAs Central dual meet loss last month to the Rocks, who finished with 66. Rounding out the top five teams were Novi (87), Livonia Churchill (104) and Livonia Franklin (116).

Canton senior Bianca Kubicki also surprised when she nipped Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich in the final five meters for the individual title.

Kubicki clocked a blistering 18:25.8 on the 5,000-meter Huron Meadows Metropark course in Brighton. Kavulich as runner-up in 18:26.0, while Livonia Franklin senior

Megan McPherson, the pre-race favorite, took third in 18:29.4.

Northville also had a freshman, sixth-place finisher Rachel Coleman, lead the way in 18:56.3.

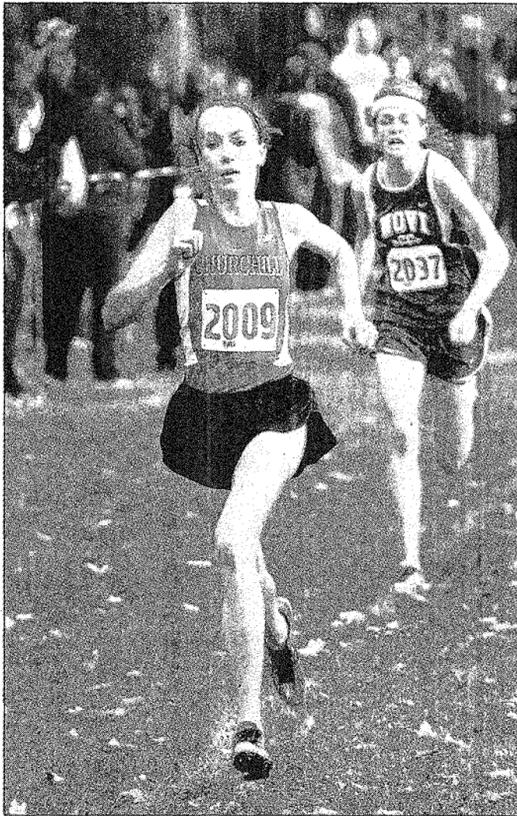
Rounding out the Mustangs' contingent were two other freshmen, Nicole Mosteller (eighth, 19:05.5) and Erin Zimmer (10th, 19:09.1), along with two sophomores, Alex Rodriguez (11th, 19:09.5) and Gina McNamara (14th, 19:24.6).

It was the first conference crown for Northville under 10th-year coach Nancy Smith.

"It pretty much went according to plan," Smith said. "Our ideal thing was to 'pack' just like we needed to do. We went out a lot harder than we thought we'd do, and we had five PRs."

"Our target was to win the conference all season long and get Salem in the end. We lost to them by one point in the dual meet and we knew what we had to do. If we stayed together and 'pack' like we've done all season long, we'd know we could get them. It was our goal."

Please see **GIRLS, B3**



Churchill's Kerigan Riley placed fourth followed by fifth-place finisher Kerri McMahan of Novi in Thursday's Kensington Conference meet.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patriots buzz by Airport

Playoff-bound Livonia Franklin used a balanced running attack Friday to earn a 28-20 non-conference football victory over visiting Carleton Airport.

The Patriots, who finish the regular season at 7-2 overall, racked up 300 of their 366 total yards on the ground.

Sophomore Jimmy Mazaris led the attack with 106 yards on 11 carries. He scored on a 50-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and added a 7-

yard TD run in the third to put Franklin ahead 28-7. Tino Benavides chipped in with 95 yards on eight carries, including an 18-yard TD run in the first quarter as the Patriots built a 14-0 lead.

Senior fullback Dan Muller added 59 yards in 14 carries, highlighted by a 5-yard TD run in the third quarter.

Senior receiver Mike Sharp

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Patriots cool off Wayne in 5

The Wayne Memorial girls volleyball team couldn't stand prosperity on Thursday.

Fresh off the heels of their big five-set win Tuesday over rival Westland John Glenn, the host Zebras fell to visiting Livonia Franklin, which rallied for a 22-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-21, 15-12 KLAAs South Division win at Alumni Arena.

Senior Chelsea Williams paced the Franklin hitting attack with 25 kills. She also had three aces and 14 digs as the Patriots improved to 9-24-2 overall and 2-8 in the division.

Kelly O'Brien and Amanda Borioe chipped in with 11 and six kills, respectively, while setter Rachael Kapchus contributed 38 assist-to-kills.

Libero Nicole Williamson paced the defense with 30 digs, while Danielle Wiczorek added 11.

"After the first two losses we enter the third game with unbelievable energy and enthusiasm," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "After that, there was no turning back we got the momentum and surged forward."

The loss drops Wayne to 20-26-4 overall and 1-9 in the KLAAs South.

Chargers win again

Setter Cory Urbats had 22 assists and 11 digs to lead KLAAs South Division champion Livonia Churchill to a 25-16, 25-14, 25-17 victory Thursday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Sophomore Emily Norscia

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

was Churchill's top attacker with 14 kills. Junior Erin Menard added nine kills and two blocks.

Sisters Kara Nicole Kempinski figured in the win with 16 and 10 digs, respectively. Nicole also had four kills, two aces and two assists.

Churchill is 36-6-2 overall and finishes 10-0 in the KLAAs South, while Glenn falls to 13-14-5 and 3-7.

Spartans pound East

Senior Reina Tyl finished with 11 kills and freshman Katie Tomasic added seven Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 25-11, 25-7, 25-11 KLAAs Central Division win over South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who improved to 14-15-4 overall and 4-6 in the Central, also got four kills and three blocks from Catherine Licata.

Other Stevenson contributions came from Monika Rudis (four kills), Kristen Balhorn (four blocks), Allie Koestering (13 assists), Jordan York (nine digs) and Sammy Caves (eight assists).

Warriors win crossover

Setters Erica Killian and Leah Refenes combined for 16 assists Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland beat Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in a MIAC crossover, 25-14, 25-14, 25-22.

The Warriors, who improved

to 14-16-4 overall, got six kills from Jacqui Schwartz and four each from Amanda Terranella and Marisa Hahn.

Terranella also had seven blocks (four solo) and two aces, while Hannah Conley finished with three kills.

Digs leaders included Taylor Wiemer (11), Hahn (8) and Alyssa Shirkey (7).

"We benefited from a lot of Liggett mistakes and were able to use those to our advantage by creating separation in the score early on in sets one and two," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "In set three, we started making mistakes, perhaps taking Liggett too lightly and we created quite a battle for ourselves."

Liggett is 14-8-3 overall. "Liggett was a very good team and it was nice to be able to get a win against a quality opponent as we get ready for the conference and state tournament," Wade said.

Ladywood ousted

On Wednesday, state-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy eliminated visiting Livonia Ladywood in the semifinals of the Catholic League A-B Division playoffs, 25-18, 25-16, 25-16.

Mercy is 40-7-2 overall, while the Blazers fall to 28-17-2 overall.

Birmingham Marian and Mercy will square off for the Catholic League championship 7 p.m. Monday at Madonna University.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 Tuesday, Oct. 26
 Luth. Westland Quad, 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Oct. 27
 Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 28
 MIAC Tourney at MICH Elite, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 30
 Bedford Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Andover Tournament, TBA
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 Tuesday, Oct. 26
 MIAC Meet at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
REGIONAL MEETS
 Friday, Oct. 29
 Division 1 at Huron Meadows, 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 30
 Division 1, 4 at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
 Division 3 at Linden High School, 10:05 a.m.

Division 2 at Lake Erie Metropark, 10:45 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
 Thursday, Oct. 28
 Ladywood vs. Cranbrook-Kingswood at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 29
 KLAAs South Meet at Salem, 6 p.m.
 KLAAs Central Meet at Novi, 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 30
 KLAAs South Meet at Salem, noon.
 KLAAs Central Meet at Novi, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Tuesday, Oct. 26
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 7 p.m.
 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Sunday, Oct. 24
 Cuyahoga (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Stevenson H.S., 2:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Wednesday, Oct. 27
 Madonna vs. Marygrove at Independence Park, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Stevenson H.S., noon.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Wednesday, Oct. 27
 Plymouth at Erie, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 28
 Plymouth at Niagara, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
 Sault Ste. Marie vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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Mustangs gallop to boys title

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The last time Northville brought home a conference boy cross country title the Mustangs were part of the old Western Lakes Activities Association.

On Thursday, the Mustangs earned their first-ever KLAAS Kensington Conference crown by edging Plymouth for first place, 63-70, at chilly, windy and overcast Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton.

Canton placed third with 87 points, while defending champion Novi settled for fifth with 96. The Wildcats were followed by host Livonia Stevenson with 118 and Salem with 119. See complete meet results.

"We figured we had a good chance, but you're always surprised when you run against the kind of competition that's in this conference," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "We knew who the players were going to be. Plymouth was good, Canton was good. Novi's good. They're good teams, so you have to bring your 'A' game. It was close, a lot closer maybe what people expected, but we expected it to be that close."

Senior Chad Cini led the victorious Mustangs with a fourth-place finish in 16:17.6.

He was followed by senior Christian Guenther, ninth (16:43.3); senior Neson Nesmith, 13th (16:50.0); junior Ed Clifton, 18th (16:55.9); and senior Robert Singletary, 19th (16:57.0).

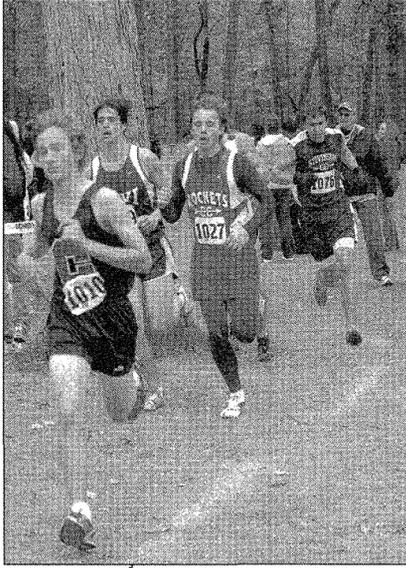
"Chad Cini, our number one, has been running great for us all year," Cronin said. "He's really kind of led us from a running standpoint, but we had a change with a guy from our JV squad today - Neson Nesmith. He was awesome. He finished third for us, ran a 16:50. You can't ask for more than that. I'm deep and that's the luxury I have. His finish was fantastic."

"And the guy who finished ninth for us, Christian Guenther, he's a captain. He's had a little bit of an up-and-down year, but he was outstanding today."

Plymouth was led by senior Joe Porcari, who was edged out at the finish line for first place by Novi senior Joe Schubring.

Schubring ran the 5,000-meter course in 15:59.3, while Porcari's runner-up time was 16:00.6.

"It's a personal best by 22 seconds," Schubring said. "I've run this (course) twice before. I love it, it's just so flat compared to our home course at Cass Benton (Park). The ground is so firm. Every time we come here we post fast times and it's great."



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Churchill's Sam Yurgil (1010), John Glenn's Jason Suarez (1027) and Stevenson's Stephen Fenech (1076), along with Novi's Vera-Burgos (second from left), make the turn during Thursday's Kensington Conference meet at Huron Meadows Metropark.

"I really wanted to get out front early and lead that pack and set the pace. I wanted to run my own race. Last year I think I was fifth. I couldn't have raced a better race."

Plymouth's other four finishers included junior Derek Gielarowski, sixth (16:21.5); junior James Maciag, 12th (16:48.3); freshman Liam Cardenas, 24th (17:05.6); and sophomore Brandon Dalton, 26th (17:09.7).

Others in the top 10 individually included Blake Yard (South Lyon East), third, 16:06.6; Miles Felton (Canton), fifth, 16:20.4; Steve McEvilly (Salem), seventh, 16:34.0; and Brett Giampa (Novi), eighth, 16:34.7; and Mitch Clinton (Canton), 16:20.4.

But the day belonged to Northville, which garnered its first conference crown since 2007.

"This is the first KLAAS banner in the gym, and obviously we're excited about that," Cronin said.

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Eagles overcome sluggish start to beat Wayne Memorial, 38-6

BY JIM TOTH
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For the first 24 minutes Friday night it was difficult to tell which team was heading to the playoffs and which team was heading home.

Winless Wayne, playing out its schedule, appeared the more motivated team, while Redford Thurston, seeking to gain some momentum for next week's play-off opener, lost focus early and displayed very little enthusiasm.

The second half, however, was a different story. The bigger and more talented Eagles totally overpowered the Zebras in all phases of the game, outscoring the visitors, 17-0, and running away with a 38-6 triumph.

"They gave us some wrinkles they hadn't shown us the last couple of weeks and had us a little off balance early, but I think our kids settled down and we made those adjustments," Thurston coach Bob Snell said. "Our defensive staff did a great job of making some adjustments and taking some things away and we solidified them at halftime."

It also helped having Grant Wilson in the backfield as the fleet-footed junior accounted for 169 rushing yards and four touchdowns. In fact, it was Wilson who quickly brought this teammates back after the Zebras opened the contest with a methodical six-play, 70-yard touchdown drive.

Taking a hand-off from quarterback Gary Kostecki, Wilson darted through a host of would-be tacklers at the line of scrimmage and raced untouched into the end zone for a 53-yard score on the Eagles' opening play.

Following a fumble of the ensuing kick-off that gave the Eagles possession at the Zebras' 11-yard line, Wilson again found paydirt by running in from three yards out.

"That first quarter was very indicative of the stuff we've done all year," Wayne coach Kevin Weber said. "We move the ball real, we give up some big plays defensively and turn the ball over too many times. We give them a short field and some easy points." That is pretty much how the

second quarter turned out also as the Zebras won the time of possession and first downs, but fell further behind on the scoreboard as Wilson again needed only one carry, a 55-yard touchdown run for 21-8 Thurston advantage.

Even though they were comfortably in front, the Eagles came out the more dominant club in the second half, putting three scores on the board while holding the Zebras to just 35 yards of offense.

Alessandrini banged home a 21-yard field goal in the early stages of the third period and Wilson culminated a short drive set up by a muffed punt by the Zebras with a five-yard scamper.

Kostecki's 13-yard TD run wrapped up the game's scoring midway through the final frame.

The Eagles (7-2) held a commanding 347-197 edge in total yards including 271 yards on the ground.

Wayne, which got a 10-yard scoring run from quarterback Dean Caldwell on its sixth play from scrimmage, finished 197 total yards and five turnovers.

Trojans (5-4) romp past Annapolis

Livonia Clarenceville ended its season on a strong note Friday night as the Trojans ran, and ran, and ran the football down the throat of visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis for a 48-16 victory.

Seniors Henry Seruga and DeOndre Hogan spearheaded the Trojans attack by combining for 223 rushing yards and six touchdowns.

Seruga needed only eight carries to amass 160 yards and score four times, while Hogan had seven carries for 73 yards and two TDs.

"We went old-school the last two weeks and just found the right combination of kids," said Clarenceville first-year coach Ken Fry, who saw his club end the season on the plus side of .500 at 5-4. "Henry and DeOndre did a great job in their final games."

The rushing heroics didn't stop there, however, as DeJuan Smith picked up 81 yards on seven tries and was credited with one touchdown, while Romel Wright chipped in with 72 yards on his seven attempts.

"We did a great job of running the ball," Fry said. "We only passed two times, and our defense did a great job also. It's nice to finish off strong the last two games."

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did the first half, you've got to make some adjustments," Stevenson defensive coordinator Matt Fielder said. "We went to a four (man) front, which helped us. It made it more difficult in space with those kids, but now we have fewer D-backs, which is challenging. We came out and played a better second half defensively."

"That's a good team. They have good athletes on offense. The running back (Brown) is good, along with number five (Dean Bokuniewicz) and number 11 (Chantres). They have talented athletes in space and that helps."

Stevenson had 367 total

yards, including 188 in the air as Mims connected on 17-of-33 passes with one interception (by Charlie Hicks Jr.).

"I still feel like our momentum issues were more us than them," Stevenson head coach Tim Gabel said. "With our team we'd just make critical mistakes. We'd get a penalty, we had a hold, we had a missed route on another series we started."

"That was a good call and a good play (to Bokuniewicz), we didn't play it real well. There were some other momentum busters for us."

Grohski's numbers were Denard Robinson-like — 345 combined on the ground and in the air.

"Jordan played well," Filiatraut said. "He's done a

real good job for us — his decision making, he doesn't turn the ball over much and he can really run. This is why we went to the spread because we knew what kind of player we had in Jordan. He spent most of his junior year hurt, and we were just real pleased to get him out there and get him playing well."

Brown, who has two years left, also left his mark.

"Romello Brown is just a special kid," Filiatraut said. "He's a 10th-grader here and a guy who shows great promise. It took him a few games to get moving and get hang of our offense, but he's really progressed. I'm really proud of both those kids."

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

KLAAS KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 21 at Huron Meadows
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 63 points; 2. Plymouth, 70; 3. Canton, 87; 4. Novi, 96; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 118; 6. Salem, 119; 7. South Lyon, 177; 8. Livonia Churchill, 178; 9. South Lyon East, 260; 10. Westland John Glenn, 309; 11. Livonia Franklin, 340; 12. Wayne Memorial, no score.
Individual winner: Joe Schubring (Novi), 15:59.3 (5,000 meters).
TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS
Northville (63): 1. Chad Cini, 16:17.6; 9. Christian Guenther, 16:43.3; 13. Neson Nesmith, 16:50.0; 18. Ed Clifton, 16:55.9; 19. Robert Singletary, 16:57.0; 22. Matt Sierra, 17:00.2; 31. Trent Johnson, 17:16.1.
Plymouth (70): 2. Joe Porcari, 16:00.6; 6. Derek Gielarowski, 16:21.5; 12. James Maciag, 16:48.3; 24. Liam Cardenas, 17:05.6; 26. Brandon Dalton, 17:09.7; 28. Zane Berlanga, 17:35.2; 42. Justin Heck, 17:27.2.
Canton (87): 5. Miles Felton, 16:20.4; 10.

Mitch Clinton, 16:44.3; 14. Bradon Conley, 16:51.2; 23. Keegan Sullivan, 17:04.8; 35. Jeff Mulchan, 17:18.1; 53. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:57.9; 59. Zach Cox, 18:13.9.
Novi (96): 1. Joe Schubring, 15:59.3; 8. Brett Giampa, 16:34.7; 25. Ryan Tigros, 17:06.2; 30. Daniel Lee, 17:15.8; 32. Chase Conrad, 17:17.0; 44. Chris Vera-Burgos, 17:32.4; 45. Steve Pravato, 17:35.2.
Stevenson (118): 15. Joe Urso, 16:52.9; 17. Adam Chludzinski, 16:55.0; 21. Matt Williams, 16:58.7; 29. Ryan Petruil, 17:15.5; 36. Stephen Fenech, 17:18.5; 41. Andrew Longhi, 17:24.9; 50. John Lynch, 17:55.1.
Salem (119): 7. Steve McEvilly, 16:34.0; 11. Michael Karizat, 16:45.9; 20. Andy Rabe, 16:57.7; 33. Jimmy Daniels, 17:17.4; 48. Jeremy Drouillard, 17:43.1; 56. Evan Bruyere, 18:07.8; 60. Lucas Salinas, 18:21.7.
South Lyon (177): 3. Tim Yard, 16:06.6; 34. Mark Cogo, 17:19.9; 39. Mike Brodowicz, 17:21.5; 43. Connor Wiedman, 17:30.6; 58. Billy Cooney, 18:09.9; 61. Andrew Janos, 18:25.5; 67. Justin Pearson, 18:33.6.

Churchill (178): 16. Ryan Wise, 16:53.2; 37. Tom Windle, 17:19.1; 38. Cody Rossler, 17:21.1; 40. Sam Yurgil, 17:24.6; 47. Ben Yates, 17:41.1; 49. Stephen Charnley, 17:50.2; 52. George Bowles, 17:56.8.
S.L. East (260): 27. Eric Heathcock, 17:14.1; 51. Ian Juntunen, 17:55.4; 55. Matt Darr, 18:06.1; 62. Alex Hoorn, 18:27.6; 65. Jonah Boyd, 18:29.9; 66. Blake Powell, 18:30.8; 68. Andrew DeMoss, 18:39.8.
John Glenn (309): 46. Jason Suarez, 17:39.0; 54. Ruben Maya, 17:59.6; 64. Jewell Jones, 18:29.2; 71. Ryan Boes, 19:20.4; 74. Mike Dalton, 19:31.2; 78. Keven Wacker, 20:40.8; 79. Chris Codd, 21:48.7.
Franklin (348): 57. Mike Witt, 18:08.8; 63. Bobby Wilson, 18:28.8; 72. Gabe Martinez, 19:21.8; 73. Josh Beesmer, 19:27.9; 75. Preston Elliott, 19:41.0; 77. Chad Walters, 20:32.6; Austin Jones, did not finish.
Wayne (no score): 69. Daniel Malcolm, 18:55.5; 70. Micah Orr, 18:56.7; 76. Avery Barron, 20:13.8; 80. William Jones, 22:22.8; Darryl Ison, did not finish.

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Familiarity with the flat and fast Huron Meadows course also helped.

"It's our regional course," Smith said. "We raced here last year at the regionals and we raced here at Ypsilanti Invite and won three weeks ago."

Meanwhile, the race to the wire for first between Kubicki and Kavulich was decided by only two-tenths of a second.

"I just really wanted to win," Kubicki said. "I knew I could do it. I just sprinted my all. I was just trying to keep up with them and not fall behind so at the end I could try and push it because I know I can sprint."

"It means like a lot because it's my last year and it's the first time I've ever won a big race."

There will be many more

big races for Kavulich, who is just starting to blossom as one of the state's elite ninth-grade runners.

"I thought she ran almost 5,000 meters well, just got beat right at the end there," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "She learned a valuable lesson. You've got to run 5,000-and-one meters to get through there. Beyond that, what a tremendous race. She was right where we wanted her to be at the mile mark — seventh place — and just continued to move running a great pace race, then it becomes very competitive from there. For her setting a school record today, very proud of her, running relaxed, running aggressive. And that's what we asked today."

Gerlach also congratulated the Mustangs for their effort. "It takes a team to win a team event," he said. "Today

four of our seven had really good races, the other three being just OK races — nothing real special. We had two of our athletes go down in the first 150 meters of the race and there's no recall. They bounced back up and fought, but that took us out of it real early."

"Beyond that, my hat's off to Northville. They ran incredible. As I told my team, we didn't lose this meet, we got beat by a great, great team in Northville. And I'm happy for them."

Rounding out the top 10 individually were Churchill's Kerigan Riley and Bethany Pilat, who placed fourth and ninth, respectively, in 18:41.9 and 19:06.6; and Novi's Kerri McMahan and Jackie Mullins, who finished fifth and seventh, respectively, in 18:42.4 and 19:01.3.

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PATRIOTS

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added two catches for 50 yards and had a fourth-quarter interception, returning it for 60 yards, but the Patriots couldn't capitalize on the Airport turnover.

Airport's Jodeci May finished with 176 yards rushing on 35 carries. He scored on a pair of 2-yard runs, one coming in the first half and the other in the final quarter.

The 5-4 Jets, who had their playoff hopes dashed, had 211 yards total offense. Their other TD came in the third quarter on a 90-yard kickoff return.

Franklin's 6-foot-9 defensive end Jay Woolfork had a big night defensively with 10 tackles, including two sacks. He also deflected two passes.

"Airport was fighting for their lives and they gave us everything they had," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We

jumped on them early, but they fought back. We jumped on them again in the third quarter and they fought hard to the end. They played really well."

Vikings stop Glenn

Quarterback Zach Leimbach rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns Friday as Walled Lake Central scored 28 unanswered second-half points to beat host Westland John Glenn, 47-12.

Central, bound for the state playoffs, improved to 8-1 overall.

Glenn, meanwhile, winds up 4-5.

Zach Leimbach's 31-yard TD pass to K.J. Schultz with 2:09 left in the first quarter opened the scoring for Central, but Glenn's Rico Cole countered with an 8-yard scoring run moments later after a Vikings turnover.

In the second quarter, Leimbach scored on a 25-yard

run and Schultz added a 39-yard scoring run to make it 19-6.

Glenn's Jeff Kuhary then hit Kalyn Massenberg on a 24-yard TD pass to cut the deficit to 19-12 at intermission.

But it was also Central in the third quarter as Leimbach had a 25-yard TD run; Chris Koziara, a 27-yard TD run; and Leimbach another TD run of 30 yards.

Central recovered a Glenn fumble late in the fourth quarter and converted its final score on Aaron Rogers' 1-yard run.

Central outgained the Rockets in total offense, 318-201.

Cole had 69 yards rushing on 10 carries, while Kuhary hit 6-of-13 passes for 81 yards and one interception.

Duron Govantes had a first-quarter interception for the Rockets.

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DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 120 HARTLAND 66
Oct. 21 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: Stevenson (Savannah Hatt, Kayla Perchall, Emilee Montini, Kaylee Dolinski), 2:00.6; 2. Stevenson (Brenna Gabrielson, Julia Hurley, Ashley Reed, Aidan O'Dowd), 2:01.2.
200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 2:02.8; 2. Emily Roque (LS), 2:07.8.
200 individual medley: 1. K. Dolinski (LS), 2:19.9; 2. Shaelyn Dolinski (LS), 2:22.46.
50 freestyle: 1. Perchall (LS), 26.31; 2. Hatt (LS), 26.5.
1-meter diving: 1. Cassie Morford (LS), 170.02 points.
100 butterfly: 1. Reed (LS), 1:04.14; 2. Sara Stemen, 1:04.58; 3. E. Montini (LS), 1:07.53.
100 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 56.55; 3. Perchall (LS), 58.09.
500 freestyle: 1. Evelyn Stein (LS), 5:28.14; 2. Kelly Laporte (LS), 5:35.65.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Hartland (Sarah Smith, Jessica Brown, Hannah Gross, 24:41.1; 78. Madison Gehl, 26:30.6.
Wayne (no score): 16. Megan Hahn, 24:35.2; 79. Sydney Ball, 28:55.2.

Laporte), 1:52.56.
100 backstroke: 1. Gabrielson (LS), 1:05.42; 3. S. Dolinski (LS), 1:05.59.
100 breaststroke: 1. Cauzillo (LS), 1:12.46; 3. Hurley (LS), 1:16.35.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Hartland (Robinson, Erica Mehlberg, Lindsey Pajot, Grosse), 4:03.49; 3. Stevenson (Jessica Trussell, Megan Galeana, Catherine Joss, Teresa Koda), 4:33.53.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 6-4 overall.
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 108 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 65
Oct. 21 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. Western (Samantha Hudson, Alexa Ariazi, Chrystine Fregonara, Allison Lewin), 2:10.25; 2. John Glenn (Kali Aloisi, Brooke Graham, Asha Wright-Ford, Merissa Zarczynski), 2:16.46; 3. John Glenn (Jordan Davis, Kelsie Yax, Lindsey Bessinger, Kate Moran), 2:19.98.
200 freestyle: 1. Hudson (WLW), 2:05.55; 2. Rachael Alhollina (WJG), 2:10.22; 3. Kim Nolasco (WJG), 2:28.24.
200 individual medley: 1. Bessinger (WJG), 2:43.02; 2. Zarczynski (WJG), 2:50.84.
50 freestyle: 1. Aloisi (WJG), 27.1; 3. Yax

(WJG), 30.39.
1-meter diving: 1. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 251.45 points (school record); 2. Jennie Humbach (WJG), 192.80; 3. Graham (WJG), 160.40.
100 butterfly: 1. Humbach (WJG), 1:11.23; 2. Bessinger (WJG), 1:14.32.
100 freestyle: 1. Aloisi (WJG), 1:00.21; 2. Zarczynski (WJG), 1:08.06.
500 freestyle: 1. Alhollina (WJG), 5:50.78; 3. Chelsea Gnida (WJG), 6:52.96.
200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Moran, Yax, Aloisi, Humbach), 1:55.62; 2. John Glenn (Graham, Clenney, Khiry Sparks, Alhollina), 1:56.09.
100 backstroke: 1. Kennra Burke (WJG), 1:16.51; 2. Nolasco (WJG), 1:21.95; 3. Davis (WJG), 1:23.41.
100 breaststroke: 1. Hudson (WLW), 1:17.76; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Western (Fregonara, Cossi Shreve, Mackenzie Jones, Taylor Paccas), 4:44.63.
John Glenn's dual meet record: 3-4 overall.
Meet note: Sparks earned a Division 1 state qualifying cut with a time of 1:11 in the 100 breaststroke swimming in the 100 freestyle.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

KLAAS KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 21 at Huron Meadows
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 49 points; 2. Salem, 66; 3. Novi, 87; 4. Livonia Churchill, 104; 5. Livonia Franklin, 116; 6. Canton, 149; 7. Plymouth, 176; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 193; 9. South Lyon, 199; 10. South Lyon East, 323; 11. Westland John Glenn, 348; 12. Wayne Memorial, no team score.
Individual winner: Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 18:25.8 (5,000 meters).
TEAM-BY-TEAM FINISHERS
Northville (49): 6. Rachel Coleman, 18:56.3; 8. Nicole Mosteller, 19:05.5; 10. Erin Zimmer, 19:09.1; 11. Alex Rodriguez, 19:05.5; 14. Gina McNamara, 19:24.6; 29. Erin Dunne, 20:15.6; 31. Grace Doollittle, 20:18.1.
Salem (66): 2. Kayla Kavulich, 18:26.0; 12. Victoria Tripp, 19:20.3; 13. Adrianna Beltran, 19:24.4; 17. Shannon Flynn, 19:37.0; 22. Alejandra Beltran, 19:52.2; 24. Emily Bizon, 20:05.1; 54. Kara Booms, 21:00.5.
Novi (87): 5. Kerri McMahan, 18:42.4; 7.

Jackie Mullins, 19:01.3; 18. Victoria Cortez, 19:37.7; 23. Kelsey Hodge, 19:57.1; 34. Karissa Koomen, 20:19.8; 45. Kari Grandstaff, 20:34.2; 50. Molly Sultka, 20:39.5.
Churchill (104): 4. Kerigan Riley, 18:41.9; 9. Bethany Pilat, 19:06.6; 26. Sydney Anderson, 20:08.9; 32. Katie Rash, 20:18.8; 33. Julia Twigg, 20:19.6; 35. Megan McFarlane, 20:20.2; 37. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:21.5.
Franklin (116): 3. Megan McPherson, 18:29.4; 15. Pia Klein, 19:31.2; 20. Leslie Gomez, 19:45.2; 36. Megan Wickens, 20:21.2; 42. Tiffany Lambie, 20:28.0; 51. Madeline Herman, 20:48.1; 55. Kelly Walblay, 21:02.5.
Canton (149): 1. Bianca Kubicki, 18:25.8; 25. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:06.4; 38. Jessica Siegler, 20:21.7; 39. Abigail Gorzalski, 20:22.5; 46. Anna Gorzalski, 20:34.6; 48. Katie Grimes, 20:35.7; 67. Emily Southern, 22:13.9.
Plymouth (176): 16. Nicole Traitres, 19:34.8; 21. Brianna Lah, 19:48.3; 40. Britta Swanson, 20:25.4; 41. Sophie Roberts, 20:27.1; 58. Julie Hahn, 21:32.8; 61. Marina DeBiasi, 21:36.5; 62. Jessica Scarpello, 21:39.8.

Stevenson (193): 19. Karlie Gallagher, 19:40.9; 30. Barbara Scuphalm, 20:17.2; 44. Taylor Cieslak, 20:33.7; 47. Meghan Gilson, 20:35.2; 53. Allison Gudeman, 20:52.1; 56. Michelle Kracyk, 21:04.0; 59. Jackie Deacon, 21:24.2.
South Lyon (199): 27. Maggie Sadler, 20:10.2; 28. Christina Swain, 20:13.0; 43. Caitlin Mills, 20:31.0; 49. Meghan Shelton, 20:35.9; 52. Katie Beaver, 20:48.8; 65. Kristen Bronson, 21:57.3; 68. Shelby Martin, 22:20.0.
S.L. East (323): 60. Callie Olsen, 21:30.4; 63. Megan Hoorn, 21:46.5; 64. Sylvia D

Strike force

Thompson's 4 goals fuels Rockets to district win

BY BRAD EMONS
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Westland John Glenn's Steven Thompson proved Wednesday night he's as adept on the soccer field as he is as a Team USA Taekwondo competitor.

The senior pumped in four goals to propel the Rockets to a wild 5-3 Division 1 district semifinal victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Glenn, which improved to 10-9-1 overall, faced state-ranked Canton (17-3-2) for the district crown Saturday at Franklin. (Canton advanced in the other semifinal with a 1-0 win over Livonia Churchill.)

The 5-foot-10, 135-pound Thompson missed Glenn's first four matches of the season and the first week of school competing in the Korean Open where he earned a gold medal in the Junior Welterweight division. He was also a bronze medalist at the 2010 USAT Junior Olympics and gold medalist at the 2010 USAT York National Qualifier as a Senior Bantam.

"I was just on my game tonight," said the modest Thompson, who continually knifed through the Patriots' defense. "I noticed that I was faster than the other defenders, so they just gave me a through ball on the ground and I could outrun the defenders and chip their goalie and get around him. Usually in youth soccer league I set everyone up because I play defensive midfield."

Thompson's goals with 28:34 and 22:07 left in the first half gave Glenn a 2-0 advantage, but Franklin answered with only eight seconds remaining on a high drive by junior Gabe

Edwards. Glenn and Franklin split their two KLA South Division meetings during the regular season. The Patriots won 6-0 on Sept. 9, and following that match, Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada stepped down.

The Rockets, under new interim coach Brian Tomlinson, returned the favor on Sept. 28 with a 4-1 victory over Franklin as Thompson had one of the four Rocket goals.

After giving up the late goal in first half, Tomlinson's talk at intermission centered around reinforcing points to the game plan.

Franklin's Brad Tatro tied it at 2-all with 30:55 left in second half when he popped home a round off a free kick, but just 75 seconds later, Thompson responded with a chip shot over Franklin goalkeeper Ryan Tikey to put the Rockets back on top, 3-2.

The Patriots responded once again on Fred Shatara's goal with 25:50 remaining off a scramble in front of Glenn goalkeeper Alex Isaevski.

It stayed 3-3 until 10:40 remaining when Thompson notched his fourth goal of the night.

"Without a doubt, No. 11 has great speed, he's got great ball handling," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We tried to mark tight man-to-man, not to give him that, even though we got a foul on the 40 (yard-line) just to try and contain him. It didn't happen. He got through and he knows how to finish."

Down a goal and forced to push up, the Patriots couldn't score the equalizer.

Glenn's Tyler Simpson then put the game away on a goal

with only 2:08 to play. "Although he (Thompson) did get through - we put (Brad) Tatro at the midfield, who ended up scoring for us," Rodopoulos said. "We put (Andrew) Crechiolo back at sweeper. The outside defenders were doing a great job. Again, the guy (Thompson) has got speed and he got through us. We didn't play bad defensively."

Thompson said Taekwondo really doesn't translate over to the soccer field.

"Practice gets me in the groove and game time is when everyone shows up," he said. "I've been with these kids four years. It's my senior year, so we've already got the groove already going."

"I just use my agility for Taekwondo basically. And hand-eye coordination." Tomlinson also heaped praise on his senior striker.

"He (Thompson) just wanted it," the Glenn coach said. "He was undeniable. He's fast and he's just got a lot of courage."

Franklin, meanwhile, ends its season with a 10-10 overall record.

"If they really look back at it, we really accomplished a lot this season," Rodopoulos said. "We had three wins last year and I think less than that the year before. We came back at 10 wins. Granted, it's a .500 - 10-and-10 - but we beat (Livonia) Churchill. We made a lot of strides. History was made for us at this school. Overall it's been one successful season. If I tell anything to my guys it's 'don't lose shape and get ready for next year. We can still be a competitive team next year as well.'"

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Late Canton goal grounds Chargers

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The smallest of margins at both ends of the field decided whether Canton or Livonia Churchill would win Wednesday's Division 1 boys soccer district semifinal matchup at Livonia Franklin.

It came down to mere inches, with the Chiefs earning a 1-0 victory and advancing to Saturday's district final against Westland John Glenn.

Canton scored with 4:59 to play in the second half. Junior Connor Furgason's header in the goal box off a corner kick by junior Tyler Wingham finally broke the scoreless tie.

But Churchill did not give up. Sophomore Mike Murphy's header sailed barely over the crossbar with less than 30 seconds remaining.

"It was just a throw-in because Churchill's known for their long throw-ins," recalled Canton senior goalkeeper Brandon Laabs. "And they just got a head on it and luckily it went right through the (football) field goal post and the crossbar."

Laabs also had to come up huge for the Chiefs at the end of the first half. He had to jump to

get a hand on a rising, 15-yard scoring bid by junior Chad Evans as time expired. Evans' shot looked to be headed for the top-right corner of the goal.

According to Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs, the close-but-no-cigar syndrome has plagued the Chargers' offense all season.

"It's kind of been our story this whole year," Friedrichs said. "We played as well as we can play, we just couldn't finish today."

"Mike (Murphy) and Austin Henson had a couple headers that were close and they blocked a lot of shots, too. We had a chance right there, it was wide open with 20 seconds left. We just put it one inch above the bar."

The Chiefs, meanwhile, were able to hit the mark although it wasn't easy because of the outstanding Churchill defense and strong play from freshman goalkeeper Colton Robison.

Wingham served a corner kick from the right side into the goal box, where players from both teams converged.

But it was Furgason who was able to reach the ball first and bump it inside the left post.

"Pretty much the whole team was trying to get in there, plus their team, there was a lot of players in there, a lot of chaos,"

Furgason said. "But I just happened to get there on the end of it."

"It's a great win for us, keeps the seniors so they can play another game, that's what it's all about right now."

Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team improved to 17-3-1, said the goal came down to perfect timing, with Furgason "rising to the occasion" to get on the end of the corner kick and finish.

"We got a full, solid head on the ball, and we got it past Churchill's keeper," Tomasso said. "He (Robison) is an incredible keeper as a freshman and we were fortunate to get one by him today."

Friedrichs said the 11-9-2 Chargers "played as hard as we could, we played as well as we could, we generated as many chances (as Canton) if not more."

He added that the loss was a bitter one for seniors Stephen Foster, Nathan Motta, Brian Lewandowski, Joel Mancewicz and Christian VanDam.

"They took it pretty tough, there's only five of them," he said. "They really wanted to win the district. I was proud of all of them."

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Brewer's tally spurs Spartans, 1-0

One goal was enough Thursday for the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team as the Spartans moved into Saturday's Division 1 district final with a 1-0 victory over host Farmington.

Senior Scott Brewer tallied the game-winning goal early in the second half off a corner kick from sophomore Zack Atwood as Stevenson improved to 13-4-3 overall.

Junior goalkeeper John

Boudreau posted the shutout as the Spartans met Birmingham Brother Rice, which advanced with a 5-0 semifinal win over Farmington Hills Harrison, for the title.

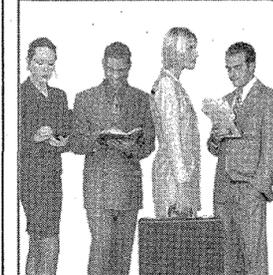
"We got off to a slow start and we were fortunate that we weren't playing from behind early," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Farmington has some promising sophomore players and they had some bright moments. We got some

good goalkeeping and some key defensive plays to keep it 0-0 at half."

Farmington ends its season at 13-7-1 overall.

"We played better in the second half and with a better sense of urgency," Richters said. "We created several opportunities and we managed one goal."

"We'll have to be at our best to compete with Brother Rice on Saturday," Richters said.



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Annual alternative gift fair supports charitable causes

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Shoppers will find new vendors and more elbow room at the 10th Annual Alternative Christmas Fair next month in Farmington Hills.

Hope Lutheran Church's one-day sale of unique merchandise, food products and handcrafted items, will move to a new location, too. The event, which will benefit more than 50 charities, will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 13, at St. Fabian Parish, 32200 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$1.

"We have 700-800 people throughout the day. We're busiest in the morning and there is a line of shoppers waiting first thing at 10 a.m., as soon as doors open," said Joy DeFranco, chair of the event and a member of Hope Lutheran in Farmington Hills. "We've turned down countless charities in the past because of (limited) floor space. That's when we started looking to other churches to help with hosting duties and to help accommodate growth.

"We invited St. Fabian to join us about four years ago. They have much wider hallways and a bigger gym area. So, there will be opportunities to hold more. Products can be spread out."

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It also means that more organizations will participate this year. DeFranco said Alternative Christmas Fair draws a mix of national and Michigan charities, from one-person ministries to groups with global or national outreach.

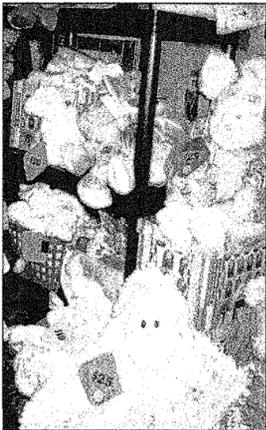


Angelica Monroe shows off a cuddly animal to customers at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan table last year during the annual Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills.

Detroit Rescue Mission, for example, will be on hand with its "Motown Soups." Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization with a chapter in Ann Arbor, will sell gifts and home decor accessories. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a cancer support center, will offer T-shirts and other promotional items, as well as ornaments. Gilda's Club is based in Royal Oak, but runs yoga and wellness programs at Botsford Hospital's Cancer Center.

Laura Ortiz, communications director, said public exposure is just as important as fund-raising.

"I love the idea of all the nonprofits getting together. It not only is a great way to make a little extra money, it helps raise awareness for wonderful organizations," Ortiz said. "It helps the community as a whole know what else is out there."



Lots of toys and baby items await buyers at last year's Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills.

SKI WEEKEND

Kenneth Risdale of Livonia, president of Michigan Ski for Light will participate in the fair for the first time. The organization makes out-



A customer checks out the ornaments that Jan Ricco (right) of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit sold last year at the Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills.

door experiences available to the visually impaired and physically challenged. Their signature activity brings cross-country skiers and their guides together for a weekend of fun in the snow every January at Higgins Lake.

"This is a fund-raiser for us. Our donations are down, like everyone else's and we're looking at whatever we can do to keep costs down," Risdale said. "We're 100 percent nonprofit. No one in the organization gets a penny from the dollars we raise."

Central Michigan University students volunteer to assist

at recreational events which draw both individuals and group home residents.

"We've seen demand grow. We have all ages. It's a broad spectrum from 14 to early 30s," Risdale said. "For the event at Higgins Lake we rent vans. The cost of a van for the weekend is \$500. It's that type of cost that affects everyone."

The organization will sell cross-country ski and outdoor products at the fair.

Other new charities this year include Lupus Alliance of America, Hope Endeavors, Lifespan, Servant Ministries, American House Foundation,

American Diabetes Association, Covenant House Michigan and Global Orphan Assistance Foundation.

Volunteers will bake 178 dozen cookies for a bake sale and approximately 150 church members will help out at the event.

"There is a sense of community," DeFranco said. "There is a sense of service. You learn about the agencies and how to support their mission."

For more information about the fair, call (248) 553-7170 or visit www.alternativechristmasfair.org.

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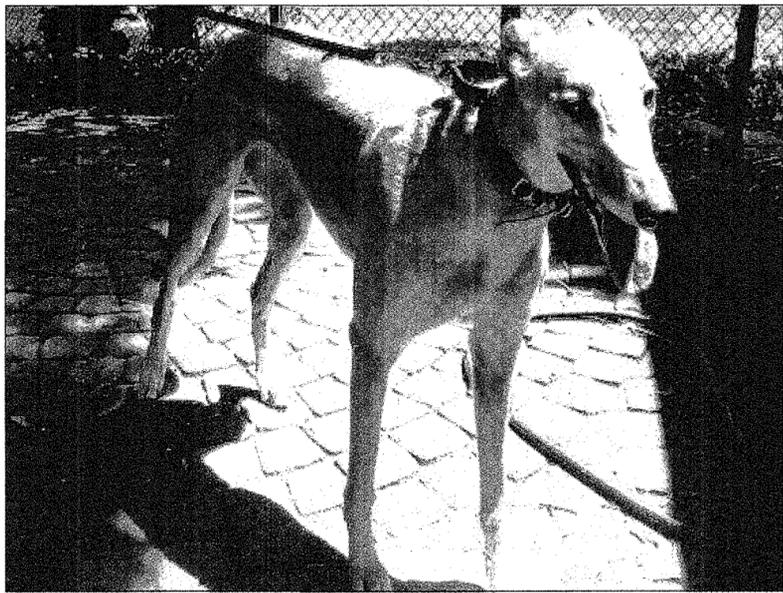
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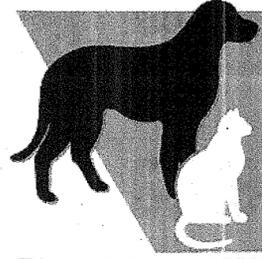
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Keep pets safe at Halloween

With Halloween just a week away, it's time to keep animals indoors — and make sure they're supervised when they're outside — to avoid any vicious pranks.

The Michigan Humane Society offers these other tips for minimizing Halloween stress and risk for four-legged family members. Pet owners should:

- Keep cats indoors, especially several days before and after Halloween.
- Secure your dog or cat before opening the door to trick-or-treaters. Consider placing your pet in a safe, quiet room with a favorite toy and comfortable bedding. If he is nervous or frightened, play quiet music to help minimize his stress.
- Make sure pets have current identification. The Michigan Humane Society recommends dogs and cats wear an ID tag. Dogs should wear their licenses at all times. Microchipping is a useful, per-



PET PROJECTS

manent form of identification.

- Keep Halloween candy out of your pet's reach. Chocolate is toxic to dogs, cats and ferrets. Candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- If you dress your pet for Halloween festivities, introduce the costume a few days in advance and make sure he is not uncomfortable or stressed by it. The costume should not restrict his movement, vision, hearing or the ability to breathe or bark. Costumes

that cover the animal's eyes, nose or ears are not recommended.

• Keep animals away from lit candles and jack-o-lanterns which can pose a serious hazard. Keep this in mind if trick-or-treating with your dog as well.

For more pet health and safety information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michianhumane.org.

ON A ROLL

Tail Waggers 1990 is still accepting registration for its annual bowling fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Adults pay \$25 and youth pay \$10 for three games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a commemorative gift.

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Is your range ready for Thanksgiving? It's best to be prepared

Reader writes: I spilled a glass of milk on top of our stove ... somehow the milk found its way between the two pieces of glass that



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

are part of the stove front door (area where you can see inside the actual stove). The milk residue is still visible. There are some screws that appear to be for keeping the door in one piece. Is it okay to take the front door apart and clean

this mess? I have not used the stove since the incident, so it should be easy to wipe off the milk. I don't want to use the stove and then get the brown spots that sometimes you see on the front of stoves. Thanks for your help.

Reply: The last time I took a stove door apart was in the year 1979 and what a disaster that was. I did a beautiful job and the customer was so happy until a few months later when the glass just suddenly exploded and the kitchen range wasn't even being used at the time. I found out why, from an engineer at the factory who told me that the screws holding the glass and the door together

were installed with a torque wrench. Unless you set the proper torque on these screws you are asking for trouble. In my case, I could no longer obtain the glass for the door from anyone in the appliance industry as the part was discontinued. I had to purchase a piece of tempered glass from a glass company and fortunately I fixed it right on the second try. I have read a lot of complaints from consumers who have had their oven door glass shatter or show stains in the glass. Today I suggest that you live with it and blame it on the Halloween spirits. This particular reader wrote a cute reply. I appreciate your quick response.

I will leave it be and no crying over spilled milk.

Next month is Thanksgiving and that day is when families get together and many good times are to be had by all. Nothing can upset that day like a kitchen range that fails to cook the Thanksgiving feast. I suggest that you still have enough time to go through a check list on the operation of your stove. Don't wait, do it now. The service repairs you may need from a professional may take a few days to order a part and install it. The service business can not handle the demand for range repair during the Thanksgiving period. Another service tip is the self

cleaning feature on your range. Keep in mind that if something is going to go wrong with your stove, it most likely will occur during the self cleaning cycle or shortly after. The weather is cool enough now to put your range through a self clean cycle. I know you don't want to open that oven door and show a messy oven when all the family is running through the kitchen but please don't wait to put it through the cycle. If you take out the racks and put them in a plastic garbage bag and soak them overnight in a mixture of water and vinegar, you will be surprised how clean they come out. Don't use abrasives to clean off spots of baked on

food. Try some warm vinegar, it works. Be careful with the glass again. Too much wet solution will flow between the glass panes and cause permanent streaks. The pans under the burners are important. They reflect the heat upwards to give you even cooking and these pans are replaceable. This upcoming Thanksgiving Day is not replaceable and I wish all of you a great one. Stay tuned.

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A physician has a great deal to consider when a patient experiences shoulder pain. Osteoarthritis is a common cause as is a rotator cuff tear or a shoulder muscle tendinitis. In older individuals shoulder pain after a fall brings up the possibility of a hairline fracture.

Falls in the elderly also bring up another consideration: bleeding into the shoulder joint. The problem of a bleed ranks high in an individual with sudden shoulder pain who is also on the anticoagulation drug Coumadin because of heart disease or blood clots in the leg.

The shoulder is at risk for a Coumadin related hemorrhage because a slight slip or near fall often involves the shoulder slamming against a wall or door. The ensuing jar to the shoulder joint is just the kind of blow to set off a bleed.

Usually the bleed is sudden and releases 5-10 cc of blood into the shoulder joint. The sudden expansion of the blood filled joint creates intense pain and causes the patient to seek medical help immediately.

The only treatment that will relieve the pain is removal of the blood from the joint. That action requires the doctor to aspirate the shoulder joint. To minimize the irritation caused by the blood, the doctor will then inject cortisone into the joint.

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Hills lawyer lauded for work with MSU Jewish students

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Bernstein is a true Spartan. Bernstein has served as an adjunct professor of law at Michigan State University, and is on the board of directors for the Hillel Jewish Student Center at MSU in East Lansing. Bernstein, who practices law in Farmington Hills, was honored Oct. 15 with the MSU Hillel Hero Award.

"It was a real nice event and Steve was really proud," said Cindy Hughey, executive director of MSU Hillel, part of Hillel which promotes Jewish life among university students. Bernstein's award is for a person who had gone to extraordinary lengths to help Jewish students have a vibrant, strong, dynamic Hillel experience, Hughey said.

"This was the inaugural award of this kind," she said. "We were proud to make Steve our first honoree."

Bernstein, 63, said, "I was very surprised and honored and flattered. There are any number of people I can think of who are equally deserving or more deserving."

The honoree, who graduated from Detroit College of Law (which became MSU's law school) and Mumford High School, praised the Hillel Center.

"Our main focus is on undergraduates but we do have some graduate programs as well," Hughey said. Bernstein's also active in the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi, having served as a past national president in 1995-96.

"It's been very important," she said of Bernstein's work on the MSU Hillel board, noting he was on board when she came to the job in 2000 and has served all that time. "Steve's been with me on our board from the beginning."

Hughey finds students of varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds can benefit from coming together to share their culture and religion.

"This is a place where they can congregate and study together," she said of the Lester & Jewell Morris Hillel Jewish Student Center at MSU.

Bernstein, a Keego Harbor resident, also serves on the board of Hillel of Metro Detroit, serving Oakland University, Wayne State University, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Lawrence Technological University, the University of Detroit Mercy and Oakland Community College.



Steve Bernstein, a lawyer practicing in Farmington Hills, was honored with the Michigan State University Hillel Hero Award Oct. 15.

The MSU Hillel Hero Award was presented by MSU Trustee Paylene Owen. Words of congratulation at the dinner attended by over 250 were given by Phil Cohen, representing the Hillel international board.

"He had to give a few words, absolutely," Hughey said of Bernstein's comments at the awards dinner.

"I talk in front of people for a living," said Bernstein, who appreciated the presence of many MSU students at the dinner. It was homecoming, the football team was undefeated and it was a beautiful fall weekend on campus.

"You couldn't have drawn it up any more nicely," he said. "It really was a big honor."

He appreciated those who attended, congratulations and donations made, including by a high school friend he hadn't seen in years.

"That was a nice thing," he said. "It was very gratifying to hear from all these different people."

Bernstein, a retired high school and college basketball official, has had a private law practice since 1975. He serves as a mediator and case evaluator in local courts, and has been a hearing panelist for the State of Michigan-Attorney Discipline Board for over 20 years.

Bernstein is listed among the Top Lawyers 2010 by *DBusiness*, a Detroit business journal. At MSU, he has taught courses on attorney-client

privilege, conflicts of interest, professional responsibility and legal ethics. He has been a guest lecturer in classes, and a speaker at universities around the U.S., on subjects including legal responsibilities of student organizations, risk management, and educators' rights and liabilities.

Bernstein established The Ben Bernstein Fund in memory of his father's cousin, a founding member of Chi Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi at MSU in the late 1920s. Through the Alpha Epsilon Foundation, the fund annually provides a Friday night Shabbat dinner for Jewish students and faculty at MSU. Ben Bernstein was a music professor and concert violinist.

In October 2005, the dinner was dedicated in memory of Michael Henry Schwerner, a hero of the civil rights movement who was killed with two other young men doing work in Mississippi in 1964. Schwerner had joined the fraternity at MSU in 1958.

"The university had no idea he went there, this hero," said Steve Bernstein, who credits a friend as the impetus to get recognition, including a plaque, for Schwerner on campus. MSU and especially its Jewish Studies department have embraced that.

"Let it be a reminder to have a social conscience," Bernstein said of the plaque MSU students see remembering Schwerner's sacrifice.

REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Belleville High School Class of 1971
Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Ladywood High School Class of 1961
Planning our 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voicemail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961
Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Livonia Churchill Class of 1980

30-year reunion, Nov. 27 at One Under Banquet Hall at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Seeking classmates and contact information. Join the group on Facebook by searching Livonia Churchill or e-mail Mary Furlong Tabone and Kathy Hesch Zelin at churchillclassof80@yahoo.com.

Redford Union Class of 1975
Reunion runs 5-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Embassy Suites Livonia. Cost is \$50 per person; Nov. 1 is deadline for sending in money and \$50 ticket price. Make checks payable to Joanne Piasecki and send to Reunion Redford Union 1975, P.O. Box 530213, Livonia, MI 48153. Questions? Contact RU75Reunion@gmail.com or Reunion Redford Union 1975 on Facebook.

Rosary High School Class of 1966
Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Organization advocates for a cure, gives cancer fight a boost

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Kathleen Livingston was on her way to yet another surgery. Diagnosed with breast cancer at age 44, she has gone through years of treatment with no end in sight. It was time to talk about the need to support the Michigan Breast Cancer Coalition.

Founded in 2007, MIBCC advocates for breast cancer research to find a cure. Women from Northville to Birmingham have already become members. There is much work to be done. As MIBCC president, Livingston recently attended a board meeting of the National Breast Cancer Coalition in Washington, D.C., where the organization vowed to end the disease by Jan. 1, 2020.

"We've been working on breast cancer over a 100 years," said Livingston. "My mother was diagnosed



Livingston

in 1969, passed away in 1973. I was a teenager and thought they would find a cure. I've been a breast cancer patient 12 years."

Every spring, Livingston and members of the MIBCC lobby legislators in Washington, D.C., to support the efforts of the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program.

"Our goal is to advocate for breast cancer issues, funding for research, to support the initiative 'Health Care for All,'"

said Livingston. The NBCC announcement Sept. 21, to find a cure for breast cancer by 2020 has given her hope.

"This is something new in breast cancer," said Livingston, MIBCC president. "We've been working with the scientific and medical community for a long time and think we can bring together the right stakeholders. Over the years the same old thing is happening. They're taking little steps. We're trying to make groups come together to make a big impact. If we can get a man on the moon in seven years we should be able to make a meaningful impact on breast cancer in 10."

For information about the Michigan Breast Cancer Coalition, call (800) 634-5119 or visit www.mibcc.org.

To learn more about the National Breast Cancer Coalition, visit www.stop-breastcancer.org.

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Genevieve Nehring with Certified Nurse Assistant Ellena Horne

Carol Henry rests easy knowing her 94-year old mother Genevieve Nehring is receiving the best care at Four Seasons. Genevieve arrived at Four Seasons with congestive heart failure complicated by COPD.

"It gives me relief to know she has medical care and is not just languishing. In nice weather we go out and sit on the patio," said Carol Henry who works in a lab hospital near her home in Howell. "They've been very accommodating. Mom likes it that they all say 'Hi Genevieve' when they see her." "They all know me," added Genevieve Nehring.

"My mother is active at Four Seasons... she plays bingo five days a week, enjoys the live entertainment and looks forward to getting her nails done."

Socialization motivates patient recovery

Dr. Keith Tobin, Attending Physician

Dr. Keith Tobin, an attending physician at Four Seasons Rehabilitation and Nursing, recognizes the need for socialization to stimulate residents and patients. "Here at Four Seasons nursing center, we believe in the importance of social interaction," said Dr. Tobin. "Studies show that social stimulation helps to maintain and, in many instances, actually improves cognition in patients with neurological deficits. Interacting with others requires the utilization of many parts of the brain."

Dr. Tobin is certified in family medicine and geriatrics, practices at Livonia Family Medical, and on staff at Botsford, Garden City, St. Mary Mercy and Oakwood hospitals.

Recent renovations to Four Seasons include a state-of-the-art activities center which encourages and facilitates resident-to-resident and resident-to-staff interaction. Rooms with two, three, or four residents are favored to foster a sense of community within each resident and minimize social isolation.

"Residents are encouraged to take their meals in the dining room and participate in group facility activities," said Dr. Tobin. "Residents who share semi-private rooms often bond to the point of encouraging one another during their physical therapy sessions."

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WESTLAND RESIDENT MARKS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Joan Rita Ott celebrated her 90th birthday just the way she likes it - surrounded by her family and friends. The Westland resident enjoyed being "in" on the planning for the party that was held on Sept. 25 at the Rhapsody Restaurant in Southgate, according to her daughter, Karen Jamieson of Las Vegas, Nev. Ott was born on Oct. 3, 1920, in Ford City to Silver Patrick Hebert and Mamie Hebert. Living through the Roaring Twenties, followed by the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, contributed to her lifelong "make do" philosophy. She raised five children through the post-war 1940s through the turbulent 1960s and 1970s, all with great faith, common sense, and a positive attitude. She lived in Ecorse, River Rouge, Wyandotte, Southgate and Allen Park. She enjoyed visiting with fam-

ily and friends and reliving memories with many long ago colleagues at Wyandotte Savings Bank, where she was head teller. Ott keeps active at the Presbyterian Village in Westland, often entertaining other residents with her rendition of Patsy Cline's *Crazy* on Karaoke Nights. She was married twice, first to the late John Shevnock and then to the late Cletus Ott. In addition to Jamieson, Shevnock family members attending the celebration were Kathleen Yaeger of Sterling Heights, and Jacqueline Betke of Livonia as well as the children of her late son Michael Shevnock of Surfside Beach, S.C., and Patricia Boulogne of Boston, Mass. From her extended family were Errol and Norma Ott, Gary Ott, Keith and Pauline Ott, and Jeff and Pam Ott.



Friends and family gathered recently to help Joan Ott of Westland celebrate her 90th birthday.

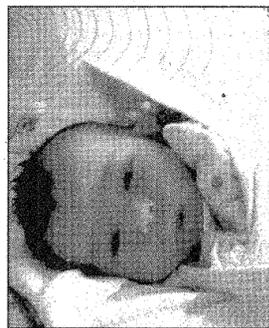
MILESTONES



Davison-Boring

February 2011 wedding

Erin Elizabeth Davison and Robert Keith Boring announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Lori and Tim Davison of Canton, is a 2006 graduate of Plainfield High School and a 2010 graduate in liberal studies from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She is employed as a sales consultant in Novi. Robert Keith Boring, son of Pamela and Keith Boring of Harrisburg, Pa., is a 2005 graduate of Plainfield High School, Plainfield, Ill., and a 2009 graduate of Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He holds a bachelor's degree in aviation studies with a specialization in flight technology and operations. He is also a second lieutenant with the Ohio Army National Guard. The couple plans a February 2011 wedding in Plymouth.



Norah Aoife O'Donnell

September birth

Norah Aoife O'Donnell was born Sept. 17, 2010, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Parents are Erin and Kevin O'Donnell of East Lansing. Grandparents are Dean Henry and Nancy Robertson of Livonia and Bob and Terry O'Donnell of Indianapolis, Ind.



Aiden Connor Morris

September birth

Aiden Connor Morris was born Sept. 29, 2010, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. Proud parents are Tim Morris and Laura Rescoe-Morris of Livonia. Grandparents are Elinor and Harold Rescoe of Flushing and Dianne and Wilton Morris and Lake Orion. Great-grandparents are Beatrice Harshbarger of Auburn Hills and Leola Morris and Lake Orion.

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JOHN I. HALLER

Age 83, a longtime resident of Farmington, died in the care of his family October 21, 2010. John is survived by Carole Haller, his beloved wife of 62 years; loving children Darlene (Mike) Solar, Dan Haller, Mike (Karen) Haller, Ken (Lori) Haller, Paula (Bob) Forsyth, Steve (Kathleen) Haller, Peggy (Dan) Matthews, Beth Tori, Ginger (Rick) Wellman & Ron Haller; 29 dear grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren & two more on the way. Also survived by extended family & dear friends. Funeral Liturgy was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford October 26th, Fr. Ron Anderson to officiate. Memorials encouraged to: Odyssey Hospice. For further information, call Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



JEAN ELIZABETH HARLING

Daughter of Samuel James Clark of Lenox, Massachusetts and Emma Blanche Gould, of Dresden, Ohio, was born in Detroit on January 2, 1917. She grew up in Royal Oak and graduated from Royal Oak High School, where she received her athlete's letter for participation in baseball, basketball, field hockey and archery. Jean met her husband while they were both working for Morley Brothers in Detroit. She and 1st Lieutenant John Russell Harling (Jack) were married at Camp Lee, Virginia on December 5, 1940 and spent their honeymoon at the Williamsburg Inn. They lived in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he was stationed, and then Salina, Kansas until Captain Harling took his company overseas. Their first daughter, Barbara, was born while he was in Europe. Major Harling saw her for the first time when she was 14 months old. Then, after five years of service, he was on his way to Japan when the war ended. They were living in Detroit when their second daughter, Patricia, was born. They then built a home in Birmingham, where the girls grew up and graduated high school. During this time, Jean was a Girl Scout troupe leader for Barb, and also worked at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association. After both girls had left home for college, Jean and Jack moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1967. Then Mr. Harling was transferred to Saginaw in 1972 as Vice President of Morley Brothers. Mr. Harling died of a heart attack while the couple were vacationing in Hawaii in 1973. Jean then moved to Ann Arbor for three years to attend the University of Michigan and complete her degree in Art & Design. After graduating, she traveled the country and then settled in Sun City West, Arizona, where she lived for 22 years. She had been a world traveler, having visited 23 foreign countries as well as all 50 states. Jean was a juried member of the Arizona Watercolor Association and their Coatumundi Society, the Arizona Artists Guild, the West Valley Art Museum and their Women's League, Vanguard Artists, and the Sun West Art Club. She designed the Arizona flag for the A.A.U.W., which placed third of all 50 states at their national convention. In September of 2009, Jean was asked to present a retrospective of her artwork, 27 paintings and sculpture, for display at the Brookridge Heights open house in Marquette. Mrs. Harling is survived by her two daughters, Barbara (Peter) Kelly, and Patricia (Walt) Smith, and her two grandsons, John and James Kelly, all of Marquette. Her parents predeceased her, as did her only sister, Grace Marie Pino, of Farmington Hills. Jean and her family would like to extend their appreciation to all the wonderful caregivers who gave of themselves so tirelessly to provide loving care in a time of great need. We are deeply grateful. There will be a private family gathering and graveside ceremony at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, please support the Marquette Beautification & Restoration Committee, Inc., P.O. Box 334, Marquette, MI 49855, or the Marquette County Humane Society, 84 Snowfield Rd., Negaunee, MI 49866. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home is assisting the family where memories can be shared at: www.canalefuneral.com



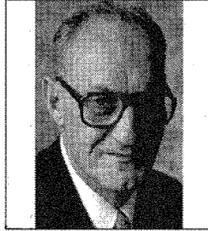
HOWARD R. MINKE

Age 81, of Grand Rapids (formerly of Rochester Hills, MI) passed away to a place of peace Wednesday, October 13, 2010 after a long illness. Howard is survived by his wife and best friend of 59 years, Hazel; his daughters, Marcia Minke and husband Charlie Bachman, Sharon Minke and husband John McMMain, Linda Minke, Barbara Bloemsma; his grandchildren, Katrina Bloemsma, Will Bloemsma, Victor Huls, Sam McMMain, Emma McMMain; and many other family members including his sister, Margaret Simonson. Howard was a mathematics teacher who taught for 31 years at Rochester High School. He was a man of integrity and was always admired for his service to others. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; his family will miss him deeply. In a tribute to a former student, "Mr. Minke's legacy is not only his family but all of the students who he educated in math as well as life." Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at a later date. If one would like to make a donation, please make them in Howard's memory to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Grand Rapids (805 Leonard NE, GR, MI 49503) or to Holland Home - Resident Assistance Fund (2100 Raybrook SE, GR, MI 49546). Arrangements by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Grand Rapids, MI.



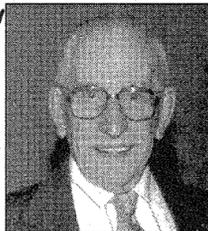
ELLEN KELLY ADDERLEY OLTMANN

Age 48, of Iowa City, Iowa died unexpectedly at home on Monday, October 11, 2010. Her funeral service was held in Iowa City on October 16. Burial took place in Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Michigan. Ellen was born November 5, 1961 in Royal Oak, Michigan to Terence Edward and Elin Joyce (Gaffert) Adderley. Growing up in Michigan, she attended Brookside and Kingswood schools, and received her BA from Oakland University, and her MA from the University of Michigan. She moved to Texas to teach at Campbellton Elementary School near San Antonio where she met and married William "Billy" Oltmanns, and then moved to Iowa City in 2000. Ellen was a warm, loving mother who was raising two daughters, Brittany Jane and Sara Ester, who meant the world to her. She was a treasured and beloved wife, daughter, sister, cousin, niece, aunt, and friend. An exceptional, devoted teacher, she ran the Kaleidoscope Pre-School in Iowa City. A believer in the importance of play for children, Ellen lived out her commitment by devising creative art, science, and story projects for her students. She taught from the heart and loved the children she taught over the years. She was protective, strong, compassionate, calm and sincere. A very gentle person, she was sensitive, deeply respectful, unusually straightforward, appreciative of others, and fun loving. She made people feel special and important. Ellen will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Ellen is survived by her husband Billy, her daughters Brittany and Sara, her parents Terence Adderley and Joyce Adderley, sisters Carol Adderley (Jon Cone), Mary Adderley, Laura Schneider (Jamie), and Elizabeth Williams (Ryan). She was preceded in death by her older brother Russell and her younger brother Ted. A memorial service will be held at a future date at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. The family suggests memorials to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or a charity of choice. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



IRVING M. SARIN

Formerly 1st Trumpet with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra 1943 - 1960, Conductor, Teacher & Private Music Instructor. Born Sept 23, 1921 and died Oct 10, 2010. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 52 years Anne E. Sarin, daughters Elizabeth A. Sarin, Jennifer G. Loewenstein, sons, Charles H. Sarin, Edward P. Sarin and four granddaughters Caitlyn, Stella and sisters Becca and Jessa. He touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed. To share in his life please visit: <http://www.lifestorynet.com/LifeStoryFuneralHomeTraverseCity>



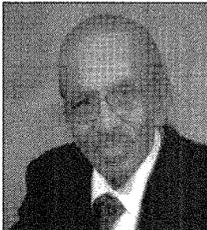
LAMOTT A. WHITEBREAD

Age 90, of Plymouth, passed away October 19, 2010. Loving husband of 69 years to Betty. Beloved father of Jeanne (Donald) Clemens, Richard Whitebread and Ronald (Deb) Whitebread. Proud grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of eight and great-great-grandfather of two. Mr. Whitebread served in the United States Navy during WWII. He served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42) Aircraft Carrier when it was commissioned on October 27, 1945. He was a longtime instructor for the Plymouth Junior Police. It was with the junior police he would travel and compete in high powered rifle events. A proud life member of the National Rifle Association. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 12:00pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Friday 3-8pm. Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-9976. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery.



CHARLES H. RICHARDSON

Age 67, of Oldsmar, Florida. Beloved husband of Donna, lovingly married for over 46 years. Loving father of Toni (Tony) Smith, Sherry (Mark) Holt, Cheryl and Chuck (Renay). Proud grandpa of 11 and great-grandpa of one. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel (Livonia). Please visit online guestbook: fredwoodfuneralhome.com



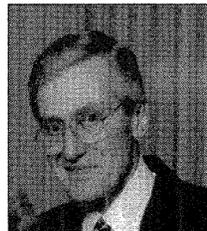
GORDON ROGERS

Born on February 17, 1925, in Cincinnati, Ohio and passed this life on October 21, 2010. Gordon was an active member of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason, Inc. and the Marracci Temple of Detroit. Gordon enjoyed computers, photography, crossword puzzles and cooking. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years of service. Gordon is survived by his loving wife, Juanita, his children and grandchildren. Services will be held at Pysch Funeral Home in Detroit, on Tuesday from 5:30pm (Family hour), 6pm (Service). Viewing is on Monday from 3-8pm.



HERMAN "SKIP" WITT

Age 67 of Canton, suddenly October 16, 2010. Loving husband of Sandra. Dearest Dad of Kristin (Carl) Johnson and Jeffrey (Beth) Witt. Dear brother of Terrence (Suzanne), Joy (Terry) McCombs and Gregory (Susan); and brother in law of Leonard Pulinski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Witt retired as a US Postal Inspector after 30 years of service. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



JOHN GELDER

former partner of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone. Long time resident of the Birmingham/Bloomfield Area. Beloved husband of Martha "Skip" for 57 years. Father of William (Josephine), Mark (Carol Ann), Cathryn Brooks, and Carolyn Bird (Kevin). Dear grandfather of Adam, Jake, Jessica, Amanda, James and John. Great grandfather of Mia and Addison. Funeral Service Saturday 11 a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver). Visitation begins Saturday 9:30 a.m. Family will receive friends Friday 3-8 p.m. Memorial tributes to Hospice of MI or Alzheimer's Association. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



EDWARD L. KALEC

Age 85, died peacefully October 19, 2010. Beloved husband of Marge for 58 years. Loving father to Robert (Ann) and Ann (David) Oehring. Devoted grandfather to William, Michael, Stephen (Kimberly), Emma, Terence, Tyler, Tanner, and great-grandfather to Lauren and Payton. A veteran of WW II and the United States Navy serving in the Philippines. He later graduated from the University of Detroit School of Law. A private memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

ROBERT MORGAN

Formerly a resident of Livonia, Michigan, passed away Thursday, October 14, 2010. He was 82 years old and a 30-year retiree of General Motors. He is survived by a son, Gary Harden of Ypsilanti, Michigan; a daughter, Stefanie Fulgham of Maben, Mississippi; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2010, at Memorial Burial Park in Wheelersburg, Ohio; arrangements handled by F.C. Daehler Mortuary Company in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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The new Ernst Cardiovascular Center at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

New Beaumont Hospital center offers treatment, screening for heart conditions

Beaumont Hospital last week opened new cardiovascular center that will offer breakthrough surgeries and treatments for people with high-risk heart and vascular conditions. The new Ernst Cardiovascular Center also is the new home for Beaumont's "7 tests for \$70" heart and vascular screening and the "Healthy Heart Check" student heart screening program.

The center, located at Beaumont's Royal Oak campus, offers multidisciplinary clinics for heart valve disease, atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, and adult and student cardiovascular screening. An aortic clinic is scheduled to open in 2011.

"Thanks to the generosity of Max and Debra Ernst and their family, we have been able to create a beautiful center that brings together all the heart and vascular experts from Beaumont with the latest technology and research to deliver the

best possible patient care and outcomes," stated Dr. Marc Sakwa, chief of cardiovascular surgery at Beaumont, Royal Oak. "This is a dream come true."

Max and Debra Ernst of Orchard Lake and their family donated \$3 million to establish the center in memory of Ellen Ernst, Max Ernst's late first wife.

The center, located on the first floor of the hospital, includes six examination rooms, three consultation rooms with videoconferencing capabilities for long-distance consultations, and two ultrasound rooms. It features the latest in cardiovascular imaging options, including 3-D cardiovascular ultrasound equipment.

"We specialize in high-risk, complex cases and will serve as a referral center for physicians seeking advanced or minimally invasive treatment options for their patients," Sakwa said.

The center's "7 tests for \$70" screening program offers blood pressure, body mass index, blood cholesterol and diabetes evaluation; 12-lead electrocardiogram; stroke screening/carotid artery ultrasound; abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound; and peripheral artery disease screening for \$70.

Beaumont's "Healthy Heart Check" student heart screening will be available at the center by appointment. This in-depth heart screening for high school students, especially athletes, includes a medical history, blood pressure check and an electrocardiogram, plus an echocardiogram, if needed. The screening looks for evidence of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a serious condition that can cause sudden cardiac death in young athletes.

Appointments at the center can be scheduled by calling (888) 683-7678.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

Flue clinic

A walk-in flu clinic is offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sunday, Oct. 24, in the physical education building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The flu vaccine, which protects H1N1 virus and seasonal flu strains, costs \$15. The pneumonia vaccine is \$15. Cash and Medicaid will be accepted. No debit/credit cards. Call (734) 727-7000 for more information.

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross plan a drive, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Donors will receive a small bag of wrapped candy and a free St. Mary Mercy lunch bag. To schedule an appointment call (800) GIVE-LIFE, or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Sibling tour

Children ages 1-13 may attend the sibling tour and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. They'll see what the new baby will look like and learn the safe way to hold the new baby, and talk about how it feels to be a big brother or big sister. Good sibling preparation can minimize a child's feelings of anxiety and jealousy with the coming of a new baby. Cost is \$10 per family. The session runs from 10-11:30 a.m. Oct. 30 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Thyroid cancer support

Free support group for cancer patients, survivors, as well as their family members and friends, will meet 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 1641 Charlevoix Drive, Troy. (248) 515-0348

NOVEMBER

Baby basics

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class in infant care and breastfeeding from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The class will teach the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. The fee is \$55 per couple. To register call (734) 655-1162 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

ONGOING

Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss.

Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.



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